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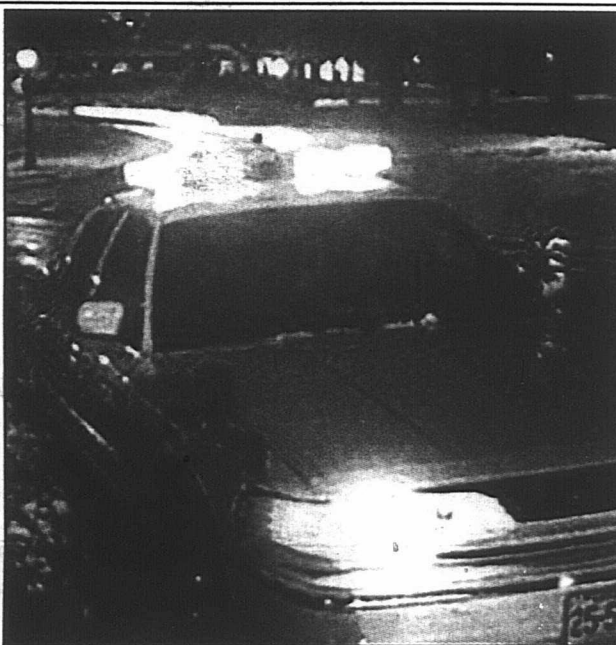
Houghton Shocked by Marijuana Arrest

David Johnson

"For the seven years I've headed Residence Life, we haven't had anything quite like this before." Those are the words of Tim Nichols, director of Residence Life. He is speaking of the state police's visit to Houghton on Sunday. Through this debacle one point remains clear—no matter how far we think we are from bad goings-on, we're a whole lot closer than we'd like to realize.

This past Sunday, Florian R. Weller was arrested and charged with two counts of fourth-degree sale of marijuana and one count of unlawful marijuana possession. Weller, 21, is a German student, not from Houghton, who apparently purchased marijuana and sold it to several students here. The state police are currently investigating three more suspects for marijuana possession.

As the police will deal with Weller, Houghton reserves the right to address the situ-



ation with its students internally. Dean Danner made it clear the college wouldn't reveal the names of the students involved. "When you have anything happen on a small campus, word gets around," he says.

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Houghton Calls for Telecommunication Innovations

Melanie Hess

Do you think your long distance bills are too high? Have you ever had problems with video-conferencing? Have you ever answered the phone expectantly, only to realize it's another call for your roommate? Some or all of these issues may be resolved next year as Houghton attempts to renovate its telecommunications service.

Jeff Spear, vice president for finance, is working on modifying the phone service to better serve everyone at the college. Right now, as he explained it, the college operates on two different systems, a Private Branch Exchange (PBX) that serves the offices, as well as Centrex, the local phone company, which serves the students. Long distance calling for the students means an ACC card, and thus high long distance rates. "Students see ads for cheaper long distance rates on TV and elsewhere," Jeff Spear said, "and think that the college must be making a lot of money off ACC long distance." He further explained, however, that that is not the case. ACC pays for the monthly line fee that students would regularly be charged, and because of that expense, in order to make a profit, they must charge higher long distance rates. The college gets a commission of only 3%.

Mr. Spear explained that the college would like to put everyone, including students, under the PBX system, which means the college would pay the monthly line charge and the long distance charges, and then bill the student. Students would have pin numbers that would allow the college to identify them and then charge them accordingly. The long distance bill, Spear stressed more than once, would be separate from the tuition.

The rates for long distance calling would be significantly cheaper than they are now—twelve cents per minute twenty-four hours a day to anywhere in the US and the Caribbean, and fifteen cents per minute to Canada. The college would not pay for any other international calls; students would have to buy prepaid phone cards for that.

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Library Construction Revised

Rebecca JangDhari

Due to problems with the original architectural design, there will be a few changes in the upcoming construction on the library.

Originally the elevator shaft and side stairway were going to be torn down to make room for the expansion of the first and second floors of the library.

After a more thorough study of the design of the internal structure of the library, architects realized that the elevator shaft and the stairway are an integral part in keeping the building upright. Needless to say, these fix-

tures will not be torn down. Some new changes also have to be made.

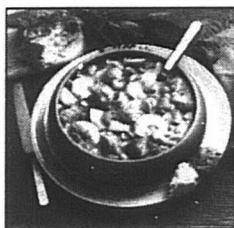
Extensions will be added on the back of the building, extending the floor space back to the Academic Building parking lot. This will enlarge the reference area on the main floor as well as shelving space on the second floor.

Because the entrance to the library will have a columnar front, the artwork of Gary Baxter, which is currently displayed, will be moved to the left of the entrance.

Construction is scheduled to begin at the end of Mayterm. The changes being made are expected to provide sufficient shelving space for the next eight to ten years.

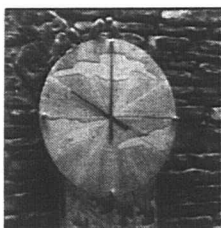
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EDITORIAL

Dear Editor,

I am angry. I have just finished another poor meal up at the "cafeteria." I feel cheated. I pay five dollars or more for a deficient selection of food. I am never satisfied and I never look forward to my meal.

Poor food is said to be a symptom of college life. I might be satisfied with that sentiment if it weren't for the other atrocities that the food service inflicts on most of the population. Every morning, I am charged for a meal that I don't want and don't eat. Yes, I am only charged four dollars a meal, but I am charged this price everyday. This semester alone, I have missed every breakfast for two months. If we say that there are four weeks in a month, and seven days in a week, (which there usually are), that comes out to a simple calculation of \$224 that I have spent on absolutely nothing. To me, \$224 is an important sum. It is more than enough to cover my book cost, (another crime of the system.) It covers my car payments and my interest payment on my college loans for one month. It covers every call I make home to California for the semester. It is more that what my plane flight home to California cost my first semester.

I can not think of any good reason why I am paying this much money just because my grade level is below the mark for a lesser meal plan. I will make a statement that may sound strong. I believe that I am being cheated. I believe that either the food service or the school is stealing money from me. I come to this conclusion easily. I am paying money for which no service is begin rendered. I would make the claim that if everyone who is on the 21 meal plan did go up for every meal, the kitchen would be unable to feed us all. Imagine—every person that the food service should be able to feed ready to eat breakfast at the same time. What would the people at the end of the line eat? Baked ziti? Leftover turkey?

If I were the only person to feel this way from the 1,100+ students, then this letter would mean nothing. I can be considered a special case—I am a vegetarian. I don't eat meat, and this limits what I will eat. However, I am not one disgruntled part out of a happy whole. I know of maybe one person who is moderately satisfied with the meal plan. Most students I talk to are as angry as I am. The quality is failing, and we are paying for it.

If they cannot feed us satisfactorily for what we pay for and eat, then why are we paying for something we don't want and don't eat? I believe that the student body, which is full of young, intelligent, able bodies, should do something about it. There have been efforts in the past to correct this problem through appropriate channels, and they have failed. The only solution I see to this injustice is change brought about by a unified action on our part. We cannot expect the system to correct itself. We must correct it.

Sarah C. Paulson

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In the past two issues of the Houghton Star, it has been revealed that the college administration seems fixated on the aesthetic beauty of the campus: first the female bathroom/lounge in the campus center, second the beautification of the library, third the removal of Powers House from the college entrance, and fourth the aesthetic beauty of the new greenhouse.

I ask several questions: why is the college not concerned about the hygiene of students? Has anyone noticed the lack of permanent fixed soap dispensers in the bathrooms of the dormitories? Men, have you visited the green-tiled bathrooms in Shen? If anything needs some aesthetic beauty on campus, it's the bathrooms of Shen. Why not purchase more current books and periodicals? Let's purchase that \$2,000 volume of Organic Chemical Compounds, instead of putting a lounge in the library to encourage PDA. Who has ever heard of an aesthetically pleasing greenhouse? Greenhouses are functional buildings designed to facilitate the growth of plants, not look pretty.

I challenge the administration not merely to enhance the aesthetic beauty of our campus but to address foundational issues of personal hygiene and educational resources.

Charles Philip

Dear Editor,

As a community member working on a Ph.D., I have found that the library is more than adequate for the size of Houghton College. I have done research in both Harvard and Yale and have found the resources here to be quite comparable. Also if students plan their study time, the need for being open on Sunday is ridiculous. The above mentioned institutions have only very limited hours on Sundays. I am appalled at how few students are in the library at any one time, and I have been there at about all hours.

Kindest regards,
Michael D. Suman

Dear Editor,

I appreciated the Greenway centerfold. I want to commend you for the generosity of your coverage, and I want to thank you for allowing me to pay tribute to my good friend. Your typographer, however, turned one of my sentences around and, at an important point, significantly changed my meaning.

The following appeared in The Star: "In 35 years of friendship Bill and I have had some difficult moments and disagreements. None of them have ever been over college issues."

The correct paragraph should read: "In 35 years of friendship Bill and I have had some difficult moments and disagreements. All of them have been over college issues. With some annoyance I confess that in every case Bill was right. His staunch idealism and nearly prophetic habit of truth saying kept him firm where my more cynical view of institutions led me to compromise in an attempt to get the best I could from a fallen system."

Your typo led me to consider the wisdom of my use of *all*. Such statements are almost never true. Bill and I have disagreed on whether within the last five years he actually got off the ground when making a jump shot. Seeing that I haven't even attempted a jump shot in ten, I yield. He is, once again, probably right.

Sincerely,
John Leax

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Alumni Meeting Previewed

Maria Behms

Because most of us are so wrapped up in our statuses as Houghton College students, we often neglect to recognize the significant role the Alumni Association plays on our campus. The Alumni Association Board's strategic goal, according to its Executive Director, Dale Fillmore, is to "interact with students before they become alumni, and to help them to become alumni." But just how do they accomplish this goal? From coordinating the Heritage

Chapel programs and Alumni Lecture Series to providing a Special Events committee for the planning of Homecoming and other significant annual Houghton events, the Association's influence is extended into many more facets of our college experience than the average student likely realizes. And remember that little foiled chocolate heart you discovered in your mailbox around Valentine's Day? You may have been dismayed when you read that it wasn't from a secret admirer, after all, and rather from the Alumni Association, but this gesture illustrates the Board's ac-

tive ideal of connecting past students with present ones.

For each Alumni Association meeting, either President Chamberlain, coordinators of special programs, or student government leaders have been invited to present a synopsis of the current status of his or her respective areas of work. Furthermore, in keeping with the Board's goal to integrate needs of current students with the goals of the Alumni Association, the members each receive the Star to maximize their awareness of community conditions. Additionally, three board members have children or grandchildren presently enrolled at Houghton. As the Board's Director, Bruce Campbell, recognizes, the combination of "these sources provide us with good information; perhaps not as comprehensive as a large student forum, but very useful in scope and manageable in scale."

The Board's next meet-

ing will be held this Friday, March 19, in the Campus Center, and in attendance will be its 19 members, comprised of ten men and nine women whose experience with either education, administration, law, medicine, homemaking, or Christian ministry create an interesting mix of perspectives. An emeritus professor will be sharing a devotional with the Board this week, and then Tim Fuller and Troy Martin will work with one committee to initiate a scholarship program for alumni children and grandchildren, an idea that will be implemented on a limited basis for students entering Houghton this fall. Other tentative plans for this week's meeting include further search for an off-campus house with historical significance, an "alumni house" which would serve as center for the Board's offices and activities, and discussion of what to do with the bricks from the old music building. Many alumni have expressed interest in acquiring the remnants for obvious sentimental purposes.

Grandstands On the Way for Houghton

Tammi Krikorian and Dionne Miller

This weekend marks the beginning of "Highlander 2000," a mini capital campaign implemented by the Houghton College Athletic Department. Fundraising performed through this campaign will be used toward the installation of a grandstand to replace the current bleachers currently at the soccer field.

Friday evening, captains from current and past Highlander soccer teams will unite in an effort to help raise the money needed. The captains will contact their respective teammates for financial assistance as well as to request their attendance at the 1999 Homecoming weekend, during which the grandstand will be dedicated. The donations for this project can be given over a two year span as financial ability al-

lows for those who wish to aid with funding.

As many of you have realized, our current bleachers offer limited seating. The hope for the new grand stand is to offer seating for up to 1000 spectators. Skip Lord stated that they hope to build a grandstand where the first row would begin at about four feet above the ground to provide a view above the fence. This would allow others to pass by in front of the seats without obstructing view. A grandstand of this size would include a press box surrounded by three sides with seating, as well as an area for concessions and storage at either end.

The hope is to have the project built nearly as wide as the distance between the two light poles. The aluminum bleachers, which currently occupy this space, would then be moved and placed at the bottom of the ski slope for spectators of field hockey games. All of the projected building ideas are subject to change as the snow melts and builders take a look at the possibilities for the land site.

The Athletic department is hoping to have this project completed for the 1999-2000 sports seasons. Coach Lord is excited to have the renovations of our outdoor sports facilities completed. The grandstands will complement the new field for big track and field meets, field hockey games under the lights, and soccer games. He enthusiastically said the addition of the grandstand is the "frosting on the cake."

Along with this improvement, money has been donated to reface the outside of the gymnasium. The plan is to remove the current block on the side facing the main parking lot, and replace it with creek stone, to match the other college buildings. Ideally, the college would like to coordinate re-facing of the gym with that of the new music building—to be completed by the same company at around the same time. However, this plan is still tentative.

Sixth-graders Acting Up

Academy Class to Perform Monday Night

David Johnson

Community members of Houghton—brace yourselves. Come Monday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m., the sixth graders of Houghton Academy will present

world has regained power. So, the crippled town is trapped without power—opening the door for a group of swindlers and scoundrels to exploit the townspeople.

"It was fun to do," Taylor Bennett says of the production.

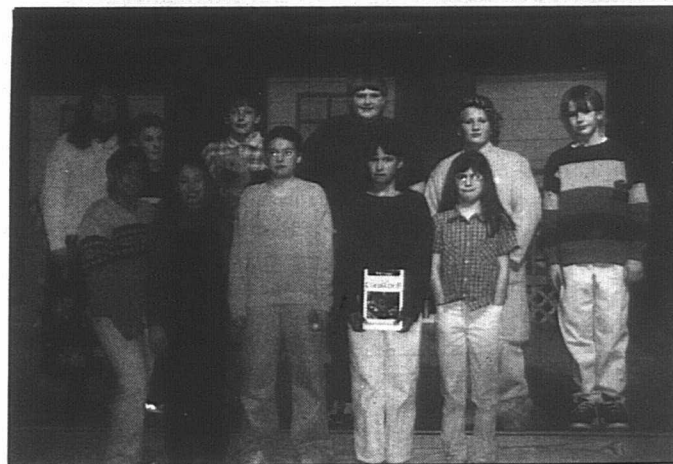


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a play they wrote themselves. *Why2K?* will be performed in Tysinger Auditorium in Houghton Academy under the direction of Susan Dutton, ironically the actors' teacher.

The play was written by the entire class and each class member has at least one line. The last two weeks of February found the young scribes pulling all their individual ideas together into a cohesive script. These past two weeks have been characterized by intense preparation for Monday night.

The play centers around a town, one year after the Y2K scourge had shut down the world. Unfortunately, this town is unaware that the rest of the

Along with Bennett, nine of her classmates are part of the production. One of the leads, Andrew Wardwell, says of the play: "It is full of spicy variety and fun." Hmmm, spicy variety—often an element characteristic in the successful breed of theater production.

The play will be performed using the same set as *To Kill a Mockingbird*, with big thank-you's going to Bruce Brenneman for permission to use the set. The director, Susan Dutton praises the class's efforts: "The class is very talented in writing and acting."

So Houghton, if you're up for a night at the theater, you can't beat the quality performance you will receive on Monday night. See you at the show!

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Hickory Dickory Dock, the NAB Now Has a New Clock

Jason Poole

The secrets of the fourth dimension are no longer a mystery in the NAB. Thanks to the class of '98, the somber grey stone wall in the atrium has a cheerful new resident. By now, most students have seen the handmade ceramic clock hanging there- its birds, leaves, footprints, and pastels celebrating together the wonder of time and the seasons. And on a more pragmatic level, students no longer have an excuse for being late to class.

Perhaps some have been curious about the story behind the clock- who made it, how it works, or how it came about. Well, faithful readers, wonder no longer. *The STAR* recently sent one of its top reporters to interview Professor Gary Baxter, the mastermind behind the NAB's hundred-pound addition. Gary, who has a Master of Fine Arts degree, has taught ceramics for the art department at Houghton for several years. He was more than gracious to take time out of his Saturday to answer some questions about his creation. Here is that story...

Representatives of last year's senior class first presented Gary Baxter with the request in the spring of 1998. It was to be the senior class gift. It was thought a clock would add color and character to the large expanse of stone in the popular and comfortable atrium in the NAB, as well as serving a practical purpose in the process. It was not typical of works



photo by Erich Asperschlager

he has done in the past, and the possibilities and challenges of such an undertaking intrigued him. His first inkling was towards making a large carved cuckoo clock, but through successive sketches, the present design evolved.

The nature theme- birds and seasons- was planned from the start. Gary made the first sketch last April but did not feel comfortable with the design until about four months later. He mentioned that this in itself was unusual. Often as a work goes from paper to reality, it will change- sometimes ending up remarkably distinct from the original concept. Due to the nature of this project, however, a lot more precision in planning was required.

He "did not have as much freedom" as with other pieces, so he had to spend more time in the developing stage.

Construction began in the fall. The clock's components consist of about fifty ceramic tiles bonded to a plywood core. The tiles were fired at a low temperature to allow for a wider palette of colors- a departure from Gary's usual high temperature earthenware method. He felt that the clock's lighter colors would brighten the stonework, highlighting the white of the balconies while providing a pleasant contrast to its immedi-

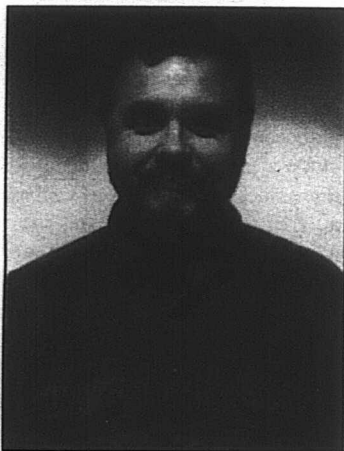


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ate surroundings. The three-dimensional birds were separately made, then secured to the base by placing a metal rod through them into the clock.

According to Gary, one of the more challenging aspects to the project was that of powering the terracotta monolith. The idea to wire it to the school's system was rejected because of the difficulty and cost of setting it up. His only other option was a battery-operated mechanism: because of the size of the clock, it proved to be quite difficult to find a company that sold one.

A clock movement that supported the twenty-inch minute hand and fifteen-inch hour hand was eventually purchased by mail order from Wisconsin. It required a single AA battery that would need to be changed once a year, so Gary built the clock with a hinged base that could be opened for that very purpose. Obstacle after obstacle crumbled under the powerful spell of our earthenware enchanter, and in February 1999, his masterpiece appeared on the wall of the atrium for all to see.

Have they admired it? Gary claims that the response has been positive- he has heard one complaint of the clock "violating" the uniformity of the stone wall, but most comments have been compliments. Because of its complexity, Gary feels "more strongly" about the clock than he feels about his other works; he considers it to be one of his "most successful pieces."

Phone SystemCont. (from p. 1)

Some interesting possibilities for the new system could include distinctive ringing, meaning that a student and his or her roommate would each have a specific ringing pattern. That would mean increasing the number of extensions, however. Another possibility is voice mail. There would be no need for answering machines, and students could dial their voice mail from any phone.

Besides improving the phone service, Jeff Spear is also looking into improving the telink system. The school is now using CODEC, a complicated system in which the modem from one location must adjust for another. A fast modem at one location tries to adjust for a slow one at the other location, resulting in something that looks like what Spear called, "an old drivers' ed movie," where lips move and several seconds later sound comes

out. The new system, called ISDN, has Network Terminal Interface (NTI), which allows for seamless communicating with schools all over the country.

Despite all these possible changes, the college is interested in keeping direct inward dialing,



which is what allows students to have their own phone number (567-****). The new system might result in students having an extension, which means that callers from outside would have to dial 567-9200 and enter an extension.

This would be automated, however, so the info center would

not be constantly busy. Another possibility includes an automated student directory so that the info center would not receive so many inquiries about phone numbers. "We need to proclaim from the roof tops," said Spear, "that we are NOT looking to do anything to the info center, but we think we would

have a better info center if the phone was not ringing every two seconds."

Spear concluded by saying he would like to hear what input students have about this topic. As of yet many of these things are still in the planning stage, so if you have an opinion, make it known.

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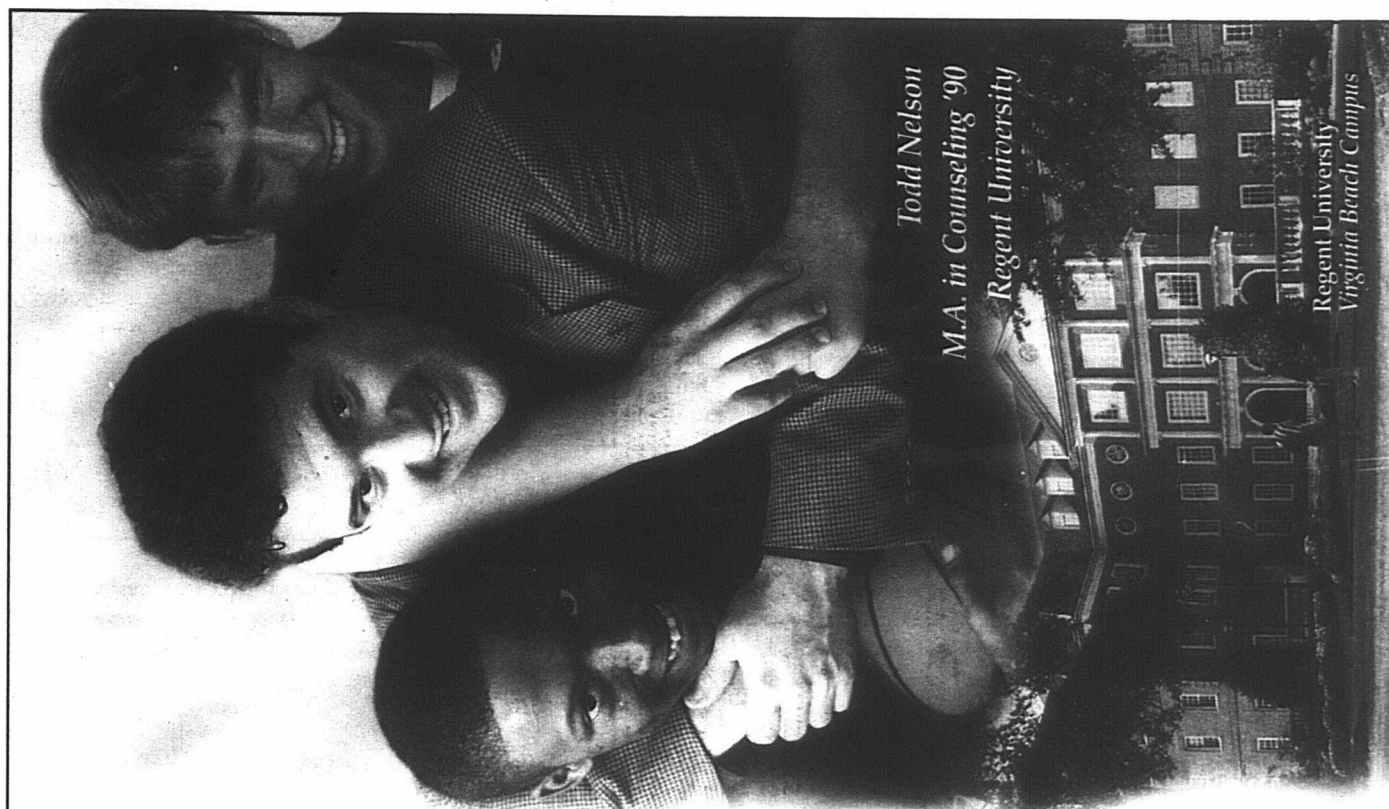
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Pining for Dining?

Houghton Delivers the Eats

Susanna Rosenbaum

Are you longing for a home-cooked meal? Did the ISA dinner leave you craving specialty foods? Good news: you don't need to crave any longer! The Houghton/Fillmore community is coming to your rescue! A week of fine dining events commences Wednesday night at the Fillmore Fire Hall...

Wednesday evening at 6:30, the Fillmore and Houghton Rotary clubs are hosting a special St. Patrick's Day celebration. The menu will include authentic Irish stew, salad, desserts, and drinks and prizes will be awarded for Best Costume, Best Irish/Celtic Dancer, Best Irish/Celtic Song, and Best Toast.

There will also be lots of music, including an appearance by members of the Houghton College Bagpipe Corps. Tickets are \$6.00

for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. Proceeds from tonight's event will go towards the creation of banners (similar to the purple ones on our campus) to commemorate these two towns that are the "Heart of the Genesee River Valley."

The next evening of fine dining to mark on your calendars is Saturday, March 20th. The Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a fundraising Beef on Weck Dinner at the Houghton Wesleyan Church from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 5-12 (those under age 5 eat free). The meal includes all-you-can-eat Beef on Weck (that's short for "beef on a Kimmelweck roll"—a distinct tradition of western New York), salads, drinks, and home-baked pies!

Last but not least is the Houghton Community

Association's Chili Supper to be held on Tuesday, March 23rd from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Houghton Wesleyan Church. Dick Wing, who was an English professor at Houghton before retiring, will be making his famous chili. He will also be making his renowned Firebomb Chili, which will "raise the hair on your head," according to Kathie Brenneman. Tickets for the Chili Supper, if purchased in the Info Center, are \$5.00 for adults

and \$3.00 for children. (Tickets purchased at the door cost \$6.00 and \$4.00, respectively.) All proceeds from this event will go toward the purchase of Christmas banners for the light poles along Route 19.

Make sure you take advantage of these wonderful opportunities to simultaneously treat your taste buds and show your support for the Houghton/Fillmore community!

The World Out There

Jay Jennings

Abortion Clinic Bombing- No injuries in explosion in Asheville, NC. No suspects yet. (USA Today, 3/15 5A)

Kosovo-GOP backs Clinton on his decision to commit 4,000 troops to NATO peacekeeping forces if peace settlement is reached. Peace talks resume today amid fighting that killed 6 this weekend. (USA Today, 3/12 1A)

Dow Jones Industrials- Due to positive retail reports, Dow has booming week, flirting with the never before reached 10,000 industrial average mark. (Wall Street Journal 3/12 1A)

GOP Nomination Race- Texas Governor and son of ex-president George W. Bush leads the Republican pack, but Elizabeth

Dole the ex-Red Cross President, wife of Bob is gaining support. (Time 3/15 pg. 42)

Sports

Joe DiMaggio- The Yankee who hit safely in 56 consecutive games in 1941 and who was once married to Marilyn Monroe died last week at the age of 84 as one of the largest sports icons ever. (Sports Illustrated 3/15 pg. 52)

NCAA Tournament- Field down to 16 with games resuming Thursday. While surprises like Miami of Ohio, led by Wally Szczerbiak who had 67 point in his 2 games, and SW Missouri St. take down powerhouses such as Utah, UNC, and Stanford, Duke continues to cruise through by winning both games by 41 points. (www.espn.go.com)

Spotlight on Staff:

Todd Nelson

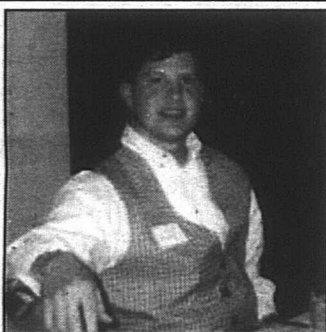
Liana Weirich

Todd Nelson, who grew up near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is the oldest of three children and the first to come to Houghton College. His brother, Troy is a '96 grad, and Tara is a freshman.

Graduating in 1993 with majors in History and Political Science, Todd took a special liking to the Houghton community. When he graduated he wasn't planning on teaching, but he ended up coming back to Houghton in the spring of '94 for his teaching certification and student teaching experience.

He moved to Pride's Crossing, Massachusetts and taught at Landmark School, a boarding school for kids with disabilities, for two years. "I was keeping my eyes open for opportunities back at Houghton," he says. "I really loved the Houghton atmosphere." When Doris Nielsen stepped down from Upward Bound, Todd was contacted to fill the position and now serves Houghton as the Academic Counselor for Upward Bound.

Upward Bound is a program that works with about 50 kids from the Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties - tutoring them and doing Educational Programming. Todd's position involves working more with the tutors - hiring, training, and meeting regularly with them. "Currently, there are about 15-20 Houghton students and community members that I get to work with. It's very enjoyable," he says. "I also help do SAT



preparation classes in the fall. In the summers we have a five week program where the youth stay here on campus and take classes. These kids come from about 20 different area schools - it's a neat experience for all who take part."

In what little free time Todd has, he loves to exercise, play chess, and fence. He also enjoys having his sister on campus. "I just got a German Shepherd/black lab puppy named Jake. That takes some time."

He has been applying to grad schools for the fall and is thinking about teaching history on the college level. "Right now I am on the first floor of Steese, not to be confused with the Step Offices that are here," he says. "You are more than welcome to come on up and look around. We always like people to help out - especially those who have had some experience in tutoring and are interested in education."

Those who know him are thankful for his dedication. Junior Cara Gerhard, a tutor for Upward Bound, says, "I appreciate Todd's neat handwriting as well.... it is very legible."

Marijuana Cont.

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What does this mean for the college? Is the Residence life going to transform into a full-fledged narc squad? "I've always chosen not to have Residence Life function as an investigative unit," Nichols comments. "If we're confronted with something like this we'll respond swiftly and appropriately."

But it is a fact; Houghton has never dealt (no pun intended) with anything of this caliber in recent memory. In fact, the Wellsville Daily Reporter has been investigating the situation as well. I'm sure it would be difficult for Dean Danner to remember the last time an outside newspaper called with respect to a criminal activity on campus.

"Houghton College" and "criminal activity" are words rarely mentioned in the same breath, and rightfully so. Even though crime is not a prominent trademark of Houghton, thankfully, we are not secluded in a crime-free utopia. We are not ignorant but it is easy to fall into the

belief that everything is always kosher.

Wrong things happen everywhere—we're human. "I suppose, inevitably, anytime something unsavory like this [the arrest] happens, it would affect our school's reputation," Nichols says. "We're all fallen creatures. It grieves me, but it doesn't surprise me there's alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana use on campus."

Does this cloud have a cliched silver lining? Tim Nichols believes so. "With respect to alcohol, tobacco, and drug use, I think something like this brought into the open will hopefully cause members of the community to take a closer look at why we have our policies and why they're good for our community."

Houghton is not immune to these sticky situations. Perhaps they vary in caliber, but storms will rarely leave a community untouched. "When people make bad decisions, we deal with it in the way that is good for Houghton College and the student," Dean Danner says. "We look for ways to serve the best purpose of the college and the individual."

LIGHTER SIDE

CD Reviews

Tim Graffam

Chasing Furies With Abandon

Chasing Furies debut album *With Abandon* has created quite a buzz in the Christian music industry, and with good reason. Made up of three siblings, sisters Sarah and Rachel and older brother Joshua, the group deftly blends passionate vocals and soft harmonies with off-edgy and haunting guitars to create a record brooding with intensity and elegance.

The band has many qualities such as worshipfully vulnerable lyrics and a refreshingly original sound, though their finest attribute is without a doubt lead singer Sarah's melodious vocals. Her voice both soars and seeps as it permeates the ears of attentive listeners. Her versatile vocals allow the smooth transition from an edgy sound with a bite to a gentler, folk-influenced sound. Often times the group integrates the two highly separate sounds into the same song. It's that diversity that helps keep the music interesting and fresh.

Chasing Furies has drawn

comparisons to artists such as Sarah McLachlan and Radiohead due to their rich, ambient sound fronted by Sarah's (another singing Sarah to go along with McLachlan, Masen, Jahn, etc.) passionately dense vocal abilities. The importance of Sarah's vocals is illustrated as the album's weakest points are the few songs in which Joshua takes the vocal duties on himself. **B+**

Buck Buck

Unfortunately for Buck, the backlash against ska has begun. Buck is by no means a bad band. They're musically tight and upbeat, and their lyrics can hold their own against contemporaries such as The W's, but their biggest drawback has been timing. I guess they're best described by the phrase "A day late and a buck short."

Buck's self-titled debut has some positive attributes, but not enough to compete with bands that have proven themselves and have built a loyal fan base. Of course I am referring to the big three bands of Christian ska: The Supertones, Five Iron Frenzy, and

The Insyderz. With those three top quality bands all having recently released new albums, there is just no room for an upstart band waving the banner of ska. Last year, a band could sell simply because it was ska. Nowadays, the general feeling seems to be against ska's bouncy, horn-driven punk sound. Even Christian music's original ska band has begun marketing a style change to "rock music with

horns."

Fortunately for Buck, there is an upside. There are always the hardcore ska fans to buy the record, and their song "Next" is going to serve as the title track for a future compilation along the lines of "WWJD?" Who knows, maybe enough exposure will help them. It's quite possible, though, that ska's overexposure will kill them. **C**

Houghton College Presents: To Kill a Mockingbird

Based on the novel by Harper Lee
Dramatized by Christopher Sergel



Directed by Bruce Brenneman

March 18-20, 1999

Evening performances-- 8:00pm
Saturday matinee-- 2:00pm

Rosemary Tysinger Auditorium
Houghton Academy

General Admission: \$6.00 Students: \$4.00

Tickets may be reserved by calling 567-9461

Cookin' with Kathie: 'Classic' Info Center Cheese Dip

Kathie Brenneman

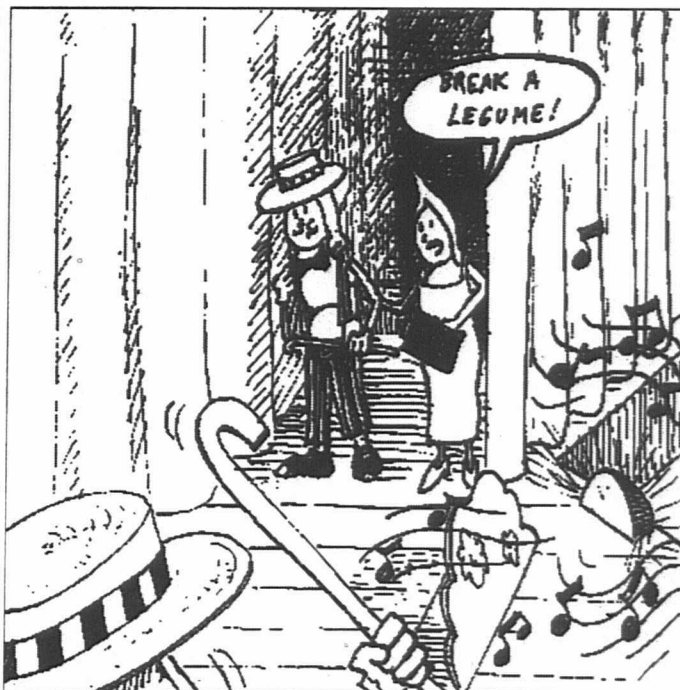
Several weeks ago, a guy who used to go to college stopped in the Info Center. "I was driving through this area on a trip and I thought I'd stop and see if you would give me the recipe for that cheese dip you used to have here." That is the most effort I know of to get the cheese dip recipe. So for all of you who love the cheese dip and tortilla chips at the Info Center, clip this.

- 1 large box Velveeta cheese (I use light)
- 2 large (2-cup) bags grated Mexican or cheddar cheese
- 1 regular jar Pace Picante sauce (I use mild)
- 1/4 - 1/2 tsp Cumin
- Several dashes of Cayenne Pepper and Chili Powder
- Optional (if you want to be fancy):
 - chopped black olives
 - chopped chilies
 - chopped jalapeno peppers
 - chopped tomatoes
 - canned chili
 - kidney beans

(To make as simply as possible, just use the Velveeta Cheese and Picante sauce)

Chop the cheese into cubes, mix with other ingredients, and microwave. Stir frequently until melted. I use a crock pot at the Info Center to keep it hot, but at home, you can microwave it again if it gets too cool for dipping. It's good with fresh veggies too!

WISH YOU WERE HERE... ERICH ASPERSCHLAGER



Bean theater

SPORTS

Houghton Sports Week in Review

Winter Sports Score Box

Men's Basketball (5-22)

Season Over

Women's Basketball (24-6)

NAIA Championship

Houghton: 58 Spring Arbor: 73

Intramural Sports

as of 3/15

Coed Volleyball

Atlantis	2-1
Bump, Set, Kill	2-0
Chef Ed's	0-3
En Fuego	1-1
Hezekiah 8:2	2-0
I Can't Believe It's Butter	1-1
Mixed Match	1-1
PEEPS	0-1
The Rugrats	1-1
The Strikers	1-1
Us and 2 Canadians	1-2
Roberts	1-1

Inner-Tube Water Polo

Bob Barker's Beauties	2-0
Catz	0-1
The Funoodles	0-0
Jonestown	0-1
The Fish	1-0
Motley Crue	0-0
No Soup For You	1-0
O'Doyle Rules!	0-1
Sarcopterygians	1-0
Sea Lions	0-1
The Wet Wonders	0-1
Branes	0-1
Merle Shank	1-0

Team Handball

Woody	0-1
Amish Tetherball Machine	1-1
Mo and the Pips	0-1
Hand Jive	0-1
Skull 'N Berries	1-0
All About the Ladies	0-1
Razor & Machine	2-0
VW Crew	1-0

Lady Highlanders Fall in Championship

Sioux City, Iowa — The record breaking season for the Houghton College Lady Highlanders ended with a 73-58 loss to 7th-seeded Spring Arbor College (Mich.) at the 8th annual NAIA Division II Women's National Championship on Thursday.

Houghton led for most of the first half, taking their largest lead (20-15) on an Alicia Campbell

layup with 9:22 to go. Spring Arbor responded with a 6-0 run to take a 21-20 lead with 5:25 remaining and led 28-27 at the half. Spring Arbor continued to add to their lead throughout the second half, stretching the margin to nine

(63-54) at the 2:13 mark. Key free throws and baskets off the transition pushed the lead to 19 with :44 remaining.

Janelle Tombs led the Lady Highlanders with 15 points

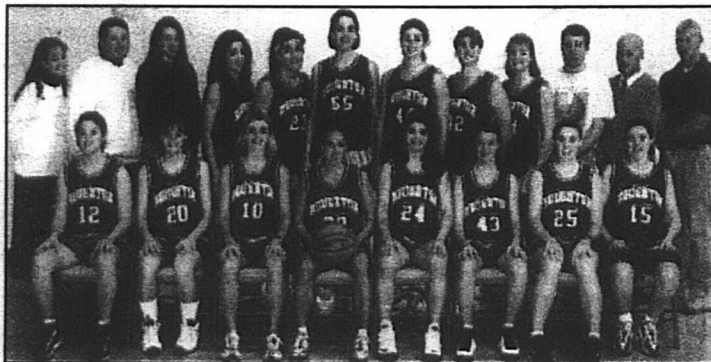


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Thanks for the great season, ladies!

on 5-of-11 shooting from 3-pt. range. Campbell added 11 points and six assists. Libby Shaw registered 10 points and five rebounds, and Amy Fells contributed nine points and five rebounds.

Spring Arbor hit 24-of-29 free

throws while Houghton converted 4-of-7.

"I'm proud of our team's effort," said head coach Skip Lord. "I felt our kids maintained our balance in terms of offensive production and rebounding; we just turned the ball over too much. It's a heartbreaker to see this team not continue on. They've had a great year. Hopefully they can remember next year what this feels like, so we can get back here and take it to the next level."

Houghton finished the season 24-6. The 24

wins is a school record for wins in a season.

Spring Arbor (29-4) plays the winner of Thursday's matchup between Holy Names (Calif.) and Mary (N.D.), Friday at 4 p.m. CST.

Meet the Men's Volleyball Team

COACH: Aaron Cole — an incredible volleyball player himself — much thanks is owed to him for all the time he puts into the team despite his job, and family.

Scott Mills — jumps like a maniac and hits line like you would not believe

Rob Luckey — great hands, great hits and great pacs — just plain money

Brian Pickard — strongest middle blocker ever to be found — great placement skills too

John Irish — new kid; pulls out some good hits and passes every

now and then — he's coming along

John Heller — very hard hitter — has something to do with the grunting (more you grunt, the harder you hit?)

Jeff Schoonover — pulls out some great hits — loves the game and tries hard; jumps around like Tigger at

6am practices and makes people want to hurt him

Chester Hoffman — transfer student; pulls out some good hits and some hard serves

Joel Worden — good all around player — hits, passes, serves, and sets — defense is his middle name

his foot caught in the net once; this jumping ability combined with pancake hands makes him a huge blocker

Matt Rigby — despite the fact that he's an obvious Canadian and freshman on top of that, when he's on he plays well — middle hitter

(when he's off, well...)

Possible home game this Friday night against Clarkson.

Tournament this Saturday at Cortland.

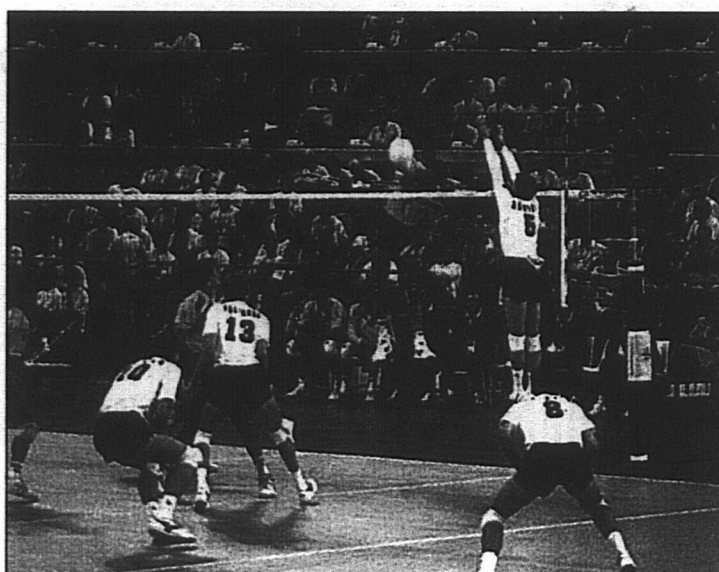
Lost to University of Buffalo, but that's OK because they almost beat UCLA (that means they're good)

Lost to Genesee Community

College. Lost to St. Bonaventure. Beat Buffalo State.

Beat Roberts (that calculates out to a 2-3 record)

Watch as Men's volleyball continues to grow, and be on the look out for home games!



Pete Fekete — stinky shoes, but other than that, an incredible player — great placement and pretty smart player

Dustin Smucker — team setter — a great all around player — can do anything

Gordon Keesler — I saw him get