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WORLD AT A GLANCE

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Israel: Prime Minister Shimon Peres was granted "full backing" by President Ezer Weizman to continue the peace efforts of his predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, who was assassinated on November 4. Six Jewish radicals, including students from Bar Ilan University in Tel Aviv, have been arrested in connection with the shooting.

Bosnia: An agreement should be reached by next week as negotiations continue at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton. Current issues include Sarajevo, the capital, which may become a separate federal city like Washington D.C. The other major issue involved the distribution of land, which will be divided 51% Muslim-Croatian, 49% Serbian. The Serbs also want a 12-mile wide strip to connect their regions, but the Muslim-Croats have opposed such a measure

Nigeria: Nine anti-oil industry activists from the Ogoni group were executed last week. The European Union plans to approve an arms and possibly an oil embargo on Nigeria. Royal Dutch Shell plans to build a \$3.8 billion natural gas plant in Nigeria regardless of the international call for embargo.

Algeria: 14 million voters are electing a new president, in hopes of ending a conflict that has killed 30,000. Islamic militants have protested the government since their Islamic candidates nearly won elections in 1992. To avoid Islamic control, the government canceled that election and installed the current president, Liamine Zeroual, as head of state.

USA: Federal budget debates continue in record-breaking length with no visible solutions. Clinton expressed that he is willing to wait until the next election, allowing the people's vote to decide whose budget plan should be applied. A USA Today/CNN Gallup poll showed that Americans blame Congress over Clinton for the government shutdown, 49% to 26%.

Professor to Take Sabbatical in Moscow

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Every so often, a professor will stop what they are doing, grading papers or making exams, and look out the window. He or she will gaze dreamily for a while, not at the squirrels in the oak tree or the kids playing volleyball on the quad, but stare ahead to the exhilarating time known as sabbatical.

A sabbatical is a time that tenured professors have, once every seven years, to take a semester off and partake in whatever suits their fancy. Usually it is some scholastic work at another institution or perhaps some in depth study abroad. Dr. Blaine David Benedict, a noted political science and international studies professor at Houghton College will be taking his in the spring of 1997. His destination will not be the normative visit to Oxford University or to another fine western hemisphere institute of higher learning to do study, however. Dr. Benedict plans to visit the capitol of Rus-

sia, Moscow, and teach at an as-yet-to-be-named university there while compiling research on Russian politics and culture in his own time.

Sabbaticals are not necessarily funded by the institute granting time off. In this case, Dr. Benedict has been the recipient of the prestigious Rotary Scholarship, presented by the Rotary Club International. The award is for \$10,000. This money will go toward underwriting his trip costs in 1997. He was nominated for this award by the members of the local branch of the Rotary Club in Fillmore, NY. The nomination was considered by the board of directors and Dr. Benedict was chosen on his merit as an outstanding and proficient political scientist.

The scholastic implications for Dr. Benedict and Houghton College are tremendous. One of the best ways to be able to teach a subject or class is to not only know this subject's content and facts, but to know the

people and their mentality. Dr. Benedict hopes to come back with a better understanding of the Russian mindset and politics. The college will benefit as well from having a more enlightened and knowledgeable professor who should be able to offer some more specific and enriched categories of classes in politics and history because of this.

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Dr. Benedict's reaction to this has been rather phlegmatic, which is not uncommon, in keeping with his reputation as a quiet, but intense lecturer. He expressed excitement at being able to go and is fully planning to take advantage of this by taking a year and a half of Russian language study which will be invaluable to him in understanding original language documents and materials.

The following two years should be an exciting time in Dr. Benedict's life and, as he notes (with typical understatement), "I'm excited about this."

Senate Report:

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At the November 9th meeting, the Student Senate discussed the possibility of sending a letter to the University tudents For Life group at the University of Buffalo. The purposes of this organization, as stated in their constitution are are; To promote and foster the ideals of the right to life hilosophy at the university of Buffalo. To educate the students of the University of Buffalo and the surrounding community as to the alternatives to abortion. To stage events and recruit members as n ecessary to accomplish the goals of the organization. Recently the university Students fo Life group held fundraiser for St. Luke's Mission of Mercy and Our Lady of Victory infant Home. As a part of this fund raiser, four thousand white crosses were placed on the UB campus, one for every baby aborted. on an average day. The group has met some opposition from other UB students in the form of vandalism and articles in student publications. The decision of the Student Senate was to send a letter the the University Students for Life organization. The intents of the letter was not to take a stance on the issue, but to offer the services of the SGA in facilitating the process of getting information to Houghton students who would like to help the group University Students for Life in their efforts.

Complaints Spur Renovation

Jeff babbi

In response to recent complaints, Student Development is busy planning the construction of a new game room and snack shop in the basement of the campus center. Complaints from visitors, alumni, and students concerning the unattractiveness of the facilities have been heard by the college, and now action is being taken.

Matt Webb, Director of Stu-

dent Programs, has been busy getting the project off the ground. The tentative plans show an expanded Big Al's snack shop area, a separate game room with pool tables, ping-pong tables, arcade machines and TV's, and a TV room connected to the snack shop. A blueprint was recently posted in the campus center and received "only positive feedback," said Webb. Webb and a committee of development personnel reviewed proposals from a number of architects and chose the firm of Pierce, Basinger and Assoc. from the Rochester area.

A main goal for the renovation, according to Webb, is to
"improve the overall look of
the recreation area and snack
shop." He also hopes that "it
will be a place where students
want to come and have fun.
Because of our location, people
don't have many places where
they can come and hang out."
Since the Mobil Mart is closed,
and few places to buy food or
drink exist in Houghton, Webb
is also hoping to have the snack
shop open for more hours daily.

A project such as this needs support from the college and also from outside sources. Rebecca Basinger, Vice President for Advancement, is in charge of raising funds for the renovation. She has been in contact with a few members of the PACE group, the President's Advisory Committee for Excellence, who have especially noticed a need for this project and who have been some of the first to contribute.

Webb hopes the project will be finished, "ideally within a year, but we'll see." He remained cautious about actual dates as any number of obstacles could slow down the entire process. Both Basinger and Webb are hoping to have the renovation completed over the summer of '96.

Quote of the Week

"Freedom through the press. It's a good phrase. How can a society claim to be free if it is not possible to tell freely what is going on in that society?"

-Christopher F. Patten. Hong Kong governor-

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Oh what a (K)night!!

Freshman's goal in sudden death lifts Highlanders into National Tournament

Bobby Price, sports editor

He's easy to spot on campus with his flamboyant personality and outrageous dredlocks. On the soccer field though, he's even more noticeable. He's Stetson Knight - Houghton's newest hero.

Last weekend, Knight scored the winning goal in sudden death overtime to lift the men over Bloomfield, 3-2, in the Northeast Regional Championship game. The victory sends the Highlanders (17-5-1) back to the National Tournament for the second year in a row.

The win over Bloomfield was symbolic of the adversity the men have had to overcome all season. In perhaps one of the most dramatic games in HC history, the Highlanders once again rose to the challenge, and this time they did it with one less player.

A Steve Clapper red card in the first OT made it so the men were forced to play one short of the usual 11 starters. It was at this point when things began to look bleak for the men.

"I was beginning to wonder if we could pull it off," said Coach Hornibrook.

A calculated move by Hornibrook though, proved to be just what the Highlanders needed.

"I think the key point in the game was when we moved Dave Eisenreid from defense and put him up on the line," said Hornibrook. "It made us more agressive and changed the game from then on."

Houghton would score first in the game on a Lincoln Acholonu put in off a Bob Schwaner free kick. The Houghton squad struck again when Aaron Rose went way up in the air to head in a corner kick by Knight to make it 2-0 Houghton. The men took a 2-1 lead into halftime, but it wouldn't stay that way for long as the Bloomfield squad (18-1-1) scored in the first minute of the second half to tie the game.

The score remained deadlocked thoughout the remaining second half. As overtime seemed imminent, so too did the fact that every single play from then on out would become scrutinized and crucial to the utmost. No one knew this more than Dave Dixon, the last line of defense for the Highlanders.

"It was a wet day and I just wanted to make sure my body was behind the ball," said Dixon, who believed that the Bloomfiled game was the most exciting one he's every played for Houghton.

After nearly two and one half hours of soccer, the Houghton squad was able to put together a marvelous scoring drive and put an end to the marathon.

With about 5 minutes remaining in sudden death, Eisenreid was able to win the ball at midfield and boot it ahead to Schwaner, who worked the ball up the field to Knight for the winning goal.

"The guys game ready to play," said Knight. "We were down one man so we had to step up," he

Following the unbelievable win, pandemonium broke out all over the field.



MAN OF THE HOUR: Stetson Knight, shown here booting a corner kick earlier in the season, scored the winning goal in the regional championship game versus Bloomfield

"It was like nothing I've ever seen before," said Rob Rupp, back-up keeper to Dixon. "It was unreal."

"Everyone was running around," said Todd Miner, a junior from Spencerport, NY.

Miner, like so many others on the team, felt the game was a reflection of the entire season. All year long the men have battled to get to where they are now. What happened on that soccer field in Union, New Jersey was more than just a game, it was the story of this year's squad unfolding itself in dramatic detail - a fairy-tale like saga with, for the time being, no ending in sight.

"I give the players full credit for what has happened," said Hornibrook. "I am pleased with he work they have done all season."

Knight, who felt the Bloomfield team was the best competition Houghton has faced since the beginning of the season, is anxious for Nationals.

"At the beginning of the season our goal was to get to Nationals, said Knight. "Now that we're there we don't want to get embarrassed."

"We're going in as underdogs, but we're are prepared as well as we can be," said Hornibrook about the National Tournament. The men have played 13 straight games without a loss.

IN OTHER GAMES: Houghton defeated Castleton St. (13-2-1) in the semi-finals, 4-0. Akim Antwi score all four goals for the men and Dave Dixonrecorded the shutout. The Highlanders outshot the Castleton St. team 18-5.

In the final home game of the season, Houghton beat Thomas College, 4-1', for the right to advance to Regional play.

Antwi was brilliant again, scoring 3 goals, while Acholonu scored the other goal.

Clapper had two assists and Eisenreid and Knight each contributed with one.

M.V.P. Brundige Leads Male Hoopsters to Tournament Win

Bobby Price, sports editor

The men's basketball team commenced its season winning the Mt. Vernon Nazarene tournament in Ohio November 10-



Michael Brundige (file photo) lays on

The men defeated Cornerstone College in the opening round 78-75.

Michael Brundige, following a two year hiatus, came roaring back to lead the Highlanders with 20 points. He also grabbed a team high 9 rebounds.

Complimenting Brundige in the scoring column was freshman Tomas Kersis, a 6'5" foward from Lithuania. Kersis finished with 16 points while going 2-2 from 3-point land.

Jason Weyforth and Judson Odell each finished with 11 points.

Leading the way for Cornerstone College was Jared Crandell, who finished with a game high 23 points. Chris Fisher chipped in with 14 points.

The Highlanders shot well from the floor, hitting over 50% of their shots. Indeed the team is blessed with talented shooters this year. Just one of the many pluses on this season's squad.

The men took on Mt. Vernon Nazarene in the tournament finals. Last season the Cougars defeated Houghton 103-92 in Houghton's Tip-Off touney. This year however, it would be Mt. Vernon's turn to feel the bitter fangs of defeat, as the Highlanders used an agressive full court pressure to help them defeat the Mt. Vernon team, 81-70.

Again it was Michael Brundige who led the way for the men, going 10 for 17 from the floor for 21 points. Brundige was hampered with foul trouble throughout most the contest, but was able to score several key baskets down the stretch before fouling out. He was tenacious on the boards, collecting 12 total while grabbing 10 in the first half

Tomas Kersis continued to play above the average freshman level status, hitting 50% of his shots for a total of 17 points. Kersis also helped on the boards, hauling in 6 rebounds. The kid wonder continues to improve every day.

After a rather lethargic first half, Judson Odell came roaring back in the second for a total of 11 points and 6 rebounds. The 6'8" Odell plays an important role in the middle for the Highlanders and will be called upon to play consistent basketball night in and night out for the squad.

Tyreece Jackson, a transfer from Eastern College, OK, put in several valuable minutes and grabbed 7 rebounds.

The Highlanders went to a 2-3 zone set defense to counterattack a strong half court offensive set by the Cougars. Last season the men tried to play the Mt. Vernon squad man-to-man and the results were devastating for the Highlanders. In the 2-3 zone the men were able to avoid defending pick and rolls and screens off the ball, offensive manuevers that Mt. Vernon relies on for their offense to work. The Highlandsers were also wary of the 3 point shooters on the Cougar squad, and defending them was vital.

The full court zone pressure defense also reaped benefits for the Highlander as they were able to cause 24 Mt. Vernon turnovers. With such an agressive style of defense, the men should generate a great deal of offense with their defense this season.

Leading in scoring for Mt.Vernon was Mike Mahek with 17 points. Big man, Doug Speelman outdid Odell, dumping in 15 points, but Odell held him in check down the stretch. Also reaching double figures for the Cougars was Josh Sanders, who finished with 12 points including 2 three-pointers.

The Highlanders placed Kersis, Weyforth, and Brundige on the All-Tournament team, with Brundige earning MVP honors for his efficient play throughout the tournament.

LAST SATURDAY: the men defeated D'Youville College, 109-69 in their home opener.

Brundige led the team in scoring with 27 points, while the team improved to 3-0.

December Art Show Features Jon Rhett

Professor Jon Rhett of Houghton's Art Department will be featuring a new art exhibit December 2-20, preceded by a "gallery talk" and a reception in which spectators and art buffs can discuss their "canvas passions." The gallery will be featuring some of the latest works created by Prof. Rhett, as well as some of his older favorites. Professor Rhett's primary work in this gallery show will be oil paint on can-

Prof. Rhett got his position at Houghton College simply by applying to a job opening that he became aware of, and is now (technically) working as a "temporary" as the college searches for a permanent graphic arts department teacher.

The professor's background in the art world stems from the training he received in his studies at the University of Virginia (VCU), where he went on to get his Masters Degree in Art. He then worked for five years at an ad agency in Rich-

mond, Virginia. Prof. Rhett also worked part time at a real estate firm as a graphic designer for their advertising

The professor says that his expectations for the future are 'sort of a day-by-day process" in which he hopes to show his students what it was that caught his attentions back in the early days as an art student, and perhaps to pass it along to them. Professor Rhett found teaching to be the most rewarding job that he had in

Richmond, Va. He said, "It was the first job i had that I really looked forward to." Prof. Rhett made the decision not to pursue art as an "artist in practice" because he felt that the whole idea of selling artwork at their (deserved) outrageously high prices was sort of a "bobble for the rich," as he put it.

The professor's expectation for the future for his own artistic endeavors are focused on wherever God leads him, be it teaching at Houghton, or something else somewhere else.

Professor Rhett said that he is very excited about the opening of the December gallery show, and he hopes that it will be a great success. His immediate goal for the future in relation to the art department is to "leave it better than I found it." When asked what he meant by that, he explained that he intends to make the most of Houghton's art department, one of those ways being the upcoming gallery show in December.

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In a world that has often down-played religion and furthered the glory of technology, the two have met in a mutually beneficial relationship.

Rich Eckley, assistant director of Christian ministries at Houghton College is now teaching ministerial courses by satellite link to pastors in western Pennsylvania.

"The program brings the class room to the pastors where they are, instead of bringing the pastors to a superficial environment, teaching them, then throwing them back out there in the real world" said Eckley.

Eckley has also created an international on-line dialogue called Wesleyan Pastors List. This dialogue is currently used by 80 pastors. They discuss current, controversial issues such as the Promise Keepers, homosexuality, women in the ministry, and how the computer can be used by the minister. One member said of the dialogue: "I have not had this much intellectual stimulation since college and seminary."

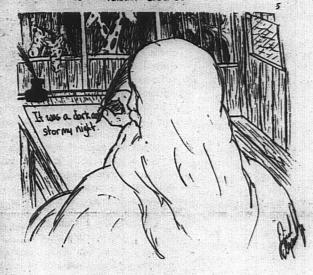
Both of these innovations grew out of a desire by Eckley to connect the college more

closely with the church. Eckley says, "It is unfortunate that the Ivory Tower theory is applied to collegiate religious teaching. That is to say that the educational process takes place in an environment that in no way parallels the real world."

The on-line dialogue can be accessed and used by any Wesleyan pastor by contacting Eckley on e-mail. "The on-line dialogue is a two way street. Not only do the pastors learn from us, but we learn from them."

WISH YOU WERE HERE ... ERICH ASPERSOFLAGER

DUE TO BOREDOM, NOAH TOOK TO WRITING NOVELS, AND IS GENERALLY CREDITED WITH THE INVENTION OF SEVERAL FAMOUS LITERARY CLICHES



Society Gadfly

According to the Constitution of the Gadfly Society, it began to, "promote awareness of the relevance of philosophical perspectives to practical issues." They are responsible for the film lectures and open forums held here on campus.

The Gadfly Society provides a forum for voluntary extracurricular activities of interest for philosophically-minded persons. They encourage a model of "rational discourse on emotional issues," says faculty advisor Dr. Christopher Stewart. Many times people do not have reasons for why they feel a certain way about an issue. Members want to facilitate discussions and present people with ideas and reasoning behind opinions and beliefs.

They originally started as a group of friends who wanted to bring more philosophically oriented activities to campus. They became an organization with the support of many other interested students. They chose the name Gadfly because, "it is a common name given to philosophers," said member Debra

This year they have held two film lectures. In Septemberthey showed "Rosencranz and Gildenstern are Dead," with Dr. Wardwell speaking afterwards. In October they showed "Manchester Six" and Professor O'Byrne spoke.

Last year they held two open forums, one on the subject of nudity in art and another on homosexuality during homosexuality awareness week. The forums and film lectures are open to both students and community mem-

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Houghton Awarded Templeton Grant

Rhett J. Stuart

Houghton College was recently awarded the Templeton Foundation Grant due to the fine efforts of Professor Chris Stewart of Houghton's Religion Department.

The money from the grant awarded to the school will be directed towards the course revisions of the school's science and religion program. on creating a new science course science. entitled, "Scientific and Reli-Houghton will help fund that new course, which is designed for upper level science students terested in a Christian viewpoint in conjunction with the Princeton and Yale Universi-

teachings of science.

Prof. Stewart's educational background begins with a Bible and Philosophy major while attending Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. One of his initial desires was European missions. He was later a physics major, where he received a PhD. at Notre Dame, where he sor Stewart has been working in the history and philosophy of

"Competition" for the grant gious Perspectives on Human from the Templeton Founda-Life." The grant awarded to tion was comprised of 173 institutions from around the globe. In the end, 97 out of that 173 were awarded a grant. Included and other students who are in- in that 173 institutions were such prestigious names as

ties. Also given the award were two other Christian colleges- Gordon and Messiah. This was the first year for Houghton College to receive the award from the Templeton Foundation.

Much work went into a ten page proposal that was written by Professor Chris one which he said he shared with his colleagues "to refer opinions and ideas with."

Professor Stewart went on to say that "receiving the award was both a humbling and an affirming experience at the same time." He was also quoted as saying that he would be whole lot busier from now on.

"We had a weekend of phenomenal volleyball," explained assistant coach, Nancy Cole about last weekends Regional Tournament. That was indeed the truth as the Highlanders cruised into the tournament and dealt out three quick losses.

ladies Westminster on Friday and were unstoppable. Before the visitors knew what had hit them, the match was over (15-4) (15-7), (16-14), and the Highlanders had claimed the win. Junior middle hitters, April Stone and Allysia Hanson led the team with 14 kills a piece. Stone also led the team from the service line with 2 service aces in 18 attempts. Sophomore outside hitter, Hannah Young and junior outside hitter, Kelley Daugherty led the way defensively with 18 digs each. Junior setter, Kim Prouty and freshman setter, Amie Fells had 14 and 13 setting assists respectively.

Two hours later the ladies were pitted against the #1 seed, Wilmington. Again, the Highlanders pulled off a quick win, (15-12), (15-7), and (15-13). Though the game pace was much slower than the Westminster game, Houghton managed to play clean and keep up their intensity. Stone blasted through the Wilmington blocks with 22 kills, while Hanson had 15. Stone also claimed 6 blocking assists while Fells had 4.

After a long nights rest, the Lady Highlanders again trudged up to the gym to take on St.Thomas Aquinas from New York City. Using a potpourri of line-ups, the team crushed their opponents in 3 games; (15-1), (15-0), and (15-6). Again Stone led the team's offense with 11 kills. She was closely followed by junior middle hitter, Mary Gervin with 6 kills. Fells led in blocking with 3 assists, while Prouty took control of the ser-



Oh Soooo Close! Hannah Young falls to the floor to dig a spike by an opposing player during a home match. The ladies fell to Seton Hill in the Reg

The team then faced Seton Hill at 3:00 p.m. for the Regional Championship. Seton Hill had beaten Houghton twice earlier in the season. Despite the excellent team play, the Highlanders lost the match in 4 games; (15-5), (9-15), (5-15), and (13-15). Hanson and Daugherty led defensively with 24 digs each. Daugherty also led from the service line with 3 aces for her 27 attempts. Stone dominated offensively with 27 kills, 2 solo blocks, and 4 blocking assists. She was aided by Hanson (13 kills), Fells (2 blocking assists), and junior outside hitter, Jessica Sandle (2 blocking assists.

Coach Lord was very pleased with the teams all around effort for the weekend.

"We had a very unexpected season," said Lord. "We finished 19-4 overall and there is no reason why any of these ladies should be hanging their heads," he added.

Captain, Prouty added, "We've had a great year."

The ladies lose no one from their roster for next season. Such a fact will mean great things for the team for next sea-

"I'm excited that we're all here for atleast one more year," added Prouty. "I feel sorry for the other teams in our conference though," she said.

Indeed the future looks bright for this group of overachievers. With everyone back for next year, the volleyball squad at Houghton should raise many eyebrows.

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Results from nationals

Flashing the longest metal pikes they could muster from he bottom of their shoes, the ross-country teams slopped and slushed their way through the mud ice and snow of Eastern Wisconsin to the best finish ever for both the men's and vomen's teams at the NAIA National meet.

The men's team put on a solid erformance despite the injuries and illnesses of several key nembers. Once again, the Highlanders were led by "Miss" ee "Press on Nails" Thurber who ran a phenomenal race, placing 40th - just 10 places shy of All-American status. Thurber was followed by Brent "if loving you is wrong, I don't wanna be" Wright (71st), Marshall "I wanna" Merriam (116th), and Kenley "mountain fresh" Perry "-ay spring water" (203rd). This placed the boys ar above any other team from the Northeast Region and 22nd in the nation.

It was the women's team who took center stage, however Leading roles were played by Lauren "lock and" Keyport (83rd) and Kristen "Joshua, Judges" Ruth (88th), who paced the kilted ladies to a 16th place finish despite a team ranking of just 24th before the gun sounded. This tandem had an excellent supporting cast; Amy Shilke "lime pie" (94th), Academic All-American "Pay" Leslie "shoe source" Roberts (115th), and Melanie "Arnold" Swansfeger (132nd).

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Coach, Bob Smalley "mouthed bass" simply smiled modestly and characteristically said little about the success of his teams. Smalley was also deservedly selected as the Northeast Regional Women's Cross Country Coach of the

Congratulations to Smalley and the men's and women's X country teams at Houghton for another successful season.

Women's basketball action delayed: Take on St. John Fisher Tuesday

The 1995 women's basketall season was delayed due to severe snow storm that ripped through our area last week. The ady Highlanders were to take on D'Youville last Wednesday night in Buffalo.

The ladies will play their first ame of the season Tuesday, November 21 against St. John Fisher in Rochester.

The women are led this year by senior forward, Brenda John son and junior guard, Charity O'Connor.

Last year the women wen 21-6 and gained a spot in the National Tournament for the first time at the NAIA level.

Tip off time for Tuesday's contest is 6 p.m.

QUIZ TIME

Q. Albert Belle hit 50 home runs this year and did not win th IVP award. Can you name the last player to hit 50 home runs ar ot win the MVP award?

(ANSWER IN NEXT STAR)

Green Mountain College stuns Lady Highlanders at Regionals

Josh Daniels

You could barely see the two teams as they fought not to slip on the snow that blustery Saturday morning.

Three weeks ago the Lady Highlanders hosted the Conference Championship which would decide who would go to Regionals in Vermont.

The women had played Seton Hill earlier in the season and beat them by a narrow 2-1 margin. This time they came out strong and it was 2-0 by the

During half time the snow began to fall like a white sheet on to the field. This did not stop the Houghton women though, as they only seemed to play better. In the second half the team scored 5 more goals to whip Seton Hill 7-0. Heidi Gugler led Houghton with a hat trick.

The victory allowed the women to travel to Vermont for the semi-final game of the Regional Tournament against Green Mountain. If the women were to win Regionals they would go to Nationals.

The Lady Highlanders went into the match-up with an unblemished record of 18-0 and a desire to play. Green Mountain (17-2) was ranked third in the tournament.

The Highlanders came out strong dominating the entire game. Gugler scored just 30 seconds into the contest, but that would be the only goal of the game for the women. The troops had plenty of shots on goal, but they could not finish. At times it seemed as if the there was an invisible shield around Green Mountain's net. The women tried valiently to break through the Green Mountain defense, but to no avail.

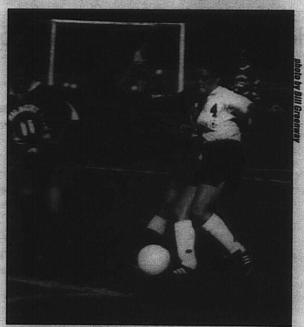
With 3 minutes left to play, Green Mountain scored on their 3rd shot on only their third shot

This goal seemed to fire up Green Mountain, who dominated the first OT, scoring 2 more goals. In the 2nd OT, the ladies played better, but Green Mountain held up with their defense and defeated Houghton 3-1.

Despite the loss, Coach Lewis is very proud of his team.

"We have never gone to Regionals undefeated. The women worked extremely hard. We played tough teams."

The women's magnificent talents were displayed in 13 team records they set this year, and the women are no going to give up, despite their disappointing loss. On their trip back from Regionals they let their coach know that pre-season starts now.



Women's soccer star, Dani Phillips, dribbles up field while diverting the sing defense. The women's soccer team had its best season ever this year