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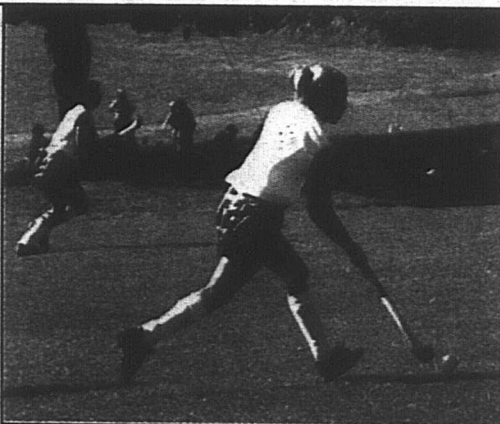
## Going NCAA Division II Houghton Heights Houghton Considers Dual Membership To Be Phased Out Townhouses Change Hands

Denise Dunckle

Houghton College has been accepted as a provisional member of the NCAA Division II. This means that during the next four years Houghton will undergo an educational probation period to determine if the college's athletic program is a good fit for NCAA Division II and vice versa. At the conclusion of the four-year trial period, the NCAA will meet to vote either accepting or denying Houghton's membership.

Meanwhile, Houghton will conduct a self-study to examine whether or not going into the NCAA Division II is the most beneficial route for the college to take. So far, Houghton's Intercollegiate Athletic Committee has approved filing for membership to the NCAA Division II, but that is as far as the notion has gone. The steps that still need to be taken include going through the Student Life Council, who will then send a report to the faculty. The faculty must next decide on any issues that need to be discussed. So the decision to enter the NCAA Division II, in essence, has not been made, only raised as a possibility. During the next four years more concrete decisions will be made.

Houghton Athletic Director Skip Lord stated there are many reasons why the school is currently contemplating joining the NCAA Division II. First, membership in the NAIA prevents the field hockey team from participating



Kristen Dorsey, along with other Houghton athletes, may be running to the NCAA D-II

in post-season play because the league lacks a sufficient number of teams. The field hockey team has already proven itself capable of playing in the NCAA through current competitions with NCAA D-II and D-III teams. Therefore, joining the NCAA Division II would finally allow the field hockey team to experience tournament play.

Second, in the NAIA "many Houghton athletic teams are having terrible times creating schedules," said Skip Lord. For example, this season the men's soccer team is three games short of a full schedule and currently the women's basketball team is still four games shy of a complete schedule. These scheduling hardships stem from the fact that a lot of NCAA D-III teams will not play against us, claiming

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Jon Hartt

Beyond Houghton Academy and the nursing home is a tidy housing complex called Houghton Heights. Over the past three years it has been home to a number of upperclass men owning cars, but now that era is coming to an end. Houghton Heights is being phased out.

This year four of the eight units are being rented to community members (two retiree couples and two faculty members) rather than students. According to Vice-President of Finance Jeff Spear, next year the remaining four units will also be rented out and Houghton Heights will cease to be a townhouse complex. In 1996, (when the units were constructed) Caneadea gave the college permission to use them as temporary student housing for a period of three to four years. "After that time," Spear says, "they were to be used as apartments for families. They can also be sold as condominiums. The college was willing to use them as student housing for a time to satisfy the desire for townhouse life by upperclass students."

There are several benefits to renting out (or selling off) Houghton Heights. First, Houghton College aims to offer campus telephone and internet access for all students in college housing by next fall. Running the necessary circuits up to the HH townhouses in time would have been next to impossible. Secondly, it reduces the "spread" of the residence life program. There have been past instances in which

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## Coin Laundry All Washed Up Pros and Cons of New Laundry System

Shelley Dooley

Coins will no longer be heard jingling in the pockets of students as they traipse down the hall under mounds of dirty laundry; for this year, the authorities decided to bestow the privilege of free laundry on every student living on campus.

In order to optimize the results of free-clothes-washing, rules were developed to regulate the cleaning methods of students. Rather than using tokens or scan cards to bind students to the machines in their own residence, an honor system was adopted. If, by chance, a student lives in East Hall but did her laundry in Lambein, she would be violating the honor system and fined fifty dollars causing her once free laundry to become a pricey investment of the past.



Houghton students take advantage of free laundry

New machines arrived this week, forcing the older, bad-tempered devices to be retired. Gas dryers have been put in place to more efficiently dry clothes, and the washing machines use hot water to loosen the pasta stains left on that favorite white T-shirt.

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# EDITORIAL

## Letter from the Editor

Tim Graffam

I was sitting in the Star office working on the paper recently when Dean Danner stopped in to ask me a question. We got chatting about family, the paper, and Houghton. While we were discussing a possible story about a prominent family in Houghton history, Dean Danner wondered aloud how people will look back on this period of time at Houghton twenty-five years from now. His comment started me thinking about the future.

I tried to picture Houghton in twenty-five years, but only ended up reflecting on my own three plus years here. So much has changed in a short three years, it was hard for me to imagine what could happen in twenty-five. I wondered what Houghton students twenty-five years from now will think about the changes I've experienced first hand.

The old music building is already a distant memory. Twenty-five years from now, if it weren't for the commemorative bricks embedded in the wall of the new Center for the Arts, students may not believe it even existed in the same way I can hardly picture a gym where the campus center now stands.

The snack shop has was hole when I arrived, and has seen quite an overhaul. Will students wonder about the jolly fellow for which Big Al's was named?

After a housing development goes up on the hill will anyone remember Houghton Heights once housed college guys (and survived to house other people)?

Or that students lived throughout the community in college owned houses? Will anyone remember South Hall after it slides into the creek?

Will students wonder why Houghton ever owned a VW beetle or try to figure out how they managed without a whole fleet of the snappy little automobile? Will the dining hall seem normal then because it seems so futuristic now?

Will all the new purple and gold signs around campus be ready for replacement by then? Will the names on those signs: Paine, Nielsen, Luckey, Lambein, and, of course Houghton, among others, maintain their meaning to students and impact in Houghton's rich history? Whose names will be on the new signs that will eventually go up around campus?

Last year for the Founder's Day issue of The Star we on the staff put together a little "Houghton History" pullout section made up of Star stories from the last century. While scouring the archived issues of The Star in the basement of the library it was obvious many periods in Houghton's history seemed characterized by the circumstances of the time: war, peace, depression, unrest, enlightenment, advancement, etc. How will the late nineties be characterized?

Rebirth. The Houghton I remember when I first arrived has gone under for a spell and is now making a triumphant return with a new face to display to the world. It is an exciting and important time in Houghton's continuing evolution. We are part of what The Star editor's Houghton history article headline should read in 2025: "Houghton Renaissance Characterizes Turn of the Millennium."



## We Can All Get Along... Can't We?

John Osae-Kwapong

David the Psalmist wrote, in Psalms Chapter 133, verses 1 and 2, "Behold how wonderful it is, how pleasant, when brothers live in harmony. For harmony is as precious as the fragrant anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head and ran down into his beard."

One of the books I picked up from a pile of free books being offered by a professor several weeks ago was titled "Can We All Get Along?" I have not had the chance to read the book but I have been very fascinated by the title. It led me into a period of sober reflection over certain issues and incidents. I examined the recent shootings in this country, continued killing in Sierra Leone, what I call the "revenge of the Albanians" in the Balkans, the slaughter of people in East Timor, and the list goes on and on. At the end of the day I asked myself, "We can all get along; can't we?" Although I had a greater propensity to answer this question in the affirmative, I was quick to qualify it with ifs.

We can all get along if we recognize what binds us all together and that is our common humanity. I grew up being made to believe that God created men in a hierarchical order, which made the white man more human than the black man. Within the confines of my country, my background and ethnicity were also used in making me to believe that I was more human than other sections of my society and other tribes. It comes as no surprise when my treatment of people varied according to what their tribe was. As I looked at the

history of this country, a feeling and belief of superiority partly explains the maltreatment of people of African descent. I have lived long enough and been educated enough to recognize I am just as human as anyone else and, as I have been reminded often this semester by a professor, "We are all God's beloved."

It is also important to recognize that although we are bonded by our common humanity, there is the need to recognize how we have been shaped differently with regards to race, ethnicity, culture, etc. We cannot live with the attitude the world begins and ends with the countries we come from, or our races, or our political ideologies. It is always interesting to hear the rhetoric of "Why can't you all become like us" in whatever context it is made. Imagine what this world will be like if, for instance, we were all correct with regards to our political ideology?

As we recognize there is great difference among us, there is the issue of learning to appreciate and tolerate what is different. One cannot and should not underestimate the efficacy of appreciating differences. The relationships I have grown to cherish at Houghton would not have been possible if there was not an appreciation for our differences. Certainly as Christians we will find conflicts between our personal beliefs and certain choices people make. If we wish people never made those choices it is easy for us to grow very intolerant.

But when all is said and done, I keep asking myself, "We can all get along, can't we?"



## Corrections

Tim Graffam - Editor-in-Chief

The STAR staff would like to apologize for a few mistakes found in the most recent issue of the publication.

First, Some of the phone numbers in the "WNY Phone Numbers" section were not quite wrong, but a little off. Under the "Houghton" section on the list, the numbers for the Info Desk, Campus Security, Computer Help Desk, Health Center, The Nielsen PEC, The Community Bank, and the Highlander Hotline need to

have a "0" dropped off the end of the last four numbers and a "9" added to the front of them. The numbers that ended up getting printed are actually extension numbers that can be dialed if you are calling from campus (eg. the info desk is either x2000 from campus, or 567-9200 from off campus; we printed the crazy amalgam 567-2000.) Again, we are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Second, Kristen Dorsey was recently engaged to Brian Pickard, not Brian Picard, as we had carelessly reported last issue. We apologize for the misspelling.

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# NEWS

## Houghton Welcomes New MD

*New Doctor Coming in October*

*Jean Adams*

The Houghton College health center will be seeing a friendly new face this fall. Dr. Nisla Martinez will soon be joining Dr. Dave Brubaker to serve all those in need of medical attention on-campus.

Dr. Martinez is a graduate of the Wesleyan Academy in Puerto Rico, and she majored in Neuro-

science at the University of Rochester. She received her MD from the Boston University School of Medicine and completed her family practice residency at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse. While there, she also served as Chief Resident and was a colleague of Dr. Brubaker.

Houghton welcomes Dr. Martinez, along with her husband, Jeff Meyer and their 15-month-old son, Andrew on October 15th.

## Shen Men Save Schwert

*Stephen Maxon*

When Houghton biology professor Dr. David P. Schwert needed to unload a truck full of lumber in 48 hours, he went to his students for help. On Wednesday afternoon, Schwert got that help - and then some. In the form of nearly thirty able-bodied students from Shenawana Hall.

Shen RD Jason Holmwood organized the event as the dorm's first of many ministry opportunities this year. For over three hours, the men unloaded thousands of pieces

of expensive and heavy lumber from a tractor-trailer, led by former Shen resident and current Schwert student, Tad "Bubba" Sherman. The wood was being stored at the site of Dr. Schwert's future home on the grounds of the Mariposa Ponds Campground.

"I was really proud of the men from Shen," said Shenawana RDA Josh Tate. "They really showed a heart of servanthood." For their efforts, the students were rewarded with pizza, soda, Schwert's effusive thanks, and the knowledge that they had made a difference.

## Houghton Heights continued

students have been, in the words of Jeff Spear, "'excited' in their verbal expressions and driving behaviors," especially late into the night. As Spear wisely suggests, "They have represented a minority but such behaviors do tend to reflect poorly on our student body within the broader community - particularly in light of the proximity of the nursing home." Indeed, this must be taken into consideration when living in a small community.

And lastly, offering the units to families proves the college's commitment to the Town of Cananda, without whose approval the college would never have been able to put students in Houghton Heights in the first place.

One might wonder how all this fits into the bigger picture. Associate Dean of Students Tim Nichols says that he hopes to "be able to develop some of the area around Hazlett and Leonard Houghton townhouses with some recreational facilities, common areas, etc., forming a little bit more of a townhouse community concept." Houghton College has also owned many non-townhouse-style houses in the past. The college used to rent rooms in Steese, McMillen, Powers, Frase and Hazlett. These have all either been moved, converted into offices, sold, or appro-

priately destroyed.

Jeff Spear says that there are plans to "redeploy" Walldorf and Genesee Apartments as well. "Walldorf is to be converted into some sort of a commercial establishment and the Genesee Apartments will be renovated with a bull dozer. Neither facility can be fitted in the near term with network or telephone hookups and they need significant attention." Spear adds, "The last remaining house rented by the college to students will be the college farmhouse. We plan to keep it."

From the sounds of it, though, one needn't worry about being trapped in the dorms all four years. "As to the elimination of college-owned houses," says Tim Nichols, "for the time being it is my intention to replace those spaces with being able to offer additional CLO's to students. Both our townhouses and the chance to live in the community have been very popular options for our upperclass students and so it made sense to me to expand on the availability of these."

To be sure, change has been a recent theme around town. God-willing, though, when all is said and done, Houghton will be a better place to live and a better place to study.

## The World Out There

*Dionne Miller*

**Fort Worth, TX.** - A gunman entered Wedgwood Baptist Church last Wednesday and opened fire on a prayer meeting killing seven people, including himself. Investigators now say the man was severely disturbed but had no past record of violence. The pastor of the church encouraged the congregation gathered at the massacre site Sunday morning to remain focused on worshipping God.

**East Coast, USA** - Hurricane Floyd ripped through the eastern seaboard last week flooding towns and leaving thousands without power. Towns with immense flooding now struggle with food shortage and threats of contamination from sewage and dead livestock in the floodwaters. Officials warn that major rivers may continue to rise.

**East Timor** - International peacekeepers dressed for combat landed in east Timor to clear a way for UN approved forces sent to restore order and push for independence.

**Boxing** - Felix Trinidad defeated Oscar de LaHoya in a fight this past weekend. The match was a far cry from the epic battle it was hyped up to be.

**College football** - unranked Cincinnati defeated No.8 Wisconsin by a score of 17-12. The upset thrust Wisconsin back to No.17 in this weeks rankings.

**Baseball** - The home run race continues. Sammy Sosa now has 61 home runs this season followed closely by Mark McQuire with 58.

## Laundry continued

Unfortunately, along with all of the luxurious laundry perks, a few drawbacks have been spotted. Perhaps the two most obvious ones are present in the dorms and townhouses.

In the dorms, not every student has been practicing proper cleansing etiquette leaving what should be a sparkling scrubbing space to look more like a tornado-torn war zone in which half-wet pajamas and soggy socks are strewn about. Many times detergent happy students monopolize machines for hours with their half-clean attire even though signs are plastered across every wall forbidding this behavior.

This carelessness not only causes mildew to form, but also forces others to lose hope of sanitation as they trudge down four

flights of stairs only to find every machine is full of left-over garments.

In addition to poor laundry manners, those residing in a few of the townhouses must disturb their neighbors in order to keep their own clothes from permeating a rather rank odor. Many students, especially those whose living areas are disturbed by the constant stream of laundry doers, find this to be an inconvenience they have been required to tolerate.

Although the new laundry system has caused a bit of mayhem between students as they claw at each other hoping to enlist a machine for their own use, the free-of-charge clothes washing can be viewed as a distinct bonus in every hectic life on campus.

## NCAA continued

because we are not in the NCAA, competing with us does not benefit them. Adding to this setback, the NAIA is rapidly losing members in the northeast and northwest.

Third, by entering the NCAA Division II Houghton may find a major increase in the number of possible athletic recruits. The NCAA is a well-known, highly reputable organization that receives much more recognition than the NAIA; subsequently many more athletes tend to want to play in the NCAA rather than NAIA. Although Lord highly praises the NAIA, "Houghton fits the NAIA beautifully," these problems are having a huge impact on Houghton's athletic program. If the college does eventually enter the NCAA, "our intention will not be to go NCAA Division II and leave the NAIA," said Lord.

"Most sports will probably remain in NAIA." Houghton would therefore retain dual membership status.

Houghton researched whether the NCAA Division II or Division III would be most advantageous for the college. The results of the study conducted showed that if Houghton joined D-III we would lose 60 of our top athletes because D-III athletes cannot receive any sort of financial aid connected to athletic ability. According to Lord, this drastic loss in athletes would, "devastate our strong athletic program."

Houghton College still has a lot of important decisions to make in order to shape the best future for the athletic department. The next four years are crucial to what direction Houghton's athletic department will take.

## Giving Kids the Royal Treatment *Witnessing the Faith of a Child at Royal Family*

Monica Sams

Summer after summer, I have worked and had a little fun on the side, but nothing I could look back on and say, "Wow, I really made a difference." That changed this past summer when I volunteered to work for a week at Royal Family Kids Camp. RFKC is a camp for children who have been referred by Allegany Social Services for having substantiated cases of abuse and neglect in their lives.

The mission of the camp, says Director John VanWicklin, is to "provide positive memories for abused and neglected children, while having fun in a Christian context." Some pessimistic readers may think, "What good can one week do?" At RFKC, we operated under the motto "moments matter."

Reflect for a moment on your own childhood. Many probably had a happy experience, surrounded by people who loved you. Most of us surely remember specific instances of fun and encouragement. Imagine what only one week of being treated like royalty can do for children who have been

hated, battered, and spit on every other day of the year. Encouragement children receive matters greatly in their lives, and what happens to them at camp is carried with them every day afterward. What is even more encouraging is that they cling to every word that is spoken about God. These children think more deeply about God than I did when I was younger because He's the only thing they have to get them through each day.

While watching the Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego "Veggie Tales" video with a six-year-old boy at camp, I asked what would happen to the three veggies. His response was an emphatic, "Duh, don't you know anything? God will save them - God saves everyone!"

Another night at camp, a six-year-old boy told his counselor the story of his life while being tucked into bed. The youngster, now in foster care, said, "Some

kids make fun of me because I have a foster dad. But it's okay to have a foster dad because do you know who else had a foster dad? Jesus! Jesus had a foster dad just like me!"

At the end of the week counselors and campers plant a tree together. The campers write



Kristen Dorsey and Monica Sams during activity time at RFKC

down something that they'd like to forget and bury it in the hole. Everyone joins hands around the tree and sings and prays together. A camper looked up at me with tears in her eyes and said with a smile, "This must be what heaven looks like." To most of these children, God is incredibly real, and a week at camp helps to solidify that bond.

Beyond the impact that RFKC had on the campers, my life and my perspectives have been forever changed. The fact the children had been abused and neglected intimidated me. I questioned my own ability to relate to them; I feared inadequacy - that I wouldn't be good enough. But God brought me such peace with 2 Corinthians 12:9, "...My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I realized I alone had nothing to offer these children. God only requires our willingness to be used, and then He does the rest.

The problem is there aren't enough people willing to be used. The Allegany County division of RFKC can accept only 48 campers a year. Next summer there will be 71 Royal Family Kids Camps across the country, which means about 2500 kids can go to camp. There are 1.4 million 7 to 11 year-olds who qualify for camp. That means only .157% of our nation's abused and neglected children get to come to camp to hear the word of God. That is not nearly enough. We need people who are willing to be used. Please prayerfully consider a role in this ministry. Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

## Mi Casa es Su Casa

*Teaching Hope, Learning Faith in Mexico*

Stephanie Smith

When you ask most college freshmen how they spent their summer vacation, the usual response is, "I worked." This summer I had the chance to do something a little bit different. I went on a missions trip to Tecate, Mexico.

Our youth group's mission was to build a house for our assigned Mexican family as well as participate in the vacation bible school we were running. My youth group and I boarded a plane in



The team finishes up the house

Boston, Massachusetts and landed six long hours later in San Diego, California. We then drove two more hours to the small, remote city where we would be witness-

ing and living for the next 10 days.

Our housing arrangements were no luxury hotel. After we visited our work-site, seeing where the Mexicans were living, our housing began to seem luxurious. Working at that site this summer helped me realize a lot of things, most importantly how lucky most of us really have it. We all have financial struggles, and our own problems, but witnessing true poverty causes your outlook to change. Some of the conditions these families were living in made me truly count my blessings.

The children we played with and witnessed to were incredible. They were nothing but open-

minded and extremely happy to not only play with us, but also to learn about Jesus. The one chance I had to go to VBS left me feeling very blessed. Not only were the children learning about Jesus' love, I found myself looking around and learning the same lesson. If only we had eagerness and willingness like the Mexican kids. If only we had faith like a child.

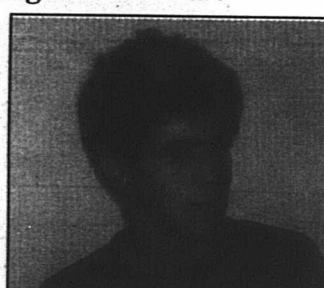
All the people we encountered on our trip were nothing short of wonderful. These people had close to nothing but were so happy with what little they had; you could see God working in their lives. It was an experience I will never forget and thank God for.

**Question of the Week: "Did you do anything interesting this summer?"**



-- Eric Kappas (Senior)

**"I went to Tom Brown's tracking, scat identifying, and wilderness survival school."**



-- Andrew Ries (Freshman)

**"I went on a missions trip to Ryazan, Russia for a week and a half."**

photos by Dan Mund



# r Experiences

## A Houghton Summer

Emily Beach

Among the popular myths at Houghton is there's nothing to do. When I stayed here this summer, I realized one of Western New York's greatest resources is its beauty, and when Tim asked me to do a story about what I did this summer, my mind flooded with stories of my outdoor adventures: running, camping, swimming, hiking and exploring. I thought the best way for me to share what summer life is like at Houghton would be to present some journal entries. I hope these glimpses of some of my favorite summer moments will encourage all of you to take advantage of this area's bountiful offering.

-13 June- (Wiscoy)

First I was only going to go wading, but when Dani and I stood at the center of the creek where the falls are beveled we slipped our hands under the foam and watched the water rushing under our horizontal trunks until we

were flying. When I rolled the hem of my shorts and backed against the frothy current so that the water raced up my legs, I felt a boundless exhilaration. If I hadn't accidentally fallen into one of the great deep holes in the floor of the creek, I surely would have thrown myself into one the next minute.



Photo by Jon Hartt

Emily at Wiscoy

-30 June- (on running)

I ran Tucker Hill Loop today for the first time, and I feel wonderful. It was a good day for running, sunny but cool and fragrant, and I ran to the top of Centerville without stopping and still felt good. I've been watching the clouds all day because the sky

has been a clear, hard blue, and the clouds are articulate enough to have been painted. I walked circles when I reached my spot at the top of the hill; the dirt crackled under my sneakers, the sun on the new corn made it more real than real, and I couldn't stop looking at the sky. I realized I wasn't ready to go home, down into the shady valley, and besides, I wanted to work some more.

The deeper I ran into the country the more this day pleased my senses. The sun was white and blinding, but when I could slip under its glare the colors everywhere offered themselves forth. Once I got to Tucker Hill Road the rest of the run was downhill and away from the sun, and

I ran into the wide blue sky and the smell of sweet grass and black raspberries and yellow black-eyed susans.

I ran almost the entire loop without stopping. When I got done I felt worn but hollow and clean.

-3 July- (on creekwalking)

In front of us were larger falls with cliffs on either side. We

weren't sure how to get down, so we just stood looking for a while. The sun lit the tufts of trees on the cliffs. I pulled a leech off my foot. We decided our best bet was to go through the forest, downhill until we came out at the bottom of the falls. We ended up maybe a hundred yards or so from the falls, and as we waded back toward it the water got deeper and deeper.

One of my favorite things about waterfalls is the side areas where the water only strays and trickles over, and you can see where the creek is biting away the rock of its cliff bed. That kind of place is perfect for climbing up because with all fours you can splash up the rocks. There are tiny silver minnows that get tossed over by the current and Oliver cupped one off the rocks into his hands and into mine. It flopped about and I let him go and climbed down.

We walked over to the main part of the falls and the riverbed descended under us. We were both trying to keep our shorts dry but we hit a deep spot and I went under. There's nothing better than the delight of finding myself in deeper than I expected.

## Cameroon-ed

Cheryl Morgan

Last July, I went to Cameroon with Wycliffe Bible Translators for a "short-term cross-cultural experience." My four weeks there took me through jet lag, culture shock, and a crash course on Cameroonian living. In "Cameroon 101" I learned:

1. There is a country on the western coast of Africa called Cameroon (oh, stop your snickering; chances are, if you're American, you didn't know that either).
2. How to interpret raised eyebrows and certain guttural sounds as "yes," "you don't say," or "how interesting, tell me more."
3. Pineapples don't grow on trees and coconuts grow with a thick green husk covering their coarse brown shell (yet more proof that

you can't believe everything you see in cartoons).

4. Immense craters can be found on the moon and in the majority of paved roads in Yaounde, the capital city of Cameroon.

5. How to escort cockroaches roughly the size of Houghton's new VW Bug out of a room (this technique was invented and perfected by Houghton professor Heidi Arnold. Ask her about it).

6. With a little rearranging and a lot of oomph, nine people can fit into a decrepit taxi built for two adults and a small child (this is how I learned the true meaning of the words "up close and personal").

7. How to say "Hello," "Good morning," and "How are you?" in French, pidgin English, and Kom.

8. All pick-pockets aren't completely inconsiderate, like those in New York City; after stealing the

contents of your bag, a Cameroonian thief will often throw back your keys and enough money for cab fare and, later, return your identification papers to the embassy.

9. Cameroonians can't fathom how Americans house, feed, and raise strangers' children. Meanwhile they pass out their own children to family and friends like Tupperware.

10. Dogs are the perfect home security system because Cameroonians are terrified of them. The Taco Bell Chihuahua could be giving away bejeweled burritos in your yard and no Cameroonian would come within a stone's throw of your house.

11. One way to roast a chicken is to simply stick it, live and with feathers, into a roaring fire (if I'm ever burned at the stake I hope I die with as much dignity as those poor chickens).

12. To not pass or accept anything using only my left hand, to not cross my legs, and to not look men in the eye as according to Cameroonian etiquette.

13. How to use a large square of material as a skirt, baby carrier, bathrobe, and wedding dress (which looked suspiciously like the bathrobe).

14. While Whites are few, African-Americans are scarce. Most Cameroonians have never seen one except on The Cosby Show.

15. Every Cameroonian's favorite foods are fufu and njamanjama (which are basically thick grits and collard greens that are eaten with the right hand).

16. Many Cameroonians get their ideas about Americans from reruns of Beverly Hills, 90210.

17. Travel is a privilege and trying to understand and adapt to cultures and values that clash with your own is life changing.



-- Sarah Gagnon  
(Senior)

**"I held my own summer camp of horseriding and arts and crafts."**



-- Heather Hodson  
(Freshman)

**"I demolished a house for Habitat for Humanity."**

# COMMUNITY

## Spotlight on Faculty: Doug Gaerte

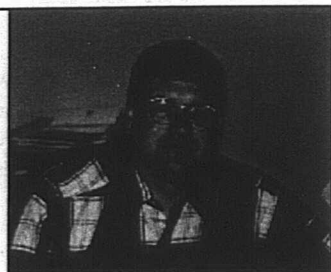
Tammy Joubert

After 12 years of dedicated service to Houghton College and the community, Doug Gaerte has made a great impact on many lives. Dr. Gaerte is the chair of the Communications and English department here at Houghton. He is the faculty advisor for WJSL, and therefore has been involved with the reconstruction. His family also hosts a Home-Sweet-Home Bible study.

Dr. Gaerte came to Houghton after receiving his higher education from the Indiana University. At Indiana U. he completed his masters in 1987, and his doctorate in 1995. He did his undergraduate work at Grace College.

He met his wife Phyllis at Grace in a communication class. She also was a communication major. He got to know her well on the stage of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. They hit it off and started dating. They were married after he graduated. After 16 years of marriage, they have two beautiful children. Andrew is an eighth grader at the Academy, and Emily is a fourth grader at Fillmore.

Outside of his responsibilities at the college, he finds time to be actively involved with the community. Last summer he co-



coached soccer for kids. He is actively involved in the Houghton Wesleyan church. For 5 years he led the boys' youth group.

After having many classes with Dr. Gaerte and also interviewing students who have had classes with him, many responded in the same positive way. Said one student of his teaching style: "Class just flies by because of the way [Dr. Gaerte] makes a point to get students involved. The interaction makes class more interesting." He is a unique professor. He does a lot of group work and believes discussion is one of the most powerful ways to learn. I personally have found this technique most beneficial and have gained a lot from his classes.

When I tried to find out some inside information on Dr. Gaerte, he wouldn't share a lot, but I did discover one humorous fact. When he was a child he loved to play the accordion. He wishes that he had kept up that talent.

## Take Time for Ministry: Youth for Christ

Caryn Hanks

Youth for Christ began in the 1940's as a non-denominational, evangelistic organization based in Chicago. Since then, it has spread to over 250 countries worldwide with the goal of communicating the saving message of Jesus to every young person.

### Who does YFC minister to?

The Southern Tier branch of YFC ministers to the over 5,000 youth between the ages of 13-18 in Allegany County.

### How does YFC minister?

There are four ways Southern Tier YFC ministers to teens. The first is through the Youth Center located in Wellsville. This drop-in center serves as a safe, yet fun haven for teens. The second is through the tutoring program that matches struggling high school students with a patient college student willing to meet on a weekly basis. The third way YFC ministers is through Campus Life Clubs. These groups bring the Gospel to junior high and

high schoolers from area school districts in a low-pressure setting filled with games, food, and a short devotional. YFC also ministers through its Youth Guidance program, which provides counseling to troubled teens.

### Where does YFC meet?

The Youth Center and tutoring program both take place in the Southern Tier headquarters in Wellsville. Campus Life Clubs meet in their respective school districts in school buildings, community homes, and even an empty garage.

### When does YFC meet?

Both the Youth Center and the tutoring program are open to students weekday afternoons and evenings. All Campus Life Clubs meet one evening a week.

### Why should I become involved?

YFC provides an opportunity for you to share your faith with unchurched teenagers, who will challenge you to prove your beliefs through both your actions and your words.

### How do I find out more?

Contact Jamie Farrell, YFC President, at ex. 1389.

## Helen Paine Celebrates 86<sup>th</sup> Houghton Matriarch Takes Time to Reflect

Melanie Hess

Helen Paine came to Houghton in 1934. She wasn't quite 20, and she was the new bride of Stephen Paine, the new dean. She's lived here ever since.

Helen met Stephen Paine at church in the young people's group at the Gospel Tabernacle. She was a student at the University of Illinois studying English, and he was a Wheaton College student visiting her church. When Stephen got a job at Houghton, the couple moved to western New York. Stephen was made president of the college in 1937-the youngest college president in the U.S. at the time. He was twenty-nine. The couple had five children, all of whom attended Houghton and lived at home. "I think they liked having an open refrigerator," Helen said. "We thought our son might want to go somewhere else, but when his dad asked him, he said 'Why would I want to? This is the best college.'" Four of their children graduated from Houghton, but Marge died of polio in her sophomore year at Houghton-one year before the polio vaccine was discovered. Stephen retired in 1972. He had the beginning of Parkinson's disease, but that didn't stop him from serving on the committee that worked on the NIV Bible. "He said that was one of the most enjoyable things he had ever done," Helen said. Stephen died in 1992. Now, at 86, Helen spends her summers and autumns in Houghton and travels to Brooksville, Florida, for the cold winter months. There she can drive and walk without the

worries of ice and snow that make those things difficult here.

Helen remarked several times on the many changes that have occurred in the time that she has been at Houghton. All the new buildings and the growth of the student population are changes that she has seen. The rules are considerably more lax now than they were in earlier decades. Helen finished her education at Houghton, and "although I didn't have to follow all the rules, I still did. I had to set a good example." She remembers one of her teachers, "a real maiden lady" going right up to a male student working outside and "telling him to put his shirt back on."



Helen Paine & friends on the  
Letchworth Trestle

skirts, "and stockings," Helen added, "although there weren't slacks at that time, so it wasn't an issue. That was a long time ago." Freshmen weren't allowed to have cars, and if you think the male-female ratio is bad now, this is nothing compared to the years of WWII. The male population shrank considerably as the men went off to war, and the college dwindled to 350 students, although after the war the student population rebounded. "The college is growing now, and I'm thankful," Helen said.

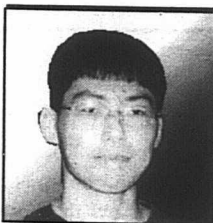
## SGA Report

**SGA REPORT CONSTITUTIONS APPROVED:** The Student Organizations Constitution Committee met for two hours on Friday and approved with minor changes the constitutions of the following clubs; Houghton College Shakespeare Players, H.C. Highland Pipe Corps, Fireseeds formerly known as the Lord's Laymen and Houghton College Model United Nations Organizations. The constitutions of Men's Baseball Club and Association of Christian Riders will be reviewed during the week. The committee rejected the constitution of the Assembly of Renaissance Gamers of Houghton College. The approved constitutions will be presented to the Senate on Thursday for final approval and awarding of official club status.

**CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS:** The Senate received two proposals for funding from Campus Improvement last Thursday. The first proposal is a \$13,191.88 request for sound equipment for our athletic facilities and the second proposal is a \$22,055.50 request for new Houghton track equipment. These proposals will be discussed and voted upon this Thursday. If the Senate approves of these proposals it will then go before the Special Projects Fund Committee for final deliberation and vote. The Campus Improvement is funded by a \$20 fee charged per student per semester. If there are any other capital improvement projects you think is worth your money feel free to put together a proposal for the Senate to consider.



# ENTERTAINMENT

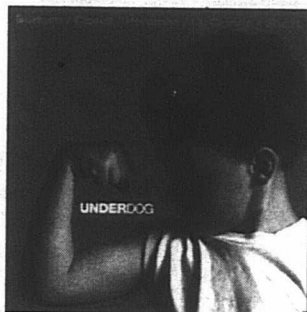


Mo Nishihata

## Motoi on Music

### Underdog Audio Adrenaline Forefront Records

When I hear the word "underdog," certain things come to my mind, such as my intramural soccer team. "Money, Cash, Mo's". But Audio Adrenaline's (a rock/pop band) new album, "Underdog" has no elements of a band that is the underdog. Their hit single, "Get down" has already become a fan favorite, so much that the song has replaced "Big House" from the end of their live performance. Although Audio Adrenaline has won numerous Dove and Grammy awards, they



feel as if they are still the underdogs in the music industry. "Underdog" is the fifth release by Audio Adrenaline and is their first self-produced record. The finished album, for those of you familiar with Audio A's sound, is like a combination of their last two albums Bloom and Some Kind Of Zombie.

Losing one's life in order to live (being a servant), and how God is strong in our weakness are a few of the main themes of the record. "Mighty Good Leader." It shows that Audio Adrenaline has kept true to their calling, to share the Gospel to all people. Jennifer Knapp makes a guest appearance on the cover "It is well with my Soul". There are a few other surprises on the album, which you should go find out for yourself! For those who are curious as to what Underdog sounds like, there are demos in the bookstore so you can preview the CD before purchasing it. Also, it is a great deal at \$12.97!

## Father of the Bride - Nov. 11-13

Director: **Bruce Brenneman**  
Student Director: **Erin O'Brien**

### Cast of Characters

Mr. Banks.....	Avery Munger
Mrs. Banks.....	Suzannah Strauss
Kay Banks.....	Laura Tolley
Ben Banks.....	Jeff Wester
Tommy Banks.....	Jason McMullen
Buckley Dunstan.....	Colin Beers
Peggy Swift.....	Jayne Lemery
Delilah.....	Melanie Hess
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## Top Ten Actual Advertisements in the 1913 World Almanac

Stephen Maxon

- 10) "If you are scrawny, puny, thin, bony, or flat-chested, I want you to write to me at once."
- 9) "All Scriven underwear has the Scriven stamp on every garment."
- 8) "Artificial Human Eyes - Made to Order!"
- 7) "If I were a young man, I would devote my life to the Pecan Nut, knowing as I do its possibilities."
- 6) "Everyone must have our Improved Eager Intestine Cleaner!"
- 5) "Let us make you fat! 50 cent box free!"
- 4) "Hypnotism: enthusiastically endorsed by ministers of the Gospel!"
- 3) "The amazing 'FATOFF' may be used in your hot bath!"
- 2) "Why Internal Bathing Preserves Perfect Health!"
- 1) "I cured my rupture! Shall I show you how?"

## What You Should Know About This Year's Freshmen

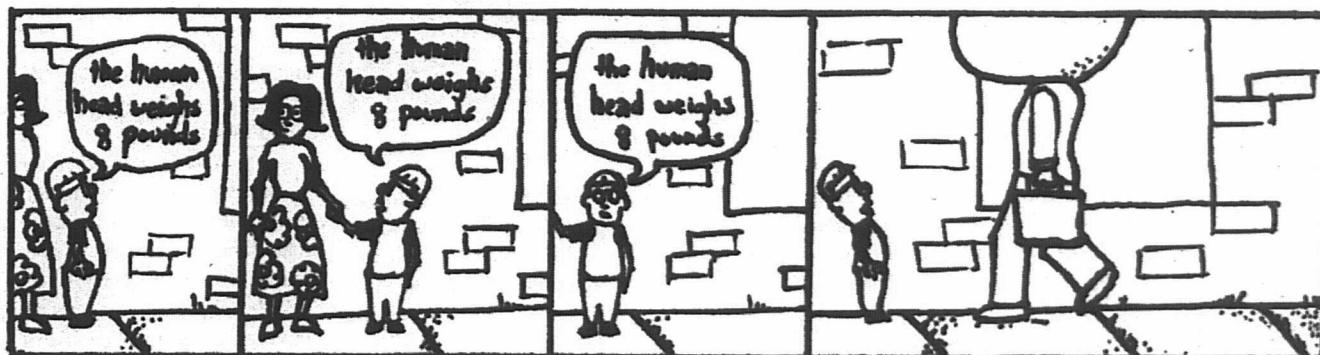
Most freshmen entering Beloit College this year were born in 1981 - the year President Reagan took office. To help professors understand members of the class of 2003, the college has for the second year released a "Mindset List." A sampling:

- They are the first generation to be born into Luvs, Huggies, and Pampers.
- John Lennon and John Belushi have always been dead.
- There has always been a woman on the Supreme Court, and women have always been traveling into space.
- They have never needed a prescription to buy ibuprofen.
- They were born and grew up with Microsoft, IBM PCs, in-line skates, NutraSweet, fax machines, film on disks, and unregulated quantities of commercial interruptions on television.
- Somebody named Dole has always been running for something.
- Cats has been on Broadway all of their lives.
- They never heard anyone say, "Book 'em, Danno," "Good night, John-boy," or "Kiss my grits" in prime time.
- Mike Myers is The Spy Who Shagged Me, not the first Congressman expelled in a century for his role in "Abscam."
- They have never had to worry about the packaging of Tylenol.
- Strikes by highly paid athletes have been a routine part of professional athletics.
- The moonwalk is a Michael Jackson dance step, not a Neil Armstrong giant step.
- Space travel has always been accomplished in reusable spacecraft.
- The term "adult" has increasingly come to mean "dirty."
- In the year they were born, reports condemned violence on television and in Hollywood films for producing the likes of John Hinckley.
- They have always been able to get their news from USA Today and CNN.
- They have spent more than half of their lives with Bart Simpson.
- They don't understand why Solidarity is spelled with a capital "S."
- They don't think there is anything terribly futuristic about 2001, and were never concerned about 1984.
- They have probably never dialed a phone or opened an icebox.
- They have never seen white smoke over the Vatican and do not know its significance.

(From the Chronicle of Higher Education)

### Man and Snail

By Donovan Church





# SPORTS

## Houghton Sports Week in Review

### Fall Sports Schedule Box

#### Men's Soccer

Wednesday 9/22  
vs. Alfred University

Saturday 9/25  
at Roberts Wesleyan

#### Women's Soccer

Friday 9/24  
vs. Alfred University

Saturday 9/25  
vs. Dominican College

#### Volleyball

Saturday 9/25  
at Tri-Match

#### Field Hockey

Friday 9/24  
vs Eastern @ PCB

Saturday 9/25  
PCB Tournament

#### Cross Country

Saturday 9/25  
at St. John Fisher

#### Intramurals

##### Soccer

It's Money	1-0
Brown	2-0
Snyder	1-1
Caldwell	2-0
Harrington	1-1
Scurvy	0-2
Jamaican Lemonade	0-2
Money, Cash, Mo's	1-1
Just For Feet	0-1

##### Volleyball

###### A-League

Is This B-Ball?	1-0
Golden Spinach	0-1
Zenith	1-0
The Sunshine Kids	0-1

###### B-League

Mattoon	0-0
Super Seniors	1-0
Bada-Boom.	0-1
Derkin	0-0

Tim Graffam

#### Women's Soccer

Houghton's women's soccer squad cordially invited Teikyo Post University to play on their field on Saturday, September 18, then rather inhospitably laid waste to them in an 11-0 thrashing. The Lady Highlanders were led by the well-rounded play of Sunshine Leonard, who scored three goals for the hat trick while also dishing out two assists. Jen Hartenstein was a scoring machine with four goals of her own, and Andrea Potteiger unselfishly distributed four assists. With the win the women improved their record to 4 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie. Next up for the Lady Highlanders: Alfred University at home on Friday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m., and the same time and place the following day against Dominican College.

#### Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team followed the women's lead and trounced Teikyo Post on Saturday as well. Forward Todd Bradley displayed his versatility, netting three goals and apportioning three assists. Players on both sides were

on edge and getting more and more irascible by the end of the contest (as the repeated flashing of bright red and yellow cards can attest). Eventually, Houghton's cooler heads prevailed as they upped their



Andrew Tinsley and Dave Bancroft confuse a defender

record to six wins, zero losses for the season. Next up for the men's team: today down at the field at 7 p.m. against Alfred University and Saturday the 25th at Roberts Wesleyan.

#### Field Hockey

The field hockey team was running on all cylinders last weekend, coming away with two convincing victories. On Friday, September 17, Houghton hosted Kenyon College under the lights of the soccer field. Houghton dispatched their opponent with ease in a 4-0 cakewalk. Laura Chevalier led Houghton with two goals

while Lisa Pepper and Rochelle Hershey each added one apiece. Saturday the 18th saw the Lady Highlanders run all over Slippery Rock University, with a final score of 3-1. Laura Chevalier netted another goal, giving her a hat trick for the weekend. Judy Johnson and Kristen Dorsey each chipped in with one goal as well. Next weekend the field hockey team will travel to Pennsylvania for a tournament at the Philadelphia College of Bible. Their first round opponent is Eastern College.

#### Cross Country

Houghton's cross-country troupe hosted the Highlander Invitational tournament last Saturday and nothing less than dominated. Houghton's men's and women's squads each placed first overall in the competition, with two Houghton runners claiming top individual honors. Tenniel Tower was the top finisher overall on the women's side with a record time of 19:54, while Geoff Thurber was the men's top finisher with a record time of 27:50. Next weekend Houghton travels to St. John Fisher College, and to SUNY Geneseo the weekend after that.

Sports photos by Tim Graffam

## Player Profile: Kristen Dorsey

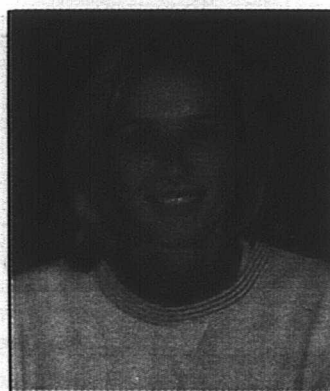
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Houghton College Junior Kristen Dorsey, or "Dorse" as she is known to her friends, started her athletic career playing soccer for a house league in her hometown of Medford Lakes, New Jersey. When she entered the seventh grade, she found there was no girls' soccer team at the small Christian school she attended, King's Christian. She picked up a field hockey stick instead, and she's been playing ever since.

Field hockey has affected Dorsey's life in many ways, including playing a major role in why she came to Houghton. "I wanted to go to a Christian college with a good field hockey program," said Dorsey, "and Houghton was a great fit."

Though Houghton was enticing on its own merits, the real clincher for Dorsey was the chat she had with Coach Donna Hornibrook before making her fi-

nal decision. "Coach Hornibrook displayed to me, though she really wanted me on the team, she is more concerned with each player's best interests and where they feel God is leading," remarked Dorsey,



Dorsey is all smiles about this season

"plus she is an incredible hockey player; I really respect her skills."

The impression that Hornibrook made during the meeting was the final incentive that made Dorsey a Houghton High-

lander. And both parties benefited greatly.

Dorsey has been tearing up opponents since the first time she stepped on the field, and her Houghton experience has been no different. In high school, she led King's Christian to two league championships her sophomore and senior years. Her rap sheet of awards covers all the major categories: League All-Star, Team MVP, League MVP, All South Jersey Senior All-Star, and South Jersey All-Parochial First Team. At Houghton, she led a team chock full of top caliber players in scoring as a freshman with 14 goals and 9 assists. She also had a solid year as a sophomore with 7 goals and 8 assists.

When asked what her favorite thing about being on the team, she replied, "I love the camaraderie of the team. It is especially strong this year, the new people have fit right in, and we are having a great time because of it."