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The Dateline Question

Robert Danner, PhD

Following the Monday evening NBC Dateline presentation about Jamie Mathews, a former Houghton College student, I was approached by the Star Editor, Dave Johnson, for my reaction to the program.

I knew Jamie more than casually, and I was delighted to see the progress she is making. Jamie was an FYI leader for two years and made significant contributions to our campus and to a number of students. I wish her well and God's blessings in her continuing struggle to live a productive, stress free, and healthy life.

While I thought Dateline's story was generally accurate in its portrayal of self-injury, I was concerned that the program avoided any mention of the college's efforts to help Jamie. One might conclude from this portrayal that the college was uninvolved at best or unconcerned at worst. Actually, a number of people at the college were involved with Jamie in an effort to

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photo courtesy of NBC

Pioneers of Food Service Dining Hall to be Renovated

Dan Jackson

On Wednesday, October 21 a meeting was held to discuss the future of Pioneer Foods at Houghton College. The President of Pioneer Foods, the Division Manager, Big Al, Jeff Spear, and Dean Danner attended to present plans, listen to suggestions, and give feedback on the new blueprints for an improved dining hall. Also attending was a group of about 10 students who expressed interest as well as concerns they had about the proposed changes.

The changes suggested would deal mostly with the serving areas of the cafeteria. One of the big revisions would be to make both sides of the serving area identical. The specialty bars would be rearranged to contain cereals and other such constant food items. The door to the Trustees Dining Room would be moved along the wall into the corner to allow room for a deli bar and self-cook center. Changes would also be made in the entrée serving line. It would become three different areas, separated by small dividers, each of which would be self-serve.

The first area would have burger choices, the middle would contain the traditional food items that would vary from meal to meal, and the last would be a pizza bar. Drinks (including soda) would be along the wall that currently houses the juice/milk apparatuses. Desserts would be located along this same wall where the cereals currently are, the last items on the way out to the eating area. Finally, the ice cream bar would be placed where the left-hand door of the dish room is.

The other major change would be in the way trays and dishes are taken to the dish room. Rather than having entrances to the dish room, it would be closed off in order to give a better appearance. A conveyer-belt type dispenser would be installed so students wouldn't have to separate silverware and napkins. Trays would simply be placed on the conveyer-belt, minimizing the hassle for students.

Along with the new changes in the order of food service, ideas of how to make the overall appearance more attractive were offered. Mostly these changes involved the lighting system, which would be altered to make

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Housing Houghton

Emily Beach

A number of community houses will be taken off the list of student housing options during the next few years. "The college needs to get out of the business of buying homes and renting them out to students," says Jeff Spear, Treasurer and Vice President for Finance. "We're not in the business of keeping them up." One of the houses marked for elimination is the Genesee house, which for years has been adjusting to its shifting foundation. The college would like to begin taking houses off-line in the fall of next year, beginning with Powers House. To make up for lost housing, the

school plans to build a 42-52 bed facility across the parking lot from the Leonard Houghton townhouses. The facility would be wired to the school network, so that by the time those classes required to purchase laptops are seniors, all housing facilities would have hook-ups.

The new facility is also meant to make up for the impending closure of the Houghton Heights townhouses. When the college built the townhouses, 28-bed facilities, it was with the intention of phasing them out of student use within three to five years. This process will begin next fall when the first unit of townhouses is taken out of commission. Resi-

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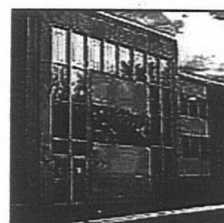
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EDITORIAL

Letter from the Editor

David Johnson

Last Monday night found me sitting with several friends watching Dateline NBC. Every time a scene of Houghton was flashed on the screen, we collectively held our breath, hoping to perhaps catch a brief glimpse of ourselves in the background. Coming up empty, we would let out a long, audible groan. Our big chance to be on national television, without having to go on the *Jerry Springer Show*, was fruitless. I wonder how many other people were watching the show for the same reason? I wonder how many other people missed the point.

Lisa Bennett, Director of Public Relations, made a comment to me about the impact of the TV special. She seemed concerned that students watching the special would mistakenly believe what they say to counselors and other Houghton faculty won't be kept confidential. Wrong. I had talked to Dr. Lastoria, trying to obtain more information about Jamie and how the college helped, but he couldn't divulge anything because of confidentiality. So how did Dateline get hold of Jamie's story?

Easy. She told them. It had nothing to do with a loose-lipped college. She simply wanted to display her story in the hope it

could help others sharing her same affliction. I was assured anything said in confidentiality to Houghton's counselors remains that way.

Several issues back, I wrote about a kid I knew who struggled with the same tribulations as Jamie. He, like she, was involved in heavy self-injury, arising from extreme emotional problems. Everything that was said and shown on the program, I had experienced firsthand.

Who knows if this kid happened to flick on the TV just as Dateline came on? What I do know is, he

thought he was an outcast—someone burdened by incredible feelings of guilt and pain, and who punished himself. And I know the sight of someone else struggling as he does would, in the least, assure him he wasn't alone.

And if he didn't see it, perhaps someone else did. Maybe a very scared teenager, with scars up and down his or her arm mapping out years of torment and confusion, happened to see Jamie's story. Maybe it was just as another suicidal impulse flashed through his or her mind. Maybe the flicker of the television, and the message of the words, offered much-needed guidance and assurance.

And maybe, while my friends and I sighed when we didn't see ourselves on TV, someone out there cried when they did.



Are You to Blame for My Unhappiness?

Ellen Weber

Sometimes we blame others for our own feelings of unhappiness, inadequacy, or discouragement. My first recognition of this habit came when my daughter half-jokingly quipped, "Mom, whom will you blame after I leave?" Tan and I agreed that Minew, the cat, could fill in as a kind of cat-scapegoat for things that went wrong. I admit that even after Minew passed on to cat heaven, and my precious daughter followed her own teaching career, I still blame those around me sometimes when I feel down.

Especially when we feel judged or humbled, blame just seems to ease the darts that fly for the human heart. At least for the moment. I am discovering that self-reflection is the best antidote to blame, and an honest look inside works miracles to restore contentment. Through reflection we not only reinstate personal joy but we also create more affection for friends and colleagues. Under reflective lights discouragement from personal flaws can flower into inspiration and adventure that reach new heights; but first we must refuse to take ourselves too seriously.

Have you noticed that whenever we laugh at self we usually care more genuinely about others? Laughter magically makes room to take risks and to celebrate others' gifts without intimidation. People around us feel our kindness and respect rather than blame's arrows. When we consider ourselves for who we really are, others trust us more and appreciate that we know and understand their struggles. Humor simply makes room by poking fun at personal flops while God helps us improve

and showers his love and healing over jagged edges that remain.

In the same way fuel converts to heat energy, reflection transforms blame into celebration of Christ's unconditional love. You could say we store up emotional warmth for winter seasons. If we take an honest look at self, it doesn't take rocket science to spot our personal flaws and scars, so we tend to forgive others and judge them less. Good news is that real love comes more from Christ's perfect goodness, and so depends neither on our few successes nor disappears through human foppiness.

So why do we miss God's amazing love flow so often when we need it most? It seems to me that love leaks out through holes pricked into our fuel tanks whenever we blame others for our misery. By contrast, you could say that self-reflection insulates the kind of solid reservoir needed to store God's endless supply of unconditional love for each of us. So if reflection can comfort and encourage us daily, why do we blame others instead of simply enjoying its warmth?

In spite of hurricane-like destruction left in its wake, blame is not a new problem. Leo Tolstoy said, "Everybody thinks of changing humanity and nobody thinks of changing self." But in any community where self-reflection replaces blame, you'll find gifted folks climbing one great mountain only to enjoy the adventures of discovering many more to climb. Fortunately, we've all known folks who pack a great deal of self-reflection into their backpacks so that when you're with them you feel propelled up incredible mountains by their encouragement and kindness.

I've decided to scrap blame for a bit of personal reflection the next time I feel judged or discouraged. What was that you said about me behind my back?

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Doc Houghton: David Brubaker

Lindsay Ackerman

With flu season quickly approaching, it is a good idea to get to know Dr. David Brubaker, physician to Houghton College.

Dr. Brubaker, a Houghton graduate, attended medical school at SUNY Health and Science Center in Syracuse, New York. Following medical school, Dr. Brubaker completed a family practice residency at St. Joseph's Hospital, also in Syracuse. Brubaker says he chose family practice because it allows him to talk to people and get

to know them. According to Dr. Brubaker, one of the benefits of being part of a family practice is that he is able to treat the whole person, unlike a physician in a more specialized field.

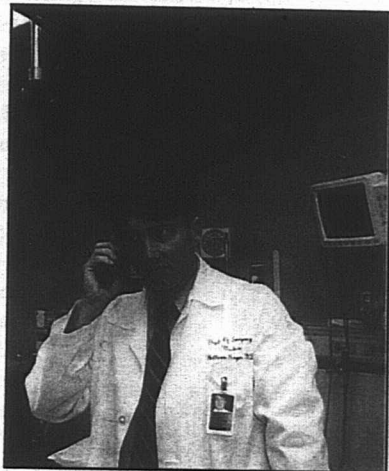
Currently, Dr. Brubaker is employed by University Primary Care, which the college has contracted to provide medical services to the students. He spends two hours, three days a week at the Health Center. Dr. Brubaker says

that the majority of the cases he sees at the Health Center are upper respiratory illnesses like sinus infections, colds, and bronchitis. Recently, he has seen a small outbreak of chicken pox among students. In addition, Dr. Brubaker has treated a variety of injuries and wounds ranging from sprained ankles to gashes that needed to be stitched.

Some of the other responsibilities Dr. Brubaker has at the Health Center include paper work, educating people about health related issues, and reviewing the health protocol. He says

that he enjoys working with students because they ask questions, which stimulate him to make sure he knows what he is doing.

Houghton College physician, Dr. David Brubaker, is a knowledgeable professional who is dedicated to the health and well being of the student body.



A completely unrelated doctor

Pioneer Cont.

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the dining hall look less institutional.

Also mentioned was the possibility of leaving the cafeteria open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. This would likely require revisions of the meal plan system. A survey will be sent out to get student input, so make sure to use the op-

portunity to voice approval or concerns.

The new plans were greeted with enthusiasm. Some concerns raised involved congestion, job availability, and working conditions for dish room employees. Some solutions were proposed and concerns seemed to be alleviated. If passed, these changes would be made for the beginning of the Fall '99 semester.



photo by David Johnson

What's Big Al cookin' up now?

Housing Cont.

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dential housing in this area is a scarcity, and the college would like to be able to lease the townhouses. Other designs for the townhouses involve establishing a community for senior citizens. Jeff Spear says that Houghton is an ideal place for such a community, given the nearby skilled nursing care facility, the small-town atmosphere, the numerous musical and artistic opportunities,

two doctors' offices and the fellowship of the Houghton Wesleyan church. He says that senior citizens like to live together in communities geared toward their needs, and that Houghton residence would provide a good alternative for those who prefer not to travel to Florida each winter. By making these adjustments, the college plans to provide housing services to those interested in the community, as well as making the campus more aesthetic and housing students closer to the main campus.

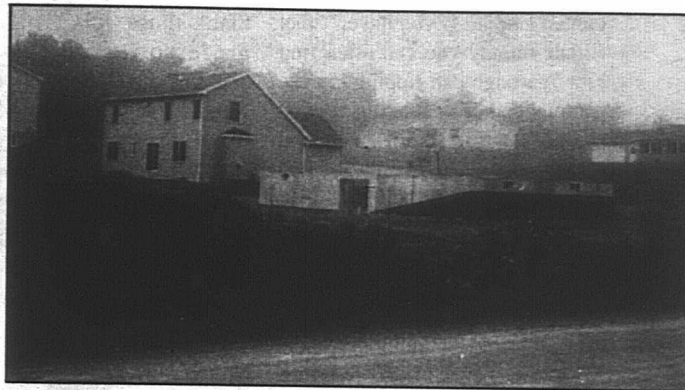


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Homes on the range

Dateline Cont.

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assist her recovery during her six semesters at Houghton.

In addition, I would like to expand a bit on the program's statement that Jamie was not allowed to return to campus following semester break because the administration believed that the college was not able to handle Jamie's behavior. This is true. The bottom line in a difficult decision like this is to consider two things: 1) the welfare of the student and 2) the impact upon the community. Jamie had been given a medical leave from the college earlier when she entered the SAFE program in Chicago for the first time. She did well there

ward health. In contrast, a college campus is an academically demanding environment where a student must put considerable energy into a number of tasks. What energy remains can be used to look at other, perhaps more personal, issues. It was my decision that Jamie appeared to need the kind of support SAFE offers; that we did not have the resources to meet her needs; and the college environment was not at that time the best for her continued growth. It was for these reasons that, with advice, I placed Jamie on a second medical leave. The goal

of medical leave is to encourage a student to get the needed help and to allow a return to academic studies as soon as possible. While it was mentioned on the program that she was "kicked out," I hope this more expanded version puts that statement in a more helpful context.

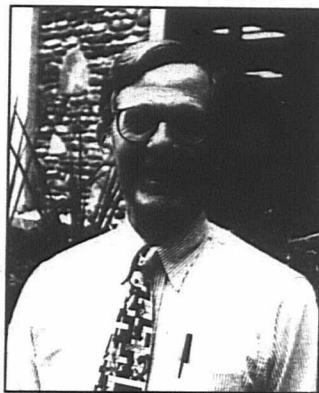


photo by Dan Mund

I hope that Dateline's program spotlighted this besetting problem in a way that may help others who struggle with it. A number of individuals in our college community did what we could to help Jamie while she was here, and I continue to pray for her full recovery. Ultimately her recovery and her future rests not with the efforts of Houghton College, NBC's Dateline, or the SAFE treatment program, but rather with her heavenly Father. I wish her well.

as was mentioned in the tv feature, and decided to return to campus. It appeared, however, as was related in the program, that Jamie did not thrive in the college environment at Houghton. The difference between the environment at SAFE and the environment on a college campus may help explain the reason for Jamie's return to self-injury. The SAFE program is an intensive residential program where the majority of one's time is spent in expending energy toward understanding the nature of one's behavior and moving to-

Family Matters at

Strength: Karry and Elijah Law

Trina Frederick

Karry Law is the mother of a beautiful wavy-haired, brown-eyed, one year old little charmer named Elijah. If you haven't met Elijah already you can often find him "garbage-can-tipping" in the campus center or making eyes at the girls while toddling around with his mom. He is always full of smiles and definitely stylin' in his Osh Kosh B'Gosh and Air Jordans. Not only is Karry a mom, she is also a second semester junior with a major in Elementary Education and a minor in Psychology. I interviewed Karry to figure out how she seems to do it all.

Karry admits that it is a tough job to do, but the students and professors at Houghton make some of her job a little easier by all of the encouragement they give. Karry is grateful for small things people do for her, such as opening

doors and offering to let her and Elijah ahead in long lines. Most importantly she is thankful for the loving and accepting atmosphere here at Houghton.

Some people may not even know the significant effect offering an encouraging word has.

Karry deeply wished to thank those professors and students who have offered their support. I asked Karry what kinds of ideas might be helpful for students with small children as far as the campus itself is concerned.

Karry said it would be nice to have some kind of child-care facility options, or maybe recommended baby-sitters, close to campus for convenience. She also sug-

gested a play area for toddlers on campus so that students with small children could get their work done on campus yet still spend time with their child in an environment that will entertain the child. Karry wished also that Big Al's upstairs was a bit more child accessible (I

her life is that he definitely keeps life interesting. Elijah is also an incentive for Karry to do well in school so that she is a good example to her child. Having a child also makes Karry grateful for the opportunities that she does have.

I asked Karry what the most challenging things are about being a mom in addition to being a student at Houghton College. She said that the biggest challenges are sometimes the smallest tasks such as getting an often uncooperative child ready in the morning. Sometimes unforeseen incidents (such as Elijah dumping a whole bottle of shampoo on himself, or writing on his face with Magic marker) can put a damper on Karry's punctuality.

I can tell you personally, Karry is a great mom and a wonderful person with such a big heart. I often wonder how she can do everything she does. Well, she does have an incentive.

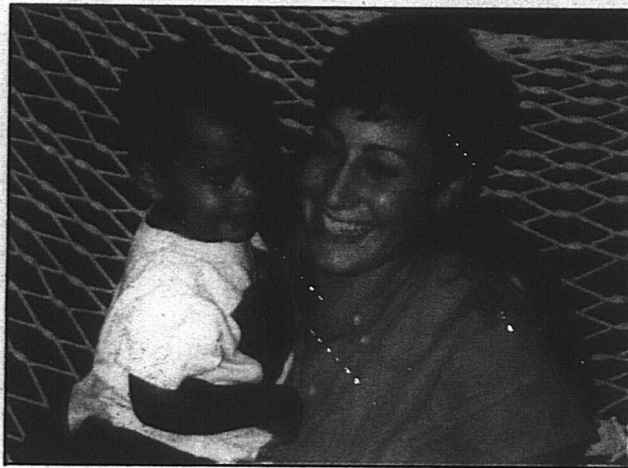


photo courtesy of Karry Law

found that only one high chair exists, and it's not really in too good shape either.)

Karry said that one of the best things about having Elijah in

Challenge: The Teague Family

David Johnson

Don't tell the Teague family life's a piece of cake. At the same time, don't tell them it's unrewarding either. Rob, Kirsten and their three-month-old son Joshua live together in Fillmore. Rob, a senior, goes to school at 8:30 a.m., finishes the day's classes at 2, then is off to the Houghton physical training room until 6 or 7 at night.

Kirsten spends her days with Joshua, where she does the housework and manages the finances. On Thursdays and Fridays she works cleaning professors' houses, providing income for the family. Rob and Kirsten de-

cided it would be best if Rob continues school and Kirsten provides their son with a 24 hour mom, something that is very important to them. Though many sacrifices had to be made to accomplish

this — Rob spends about half the evenings home as he often has night meetings during the week — Rob and Kirsten are confident they're doing the

best thing.

Kirsten is blessed with many friends who gladly help out with Joshua if unexpected events occur. Smiling, she says finding babysitters is never a problem.

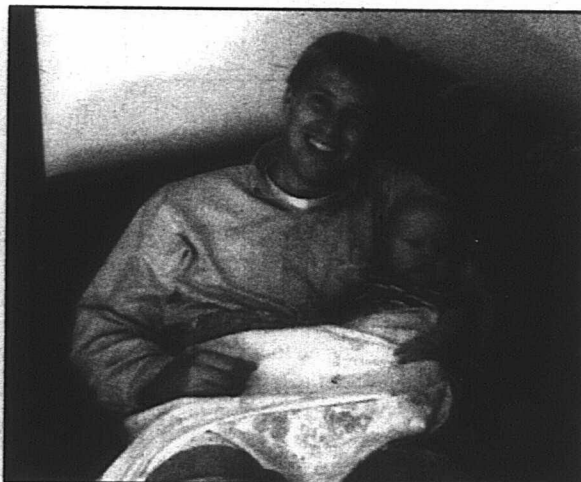


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And who would say no to Joshua, a quiet non-fussy baby Rob and Kirsten say they're incredibly blessed to have.

Unfortunately, it's not going to get any easier. After school, Rob plans on attending graduate school to further his physical training education. And next semester, Rob will be commuting to Geneseo for an internship, where he will be gone from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily, and off on sports trips during the weekends. "It's hard but it's worth it," Kirsten says.

Raising a family is no easy feat, especially during a rigorous school year. But the Teagues aren't willing to give up that easy. "God has blessed me with an incredible wife and an incredible son," Rob says to me, squeezing his son's hand. And if that's not the recipe for success, what is?

Question of the Week: "What is the Most Challenging Part of Being Married and Attending College?"

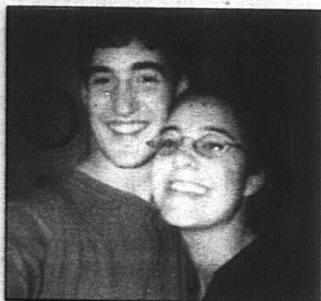


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"Trying to balance stress from college and from having no 'real' income."

--Joe and Amanda Vanderwege



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"Finding time to be together."

--Matt and Joelle Stroud

at Houghton College

Faith: The Manry Family

Kevin MacDonald

I used to think I was busy. But then I sat down and had a talk with Keith Manry, a senior at Houghton, and my whole perspective of the word "busy" changed. Besides being a full-time student here, Keith is a husband, a father, and the pastor of not one, but two churches. Not bad for a guy who's only 21 years old.

Keith is originally from Canisteo, a town about forty miles east of Houghton. He now lives in Whitesville. On a typical day he leaves his house at 6:45 in the morning, drives to college, and focuses on attending classes and studying. At about 4:30 he returns home, has dinner, and spends the evening doing homework or taking care of his many duties as a pastor.

This semester Keith is taking 16 credits, majoring in religion with a concentration in ministry.

Next semester he will be taking 19 credits. He anticipates graduating in May of 1999. Then, in the fall, he's off to United Theological Seminary to study for his Master of Divinity degree. Eventually, he wants to obtain a doctorate and begin doing full-time work.

Keith met Erica in the summer of 1996, and they were married in February of 1997, when Keith was a sophomore. Now, the couple has a four-month old daughter

named Peigh. He remarked that his entire life experienced a change when she was born, since raising a child is a 24-hour a day,

7-days a week responsibility.

Keith grew up attending church, and ever since he was very young he felt God calling him to be a minister. He loves preaching, and he finds it hard to believe he's getting paid to do something he enjoys so much.



photo courtesy of Keith Manry

he sometimes faces difficult theological and moral questions. He admits that being a pastor has "changed my outlook on life. I've

seen things I didn't know existed."

I asked Keith how he orders his many priorities. He replied that God is first, followed by his family, then his education and his churches. He attempts to maintain a careful balance between his studies and his pastoral duties, since both are important. Nevertheless, he struggles to fit everything into his hectic schedule, and he is disappointed that he simply doesn't have the time to work up to his full academic potential. For instance, while some students might spend twenty hours studying for a test, Keith can often spare only two or three hours to review.

At the conclusion of the interview, I asked Keith if he had any advice for younger college students. His response: enjoy your time here. Enjoy your education. You'll be forced to grow up soon enough, so take advantage of all the opportunities available to you right now. Grades are important, but it's also important to experience life.

Hope: Houghton's Future Families

Melanie Hess

Weddings are looming on the horizon for several Houghton couples. I sat down to interview a few of these engaged students to ask them about their future plans, both short and long term.

Nate Probert and Marriah Peterson were engaged on June 2, 1998 and plan to be married on December 30, 1998. Marriah is a junior and Nate is a senior. After the wedding, Nate and Marriah plan to work at the horse farm, Marriah also plans to work at the horse farm teaching horseback riding in her spare time. "If I have any spare time," she adds.

After they are married they are going to stay in Houghton so

they both can finish school. They plan to live in a house along Route 19 in Houghton. Nate and Marriah are not sure about what they will do after graduation. Nate says that "Wherever the Lord leads" is basically where they'll go. Marriah, who is an Elementary Education major, hopes to find a job teaching and Nate, a Biology major, says he "has a lot of doors to choose from" but he's not sure which one he'll choose. One of these doors might be graduate school, and Nate also added, "We've thought about missions-short term or long term."

When asked why they decided to get married in December instead of waiting until May, when Nate graduates, Nate explained that "location, timing, and dealing with parents" had all worked out well in December.

Both Nate and Marriah are positive about their future and we wish them luck as they start married life in Houghton next semester.

Mary Kent and Tim Klabunde were engaged on August 29, 1998 and plan to be married on December 12, 1998 at the Houghton Wesleyan Church. Mary explained with a dreamy smile: "We met at Houghton, fell in love at Houghton, and we wanted to get married at Houghton."

Mary and Tim are both juniors and plan to live in an apartment in Canadea while they finish school. They both have on-campus jobs and will be living off money that they have saved. "We've already made a budget," Mary explains. As for long term goals, Mary and Tim are not sure exactly what the future holds.

Mary said, "We both have an entrepreneurial side, Tim more than me." She added that Tim might want to own his own business in the future. She said that they are "basically just praying about it," and they probably will be leaving Houghton when they graduate. Because Mary is an art and psychology major and Tim is a business major, they will probably seek jobs elsewhere.

I also asked Mary why she and Tim didn't wait until May or June to get married, and Mary explained that they had been dating for only five months when they got engaged. "We didn't want to be engaged longer than we had been dating," she explained. "Besides, we know this is what God wants us to do-why wait?"

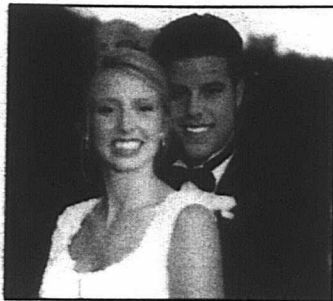


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--Tom and Erin Elliott

"Thinking as one instead of two."



photo courtesy of Dale Meyers

--Dale and Rachel Meyers

"Uniting two complex ways of living into one new, even more complex, life."

Surgery on Centerville

Travis York

If you've been up to the gym recently, chances are you've noticed the work on Centerville Road. I spoke with Phil Stockin, Headmaster at Houghton Academy and also a member of the committee responsible for the maintenance of local roads. The committee is composed of three villages: Caneadea, Houghton, and Oramel, and the work crew is hired locally. The town is responsible for maintaining 55 miles of roads in the area, including Centerville Road.

The town tries to maintain repairs in cycles of five years. Centerville is inadequate for the traffic it receives, and is considered a safety hazard—it's very narrow and is utilized by pedestrians and vehicles alike. Along with normal road repairs, the committee decided to widen Centerville.

The decision was made in order to provide for both pedestrians and vehicles. The workers have cut into the bank at either side of the road and replaced the ditches with cinder blocks for stability and road width.



photo by Holly Glanzman

Spotlight on Staff: Gail Smith

Liana Weirich

Nestled in the corner of East Hall basement is the Health Center, where Registered Nurse Gail Smith is the director of Student Health Services at Houghton College. Staff at the health center consists of two full-time RNs, one half-time R.N., and a 30-hour secretarial position.

Involved in nursing since 1962, Gail joined Houghton staff in 1980, later becoming the director in 1990. Previously, she attended Wyoming County Community Hospital, which was a three year program associated with the University of Buffalo. She then went on to complete her graduate work at the University of Rochester. "I was a nursing supervisor for 17 years - doing ICU and emergency room work in the hospital. I grew up in Fillmore and decided to come here to Houghton when I had children. The hours were much more compatible with my family life."

Gail loves this area. "Someone once asked me if I ever get 'sick of the people, always being around the same ones everyday?' I would say that the hard thing is having such close friendships, then losing someone due to death, accidents, etc. I love the people." When asked what she likes about her job, she replied, "I enjoy talking and working with the students. My goal is to help increase wellness and improve health. This can be done in a variety of ways and activities that are suitable for each individual."



photo by Erich Asperschlager

In Gail's spare time she enjoys reading, counted cross-stitch, knitting, and spending time outdoors. She also loves light-houses and has enjoyed traveling the East Coast and visiting relatives in Maine. Currently, Gail and her husband are completing construction of their new house. "I also would say that my newest hobby would be being a grandmother. What a joy that is!"

Gail concluded, "The Health Center offers a lot of services to the students. There is unlimited access to nursing advice, a self-care center where you can pick up cough drops, Tylenol, Band-Aids, and many resource materials for your own information or

to help with projects. We also do diet counseling, weight monitoring, etc. I enjoy working with the students. That is why I am here."

Each year the Health Center logs about 8000 student visits, with six to seven hundred being referred to physician visits.

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Bradley Wilber

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We're happy, certainly, that the library is next in line for transformation once the music facility is complete. Changes will be both cosmetic and practical—a new entrance and circulation desk, elevators and stairwells repositioned to make the building fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and two student lounge areas on the upper floor. Stay tuned...

Every semester, confusion surfaces about the Library Research classes. Hence, some answers to Frequently Asked Questions:

What exactly is Library Research?
Library Research is a requirement for graduation from Houghton. It is designed to make you more capable at proceeding through the intellectual and practical steps involved in doing research projects. Lectures and brief assignments introduce you to the range of resources the library places at your disposal, acclimate you to information technology, and provide practice in documentation styles.

Library Research **MUST** be taken concurrently with an "R" class (one which has an R next to its course number on the Master Schedule). This designation means that a paper or similar research project is part of the class requirements. What better time to enroll for Library Research—when you know you'll put your new skills to immediate use?

Do I really have to take it?

Yes—no one is exempt except transfer students whose records

show they have taken some sort of comparable college-level library skills class.

At what point in my Houghton career should I take Library Research?

Sometime freshman year, obviously, is ideal. The sooner you take it, the sooner you can bring library skills to bear on your schoolwork. And the longer you wait, the less likely it is that you will have an R course in your schedule for Library Research to piggyback on. If you run out of necessary R courses but still haven't fulfilled the Library Research requirement, you must petition the academic dean's office, the library faculty, and your professors of the moment to make special arrangements for you. Don't let it come to that. Take Library Research as early as possible.

Do I get separate credit for taking Library Research?

Sorry, no. Library Research is only a component of your "R" course. Keep in mind that the whole affair lasts only about as long as two showings of *Titanic*. And if you use Library Research lecture notes and assignments the way they are intended, they will not be a burden unto themselves—they will actually save you time in your R course by jumpstarting the assembling of sources for the paper you have to write.

OK, so I have the "what." How about the "where" and the "when"?

Library Research meets in L1, the classroom on the lower level of the library. It is comprised of six class sessions, two per week for three weeks. Eight different sections of it are taught each semester. Half meet Monday and Wednesday; half meet Tuesday and Thursday. As a rule, class times are 8:00 AM, 11:50 AM, or 6:30 PM. Six sections begin the second full week of the semester, while two others actually are "delayed" and begin later, near midterm. In other words, we hope that with eight different choices, you can fit Library Research into your schedule somehow. You register for Library Research as you would for any other class; simply find a convenient section on the Master Schedule and include it on your course selection form.

That's all for now, but submit those comments and questions!

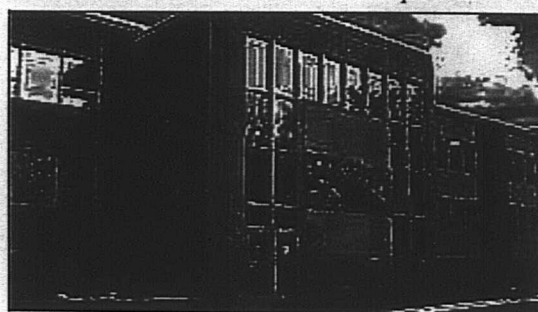


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LIGHTER SIDE

Al Manac and the Case of the Angry Goalie

Donald J Sobol

Houghton boasts one of the most crime free campuses in Western New York. Is it because of the police department? It's true Chief Dan is an excellent Chief of Police, brave and smart, but when he runs into the toughest of cases he finds Junior Albert Manac. Only his parents and teachers call him Albert. Everyone else knows him as "Al-manac," the smartest 20-year-old who still calls his parents collect.

One day, Chief Dan found Al-manac studying for his Brain and Behavior mid-term in the library. "Al Manac, I've got a tough case I need you to crack," he said. "Sure thing, Chief. What are the details?" Chief Dan looked at his

notebook and told the story:

"Senior Gary Whicker was doing some light engine work on his 1987 SAAB 900s when someone stole his brand new adding machine from the back of the

car." Al Manac interrupted, asking, "How come Gary didn't see the thief?"

Chief Dan replied, "He was under the hood at the time. He couldn't see the back of the car.

Anyway," he continued, "Whicker gave us one student's name, Leroy Brown, as a possible suspect."

Al Manac nodded his head. "Leroy and Gary are the two soccer goalies for the varsity team. Gary got to start in the big game over Leroy. They're the two biggest rivals in the school." Chief Dan nodded. "We checked his room and found the adding machine in his underwear

drawer," he said.

"Sounds like you solved the case," Al Manac said. Chief Dan shook his head. "Not that easy. Brown denies he took anything. In fact he has an alibi. He says he was in ecology lab, studying trees. I'm stumped."

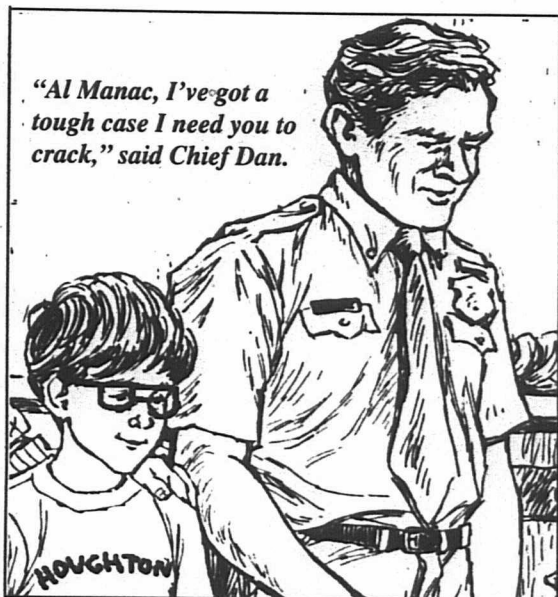
Al Manac leaned back and closed his eyes. He always did his deepest thinking with his eyes closed. Chief Dan scratched his nose. Suddenly, Al Manac opened his eyes. "Chief, Gary is your thief! And I can prove it!"

HOW DID HE KNOW GARY WAS THE THIEF?

(Solution in next week's issue!)

If you think you've figured out the solution, send it to the STAR (Box #378), and if you're correct you'll receive the dubious honor of "SLEUTH OF THE WEEK."

"Al Manac, I've got a tough case I need you to crack," said Chief Dan.



CD Review: The Insyderz Fight For Their Lives

Tim Graffam

The Insyderz have finally come storming back on to the Christian music scene with *Fight of my Life*. With the early 1998 release of *Skalleluia*, the group stepped away from their own work to offer their interpretation of many popular praise and worship songs. The new record is original music, and a notable progression from 1997's independent release *Motor City Ska*.

The opening track on *Fight of my Life*, "Jigsaw," is upbeat, with a bouncy chorus about Jesus as the "peace" that completes the puzzle of life. "What Happened to Joe?" is a hyperactive ska-punk hybrid regarding how

new faith affects old friends. "Paradise" mellows things out with bright horns and guitar, fitting with its lyrics about the wonders awaiting Christians in Heaven. The record kicks back into full ska-core mode with "The Hunted," one of the best tunes on the album. With the repeating horn crescendos, hard rapping, and a guitar riff reminiscent of Rage Against The Machine, this is a song that must be cranked up to

be appreciated fully.

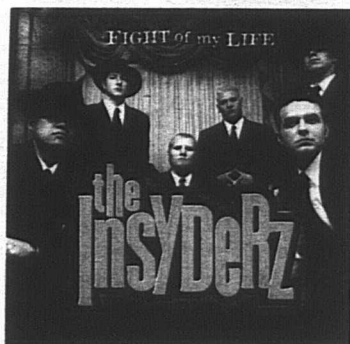
The record keeps the up the intensity with edgy, upbeat songs that deal with serious topics. "Game Day" is about feelings of unworthiness, and "Forgive and Forget" is about reconciliation.

"Rat Race" is a jittery tune dealing with the troubles of losing focus in an unfocused world. There is also an instrumental, and a cover of "Just What I Needed" by the Cars. The disc closes

with the title track, which refers to the ultimate battle royale that's going down between good and evil.

Musically, the band combines a variety of styles, including punk, hardcore, rap, bits of swing, and, of course, ska. In doing so, the band creates a record that disregards any sort of pigeonhole and avoids the repetitiveness that too often afflicts many bands today. Lyrically, the Insyderz write about important issues in the life of a Christian, yet do it in a way that is very easy for the listener to relate to, a way their listeners can clearly understand.

Fight of my Life, full of catchy choruses and horn lines you'll surely be humming until the next time you spin the disc, is an essential addition to the Christian ska fan's collection. The real triumph, though, is the wide variety people it's "in your face" message will reach due to the album's wealth of lyrical and musical diversity.



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Senior Panic

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Buy her a hoagie that'll fit on her finger.

Ray

SPORTS

Houghton Sports: Week in Review

Men's Soccer

In an overtime seat-edger, the men's soccer team finished the regular season, overcoming visiting Fredonia 2-1. On an assist from Dave Bancroft, Jeff Vaughn scored the game-winner, seven minutes into overtime sending the team into hysterics. It was an emotionally charged game, showcasing a handful of close and controversial calls. Aaron Rose corked in the other goal to tie up the game. The Highlanders finish with a 13-2-1 mark, and enter post-season play Friday at 6 p.m.

Kwik-e-Mart Bandits Take Home the T-Shirts

Tim Gruffam

The men's intramural soccer season came to an exciting conclusion Thursday, October 22nd as the Kwik-e-Mart Bandits narrowly defeated Rustic Lasagna 1-0 in overtime to claim the coveted intramural champion T-shirts.

The game-winner for the Wes Brown captained Bandits came with about ten seconds left in the final overtime period. Goaltender Brian Picard unleashed a monster punt that landed well past midfield. Forward Dan Jackson moved the ball ahead to an open Eric Spiegel, who moved in on the net and put home the game-winning goal. Throughout the game, Jeremy Veenema, Andy Engert, and Brown played solid defense, while Phil Downs controlled the middle and Kit Andersen and Jim Ulrich hustled at halfback. Also, Kevin Baker played.

Fall Sports Score Box

Men's Soccer (13-2-1)

Saturday 10/31
Houghton: 2, Fredonia: 1

Women's Soccer (17-0)

Saturday 10/31
Houghton: 6, Baptist Bible of PA: 0

Field Hockey (15-1)

Wednesday 10/28
Houghton: 2, Mansfield: 0

Women's Volleyball (18-5)

Friday 10/30
Houghton: 3, Carlow: 0

Women's Soccer

Hurt me! The Lady Highlanders knick-knack paddy-whacked Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania, 6-nil. Heather Shear booted in four goals, bringing her final career goal count to a whopping 82, tying Heidi Gugler for number one all-time scorer in Lady Highlanders' history. Jen Hartenstine and Beth DePriest each added a score. Susie Ellis logged in yet another shut-

out, bringing her total to an awesome thirteen. The Lady Highlanders wrap up the regular season 17-0 (holy smokes!), and begin the

post-season Saturday, November 7 at 3 p.m. against either Roberts Wesleyan or Holy Family.

Field Hockey

Houghton hockey finished its season, Wednesday, October 28 against Mansfield University, blanking them 2-0. Judy Johnson drove a goal home, assisted by Susan Ventresca and Kristen Embrich assisted the second goal by Ventesca (hey isn't Sue the player profile this week? Boy, I sure can't wait to read it!) The field hockey team finishes up an impressive 15-1. Way to swing those sticks, ladies!

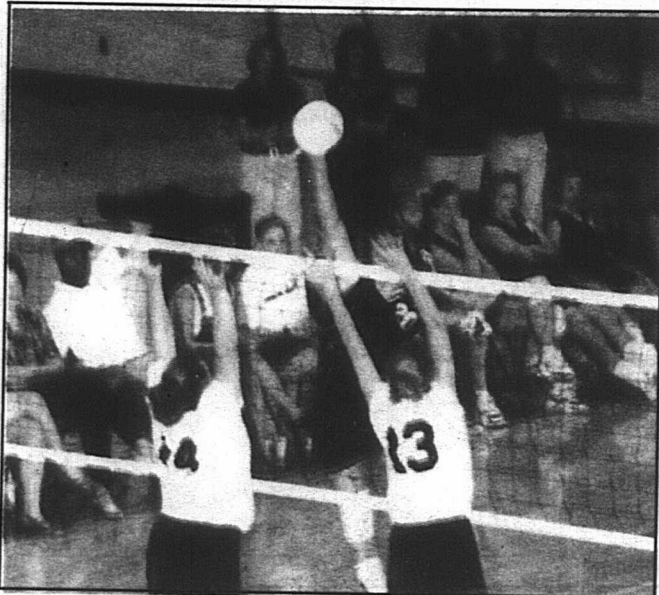


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The Women's Volleyball team takes it to the extreme

Sue's the Boss

Player Profile: Susan Ventresca

Judy Johnson

Meet Susan Ventresca, field hockey superstar. A high school phenom, Susan came to Houghton as a blue-chip recruit. Her freshman campaign was everything that was anticipated and more. Dominating with 15 goals, 4 assists, and an aggressive field presence, Susan proved she had the total package. She had no idea what lay in store for her in the next two years.

The first preseason scrimmage, Susan and company trounced William Smith College with three goals—but also acquired a season ending injury. Susan tore cartilage in her right knee. Eventually, she was diagnosed with chondromilasia, or severe arthritis. Doctors can't cure it; they can only replace the cartilage. Susan underwent orthoscopic surgery, and the doctor shaved down the mass defective cartilage where the tear was.

As her projected one-month recovery turned into ten months, Susan never gave up. She worked out, trying to strengthen her body for her junior season, but her body wasn't quite ready for the demanding pounding of a center forward. On the second day of pre-season during a routine drill, Susan sprained her ankle in four places and fractured the top of her

foot. Susan rehabbed again, and only missed one game this season—but not without a cost. Daily she had to play through pain in both her knees and ankle. She spent hours in the training room, on the bike and in the pool.

Susan keeps motivated, despite her injuries and the beating she takes as a center forward. Run-ins with the goalkeeper are common. Susan's legs have a roadmap of scars, colored by the bruises of errant sticks and balls. She persists, saying, "If I would

been understanding of Susan and her injury and has been careful when to push her and when to pull her back. Without her coach's encouragement and wisdom, Susan questions whether she would or could play. Another key factor for Susan this season has been the hockey team's support of her. She said, "The team has been so encouraging to me and has understood how I need different training techniques and coach's decisions regarding my injury. I couldn't give up being part of the team. Watching when I was injured was the worst sports experience of my life."

Susan has had another terrific season for the Highlanders. Watching her on the field, a spectator can't help but be struck by her desire, aggression and skill. She has registered 11 goals and 10 assists this season. She prides herself in her assists because as the high target on the field, she has to work for every inch to get the ball into the circle for a shot. Now that the hockey season is over, the team is left looking for closure, as they have no playoffs. For Susan, she has every reason to look back on her season with satisfaction. Her abilities, leadership and experience are key to the field hockey team's success.



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quit now, all of the hard work would be worthless."

Susan has been playing hockey year-round since the sixth grade. She attributes her success to the hours spent in practice, the long summers at hockey camps, her supportive parents, boyfriend Jeremy Veenema, and to the coaching of Donna Hornibrook.

Coach Hornibrook has