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Green Thumbs Up! Professor Manney Houghton Gains Greenhouse Departing Houghton

Ward Mesick

There will soon be another change to the landscape of Houghton College. A new greenhouse is being planned and could be here by next spring, Gary Fiegl from maintenance says. He says that the greenhouse we have is causing serious problems for the science building because it has been leaking into classrooms for the past several years. There have been several attempts to stop the leaking problem, such as building a curb to catch the water and rubberizing the floor to the greenhouse, but all have failed. It was decided that the only way to fix the problem is to build a new greenhouse.

The new greenhouse will still be with the science building, but this one will be on the ground, wrapped around the southern corner of the science building, where it will receive light most of the day. The new greenhouse will be slightly larger than the current one and should be of better quality. The beautification committee decided on a design that could possibly include a patio, venting windows, and a shade spot.



photo by David Johnson

Houghton just keeps on growin'...

Over all, Mr. Fiegl feels that the new greenhouse will be a definite improvement. The more attractive greenhouse will have easier access and the water supply will also be on the ground, making it easier to keep the plants watered.

Prof. David Manney will be leaving Houghton this Christmas and not returning. Prof. Manney, who has been at Houghton for eleven and a half years, says that he feels that God has shown him that it is time to move to a new work. The Manneys are planning to leave for Kiev, Ukraine in February, where they will join with two other couples to begin a radio planting ministry with the locals for HCJB World Radio.

Professor Manney says that their first term is for three years and they see themselves there for anywhere between three and ten years. He expressed some of his concerns about where he is going. No one knows how long the country will stay open and there is a certain danger in the mission to which he is being assigned, but Prof. Manney knows that God will be with him as he does the Lord's work. "God has really prepared the way for us and has shown us not do doubt, but to just trust in Him," he says.

Prof. Manney also expressed that he will deeply miss the community at Houghton. The Manneys have grown close to many in Houghton and it is hard to say goodbye to the people they know. He will also miss the richness of the fine arts that exists here at Houghton. But he also has many great memories he will take with him. Looking back, Prof. Manney says he can see how Houghton has changed him and he can see how he has grown as God's servant. He will also look back and remember the many students he has seen grow during his time here.

Professor Manney hopes that he has made a difference at Houghton and at WJSL. He also hopes he has made some contribution in the lives of the young men and women and that he has helped to prepare them for professional service. By professional service he is quick to say that he does not necessarily mean working at a Christian station, but working wherever God has put them. "If you can tell me that wherever you are, you're letting God show through in you, then I'm convinced that you're doing the work of the Lord," he said. That is what Prof. Manney hopes that he has taught to the students and the faculty that he has met during his stay at Houghton.

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Celebrating Christmas by Candlelight

Jeremy Atwell

On December 13, Houghton College will be holding its annual Christmas Candlelight Celebration in Wesley Chapel. This event begins at 6:30 p.m. preceded by music at 6:00 to entertain people as they arrive.

The program will open with the women's choir, the chapel choir, the college choir, the brass ensemble, the string ensemble, and the hand bell choir entering by candlelight. Throughout the program, community members, students, faculty, staff, clergy members from the Houghton Wesleyan Church, and

President Chamberlain will be giving nine lessons. These lessons will focus on the prophecies as well as the coming of Jesus. Interspersed with these lessons will be congregational carols. The previously mentioned choirs and ensembles will lead these carols. The choirs and ensembles will close the program with a candlelight procession.

Although the Christmas Candlelight Celebration has taken place for several years, the program varies from year to year. Approximately every four years, the Choral Union performs the Messiah. Bruce Brown, who arrived

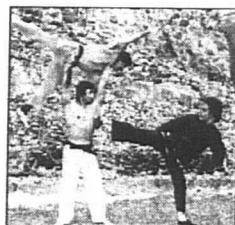
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EDITORIAL



Dear Editor,

The beginning of this semester my townhouse, townhouse #2, bought a satellite dish so we could get the variety of stations that most cable services provide. We constructed our own stand for the satellite so it is not attached to our house and causes no damage to it as it was a major concern of the administration. About a month ago we received a letter from Tim Nichols stating that we had to take down the satellite and accusing us of watching pornographic material. We asked for a meeting with Mr. Nichols to hear the reasons and to deny the accusation that we were watching pornographic material. At that meeting (and ones following it) we heard the reasons the college did not want the satellite were such:

1) Because the college is an educational institution it can limit the amount of entertainment that we receive.

2) If they let us have a satellite then people will have them hanging out of dorm windows and townhouses will have 3 hooked up to one TV.

We at the townhouse think that the college just does not

want to deal with this. Both reasons seem very trivial, especially the second. The college should implement a satellite policy, including where they are allowed, how they can be attached and how many a house can have. The issue of pornography can be dealt with using the itemized bills that can be obtained from the satellite providers.

We also think that it is strange for Dean Danner to not use the Student Life committee for this decision. Most of the faculty, staff and students that we have heard from have said that we should be allowed to have a satellite if we pay for it and it does not damage the houses. We did stop using the satellite; however we left it in our house.

While we were away for Thanksgiving break the college took our receiver for the satellite. They left no note, left no message, made no contact with us in any way about it. Two days later we had to come to them and ask them if they had taken it. The college broke the law by entering our townhouse and taking, no, stealing, our satellite receiver. The college does not have the right to take anything from a room or a house. They can search it but cannot remove things.

Do you think that it is fair for the college to remove property from your rooms or houses; given that nothing you sign has a restriction about it? If you look at your housing contract and the Houghton Community Responsibilities and Campus Policies you will not find any mention of satellite TV anywhere, in spite of the fact that this issue has been brought up before. Do you think that the college should have to pay us back the almost \$300 that we have spent on the satellite and connection cost? Finally to the person who 'tipped' the college that we were watching pornographic material; we would

like to talk with you to find out what you are talking about. None of us at townhouse #2 watch, read or listen to anything pornographic. It confuses us that at a Christian college people think that they should go to the deans with concerns about their fellow brothers rather than the brothers themselves. So I challenge you to come forward and speak with us so we can clear up whatever confusion there is.

Wesley Brown
and Townhouse 2

Letters to the Editor: 'Comedy of Errors'

I was reading in I Corinthians the other night and 8:4-13 struck me as describing a situation somewhat analogous to *The Comedy of Errors* debate. Consider the following paraphrase:

Now about watching plays such as Shakespeare's comedies: we know that the sexual innuendo contained in these sorts of things is not good representation of sex; God's plan is for an exclusive relationship between a husband and wife, in which one can find true sexual fulfillment.

But not all of us can separate in our minds the two types. Some are so accustomed to the sex-saturated American culture or are struggling with their own sinful nature, that they find themselves thinking impure thoughts when exposed to such material. For what occurs on a stage does not bring us closer to God; we are no worse off if we see it or if we don't.

Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak. If those who are weak know that you enjoyed the performance, may they not be emboldened to enjoy it for the wrong reasons? And they may fall into sin because of you. You have wounded them, and in this you sin. Therefore, may I avoid Shakespeare's comedies altogether, if it will keep others from falling.

And some people, in spite of trying to cultivate a Christ-like character, find themselves unwillingly in the latter category.

Respectfully,
Laura Kolb

I had the privilege of attending both of the Aquila Theatre Company's performances here. Few productions have held my attention so irrevocably. The finesse and energy of the troupe and the creativity of design and direction amazed me. The power and artistry of these shows was truly incredible—and it was an amazing opportunity for Houghton to host them.

Obviously, this letter becomes a response to concerns voiced by some observers. Granted, there were some disturbing scenes. But firstly, from what I understand of Shakespeare, performances in his time would have been even bawdier. Are we, Houghton, so unable to deal with the "world" that we expect visiting artists to make their performances comfortable for us? Christianity is in continual interaction with the secular—Christ himself was. We can't run away from things that seem to threaten our faith or us. And if we must ask "WWJD," I'm willing to be called heretic and say that I see a creative, intelligent, imaginative God delighted with the raw talent, creativity and energy on the Aquila Player's stage.

Winona Houser

At the risk of rehashing other comments on *The Comedy of Errors*, I must admit that although it did contain sexual scenes and vulgar humour, I enjoyed the performance. One cannot "boycott" an art form such as theatre; as society develops, so do forms of expression of society. One would be foolish to turn away from any work of art, just because it does not completely agree with one's particular constitution. Our society is formed by variety, thank God. The Aquila Theatre presented the play in an exceptionally well-polished and entertaining manner. As for faculty, I expect them to choose as *their* consciences direct. Surely they are not answerable to a student's expectations. I found no "garbage" in *The Comedy of Errors*. If one can only manage to incorporate good breeding and discernment into the viewing of a play such as this, one will come away not only with a greater appreciation for modern arts, but having improved one's own mind in the process. Unfortunately for this modern world of art, literature, and music, many of a well-educated background opt for more conventional and palatable expressions of art.

Hannah Gordon

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Christmas on Campus

Rebecca JangDhari

The three weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas Break are, for most people, the most stressful of the semester. In the midst of all the work that has to be done, it is easy to forget that it is Christmas, a time of goodwill and Yuletide cheer. There are opportunities within the next two weeks to take a break, have some merriment, and participate in spreading goodwill.

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on campus twenty-five years ago, has organized this event for all of those twenty-five years. When I asked Bruce to sum up how he felt about this program, he responded that it is "one of the nicest services presented all year round."

The Christmas Candlelight Celebration sounds like an enjoyable way to celebrate and remember the birth of Christ. Please try to take a break from studying for finals and attend this joyous event. It will relax you for finals and remind you of the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus's birth!

East Hall will be having a Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 10th. The party will be in the main

lounge, and all are welcome. The Christmas tree, displayed in the lounge, was purchased through an organization on campus, Partners With Russia. This organization is raising money for their trip to

Russia this summer. They were selling poinsettias and Christmas trees, and they will have a table at the Christmas craft sale. The craft show has a variety of Christmas gifts for sale. It will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, in the campus center from 10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

The eagerly anticipated South Hall Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 12, starting at 8p.m. Steve Dunmire, a.k.a "The Dune," will be providing special music. A Christmas play written by Mark VanderHaar will be per-



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formed as well. When asked about the party, Mark said there would be "lots of merriment and elves," and "good eats" provided by the dorm council.

Lenny Luchetti will be providing an opportunity for outreach on Dec. 12. Students and community members will be given a chance to go caroling at the nursing home. If you are interested in being involved, meet at the campus center at 10:00 a.m.

Lenny will also be having a "Spiritual Refreshment Hour," on Wednesday, Dec. 16 in Big Al's, from 6-7 a.m. This hour gives students and community members a chance to worship, pray and fellowship together.

JOBSapalooza to Be Held in Buffalo

courtesy of Maureen K. Bakewell

The Buffalo Niagara Partnership, in a collaborative effort to showcase the numerous job opportunities available in the Niagara marketplace for college students and recent alumni, is sponsoring JOBSapalooza on Wednesday, January 6, 1999,

from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Buffalo Convention Center. This job fair will provide local college talent with immediate exposure to and vital first contacts with some of the region's largest employers, all of which have positions available either immediately or for spring, 1999. Representatives from participating companies will be present to discuss prospective employee qualifications, as well as top assist attendees in their initial job search.

To date, over twenty area employers are participating, including such prominent companies as Bell Atlantic, Computer Task Group (CTG), Delaware North Companies, Inc., Dunlop Tire Corp., Hunt Real Estate Corp., Keybank N.A., New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG), Quebecor Printing Buffalo, Softbank Services Group, Tops Market, Inc., United Cerebral Palsy Association of Western New York WKBW-TV and Business First.

There is no cost to attend, however, advanced registration is encouraged. JOBSapalooza is being sponsored by the Partnership, Empire State Development Corp., New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) and the State University of New York at Buffalo, with media support provided by Business First and WKBW-TV. For more information please contact the University at Buffalo Career Planning and Placement Office at 716-645-6854.

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It's Not the End of the World Faculty Stress Pointers

Lindsay Ackerman

It is the time of the year once again when tension headaches, sleepless nights, and burn-out become the norm. The three weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas break are notorious for being extremely stressful due to the semester coming to an end and finals looming ominously in the very near future. It is easy to succumb to the extra pressure; however, it is possible to make it to Christmas break without feeling overwhelmed by stress.

According to the counseling center, there are several different causes of stress unique to December. Final exams are major cause of uneasiness, as well as financial strain because of Christmas presents, pre-holiday depression for people with difficult fam-

ily situations, and strain on time as a result of holiday parties and festivities.

This list of potential stress may seem insurmountable but Dr. Paul Young, psychology, says that if students understand what stress is they will be able to manage it better. Dr. Young said, "Stress is actually the reaction in the brain and body to demands from the environment to respond." Many of the demands

from the environment are results of personal choices. Students

those to come to college and attend classes. If students recognize that they chose the stress of college life, they will know that it cannot harm them.

There are also some specific

things, suggested by the counseling center, that students can do to alleviate stress as much as possible. It is very important to be organized. When people know exactly what they need to do, they are more likely to accomplish it without anxiety. With organization comes simplification. Students should

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essary because it can greatly improve a person's ability to process information quickly. Another good idea is to participate in exercise regularly to increase heartbeat and release tension.

Although this time of the year can be hectic and tiring, people can come through unscathed by anxiety if they choose to manage their stress well.

Student Stress Tips

Denise Dunkle

Papers, presentations, and finals on their way may be a few things that are causing some stress in your life right now. Here are several ways students on campus deal with stress.

Sophomore Mechele Souder likes to run when she feels stressed out. "Running gives me time away from everything and lets out stress because I'm doing something active outside." Staying inside to watch a movie or television is Kit Anderson's ideal way of coping with the stress of college life. "Honestly," said Kit, "I usually just put my work aside for a while and watch a movie." For Senior Gina Pizziconi alleviation of stress comes through exercise and meditation. She also recommends that organizing your personal space like your desk and your room can help you to focus better on your tasks ahead. Sophomore Dana Basnight believes that just concentrating on what needs to be done and prioritizing will relieve your stress. "If I have a ton of work to do, I need to isolate myself for short intervals of time where I work intensely," said Dana, "but then I reward myself by sitting back and laughing with friends or listening to music." But for Senior Steve Kravchuck, the best thing to do is to, "forget about it all and go climbing."

Quick Tips for Stress Reduction

- Call a time out
- Move away from the problem
- Walk - take a five minute hike
- Sit quietly and breathe deeply and slowly
- Escape - use your imagination to go to a quiet sanctuary
- Stop negative thoughts
- Don't take on other people's stress
- Change your perspective
- Talk with someone - a trusted friend, clergy, or a counselor
- Take a break
- Take a nap
- Take time for yourself
- Instead of taking, give some thing back - a hug, your time, a kind word to others
- Meditate or pray
- Clear your mind of distracting thoughts

LongTerm Strategies for Stress Reduction

There are a lot of things you can do to reduce stress in your life. Some of the ways you can start include:

- Simplify your life.
- Learn how and when to say no to stressful demands on you and your time.
- Read a good book on stress management.
- Read articles and books on self improvement.
- Watch less television.
- Spend more time with those who help you feel better about yourself.
- If you seek the company of others, get involved in a worthwhile community project or organization.
- Learn relaxation techniques.

- With the aid of your doctor and a trained professional, put together an exercise program.
- Speak with your doctor or a registered dietitian or nutritionist about how your diet can be improved.
- Reduce chemical stressors such as smoking, alcohol, and caffeine in your life.

These are only some ideas about ways you can reduce and manage the stress in your life, and are not intended to replace medical advice from your own physician or other health care professional. Before you start any lifestyle change, consult with your own physician for information and advice.

Question of the Week: "What do you do to relieve stress?"



"I like to go to the gym and play racquetball, soccer, or lift."

--Erin Elliot
(Senior)



"I go running."

--Tammi Krikorian
(Junior)

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ED OUT!!!

Stress This

Susan Ventresca

Finals are on the way and along with them comes the ugly monster of stress. Stress and worry can be harmful to one's health and well being. They can cause physical and emotional problems that may damage both your health and academic performance. Continuous stress also leads to a detrimental cycle of tension: headaches, insomnia, and tense muscles. Eventually, the mere thought of finishing a paper or taking an exam can become a stressful nightmare along with the feeling of utter laziness.

However, there is hope despite all this anxiety. You can learn methods of relaxation as well as replacing the stressful thoughts with positive ones. Creating

health practices that keep us energetic and fit also keeps us stress resistant. Once we learn to incorporate stress-relieving practices along with a balanced lifestyle we will find peace and better relationships with family, friends, peers, and professors. Here's how:

1. Eat Wisely. There is a proven connection between nutrition and stress. According to Susan Allen, RD, LD, and owner of Health Wise Nutrition Consulting in Riverside, Illinois, "As choices be-

come less nutritious, so does the availability of nutrients that help as cofactors for production of distressing neurotransmitters." Simply put, bad diets do not allow our bodies to manufacture all the brain chemicals that help produce a sense of well being. Cut out sugar in your diet. It will help you resist mood and energy swings throughout the day. Eat right! Forget the extra Twix bar and go for a few carrot sticks instead.

2. Deep Breathing. Whether you're waiting in line at Big Al's for food or shopping at The Gap for Christmas gifts, you can practice this technique. It may seem a little off the wall but it just shows you can be anywhere to relax. This will lower your heart rate and blood pressure, relax your muscles, and think more clearly. All you do is breathe in slowly through your nose and out through your mouth. Breathe deep enough so your stomach expands as you inhale and lowers as you exhale. This

is quick, easy and effective.

3. Exercise. Release some endorphins. Whether you are dancing to Christmas music while lighting the tree, running a marathon, walking a mile, or 'Sweatin' to the Oldies, you are releasing the hormones that act as a natural painkiller. This will leave you feeling calm, relaxed, and less tired while facing your assignments. If you are on a regular training program, be flexible. You can't expect to meet all your

demands as well as showing up at the gym at precisely 7:00 each evening.

4. Go Outside. Have you ever noticed that during the long winter months you actually feel more depressed? It may be December but the fresh air can do wonders for your soul. Lack of natural sunlight is a well-known depressant that can bog you down if you don't fight. So instead of sitting on the couch and watching Titanic for the 8th time this month, put on your parka, grab a friend and take a walk to your favorite spot.

5. Prioritize and Learn to Say "No." Let's look into the future. Say you're 120 years old looking back onto all that you did.

What was important? What really mattered? Think about what you are doing now. Do all your activities take away from time spent with friends and family? Learn to say no for once and give yourself a few hours each week to see what is going on in the world around you. There is life outside your dorm room. Stress is something that we all struggle with. It is how we cope with it that determines how our happiness and fulfillment in life. Take a few minutes each day to relax and enjoy people, places, and things. Prepare ahead of time for exams so that you avoid the overload the night before. It is all about balance. Just be sure your balancing the proper things.

"Continuous stress also leads to a detrimental cycle of tension: headaches, insomnia, and tense muscles."

Stress Toughness Test

I enjoy my job and find it interesting and satisfying
1-2-3-4-5

I take care of my health
1-2-3-4-5

I take an active interest in the community
1-2-3-4-5

I believe that I have considerable control over my life
1-2-3-4-5

I use my leisure time creatively
1-2-3-4-5

I seek solutions to personal problems
1-2-3-4-5

I enjoy involvement with my family
1-2-3-4-5

My life has meaning and purpose
1-2-3-4-5

I welcome change and see it as an opportunity for personal growth
1-2-3-4-5

1-Strongly Agree
2-Agree
3-Partially Agree
4-Partially Disagree
5-Disagree
6-Strongly Disagree

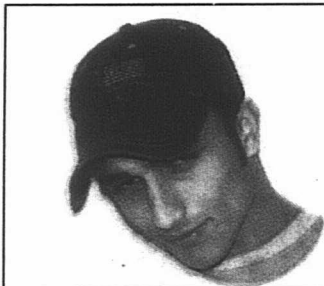
I take decisive steps to deal with challenging situations
1-2-3-4-5

Rating	Score
10 to 20	High Toughness
21-40	Moderate Toughness
41-60	Low Toughness



--Heidi Bardy
(Sophomore)

"I spend time alone and write in my journal."



--Dave Toro
(Freshman)

"I talk to my mom."

Students "Dished" by Houghton?

Oliver Gingrich--Senator

While conflict between students and administration is disliked, sometimes it is inevitable. Recently, the student government heard a complaint from residents of a Houghton Heights townhouse regarding a satellite dish they had purchased. When the administration became aware of the dish, they decided, for a number of reasons, that it was undesirable and the students were instructed to remove it immediately. While the SGA does not have direct jurisdiction, we drafted a letter to the administration advising that the students should be allowed continued use of their satellite dish for at least a limited period of time, as well as expressing disapproval of the way the students were treated in the process.

We based our opinion upon hearing from student Phil Downs, who made the contract

with the satellite company, and Tim Nichols, who expressed the school's position and reasons for its decision. The townhouse residents decided to purchase the dish on the basis that no specific rule in the handbook prohibited it. The administration explained, however, that the school can not anticipate every new technology that will arise, so they instead make decisions on an individual basis. Their reasons for not wanting the satellite dish included fear of damage of college property, financial liability in case of breach of contract, as well as concern over the increased ability of students to view questionable material.

Based on these reasons, the school decided to order the removal of the dish at once. Over break, the inside unit of the satellite system was removed without the students' notice, although it was recently returned with the stipulation that it not be used. The

students argued that the dish was a substantial purchase, and in addition, satellite contracts are made on a six-month basis, which means the students get billed even if the dish is not being used.

The Senate, after lengthy discussion, recognized a number of issues being debated. The first is the decision to allow no satellite dishes in townhouses. Since the property is college-owned, and since the Senate respects the school's right to set policy regarding student life, we did not have a problem with the school's decision in the future. However, the issue we did have a problem with was the treatment of the students by the administration. We felt that, since no rule prohibited purchase of the dish, the students should not be punished monetarily for the school's failure to have written policy. We feel that to create policy, and then to apply it retroactively to students who were unaware of that policy is both unfair and bad precedent.

The Senate suggestion is

to either allow the students an exemption from the policy at least until their six month contract is concluded, at which time they would have to remove the dish, or to wait until next year to put the policy in place, which would prevent an exemption from being made. We felt strongly that the school did not respect the student's rights in either the decision to require the removal of the system before the six-month contract was up, or in the subsequent confiscation of one of the pieces of the unit. A letter with our opinions was sent recently to a number of administrators including Dean Danner, Jeff Spear, Tim Nichols, and the Student Life Council, and we hope that this matter will be concluded in a quick and fair manner.

Free Mayterm Exception for the Class of 2000

Jonathan McElhane

Many of the Class of 2000 will graduate prior to the activation of the free mayterms in May of 2000. Due to this fact the following has been offered by the Administration. Students scheduled to graduate in the year 2000 will have the option to have a free Mayterm in 1999 or 2000. These students must have 89 credit hours at the end of the spring semester of 1999. The students that choose to take the free Mayterm in 1999 will have to sign an agreement that states they will attend Houghton College for both semesters in the 1999 - 2000 academic year. Housing for the 1999 Mayterm will remain the same in price and accommodations. The board plan will remain the same as it was in the 1998 - 1999 academic year. If you have any questions contact Erica Curell in the SGA office X211.

Spotlight on Faculty: Richard Eckley

Liana Weirich

It is a pleasure to have Professor Richard K. Eckley as part of Religion and Philosophy department especially since he commutes daily from Buffalo..

Raised in Bellfonte, Pennsylvania, Eckley has traveled a vast majority of the USA. After high school Eckley went to Penn State for a year. It was there that he felt that he was being called into the ministry. Eckley picked up his belongings and hitchhiked across the country, stopping in South Dakota to work on an Indian Reservation. After doing some work with Native Americans, Eckley decided to join the army for two years, then returned to Penn State. While at Penn State, Eckley met and fell in love with his wife, Lynn. They married in 1977 and soon had their first of two sons. Eckley continued to feel a calling for the ministry and went on to receive his BS from United Wesleyan College, his MDiv from Asbury Theological Seminary, and his ThM from Princeton. He concluded with his doctorate in Systematic Theology - studying the relations between evangelicals and Roman Catholics. Eckley is an ordained Wesleyan pastor.

Eckley originally began teaching at United Wesleyan College and when it closed in 1990, Houghton hired him on as a professor of Christian Ministries. He also has spent fourteen years pastoring, including being a youth pastor in Allentown. Here at Houghton, however, Eckley feels

that "This is a fulfillment of my pastoral call. I love it... I love being an academic theologian - this allows me to be myself. Theology is fun." Eckley smirks, showing his passion and knowledge for what he loves to share with people of all ages.

In any spare time Eckley enjoys playing the guitar, with his "favorites" being Neil Young and Jackson Brown. Eckley also teaches Sunday school, rebuilds cars, and enjoys sailing. His wife, Lynn, also shares his love for music, as she is a music teacher at a magnet school in Buffalo.

In conclusion I asked Eckley if there was anything he

would like to add. "Maybe when I retire I will travel Europe or really learn how to swing dance. Actually, sometimes I would almost be willing to drop anything to go to Bonfatto's Bonaza, just to get a hoagie. These hoagies are the best (*Right on, brother!—Ray*). Some people would actually come from hours away, buy several, and freeze them. Maybe I should go down to Pennsylvania and buy me a hoagie." He laughs. Also known for his sense of humor, if you haven't met Eckley yet, sit down and talk to him for a few minutes. "I could always tell you a few funny stories I have had because of being in the ministry." For his love for theology and sense of humor, Professor Eckley is a great person to get to know.

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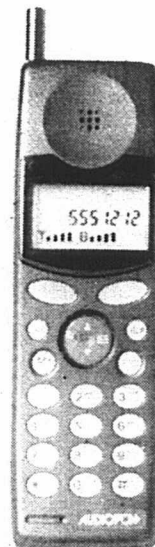
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Al Manac and the Case of the Holiday Hooligan

Donald J Sobol

Christmas was fast approaching Houghton and everyone was full of the holiday cheer—everyone except for C.C. Rider. C.C. Rider was a college drop-out who spent half his day sleeping and the other half thinking up get-rich-quick-schemes. C.C. would often use these hair-brained ideas to swindle money out of the younger, neighborhood kids. Fortunately, someone always put a stop to it, that someone being none other than Houghton's resident crime-fighter—Al Manac.

C.C. despised Al Manac and all his sleuthing abilities. If it wasn't for him, C.C. would be rich and have enough money to buy that Camaro he's always wanted. One day he came up with a sure-fire money-maker even Al Manac wouldn't be able to crack...

Al Manac doing some

reading on the Psychoanalytic view of Literary Criticism one day when James Villani plopped a quarter on the gas can. "I want to hire you!" he exclaimed. "What flew up your shorts in a hurry?" Al asked.

"I'll tell you. Two letters: C and C," he responded. Al Manac frowned. What was that loser up to now? "That guy's tried everything in the book," Al Manac said. James smirked. "That's just it," he said. "So what's the deal?" Al asked. "I'll tell you about it on the way to C.C.'s house." The two boys walked off.

"You know how my father loves Christmas collectibles right?" James said. Al nodded. It was widely known all over Houghton that Mr. Villani held the greatest collection of Christmas paraphernalia in the area. He has

all the nativity sets, all the boughs of holly, every Christmas special ever made on video-tape, including the director's cut of *A Very Brady Christmas* and so on and so



forth. "So?" Al asked.

"Well, C.C. approached me yesterday and said he had the first every copy of *The Night Before Christmas*." "Whoa," Al said. "That's impressive. Is this the book?" James frowned. "No. I'm trading him my Gutenberg Bible for his book," he said.

"That's impressive," Al said. "That's got to be worth at least twenty bucks. But before you give him anything, let's make sure you're getting a good deal." The boys gave each other a high five then smiled at how cool they were. They reached C.C.'s

house and knocked on the door. C.C. Rider walked out in a bathrobe. He saw James and said: "Is that my book?" Al stepped up. "Wait just one second. I want to hear about *your* book." C.C. scowled at Al. "What do you want you little pipsqueak?" Al returned the stare. "Tell me about how you found this book."

C.C. folded his arms. "Well, I was on this Mayterm course last year, while I still had the minimum GPA. We went to Ireland, Scotland and Wales. I remember walking through all these castles. We stopped at 'em all Borthwick, Blarney you name it! Anyway, on our way back from Tintagel, we stopped at a small junk store. I saw this book and asked how much he wanted to sell it for. He said \$1000, so I knocked him down and stole the book. It's the real deal and has all the reindeer, from Donner to Dasher to Rudolph to Prancer." C.C. smiled at stared at the boy detective. "So what do you have to say?"

"Oh, just don't believe a word this lying monkey says," Al said. "He has no idea what he's talking about—and I can prove it twice!"

HOW DID AL MANAC TRAP C.C. IN HIS OWN LIES?

(Solution next issue!)

Ask Ray: Houghton's Own Advice Columnist



Q: Dear Ray,
There's so much garbage on TV. Are there any wholesome, family Christmas specials?

Frustrated in Fillmore

Send your questions
and half a hoagie to:
Ray c/o
The STAR
Box #378

A: Dear Frustrated,
Here are a few of my favorites:
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Ray

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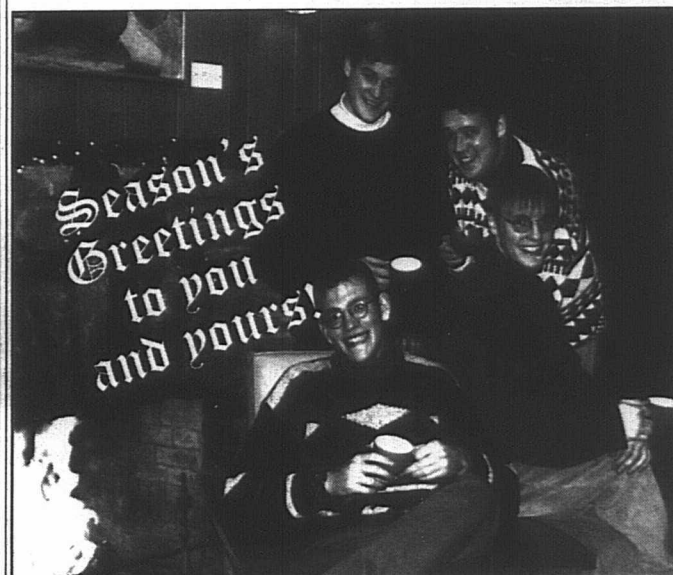
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Houghton Sports Week in Review

Winter Sports Score Box

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Friday 12/5
Houghton: 69, Roberts: 87

Women's Basketball (5-1)

Friday 12/5
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Funky Rainbow Butterflies	1-3
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Women's Basketball

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The Dendrites	1-4
Dribblers	0-0
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Tough Love	0-6

Women's Volleyball Falls in Nationals

The Houghton Volleyball season came to a close, Thursday December 3. The Lady Highlanders lost to Biola University in straight sets in the NAIA National Tournament. Previously, Houghton lost in straight sets to Lubbock Christian, Bethel and Christian Heritage.

Though the year ended on a downer, Houghton has nothing to be sad about. After a brilliant regular season, the Lady Highlanders cruised through the post-season all the way to their first ever berth in the National tournament. Houghton's final record stands at 26-10. Congratulations, ladies.

Men's Basketball

Houghton College played even with Roberts Wesleyan College for most of the first half, but the visitors pulled away for a 87-69 win in a Northeast Atlantic Conference matchup at Houghton.

Greg Quick led the Highlanders with 18 points, and Jesse Archer added 15 points and a game-

high 14 rebounds. Dwayne Washington and Jeremy Martin both added 10 points.

Houghton shot just 15 percent (2-13) from behind the arc, and hit just 11 of 22 from the charity stripe.

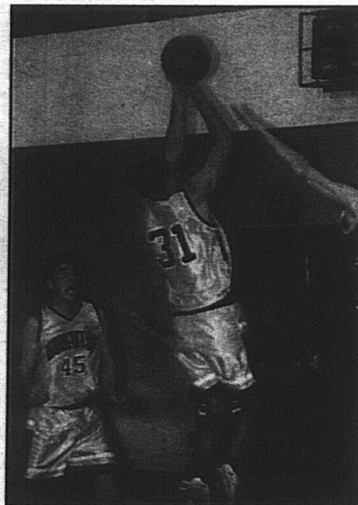


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Kurt Sauder jumps up in the air

Women's Basketball

Freshman Alicia Campbell hit two free throws in the final 22 seconds to give Houghton College a 78-77 win over Roberts

Wesleyan College in a Northeast Atlantic Conference matchup.

Houghton (5-1; 1-0) led by as many as 14 in the first half but Roberts cut the lead to seven (44-37) at intermission. Roberts scored the first four points of the second half to cut the lead to three, but the Lady Highlanders answered with a 26-12 run to give them a 70-53 lead with nine minutes remaining.

Five Houghton players scored in double figures, led by Ivey's 15. Campbell and Lesley Swanson scored 12 points each, Janelle Tombs added 11, and Amie Fells poured in 10.

The Lady Highlanders hit just 5-of-19 free throws in the second half, and managed just 2-of-12 shooting from the field in the game's last nine minutes.

Come out and support the
**Men's Club
Volleyball Team**
as they play their first game
against
Roberts Wesleyan
Wednesday, December 9th
at 7:00pm

She Got Game

Player Profile: Lesley Swanson

Judy Johnson

A big, happy family that loves to play basketball and use their talents to serve God. A group of girls that play as a unified team by working together and not focusing on the individual effort. A team that is off to a strong start and has a great chance of going to the NAIA National tournament. This is the Houghton women's basketball team.

One player who is emerging as an integral part of Houghton's success is Lesley Swanson. Lesley is a 5'9" sophomore from Sherman, NY. Her father is a coach and from a young age, Lesley was hanging around the gym watching and learning how to play. Lesley's father coached her from seventh grade through the rest of high school, and taught her much of what she knows about the game. Although a father/coach relationship isn't always easy, Lesley is thankful for all that it taught her both about basketball and life.

Lesley's hard work is paying off. She is an aggressive pres-

ence in the paint, pulling down rebounds and making quick moves to the hoop. This season in 5 games her numbers have already improved over last season. Lesley attributes her success this year to being physically and mentally

this talented team. As each game goes by, the team grows in experience and talent.

Come out and cheer for Lesley and the rest of the basketball team Friday, January 8 at 5:00 against Seton Hill.



photo courtesy of Lesley Swanson

stronger. She says she has been learning to not let the little negative things get her down during a game, but to move on and stay positive. Lesley also credits practicing against Amy Fells every day as helping her to become a better post player and rebounder.

Unity, depth, and conditioning are what Lesley believes sets Houghton's women apart from their competition. Going to Nationals is not too high of a goal for

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