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## THE world OUT there

BY BEN HUGHES  
STAR STAFF WRITER

### President Bush Appoints Panelists to Study Intelligence Failures

On Feb. 6th, President Bush appointed seven members of an independent commission that will investigate U.S. intelligence shortcomings regarding Iraq's weapons of mass destruction (WMD). The President had previously opposed such an independent study panel, but faced mounting pressures from Democrats and even some Republicans.

The President's announcement followed recent congressional testimony by David Kay, the U.S.'s former head weapons inspector. Kay reported that pre-war assessments of Iraq's WMD have not been substantiated. In a speech the previous day, CIA Director George Tenet defended U.S. intelligence on Iraq, but asserted that intelligence analysts never claimed that Iraq posed an imminent threat. Tenet contended that his agency's overall work on Iraq was presented objectively and with caveats. He acknowledged that analysts lacked consensus on some assessments and also made some misjudgments.

In his speech, Pres. Bush promised, "We're also determined to make sure that American intelligence is as accurate as possible for every challenge in the future." Accordingly, the nine-member commission will not only probe the Iraq WMD controversy, but will also investigate U.S. intelligence-gathering in general within the context of the White House's ongoing war against international terrorism. The commission will study U.S. intelligence on the global proliferation of WMD as well as specific countries such as North Korea and Iran, both of which are suspected of harboring covert weapons programs.

President Bush named former Democrat Charles S. Robb and retired Republican judge Laurence H. Silberman as the bipartisan panel's co-chairs. A moderate Democrat, Robb has served as a senator and governor of Virginia. After serving as deputy attorney general under Nixon and Ford, conservative Silberman was appointed by Reagan to a federal appeals court in 1985.

The other panel appointees named by the President include: "[Republican] Senator John McCain; Lloyd Cutler, former

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## SGA Forum Presents a New Vision for Campus Center

BY ELAINE TOOLEY  
STAR STAFF WRITER

A good-sized crowd of Houghton students filled the lounge of East Hall on Thursday night for the SGA Forum, where they hoped to share in the vision concerning future plans for the campus center. The discussion revolved around the

notion that Houghton lacks a place for students to "hang out." SGA and Student Life identified a lack of hang out space following the closing of Sweet Attitudes and have spent the better part of a year searching for a suitable solution.

The solution that was presented to those in attendance involves renovating the

basement of the campus center into a coffeehouse. The need for a place for students to be able to hang out prompted SGA and Student Life to look into other sites, such as houses in the immediate vicinity of Houghton College. Unable to

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PHOTO BY NATHAN BOYD

SGA President Danielle Luckey and Dean Tilley share their ideas for a renovated Campus Center basement during the SGA forum.

## Houghton's Rumschik to Enter Military Chaplaincy

BY CHRISTINA TURNER  
STAR STAFF WRITER

Although many seniors may still be agonizing over what to do after graduation, Mike Rumschik already has a job lined up as a chaplain for the U.S. Army. Rumschik, a religion major with a ministerial concentration, will enter the Army as an officer, combining military and pastoral service.

"I knew I wanted to be a chaplain," said Rumschik. "I felt the Lord was calling me to serve Him through preaching and pastoral things, but I've also had a passion for the military. I'm fulfilling both my dreams by being a pastor for the military."

Since he was a freshman, Rumschik has balanced ROTC training with his other activities. In ROTC, he has taken military science classes through St. Bonaventure, which acts as a host school. In addition to classes, Rumschik and other ROTC members have to get up at 5:30 AM in order to do physical training three times a week. When he wasn't training with ROTC, Rumschik has served as Head Resident in the College Flats and as the captain of the men's club volleyball team.

The summer after his junior year, Rumschik attended a camp in Washington designed for ROTC students who planned

to enter the military upon graduation. "They evaluated our skills, knowledge, and leadership potential," Rumschik explained. Based on the evaluations, the students were ranked, with the higher-ranking candidates essentially getting to



PHOTO BY JOSH MILLER

Senior ROTC member Mike Rumschik looks forward to a career as a military chaplain.

pick their position. Because chaplain is one of the most difficult positions to attain, Rumschik was delighted when he learned that he was one of eleven candidates in the nation picked to be Army chaplains. Fellow Houghton student Adam Tietje will also be serving as a chaplain, and other Houghton seniors will enter the Army in positions in the infantry and the transportation corps.

Rumschik looks forward to his job. "I'm excited to work with people and love them. I have a passion for people that are hurting, that are down and out in life," he said. "I'm excited to work with young kids in the army-to show them the truth."

However, even after graduation, Rumschik still has hard work ahead of him before he can achieve his goal. Army chaplains must first be awarded a Master's of Divinity (MDiv) and be ordained before beginning their service. After graduation, Rumschik and his wife, Melody, plan to move to Kentucky where Rumschik will attend Asbury Theological Seminary on Army funds.

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White House Counsel to Presidents Carter and Clinton; Rick Levin, the President of Yale University; Admiral Bill Studeman, the former Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; Judge Pat Wald, a former judge on the D.C. Court of Appeals." The final two members of the commission are yet to be determined.

Despite the administration's inclusion of diverse, bipartisan experts, some Democrats have questioned whether the commission can be truly independent. Such critics have also demanded an investigation to determine whether the Bush administration manipulated intelligence about Iraq's alleged weapons.

Created by executive order, the commission will release its report by March 31, 2005. All federal departments and agencies are ordered to cooperate with the commission's investigation. President Bush additionally specified that "[t]he commission will have full access to the findings of the Iraq Survey Group," the large U.S. team searching for WMD in Iraq.

Text of the executive order creating the commission: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/02/20040206-10.html>.

Most recent Iraq-related news: <http://story.news.yahoo.com/fc?cid=34&tmpl=fc&in=World&cat=Iraq>.

**North Korea Commits to Talks**

On February 3rd, North Korea finally agreed to a second round of six-nation talks to address its controversial nuclear weapons program. The summit is scheduled to commence on Feb. 25th in Beijing. Diplomats from North and South Korea, the U.S., Japan, China, and Russia will participate.

North Korea and the U.S. have sharply disagreed over how the nuclear impasse will be resolved. North Korea has repeatedly demanded the resumption of oil shipments (which the U.S. cut off early in the crisis), economic aid, and a U.S. non-aggression pact. The Bush administration has insisted that North Korea freeze or dismantle its nuclear weapons program, subject to the verification of international inspectors. So far, neither side has demonstrated much interest in making concessions. A final deal will probably prove highly difficult to obtain.

The North Korean nuclear crisis began in October 2002, when U.S. officials announced that the communist regime had confessed to harboring a covert nuclear armaments program. The program is in direct violation of a 1994 agreement between North Korea and the U.S. as well as international nuclear safeguards. Following the U.S.' disclosure of its nuclear program, Kim Jong-Il's government expelled U.N. inspectors, withdrew from the

Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and eventually proclaimed that it had achieved "nuclear deterrence" against a possible U.S.-led attack.

U.S. experts estimate that North Korea already possesses one or two rudimentary nuclear bombs. If it is now utilizing plutonium extracted from its 8,000 spent fuel rods, the secretive regime could be producing 6-12 additional nuclear weapons.

The first round of high-level talks took place last August in Beijing, but ended inconclusively. North Korea's recent commitment to renew talks followed only after months of intense negotiations between the countries involved.

News on North Korea: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/world/asia/eastasia/northkorea/>.

**Update on Sudan**

The three main rebel groups in southwest Sudan announced on February 5th that they are open to peace talks with the Khartoum government. The fighting between the rebels and government forces in the Darfur region has reportedly created around 600,000 refugees.

The rebels proposed that the multiparty talks commence in Geneva on February 14th. Khartoum has yet to officially reply to the request. While peace talks with separate rebel groups in southern Sudan have been progressing, the year-old conflict in Darfur has only intensified.

According to rebels and independent sources, the Khartoum government is allegedly bombing Darfur insurgents near the border with Chad and attacking villages, killing civilians in the process. Hundreds of thousands of Sudanese have fled from the fighting, with many seeking refuge in neighboring Chad. Government officials deny that the military is targeting civilians.

For the latest Sudan updates: <http://story.news.yahoo.com/fc?cid=34&tmpl=fc&in=World&cat=Sudan>.

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find a suitable location, the area between Big Al's and the post office, where the ping-pong tables and pool tables are currently housed, is the site for the new Houghton hangout. This coffeehouse atmosphere will provide students with a place to relax and interact, a place for the overflow of Big Al's patrons, and a location for activities such as poetry readings and student forums. Ideas for the exact look of the renovated basement will ultimately come from students via a taskforce that is soon to be established. However, ideas mentioned at the SGA forum included having a portable stage for concerts, having counters with stools and available refreshments, and possibly having couches, tables, and booths. The idea behind this vision is to create an atmosphere of fun and relaxation that the students of Houghton can enjoy.

Both SGA and Student Life have united in a combined effort to plan and fund this project. An estimated cost for the renovation is between \$50,000 and \$60,000. Through the donations of two generous parties, more than half of that total has already been collected. An individual private anonymous donor contributed \$10,000 toward the coffeehouse project, and Mr. Robert Van Dyk, Chairman of the President's Advisory Board and businessman from New Jersey, agreed to donate \$25,000 in the effort. With these two donations, the project only requires \$15,000, which will come from the Student Project Fund.

The games that are currently located in the area of the new coffeehouse will, potentially, be relocated to what is now the office of WJSL. With some remodeling, the current WJSL office will become the new student game room, housing such activities as ping-pong, pool, and air hockey. Because WJSL has no faculty adviser, no legal license to broadcast, and supposed limited student support, SGA and Student Life found that the game room will result in a better and more immediate use of

space and resources. In the event that Houghton College Radio is revived in a few years, another broadcasting site will be provided.

Some students felt that the radio station was simply being written off, and voiced their disconcerted feelings. Others questioned whether or not the decision to create a hangout was negotiable or if it had already been decided by SGA and Student Life. The proposed situation that was presented to those at the forum seemed, in one student's opinion, like a "glorified Big Al's." While some students left angered, others gladly volunteered their ideas about the coffeehouse to come and are eager to see the improvements that will enhance student life at Houghton.

To update the games and equipment for the intended game room, the SGA has asked for \$10,000 from the Student Project Fund in addition to the proposed \$15,000 for the coffeehouse. Therefore, the SGA is petitioning for \$25,000 toward the remodeling and renovation of the campus center basement. The petition needs to be signed by 200 students before it is sent to the Senate to be voted on.

Brainstorming and design development of the coffeehouse will occur this semester, with the actual physical renovation taking place over the summer. The coffeehouse will be available for use next semester.

In an effort to provide students with what they desire in a hangout spot, ideas for the design of the campus center basement are being solicited by the SGA. Contact Danielle Luckey, Laura Pasicka, the SGA office or email [SGA@houghton.edu](mailto:SGA@houghton.edu) with any suggestions. If you would like to sign the petition granting the allocation of \$25,000 from the Student Project Fund to be put toward the coffeehouse and game room projects, it is available at the Info Center.

## GETTING TO KNOW ...

### Scott A. Mills

by KYLE NAGY  
STAR STAFF WRITER

**Title:** Assistant Athletic Trainer and Instructor of PE.

**Responsibilities:** Working with student athletes in injury prevention.

**Education:** BS Houghton College (2000), MS Bloomsburg University - Exercise Science.

**Previous Employment:** Tabor College (Kansas) - Work Trainer.

**What do you like about Houghton?** I love the community. The transition from being a student to being a teacher was a little odd, but I love being here. I think it is a very good setting to work in.

**Hobbies:** Playing guitar, song writing, and occasional adventure sports when I get the time.

**Favorite Scripture Passage:** Philippians 3-4

**Top 5 Movies:** *Memento*, *Vanilla Sky*, *Fight Club*, *Dead Poets' Society*, and, of course, *The Lord of the Rings* series.

**How about the Super Bowl?** One of the best games in recent years. I had to go out on Sunday afternoon to get a new TV because my old one blew up earlier that week. My team, the Redskins, weren't in it so I really wasn't pulling for either team.

**Paper or Plastic?** Whatever they give me.

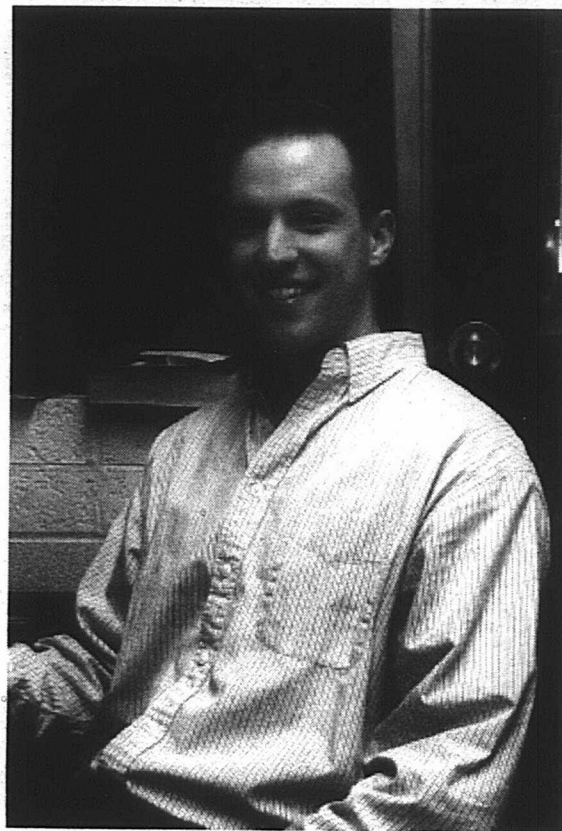


PHOTO BY NATHAN BOYD

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## Tuition Hike Approved for Next School Year

BY RACHEL BRASK  
STAR STAFF WRITER

This past week, Houghton administrators approved a plan that will incrementally increase tuition over the next five years. The projected cost for tuition next year will be approximately \$18,660, a \$676 increase from this year's current cost of \$17,984. This increase may seem large, but in comparison, most other private colleges have raised tuition by 5% while public colleges are experiencing raises around 14%.

About 50% of this tuition goes toward academics and staff and faculty salaries and benefits. About 20% is used toward the plant workings of the college, including custodial/maintenance, insurance, food services, purchasing, dorm operations, accounting, investment and planning. The rest is approximately divided out 10% each to enrollment, advancement and student life.

The most significant factors in this tuition increase are rising health care costs, rising energy costs, and insurance. The cost of health care has risen about 17%, making it more difficult to cover without such an increase. Natural gas (which the college uses for heating and energy) costs have doubled from what they were in September. Jeff Spear, Vice President for Finance, jokes that instead of raising more money to compensate, "we could just turn off the heat in East Hall." Insurance for the college has also become more costly, with rates increasing what they were before 9-11-01 and with fewer insurance carriers interested in provid-

In addition to all the aforementioned expenditures needed to meet Houghton College's running budget, the college also hopes to make improvements over the next few years as well in order to keep the facilities up to par with comparable institutions. Jeff Spear commented on the need for improvements in East Hall, such as the replacement of carpets, tubs and fixtures, to make the dorm "more modern and presentable."

As a private institution that receives no state funding, 90% of the college's income is obtained from enrollment, meaning that any small change in enrollment can have a significant impact upon the school's financial matters, such as the slight decrease in enrollment in the last 2 years. Student recruitment and increased enrollment can help to level off the tuition; however, as Spear states, "price matters to keep the same constituency." The college could increase enrollment acceptance significantly to keep tuition at its current rate, but this would cause problems in the housing situation. In this, Spear stresses that financial stewardship works both ways between the college and the students: what the school charges students and on what money is spent. He also informs that the college is not just taking student tuition and blowing it irresponsibly. Speaking on the budget, Spear asserts, "We do indeed fit with the kind of institution we are...we match up with the [colleges] we are compared with...we appreciate the resources we have and make them go as far as they can."



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## Senate Ad Hoc Committee to Decide Fate of WJSL

BY JOSH MILLER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Tuesday, February 3rd, Houghton's Senate created an ad hoc committee which will deliberate on the question of what to do with Houghton's former radio station, WJSL. The committee, made up of Chris Stanley, Kaylin Wainwright, Kevin Thompson, Ben Hughes, Daniel Roorda, and Jessica Spear (who initiated the establishment of the committee through her proposal), will have four weeks to survey student interest and possible options for the future of Houghton College's radio program.

"This is part of a last-ditch effort to find out if there's student interest," says SGA Vice President Laura Pasieka. Through dialogue with the Class Cabinet as well as information from an informal poll outside of the SGA office, Pasieka says that the student response to the question, "Are you interested in saving WJSL?" seems to be "an overwhelming 'no.'"

However, in the course of deliberations at Senate, Chris Stanley, former DJ and officer for WJSL, offered to manage the station without the previously-given

student scholarship and was confident that he could find others to help him run the station. In an effort of "good faith," the Senate decided to give Stanley's idea a chance and established an ad hoc committee, which will have "absolutely no more than four weeks," according to Pasieka, to discuss ideas for preserving Houghton Radio. "Ideally before February break the committee will come back and report to Senate," she says.

Pasieka and SGA President Danielle Luckey both hope that the committee will strongly consider the possibility of broadcasting over the web. "It's really popular at a lot of other schools," says Luckey. "We have all the equipment to do it, it wouldn't take up that really precious space it has now, and it wouldn't consume the same amount of resources." Luckey also notes that "all the alumni and the parents of students could hear it while we're broadcasting," which would not be possible on a typical radio frequency "that could only reach Houghton at best."

Since the ad hoc committee will make its decision in the near future, Luckey and Pasieka ask for all students to contact the SGA as soon as possible if they are interested in saving the radio station.

## Artist Series Begins with a "Romantic" Performance

BY GEMMA CARCICH  
STAR STAFF WRITER

It was a romantic night in Wesley Chapel last Saturday, musically speaking. Alexander Borodin, Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, and Franz Liszt-composers of the Romantic period-took center stage as guest conductor James Tapia, internationally-acclaimed pianist Dr. William J. Newbrough, and the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra inaugurated a new semester of Artist Series concerts. The orchestra was a return visitor to Houghton College, having given a thoroughly enjoyable performance here during the last Artist Series. They did not disappoint this time around, as Mr. Tapia led the Orchestra through a program that included a symphony, symphonic poem, and an uncharacteristic piano concerto.

The Orchestra's lyrical ability was showcased in Borodin's *In the Steppes of Central Asia*, a symphonic tone poem that seeks to portray a caravan traveling under military escort through the Russian steppes. Alexander Borodin, like many composers of the late nineteenth century, was a strong nationalist, and his Russian heritage flows naturally into his work through folk songs and vivid musical paintings. The Orchestra's rendition of the opening theme, a simple statement of a

folk-like melody in the winds and brass, conjured the expansive peacefulness of the Russian landscape, an image Borodin would have been glad to have heard. The string section also shone, achieving a remarkable blend and balance of sound as the theme was later passed from section to section. To conclude the piece, the winds, brass, and strings joined in layering the theme among themselves in a powerful declaration of ethnic pride.

Franz Liszt, though only slightly older than Borodin, was more interested in new musical directions than in national identity. His *Piano Concerto No. 2 in A major*, superbly performed by Houghton's own Dr. William J. Newbrough, deviates from more standard concertos in that it has only one movement (rather than three), and that the soloist takes a less prominent role in proportion to the orchestra than is typical for the period. This concerto features a rich, lush orchestral part, in addition to brilliant writing for the pianist, and demands excellence from both soloist and orchestra. Naturally, the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra proved equal to the task, demonstrating both technical consistency in the strings, particularly in chromatic passage-work of the violins and cellos, and articulate ensemble-playing in the winds. Dr. Newbrough exhibited his

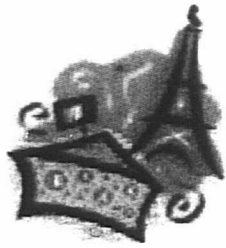
mastery of the piano with solid, unobtrusive musicality during accompaniment sections and virtuosic artistry in solo moments. Dr. Newbrough also revealed his outstanding ability to transition seamlessly between passages of slow and fast, lyrical and bombastic, intricate and straightforward writing. Mr. Tapia and Dr. Newbrough were as impressive as a unit as they were in their separate parts, navigating elaborate duet-like sections with stability and eloquence.

Piotr Tchaikovsky, who could be said to embody characteristics of both Borodin and Liszt, entered the Chapel after the intermission and provided a fitting end for the concert. Tchaikovsky was kinsman and contemporary to Borodin and used Russian melodies in his compositions; however, he was trained in Europe, not Russia, and therefore incorporated more of European Romanticism than Russian into his writing. His *Symphony No. 4 in F minor, Op. 36* is a perennial crowd-pleaser, being among the three most-performed of his symphonies (with the Fifth and Sixth). The first movement opens and closes with an ominous brass fanfare of impending doom, known famously as the "Fate" theme. The movement presents several rhythmic difficulties to the conductor, through which Mr. Tapia maneuvered with

apparent ease. The second movement softens the despairing passion of the first into quiet sadness with singing winds and strings. In contrast to brass dominance in the previous movement, heart-rending oboe and bassoon solos open and close the movement and the Symphony soloists performed their music admirably. The next movement, labeled *Scherzo: Pizzicato ostinato*, is a light-hearted contrast to the first two movements and a welcome disruption of their gravity. The Syracuse string section was able to show off its significant dexterity in the lengthy *pizzicato* sections (in which the strings are plucked with the fingers, rather than bowed). The high winds, including oboe and piccolo, were also prominently featured, and the Symphony players rose to the occasion, playing with clarity and strength. The last movement changes styles again, this time adding thunderous cymbals to the fanfares of the first movement. The "Fate" theme returns stronger than ever, with a forced cheerfulness added by Tchaikovsky's quotation of a Russian folk melody. The symphony, and the concert, concluded with the orchestra at full volume, resignedly laughing death in the face.

## Winter Weekend 2004 *Affaire D'Amour* a night in Paris

- SPOT-** Friday, February 13  
11 p.m.
- Banquet-** Saturday, February 14  
6:30 - 9 p.m.
- Movie-** *Sabrina* Saturday, February 14  
following Banquet



## Top Ten Ways to show "I Love You"

BY SARAH KUZIOMKO  
STAR STAFF WRITER

10. You ignore the fact that she sweats like Niagara Falls.
9. You graciously accept, cherish, and wear his high school JV swimming jacket.
8. You pretend not to notice when she trips up the stairs.
7. "Baby, if me and my boys weren't going out tonight, I'd so be hanging with you!"
6. You take the burnt piece of pizza for dinner.
5. You don't watch him snag your Valentine's Day necklace from a vending machine.
4. "Oh, no, I completely understand that you have to go tanning instead, Jim."
3. Romance is Deb's Place and a carnation.
2. You're supportive of his 4th try at library research.
1. "No honest Billy, I love spending Valentine's Day with your mom."

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What's your favorite thing about Valentine's Day?

- "Having a girlfriend. Better to be happy then spend the day ticked."  
-Christopher Austin, senior
- "Getting Valentines in the mail."  
-Courtney Munn, junior
- "Candy."  
-Faye Umble, senior
- "It's a holiday, which means it's an excuse not to do work!"  
-Sarah Keely, senior
- "I am pretty indifferent to Valentine's Day. It's nice to do things for those you love, but it's unfortunate that love only gets acknowledged one day on the calendar"  
-Katie Bowman, senior
- "It doesn't exist. It is Singles Appreciation Day."  
-Kim Prins, junior.

ANSWERS COMPILED BY AARON BOYNTON

## Valentine's Day poetry for the Hopelessly in Love (or for just the hopeless)

### Variations On The Word Love Margaret Atwood

This is a word we use to plug holes with. It's the right size for those warm blanks in speech, for those red heart-shaped vacancies on the page that look nothing like real hearts. Add lace and you can sell it. We insert it also in the one empty space on the printed form that comes with no instructions. There are whole magazines with not much in them but the word love, you can rub it all over your body and you can cook with it too. How do we know it isn't what goes on at the cool debaucheries of slugs under damp pieces of cardboard? As for the weed-seedlings nosing their tough snouts up among the lettuces, they shout it. Love! Love! sing the soldiers, raising their glittering knives in salute. Then there's the two of us. This word is far too short for us, it has only four letters, too sparse to fill those deep bare vacuums between the stars that press on us with their deafness. It's not love we don't wish to fall into, but that fear. This word is not enough but it will have to do. It's a single vowel in this metallic silence, a mouth that says O again and again in wonder and pain, a breath, a finger grip on a cliffside. You can hold on or let go.

### Conversation Heart Haikus Christina Turner

Conversation hearts  
Ah, they make my mouth water  
Taste like chalk

### What is Love? Dan Perrine

Love  
It's like that first spring flower  
born at the end of winter's power.  
Like waking up from a dream  
to a fresh bowl of strawberries and cream.

Baby don't hurt me.

Love  
It's stunning and exciting, you bet  
like a fork in an electric outlet  
It's rich and fulfilling  
like a bowl of tapioca pudding.

Don't hurt me.

Love  
It's like dancing in the spring rain  
or watching shampoo swirl down the drain.  
It's like a crisp breath of winter air  
or playing tag with a grizzly bear.

No more.



## -- TECH CORNER --

by DAN PERRINE

### Grab Bag

I've been asked to clarify some information that was in my column last week, whose title was taken from the theme song to a Pontiac commercial I saw in 1987 and haven't been able to get out of my head since. But that isn't the information I was supposed to clarify. If you're interested in experimenting with software such as Thunderbird, you should be aware that such programs usually require a fair degree of know-how to set up and use. If you break into cold sweats every time your computer gives you an error message, you probably should stick with the software Houghton has provided. Second, while I'm more than willing to help people deal with problematic third-party software, the Helpdesk is unable to do so. So I must emphasize that if you have problems using a program I recommend, contact me for assistance, not the Helpdesk. Also, I have been informed that the system of assigning student email accounts to servers has been changed. Instead of going by your ID number, accounts are assigned by classes. However, as I don't know which classes are on which servers, just try [corinthians1.houghton.edu](mailto:corinthians1.houghton.edu), and if it doesn't work try [corinthians2](mailto:corinthians2). Finally, students wishing to use Thunderbird as their email client should be aware that it does not support the public folders some professors use for classes. However, it is still possible to get to these folders through Outlook Web Access by going to <http://campus.houghton.edu/owa/> and clicking the "Public Folders" link. I actually prefer this method, since it allows you to bookmark the folder and avoid navigating through a long chain of menus each time you want to access it.

Whew. Given the length of those clarifying comments, and since I don't want to make life hard on whoever does the layout for the STAR by publishing a more voluminous column than normal, here's some random bits of info you may find useful and/or interesting.

Those of you using a Realplayer-derived media program (such as RealOne) should be aware that a series of security vulnerabilities have been discovered that would make it possible to use infected media files to execute malicious code on your computer through the player. More info on this can be found here: [http://news.com.com/2100-7349\\_3-5154193.html?part=rss&tag=feed&subj=news](http://news.com.com/2100-7349_3-5154193.html?part=rss&tag=feed&subj=news). One more reason I heartily recommend switching to Winamp.

Most ISPs advertise blazing-fast connection speeds, but more often than not it seems like you're not getting them. If you want to know how fast your connection really is, check out Netstat Live at <http://www.analogx.com/contents/download/network/nsl.htm>. This little program shows you how fast your connection is, how much data you've both downloaded and uploaded, what your fastest connection speed since your last reboot has been, and a ton of other useful information.

Finally, to go along with the "Spirit" and "Opportunity" Mars probes that are making news headlines, NASA has put up a site with tons of info on just what exactly is involved in planning and executing a space mission. Interesting for both the mildly curious and the hardcore space enthusiast. Check it out here: <http://www2.jpl.nasa.gov/basics/>.

Questions? Email me at [daniel.perrine@houghton.edu](mailto:daniel.perrine@houghton.edu).

## Houghton Group Jacob's Well: Discussing Sexual Issues on a Christian Campus

BY MELANIE MARCIANO  
STAR STAFF WRITER

On a conservative campus focused on maintaining purity, morality and Biblically founded lifestyles, is there any room for honest dialogue about sexuality? In response to a culture and media that have placed an inescapable and often degrading and twisted emphasis on sex, Christians tend to avoid discussions of sexuality, viewing sex issues in an extremely negative light. Sexuality has become so taboo that even in those communities that should be the most loving and supportive, members who have been deeply hurt or rejected because of their sexual experiences can be made to feel even more condemned and isolated. To address this need for a more caring and sensitive response to those who feel alone, alienated, afraid, or hurt because of their sexual feelings, thoughts, or experiences, Houghton urban service coordinator Samantha Lioi has pioneered the creation of a discussion group called Jacob's Well, a group of staff, faculty, and students who hope to break the silence surrounding sexuality in general and to offer love, compassion, and healing through listening and having open hearts.

Lioi, who works at Houghton through AmeriCorps VISTA, has initiated two lunch meetings to discuss what can be done to educate the community about sexual issues and provide support for hurting students. Lioi is working in partnership with several faculty and staff to dispel negative connotations that keep students from being educated about what is biblical and right-or-wrong about sexual interactions. Emerging from these discussions is the desire to promote open and respectful dialogue about sexuality, and particularly to offer space for students who have felt silenced about their sexuality or sexual experiences to be heard as fully loved members of the community.

The group takes its name from John chapter 4, in which Jesus reaches out to a Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. Although she was a social outcast, he offered her healing, living water. On the

basis of this example of Jesus' accepting love, Jacob's Well hopes to provide similar compassionate care for those who desire to talk about sexual questions or experiences. The group includes Mike Lastoria, Nancy Murphy, John Brittain, Kristina LeCelle-Peterson, Mike Walters, and Paul Young, who will all be meeting to discuss the content for a training session for individuals interested in participating in the Jacob's Well outreach. Those who participate in Jacob's Well are merely making themselves available for one-on-one conversation, whether it be to answer questions, encourage, talk, or just listen, all of which will be done with a non-judgmental attitude.

Those who have attended the group's initial lunches have wondered how to make themselves known to students who want to talk. One possibility is to have a list of their names available for students to access. Lioi notes, "We have to figure out how to make this accessible, so people don't have to do research just to find someone to talk to. I'm interested in creative ideas for the 'how' part of this initiative."

The focus of the support system will be for those who have experienced pain as a result of their sexuality or a scarring sexual experience; but, according to Lioi, it will also be open to "anyone who's just wondering how to incorporate sexuality into a whole life in the kingdom of God. Anybody who's willing to listen to struggles as someone involved in Jacob's Well will also be open to simply talking about what it means to be a sexual being, how we live with our sexuality in the years between puberty and marriage (or what if we don't get married? Does the church really have room for single people?), that kind of thing. This is really for anyone who wants to talk things over in a loving environment." Lioi hopes that Jacob's Well will be the start of greater openness towards sexual issues on campus that will discourage judgmental attitudes and isolating others. Through programs like this one, students will hopefully become more aware of the purpose of sex in the lives of Christians and alter their ill-conceived perceptions about the subject.

## CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION

### African-American Grandmothers: Sources of Strength and Resiliency

by Robin Douglas

Maya Angelou wrote, "You may write me down in history / With your bitter, twisted lies, / You may trod me in the dirt / But still, like dust, I'll rise. . ."

Our country celebrates Black History this month, which provides an excellent opportunity to look at a segment of the African American population that often goes unappreciated and ignored: African American grandmothers. Maya Angelou's poem captures the resiliency of these women who have served as the "guardian of the generations" during the troubled history of black people in this country.

The unceasing work and encouragement of African American grandmothers have been essential to family survival since slavery. They provided not only childcare, education, and midwifery, but also folklore and stories that related a history not dominated by oppression. In this, they were instruments of empowerment against racism and sources of strength and hope for enduring their society's prejudices.

As we enter the 21st century, slavery and segregation have been formally abolished for some time, but persistent, insidious racism and inequalities still marginalize African-Americans in this country. Grandmothers are continuing to fulfill essential roles in their families, but they need help and attention.

Over the past several decades, African-American families have undergone a number of significant demographic changes, including overall declines in the rate of marriage, a higher proportion of births to unmarried mothers, an increase in female-headed households, larger percentages of children residing in female-headed families, and a higher percentage of children living in poverty. In the midst of these changes, more and more African-American grandmothers are becoming surrogate parents to their grandchildren. An estimated 13.5% of all black children live with a grandparent, making them six times more likely to live with a grandparent than white children.

African-American grandmothers acting as primary caregivers are particularly vulnerable to physical health problems, depression, financial pressures, housing squeezes, and legal dilemmas. On top of that, welfare reforms of 1996 that enacted Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) were not designed with grandparent-headed households in mind, and the regulations of this act make it more difficult for grandparents to obtain financial assistance.

Despite these troubling trends and issues, African-American families should not be defined in terms of their "problems," or labeled "dysfunctional," "deviant," or "chaotic." Rather than pathologizing African-American families, we need to take off the judgmental lenses of white, middle-class family norms and view the black family in perspective. Just look at what they've endured and survived in the last two hundred years: slavery, segregation, Jim Crow laws, lynchings, ridicule, and oppression. These adverse conditions have made African-American extended families a source of formidable strength and a coping mechanism.

The willingness of black grandmothers to take on the added burden of surrogate parenting is laudable, but they have many emotional, physical, and financial needs. In addition to the pressures of providing for grandchildren, African-American grandmothers are often coping with the pain or guilt of losing their own child. Support groups, resource centers, neighborhood organizations, and health care programs are increasingly targeting the needs of African-American grandmothers, but much more is needed. So please take some time during Black History Month to consider these admirable but struggling African-American grandmothers and what can be done to ease their burdens.

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# Movies...

WITH DANIEL GRAFFAM AND ADAM KLINE

## The New Guys Pick the Best Movies of 2003

Well, we're back.

Two or three of you may remember a couple of guys spouting off movie reviews and ramblings last year on a radio show called "Bad Radio." This time around it's the Houghton Star that's given us a platform from which to share our obsession with movies. In preparation for the Academy Awards that will be held on February 29, this week we will be sharing our ten favorite movies of 2003.

### Dan's Top 10 Movies of 2003:

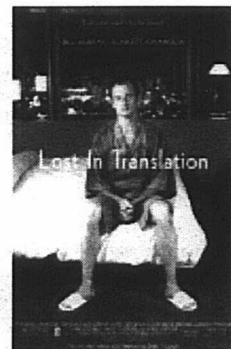
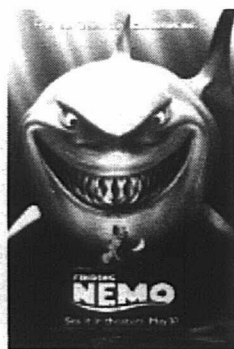
10. *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World*  
Director Peter Weir does an amazing job directing what was obviously a difficult film to make. The film boasts perfectly balanced performances from Russell Crowe and Paul Bettany.
9. *The Cooler*  
Alec Baldwin gives the best supporting performance of the year as a brutal casino boss intent on keeping William H. Macy's bad luck streak intact.
8. *Thirteen*  
16-year old Evan Rachel Wood and Holly Hunter shine as a daughter and mother growing further and further apart, perfectly displaying the struggles of adolescence and the effect it can have on an entire family.
7. *A Mighty Wind*  
Almost entirely improvised, Christopher Guest and company strike gold once again in a film about aging folk musicians and the concert they reunite to perform.
6. *The School of Rock*  
A major departure from Jack Black's usual antics, this is a touching, heartfelt comedy about a fake substitute teacher and the private school students that he turns into a rock band. The film, as well as Black's performance, is a treat to anyone who is a fan of rock and roll.
5. *Finding Nemo*  
Another brilliant effort from Pixar studios, *Finding Nemo* is a hilarious, heartwarming tale of a father's epic search for his only son.
4. *Mystic River*  
Oscar worthy Sean Penn leads an amazing ensemble cast that includes fellow Oscar nominees Tim Robbins and Marcia Gay Harden. Director Clint Eastwood's confident direction adds to the quality of the film; however a questionable ending keeps it from being the best of the year.
3. *In America*  
Jim Sheridan's semi-autobiographical film is a touching story of an Irish family trying to survive in New York City, helped along by a great script and even better ensemble acting. Stealing the show are the Bolger sisters, ten year old Sarah and six year old Emma, who show outstanding range as young sisters haunted by their brother's death.
2. *Big Fish*  
The creative touch of director Tim Burton transforms this simple story of a father-son relationship into a magical tale complete with giants, witches and Siamese twins. With just the right amount of over-acting by Ewan McGregor and solid support from Albert Finney, *Big Fish* is the year's most underrated film.
1. *Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*  
The third and final installment of the greatest cinematic achievement in history is not the finest of the three, but it is far away the best picture of the year. If there is any justice, director Peter Jackson will finally get the Oscar he deserves, and at least one of the three will take home the coveted Best Picture award. Beautiful to look at, this film contains the year's most jaw-dropping scene, the "lighting of the beacons." In this, an overall disappointing year at the theater, *Return of the King* reigns as the best film of 2003.

### Adam's Top 10 Movies of 2003:

10. *Lost in Translation*  
Overrated by critics but underrated by the general public; a film that walks the fine line between comedy and drama.
9. *Big Fish*  
A wonderful Tim Burton fairy tale about chasing things that are bigger than ourselves and finding truth in love.
8. *The School of Rock*  
A truly wholesome film, due to the wonderful collaboration of Richard Linklater (director), Mike White (writer), and the hilarious narcosis of Jack Black.
7. *Finding Nemo*  
The best Pixar movie since *Toy Story 2*. Superb design and color keep you smiling while voice talents such as Ellen DeGeneres keep you laughing.
6. *Owning Mahowny*  
A movie about unadulterated gambling addiction. Phillip Seymour Hoffman delivers one of the best performances of 2003.
5. *Seabiscuit*  
The "feel good" movie of the year. An uplifting, true story told with beautiful cinematography and wonderful performances by Chris Cooper and Jeff Bridges.
4. *The Matrix: Revolutions*  
Many were disappointed by the final installment but I was very satisfied. Though it may not be the best film to stand on its own, it rubs shoulders with *The Matrix* (1999) for the best of the trilogy. Completing the story with the war the first two movies led us to anticipate, the Wachowski brothers chose to leave this installment oozing with Christian parallels.
3. *Mystic River*  
A movie that will intrigue you, haunt you, and enrage you. A modern tale enriched by a Shakespearean tone that has the best director of the year, Clint Eastwood at the helm. Also supported by outstanding performances by Sean Penn, possibly his best performance to date, and Tim Robbins, undoubtedly his best.
2. *Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*  
By far the best film of the trilogy due to complex yet clear storytelling surrounded by extraordinary fight sequences and special effects. This film not only completes the film trilogy in the right manner, but it also stands on its own as a great film.
1. *In America*  
The best film of 2003 because of its heart-wrenching realism. An Irish family immigrates to New York City, holding the promise of a new life while struggling with the remorse of their past. Filled with such honest love, anger, devotion and strife that at times it seems you are watching a documentary. This film is also blessed with two little sibling actresses who steal the show.

### Next Week:

### Our Picks and Predictions for the Oscars.





# AUSTIN TIME

## The Advice/Chris-Says-What-He-Wants-to Column

BY CHRISTOPHER AUSTIN  
STAFF WRITER FREEZING HIS TOES OFF

### This Week's Topic: **COLD HOUGHTON**

Just recently, it seems as if the weather at Houghton has finally seen its Indian Summer, as it were. Great days of 20, even 30-degree temperatures have graced the land, bringing about melting icicles, slushy parking lots, and more than average amounts of people wearing shorts. What can I say? It is a heat wave of excellent proportions.

Unfortunately, one of the most probable reasons that I like this 30-degree weather is because it has been so overbearingly cold these past weeks. I think that snow has perhaps fallen continuously since Christmas break ended and it doesn't look like it will ever stop snowing. But the issue is not really the snow so much as the freezing temperatures in the early morning. It is a dangerous place to be walking around in this weather.

There have been a few suggestions as how to alleviate this set of circumstances. I personally am for building a dome over the entire campus. (How much could that actually cost? They could probably take 2% out of each person's tuition and fund it easily.) But on a more practical note, we could build a monorail. There is a great monorail market in Houghton and I think we should take charge of that. Lets be serious, who needs a new campus center basement when we already have one? We don't have a monorail, so I think that should be the priority project that the Senate is dishing out money towards. A monorail would be an efficient and warm method of transportation for students everywhere. Let us now think of all the issues that could be solved with the introduction of a monorail:

- 1) People would not have to run outside to start their cars at 5:00 in the morning to defrost them by 8.
- 2) If we are not defrosting or driving cars, then we do not have to purchase gas from surrounding gas stations.
- 3) Since we do not drive our cars up to campus, we do not have to worry about the nonexistent parking areas on campus.
- 4) We do not have to worry about dying on the way from our bed to our classroom.

These are significant gains that could (and should) be brought about with the inclusion of the Houghton Monorail System. The HMS (as it is to be called) would have stops at all the important buildings on campus and would run at least 10 minutes before each major morning class began to ensure all stops are made on time. And I think it would be great if the monorail ran with magnets, allowing it to hover over the track. Then there would be little friction and the cars would be as silent as the whooshing of snowfall that we are all familiar with already. That, however, is just my opinion; it is not a requirement of the monorail.

The last major solution to the walking-in-cold problem is a reform of current administration policies. It has been joked that the only way classes would be cancelled due to extreme temperature lowness is if a student died on the way up to campus; and even then it would be a tough call to make. As long as I have been at Houghton, class has never been cancelled due to snow and cold. But there have definitely been days that people should not be walking up to campus. What this boils down to is that Houghton's administration needs to set down a policy and follow it, that if the temperature with wind-chill is around 10-below, people should not be traveling to school, even if it means only walking the 10 minutes to class.

In conclusion, the Houghton Monorail System is the more likely solution, so let's all jump on the bandwagon and send letters to our senators asking them to buy us a monorail. It would be good to have it installed by next Wednesday as well. Today's key word is HMS, with the motto "HMS, The Ride of Kings."

## EDITORIAL

### Houghton: A Very Romantic Place by Mike Mordenga

Around this time of year, we celebrate a very special holiday that calls for us to remember our loved ones. I'm referring to Valentines Day (a.k.a "Be Nice to Girls Day" as I like to call it). For those of you who have significant others one must be aware that making the day significant is essential. I'm not suggesting that you send your boyfriend/girlfriend your ear, but creativity is important. What better way to celebrate the gift of love then to share the many romantic aspects of Houghton. Here are a few tips that will make Houghton the perfect spot for romance:

Take your date to the Campus Center. Nothing says "Affaire D Amour" better than the romantic styling of the Student Life Office or the cafeteria. There's no better way to whittle your time away then to play foosball or Scattergories with the person you love. If he/she gets bored you can visit the NAB and share a reading room together.

Open House can be a wonderful opportunity for any couple. Nothing is more impressive than inviting someone into your small, two-room living area to watch a movie. If I've learned anything about the lost art of romance I know that girls love to watch guys play videogames. Doing Bible studies together is a great way to synchronize your spiritual lives. I suggest an exhaustive study on Leviticus on this prestigious day of love.

Movies and music are a necessary part of the romantic experience here at Houghton. I suggest DC Talk's "Godsend" song or something by Steven Curtis Chapman (he's always singing about love). I suggest you stay away from Emo music. Emo music is emotional rock sung by nice young boys who have reason to be sad. We want our significant others to be enthralled, not depressed. As for movies, any chick flick will set the tone for the romantic evening. If you cannot find any then you can borrow some from our library (Guys, don't mistake the library's *History of the Church* or *Life of Luther* as a chick flick).

Picking the right Valentine card is the icing on the cake for the romantic venture. I suggest the Sponge Bob 32-pack or the WWE 32-pack. Nothing says "I love you" more than a piece of cardboard with The Rock hitting someone with a chair and saying "You're a direct hit Valentine." If you can't find those cards you can buy one of those cheap Hallmark cards with poems and hearts.

Though Houghton may look like a small, snow-infested college in the middle of a podunk town it's actually a very special place: a place filled with life, love, and taco bars. Who says you can't do anything romantic here?



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## Houghton Knocks Off Division Leaders

BY AARON BOYNTON  
MANAGING EDITOR

"There's no place like home." You can bet that the Houghton Highlanders men's basketball team is saying that right now. Houghton is unbeaten at home since January 13th, and this past week, they knocked off the top two teams in the North Division of the American Midwest Conference. Earlier in the week, Houghton knocked off division leader Daemen College 75-73. Daemen had been ranked 24th in the NAIA Division II poll. Houghton trailed at the half and survived an early second-half run by the visiting team. Then seniors Seth Raper and Matt Meabon helped Houghton rally back into the game. With Houghton down 70-67, Eric Jankov came up huge with a layup and a three-pointer to boost Houghton over the Wildcats. Jankov finished with 17 points while Meabon led all Houghton scorers with 19 points. Joel Hamilton continued his dominance on the glass by grabbing 16 rebounds, a career high. Raper and Jason Lee both contributed 13 points to the victory.

On Saturday, second-place St. Vincent College came knocking on the Nielsen Center door. However, Houghton would not be denied their fourth straight home win, prevailing over the Bearcats 82-66. The game started off in a very

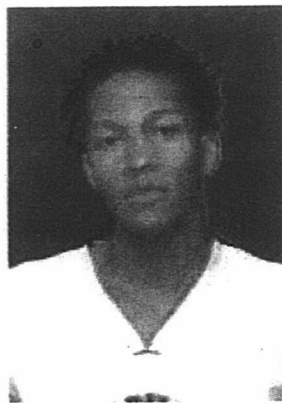
familiar manner for the Highlanders, who were trailing at the half. However, the second half was very reminiscent of the Roberts game. Houghton exploded on offense and never looked back. Jason Lee scored a career-high 32 points to lead the Highlanders while fellow senior Joel Hamilton continued his rebounding dominance pulling down 16 rebounds, tying his career mark from the previous game. Eric Jankov and Matt Meabon had solid performances, adding 16 and 12 points, respectively. Guard Seth Raper continued his solid year by dropping 14 points and corraling 9 rebounds. The 16-point difference was the third largest margin of victory for the Highlanders and was their second-highest offensive output at home for the season. The two victories last week improved Houghton's record to 7-15 overall and 5-6 in the AMC North Division.

On a side note, the men's basketball programs from both Point Park College and St. Vincent College have been put on probation for the remainder of this season and for the entire 2004-2005 season due to a post-game incident in January at St. Vincent in Latrobe, PA.

Houghton has one more home game this season. They will host Point Park College on Saturday February 14th at 8 PM in the Nielsen Center. Come out and support the team on Senior Night!

## HIGHLANDER athlete of the week

Jason Lee / men's basketball



Lee, a 6-2 guard from Buffalo, N.Y., averaged 22.5 points, 2.5 assists, and hit 4-of-6 three pointers to help the Highlanders to two key conference wins. On Tuesday, he scored 13 points and dished out four assists as Houghton beat NAIA No. 24 Daemen, 75-73. He followed that performance with a career-high 32 points on 12-of-15 shooting (4-of-5 three pointers) in Houghton's 82-66 win over St. Vincent on Saturday. He went over 900 career points in the St. Vincent game and currently stands at 919 for his career.

## HIGHLANDER SCORES

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Fri. 14	DAEMEN	L	44-57
Sat. 15	SAINT VINCENT	L	55-67

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Fri. 14	DAEMEN	W	75-73
Sat. 15	SAINT VINCENT	W	82-66

## Office of Student Life Cracks Down on "Camping" in Big Al's

BY D. ELLIOTT TAIT  
STAR STAFF WRITER

Beginning with the publication of this article, the Office of Student Life will enforce a new policy aimed at Big Al's "Campers," i.e. students who leave their belongings unattended for an extended period of time in the restaurant.

The policy - initiated by Dean Tilley, agreed upon by Danielle Luckey, and unanimously passed by the nine members of the Student Life Council - has come as a result of many complaints from students and faculty as well as frustrating first-hand experiences of Dean Tilley and the members of the Council.

"To begin with, it's rude," Tilley stated. "Big Al's is, first and foremost, a restaurant," and is interested in serving its customers. When people leave their belongings, such as "laptops, goldfish, [and] pictures of Mom," Tilley said, they are occupying "space that someone else could be using."

During meal hours, "especially the lunch hour," Tilley said, Big Al's experiences a large influx of customers and seating is often limited. "There is almost always a booth being occupied by" unattended property during this time, "and booths are always preferable seating."

One lunch hour Tilley was so perturbed at this sight that he took the liberty of relocating some bags that had been occupying a booth for quite some time. "I simply asked the people sitting around if they had seen the owners" within a reasonable amount of time, he added.

This is one of the manners in which the new policy will be executed. The policy is quite vague in that it does not specifically state how long one's possessions are permitted to remain alone in Big Al's, who will enforce it, and what exactly will happen to one's belongings.

Tilley hypothesized that someone from the Student Life Office would walk

down to Big Al's periodically, primarily during meal hours, and upon noticing unattended belongings would then ask people in the vicinity if they had recently seen anyone who might be the owners. If not, Tilley explained that the property in question would be confiscated and stored in the Office of Student Life where the owner could repossess it, possibly for a small fee.

"We would leave some kind of a note stating that we had taken their belongings and where they could be reclaimed," SGA President Danielle Luckey added.

"The Student Life office would also respond to complaints" regarding left possessions, Tilley continued. "People will deal exclusively to Student Life" who will then respond accordingly.

"We plan on putting signs up in the booths," Luckey stated, reminding students of the policy and its consequences.

In addition to "camping" inconveniencing others and thus being rude, Tilley, Luckey, and the Student Life Council argue that leaving one's property unattended is simply "not safe," even at Houghton.

"There were some laptops stolen last year," Luckey asserted, referring to the extended acts of theft executed by a few Houghton Academy students. The thieves were eventually caught and most of the stolen merchandise was recovered.

Some of the "eight or nine commuter students," who are mostly responsible for

Big Al's "camping," as described by Tilley, were initially against the new policy.

"Where do they expect me to put my stuff?" was the response of one notorious

both sides of the argument: "Well I think it's fair enough because people want to eat or sit down there and with people saving seats when they're not around others can't sit... But then I don't think it's cool for commuters to have to drag all their books and computer around with them everywhere."

"I think that a place that serves those two main purposes (internet hook up and dining) is a bit problematic because you will have conflict as to whether which is more important" she continued.

"If there were a place where we could leave our computers without invading the dining space of others, that would be better."

Luckey and Tilley responded that storage exists for students' belongings in the counseling hallway of the Campus Center. Also, the Campus Center lobby, Academic Building, and library are equipped with internet connections.

The same "camper" then admitted: "I think it's a fair policy."

"We really hope that we don't have to enforce this policy," Tilley remarked. "We are hoping for students to simply stop 'camping'" after they read about the new policy and see signs posted. "We may have to enforce [the

policy] a few times," but after that Tilley believes that Big Al's "camping" will cease to be a problem. "I have faith in the student body," Tilley concluded.

Tilley also has the support of Luckey and the rest of the SGA, which approved the policy and hopes that it effectively handles "camper" problems in the future.



PHOTO BY NATHAN BOYD

Empty Big Al's booth covered in laptops and other belongings will be a thing of the past if the Office of Student Life has its way.

"camper."

"Take it with you," was Tilley's response.

"It's such a pain to lug it around everywhere," said the same "camper." "Besides, that's where I do most of my studying."

Another commuter acknowledged