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## Tuition prices set for 2003-04 academic year

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As the 2002-2003 academic year comes to a close, many students are thinking about taking on a summer job or two in order to pay next year's school bills. A logical question that arises from these summer employment plans is, "How much am I going to have to pay to attend Houghton next year?" Rumors have been flying about how much tuition is going up next year, but the Houghton College Board of Trustees has only recently approved a budget plan for the 2003-04 academic year. After much thought and effort by faculty members in the Office of Enrollment Management, namely Dale Wright, Jeff Spear, Troy Martin, and Tim Fuller, the tuition, room, and board prices for the 2003-04 school year are set as follows:

Tuition- \$17,984  
Room- \$3,000  
Board- \$3,000  
Total- \$23,984

As is usually the case when presenting figures for room and board, the above are representative of a student living in a double residence hall room and using the 21-meal plan.

The new tuition, room, and board prices represent a 4.46% increase over the 2002-03 academic year. As thoughts were generated about how to balance next year's budget, consideration was taken of the rising costs universities across the country must make each year in providing quality education. To work out a reasonable price increase, these costs, along with a large cost increase in providing health care benefits to college employees and growing energy costs, were balanced against what the

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## Pearse explains "Why the Rest Hates the West"

BY JOSH MILLER  
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Houghton College inaugurated its London Lecture Series with Dr. Meic Pearse's presentation of "Why the Rest Hates the West." Dr. Pearse—who serves as a lecturer in Church History at London Bible College—delivered four talks on the causes of anti-Western sentiment in the non-Western world as well as the cultural deficiencies of the Western world.

Pearse's idea for this project stemmed from his original plan for a book about the history of Western ideas and how they affected the thought processes of typical members of society over the past four to five centuries. After September 11, he was asked by the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC) to shift his focus to its current motif, which he developed into a lecture series.

In his first lecture, entitled, "The Barbarian Juggernaut," Pearse attempted to explain the outsiders' perception of the West. He asserted that non-Westerners view the West as powerful, seductive, rich barbarians who dominate their lives. To most Westerners, this dominance is unconscious; they do not realize the impact that their culture has on other peoples. They also fail to recognize that most aspects of Western culture cannot be effectively implemented in other nations because of their pre-modern conditions. Nevertheless, since Westerners tend to see their worldview—with its

"multiculturalism" and "tolerance"—as superior to all others, they attempt to reshape cultures that do not adhere to Western ideology by Westernizing them. According to Pearse, this aggressive cultural pushiness is the primary root of most anti-Western thought and behavior. After expounding on the causes of

society that are responsible for cultural decline. His second lecture, "On the Importance of Being Earnest: How to be Sinless: Human Rights and the Death of Obligations," centered on the historical development of Western morality, especially as it pertained to the concept of human rights. Pearse

noted that the idea stemmed from the Reformation's emphasis on individual introspection. Although this ideological movement originally increased moral standards by demanding that external moral actions were accompanied by internal moral attitudes, it eventually devolved into a self-centered mentality. Instead of internalizing external morals, internalization became the focal point. This development fostered the rise of human rights, which promoted self-assertion and minimized familial and societal obligations. Pearse argued that this movement away from external duties to "being true to oneself" was detrimental to Western culture and needs to be reversed.

In his third lecture, "Divided Lives: Observations in Passing: The Demographic Trump-card," Dr.

Pearse commented on the sociological

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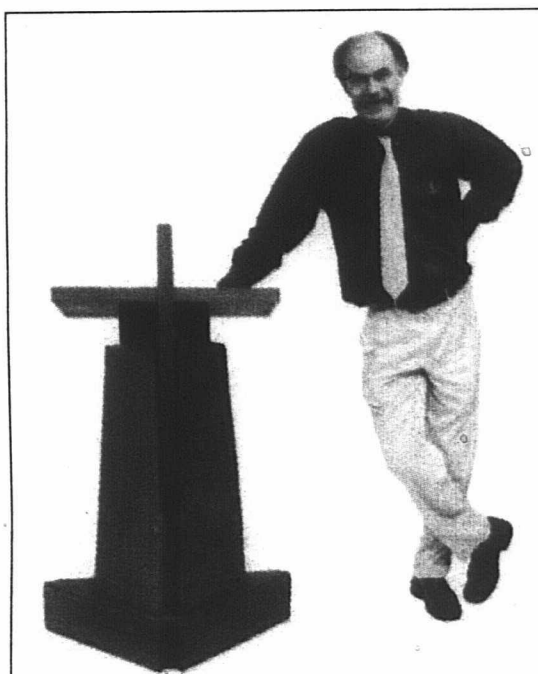


PHOTO COURTESY LONDON BIBLE COLLEGE  
Dr. Meic Pearse, lecturer at London Bible College, offered several lectures and a chapel service devoted to the subject, "Why the Rest Hates the West."

enmity towards the Western world, Pearse used his next two lectures to address other deficiencies in Western

## Writing festival to feature accomplished poets, authors

BY AARON BOYNTON  
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The Houghton College Writing Department is sponsoring the Spring Writing Festival on Thursday and Friday, April 10 and 11. The featured guests are poet and fantasy writer Robert Siegel and poet/playwright Jeanne Murray Walker.

Siegel has seven published works to his name and is currently professor emeritus of English at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He will be lecturing on "The Art of Fantasy" on Thursday at 1:15 p.m. and will be sharing a poetry reading at 8:00 p.m. that same day.

Jeanne Murray Walker is an accomplished poet/playwright whose plays have been performed worldwide. Walker is also professor of English at the University of Delaware. She will

be lecturing on Friday morning at 10 a.m. on the topic of "So You Want To Write A Play?" She will also be giving a poetry reading at 1:15 p.m. that same day. At 2:30 p.m. on Friday, the two guests and Professor Jack Leax will hold a discussion on the topic of "Writing in

Multiple Genres," talking about their experiences writing in several different genres of literature.

Also participating in this event will be several other Houghton faculty members. The senior Writers' Workshop students will also be presenting

readings of their work on Friday at 3:45 p.m. All events will take place in the Study Room in the Willard J. Houghton Library, with one event taking place in Presser Hall in the basement of Wesley Chapel.

For more information, check out the Houghton web page or contact Prof. Leax or Dr. Zoller.



FILE PHOTO  
Robert Siegel and Jeanne Murray Walker will be featured at the Spring Writing Festival on Thursday and Friday.

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Houghton administration believes students and families are willing and able to pay. When asked whether administration was pleased with the budget decision, Tim Fuller said, "As chief enrollment officer I'd be more pleased if we were able to cut our tuition in half and double our financial aid budget, but the math just doesn't work out!" He went on to say, "Given last fall's lower enrollment and the budget challenges that created, we're pleased that we've worked out a balanced budget that includes a relatively modest price increase to students."

Obviously, students don't expect tuition to decrease substantially, but when searching for scholarships and applying for loans, the prospect of paying over \$20,000 a year for a college education can be overwhelming. It may be hard to believe, but tuition only covers about 85% of the cost of a Houghton education. To compensate for the last 15%, the college relies on earnings from Houghton's endowment (which Tim Fuller says "will be less this year due to the performance of the market and the economy) and from gifts given to the Houghton fund by alumni and friends.

Students often wonder where all their money goes each year and why tuition must keep increasing. The obvious provisions made by tuition money are for faculty and staff salaries, electricity and water, laptop computers and printers received freshman year, and for funding programs on and off-campus. But what else does the money cover? Tuition paid to Houghton is also used to finance student recruitment, fund-raising efforts, use of the Nielsen Center, counseling and career services, faculty advising, concerts, lectures, athletic events, intramurals, and the continually running campus network. This is not by any means a comprehensive list of all that the money covers, but from its extent it is evident that students' tuition money is put to good use in providing a solid liberal arts education, supplemented by enriching extra-curricular activities.

If you have any questions concerning college costs, feel free to contact or visit the Office of Enrollment Management.

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effects of the Industrial Revolution. He stated that, due to societal pressures, the West has become a difficult place to effectively raise a family. While previous generations depended on long-term permanent relationships of trust, current Westerners do not; thus the family can easily be abandoned or neglected. Even within Western families that persist, Pearse noted the presence of what he called the "Demographic Trump Card"—Western families are not having enough children to sustain their culture. Currently, the West is depending on immigrants to fill this population void; but as they are assimilated, they also have smaller families, and more immigrants are needed. Unfortunately, most Westerners are unaware of this problem, which, according to Pearse, is due to the blinding effects of Western prosperity.

Dr. Pearse closed his lecture series by trying his hand at homiletics. In Friday's chapel he presented a message titled, "For they don't know what they're doing. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive..." that emphasized truthful acknowledgement of one's sins. Pearse argued that Christians often use God as

"moral combat gear" to justify their actions and try to recruit him to fight against their enemies. He then illustrated how this attitude affects a Christian's approach to personal sin—instead of coming to God and acknowledging guilt, he or she will usually blame the sin on external factors and attack others. Pearse noted that this behavior is the antithesis of Christ's example. Although Jesus' followers were oppressed, he did not justify them before their enemies; he told them to repent. Thus, even when Christians are victims, they cannot be embittered by their victimhood and place all the blame for their misdeeds on their enemies. Instead, they must be reconciled to God by pleading guilty at the cross.

While Pearse's sermon differed thematically from his previous lectures, his message to the Christian community in each of his talks was essentially the same—avoid cultural conformity that contradicts biblical ideals. In an interview, Pearse reasserted this point: "We make the mistake of wanting to buy the Western worldview minus a few subtractions of the things we don't like...We lose every argument and it's not a surprise because we buy the premises of our opponents and find ourselves powerless to resist their

conclusions...Why do we have to buy these premises?" Instead, Pearse suggested that Christians should "stop absolutizing career and education. Give higher priority to family. Get married. Have kids. Reintroduce duties and obligations to public and private moral discourse...and persuade others to do the same." He also encouraged Christians to make alliances with other people who have high moral principles, regardless of their faith commitment. "Real tolerance is coexistence in the face of hard utterly non-negotiable differences, but cooperation in areas where we do have mutual interests. And we can do that with others who adhere to traditional morality across all kinds of boundaries, including many people who may have no religious faith at all." Through these practical changes, Pearse believes that Christians can assist in fostering the cultural reversal and rejuvenation that the Western world needs.

Pearse will be publishing an expanded version of his lecture series under the same title in the fall. Along with the material of his talks, the book includes a section on the pros and cons of Western political developments.

## TOP TEN THINGS ABOUT SOUTH DAKOTA

by Josh Miller

In last week's edition of the *Star*, I mentioned that South Dakota is generally thought of as a "useless state." However, after conversing with some of Houghton's South Dakotans, I realized that I too-hastily judged this gem of the Midwest. So, in an attempt to redeem myself and proclaim the merits of this great state, here are the "Top Ten Things about South Dakota":

10. It's the home of Wall Drug, the world's largest drug store...where you can buy...um...drugs...and stuff...
9. The state farms hybrid corn specially bred to withstand drought.
8. Newell, SD: the sheep capital of the US (need I say more?).
7. The Corn Palace in Mitchell, decorated with murals of multicolored...corn.
6. The statue of the Happy Chef, also in Mitchell. One tourist comments on the statue: "Something about the Happy Chef continued to haunt me upon my return home. What's with his bowlegged stance? And that crazed expression? Then it hit me; this is a statue of a crazed man who suffers from rickets, has beaten the kitchen staff at the local sanitarium, stolen a chef hat and spoon and is racing to freedom, arms pinwheeling in lunatic joy."
5. The International Vinegar Museum, which contains displays of vinegar from all over the world and products, including paper...made from vinegar. The tour includes taste-testing of vinegar (sugar cubes provided).
4. The Shoe House in Webster, displaying the substantial shoe collection of Mildred Fiksdal O'Neill in a shoe-shaped house (apparently this old woman who lived in a shoe had so many pairs of heels she didn't know what to do).
3. Its soil has lots of humus.
2. Mt. Rockmore. No, not Mt. Rushmore; Mt. Rockmore in Custer's Bedrock City. I'll take a monument to Dino, Fred, and Barney over dead presidents any day.
1. It's not Iowa.

## Senior Jenny Kaye honored as student employee

Houghton College has selected senior Jenny Kaye as its 2003 Student Employee of the Year.

Kaye was nominated for her outstanding contributions as a telecounseling supervisor in the Office of Admission, where she has served the past three years.

Admission counselor Sarah Tooley, who oversees the telecounseling program, nominated Kaye for the award. "Jenny is a true scholar-servant and has a distinct commitment to the mission of Houghton College," said Tooley. "She goes above and beyond, time and time again. She has a true servant's heart, but also recognizes her position of leadership. She serves the people she supervises and makes them enjoy their working environment. As she graduates in May, I foresee Jenny being extremely successful in her chosen career."

The Student Employee of the Year is sponsored by the Niagara Frontier College Placement Association.





## Personal Effects salon puts changes into effect

BY JULIE PALMER  
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Personal Effects, the salon on Route 19, has been successful since its opening in October of this year. The salon owners are already making a series of improvements that will help their business expand even more. One of the first things on the list is redoing the driveway and renovating the walkway into the building. They plan to make the front lawn into a parking area so that customers will not have to park on the lawn. This will also solve the mud problem that they have encountered during the brief bout of spring that appeared in March.

A second change is the addition of a second hair station. This will enable the salon's two stylists, Terri Stanton and Penny Geary, to work at the same time, which will greatly expand their hours. They are currently booking a few weeks in advance due to the Locks of Love campaign and prom season. They encourage anyone who will want a new cut or updo before the end of the year to call in advance.

Tanning, which brings in a significant number of customers, is also getting an overhaul. As the number of tanners has increased this spring so has the heat in the tanning rooms. This

problem, however, will soon be cured with the installation of air conditioning. They currently have the units and are waiting to install them.

A few changes which they are looking into for the near future, include the addition of a nutritionist, a full-time nail tech, and another massage therapist. They would also like to be able to offer facials, but need the space to put a room for that.

During the month of April all of the Goldwell hair products at Personal Effects are 20% off. As always, all services to college students are 10% off. Also, watch your

email for spring specials.

Personal Effects is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. six days a week. The phone number is 567-8662 to schedule an appointment. Tanning can be done by appointment or walking in if there is an opening. In addition to hair styling and tanning they also offer massages, waxing, manicures and pedicures.

Joleen Tuscano, massage therapist and co-founder of the salon said, "Thank you for your support. The community and students have been awesome." Personal Effects is hoping to finish out its first year in business with the same vigor it entered with.

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## Drop in Bucket campaign kicks off

BY CHRISTOPHER STANLEY  
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The Drop-In-the-Bucket - Every Drop Counts Campaign is getting under way at Houghton College. The campaign raises money as part of The Houghton Fund and has several goals in mind.

The objective of the campaign is to raise the awareness of The Houghton Fund among students and introduce them to the culture of philanthropy and how Houghton College fits into that culture. The campaign also exists to raise awareness that tuition doesn't cover all the expenses of running a college. The goal of The Houghton Fund this year is \$1.1 million, and that helps to subsidize tuition by sending the cash to the projects on campus that need it the most. A third purpose of the campaign is to raise awareness that a gift to The Houghton Fund is tax deductible. This is not especially meaningful to students now, but it will be significant when they are well-established in their future careers. Finally, it's the thought that counts. Any gift, even if just a quarter, is a blessing to the fund.

The idea of giving has been around forever, but The Houghton

Fund has only been around since the 80s; the Drop-In-the-Bucket Campaign has only been around for the past three years. In any given student's first year at Houghton, the Fund asks for a quarter; from sophomores they ask for fifty cents; from juniors they request seventy-five cents; and from seniors a dollar. Once the student graduates, the Fund doubles that amount each year so that eventually by the eleventh year out of Houghton, an alumnus will be making a gift of over a thousand dollars.

So, where does the money go (in the long run)? It goes mainly to projects that need to be funded immediately. For instance, according to Robin Ha, one of the directors of The Houghton Fund, money from the fund was used to make residence hall repairs, provide sideline chairs for the volleyball team, and fund more student scholarships. Last year money went not only to new academic initiatives, but also to staff salaries, health center visits, and monthly gas and electric bills which can sometimes climb to as high as \$33,000 each month.

Some students gripe about giving even a quarter, but tuition is lower because someone else gave a gift to the college. Don't you want to make it a little easier on the next group of kids that come through Houghton?

## Family Affair restaurant, motel moves to new location

BY REBECCA WILLIAMS  
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If you've driven past the Fillmore Plaza on Route 19 recently, you probably couldn't help but notice the plywood boards covering the front of what used to be the Family Affair Restaurant at the end of the small shopping strip. Located in a newly renovated building previously occupied by McCarty's Restaurant just minutes down the road, the Family Affair Restaurant has been serving at its new location since March 10.

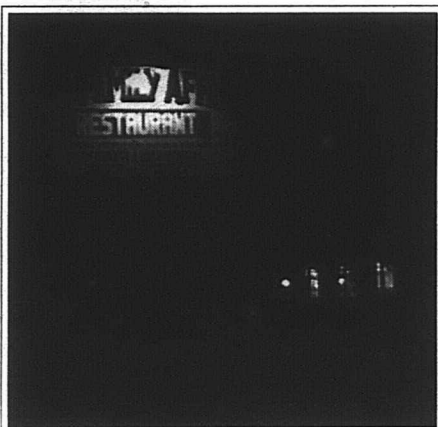
Dave DeRock, owner of the restaurant, had not really considered moving to a new location, but when the building's landlord decided not to renew DeRock's lease, he was compelled to look elsewhere. Fortunately, at about the same time, the owner of McCarty's Restaurant elected to retire and made an offer to DeRock. Just after the first of the new year, on January 10, DeRock purchased McCarty's Restaurant and motel, and for the next two months, he and others worked to renovate the buildings.

The new restaurant boasts two dining rooms, an extensive salad bar, and newer equipment that has allowed for growing popularity in certain menu items, especially steak. Icelandic Haddock fish fry continues to be a popular dinner choice on Friday and Saturday, as do several new seafood dishes on the menu.

DeRock and his wife, Gail, made the decision early on in the renovation process to make the new location non-smoking only. Diners have been pleased with the decision, enjoying the smoke-free atmosphere that lends to the hometown feeling the restaurant looks to create. The motel, which is also now

open, has all new "everything"—painting, furniture, carpeting, etc.—and DeRock says it is already booked for Houghton College's 2003 graduation weekend.

The Family Affair Restaurant has been in business since 1992, located, until now, in the Fillmore Plaza. From 1978 until 1982, the DeRocks owned a restaurant in the same



DeRock's Family Affair Restaurant on Rt. 19 in Fillmore has expanded to include a motel.

location called The Rock's Dugout, which they sold when they moved to Florida. After returning to the area, they bought the restaurant back and changed the name to The Family Affair Restaurant, a title appropriate not only to the familial atmosphere of the restaurant, but for the many relatives working together there.

Throughout the years, the restaurant's modest, homey dining area and its home-style cooking have drawn a steady crowd of local residents, students from Houghton College looking for a break from the cafeteria routine, and visitors passing through.

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### Timeline of Events

**March 20:** The U.S. launches a pre-dawn missile attack on what President Bush calls "selected targets of military importance" in Iraq. Hours after missiles fall on Baghdad, Saddam Hussein appears on Iraqi television to denounce the attacks and rally his people.

**March 21:** U.S. and British troops pushing toward Baghdad from the south seize Umm Qasr, an important Iraqi port city. Special Operations troops capture two airfields in the west, about 50 miles from the Iraq-Jordan border.

**March 22:** Army tanks push towards Baghdad while U.S. and British troops close in on Basra, where they meet Iraqi resistance. In Baghdad, Iraqi forces set fire to oil-filled trenches in an effort to shield the capital city in smoke. Officials say seven crew members are missing and feared dead in the collision of two British helicopters over the Persian Gulf.

**March 23:** U.S. forces make it within 100 miles of Baghdad but meet heavy resistance in Najaf and Nasiriyah. Ground fighting resumes in Umm Qasr as pockets of resistance emerge there.

**March 24:** U.S. forces advance to within 70 miles of Baghdad but are hampered by crippling sandstorms. Officials say the two crewmen of an Apache helicopter shot down near Baghdad are missing. At least 10 American soldiers are reported killed in fighting around the southern town of Nasiriyah.

**March 25:** The Pentagon says American troops killed 150 to 200 Iraqis during a battle near Najaf. In Basra, the British report a possible rebellion against the Iraqi government may be under way. President Bush asks Congress for \$75 billion to pay for the war.

**March 26:** As U.S. and British forces push closer to Baghdad, Iraqi units strike along a 200-mile stretch of allied supply lines. The most serious fighting takes place at Najaf and Nasiriyah. A Baghdad marketplace is bombed, killing as many as 36 civilians. Iraqi officials blame U.S. missiles, but the Pentagon denies it targeted the area.

**March 27:** Resistance from Iraqi militia continues to slow the advance of U.S.-led forces toward Baghdad. Iraq's defense minister says he expects U.S. forces to encircle the city within five to 10 days. Iraq's health minister says 350 Iraqi civilians have been killed in the first week of war.

**March 28:** Iraqi officials blame American bombs for an explosion in a crowded Baghdad market that left more than 50 dead and nearly 50 wounded. Several people are injured in an explosion near a seaside shopping mall in Kuwait City; an Iraqi missile is suspected in the incident.

**March 29:** A suicide car bomber kills four U.S. troops in an attack near Najaf. Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan says the bomber was an Iraqi army officer and warns that such attacks are now "routine military policy." U.S. officials deny Iraqi resistance is stalling the drive to Baghdad. The British humanitarian aid ship *Sir Galahad* arrives in the southern port of Umm Qasr.

**March 30:** Fires burn in Baghdad as the U.S.-led bombardment of the city and nearby Republican Guard positions continues. U.S. Gen. Tommy Franks says the war in Iraq is on schedule, pointing to the allies' control of southern Iraq's oil fields and much of western Iraq as campaign successes.

**March 31:** Pentagon officials say they're starting to see a breakdown among Republican Guard forces outside Baghdad as ground battles and heavy airstrikes take their toll. About 50 miles south of Baghdad on the Euphrates River, a U.S. Army division seizes the river town of Hindiyah. Farther south, Marines struggle to hold bridges over the Tigris River.

**April 1:** Allied forces rescue Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch, a prisoner of war held at an Iraqi hospital. Another Iraqi civilian dies in a shooting at a U.S. military checkpoint. Iraq's information minister, reading a statement allegedly from Saddam Hussein, calls for a holy war against the U.S.-led invasion.

**April 2:** U.S. ground forces set the stage for an assault on Baghdad. The Army's 3rd Infantry Division is reported to be about 30 miles southwest of the Iraqi capital.

**April 3:** The U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division attacks Baghdad's international airport as American forces move within 12 miles of the Iraqi capital. The U.S. military investigates the possibility that an American Patriot missile caused the crash of a Navy F/A-18.

**April 4:** U.S. forces secure Baghdad's international airport. Marines close in on Baghdad from the southeast, as the Iraqi army continues to take large losses and thousands more soldiers surrender.

**April 5:** Facing fierce Iraqi resistance, U.S. Army troops enter Baghdad from the south. U.S. planes begin flying 24-hour missions over Baghdad in preparation for a ground attack. U.S. Central Command says U.S.-led troops have claimed more than 50 percent of Iraqi territory and that Iraqi defenses have been weakened by days of heavy bombardment.

**April 6:** U.S. tanks re-enter Baghdad as U.S.-led warplanes continue 24-hour patrol missions over the Iraqi capital. Thousands of Baghdad's residents flee the city. The U.S. military investigates reports that an American warplane bombed a convoy of Kurdish fighters and U.S. special forces in northern Iraq, killing at least 18 people and wounding 45 others.

Sources: U.S. State Department, NPR News.

## U.S. doesn't know if Saddam Hussein is alive

The U.S. has been launching many airstrikes against the Iraqi headquarters of Baghdad, but leaders are unsure if president Saddam Hussein is still alive.

Videotapes in which Hussein referred to the wartime events aired on television last week, indicating that the president had survived the March 20 attacks intended to kill him. However, U.S. intelligence discovered that Saddam and his sons planned to attend a meeting in a building in western Baghdad on Monday.

The site was in the same general part of Baghdad where Iraqi television had shown Saddam being mobbed by supporters on Friday, said one U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

U.S. Central Command, when notified of the information, sent a B-1B bomber to the site. Forty-five minutes later, it dropped four bombs.

"We characterize that strike as being very, very effective," said Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, vice director of the Pentagon's Joint Staff, to a news conference. "What we have for battle damage assessment right now is essentially a hole in the ground ... where we believed high-value targets were."

Leaders are not certain whether or not there were any survivors from the attack. Three houses were destroyed, and Iraqi rescue workers recovered bodies of a

child and art of a young woman from the debris.

Two of the bombs dropped were bunker-busters, designed to penetrate underground tunnels. However, officials said they had no specific information that there were underground facilities at the site. The bombs were apparently dropped in case there were.

Determining Saddam's status remains the same challenge it has been since the war began.

The status of Saddam's sons Qusai and Odai were similarly unknown.

Iraq's U.N. ambassador, Mohammed Al-Douri, said Tuesday he believes that Saddam is alive, although he acknowledged that he has not communicated with Baghdad. "I think that the president is in Baghdad and all the people are there fighting" Al-Douri told the Associated Press.

American troops do not control the al-Mansour neighborhood and are therefore unable to search the rubble. Officials dismissed any discussion of forensic investigations of the site as premature and speculative.



PHOTO COURTESY WASHINGTONPOST.COM  
U.S. Army troops battle Iraqi forces for control of Baghdad's abandoned airport.

## Terror threat may decrease due to war "progress"

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announced yesterday that U.S. officials may lower the national terrorist threat from "high risk" orange. The decreased terror alert would be a result of the positive progress of the war.

At a news conference Ridge said that they "certainly do have a plan to start reducing, over time, the additional security measures" that were put in place days before the beginning of hostilities in Iraq. During those days the terror threat increased to an "elevated," yellow risk, bringing police officers and tightened security to streets, government buildings, ports, bridges, and other public sites.

The generally upbeat news from Iraq also might prompt the government to "reduce or finally eliminate" Operation Liberty Shield, a separate

layer of security measures, such as dispatching National Guard troops to secure nuclear plants, that was initiated March 17 when the threat index was raised.

The controversial threat index has been elevated to orange three times in response to intelligence that indicated a heightened threat of terror attack. Ridge said that he has no idea when he might lower the threat level or end the Liberty Shield program, but added that he is aware of complaints by local governments that the added security measures have cost them millions of dollars.

He said the threat of a terror attack will remain long after the war is over. "The al Qaeda network will strike when they're ready, regardless of whether we're engaged with the military in Iraq," he said.



## EDITORIAL

## "Tough Guise" Conversation Response Erik Ireland

This past Thursday evening a full recital hall embarked on an enlightening journey with Jackson Katz as he tackled a major problem in our society. "Tough Guise" is Katz' analysis of the role of media on the widely accepted definitions of masculinity. While Katz did a good job of presenting these concepts to the general audience, judging by their reaction, I think that many of the women in the audience were going farther along in the discussion than many men in the audience were. These men were, on the whole, still coming to grips with the truth of the presentation. This seemed to cause a great deal of fear in those women listening to the comments of the men bold enough to reflect in discussion. I would like to share my analysis of this situation, and thereby perhaps comfort our female friends.

I would like to use a little bit of what I take from the Liberation philosophers, as society is just beginning to give them a quality hearing. While Katz spoke at length about masculinity in contrast to femininity, I would like to address populations within maleness who have had little voice in mainstream media. Labeling all men as violent is the type of battle these minority philosophers have been fighting—excessive stereotyping. I will try to make this point with a few illustrations.

Dr. Lastoria reflected toward the end of the conversation that he would be hard pressed, when given the opportunity, to restrain himself from beating those who had beaten and killed his family before his eyes. My observation is that ANY human in that situation, male or female would be equally disposed to react likewise. The possibility of violent reciprocity is equally able to express itself in both males AND females. This is an extreme case, but I use it to draw the conclusion that this characteristic is not limited to gender but is, rather, human. Men who aren't naturally "violent" resist their socialization just as women who may be more naturally violent respond to that socialization by becoming more "violent."

A friend of mine clipped an article for me from the *Buffalo News* from the weekend detailing a specific case in Tonawanda where two girls have been causing one another a great deal of stress. According to the account, one of the girls has reported being chased out of school dances twice, kicked in the stomach by a friend of her rival, threatened with her life several times, cursed at, and stalked. Now I ask, are schoolyard fights limited to just boys? It is important to mention that while women are not passive by nature, they are more likely to inflict emotional pain than are men, but incidents such as these violent ones are on the rise in North America.

As a matter of fact, studies from the last few years have confirmed an alarming trend in domestic violence. According to Cathy Young of the Canadian magazine *Jewish World Review*, the statistics are impressive. Ten years ago, about one in ten domestic violence arrests involved women as defendants. Now, it's one in five in Michigan and Connecticut, one in four in Vermont and Colorado, and more than one in three in New Hampshire. Public officials are trying to figure out what's going on. They are especially mystified because, according to the *Times*, the trend "so diverges from the widely accepted estimate that 95% of batterers are men."

Katz' movie addressed the effects of bullying in school and how it can lead to massive lash-outs of violence. Just as in the examples I mentioned regarding the girls from Tonawanda, those boys who are ostracized by a group of dominant males can react in terribly antisocial ways.

I think the very same thing happens to those who choose a homosexual lifestyle: a home life where a narrow definition of distorted masculinity is glorified leaves the boys longing to find a healthy male role model. Who do they become? They often become either distortedly masculine, or "feminine" in society's eyes; a "wuss" or a "fag." They find themselves little able to relate to men who do not share this unhealthy background, and therefore make friends with a group made predominantly of women. Their lives are spent searching for acceptance and intimacy (yes, often sexually) with men who approve of their brand of masculinity. This socially imposed norm has backfired: its intention was to homogenize the expression of masculinity, but it resulted in a group of marginalized men (in this case) seeking to find acceptance and intimacy! Why is the evangelical church not running to try to meet the needs of these ostracized men? Such a question can be asked by turning to another matter raised in discussion after Katz' movie.

John Eldridge has written a book related to our discussion which is very popular on this campus. The work is entitled *Wild at Heart*. It addresses what Eldridge sees as a suppression of true masculinity by the modern movement to make men into what he terms "nice boys." Quoting the book's front flap, "Deep in his heart, every man longs for a battle to fight, an adventure to live, and a beauty to rescue. That is how he bears the image of God; that is what God made him to be." (My emphasis) Eldridge stays at the same level of this discussion as those men who spoke out at the movie viewing, but his solution takes care of only half of the problem. He seeks to "Christianize" popular masculinity, which Katz might argue is not natural masculinity. Rather than attempting to address all men, he ends up asserting that those males who are not "wild" are less manly than those who are. In short, what Eldridge is doing is swinging the pendulum of masculine spirituality all the way back to the right, and if this continues, the pendulum will never be at rest, swinging back and forth. If the pendulum stops in the middle somewhere through a loving plurality of masculine spiritual possibilities, we will finally be at rest.

Any system that marginalizes people will be tyrannical by definition. Instead of using generalizations about gender that only alienate people, I would argue for a philosophy of humanness that is open to many definitions of masculinity and femininity. In this new philosophy, people will talk about human qualities of personality rather than use stereotypes to domineer others and exclude them—and what better place for Christians to be than on the cutting edge of sensitivity? Only if we are lovingly able to deal with people who are different will we have a society where we will no longer oppress minorities.

"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor. 13.13, NKJV) In whatever sphere of life we inhabit, may we seek to be ministers of reconciliation.



by Chris Austin

## The Advice/Chris-Says-What-He-Wants-to Column: Two Issues to Discuss

Today I feel the need to comment on some of the goings on here at Houghton College. Two things have come to my attention; issues that cannot be shoved under the carpet of no return.

- Numero Uno: There are people who dislike my column.  
Numero Dos: Houghton feels that living in the townhouses is "independent."

I cannot in good conscience let either of these statements exist without comment. Thus, we will begin with numero uno (see above). It has been said that my column contains mostly humor that is funny to people who know me, which I suppose is a fair statement, seeing as when someone tells me they like my column they usually know who I am. For this, I apologize. I do try and make the column as enjoyable and useful as possible to everyone who might pick this up. That last statement excludes professors—I can't imagine them liking this column all that much so I don't cater to them. However, it is impossible to make everyone like this, so I have come up with a few methods to remedy your problem of not liking my column—but they are up to you, the reader, not to me. I think that the famous quote by JFK can be applied here—ask not what your [Star article] can do for you, ask what you can do for your [Star article].

There are 2 main things that you as a disgruntled reader can do. First, get to know me. This will make the humor somehow more funny to you, and less funny to everyone else. Second, if you do not like me or my column, another option is don't read it. I'm not getting paid to write, and you are not paying money to read, so it matters very little if you do or do not read what I write. This is a very effective way for you to not mind the column. You won't feel a need to complain if you don't read this so-called useless and boring column.

Hopefully that takes care of any concern with the quality of this column.

Now, numero dos (also above). This actually is in the form of a very long question, which I will have to edit a lot simply for space.

Dear Chris,

At last week's housing meeting, all I learned was that "independent living" here at Houghton means that we have to buy our own toilet paper. Everything else in this over-priced, cookie-cutter housing is regulated to the teeth. Perhaps next time Houghton builds housing, they should account for people living in them—then they wouldn't be falling apart in such short amounts of time.

And another thing: I heard that over the four years, we will be paying Houghton \$6000 out of our tuition for our laptops. Is this true? It better not be. It's ridiculous. I appreciate your insights.

-Fed up with being overcharged and dictated to.

This is a lot of material to deal with, Fed Up; perhaps you should confer with Denise B. I don't know about the laptops. I do know that the housing at times seems poorly planned and constructed. I attended the very same meeting and was myself taken aback at how independent living means that we should buy our own toilet paper, and little else. Apparently, living independently does not mean we can put things in the walls, regulate visiting hours, decorate the lawns, or multitudes of other things. Obviously, we submit ourselves to such governing to come to this college, but it is unfair, and downright insulting to say that we are living independently. "Independent" is defined as 'not subject to authority or control' and 'self-governing'—neither is true of campus housing. In essence, it would be much more appropriate to say "Buy your own toilet paper not because you are independent, but because we are cheap." At least then we are being honest with ourselves.



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## Review: Relient K delivers again with latest album

BY AARON BOYNTON  
STAR STAFF WRITER

Rarely does a band maintain consistent quality and sound through their first three albums. Relient K has once again delivered a fresh pop-punk sound that is pleasing to the ear. The band's latest album, *Two Lefts Don't Make A Right But Three Do*, is a mixture of pop-punk melodies with rock guitar riffs. Some critics may say that this is just another one of those bands, but Relient K delivers something else that many bands in the same genre fail to deliver: positive messages and deep sincere thoughts.

Their latest album includes tunes like "I Am Understood?" which deals with feelings that nobody can really explain as well as "Getting Into You," a tune talking about getting yourself right with the things in your life. These serious, heartfelt songs are contrasted by the usual Relient K wit

and comedic personality. "In Love With the 80's" and "Hoopes I Did It Again" are two of the funny songs on the album that the band included in the album to make their fans laugh. While being serious is a good thing life, they want to emphasize the need to take the time to let loose and have a little fun once in a while.

The Canton, Ohio quartet has proven once again that pop-punk bands can be taken seriously and become very successful without "selling-out." Matt Theissen and crew are a mainstay in the Christian music scene and have also had some mainstream exposure with their music being used on television shows and video games. With their catchy lyrics and tunes, Relient K is sure to attract more and more fans with their future efforts. For more information, visit [www.relientk.com](http://www.relientk.com).

Rating: 7.5 out of 10



## Review: Opera keeps viewers entertained

BY JULIN YOUNG AND  
EMILY SCHWARTZ  
STAR CORRESPONDENTS

Houghton College students recently performed "The Producer," with music by W. A. Mozart and "Princess Ida," by Gilbert and Sullivan for this year's opera workshop. The production was under the direction of Artistic Director/Conductor Shirly Close, Director of Music B. Jean Reigles, Guest Stage Director Marc Lewis, and Stage Manager Joshua Stamp.

This version of "The Producer" is a story of a producer in a new opera house in South America. He has hired the best singers in the world for the opening gala performance of "Clarissa, La Mungitrice Abbandonata." He had, however, hired two prima donna singers for the gala and hadn't told the two rivals which one would be singing the lead. In various twists, they finally decided that each girl would sing one act of the opening gala. "The Producer" included amazing performances from sopranos Selena Duroy and Sarah Keely, who played the two prima donnas; Ruben Bocanegra-Thiel, who played the producer; and Jordan Markwood, who played Jose Paveringo, the most famous tenor in the world. This was a very comical view of what can happen behind the scenes of an opera house.

"Princess Ida" was the other opera that was performed. This opera gave the story of Princess Ida, played by Julie Charlton, who was betrothed at

the age of one to Prince Hilarion, played by Charles Seaman. The only problem is that Princess Ida doesn't want to get married. Instead, she starts a school for girls, run by Lady Psyche, played by Erin Scudder, and Lady Blanche, played by Jennifer Neroni. This school forbids the young maidens to have any contact with men and they teach the girls that the world would be a better place without men. Prince Hilarion is commanded by his father, King Hildebrand, played by Ryan Englebrecht, to go fetch his bride. He sets out with two friends and through some comic events, the three men end up dressing up like the maidens and entering the school. In the end Princess Ida realizes that she really does love Prince Hilarion and they are married. This opera included many comical musical numbers performed by Charles Seaman, Don Schuessler and Matt Au Yeung, and also great performances by Ryan Englebrecht, Erin Scudder, Amy Rogers, Julie Charlton and Jennifer Neroni. It also included stunning performances by Chris Clark and Ben Askins who portrayed "the Daughters of the Plow."

Overall, we were very impressed with the opera workshop. Both casts performed wonderfully. The performances had us laughing and very drawn into the characters and their situations. We hope that everyone had a chance to go and see the opera. Great performance by all. We look forward to seeing what future opera workshops will hold.

## and I quote...

QUIPS HEARD ON CAMPUS

"You have the imagination of a toothpick."  
-Dr. Charles Bressler-

"Brother Smith, step forward for church membership and drop your drawers, please."  
-Dr. Terry Paige-

"Do you have a calling from God? If you don't, you'd better get one because you're gonna have a lousy life!"  
-Dr. B. David Benedict-

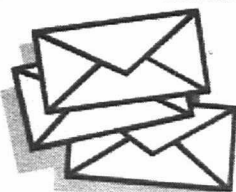
"I think I'm gonna vomit. My sphincters aren't cooperating!"  
-Junior Janel Lyle-

"Invent your own antichrist. You can do it!"  
-Prof. David O'Brien-

"I'm going to have to ask Eckley in...I'm sure he could tell you everything he knows about preaching in like three-minutes."  
-Dr. Walters in Expository Preaching-

People all over campus say funny, random things! Sometimes they say serious things, too... Either way, the Star would love to print any quotes that you hear, so please email them to [star@houghton.edu](mailto:star@houghton.edu)!





## Letterbox

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### A Break with Sense?

Easter break is coming up, and for four days this campus will be almost empty. That's because, for four days, the dorms are closing and students are required to go home. For four days. For those students who live nearby, this is not a problem. There are quite a few students, however, who live quite a long ways from Houghton. For them, they either have to spend a lot of time and money driving home, or even more money flying back. For four days. Does this strike anyone else as rather ridiculous? Why are the dorms closing for four days? I don't want to be overly cynical, however I cannot help but observe that every day students are off-campus equals money saved for Houghton on electricity, food, maintenance, etc. While I certainly appreciate that people are working to make our tuition dollars go the distance, this is hardly a just reason for making students, many of whom are already spending all their money on said tuition, go through the added hassle and expense of making their way home. For four days. Admittedly, this is also the Easter holiday, and it would be nice if

students were able to spend time with their families. However, the decision to travel home for that should be the decision of the individual students, not the Houghton administration. There's also the added fact that many students are working hard on term papers in these last few weeks, and it would certainly be a boon to them to be able to use the resources of the library for those four days.

I certainly don't claim to have all the facts, and perhaps there are actual good reasons why the dorms are being closed for four days. If there are, they should be made known to the student body, and this problem will be resolved. But if this is simply a matter of convenience and finance for the college, then the decision to close the dorms needs to be challenged and the convenience and finance of the student body taken into better consideration.

-Dan Perrine, '05

### Closing dorms a "stewardship" issue

When making the decision to close the residence halls over Easter break all of the factors Mr. Perrine mentioned were

taken into account. Ultimately it seemed that there was a very clear precedent for closing the residence halls. This break encompasses three full class days, actually one day longer than our Thanksgiving break for which we always close the residence halls and all campus facilities.

While we would not characterize this as a financial decision it is a stewardship issue. It is not a good use of campus resources to staff the cafeteria and the library for the very small number of students who would choose to stay in Houghton over the break. Because the townhouses and apartments are open during break we believe that we can make arrangements to accommodate any student who is unable to leave campus during this time. If you need assistance in making housing arrangements for Easter break, please contact me, Dennis Stack, or your resident director. Who knows—one of us might even invite you for Easter dinner!

-Denise Bakerink,  
Director of Residence  
Life

## EDITORIAL

### Too Busy

Shelley Dooley

When I woke up Sunday morning a feeling of dread swept over my body. My throat was on fire. I swallowed a few times, drank some water, and told myself that I would not get sick. I took things fairly easy on Sunday and got to bed pretty early, hoping that a little extra sleep would get rid of whatever evil germs were trying to break down my immune system. I wanted to give my white blood cells a secret weapon in fighting the sickness battle. But Monday morning my head felt like a truck had run over it, and all I wanted to do was sleep. I trudged up the hill to my eight o'clock class and promptly fell asleep until my 2:15. Armed with cough drops and drugged up on Advil Cold and Sinus, I started feeling better and started to think about the work I have left until the end of the semester. When I went to bed Monday night I wanted to scream, for I felt worse than I did when I woke up that morning. As I buried myself under my covers trying desperately to warm up my feverish body, all I could think about was the work I should have been doing and the running that I'd missed.

As a child I used to get sick a lot. In fact, in one school year alone I missed six weeks of school because of illness. Sick days were a given and my life would stop for a while. My mom would fix me chicken noodle soup and toast, change the sheets on my bed and air out my room, and entertain me with books and videos. I wouldn't miss much at school and if I did, I could work through the class work quicker on my own than in a classroom anyway. Since I've been at college I've tried hard to avoid sick days. Unlike when I was little, my life doesn't stop just because I have a headache and sore throat. Instead, it keeps speeding towards graduation, and I don't really have time to breathe, let alone take a nap to sleep off my illness.

It's not really even the being sick part that bothers me. I don't mind spending a few extra hours huddled under my blankets avoiding the snow that has fallen on us in April. The part that bothers me is just how busy I am. This year and especially this semester has been unusually busy. With the climbing wall, the STAR, Youth for Christ, and Boys Adventure Club, my schedule is packed. Toss in training for a marathon, keeping myself in clean clothes, and eating, and I feel like I survive from day to day on sheer willpower. And then there's that thing that my tuition is paying for, classes that I need to do well in so that I can proceed on to graduate school next year.

When I came to Houghton as a freshman, a wise junior told me that college is about building relationships. If I look at my relationships as houses, I got a good start on building them but I've been so busy the past few weeks I haven't had time to put on the roofs. I feel like Martha when Jesus stopped by her house. In the story Jesus says to Martha, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:41-2 NIV)

I'm so busy rushing around trying to do things for different organizations that I don't take the time to stop and be Mary in front of Christ. In a way, I'm oddly thankful that I got sick this past week. I know it's strange, but it's also nice. It's not that I'm too busy to be sick, it's that I think my life can't be put on hold for a few days. And it can. It's okay for me to take a little break and to just be in my life. When I first started feeling poorly I literally asked God, "Why now when I have so much to do?" The answer? Because even I need to slow down and be a Mary instead of a Martha.

The last few weeks of the semester are always insanely busy. With papers, projects, presentations, and plans for the summer on our agendas, our schedules are all packed. When I get busy I naturally get stressed out. I get worried and upset about my schoolwork and frustrated with my friends. With only a tiny amount of time before I receive my diploma, I'd much rather work on building relationships with Mary as my model than shape my remaining Houghton days with worry like Martha.

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## Field hockey excels in post-season tourney

In post-season games on Saturday, March 29, the field hockey took on five teams in a tournament hosted by Nazareth College in Rochester. Playing five games, the team won all

five and only allowed one goal to be scored against them. Despite the rain and the overcast sky, the team played well and ended their season in fine form.

## Syracuse takes home NCAA trophy

The Syracuse Orangemen and their coach Jim Boeheim finally got the championship that had eluded them for decades.

First-year players Carmelo Anthony and Gerry McNamara helped the Orange take a big lead and Hakim Warrick made a huge block at the end to preserve a thrilling 81-78 victory over Kansas on Monday night.

"We played the best first half we could play, and then we just hung on," said Boeheim, in his 27th year at his alma mater.

Leading by three, Warrick missed two free throws that would have sealed the game with 13.5 seconds left. But the 6-foot-8 forward, nicknamed "The Helicopter" for his 7-foot armspan, made up for it by coming from nowhere to swat Michael Lee's 3-point attempt from the corner that would have tied it with 1.5 seconds left.

"I definitely wanted to go out there and make a play after missing those free throws," Warrick said. "I saw a guy open in the corner and I knew they needed to hit a 3, so I just tried to fly at him."

Jayhawks guard Kirk Hinrich, cold all night, followed with an airball at the buzzer and the Orangemen (30-5) ran onto the floor to celebrate the program's first title.

Boeheim threw his arms in the air and ran to shake hands with Roy Williams, the 15-year Kansas coach who was deprived once again of the championship.

The coach was choked up, not only by the loss, but the knowledge he'll never again coach Hinrich or fellow senior Nick Collison, who finished with 19 points and 21 rebounds.

"I've never been one to like moral

victories, and I don't like this one," Williams said. "But I love the competitiveness of my kids."

Indeed, they had quite a hill to climb, and quite a group of players to stop.

Sixteen years ago, Syracuse lost by one to Indiana on Keith Smart's game-winner with four seconds left on the same Superdome floor. Boeheim said he wanted to get the last four seconds right this time, and he did — just barely.

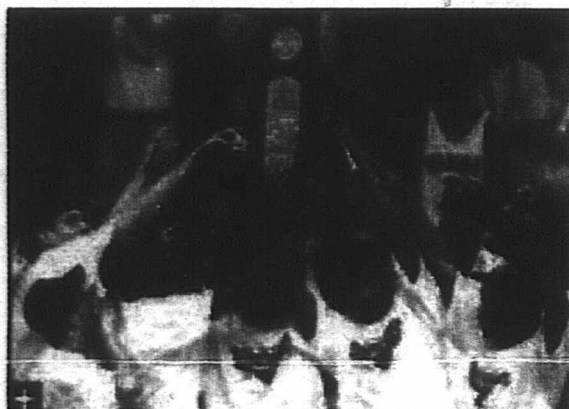
"I didn't want it to be another one of those Keith Smart shots," Warrick said, referring to his game-saving block.

"We just came into the tournament and proved everybody wrong," Orangemen guard Josh Pace said.

Syracuse stretched their lead to 12 with 7 1/2 minutes left, and KU could never overcome after that.

"When you're fighting and scrapping, running through a lot of double teams, it does take a lot out of you," Hinrich said.

It was another bitter defeat for Williams, who stayed without the one victory that would have rounded out



an otherwise impeccable resume.

Choked up, as he normally is when the season ends, Williams uncharacteristically used an expletive when asked about the job during a live postgame interview on TV.

"I've got 13 kids in that locker room that I love," Williams said before the interview turned testy.

## HIGHLANDER SCORES

### Track and field

#### March 29 - Susquehanna Invitational

Mary Gibson automatically qualified for NAIA Nationals in the 800 meters with a time of 2:15.72. She broke the school record in the event in the process. Sarah Gardner provisionally qualified for nationals in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 15.17. Several other athletes set personal records.

## New leadership, same Wilderness Adventures

BY LIZ SANDS  
STAR STAFF WRITER

Back in 1978, Doris (Mabel) Nielsen founded a small program that would grow into Highlander Wilderness Adventure and then into the currently-thriving Wilderness Adventures program, which has been in full-time operation since 1993. Wilderness Adventures uses physical activities such as canoeing, hiking, climbing, and other challenges that require problem-solving and communication skills to facilitate a team-building atmosphere. Throughout the year, Wilderness Adventures provides programs for churches, schools, and other organizations to "reach toward a great understanding of each other's strengths and weaknesses, finding new creative solutions to everyday problems," according to the Wilderness Adventures website. These programs "provide affordable learning experiences [by] promoting leadership skill development and group cohesion."

Local adventures include challenging participants on the high or low ropes courses or on our indoor climbing wall here at Houghton, traveling as far as the Southern Tier of western New York, or Potter County, Pennsylvania, for overnight and week-long hiking trips, canoeing on local rivers, or rock climbing up in Canada's Rattlesnake Point Provincial Park. Groups need not come to Houghton to experience a 'wilderness adventure,' however, for a portable ropes course and other team-building activities can easily be facilitated in almost any environment, including board rooms. During the summer, the most popular adventure program is one geared toward at-risk young adults, the 10-day STEP Wilderness Adventure.

Since its conception, the Wilderness Adventures program, under the leadership of executive director Nielsen, has continued to grow and expand. Although Nielsen has been quite pleased with her contributions to the Adventures program and will continue to be actively involved with the program in the role of consultant, she recently handed off the leadership of Wilderness Adventures to Sharon Hibbard, her assistant and a full-time employee since 1993.

Confident that Hibbard will be perfect for the role of executive director, Nielsen looks forward to seeing the program thrive under the new leadership. Hibbard graduated from Houghton College in 1992 and

first got involved with Wilderness Adventures in 1990 while she was a student here. Under the leadership of Nielsen since those first years of involvement, Hibbard considers Mabel to be "mentor, encourager, confidant and cheerleader" for her and for the many who are involved with the adventures in some way. Hibbard hopes she can "fill the huge shoes [Nielsen] leaves behind and



FILE PHOTO  
Sharon Hibbard, affectionately nicknamed "Hib" by friends and colleagues, recently took over leadership at Wilderness Adventures.

continue her legacy of inspiring people to challenge themselves and to grow because of that challenge."

According to students who have worked under her leadership already, "Hib," as she is affectionately called by both her friends and colleagues, already has been an edifying part of the Wilderness Adventures experiences. Houghton junior Julie Brisben, who worked under Hibbard as a STEP leader two summers ago, "had a wonderful experience" being part of Hibbard's team. Brisben appreciated Hibbard's "amazing advice" and constant encouragement. Hibbard always, in Brisben's words, "reassured us of how important we were as role models for the kids and that we really were making an impact on their lives." Hibbard's leadership, like Nielsen's in its focus on cultivating relationships, promotes a team-building atmosphere not only for the participants of the different programs but also for those working all around her. It is this ability that makes Hibbard ideal for the position of Wilderness Adventures executive director, and it's why so many students love her and cherish their experiences with Wilderness Adventures.

For more information about Wilderness Adventures, call (585) 567-9498 or visit the Wilderness Adventures website, <http://campus.houghton.edu/orgs/step/>.