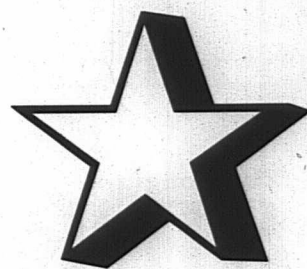
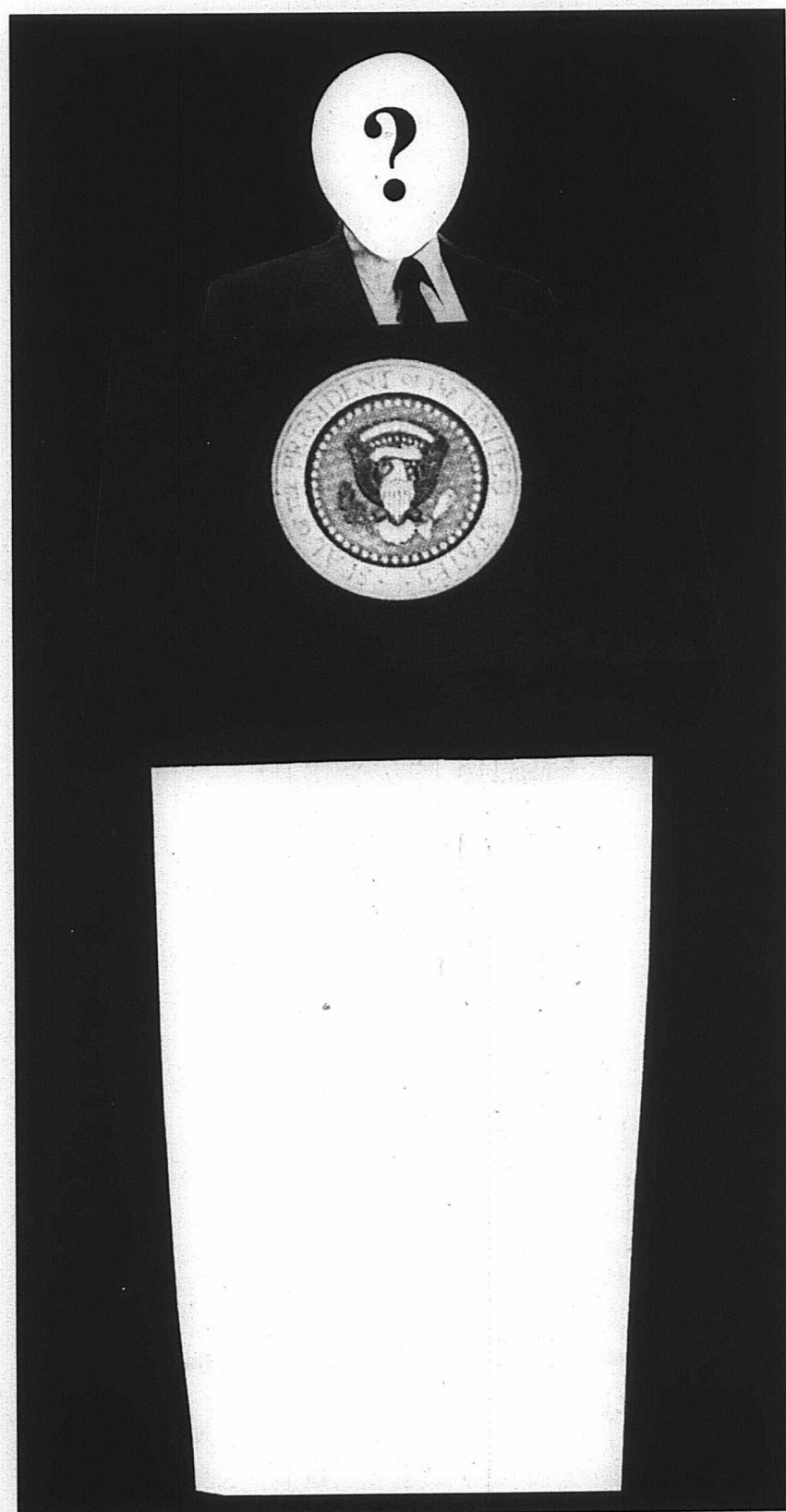


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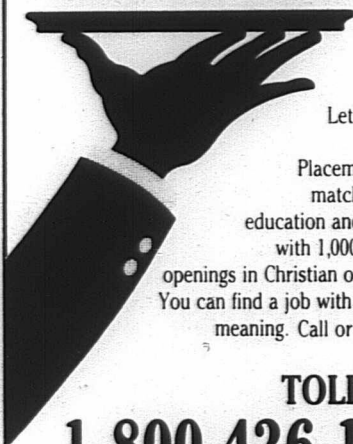
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The Perils of Giving

Last week I received a visit from a nameless representative of the Office of Admissions. The purpose of the visit was to dispose of some small item of business. However, we soon began to discuss this year's *Star*. According to him an ever increasing number of prospective students who come into his office request to look at a copy of the student newspaper. He was concerned that the negative content which the *Star* seems to so often contain would scare away these students. He encouraged me to put positive and uplifting things in the *Star*, things which would encourage even the most narrow-minded prude to attend this wonderful institute of higher education. Of course, these weren't his exact words, I am merely taking some journalistic liberties and writing what I believe he wanted to say.

When I relayed this story to a couple of friends they were angry and stunned, but also a bit amused. "Think about it," they laughed, "Would you rather attend a school which has a bit of controversy, some bantering among students, some tension between students and administration, or a school which is all contrived love and harmony?" Very few people that I know would opt for the latter.

The fact is, that most students are attracted to some form of intellectual or pseudo-rebellious conflict. College life should be full of these conflicts which, if dealt with properly, will hone the intellectual skills of the student.

The traditional form of conflict for students is the student-administration. Every student secretly hopes that the administration is doing something so terrible that sit-ins and angry protests will have to be arranged.

Alas, the real world. As hard as we try to make them some evil boogymen, the Houghton administration is basically good and deserves our respect and loyalty. This does not mean that they are perfect, and when we discover problems with their methods and ideas we should not remain silent. So here goes.

It seems that Houghton has spent an ever increasing

amount of money on improving its image. In fact, the 1991-92 budget allocated \$797,987 for "Development and Public Relations." For a college with the relatively small operating budget of \$14 million, this seems to be a lot of money.

I am afraid, however, that all the money spent on "imaging" and fundraising may have the exact opposite of its intended effect. Talk to a few graduates. They know that as soon as they start earning a few bucks they will be chased by the "Hounds of Houghton" seeking donations.

Speaking of fund-raising, I have some interesting statistics regarding that "sacred cow." Let us discuss alumni giving, because eventually many of us will join this distinguished group. Last year, alumni giving accounted for a total of 17 percent of total giving to the college. This is down from four years earlier when the alumni donated a high of \$725,577, 30 percent of total giving. We must face an alarming question: Why is alumni giving only half of what it was only four years earlier? To discover the answer to this difficult question, I believe that we must look at fund raising practises.

Over the past six years an average of 10,000 alumni were contacted at least once with requests for funds. For a college which has only 250 graduates per year this number probably accounts for 90 percent of all surviving alumni. Four years ago, 32.7 percent of the alumni who were contacted chose to donate. Two years ago, however, this figure had fallen to 22.6 percent. My guess is that this figure will continue to fall.

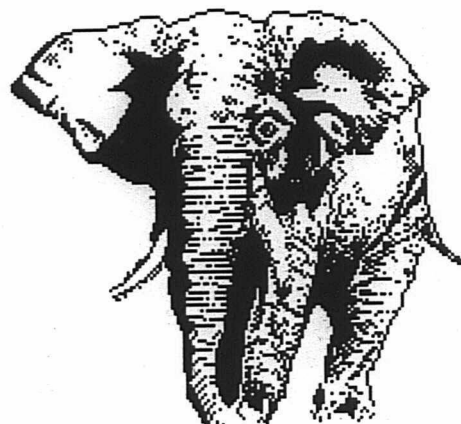
It is obvious what is happening. And it's a wonder that giving has not stopped all together.

This is not to say that I do not want to donate to Houghton College. My hope would be to make it possible, through my gift, for some student to derive the same benefits from this school as I have. However, I like many other alumni will probably postpone giving to college. And when we do give it will be on our own terms and not the result of numerous calls from the Phone-A-Thon room.

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Leadership and Experience

Joel Tate presents reasons to vote for Bush



It's been a rancorous election year. Clinton, the media, Perot, and George Bush have been going at it so long that the temptation is to sit it out in disgust. We're all weary of the negative feelings we're told to have about our nation's direction and our nation's leadership.

But there's a choice to make and it's a clear choice. There's no longer a good reason to be undecided.

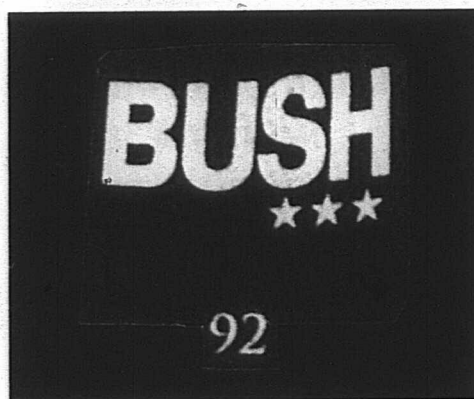
As far as H(enry) Ross Perot goes, it shouldn't take much to discount him. For one thing, if you elect Perot you are electing Stockdale in the event of Perot's death. Anyone who saw the Vice Presidential debate knows better than to do that. For another, there is no reason to believe that Perot could accomplish anything without dissolving Congress. I'm reluctant to put anything past the

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"temperamental tycoon with a contempt for the Constitution." And I know you're tired of hearing it, but the abortion debate should be a factor in your decision. Perot has skillfully evaded committing himself on the issue, but his wife, Margot, has made herself abundantly clear. A Perot administration

would not be friendly to the unborn.

Clinton is a little more difficult to dismantle because the media has done such a thorough and thoroughly unchallenged job of depicting him as a moderate. These are men who are



looking to get your votes by instilling a sense of fear: fear about the economy (we've enjoyed 6 consecutive quarters of economic growth; unemployment in September was down from August: did you hear it on the news?); fear about the environment (there is still no scientific evidence in support of "Global Warming" or the "Greenhouse Effect" but according to Gore it's enough of a problem that it deserves billions of taxpayer dollars); and fear about the future. These doomsayers know that they're not going to get your votes by coming out and saying that they will raise your taxes, and if you are from a middle class family your taxes will be raised.

George Bush on the other hand is a proven leader. He has gotten us through this recession with remarkably little

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damage. Look at the other Western nations and their rates of inflation and unemployment. Talk to students here from other countries to get an idea of the incredible and incredibly unappreciated job that Bush has done in keeping us from sinking to the depths to which other nations have fallen during this global economic slowdown. Bush stands for a conservative brand of progressivism which means school vouchers to let parents send their children to the best schools, a check off box on your tax form which makes Congress spend 10% of your tax money on deficit reduction, enterprise zones to make our cities healthy again, and Supreme Court Justices who appreciate the sanctity of human life.

If you think the sort of change we need is Mario Cuomo on the Supreme Court then support Bill Clinton. But if you think the sort of change we need is one for the better then reelect President George Bush.

Clinton and Continuity

Jeff Conover writes creatively in support of Bill Clinton

A Hundred Years Later, Bill Clinton

A hundred years earlier it was wished
 on a clover,
 There would be a President named
 Grover.
 Grover was a Democrat.
 Back then a lot of money taking,
 And some muckraking.
 So true is today,
 Maybe not the same way.
 Clinton is a Democrat, too,
 But I'm not through,
 Moving a hundred years to 1992,
 Some things are still true,
 The candidates have a lot to say,
 What is deficit? Where does Clinton
 stand?
 Many proposals to this deficit he
 does have,
 National Police Corps that is 100,000
 in numbers,
 Loans for every student so their
 brains don't slumber.
 Health insurance for us all, so we
 stand tall.
 Women's and infants programs
 galore,
 Where are these programs are we to
 store?
 What about Health Care, that we
 should share?
 Businesses to buy health insurance it
 would see,
 Workers and their families protected
 they would be.
 What of the poor and unemployed,
 are they the fools?
 No, they'll be covered through a
 publicly financed insurance pool!

What of education? Where does he
 want education to go?
 Vouchers no!
 Money to improve schools, yes,
 that's his best.
 How could students pay back a loan,
 Bill has set the tone.
 Loan would be payed back after
 school is through,
 Throu renue, payed by the students,
 or public service,
 Which would benefit you and me.
 Foreign engagements? Yes they're
 O.K.,
 As long as the U.S. isn't hurting in
 some way.
 Urban Policy, where does he stand on
 that?
 He wants people to work,
 Instead of lurk.
 That's all for the possible President
 to be,
 Will just have to see.
 Only time can be the true test,
 It can't stand next to the rest.

-Jeff Conover-

A personal history on Clinton:

We are all very familiar with the
 WWII "exploits" of George Bush and to
 a certain extent we have heard about the
 business dealings of Ross Perot, but my
 guess would be that very few Houghton
 students could say more about Bill
 Clinton's back-ground other than, "He
 didn't inhale." Clinton's personal belief
 is that one's history is a very personal
 thing, so personal that in these days of
 "biography politics" he has said very
 little about his past. I hope to fill you in

on a few of the facts.

Three months before he was born,
 Bill Clinton's father died in an auto
 wreck. When his mother remarried
 several years later, she married an
 alcoholic. Clinton says that these early
 years were difficult, but they taught him
 a passionate compassion for the under-
 privileged.

Clinton grew up a Baptist. Although
 his parents were not church regulars, the
 Arkansas Governor and Presidential
 hopeful faithfully walked a mile to
 church every Sunday.

Like his past, Clinton's faith is a very
 personal affair. He worries about
 politicians who use their "faith" in order
 to capture the votes of the fickle public.

Another experience which had a
 dramatic impact upon Clinton was the
 discovery of his brother's cocaine
 addiction. One morning, Clinton reports,
 the Arkansas police came to the
 governor's mansion and informed him
 that his brother had been arrested on
 charges of cocaine possession. They
 asked him if he wanted his brother to be
 treated like every other person who was
 arrested for drug possession, that is, not
 convicted but set free and arrested
 several times more by the police until the
 user led the authorities to his supplier.

Clinton says it was one of the most
 difficult decisions of his life, but he told
 the police to treat his younger brother as
 they would any other drug addict.

For those who wonder about
 Clinton's character, a brief perusal of the
 facts of his life will serve to dispel any
 doubts about the capability of the man to
 hold this nation's highest elected office.

A Changing of the Guard

Doug Stockwell endorses Perot

Monopolies maintain high profits for the company at the expense of service and progress to the customer. Everyone has benefitted from the breadup of AT&T. Competitive rates are now offered by several companies and service has improved. Even AT&T has improved due to its competitiveness. Through active measures it has kept a large percentage of the market.

Since 1860 the Republicans and the Democrats have exchanged congressional and presidential offices in an intriguing game of two man tag. In the last few decades the trend of a Republican presidency and a Democratic congress has created a four trillion dollar deficit. This is due to low taxes and high expenditures, the perfect recipe for debt and insolvency. Although the 80's has seen fast growth, in certain socio-economic groups, the public is left with a bill that promises to increase. The interest on this debt has already reached two-hundred billion dollars, annually. That is two-hundred billion that can not be used for education, welfare, infrastructure or medicine but will be used for the yearly credit payment.

As in any diet the only way to lose weight and keep it off is a combination of eating less and exercising more, the only way to shrink a deficit is to take in more money and spend less. The candidate who effectively combines the two facits is Ross Perot; whereas, Clinton and Bush each poses half the solution in "their" schemes along with half the problem.

No amount of Bush's Voodoo Economics or Clinton's crocodile tears will either wash away the deficit or make it disappear. Both posess a fundamental flaw due to their party politics and the

appeasement of PAC's. Ross Perot has no company or radical group tying or frocing his hand. The political parties demand allegience to a loosely codified system which mandates what a "true" Democrat or Republican are. These party expectations eliminate certain options and bias all the decisions a president makes. This does not even consider pressure from powerful companies and Lobbyists. Their options are so limited that the only topic on which the Democrats and Republicans

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actually are distunguishable is whether or not abortion should be legal.

Due to their monopoly of government and our nation's greed, our future is neither rosy nor shining. This monopoly must be broken even for the sakes of the parties themselves. Our economy remains based on competition yet our government wallows in its own mediocre monopoly. In the case of Germany the Green Party by its strong support forces the govenment in power to consider the environment as a serious issue. In this country Perot with the strong support has froced politicians to face issues in general a benefit to the people and to the parties involved. Now the public has more of an option than a Jackass or a Pachyderm. Now there is a candidate with leadership qualities that are not dampened by PAC's or campaign contributions.

This leads to the fundamental point in

favor of Perot; he is able to see any issue more objectively than either a Republican or Democrat in their present forms. He is able to choose a man like Stockdale for V.P. not because he wrote a "monumental" book on the envoronment or chivalrously fought against Murphy Brown, but instead because Stockdale complements Perot's weaknesses (i.e. inside trade) and doesn't mimic his strengths (i.e. speaking talent). The most logical choice for Perot is an intelligent inside man not a clone of himself or a "yes man/ woman". If Perot was the narrowed minded business man as he is sometimes portrayed then he would have chosen a person who would have won a popularity contest instead of a knowlegable insider. Instead Perot chose a V.P. tht would be a benefit to the decision making process if he was to be elected. This is also why Perot can say "tax more and spend less" wheras all the other candidates can only present half the problem and give half the solution. In any decision Perot makes with his advisors both sides of the problem and solution can be acted on as valid options. He vows not start off with blinders.

A victory for Perot can not be solely based on his entrance into the Whitehouse but in the involvement of the people and competitive force against the present political system. Yet Perot is still the most valid option for president because no one else has addressed the issues or reformed the way their party does business. Four years of Perot will cause change in a system that presently perpetuates itself. The chief issue is not the deficit but how Ross Perot handles it compared to the half-hearted attempts of the present political parties.

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Houghton College is unique in that it is both an undergraduate learning institution and a Christian institution. I wonder how compatible these two different concepts really are. Is it possible to have full inquiry and discussion into every and all fields of study without backlashes from the board of trustees or the administration? Are there just some things we are not supposed to say or ask about because Houghton is a Christian college? The writers of the American constitution thought it necessary as did any other enlightened country to include the freedom of thought and opinion as a basic inumerated right. Do we have that right here?

Whenever the question of rights arises the question of responsibilities follows. There already exists a set of community responsibilities which we have all agreed to. They, the Board of Trustees, administration and faculty, have their expectations of us. What can we in turn expect of them? I would hope that we can expect an environment catering to real learning, not the spoon fed "this is what we believe so you must believe it too" junk. I reject that approach and consider it nothing more than propaganda.

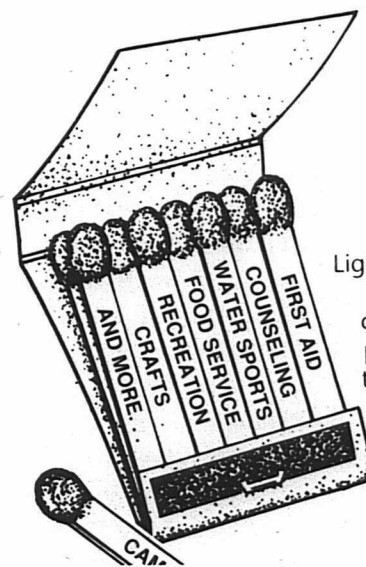
Real learning must take place within. It is something which will change you. Yes, it will leave you a different perrson. You may not be satisfied or feel content after four years of college education. If that is the case then you have probably learned something worthwhile, and the time spent here has not been wasted. But if you leave this place as comfortable and entrenched in your way of thinking as before then Houghton has done you a great disservice. For

example, the longer I have been at Houghton the more my faith has changed. Christ has become more important to me than ever before. The fact that he came to this earth and died on the cross for all the world's sins and rose again is the ultimate truth. Aside from this fundamental I'm not really sure of anything and really don't need to be. Far be it from me to put God in a box and limit his power, and I don't appreciate others putting God in a box for me. God is indescribable, beyond words and is above our meager understanding. God even rises above man's doctrine.

If what I just said about God is true and all of us believe it Houghton would be one of the most open minded and free-thinking institutions in the country, but I fear it is not. I think it is time for us to open our minds and take God out of

the evangelical box we have put him in. We should stress the freedom that is in Christ, freedom of thought and deed. Our motivation for doing anything should not be out of guilt or fear but out of love for Christ. For to live and learn while being a Christian is to question, find answers sometimes, and other times not.

It is a sad state of affairs when state schools foster a more tolerant intellectual atmosphere than some Christian institutions. I am not saying Houghton should tolerate sinful behavior. I am saying Houghton would be a better place if we turned off our preconceived notions about what is right and wrong. We need to take a few steps back and reevaluate things. Let's all stop saying what people want to hear and say what we really think for once. It can be fun making people think. Try it, I dare you!



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College Voters May Have a Tremendous Impact on Election

The Voting Act of 1965, which became the twenty-sixth Amendment to the Constitution in 1971, gave 18-year-olds the right to vote. College students of that period argued that if someone is old enough to be drafted, and old enough to choose whether to drink alcohol, that person should be allowed to help shape the nation politically. Although the majority of students today didn't have to fight in the Vietnam or Gulf War, they, like sixties students, want a voice in the government. However, most college students who are eligible to vote do not. This year, voter registration drives across the country are reporting higher than normal numbers of students registering. College aged voters may have a greater effect upon this tri-candidate presidential election than ever before.

A major issue for college students is the 4 trillion dollar deficit. College students also want jobs when they leave school. Their children will be facing insurmountable college tuition if the current rate of increase continues. However, the American economy is at the heart of this election for voters of all ages.

Voters this year want a change in the economy. George Bush supporters envision an improved economy under his continued leadership. The polls show that many are hoping for a change in current policy. Ross Perot, the third opponent in the race, is claiming to have another plan for economic change.

History professor, Dr. Cameron Airhart said he is surprised that voters are so unpredictable this year. He said that the amount of interest in Perot means there is wide spread

dissatisfaction with the current state of the nation. He was also surprised by the generally moderate views of Houghton Students who attended a recent election forum.

"Getting out the vote" has been a particularly important theme in this year's election. However, President Bush vetoed the "Motor-Voter" Bill which would have allowed drivers to register while applying for, or renewing driver's licences. It would also have required states to permit registration through the mail. Bush said the bill was "an open invitation to fraud and corruption."

Over half the states, including New York, already have similar legislation. Commissioner Wilson said blank post cards requesting mail-in registrations were sent to the state's motorists with licence renewal notices. Mail in forms are available in New York at Post Offices, libraries and all state agencies.

The Houghton college Republicans held a voter registration drive in which one hundred fifty-two people were registered and fifty-seven absentee ballot registrations were filed as a result of a College Republicans efforts in a voter registration drive this fall.

Registration Drives have been held on college campuses all over the nation. Adam Rasmussen, coordinator for Students Are Voting Everywhere (SAVE) at Binghamton University, said his non-partisan group has registered three thousand students.

Dr. Galineau, The Vice President of Student Development at St.

Bonaventure College said, "This year has been a more aggressive move to encourage and provide opportunity for St. Bonaventure Students to become registered to vote in all my years since 1980."

The National College Republicans claim to have registered 20,000 new voters at Texas A&M University alone. College Democrats say they have signed up 450,000 new voters nationwide. U.S. Student Association Field Director, Stephanie Bloomingdale said, "We are definitely going to have a record year."

One form of political activism which seems to be popular in Houghton is the College Republicans. According to advisor Larry Wilson, College Republicans was restarted in 1986. They meet to discuss current issues and sometimes have prominent speakers such as Assemblywoman Pat McGee or Congressman Amory Houghton who spoke at this week's meeting. Wilson, a registered Republican, said he would like to see College Democrats would like to see College Democrats meet on campus also.

Political Science professor, Dr. B. David Benedict said, "This [Houghton] campus is overwhelmingly Republican." He also hopes a College Democrats group will emerge on campus. Mark Thomson and Eric Witte started one during their freshman year in 1989. About ten students were active in it, but the group disbanded the next year.

However, there is quite a large

number of political events held at Houghton College. These include open forums, Student Government, and College Republican meetings. In spite of these opportunities, there is less political activity at Houghton than on most campuses.

This year, during Current Issues Week, October 15-22, forums and lectures based on the theme "Election '92" were sponsored by the college, Student Senate, College Republicans, and South Hall. Students Paul Daggot, Elaine Armstrong, and Joel Tom Tate helped organize the events.

The "Current Issues Week" chapel address was given by Dr Benedict and Robert VanWicklin and was titled "Christians in Politics." They discussed the separation of church and state, and the role of Christians in politics.

Later that week, two forums were held: one on "A Woman's Challenge; Balancing a Career and Family" and another on "Election Issues." About forty people attended the women's issues forum and nearly 150 attended the later forum.

Politics on secular campuses tend to be more diverse and often less conservative than on a Christian campus. Even the most politically liberal Houghton students would be considered conservative on most secular campuses. Houghton students are generally from conservative Christian backgrounds. Since it is a decidedly Christian community, its members are closer to agreement than those in secular circles. Therefore we need to look beyond the Christian Campus for a picture of politics among American college students.

Jason Kelley, Chairman of College Republicans at Arkansas State University, said their main purpose is to get college students into the party. During months when no campaigning is going on they clean up highways and attend local

Republican party activities. They debated college Democrats this week. Kelley said this was the first time such a debate took place during a Presidential election year on the campus of 10,000 students. He said there are currently forty students in the group. He also said that Arkansas being "Clinton's" state has hurt membership this year.

University of Rochester College Democrat president, Diane Gru, said her group has grown from fifteen students two-and-a-half years ago to about two hundred today. The group distributes campaign leaflets door-to-

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door and has held rallies on campus. Ex-presidential candidate, Paul Tsongas and Congresswoman Louise Slaughter were the focus of a recent rally there. The Democrats also debated College Republicans on Foreign and Domestic Policy.

Traditional political meetings and presidential speeches aren't the only political activities on American Campuses. A 1989-90 survey of freshmen by the "American Council on Education" showed that thirty-seven per cent of them have participated in an organized demonstration. That's the highest number since the study began in 1966.

Freshman Jennifer Watson said, "The vote of young people is going to swing the election and the candidates should be speaking to us." Senior Paul Daggot responded, "and like the sixties, we as youth are very volatile."

Houghton Professor, Doug Gaerte said of his experiences at Indiana University during the 1984 and '88 elections, "College students were generally quite conservative then. That age group was most likely to vote Republican." Jamie Harmon, president of the College Democrats in Texas, said, "Young people are worried about the future, whereas they weren't in '88 and '84. There is the sense that there is no opportunity. There is an incredibly poor job market, and students are saddled with an enormous amount of student-loan debt." Gaerte speculated there would be more Democratic votes among college students this election.

In his column "It's Not Sewn Up for Clinton Yet." James Kirkpatrick wrote, "Will Perot take more from Bush, or more from Clinton? If he draws equally from them both, the whole thing is a wash. . . . The poll figures are fluffy. Two weeks from the election, we still have a great mass of undecided voters. Several million people are sore at Bush, and unhappy with the economy, they tell the pollsters they'll probably vote for Clinton. But they don't know. Many of these punitive Clinton voters don't trust Clinton. I don't believe we're in for a rout. The seat of my pants tells me that this election may yet be decided over the Halloween weekend. Some unpredictable number of voters will decide either to stick with George Bush, as the bogey man they know, or to say to H... with it and vote for Ross Perot."

Liberal, Conservative, or confused, a recent poll sponsored by MTV and Rock the Vote found that 61 per cent said they were "almost certain to vote this fall. Some will vote for improvement with the "bogeyman", but others will vote for change in whatever form they can get it. College students may greatly affect the course of American government for the next four years.

Fruits, Nuts, and Berries

Winning a game of Trivial Pursuit with a friend who spent only two years and \$6,000 on their college education and now makes more a year than your accumulated debt isn't the only thing a liberal arts education is good for. Not that in this economic era it's worth much, but I have a suggestion to make that liberal arts education both engaged and far more practical.

We leave 1,200 resources in Houghton untapped. There are 1,200, count them, 1,200 untapped resources. Let me ask you a few questions:

Why are three of four paintings in the Campus Center done by a woman in Rochester? We have an art department. We have a good art department. Why aren't we commissioning paintings from our artists here in Houghton?

What about the rest of the Campus Center furnishings? They're very nice. The custodians keep them very neat. How long will they last? Are they preactical? A suggestion when, in four maybe five years we need to again renovate the CC: Take the crate furnishings, strip them (both of carpet and lacquer) and stain them a nice dark wood. Then use burgandy, forest green and navy blue to re-upholster them. Hire students for these processes. When the next carpet goes down, make sure it's something practical. Pink is really nice, but we have a LOT of mud here in Houghton. I suggest forest green. Hire students to lay the carpet.

But Jen, all of these things have been done . . . you're a little late and who cares anyway?

Reader, learn not to question so

quickly. I have answers for your skeptical little mind.

Buffalo Campus comes to mind. They hired a student to lay carpet for them at a fraction of the cost. The student made a decent wage, the college got a superior job and saved money.

How about that new Fine Arts Center that's connected to the Chapel and opened for the Class of 93's senior year use? We have students who have worked construction, we have students who have dry-walled, we have students who are electricians, we have students who lay carpet and design interiors. We even have students trained to budget large projects. Why are we allowing all of this to go to waste?

Contractor's agreements and bids? We have alumni in these fields. Union? The same. Housing? Summer project. Utilize that off-campus housing that goes unused all summer. Paying eight or more per hour and room and board at AI's and it's STILL cost-effective. Stop thinking so narrowly and use the resources.

What does everyone get from this? The College gets premium work at a low price, the students get a place to be proud of; imaging touring with your son or daughter and saying, "Yes, I remember laying that roof." Imagine touring with your parents on the weedend and saying the same. You also have something beside Thermo-nuclear Calculus III and cleaning bathrooms for Ange to put on your resume. A Liberal Arts Education, a sense of belonging and practical life experience all rolled into your experience here at rural Houghton.

Letters to the Editor

Let's all face one fact. It is not easy living a Christian life. It is not easy to turn the other cheek. It is not easy to treat others as we would have ourselves be treated. It is incredibly stressful trying to turn away wrath with soft wimpy little answers. Sometimes it's just plain hard to avoid insulting the mother of your brother in Christ and follow with a stiff right to the jaw.

Fear not weary saints. Houghton College will provide much needed rest. Take a much needed bread from the anxiety of Christian life. Join an intramural team.

Let's face it, no one can be a Christian all the time, and in the Houghton intramural program you don't have to be. The Houghton College intramural program gives faculty and students the chance to go directly against the things that they teach and say that they believe, and allows them to do so in front of large groups of people. Nothing is more satisfying to the weary Christian than to tell a referee and brother in Christ:

"You stink! You are the dumbest person I have ever met! You must be blind!"

If verbal abuse isn't enough there is ample opportunity for physical violence. If you have a grievance with a fellow Christian who happens to be on the

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Letter cont'd

opposing team, simply grasp him by the hair and pull hard when he is attempting to lay up. Another popular release is to walk up to a fellow saint, place your body directly in front of his, push him firmly in the chest and say:

"If you think you're so tough let's go right here. C'mon pal! Ain't nothin' between us but air."

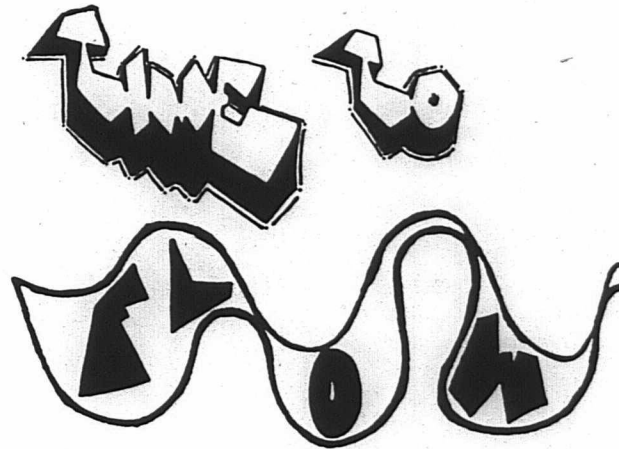
Along with taking a break from your Christian life the Houghton College intramural program can do the following for you:

1. Help puff up your male ego.
2. Help you deal with your mid-life crisis.
3. Destroy others' respect for you.
4. Completely destroy your Christian testimony.
5. Give you the opportunity to either yell at and or stomp on your least favorite students and faculty members.
6. Give you the opportunity to use those naughty words mom would never let you say.
7. Give you the chance to show everyone you're not chicken.

Oh sure, there will always be those who say that intramurals shouldn't be as competitive as they are. They will say that we should try to be Christians in every aspect of life including intramurals. If somebody tries to tell you these things just call them a wimp, punch them in the stomach and show them your winning T-shirts. Some people just don't understand.

Dan Noyes

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QUOTES:

Love is blind.

—Somone in History

If you can't be with the one you love, love the one you are with.

—Crosby, Stills and Nash

Imagine your ideal dating partner. Determine a quality or several qualities you would like to see in her/him. Label these positive characteristics "+Pos+." Determine a quality or several qualities you would not like to see in her/him. Label these negative characteristics "-Neg-."

Hypothetical Situation #2: One day you meet this really nice person named Courtney. At your initial encounter you notice he/she has +Pos+ in abundance but after spending time with this person, Courtney tells you that he/she possess an annoying -Neg-, you had discussed with him/her. You really like Courtney but, that -Neg- is really annoying to you. Would you still date Courtney?

If so, by dating Courtney are you settling for less than what you want? Is tolerating Courtney's below surface -Neg- the same as tolerating -Negs- in some other person that are more obvious? Are you not being true to yourself by ignoring the fact that Courtney's -Neg- is annoying? Or are you accepting the fact that no one is perfect and therefore are settling for the

best you can get? Can you accept a -Neg- though it annoys you or does the abundant amount of +pos+ cancel the -Neg- out? If that is so then could a lesser number of +pos+ and a greater number of -Neg- cause you to change your decision?

If you decide not to date Courtney what caused that decision? If it was the -Neg-, then would a different -Neg- produce the same reaction? Or does the -Negs- rate on some kind of scale, some being better than others or some being worse than others? If the -Neg- was the reason will you search for a person with all of your +Pos+, rejecting any and everyone with even one of your -Negs-? By not dating Courtney are you taking in account that nobody is perfect? If you are taking perfection in account will you date the person who comes the closest to your ideal with the least annoying -Neg-?

How far do you follow your "ideal image" for your dating partner when you are actually confronted with the possibility of dating someone? What determines what you are willing to tolerate or settle for when you are confronted with the possibility of dating someone? That, my friend, is something for you to decide.

See ya later, unless I see ya first!!!

Peace,
frazzle

Women's Soccer With 8-7 Record

Despite a disappointing start, the Houghton Women's Soccer Team has surpassed the .500 plateau with a record of 8-7.

The last two games of regular season play will be on Thursday against Roberts Wesleyan (whom they have defeated twice already) and on Saturday against Seton Hill. If the ladies win just one of these games they will qualify for district playoffs. If they do qualify, it will be the first time since 1985, and only the second time in Houghton women's soccer history.

When asked what happened at the beginning of the season, coach Lewis said, "We were having difficulty putting it in the goal. But it's obvious when looking at the stats that we outshot (our opponents)." After 15 games, 339 shots had been taken on goal, only 169 of which got through the tough defensive line. The Lady Highlanders also averaged four corner kicks to their opponents one.

Right now Coach Lewis feels that the team is beginning to "gel." They have won five out of their last six games and have started to put it in the net more often. Lewis says, "Our defensive line is tough right now with Senior Juli Zelinski and Junior Denise Burton doing great jobs, and our offense has done very well."

Freshman Heidi Gugler, from Fullerton California is the team's top scorer with 13 goals and 6 assists. Second on the scoring chart is Senior

Trisha Atkinson, with 5 goals and 4 assists. She is followed by Tanya Trezise who has five goals and two assists.

"Gugler has been a real asset as far as her scoring ability and aggressive style of play," says Senior co-captain Karen Peese, "and Juli and Denise are putting up a solid defense."

The players credit their success, in part, to Coach Lewis and his desire for the team to keep a Christian witness both on and off the field and not only for the players of the opposing teams but for each other. Senior Bonnie Smith said that "Coach has really turned the team around."

Both co-captains, Jenny Smith and Karen Peese agree that coach's drive to keep the team's witness a top priority has helped the team's unity. "Coach has been a source of spiritual input and has challenged me to use soccer as a ministry to show other teams what we believe on the field," says Jenny Smith.

Coach Lewis attributes the success of the team to the hard work and effort put forth by the team, as well as to the strong senior leadership. "Karen and Jenny have done an excellent job as far as leadership goes," he states.

Proud of the team, he goes on, "Overall the team has just maintained its top priority; which is to be a witness for Christ through soccer." This kind of an attitude seems to be the driving force for this team's success and unity.

Sports Briefs

X-COUNTRY... Houghton will again send representatives to the National x-country meet in Wisconsin on Nov. 19-21. Both Naomi Castellani, and Heather George qualified to attend at the district meet, along with the men's team. Good Luck at Nationals!

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL...

The lady Highlanders pushed their record up to 23-4 as they went 4-1 this weekend against Seton Hill, Carlow, Point Park, and La Roche. The ladies have two games remaining this season including their home finale on Nov. 7. They will then go on to play-off action, where they will meet the district teams, all of which they have defeated at least once previously.

MEN'S SOCCER... Last Saturday the Highlander men's soccer team defeated Nazareth College at home 4-1 with goals from Jeff Howe, Mark Mashiotto, Dan Dominguez, and Randy Levack (Who is close to breaking the individual season scoring record of 20, he has 17, and the career which is 42, he has 36 presently). The regular season ended for the men on Wednesday when they faced Fredonia State. They will now go on to NAIA play-offs as the top seed in the district. They will face Westminster in the district semi-finals on Saturday at 12 noon. (The men's team is currently only twelve points away from breaking the season team goal scoring record.)

Good Luck in the play-offs guys!

Houghton Hockey Finishes Record-Breaking Season with 8-0 Victory

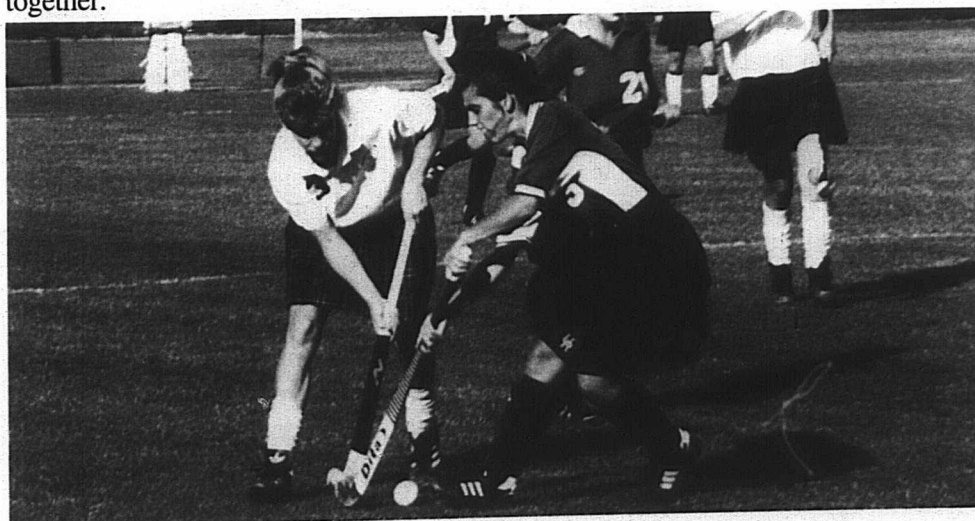
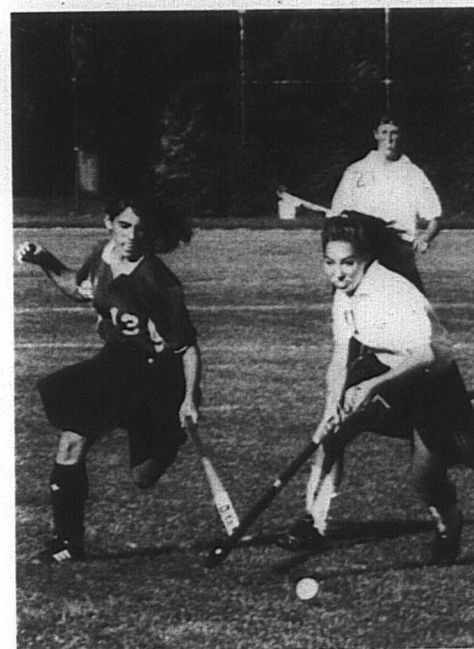
With six seniors graduated, and a new coaching situation, many of the returning women's field hockey players came into the season with concerns about the level of success they would attain this year.

All fears seem to have faded; however, in light of their impressive 13-2-1 season record which is among the best in the college's field hockey history. The ladies ended their season at Eastern College with an 8-0 victory.

Head Coach Lisa Groff and husband, Assistant Coach Chad Groff are pleased with the team's success. "They worked really hard, played well together, and it all paid off," said Lisa. "The girls were great. They had to put up with my not being on time because of school (she's an elementary school teacher), and my not being able to go to away games with them. I think that the key was the great senior leadership." This year's team consisted of six seniors, who according to Groff, really brought the team together.

Senior Co-Captain Briton Sylvester said, "I came into the season dealing with lots of changes, and wondering how we would do, but it has been my best season ever. We had a lot of fun, worked hard, and player well together." Both P.J. Buonocore and Kim Wilson agreed that it was team unity that brought about their success. "Everyone just seemed to click," said Wilson.

To add to the team's History making season, Co-Captain Lori Sheetz came out as the all-time leading scorer in Houghton hockey history for career goal, with a record of 44 goals. The previous record 39 goals in 1987, set by Ndunge Kitti. Sheetz, like the rest, was worried about the loss of six graduates, but said that it was a really good season as far as new players were concerned and that the coaching change was a very good move. Sheetz felt very positive about the winning season.



UPCOMING SPORTS EVENT...

Women's Volleyball...

November...

Tu. 3 - 6:00 Pitt./Bradford, Geneva A

Sat. 7 - 2:00 La Roche, Pitt./Bradford

(Last game of season before playoffs)

Men's Soccer...

November...

Play-offs

Women's Soccer...

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X-Country...

November...

19-21 Nationals in Wisconsin

Freshmen Reflections

Angela Fulkroad deals with freshmen transition

Is there a soul on campus unfamiliar with the traditional transitions one makes during his freshman year of college? As a freshman, I heard all about them before I entered Houghton two months ago, but I did not have a true understanding of these infamous transitions until I began to actually experience them throughout the past several weeks. Through these experiences I have learned tremendous lessons about college life, friendships, relationships with my parents, and myself.

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In college, life moves at such a rapid pace that all concept of time is lost. In high school, I faithfully went to bed at 10:00 p.m. Now, my head does not touch my pillow until 12:00 p.m. Academic life at Houghton is very rigorous and although I will continue to strain for those A's inconviniently placed for those of us who must reach farther in order to grasp them, I have learned that success here at Houghton is not based souly upon your G.P.A. To me, success is what you make of your time here. Grades are important but if the only

thing I got out of college was a 4.0 I would be extremely disappointed. In my opinion, success is working to the best of my ability in not only the area of academics, but in my friendships, in community life, and through my walk with Christ. I agree with the "famous" statement, that the main purpose of college is to further ones education, but not all knowledge is found in books alone. Its primary source is the occurances found in everyday life.

I have also encountered the transitions of making new friends and living apart from my family. I found that friendships progress at a faster rate in college. We do not just go to school with one another, we live together. As freshmen we are all going through the transitions together. We share the same frustrations, changes, conflicts, and defeats, as well as happiness, relief, fun times, and victory. A couple weeks ago, I was talking with two friends of mine, and we were sharing our grievences with one another when we were hit with an idea. Here it was 11:30p.m. and the three of us began knocking on the doors of other girls on the floor saying "If you're frustrated, meet in the lounge in thirty seconds for prayer!" Almost the entire floor gathered in a big circle sharing woes and comforting each other with encouraging words and prayer. It was such a remarkable feeling to know that I could count on people I have only known for six weeks.

College has also made me realize just how important and special my family is to me. I was never much of a homebody, always eager for

opportunities to travel and get away from the house. I live in a small town in central PA and it is approximately a five hour drive from Houghton, so I will not be home going before Thanksgiving. Homesickness did not strike me until my friends started to go home for some weekends. At first I sulked, but a good

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friend helped me to realize that maybe it wasn't such a bad thing. I now can see all the things about my family I have taken for granted and the times we do spend together on visits will be more treasured.

So, despite some struggles, I am beginning to adjust to college life and create a place for myself at Houghton. I wish my classmates the very best as they are experiencing the same transitions and would like to close with the second stanza in the poem "What Time I Am Afraid" by William F. Sherbert.

"He has not promised cloudless skies along the road of life.

He has not promised tearless eyes, nor freedom from the strife.

But He has promised He'll be near. My stay and guide to be.

What reason has my heart to fear when Jesus walks with me?"

Senate Report

The Student Senate met last Tuesday. A detailed monthly financial report was given by Treasurer Isaac Ball. Student body President Phil Ginter led discussion on a senate charity drive, fundraising to pay the senate deficit, campus safety, and reelection of student committee members.

Vice-president Elaine Armstrong and Ginter attended a Caneadea town meeting on October 8. Houghton is a hamlet of the Town. Requests have been made to Town Board for speed limit signs and crosswalks at various points around campus. Discussion will be taking place between college officials and Town Board members on this matter in the future.

Town members expressed concerns to Ginter regarding the college community and parking safety. Home owners around Powers House, Babbit House, Nielsen, and Davis houses complained that students are parking in no parking zones which may be hazardous to traffic. One person at the senate meeting identified a problem that legal parking spaces at these houses are congested. Townspeople are also complaining that some "No Parking" signs are being stolen.

The Student Development Office is addressing concerns that off campus approved housing may be inadequate for student living. They are requesting that fire extinguishers and smoke detectors be in place at all houses. SDO will pay for safety posters which will be hung around campus to remind people to think about keeping safe. The posters will carry warnings against running alone, leaving unattended room doors open, and date rape.

Doug Stockwell, a student on the Student Development Committee, reported that SDO is looking into campus crime issues. On the issue of whether Houghton underreports campus crimes, he said that there is a trend for smaller schools in America not to report many crimes. The committee will look into this and the actual definitions of burglary, rape and other crimes which must be reported to the college community.

This committee is also reviewing the Senate Spot policy. They are concerned over whether the Spot is really what the student body wants. Senators expressed concern that the audience at the Homecoming Spot was rude and unattentive.

Ginter raised student's complaints that not enough of a variety of students are included in campus committees. Voting for the Athletic Committee was reopened after one member voluntarily stepped down; so that people who were originally excluded could be nominated. Three new students were suggested for the Judiciary committee, however those positions were already filled and someone would have to step down to allow a reelection. Senators were asked to consider candidates for the Women and Minorities Committee. Ginter told senators that they must discuss this position with their classmates. He also reminded them that non-senate committee members are associate members of the senate, and should attend bi-weekly meetings to discuss issues and make motions. However, they do not have a vote.

The 1992-93 senate budget calls for fundraising to reduce a deficit left by the previous Senate Cabinet. Senators voted to work on the Admissions Phone-a-thon which may raise up to five hundred dollars. They agreed to man the chapel scan-tron stations during second semester, and paint the campus center rec room to raise money. Senators also plan to work for a media polling service to report election results on November 3. This would earn up to three hundred dollars for

going to the polling cite and calling results into the media service.

Senate also voted to contribute to efforts to alleviate difficulties in Florida after Hurricane Andrew. Suggestions are on the table for fundraising to purchase diapers and other necessities for families in need.

The next senate meeting will be Tuesday October 27 at 8:00 pm. in the Trustees Dining Room.

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Retraction:

The Star apologizes for mistakenly reporting that the women's soccer team lost their Homecoming game against Eastern College, when in fact they won. We also apologize to the Paines and Mike Balaassone for misspelling their names

Stars Past

How many publications do you know which have had the privilege of celebrating their thirtieth birthday on two consecutive years? To my knowledge, the *Houghton Star* is the only newspaper in history which has had the honor of twice celebrating its thirtieth year of publication; on February 12, 1938 and on February 22, 1939.

The first issue of the *Star*, Vol. I, No. 1, was published in February, 1909. The 1909-'10 issues were to be Vol. II, the 1910-'11 were to be Vol. III, and so on. But somehow, somewhere, someone goofed. Mysteriously, between the years of 1909 and 1919, an additional volume number was inserted, causing the *Star* editor of 1938 to mistakenly believe that the February 12, 1938 issue marked the 30th year of *Star* publication.

Soon, the mistake was discovered and a retraction was issued. The headline read, "We're Only 29 Years Old And Is Our Physiognomy Crimson!" The opening lines of the article declared, "We're looking for the villain who set the calendar ahead. And

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