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# The Night Was a Child and We Frittered It Away

by Martha Ayres

**H**ow we needlessly taint our minds and bodies by not thinking about the implications of what we are doing.

Edifying. The word that my mother often used defending why I couldn't see some movie. Will you be a better person for having seen this movie? Of what use will seeing this, experiencing this, be to you? Will the experience be edifying? Discretion.

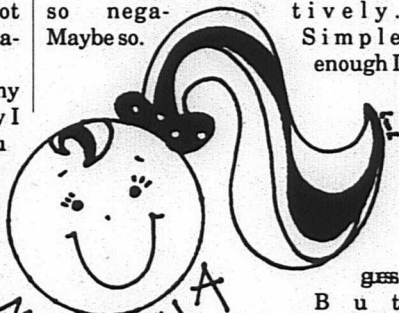
Some people can watch any movie, and they say it doesn't affect them. "It's only a movie," why should it affect you? Some people say they can watch something, and when it's over, it really is. Their mind can just put it out like the cat and go on as was; no thoughts wasted. But are we sure that, like the cat, they don't come crawling back in, all muddy and wet sometime?

Some people can't watch anything without being affected in some way. Some movies can be so disturbing that they can leave a residue of fear for a while, nightmares and such that only dim with time.

There are people who think about the movies, maybe too long, and let the scenes drag them down as the drama touches the realities of human existence without God.

Some would say that these people who are so "impressionable" should just stay away from these

movies and things that affect them so negatively. Maybe so. Simple enough I



But what about the others? Is it possible to open your mind to the ideas, connotations,

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The person that you are has in

part been affected by the influences that the people around you have had. Imagine how you'd be different having missed one of those people. So how much influence is allowed in our lives for movies, television and the like? I've been wondering at the effects of all of the garbage that has needlessly been poured into my head. Would I be who I am now, having the same thoughts, feelings, and reactions?

Some think that it would be best to stay completely away from such channels for "corruption." Others think that ignorance of real life; the inability to function socially outside of the family or a "sheltered" Christian atmosphere would inevitably result. Is there possibly a balance of the supposed ignorance and the supposed corruption?

My mother used to get so worried that we (the kids) were being forced to callous our hearts just to remain sane emotionally with all of the input that we received from t.v. and movies. "Doesn't that bother you?" she'd asked me while I apathetically listened to her stories from the news of poor victims in the world. It becomes a difficult task to tell the difference between illusion and reality after a while. After years of conditioning your mind, your emotions, and your expressions to react with slightness at what is not "real", how does one make certain that this conditioning does not affect the ability to react to reality? Is it dangerous to have two scales by which to measure emotional output? One being unfeeling, callous; the other trying to retain its original sensitivity.

If what you are watching doesn't affect you (meaning conjure up thoughts and questions), then what is the point? A two hour thrill? Is this where there is a choice between what has an uncertain influence on us and what is decidedly good? ☆



# Personality in Profile: Dr. Jayne Maugans

by Ivan T. Rocha

**A**nd then they say women are the weaker sex. Well, whoever "they" are, they haven't met Jayne Maugans—that is, Dr. Jayne Maugans: sociologist, author, quaker, feminist, wife. To say that this diminutive, ebullient woman has been through a lot would be a serious understatement. If anything, strength and a dogged determination characterize her person-

ality.

Maugans, 36, was born in Kansas City, Kansas, and married for the first time at age 19. Her undergraduate education at Wichita State University spanned approximately ten years, during which she worked full-time in a variety of jobs from assistant program director at a radio station to a counselor of adjudicated teenage women. After ob-

taining her master's degree, Maugans worked as a researcher in a law firm, a job which led her to consider a double PhD in law and sociology. As it is Dr. Maugans concentrated in sociology alone obtaining her PhD from UB, with specialization in theories of stratification, aging, and the family.

To be released at the beginning of 1992 is a book which resulted in part from her doctoral studies. Entitled *Aging Parents, Ambivalent Baby Boomers: A Critical Approach to Gerontology*, the book examines parent/child relationships in the United States today. In this work, Maugans theorizes that much of the tension observed between aging parents and children comes from a hierarchical and authoritarian family structure rather than from factors tied to demographics.

Maugans is not afraid to share aspects of her background which would ordinarily seem difficult to discuss publicly. Among these is her first marriage which floundered after her husband suffered massive head injury in a car accident. For three-and-a-half years after the accident, Maugans became the primary care-giver, and her husband ceased to be a partner to become a child, fully dependent on her. Gradually, her husband regained some of the mental capacity he had lost as a result of the accident. No memories, however, remained from their previous relationship or from his previous life. As a result, the situation became more and more difficult to maintain and finally resulted in the annulment of their union. Among the positive aspects of her first marriage, Maugans lists the intimate contact she had with the Italian community (of which her first husband was a member), as well as her temporary conversion to Catholicism to accommodate the preferences of her husband's family.

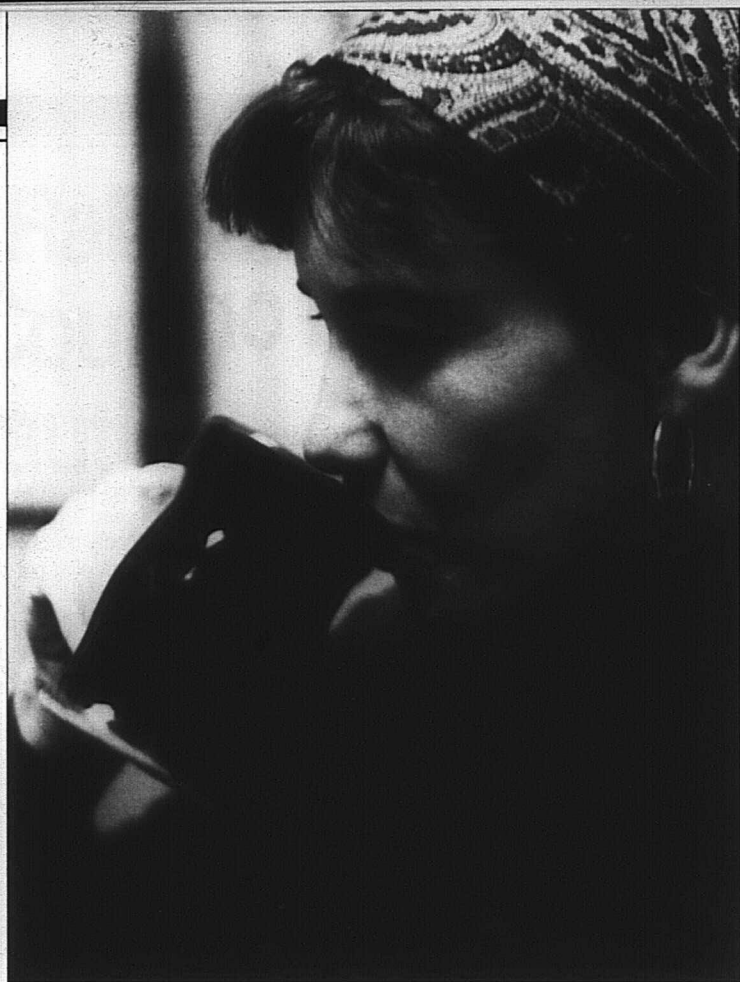




Three years ago, Maugans made the decision to enter a new marriage, this time to a ceramics professor at the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred. Through this union, Maugans has had the opportunity to examine in some depth yet another ethnic group. Her second husband is of Jewish descent and his immigrant grandmother is still living. To Maugans, ever the sociologist, this has been a rich source of discovery. Nevertheless, as someone once said, in every life a little shadow falls. In April of this year, Maugans' husband underwent surgery for cancer and spend the summer receiving radiation therapy.

But, apart from her family history, who is Jayne Maugans? An inveterate runner, Maugans greatly enjoys the outdoors. Currently living in Phillips Creek, Maugans and her husband are working on the restoration of an old farm house and trying their hand at true farm living. When home from teaching she divides her time between the many domestic animals the two have accumulated, gardening, canning, and overseeing the activities of a small farm household. Maugans enjoys film (especially foreign) and her tastes in music lean towards blues, jazz, and folk. Among her favorite performers she lists Pete Seeger, Holly Near, and the Weavers.

Maugans comes from a Quaker family and is, herself, a Quaker, attending the Alfred Friends Meeting. She finds the Quaker system particularly attractive for its emphasis on a personal relationship with God, its social activism, plain speaking (honesty and toleration of diverging opinions), unity through consensus, and personal simplicity. In addition, Maugans sits on the Peace and Social Concern Committee and is involved with the Material Aids Program which ob-



tains and distributes clothing to the disadvantaged the world over. An articulate apologist for her faith, Maugans is not afraid to discuss her views on Christian responsibilities vis-a-vis the social structures of modern life. To her Christ was a radical, someone who came to change the world through love, and modern Christians should be active followers of His ways rather than paying mere lip service to the teachings of Scripture.

Concerning her teaching position at Houghton, Maugans feels it is the most fulfilling she has had. A one-year substitute for Dr. Richard Perkins, currently on sabbatical leave, Maugans is teaching four courses here and is involved, simultaneously, in a developmental stud-

ies program at Alfred University.

To Maugans Houghton's greatest strengths lie in its emphasis on Christian community; its students—whom she finds particularly responsible, good-natured, and fun; its supportive faculty; and the good balance that is observed between mind (tough academics), body (good athletic program), and soul (Christian thought in the classroom). Among the weaknesses, Maugans perceives a certain insularity and unwillingness to challenge established patterns. To her, we are still a little too quick to judge.

Of the future, Maugans speaks with a degree of uncertainty. Her hope is to find a permanent, tenure-track position, preferably in this area of the country. ☆

# Bence Discusses Resignation on WJSL

by Matthew Harvey

**O**n Thursday, November 14, Houghton's Academic Dean Clarence L. Bence gave an interview over WJSL FM radio concerning the reasons and circumstances surrounding his recent resignation. First made public at a faculty meeting September 18, the dean's resignation was reported in the September 27 issue of *The Houghton Star*. Bence will be finishing out this year as dean and will be replaced for the 1992-1993 year by an interim dean to be selected from among our current faculty and administrators. The president hopes that by the fall of 1993 a permanent replacement will have been found either from Houghton or as a result of a nationwide search.

Bence's radio interview began by focusing on the campus reaction to the news of his resignation. Letters of reaction from students were read, all expressing affirmation of the job he has been doing as dean and confusion concerning his reasons for leaving.

Bence cited as his primary reason the nature of his responsibilities as academic dean. He said that there was "no joy" in his job; he spends too much time "paper pushing" that is, organizing schedules and salaries, and enforcing and making painful decisions concerning the college.

The dean said that he was not resigning because of a "mid-life crisis," but rather that he was suffering from burn-out as a result of the stress of being dean. In addition to difficult decisions of his own, Bence felt pressured in passing on decisions of the trustees, including the denial of tenure to David Meade and the

"Big Crunch" financial crisis which resulted in faculty cuts last year.

Bence stressed repeatedly that his departure was not the result of upper-level politics. He criticized that idea, stating that "it is naive for us to think that there aren't politics involved with everyday decisions." He said that his problem with politics was that "unhappy people is politics," and complained that as dean "every decision I make is likely to make someone unhappy."

Expanding upon that statement, the dean said, "I have felt the pressure of making decisions that determine people's future, and probably would like to get into an affirming role someplace where I help people develop and grow." He said that when he first accepted the position, he felt he could be a "pastoral dean," but now sees those two roles as contradictory, and that his trying to combine them was "not the wisest thing I ever did in my life."

Bence feels called to be a pastor, but not to preach or teach so much as "to care for souls." He also still feels called to the college campus, and does not wish to give up ministry with students. In addition he stated that he feels "called to joy," and that his dream job would be teaching college freshmen a course in basic Christian theology. He wishes to find a job where he can serve the Lord and still get "joy and satisfaction."

The dean feels pressured to make a decision regarding his new job, but does not wish to make a hasty decision either to stay on here in another capacity or to jump at a new job.

He said that his decision to resign has been more difficult than he thought

it would be, and that it is forcing him to come to grips with his limitations. The possible effect of a move on his son, Ryan, has made the decision especially hard. However, he asserted, "I have no feeling at all in my life that this is a mistake. I am headed in the right direction, I just don't see through the fog very far to see where I'm headed for."

Concerning the reaction to his announcement, Dean Bence said he has noticed puzzlement, but also a sympathetic acceptance of his decision, especially from the faculty. They have not been too surprised, and though they made it clear that they appreciate all he has done for the college, they have not pressured him to stay against his will.

Bence does not feel that his resignation will be traumatic for the institution unless the circumstances of his departure are misconstrued. He fears that people may see his resignation as a "conspiracy plot" or that the Wesleyan Church will react negatively to his leaving. Since he has no new job lined up, he worries that people might conclude that he was forced out or got "fed up" with the college and quite, when neither is the case.

Bence will not be involved in the process of choosing his replacement, and he says he will not push his own ideas about what a dean should be. He may be consulted for his opinion, however.

Appropriately for "Bud" Bence, the radio interview was not entirely serious. In addition to a discussion of his famed toilet bowl snow sculpture on the quad, a prank which occurred while he was a student here, Bud gave some parting advice to Houghton students. He advised students to be careful how they define success in their professional lives: "If the purpose is fulfillment, go for it." He also said that Houghton has been strengthened recently by its increasing diversity of political, religious, and social ideas.

In closing, Bence said he feels that reading the last name at graduation will be especially difficult and significant since he is an advisor of the class of '92, of which his oldest daughter is a member. ☆



# Spread of Rabies in Allegany County Inspires Caution

by Joel T. Tate

**R**abies, not prevalent in the area since an epidemic in the 1950's, is making a gradual resurgence in Allegany County and Western New York, moving northward at the rate of 25-40 miles a year from Northwestern Pennsylvania. According to the Environmental Department of Allegany Public Health, all of the townships surrounding Caneadea, with the exception of Hume, have had at least one reported case of rabies. Caneadea, and with it

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Houghton, has been unaffected by the spread of the disease thus far. Throughout 1991 in the rest of Allegany County 75 raccoons, one red fox, three gray foxes, one woodchuck, three skunks, and one red bat have been positively identified as having rabies compared to only 11 rabid animals identified in 1990. Similarly the number of people being treated for exposure to rabies has gone from 81 in 1989 to 197 in 1990 and almost 600 in 1991 to date.

Rabies is a virus transmitted through either saliva or blood. It attacks the central nervous system resulting in painful symptoms including

paralysis, convulsions, delirium, and the painful contractions of the throat that make victims of the disease fear the

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sight of water. When not treated, rabies is ultimately fatal in humans and animals.

Those at high risk of infection often take preexposure shots as a precaution. Those who might possibly have been exposed to the virus must receive shots. While these shots are certainly expensive they are not as painful or as taxing as the series of 23 shots in the abdomen that was previously required. It only takes six or seven shots in the shoulder now.

All things considered, this disease should be treated seriously. Hunters have special reason to act with caution; this year in the state three deer have been found to have rabies. Hunters should always wear elbow-length gloves taped to their skin when gutting

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deer or even handling a dead animal. The meat of even those animals that appeared healthy must be treated as if infected; preparing meat at 140°F or higher will kill the virus.

Ange Szymanski, head of the Houghton College custodial department, encouraged students who see suspicious animals—those exhibiting unusual or aggressive behavior—to contact security, the police, the Department of Environmental Conservation, or the information center.

Domestic animals, any pets that are allowed outdoors, must be considered potentially rabid because there is no accounting for their activities when out. Wet saliva from a pet dog that has had an encounter with a rabid animal can infect the owner, perhaps through a little cut on the hand. And dead animals can transmit the disease just as easily as live ones because it takes total decomposition to kill the virus. In light of all this, Diane Janes, director of residence life, emphasizes the standing rule that animals not be brought into campus housing, even pitiable and cuddly

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For those who want to know more about this disease, an expert, Dr. Jack Debbie of the New York State Department of Health will be speaking in Wellsville at the JMH Basement Classroom. The dates are November 21 at 2:00 p.m. and November 22 at 7:30 a.m. Register by calling (716) 593-1564. ☆



# Graham, Sculptor, Shows at Houghton

by Ivan T. Rocha

**O**n display in the Houghton art gallery are stone sculptures by George R. Graham of Oakfield, NY. Mostly in marble, many of the pieces are abstractions from nature.

Graham, 36, has many exhibitions to his credit and is represented by two galleries. Sculpture, he says, is the best way he feels he can express to others what he finds fascinating and beautiful. Of his work process, Graham says, "Simple shapes, movements, and gestures catch my eye. I like to focus on a basic



Photo Rocha 1991

elemental idea or shape, and then let the process of direct carving bring out a finished piece."

As for his choice of material, Graham feels greatly rewarded in bringing out the natural beauty of marble. "I work in stone," he says, "because it forces me to get down to bare essen-

tials and focus on what shapes will best serve my purpose."

A reception will be held in the gallery on Friday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m., and Graham's work will remain on display until Tuesday, November 26.

*All quotes are from the artist's resumé. ☆*

## Talented Trio to Perform Tonight

*From a Houghton College Public Information Office News Release*

**T**he Houghton College Artist Series will present an evening of chamber music by *The Valencia Trio* on Friday, November 22, at 8:00 p.m. in Wesley Chapel Auditorium. Composed of three of the finest chamber mu-

sicians in southern California, the ensemble will perform pieces ranging from the elegance of Telemann to the Spanish flair of Castelnuovo-Tedesco.

Oboist Allan Vogel has been heard with or-

chestras throughout the country and is particularly noted for his performances of the Mozart Concerto, the solo oboe concertos of the Baroque period, and the great Strauss Concerto. He is considered one of the world's greatest oboists.

Janice Tipton, flutist, has appeared frequently as soloist with such chamber ensembles as the California Chamber Symphony, the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and the Oregon Bach Festival. She is a member of the Santa Clarita Chamber Players.

Guitarist Jack Sanders' recital, chamber music and solo orchestra appearances have included the Kapalua Music Festival of Maui, Hawaii, the Arrowhead Bach Festival and concerts in Alaska. With violinist Clayton Haslop, he has toured the US, recorded a compact disc for Centaur Records, and performed in China where he was the first American guitarist to perform at the Shanghai Conservatory since the Cultural Revolution. He is the founder of the Claremont Guitar Society. ☆

# Bike-a-thon Raises \$500 for Cystic Fibrosis

by Michael Evans

Ten bicyclists braved the cold for a combined 234 miles in a Sunday afternoon bike-a-thon to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Riders were: Chris Cilento, David Peters, Christopher Atkins, Dan Uitti, Jeff Strickland, Ana Cafengiu, Jonathon Fabian, Matt Hauser, and Kim and Matt Taylor.

"I'm glad it's cold today because the people here are really dedicated," said Joel Sweda, Residence Life Director at Shenawana Hall and coordinator of the event. The clouds hid the sun during most of the windy afternoon. The temperature was in the high 30s. Riders watched the first snow of the season come in on cars returning from a Buffalo snow storm the night before. Fortunately, no snow fell on the riders here in Houghton.

"If you think it's cold, try riding in bike shorts" said Dan Uitti, a junior, who rode 30 miles.

The three-mile course started at the Campus Center and went around "the Campus Loop". Then riders exited through the main entrance and rode south on Route 19 for about a mile. At that point they returned, climbed "Heartbreak Hill" (between Fancher and South Hall), and repeated the course as many times as they could. Six of the riders rode at least 30 miles. Freshman Dave Peters rode the entire time from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and completed 48 miles protected by a hooded parka.

The riders collected donations per mile; thus, the farther they rode, the larger the donation. Contributions of fruit, hot chocolate, water

coolers, and walkie talkies as well as cash donations were made by about 13 campus organizations.

The bike-a-thon was a success in terms of participation according to the Shenawana dorm council which held the Sunday event. "The enthusiasm of the bikers was really high: some of them wanted to push past their limits" said Mike Wolcott, a sophomore and council representative.

The approximately \$500 raised in the bike-a-thon will go to the Cystic Fibrosis chapter in Syracuse, New York, to help further education, treatment, and research of the disease. Cystic Fibrosis affects 30,000 children and young adults. It is the most common fatal genetic disease in the United States. The basic defect causes a salt imbalance and primarily affects the lungs, pancreas, sweat glands and digestive system.

*The Shenawana Hall council would like to thank every individual and organization who participated; and would like to encourage everyone to get involved in activities like this. It's fun, fellowship, and a good way to "love thy neighbor." Keep your ears open for a possible walk-a-thon in the spring! ☆*

## Senate Report

by Stephen Virkler

Since the last *Senate Report* (done in my absence by Jim Hilliard), there have been two student senate meetings. In these meetings, the senate discussed the chapel attendance committee, the purchase of furniture for the senate conference room, the Winter Weekend theme, food ser-

vice, and the 1992-93 academic calendar.

According to student development committee representative John Brooks, a chapel attendance committee has been formed.

This committee is set up to enforce the chapel attendance policy by meeting with offenders and deciding how to deal with each individual situation.

The senate agreed to a proposal presented by senate treasurer Erich Neumann stating that senate would purchase a little over \$1200 worth of furniture for the senate con-

ference room. This room is located next to the information center, and there is usually at least one meeting in that room every day, said Neumann. He also said that it would have taken at least \$4500 to furnish the room, but the Xerox Corporation donated a sofa and some chairs to the senate. The purpose for this furniture, according to senate president Danner Chick, is to make the office more conducive to meetings.

The senate also decided that this year's Winter Weekend theme will be Walt Disney.

The student senate voted

to form an ad-hoc committee to look at some problems concerning the food service at Houghton. Concern was voiced about the repetitiveness of the menu and the messiness of the cafeteria (caused by students).

Finally the senate sent a couple of different proposals concerning the final four dates for the 1992-1993 academic year to the Academic Affairs Council. For more information on these proposals or anything else that is on your mind, stop in at the student senate office located across from the mailroom. ☆



# Men's Basketball Shows Promise for Season

by Ron Whiting

**W**hen the 1991-1992 edition of Houghton's men's basketball team takes the court, they will be fighting, not only for wins, but for respect. Last year's squad produced a 5-21 record, but lost many of those games in overtime or in the last two minutes, but more importantly, lost no players to graduation.

"Last year wasn't a good year, but a learning year," said sixth year head coach Steve Brooks. "We went back to a pretty hard conditioning program — like we had two seasons ago."

Brooks believes this strict pre-season program made the team grow closer to each other and closer to God.

"They have to turn to the Lord, knowing they can't make it on their own, and ask for his strength. Plus it brings the team closer together, because they need to lean on each other."

This unity is evident in the way they practice and in their scrimmages. Everyone seems to be hustling instead of just a few players, which Brooks attributes to maturity.

Leading the team are captains David Binkowski and Brian Adams, both 6'4" senior forwards. At point guard is Darren Berkley, a junior who earned honorable mention All-District last year.

Newcomers to the team include Scott Fasick, a 6'5" forward transfer

from Westminster, who "is a very physical player." Freshmen that look to have an impact on the varsity squad are Chris Morris, a 6'7" forward, Andy Carlsen, a 6'3" guard, and Andrew Gustafson, also a 6'3" guard.

Overall, the Highlanders have a great mixture of upperclassmen and freshmen that should put a lot of excitement into the season. That also makes the team goals look attainable.

"I want to make the playoffs, but my goal is to go out and play as hard as we can," explained Coach Brooks. "I want us to walk off the floor with our heads up, knowing we played our hearts out."

The team takes to the court tonight in the Pitt.-Johnstown tournament, making their home debut on Dec. 11 against Alfred at 8 p.m.

"One thing that's been a selling point at Houghton College is the school spirit," added Brooks. "I'd like to think that when we have a home game, the students will come out and support the team. Come out and blow off some steam in a positive way — cheer for Houghton."

# Houghton Cross-Country Finishes 29th in Wisconsin

by Kim Voorhees

**H**oughton's championship cross country team travelled to the University of Wisconsin at Parkside in Kenosha, Wisconsin last weekend.

After winning the district championship two weeks ago, the

Houghton cross country team set off to Wisconsin.

"I was pretty pleased," said Coach Bob Smalley. The women finished twenty-ninth out of forty-one teams with Naomi Castellani as the top

finisher for the team at sixty-first place out of 326. Castellani ends the season only thirty places (just a few seconds) away from being an all-American.

The men "ran pretty flat" said Smalley. They finished thirty-sixth

out of thirty-eight teams. The top finisher for the guys was Jon Cole at 253 out of 344. "The course was very wet," said Smalley, "that may have accounted for the slower times."

"All in all it was a great experience for everybody," said Smalley. Three of Houghton's women — Edie Barringer, Tammy Bence, and Sue Knas had their best times, and, to top it all off, Coach Smalley was voted as Region 8 Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year.



# Highlanders Take District 18 Men's Soccer Title

by Dan Noyes

**A**s the Houghton mens soccer team shoveled off their snow covered field two weeks ago they dreamed of warmer climates and the NAIA semi-finals. After their 4-0 victory over Geneva they began to pack their bags.

The bleachers were bursting with Houghton fans as the num-

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ber one seeded Highlanders met number two seeded Geneva two Saturdays ago. Houghton's offense pressured the Geneva goal often during the first half, but failed to put the ball in the net. In the second half however, they began to satisfy the swarm of Houghton supporters. Houghton's first goal came after

senior forward Randy Levak was tripped in the box after beating his man on a breakaway. Sophomore Dan Dominguez promptly put one past the Geneva defense throughout the game. Freshman Jamie Wellington caught the Geneva keeper out of position and took it past him for the third goal of the afternoon. Junior Eric Webb scored the fourth and final goal of the day with a shot that deflected off the far post and in.

That victory meant another district 18 championship for the Highlanders. It also meant a trip to North Carolina to meet the number six team in the nation, Catawba.

The highlanders showed confidence in their ability before leaving for the area tournament. "We haven't played to our potential yet this season," said Junior Eric Webb one day before the team was to leave, "if we do we can win in North Carolina." Winning would be no small accomplishment playing at Catawba's home field where they have a record of 67-8-3.

The lights went on Friday

night and Houghton took the field to the cheers of about 40 die hard fans who had made the pilgrimage to watch the game. "Our 40 fans were better than their 200" said Randy Levak. Then Freshman Jamie Wellington crashed the goal with an assist from Dominguez and went over a Catawba defender to tie the score at 1-1. The next goal came off a corner kick by Andy Doell where Freshman Mark Luckey found the goal, putting the Highlanders in the lead. Asked about Houghton's strategy after the second goal Senior John Percy replied "We were like a porcupine. We curled up and stuck our quills out. Every time one of their players

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got the ball three of our guys were on him." Senior goalkeeper Chad Groff had one of his best performances ever with nine saves. Houghton escaped some close calls in the form of shots going wide or finding the cross bar, but the final score was 2-1 Houghton in what coach Doug Burke referred to as Houghton's biggest victory ever. Houghton was the first NAIA team to beat Catawba at Frock Field since Belmont-Abbey in 1989.

Houghton failed to muster the same type of performance against number one seeded Alderson-Broadus Saturday afternoon however, losing the game 4-0 to put an end to their season. But, with the core of the team returning next year, the national championships may be within reach again in '92.

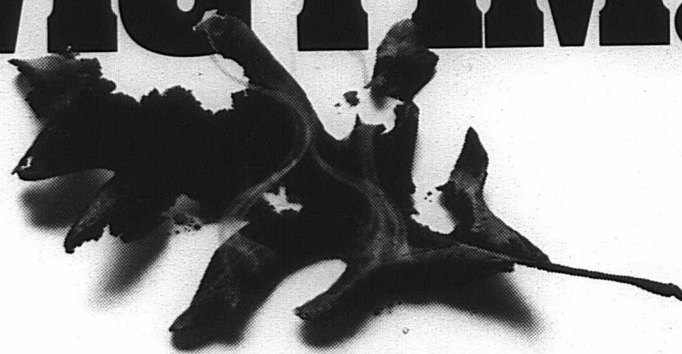
# Volleyballers Finish With a 34-3 Record

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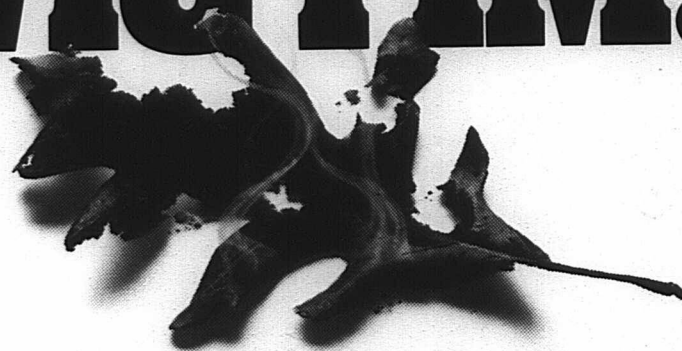
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# MAIL

Thank you Mr. Editor for your articulate statement in last week's *Star* in response to community protest about the funny papers that are not so funny. People say you are doing an excellent job as editor. But may I suggest—you are running true to form. Generation after generation of our bright young students at Houghton soon or later express surprise at the Puritanical standards confronted on this campus. I am happy you are finally aware of this. But somewhere in official publicity, in school catalogs, even from the chapel, the classroom and the church pulpit it is not made as clear as it ought to be to newcomers. This is a Puritanical town with a long and proud tradition. You may have heard of the term Wesleyan. You attend functions in the John and Charles Wesley Chapel from time to time.

We should apologize for not being more forthright about the Wesleyan tradition. It is something for which to be proud. You could have opted for Calvin College, Notre Dame, or any number of Luther or Methodist schools. You chose Houghton. Soak in it for a little while. It will not harm you.

The present church body of Wesleyans was the first Methodist group to protest slavery in the US and separated from other Methodists in 1843 when it was not an easy thing to do. But going back to our roots, every incoming freshman should be required to write a paper on a book: *The Rediscovery of John*

*Wesley* by George Croft Cell of Boston University, first published in 1935 but reprinted by University Press of America. The eighteenth century recorded some great events. It is remembered by some great names on both sides of the Atlantic. Europe had its Georges, its Boswell and Johnson, Handel, Goldsmith, Hume, Gibbon, Voltaire, and Rousseau. But it had its prophet Wesley who challenged a profligate Oxford, a corrupt government, a horrible slavery system, its rotting jails, and governmental scandals with the sweet gospel of Christ. The nation was reborn, and saved from a French Revolution. One American president is quoted as saying, "America was born in a revival of religion. Back of that revival were John Wesley, George Whitfield, and Francis Asbury."

John Wesley was and Episcopalian all his life, a Roman Catholic monk type in his early longing for holiness, a pietist in the best tradition, reading all the pietists in their original writings. He was a Puritan in his daily living, a Lutheran and a Calvinist in his espousal of salvation and sanctification by faith. He allowed for some emotion in religion, tempered by a good common sense. He was a missionary and an evangelist. He walked the streets begging money to buy coal for the poor. He preached to sooty-faced miners who crowded by the thousands to hear him preach on open hillsides. He had a brother Charles whose 6,000 hymns bore the gospel to the masses.

The end result of Wesley's blend of the interpretation of the historic New Testament faith into a lifetime of selfless ministry was such that the despised common people of the Isles were transformed into purposeful and hardworking citizens filled with the Spirit of Christ until society was changed. Can any of us afford to abandon this heritage and this faith? It seems the only hope for our suffering society as well as for our own poor souls.

Just as it is too late for atheists to plead for their cause after the experiments has been tried for 70 years and found wanting in Russia, so it is too late for any young American to defend an "anything goes" lifestyle. Our hearts are broken not only at the sorrowful truth about Magic Johnson but also for the 150 Americans who die daily with AIDS. Powerful forces in our culture have combined to sell the youth of our land a tragically wrongheaded philosophy. The book of Proverbs provides western culture with the basics of wisdom for prudent and joyful living. The cross of Jesus Christ provides the power to make it real in daily practice.

As a father of three and a grandfather to five, I have wondered sometimes if our beautiful students on this lovely campus really observe what they should? Do they watch the happy families in our college and church community? Christian families are a miracle of God's grace. They just don't fall out of a plum tree. They are the result of a dogged pursuit of ideals, practical holiness—Puritanism if you will. Is it a strange breed to you?

These words are penned in Christian love. How I covet for all who read these lines the joy of knowing personally the Lord Jesus by repentance and faith. And old hymn says: Lasting joys and purest pleasures/ None but Zion's children know.

Alton J. Shea



### Dear Houghton Community,

This letter is written a couple of weeks after Homecoming 1991, and its intentions are to share with you my thoughts as a Houghton alumna and as a sister in Christ regarding this year's Homecoming Senate Spot. As a Houghton alumna I was looking forward to attending Spot as I have in past years. To my disappointment, I found a few acts cutting and basically cruel. I am more than into my share of fun and playfulness, and a little humor directed at ourselves is necessary for lightening the load of life. But when fun turns to cruelty we must reevaluate. Also, as members of the body of Christ we are to strive to build up and encourage one another. The skit that included direct slams to an administrator and her decisions was mean spirited. If I had been that woman I would have been seriously wounded. I was wounded if we believe Romans 12:9-10. Furthermore the skit that attempted humor regarding praise music personally grieved me as it degenerated into a mockery of those in the body of Christ who are inspired to write this music as well as those who worship with the music. The hand-raising response from parts of the audience only affirmed the insensitivity. Truly, the redeeming part of the Spot, before I decided to walk out, was the rendering of the song about the men from your community who went on to be with God.

Many of you at this time are grieving. And sometimes grief looks ugly. We can get emotionally exhausted and weary. Perhaps amidst the trauma there was a lack of accountability to one another on the contents of the Spot. However, it should be remembered that many visitors come in to have a time of laughter that we all need. We come together at Homecoming to reminisce, catch up, play...many reasons bring us back to a place where we grew and changed. But at the heart of all the

nostalgia is Jesus and His love. My perspective is that I saw very little love in some of the acts in the Spot, and this lack of love left my friends and me rather disquieted. I offer these observations for reflection and for future reference. And I ask, "How do we treat one another? Who casts stones?" James speaks to us quite extensively on the subject of the taming of our tongues, and I pray for us all that we would think and pray before we speak.

Sharon E. Klay

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### Dear Editors,

You've dubbed us the "righteous rippers"—a title we've decided to keep. We're the group of students who ripped the back covers from the *Star* two issues ago during Parents' Weekend. Now, at your request for an explanation, we are answering.

Over dinner the night that issue came out, we discussed the *Doonesbury* strip which, if you recall, portrayed an unmarried couple engaged in sex. As you pointed out in your response to Elise Munyard's letter the following week, these two are married, but the counselor had advised them to "start their relationship again from the beginning" which indicates to us that they were engaging in premarital sex to begin with and we're back to our original objection that they're an unmarried couple and that premarital sex is being condoned. We feel that the *Star* should be representative of the college and students' views and, as of yet, we've found no one who condones extramarital relationships. *Doonesbury* is accessible—the library subscribes to many publications that print it—we don't need it in the *Star*. That is to say, we want to be different from secular colleges and do not want to promote these things.

As Christians, we are called to be in the world and of the world...we want to know what the world is thinking, but not condone it. Understanding that we may have taken a small sample (and thereby fallen into the fallacy of claiming we aren't the only ones who disapprove), we'd like to suggest that a poll be taken that reads something like the following:

Because of the opposition (voiced and unvoiced) to *Doonesbury*, we'd like to know your opinion as a student representing Houghton college. Which of the options should be taken?

- A. Keep *Doonesbury*.
- B. Find another comic (specify).
- C. Don't care (and won't hand this poll in anyway).
- D. Other.

We appreciate that the *Star* both tolerates and asks for differing viewpoints; we'd like to speak for those who disagree with *Doonesbury* and what it portrays.

Writing rather than ripping,  
Kenneth Atkinson  
Cory Gerould  
Megan Morrill  
(text by Jen Garrison)

**Editorial Note:** Nice try, and thanks for responding; readers' opinions are always welcome and will be published as long as they do not constitute a personal attack. Nevertheless, changing comic strips at this point in time is not a viable option without incurring significant financial loss due to contractual entanglements with Universal Press Syndicate. Should we sense stronger opposition from more than a vocal handful (five people, officially, out of a readership of approximately 1100—0.45% of the total, more or less, right?) we may take the loss and try to get a different comic strip for the spring semester. For now, please bear with those of us who like *Doonesbury*.

# FLIP SIDES

by Kelly Patterson

**A**s some of you might have noticed, my past two or three Flip Sides haven't been flipped. There seems to be only one story in each issue instead of two, and most of it is on a more serious note. The following article will explain this digression from the norm.

The biggest reason that I haven't written 2 separate articles in a while is because I haven't found enough humorous things in my being to express lately. At times, I've looked at myself in the mirror and seen a sallow, pallid face returning the glance. More and more I've found myself putting in the depressing tapes like *Chicago* or *Sting*, and just sitting alone, depressed. And I look around and see the same things in other people.

I have no idea about all of you, but I think that I've found my expectations that life in college would be an overall success are causing the problem in my life. The semester would end with a report of good health, good friendships, good grades. And when those expectations become insurmountable and seemingly unattainable, my spirits sank, my mood changed, and I became the depressed person I've been lately.

Last week I had a few tests which seemed to take up all my time. I studied and studied the night before each, and the grades which I got back slapped me in the face, with my reaction of mediocrity. "I'm so sick of ending up short of what I want, what I expect," I remember thinking.

Calls to my mother expressing my dismay with what I had or had

not accomplished filled my nights. And the calm reassurance that I was the only one who thought I was not succeeding that comforted my tears of inadequacy, seemed only to heal for a second. I just couldn't believe what she was saying.

Conversations with friends reinforced the idea that some form of chronic depression was sweeping over this campus. So much to do, so little time. So little output for so much input. So little joy. No more "I'm doing great" but "I'm alive" to the query of "how are you?"

Oh, how I wish this semester was over, to have a clean slate, a new chance to succeed in my definition of the world. My definition, is another problem. My emphasis on succeeding in a tangible way, written in letters, is yet another item to add to the list which is slowly increasing.

The day of my Biology exam, we stood in the chapel and sang, "It is well with my soul." I could feel the sensation of complete communion run into my body as the words echoed through the building. I thought, "It is well with my soul, isn't that what counts?"—to have a well soul even if your position in the worldly senses isn't so great. That my relationship with god is the best it can be is what counts, right? If only that feeling was permanent, and if only I could believe what that song's lyrics say...

After the exam I realized that I would never be happy with how I do academically if I keep the perfectionistic ideal in my head. The sensation of my soul being well would not last, and neither would anything

else in life. Everything passes away, and you can't take it with you.

I'm learning that expectations, if not for the reasons, are self destructive. Beating yourself up over grades doesn't help the situation, it just makes you feel that you can never change it.

I think, in my case, that I struggle so that God can show me my shortcomings. He breaks me down so that he can build me up. All he wants to do is mold me into the servant that I can be, if I would only let him.

To praise God through hardship. To realize that every moment of every day, I rely upon him for everything. The Psalms seem to jump out of the Bible for this reason. Throughout the book, prayers and songs of praise are exclaimed to the Creator. The interesting thing is, the authors that are praising him are human, with human problems. David's life was full of problems. His kids were a mess, he had a man killed to sleep with his wife, and his people weren't so happy with the way he was ruling. Everything seemed to climax when famine struck and David's sins were blamed for the punishment. David had to stop, and face God.

To ask forgiveness and praise God for his instruction seems so hard to do. We think he'll never listen or we aren't worthy of him, but David finally did, and God met him half way. I guess it took me this long to realize that I'm ready to meet him half way. Better late than never, I suppose.

I'm not saying that all of you are depressed for the same reasons. But I'm sure that whatever the reason, God is ready to comfort you, to put that smile back on your face, and make your soul well again. For it is written in Isaiah 9:1 "Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles." ☆



# Blackberries

by Johnathan Wydysz

Dear Sir:

I read your ad requesting queries from new writers for scripts and plot summaries of B grade horror movies. I have an idea that is sure to be the rage of college campuses across the nation. It promises to be a cult classic in the fine traditions of *The Attack of the Killer Tomatoes*, *Them*, *The Blob*, and *They Came From Outer Space*. This 90 minute 3-D thriller would be called *And They Called it—Food!* The setting will be a small, rural college campus in the middle of nowhere, a 25-minute car ride from anything that even closely resembles dining out.

Outrageous already, I know. But it gets even more bizarre. The college confiscates all the ovens, stoves and microwaves, forcing all the students to eat the food prepared by the heinous Frontier Food Facility. And then the food isn't even any good. It's bland, shapeless, non-nutritional, and lukewarm. And what isn't overcooked is undercooked. The food that wasn't finished off one day would be discovered the next day, a lighter shade of what was served the day before, and a little mushier.

Now to this backdrop add the fact that the poor, half-starved college students must wear an ID tag clipped to their right ear so that they can be identified by the Frontier Food Facility and marked for quota measurement.

The Frontier Food Facility also runs the student snack shop and there serves hummingbird wings masquerading as Buffalo-style chicken wings and greased up man-hole covers as pizzas. All this and

much, much more served as relatively clean dishes and in cloudy, eye dropper, communion-sized glasses.

Now that you have an overview of the premise, I will introduce the hero to you... a young, idealistic, ambitious, well-dressed, hot, overly intelligent business major. Our hero sees the possibility of establishing a small café where he will sell quality prepared food at fair prices to the desperate college students. He will do this with a loan he procures from his dad who's never trusted him and who he hopes to impress by finally "making something of himself" and "turning a profit" instead of being a "liability." However, Frontier Food Facilities has other ideas and quickly undercuts the struggling young man's prices once he establishes his fledgling business. The disillusioned young man drops his business major and becomes a religion major, in hopes of opening his own Wesleyan Church franchise.

Then, the movie will focus on the poor students standing in line, listless, jaundiced, scurvy-ridden, hopeless, sallow-faced hollow shells, waiting to be served the brown, shapeless, congealing goop that is being served by destitute students with attitudes. And a young hopeful, bright-eyed, innocent, naive freshman meekly asks, "What is it?" he is answered in a low growl by one of FFF's police "It's called food, kid!" The End.

I hope you will see the potential of this idea and the universal applicability it will have among college-aged young people. Thank you for your consideration. ☆

Etc...

*It was inevitable: the scent of bitter almonds always reminded him of the fate of unrequited love.*

Gabriel García Márquez,  
*Love in the Time of Cholera*

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# The Black Hole

M. L. TAYLOR

I am disgusted. Surprised? I didn't think so. It's not because of what you may think though. I'm usually disgusted by most things that happen on this dying planet. But, I digress, so let me progress to the issue: Magic Johnson.

I know, I know, you're sick of hearing about him. I am too, but I would like to address an issue here that hasn't yet (to my knowledge) been addressed.

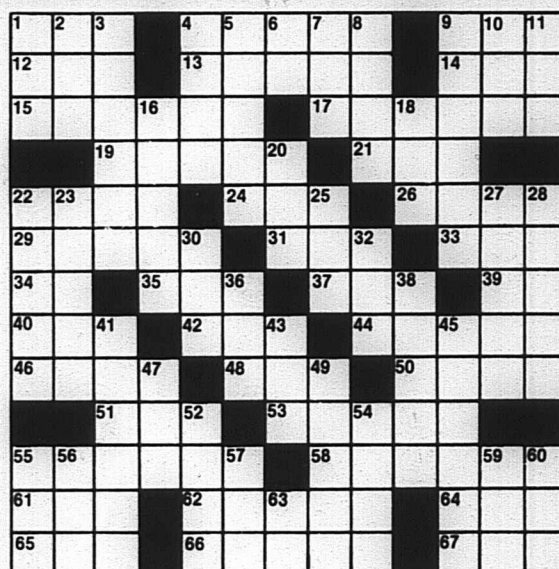
Who has the right to put this man in a spot where he is martyred for the cause of chastity? I mean, why him? Just because the man has slept with more women than can be counted on the hands of all Houghton students, who are we as mere humans to condemn him for his lack of care in this matter? Does anybody here know this man personally? Do you really know how many women he has been with? Can you say for sure anything about Mr. Johnson that you can confirm outside of the occasional news tabloid?

People, I don't condone his actions, nor do I think what he did was justifiable by any means. I do think that he was foolish in his life choices in doing what he did. I also think that what resulted from these actions (i.e., HIV) may well have been avoided [obviously] if he took more care in his actions. I do not condone "safe sex" or premarital sexual relations.

I do not believe that anyone has the right to publicly slam Mr. Johnson for his actions or that anyone has the right to publicly laud him for the same. What I do believe is that we, as Christians with responsibility and intelligence, should simply look at the example before us and remember it when temptation comes. We can learn from the mistakes of others without subjecting them to public ridicule. I believe that these tactics should have gone out with the stocks and pillory.

I don't mean to hide behind "the first stone" analogy, but I simply wish to denote those things which I see as having a negative effect on a person's Christian walk. To condemn another and to use them as an example is wrong. It is just as wrong as what Mr. Johnson did. It, in my eyes—and I would like to believe, in the eyes of God—is no better than having committed the act yourself.

I think that if you have sense enough to walk with The Lord, you should have sense enough to see things at face value and not have to publicize and advertise them all in the name of "example." That's not Christianity, that's politics. God is not a political being. He is a loving one. Shouldn't we be more concerned with the man's soul than with his status on earth? I think that Christ would be. Let Christ speak to you through this, not men. Men are fallible (myself included) and they will never be able to lead you in the direction you must follow. Instead, follow The Lord.



## ACROSS

1. Unhappy
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14. Hail!
15. Do over
15. Take forcefully
19. Dot
21. Allow
22. Put foot forward
24. Perfect number
26. Dash
29. Silk net
31. Rest
33. Self
34. Morning time (abbr.)
34. Rock band of 1970's
37. Neon
39. Thing
40. Fishing reel
42. Gov. police agency (abbr.)
44. Steps over a wall
46. Vacation
48. Incorporated (abbr.)
50. Old
51. Bow-shaped
53. Soft material
55. Domed roof
58. Refusal
61. Dined

62. Accede
64. Attempt
65. Each
66. Castle ditches
67. Strain to fill out

## DOWN

1. Man's title
2. Plural verb
3. Knight's lady
4. Sweep leaves
5. Build
6. Myself
7. Pen fluid
8. Cat appendage
9. Sleeveless coat
10. Egg
11. Energy
16. Red fruit
18. Scotland river
20. Man's name
22. Begin
23. Growth
25. Pester
27. Alert
28. Distinguished
30. Mischievous child
32. Ballet step
36. Jap. sash
38. Mar
41. Baby's garment
43. Those not out
45. Light
47. Champion
49. Military student
52. Shell fish
54. Prepares golf ball
55. Hat
56. Indian
57. At one time
59. Noah's boat
60. Leached wood ashes
63. Egyptian sun god

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