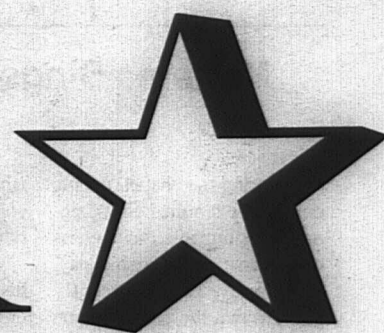


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## LOCAL EVENTS

Nov. 15:

\*Storytelling: Johnny Moses, 7:30 p.m., Rockwell Hall Aud., BSPC, \$8

Nov. 16:

\*C, storytelling: Diane Evans, Cris Riedel, Michele "Midge" Dean Stock, 2 p.m., Rockwell Hall Aud., BSPC, \$4.

\*C, "Through the Looking Glass," noon, RMSC, \$8.

Nov. 16, 17, 23, 24:

\*Star Show: "The Universe Tonight," 1 p.m., Strassenburgh Planetarium, RMSC, \$2.50-\$4.

Nov. 18:

\*Deer hunting (gun) opens.

Nov. 19:

\*Speaker: Edward James Olmos, 8 p.m., mainstage, UBCA, \$10 - \$16.

Nov. 19 - 24:

\*Garth Fagan Dance, "Mix 25," mainstage, NCAC, tickets & times, 389-2170.

Nov. 20:

\*World music: "Ring in the Holidays," Doug and Martha Martin, 7:30 p.m., SM, \$8.

Nov. 22, 23:

\*Theatrical dance: E-motions, 8 p.m., Black Box Theater, UBCA, \$5 - \$10.

Nov. 23:

\*C: "Tellabration - A National Celebration of Storytelling," 8 p.m., Elwood Franklin School, Buffalo, \$4.

Nov. 29:

\*C: "Chuck's Tuneful Tales Celebration: Tales & Tunes for the Holidays," 1 p.m., RMSC, \$3.50.

### KEY:

BSPC = Buff State College Performing Arts Center

C = children's event

NCAC = Nazareth College

Arts Center, Rochester

RMSC = Rochester Museum

& Science Center

SM = Strong Museum,

Rochester

UBCA = Univ. at Buff, Cen-

ter for the Arts

## QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

"God has not given us the grace to fully understand the nature of everything."

-- Teresa of Avila

## Laptop Plan Launched

Holly A. Lawton, Media Specialist

Houghton College has launched the Educational Technology Initiative to provide all first-year students with laptop computers, supply one network connection per occupant in all major residence halls and equip strategic classrooms with network connections at each desk for computer-based instruction.

The Initiative was approved after more than a year of intensive research and campus-wide discussion of alternatives. Under the plan, the new class entering Houghton in the fall of 1997 will be the first to receive laptops.

Students may choose to purchase the computer outright or to make monthly lease payments for ownership after three years. The program also includes "buy-in" options for upperclassmen who wish to take advantage of it.

The college is securing attractive educational and volume pricing for the machines, which will cost approximately \$2,000. The lease price is anticipated to be \$65-70 a month, 12 months per year. All participants will pay an annual fee of \$225-250 that covers a dedi-

cated server, print stations, support personnel and some of the laptop software.

Students who will be sophomores during the fall '97 semester have the same options as the incoming first-year class. Juniors can still choose the lease option by paying for one year up front and leasing for the remaining two years. Seniors would need to pay for two years up front and lease for one year. Students who leave Houghton before the end of the lease term would be required to pay the remainder of the contract if they wish to keep the computer.

Technology Services has been laying the groundwork since the first of the year, and much of the underlying network and support infrastructure necessary to implement the Initiative is already in place. The department has hired new personnel for Help Desk support, network administration, World Wide Web development and faculty training.

The network was expanded to include all major buildings on the main campus, and Lambein and Shenawana are currently connected. East Hall

and South Hall will be hardwired in time for the '97-'98 school year.

A number of classrooms are wired into the network and brand new Instructional Technology Carts are available, allowing faculty to utilize the technology in the classroom. Training sessions are being offered to help familiarize faculty members with the new technology and to show how it can be integrated into their classes.

Dean Mannoia explained that laptop computers were chosen because they are a tool that can be operated in class, in the residence hall or anywhere on campus. They will facilitate research, on-line discussion and e-mail communication on campus or with family.

The premise is that information technology should enhance, rather than displace, the emphasis on personal attention and character development in Houghton's program. Information technology can bring a needed diversity of viewpoints beyond the local community, helping to promote cognitive, emotional and spiritual growth.

## Plueddemann Speaks

Tonya Linden and Kirsten Oldhouser

"A Heart to Change the World" was the theme of New Vision Week this year. Dr. Plueddemann expounded upon what it meant to have such a heart. During the evening sessions and two chapels, he challenged students to examine their hearts and lives and to have a heart like Christ's to reach the nations.

Plueddemann centered his series around the vision Jesus had as he commanded his followers to go into all of the world. In this vein, Plueddemann spoke of the battle that Christians are fighting in the unseen world. This battle is not simply somewhere out in the great unknown of another exotic country, but wherever the Christian is. The Christian is to be a "world Christian" no matter where God has called him or her, or what role in society he/she plays.

The intense love of God, agape love, that is beyond human comprehension, was another facet spoken of by Plueddemann. God has a different kind of love that humans cannot comprehend: a love for the whole world that cannot be earned or repaid. In Plueddemann's words, "God doesn't need his back scratched by us." By God's grace comes salvation, and it is up to Christians to go as Jesus commanded, "As the father is sending me so I am sending you."

The topic Thursday night was echoed in the Friday morning chapel: Christians need to have revival in their own hearts. To be lukewarm is not just second best; it fails the test. Plueddemann spoke on the second chapter of Revelation, the letter to the church of Ephesus. If the church of Ephesus did not turn back, their witness would

be snuffed out. Plueddemann pointed out the chilling ramifications of such a warning that is applied to all as stated in Revelation, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Plueddemann also asserted that nothing can hinder the Lord; it takes faith and vision to step into the unknown and change the world. These come from a pure and contrite heart focused on God, who is just, in love with his creation, and wishing for none to perish.

Plueddemann is the former director of SIM International. Born in Michigan, he attended Wheaton College for 5 and a half years, attaining his master's degree. On a blind date he met his wife, Carol (Savage), a missionary kid from Quito, Ecuador. The summer before his senior year, he went on a short-term missions trip to Peru. (con't on pg. 2 -- NVW)

## Trustees' Meeting

Jill Knutelski

A number of important issues were discussed at the meeting held by President Chamberlain regarding the recent trustees' meeting on Oct. 22.

The financial report included a tuition hike effective next fall of 5.5% due to the 3% rise in inflation. There will also be a freeze on student financial aid. The proposed budget is left with a \$-600,000 gap, and without fear, President Chamberlain stated that this is a normal concern.

The much debated laptop issue was resolved. This program brings Houghton College a step ahead, being the only college in the Coalition for Christian Colleges & Universities to require ownership of computers.

Big Al's is getting bigger! The snack shop in the Campus Center basement is receiving a make-over. Construction will begin after the Thanksgiving break and be completed by the time the spring semester begins.

Other items of interest reported include a Houghton Academy enrollment high of 149 students. The board agreed on a 320 student enrollment cap placed on the college's incoming class, with hopes by year 2000 total enrollment will be 1300. A possible non-mandatory summer session was introduced; the trustees will discuss this possibility at their February meeting.

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## Medema Sings in Chapel

Jon Makay

Entering the chapel, people noticed the dimmed lights, signaling an immediate awareness of a Praise and Worship day. They may have correctly guessed that the gentleman on the stage was Ken Medema. After the body of Christ sang "Mercy is Falling," Medema shot up out of nowhere like an orange crocus in late March. He had a charisma about him that was refreshing and livening. He had eyes to see what was alive and therefore, ideally one hopes, blind to that frequency of deceit, double meanings, and self-

ishness that the world and some children of God send out to others.

Later, he soloed a song of his own devising, "Take up your cross." His singing was as the voice of a prophet, boldly calling the people of God back to the covenant we made to our betrothed. Many were encouraged to fight, start over, and not go gently into that good-night. Medema showed that it is truly to be desired to be a 'fool' who is free, rather than to be a 'wise-one' of the world, and be in wretched slavery.



## News Briefs

Ward Mesick

**SAN DIEGO:** Forest fires are still raging across southern California, but they are almost 80 percent contained as fire fighters continue to fight for the battlegrounds. Twenty fire fighters have been sent to the hospital and hundreds of homes have been burned, leaving many to put back together what is left of their homes.

**WASHINGTON D.C.:** For anyone who does not know yet, Bill Clinton was re-elected for four more years as President of the United States, taking more than twice as many electoral votes than Bob Dole. However, everything is not good for the President. Already seven of his cabinet members have said that they will not return for the second term. Among them are Defense Secretary William Perry, Secretary of State Warren Christopher, and Surgeon General Janet Reno. There are also more troubles brewing for the Clintons. Accusations of money laundering, drug dealing, illegal fund raising, prostitution scandals, and sexual assault are all building up. Also, the Republicans have maintained control of both houses of Congress. They now possess a five seat majority in the Senate and a twenty seat majority in the House, with twelve races still too close to call.

**ATLANTA:** Richard Jewel, the man who has been the primary suspect in the Olympic bombing is suing NBC for slandering his name. Once the FBI dropped him as a suspect, he held a news conference in which he said that NBC was only the first on his list. He is also suing several local news stations.

**LOS ANGELES:** O.J. is back in court, this time in a civil trial. The judge in the case is refusing to let any cameras into the court room and dismissed four jurors before the case started. The prosecution says that they are determined to avoid the mistakes of Marcia Clark's prosecution.

**NEW YORK:** The FBI says they have found what is considered to be the last of the wreckage from the fateful TWA Flight 800. They are now looking at the engine in an attempt to discover what might have caused the crash. Spokesmen are no longer even speculating as to what might have caused the crash.

## Housing Changes

Kimberly Alexander

A new policy eliminating all college approved housing has been voted on and approved by Dean Danner and members of the Administrative Council and Student Development Council.

The policy stems from a recommendation from Tim Nichols, director of residence life, and involves the elimination of college approved housing such as Stegen house, Yorkwood house, and all other non-college owned housing.

The policy's focus is to maintain at least 90 percent of the current college resident rooms. Nichols feels the policy will maintain the "close-knit community" that Houghton strives for.

Nichols believes dorm life is an "integral part of the college experience," and as a result, approximately 30-50 more juniors and seniors will be required to live in the dorms. According to those involved in the decision making, the new policy appears to be the most beneficial system both financially and socially for the students.

According to the proposal, the residence halls need to be kept reasonably full for two reasons. First, residents maintain the upkeep of the residence halls. Without students occupying and paying for each of the rooms, there is no money for the facilities' needs. Second, without students in the dorms, there would be fewer people on the full meal plan resulting in less income for the food service.

Who will have to live in the dorms? Students wanting to live outside of Houghton's college owned residences (i.e. residences and townhouses) may still do so but must seek approval for a "community living option" from the student development office. Permission for these forms will be granted to students based on the total number of credit hours appearing on their transcripts. Seniors will be granted permission first and then juniors.

Students who are confused about any of this should attend the question and answer session being held on Tuesday, November 26 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

(NVW, con't from pg.1)

After a marriage in 1966, the Plueddemanns went to Nigeria for thirteen years to aid in Christian education. Then, from 1980-1993, Dr. Plueddemann taught at Wheaton in the Christian education and missions department. He was later promoted to full professor, and he gained tenure and an endowed chair.

While serving as the general director of SIM international, he and his wife have traveled to thirty-four countries in the span

of two years. His wife serves on the board of directors for Latin American missionaries.

SIM International supports missionaries from various countries, and less than half of them are U.S. citizens. SIM sends missionaries from Canada, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, and the United States.

The Plueddemanns currently reside in Charlotte, N.C.

## Pancakes Raise Money

Ward Mesick

The Houghton Village Wesleyan Church youth group held a pancake brunch Saturday, Nov. 2nd. The brunch was a fund-raiser for the youth, with half the money raised going into the youth account and the other half towards activities such as Niagara 96 and the Word of Life Superbowl.

Thirty youth showed up to help, and President Chamberlain flipped pancakes along with Dr. William O'Byrne, Bruce Brenneman, and Dan Moore. A total of about \$500 was raised from the \$2.00-for-all-the-pan-

cakes-you-can-eat breakfast. Almost all the supplies were donated, so the group had to pay for hardly anything. Lenny Luchetti, assistant pastor and youth leader at the village church, said that he was extremely pleased with both the turnout and the help from the youth group.

The only memorable incident occurred when a stray soccer ball found its way to the syrup container. Pastor Lenny did not seem to mind very much, though. After all, the situation could have been really sticky.

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11 a.m. Worship

6 p.m. Evening worship

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Students -- you can be paired with Friend Families for fellowship and free meals

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See Prof Wing -- AB 112 -- for transport or information

# Mathetes Crashes

Jonathan Heller

Problems with Houghton College's Internet connection and the terminals in the campus center have annoyed many students recently. In an interview last week, network manager, Michael Stuber, explained why these problems have occurred.

The failure of the terminals in the campus center was caused by the crash of the Mathetes server. Last year Stuber used existing equipment and set up Mathetes at low cost, providing students with greater access to e-mail.

Most of the college's computer network is operated from new servers which cost more than \$20,000. These central computers store information for the network and have multiple power sources and disk drive "redundancy." This means that there are several disk drives that store identical information, and as information changes, all the

drives are updated identically. Thus, if one drive fails, the server will continue to operate as normal without any memory loss by switching to an undamaged drive.

The campus center terminals failed because the Mathetes server did not have these features. When the disk drive failed, the whole system went down. Instead of spending money to repair Mathetes, Stuber is shifting the whole Mathetes e-mail system over to a new server.

Speaking for the computer staff, he said, "We want to do the computer projects as well as possible to save money in the long run."

According to Stuber, the failure of the Internet connection over the weekend of Oct. 12 and 13 was caused by problems with the new T1 line. The problems escalated when some em-

ployees attempted to fix the system and mistakenly shut it down.

Stuber thinks that this problem has been fixed, and he says that the mishap does not indicate that the current employees are unqualified. He said, "We could have hired an experienced network manager at \$60,000 a year, but we hired highly skilled, less experienced people to save the students money." Even experienced employees would need time to adjust to the nuances of the computer network.

Barring unforeseen problems, the computers should run more dependably and the terminals in the campus center should be working in a couple weeks. Stuber says the improvements will just take some time. "We are hurting for time. If I could convert \$100,000 into two extra hours per day, I would do it in a second."

## Winds Perform First Concert

Cara Gerhard

The Symphonic Winds held their first performance of the 1996-97 season on Friday, Oct. 25. The concert featured *Morceau Symphonique*, a piece by Alexandre Guilmant, featuring Scott Clift on trombone. The ensemble also performed Percy Grainger's *Irish Tune from County Derry*, popularly known as "Oh Danny Boy," as well as Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Toccata Marziale*.

Many students were familiar with the original work by Richard Cerchia, which the Symphonic Winds also performed several weeks ago in chapel. *Shabach*, a Hebrew term meaning "loud, noisy, boister-

ous praise," is a fast-paced, contemporary piece.

The flute ensemble, directed by Dr. Julia Tunstall, also received an opportunity to add to the musical magic of the evening with their performance of Alessandro Scarlatti's *Quintet for Five Flutes*.

The concert also featured "Gandalf," an excerpt from Johan de Meij's *Symphony No. 1: Lord of the Rings*, a piece which the ensemble will be playing in its entirety later in the year. They plan to form an entire *Lord of the Rings* festival, incorporating art-work and music, for their spring concert.

## Spotlight on Alumni

WAYNE MACBETH

Holly LICatali

Wayne MacBeth, director of missions development for Wesleyan World Missions, was born in Quincy, Mass. He attended Houghton from 1971-1975 and was then Resident Director for Gao dorm from 1976-1977. The following two years, MacBeth was the director of student activities -- the only full-time director that Houghton has ever had. He was also assistant director of admissions in 1979, and then was promoted to director. MacBeth eventually became vice-president of development and maintained this position until 1992. He collectively worked at Houghton for 17 years, where he impacted several of our departments.

When discussing short-term missions, Wayne answers that short-term mission trips are quite important because these trips "give someone the chance to be involved in missions and

in another culture." He also states, "Generation X wants to test the waters before getting involved; short-term missions is a way to do that."

In 1992, MacBeth left Houghton for a full sense of missions. At this time, he began working at Wesleyan World Missions, where he eventually became director of missions development. In the summer of 1997, MacBeth, his wife, Bonnie, and their two children will be leaving for Melbourne, Australia, to serve as full-time missionaries.

When asked for words of advice to the Houghton student, MacBeth answered, "The genius of Houghton is what people don't like about it." He stresses that the rural solitude of a small town like Houghton is what draws students together and creates a strong sense of community and fellowship.

## CDC: Internet Options

In an effort to help students utilize technology in the job search process, the Career Development Center will be printing a monthly feature in *The Houghton Star*. These features are designed to give you the information you need to use the World Wide Web as a tool to help you find careers, summer jobs, internships, and other career related information. The focus this month will be on some basic job service sites that you can visit from right here on campus. Many of you are probably very familiar with the Internet and the system here at Houghton, but for those of you who are a little unsure or completely unfamiliar, here are some facts to help you get started.

1. If you are a student at Houghton, you can use the computers in the science building, the NAB, and the campus center labs during designated hours (usually posted on the door).

2. If you don't know your user name, password, or how to log onto a computer, you can contact the computer help desk by dialing "FIX" from an intra-campus phone, or 567-9FIX from any phone. The help desk

is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

3. When you are finished logging onto the system, you will see a box at the bottom left hand corner labeled "start." Click on this button with the mouse and you will receive a menu of options. Next, click on the "Applications" option, "Internet," then "Netscape Navigator."

4. In a couple of seconds, you will be looking at the Houghton College Home Page. Click on the "Internet" option first. Next, scroll down the page using the arrow at the right of the screen, and move your cursor over to the other side of page to select the "webcrawler."

5. When you arrive on webcrawler, an empty box will appear with a box next to it, marked "search."

6. Type one of the addresses listed below into that box, and click on search. Be sure that you leave no spaces and include all semicolons, periods, and other punctuation.

7. The search engine will then give you the option of "go to URL" or something similar. Choose this option, and you are on your way.

The following are some sites on the Internet that provide information on available jobs and even services that may help you find jobs. Most Internet job sites tend to have a majority of technology and computer related jobs; however, if you look hard enough, one of these links could lead you to a job in your field.

<http://www.jobweb.org>  
<http://www.careermosaic.com>  
<http://www.intellimatch.com>  
<http://www.careermag.com/careermag/news/>

### REMINDERS:

1. The CDC cannot monitor the material on all of these web pages and services.

2. The ideas and opinions expressed on them are not necessarily those of our office.

3. We do not consider these pages a replacement for the kinds of services that we offer.

4. Please visit our office located in the campus center; feel free to stop by and let us know how we can serve you better.

5. Look for future postings by the CDC on Internet sites that can help you in planning your future.

## What About the Renovations?

Matt Webb

As was mentioned in a previous issue of the *Star*, many students were disgruntled when they came back to campus after summer break and did not see any changes to the campus center basement since they were led to believe that it was going to be renovated. Many students have been wondering what the current plan is for the basement renovation.

On Monday, Sep. 16, a number of college representatives

met with the interior designer from Rochester that we have been working with. Because not all the money came in last year that was necessary to renovate the entire basement at once, we began talking about how we might be able to use the money that we do have in order to begin the project. The option being explored is to renovate the snack shop portion, and the next step would be to raise the additional money required.

On Thursday, Oct. 24, contractors visited the basement and met with representatives from the design firm and the college. They got a better picture of what the project entailed so they could bid on the project. If a bid comes in that the college finds reasonable, and arrangements can be made to begin construction during Thanksgiving break, then we will have a new snack shop in January 1997.

### No Difference

Small as a peanut,  
Big as a giant,  
We're all the same size  
When we turn off the light.

Rich as a sultan,  
Poor as mite,  
We're all worth the same  
When we turn off the light.

Red, black, or orange,  
Yellow or white,  
We all look the same  
When we turn off the light.

So maybe the way  
To make everything right  
Is for God to just reach out  
And turn off the light!

by Shel Silverstein

# The Vagrant Within

Matthew J. Essery

This image of the 'model Christian' is in many minds detrimental to the persons that God has created. The model Christian to many is some kind of clone of Jesus with a perfectly balanced personality, a spiritual smile, temperate attitudes, a suit or dress that is modest. . . I believe that this 'model Christian' looks more like an 'average American' than one who seeks to be like Jesus. About a month ago I had an opportunity to discuss some of the misconceptions and blunders of evangelical Christianity with a couple of professors at lunch. Several students were voicing their feelings of alienation and even of being ostracized by other Christians. They said, "I feel like only part of myself is accepted by other Christians," and, "I am limited in how I can express my worship of God, because I am supposed to find ultimate fulfillment in badly written chants disguised as worship choruses." Many times evangelical Christianity is aimed at the general populace and is more tied to the economics of spreading the gospel rather than actually doing the gospel. The question that is asked by churches and missions organizations in many cases is, "how can we spread the gospel to the greatest amount of people," rather than, "how can we love the people we are in contact with best."

In order to hit large amounts of people, particularly in America, the average American must be targeted. But what about those who don't fit into the category of the average American? (Is there such a thing as the average American?) What about artists, musicians, intellectuals, minority groups, those on the extremes? Is the gospel message supposed to push everyone to a sort of middle class, comfortable, hymn singing, cliché spouting social status? There is a great danger in linking Christianity and what is true with modern American culture. The aims of modern middle class Americans is to find a soft spot in the middle of the road and live there comfortably, to be perfectly balanced. The modern American enjoys pleasure (but not too much), is knowledgeable (but not expert), works (but not so hard as to sweat too much), and gives to charity (but not as to become a martyr). According to Hermann Hesse, the aim of an average American "is to

make a home for himself between two extremes in a temperate zone without violent storms and tempests; and in this he succeeds though it be at the cost of that intensity of life and feeling which an extreme life affords."

In many worship ceremonies in evangelical circles (including some Houghton chapels) the congregation is told that in order to worship together everyone must have the same attitude, perspective, and feelings. Christians are encouraged to lay aside every aspect of themselves except that which is spiritual. This is absurd. Francis Schaeffer offers this problem and solution to us in his short book entitled *2 Contents, 2 Realities* and I believe that it is very relevant for the Christian today. He writes, "Often there has been a strong tendency to divide [humans] into two parts - his spiritual nature and everything else. We must take that conception like a piece of baked clay, break it in our hands and throw it away, and consciously reject the platonic element which has been added to Christianity. God made the whole [person]; and the whole [person] is redeemed in Christ. . . There is no way in which people can be satisfied spiritually if they can only present one side of themselves in worship, because people aren't merely a few principle elements thrown together, but are composed of an infinite number of facets, or as Hermann Hesse puts it, a person "consists of hundreds and thousands of selves. . ." It is a dangerous mind-set to think that only the soul is important to God. Christ stressed the importance of the whole individual by healing as well as forgiving, debating with the intellectuals, eating with tax collectors. If Schaeffer is right then the gospel needs to meet not only souls, but minds, emotions, and physical bodies. And how can one perspective meet these needs when everyone is different? The intellectual needs to be met on an intellectual level, the artist in his medium, the musician in music, the poet in images. Pre-packaged Christianity will not reach everyone, but in fact may create holes and voids within individuals so that it is impossible for them to be made whole. In place of wholeness, a trail of bitterness, disappointment, guilt, and homelessness within is carved.

# Her Coin The Virgin or the Temptress

L.J. Arensen

As I grow in awareness of who I am as a woman, I find that I must return to the past. Events are murky while we are submerged in them; often, we perceive our lives more clearly in hindsight.

One of the cloudiest times in most lives is early adolescence. Adolescence is a vulnerable time: often confusing, often inexplicable. The information we are given about ourselves in those years--the impressions and imprinting we receive--generally forms the paradigms we view life through, especially if the sources of information are trusted authorities.

What are the normative messages women and men receive when they enter adolescence? Various feminist psychologists have researched adolescent women's experiences in order to add to developmental theories built upon exclusively male studies.

One of these researchers' findings is that women commonly undergo a subject-object switch when they enter adolescence. This switch centers around a woman's body, which is objectified by the larger culture. A girl may find herself reduced to wholly external factors: what she looks like becomes the measure of who she is. In terms of developing sexuality, the authors of *Reviving Ophelia* report that while most boys come into sexual entitlement during adolescence, most girls come into sexual accommodation. These studies were done of secular American students. Looking back at my own past, I was troubled to realize

that the messages delivered to us at my missionary boarding school were hauntingly similar, although the resulting roles assigned men and women were quite different.

The formative mantra of my past was delivered by a former professional basketball player turned youth pastor and Bible teacher. Towering over us, he proclaimed: "Men play at love because what they want is sex. Women play at sex because what they want is love." I do not doubt this man's sincerity of heart--he was genuinely concerned about his students. However, the damage he caused was immense. In one catchy two-part phrase, he separated us into stereotypes from which we would find it hard to escape.

As adolescent women, my friends and I discovered new roles relegated to us. These roles were entangled with the Christian tradition: most of what I remember and record here comes from my Bible classes. The choice as a woman was between the Virgin or the Temptress, with the Virgin Mary standing on one side, and Salome whirling shamelessly on the other. I do not recall any middle ground, any other option. Most of us sincerely desired to be on the Good Guys' side, which in this new paradigm became the Virgin's. Our new role proved to be a two-fold one. The first part consisted of not tempting men; the second, in case the first failed, of controlling men in matters of sexuality. Our bodies, we learned, were a source of seduction to our Christian brothers.

The responsibility for this state of affairs, however inadvertent, was on the young woman. By moving an inch from thoroughly modest apparel, one could become guilty of "leading our brothers astray." The view of the adolescent man painted for us was not a impressive one. However, he ended up without a great deal of responsibility for his actions. Men, due to their galloping hormones, etcetera, were tacitly expected to be pushing boundaries. Therefore, the second part of being a good Christian girl was the Red Light Game. As women, we were to keep everything holy: we were to be the ones cooling the boyfriend off, calling things to a halt, and so forth. Our male peers were simply not expected to show as much self control as we were. Simultaneously, women's desires were portrayed as solely emotional, without a trace of sexuality. We were not seen as possessing much desire, and therefore "putting a stop to things" was not being asked unreasonably of us. There was simply no discourse about desire or sexuality as being part of the female psyche. Those of us who were playing the Temptress were doing so solely for love, and being used by those sex-crazed adolescent men. Men without love. Women without desire, bearing the bulk of responsibility. It deeply troubles me that these views are presently being taught to my brothers. I wish I could paint for them a different portrait, but I do not yet possess all the right colors.

## On Confession

Adria C. Willett, editor

Confession. The word makes most of us shudder. Lately I have heard about the idea again and again, so I have begun to consider it more closely. In my days of Western Civilization, Dr. Airhart talked about confession. The inadequacy of the institution of confession in late medieval Europe prepared the way for the Reformation. Although I figured confession belonged to old-fashioned Catholic rituals, I kept bumping into it elsewhere. I read Keith Green's biography, which describes confession as the main element in the revivals in which he participated. Mrs. Sammie Ries told me about the Houghton revival during the 1950's when God used the public confession of two professors to start a revival. In other studies of revival, I kept finding that confession dominated the movement.

I wondered why confession would start a revival or prompt a Reformation. Is it important

to our spiritual health? If it is, what does it mean if our churches do not practice it regularly?

Talking about problems with friends relieves tension within us, so how much more would we be released when we discuss the things we struggle with spiritually and physically? Confession bares the heart to God and to another. Often just admitting a sin covers half the distance towards dealing with it. Once a sin is admitted, the knowledge of forgiveness takes over and healing begins. So, it could be considered therapeutic. Counselors and psychiatrists probe their patients' depths trying to bring conflicts to the surface in order to deal with them. But perhaps confession reaches deeper than therapy.

By confessing a sin we are admitting that we are sinful, which is one of the hardest things to do. It takes effort to bare our hearts in confession. However, when we willingly

cast light on the sin, we can no longer be proud. We are utterly humbled before God and before the body of Christ. Confession makes us realize that God is utterly holy and we are utterly sinful. Perhaps this humble perspective stimulates repentance. Once we see clearly how sinful we are, we willingly open up to God's working power to change, forgive, and restore us. In Jesus' parable in Luke 18, the brokenness of the tax collector sent him away justified before God. I remember Dr. Airhart saying, "Confession is good for the soul. It is grace on the personal level."

Take the example of a closet. The closet is dark inside, and will remain so as long as the doors are closed. The closet may desire to be light inside, but nothing will happen until it is willing to open its doors. As soon as the doors open, the light floods in and overcomes the darkness.

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# Reflecting on the Election

Cara Gerhard

Kin Hubbard once said, "We'd all like to vote for the best man, but he's never a candidate." Since the competition to appease the moderate voter began—with the Republican and Democratic National Conventions several months ago, up to the election on Tuesday -- it seems that this was the sentiment of the public toward the presidential elections.

There were many issues and problems to address, and to the frustration of the voter, it seemed that the candidates addressed close to none of them. While individuals such as Ralph Nader have been discussing the issues truly salient to the average voter, Clinton proudly paraded his recovering economy, and Dole wandered between issues, hoping to find one strong enough to cripple Clinton's campaign, but never sticking with one long enough to discover its effects.

What, then, is the most relevant issue to the American people? Dr. Ron Oakerson, professor of political science, feels that the answer to that question is, undoubtedly, "long term economic security." Clinton has certainly won the approval of voters in that area. He has begun the lengthy process of economic recovery -- inflation is down, employment is up -- enacting policies, the results of which can be felt by almost all citizens.

Dole, on the other hand, has suffered in this area, as his ties to Newt Gingrich (largely exaggerated by his Democratic opponents) and last year's balanced budget disaster have caused him to be viewed by most Americans as the enemy of a healthy economy. True,

Dole did attempt to conquer the economic issue with his infamous "15% tax cut, across the board" but this seems so unfeasible, the majority of voters remain unconvinced.

Mr. Merlyn Clarke, professor of political science at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania, observed, "It's like he needed an issue and just searched around until he finally came up with something which to many voters appears to be simply a gimmick. He's not been successful in convincing the voters that his tax cut will not cause the kinds of excessive deficits that occurred during the Reagan years."

While economic stability is certainly an important issue, it is not the one college students would consider most relevant to their lives. As freshman Kristen Embich put it, "The biggest concern we, as students, have is what the candidate plans to do with the educational system, and how their programs will affect our lives."

Measuring by this standard, once again, Dole is lacking. Although his plan would permit lower class inner city families a step up from the dilapidated public schools to the safer, better equipped private schools, it has no impact on those who have already moved on to a college or university.

Clinton's plan, on the other hand, would assist the group so often forgotten: the middle class. He would give financial breaks to those with children in college -- a policy for which every student and their parents would undoubtedly be grateful.

Considering the widespread distaste for his policies, one would think that Dole would

seize the opportunity the debates presented and attempt to turn the tide of public opinion to favor him. This was, apparently, not Dole's main motive because, by the conclusion of the debates, most viewers had realized Dole's biggest downfall: he lacks the charisma and excitement that comes naturally to Clinton. As Dean Danner put it, "He's like oatmeal."

Some feel that although Dole missed a golden opportunity, he would not have been able to turn the tables in the debates, regardless of his performance. Dr. Oakerson remarked, "Enough voters had already made up their minds to re-elect Clinton; what Dole had to do was present the issues in such a way that would cause the voter to re-consider, and he failed to do that."

Indeed, many voters had made up their minds long before the elections or even the debates as to whom they would vote for. This was very detrimental to both campaigns, as it led many to an assumption of Clinton's victory weeks in advance, and resulted in a less than 50% turnout rate at the polls. David Manney, professor of communication, asked, "What kind of democracy are we living in when the outcome of the election has been decided before anyone even votes?"

Nevertheless, in the aftermath of the election, some feel it could have been avoided with a better organized campaign on Dole's part. Senior Bill Price commented, "This election should not have been a landslide for Clinton. If Dole had pursued the character issue before it was too late, he would have increased his chances of

winning without appearing to be interested in smearing Clinton."

If Dole had chosen to engage in pursuit of the character issue, he certainly would not have been at a loss for ammunition. There was Whitewater, the alleged affairs, the FBI files...the list is too extensive to repeat. Why, then, are the American people so willing to overlook these character flaws and ethical lapses?

Mr. Clarke feels the fact that, "in spite of all the accusations, Clinton has not been proven culpable for any of it...[and] a lot of the accusations have to do with some pretty arcane stuff which few people understand very well..." has greatly affected the public's level of concern regarding these scandals. He also commented, "The public is tired of being titillated with stories of politicians' private lives and has essentially come to the realization that this has little to do with a person's ability to govern."

Dr. Oakerson feels that the character issue is important because, in the absence of other information, it allows the individual to make an educated guess as to what kind of leader the candidate would be. "In Clinton's case, he has already proved to the voters that he is capable of handling the office, therefore they are willing to forgive his past sins."

This leads one to question, does a candidate's display of morals (or, in Clinton's case, lack thereof) in his/her private life, hold any bearing on how he/she performs in office?

Some believe that it is the president's duty to execute the laws and the church's responsi-

bility to deal with the state of morals in the country. Dean Danner feels this is too simple a solution, commenting, "The president can't enforce [the law] without morality and integrity."

With all of the allegations of illegal and immoral behavior, the many complicated issues and the typical political games shrouding the legitimate concerns, how could we, as voters, have definitively and confidently pushed the lever or marked the box for the "best" candidate, on Tuesday?

Junior Karalea Swerdon shared her logic for voting in this degenerate society: "I think, as Christians, we need to be less concerned with party affiliation and more concerned with where the candidates stand on important biblical principles."

As for those die-hard Republicans still nursing their wounds over last week's defeat, there is hope for tomorrow. Clinton has been handed some distinct parameters as to what will be tolerated in the next four years.

Many Americans may have cast their votes for Clinton, but they safeguarded that decision by electing Republicans to Congress, giving the GOP their first bicameral majority to outlast one term since FDR. With this precaution against liberalism in place, one can rest assured that Clinton will not do any major leaning to the left, and the government will continue on a moderate course, seeking to balance the budget.

In the meantime, the Republicans, knowing that they no longer have to contend with Clinton's competition, will move on to the next step...the election of 2000.

## Pro Sports Contribute to Cultural Decay

Aaron Noll

Professional sports are destroying our society. Sports obsession has severely corrupted the priorities of Americans. Pro sports, along with music and the entertainment industry, are leading the attack on our traditional morality and vitality.

Pro athletes are the most common role models among children. This reality becomes frightening when we consider some of the headlines in the sports world of late. Roberto Alomar, a pro baseball player, spit in the face of an umpire after a dispute in a recent play-off game. Last spring, Michael Irvin, a pro football player, was found by police in a Dallas hotel room with a prostitute and a substantial amount of drugs. In the '95-'96 season, the NBA repeatedly had its referees physically assaulted by angry players unable to control their tempers. None of these men were seriously disciplined for their outrageous conduct.

Pro athletes act unethically,

yet they do not receive appropriate punishment for their actions. Is there an unwritten rule which exempts pro athletes from practicing the fundamental morals of which each of us is aware? "As many athletes continue to behave beyond both legal and ethical bounds and are forgiven and even rewarded, our children believe that this is just, and they wish to become athletes themselves, so they can break the rules without reprimand," says Armstrong Williams. Pro athletes are not the role models that children should be imitating. Kids should pattern themselves after virtuous men and women of character who demonstrate prudence, justice, courage, and temperance.

The multi-million dollar salaries paid to professional athletes is portraying an ironic message to American children. Our society gauges the significance and merit of an occupation with the compensation paid to the worker. Michael Jordan has signed a \$25 million contract to

play basketball for one year. President Clinton will be paid \$200,000 in 1996. Are we to believe that a basketball player is worth more to our nation than the chief executive of the U.S. government?

Of course, Jordan's salary is not without the approval of the American people. The consumers' demand for professional sports, which is nearly constant regardless of the cost, has driven all pro athletes' salaries sky high. The infinitely upward spiraling paychecks of the pros is evidence of a dangerously misled society.

However, this critical transformation in priorities which has seen innumerable individuals place sports as primary to their livelihood has had more immediate and devastating effects. This alteration has severed family relations and contributed to swelling ignorance.

Numerous fathers, who hold immense responsibilities to their wives and children, are disregarding their obligations

in favor of sports. You've seen it countless times before -- the man who places his family on the back burner each Saturday and Sunday afternoon to watch the big game.

Most kids are more eager to learn about Joe Montana than Abraham Lincoln. It is commonplace to see a child who knows Ken Griffey Jr.'s batting average but doesn't know the year the Declaration of Independence was signed. The education of children is essential to our future. It is in jeopardy because children are not taught to prioritize scholarship and hard work above leisure.

When the eyes of America are continually focused on sports, ignorance abounds. A distraction with sports causes people to be inattentive to the real issues which daily influence our lives. Little time remains for consideration of the opposing ideologies of presidential candidates when much of a person's free time is preoccupied with sports.

President Clinton, much like the pro athletes, is literally engaging in criminal activities in the White House while the majority of Americans are wallowing around in their "happy" ignorance. Liberalism, with its characteristic deficiency in the "thorough evaluation" of issues, plays right into the hands of this new social development. Individuals, who no longer investigate matters for themselves, are spoon-fed erroneous liberal theory by the popular media. The distraction of sports, among other things, creates a destructive ignorance in America.

Professional sports is contributing to the decline of American culture which is rotting at its very core of customary virtues. With society precariously flirting with utter disaster and destruction, a restructuring of priorities must occur at once. This restructuring will inevitably include the rejection of a sports-dominated culture.

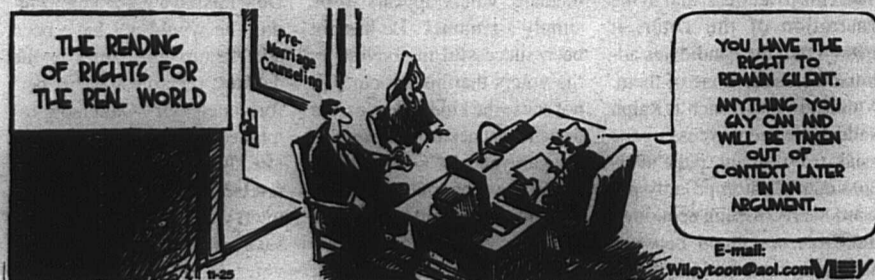
To the editors:

It is possible for Christians to be Democratic, and yes, even liberal. I am, in fact, both. Not only that, but I am also a woman who is very aware that race and gender issues are far from "non-existent". The blatant attack on every group other than Aaron's own left me wondering just whose rights he is concerned about.

At the beginning of the article, Aaron said that the government is "squenching our religious and individual rights and promoting an agenda that which disregards traditional Christian morals and values." What he really meant is that the government is failing to protect a narrow world view which would allow rights to a very small portion of the country. By attacking feminism, multiculturalism, welfare and homosexuals he alienated a large portion of the voters, most of whom fit into one of those categories. Supposedly the point of the article was to lament the low number of voters. Ironically, as the outcome has proved, the very people he ruthlessly attacked not only voted, but won. It isn't democracy that is in danger, merely the world view of the author. Those are two very different things.

The one positive thing about the article was that it came out just before the election, in time to reassure me that I needed to, as a Christian, vote. The fact that the harshly conservative view represented is not the chosen policy of the American people does not mean that Christians aren't voting, for many of us in fact are, with different beliefs as to what Christianity is. My hope is that we will take the time as a community to reevaluate what it truly means to love and serve humanity, and to come to a clearer understanding of the desperate need for tolerance in a fallen world.

**Angela Findlay**



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In the same way, we cannot desire to be holy until we are willing to bare our hearts before God -- and sometimes to others -- in utter humility and nakedness of soul. Confession allows for the light to be cast on hidden sin, thereby letting God take control from us. St. Augustine says in his Confessions, "You rid us of our evil habits and forgive our sins when we confess to you." Public confession admits to the body of Christ weaknesses and struggles and asks for prayer. Such confessions are so painfully honest, so harshly revealing, yet so free-

ing. Once the pride dies and the shallowness dissipates, God's Spirit can move and take control.

**"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:19)."**

Perhaps we need to examine ourselves. Is there a sin that we need to confess to God? Maybe an attitude needs to clear before another or before the body of Christ. God uses confession to open the doors of hard hearts so that the Spirit can move.

**This week's column features three of my favorite recipes. I hope you enjoy them too.**

The first is Western Pennsylvania Barbeque. This recipe is hearty and tasty. Baking barbeque all afternoon gives the whole house a good smell.

**You'll need:**

**1 1/2 cups ground meat (I use ground chuck)**

3/4 cup rolled oats  
2 tbs. salt  
2 eggs  
1 cup milk  
2 or 3 green peppers (sliced)  
2 or 3 large onions (sliced)  
Sauce  
2 cups ketchup  
1 cup water  
4 tbs. worchestershire  
6 tbs. vinegar  
6 tbs. brown sugar

**Directions:** Mix ground meat, rolled oats, 2 eggs and milk in bowl. Shape into patties and fry in skillet to brown. Place in large casserole or big pan with lid, and slice onions and peppers over the meat. Mix

sauce and pour over the meat. Bake at 325 degrees for 3-4 hours, covered. Serve with fresh hamburger rolls or toasted English muffins. Serves 8.

Now for my vegetarian readers, here is an excellent Rice Nut Loaf. Actually, you certainly don't have to be vegetarian to love this recipe.

**You'll need:**  
 1 1/2 cups cooked brown rice  
 1/2 cup wheat germ  
 3/4 cup walnuts, chopped  
 1/4 cup salted sun flower seeds  
 1 large onion, chopped  
 1/2 lb. cheddar cheese, shredded  
 1/2 tsp. salt  
 4 eggs beaten slightly

Mix all together and put into well greased 9" loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes. Cool in pan 10 minutes, unmold and slice. Serve with a green salad and crusty bread.

This last recipe is a wonderful snack—pretty and so yummy. If you like popcorn, chocolate and peanuts, you'll be smiling. Also, this popcorn cake mails easily. My husband, Bruce, gets credit for finding this recipe and making it for lots of friends.

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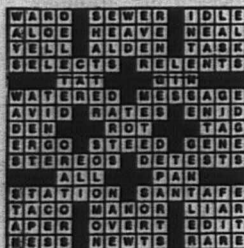
**2 packets of microwave popcorn—popped of course.**

1 can salted peanuts (2 oz.)  
1 large bag of M&M's  
Boil for 1 minute:  
1 cup white Karo  
1 tsp. cream of tartar  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 tbs. butter

After boiling add 1/4 tsp baking soda. Let foam up. Mix and pour over popcorn, nuts, and M&M's. Press into buttered angel food cake pan. Cool and unmold. Eat immediately or wrap tightly in Saran. This makes a great birthday cake.

If you have any questions or problems, stop and see me at the Info. Center or call 2577.

**Happy Eating!!!**



# The Key Question: Is it Fat-Free?

Dave Barry, Miami Herald

Recently, a reader named Jim Cornell sent me a postcard with a picture of insects on it, posing an interesting question.

(No, the insects were not posing a question, as far as I know.)

Jim stated that he, like every other American above the age of 4, is on a low-fat diet, and he noted that we have become basically a non-fat nation. This is true; virtually all edible substances, and many automotive products, are now marketed as being "low-fat" or "fat-free." Americans are OBSESSED with fat content.

**DOCTOR:** Mrs. Stoatbonker, you will die within hours unless you take this antibiotic.

**PATIENT:** Is it fat-free?

**DOCTOR:** I don't know.

**PATIENT:** I'll just have a Diet Pepsi.

So anyway, Jim, after noting that "millions of pounds of formerly fat-rich food is now defatted," asks: "What are they doing with all that fat?"

Jim, that is an excellent question, and I intend to answer it just as soon as I have written enough words to make a column. (Don't you wish you had a job like mine? All you have to

do is think up a certain number of words! And they don't even have to be true! Plus, you can repeat words! And they don't even have to be true!)

First, however, we need to consider exactly what "fat" is. Just off the top of my head, without glancing at a dictionary, I would define fat as "any of various mixtures of solid or semisolid triglycerides found in adipose animal tissue or in the seeds of plants." A "triglyceride," as I vaguely recall from my high-school years, is "any of a group of esters, CH<sub>2</sub> (OOCR1) CH (OOCR2) CH<sub>2</sub> (OOCR3), derived from glycerol and three fatty acid radicals."

But what does this mean? One thing it means, of course, is that "Three Fatty Acid Radicals" would be an excellent name for a rock band. But it also means that fat is some kind of chemical item that nature puts inside certain plants and animals to make them taste better. A good rule of thumb is: The more fat something contains, the better it tastes. This is why we eat hamburgers, but we do not eat ants. Ants have a very low fat content, so nobody eats

them except unfortunate animals such as birds, who, because of a design flaw, cannot use drive-thru windows. Human beings, on the other hand, enjoy hamburgers, because they (the hamburgers) come from cows, which are notoriously fat. You will never see a cow voluntarily going anywhere near an Abdominizer.

Of course, there have been efforts to make low-fat "hamburgers." In researching this column, I purchased a product called "Harvest Burgers," which are "All Vegetable Protein Patties" manufactured by the Green Giant Corp. Upon examining the package, the first thing I noticed was that the Jolly Green Giant has apparently had plastic surgery. He no longer looks like the "Ho! Ho! Ho!" guy; he now looks like Paul McCartney on steroids. Check it out.

The second thing I noticed is that the key ingredient in Harvest Burgers is "soy." This ingredient is found in many low-fat foods, and I think it's time that the Food and Drug Administration told us just what it is. A plant? A mineral? An animal? Are there enormous soy

ranches in Nebraska, with vast herds of soys bleating and suckling their young? As a consumer, I'd like some answers. I don't want to discover years from now that "soy" is an oriental word meaning "compressed ant parts." This is not intended as a criticism of the "Harvest Burger," which is a well-constructed, extremely cylindrical frozen unit of brown foodlike substance. The package states that it contains "83 percent less fat than ground beef"; I believe this, because it also tastes exactly 83 percent less good than ground beef. Nevertheless I highly recommend it for anybody who needs more "soy" or a backup hockey puck.

Oh, sure, there will be people who will claim that soy patties taste "almost as good" as real hamburgers. These are the same people who have convinced themselves that rice cakes taste "almost as good" as potato chips, when in fact eating rice cakes is like chewing on a foam coffee cup, only less filling. You could fill a container with roofing shingles and put it in the supermarket with a sign that said "ZERO FAT ROOFING SHINGLES," and these people

would buy it and convince themselves it tasted "almost as good" as French toast.

Yes, we have become a low-fat society, which brings us back to the question posed by Jim Cornell: What's being done with all the fat? Jim offers this theory: "I suspect that they're dumping it in some small town in Texas or Mexico." No way, Jim. Our government would never allow a major fat-dumping facility in the same region where we're storing the dead UFO aliens. No, the truth is that the fat is being loaded into giant tanker trucks, transported by night, and pumped into: my thighs. There was no choice: Marlon Brando was already full. But I'm happy to do my part for a leaner America, so don't bother to thank me. Are you going to finish those fries?

**POSTSCRIPT:** After I wrote this column, my editor, Tom Shroder, sent me a note. He thinks he read somewhere that ants DO contain fat. I disagree, but since we're both professional journalists, neither of us will look it up. I will say this: If ants DO contain fat, it's only a matter of time before somebody comes out with low-fat ants.

## Not Finished Yet

Josh Daniels

"Our ability to play will all depend on the weather. The worse the weather the worse we will play," explained Coach Hornibrook prior to last Saturday's game versus Geneva.

This game was the second confrontation for the two teams. The first game ended in a 0-0 tie. "Geneva played very good defense." In the first game, Geneva played a tight defense: surrounding their goal and not letting Houghton get any decent shots. The closest shot came from Baati Ayana that hit one of the goal posts.

"We are ready to play. We want to show them who is better," shouted Akim Antwi when asked before the kickoff.

As Houghton and Geneva took the field Saturday, it did not show any signs of hope. The grass was extremely muddy, and the Highlanders knew they had their hands full. With Houghton's style of play, they dominate the possession of the ball, working it around until they get a decent shot. When the field is muddy, it makes it extremely hard to make accurate passes.

From the kickoff to the end of the first half, Houghton dominated the field. They were not going to let Geneva take away their conference championship



Lincoln Acholonu closes in on the goal for a shot. (photo by William Greenway)

title that they rightly deserved. At the end of the half though it was still 0-0.

Houghton still dominated the field in the beginning of the second half finally breaking down the Geneva defense and scoring the first goal, by Nigel Fabian, to put them in the lead.

After this goal, though, the Houghton Highlanders got stuck in the mud. The mud seemed to slow them down, taking the momentum out of their game and style of play. Houghton's passes were not finding their destination and Geneva got two lucky shots on goal. These two shots were the only shots Geneva had all game but they found the back of the net giving them the victory 2-1.

"We have an extremely talented team. There isn't any team, with the exception of Mobile, that we have played that should have beaten us," proclaimed Coach Hornibrook on his team's loss.

Houghton is upset about the defeat, but the Highlanders are not out of the race yet. They may have lost the conference championship, but their record and ranking was good enough to put them in regionals. This Tuesday Nov. 13, the Houghton Highlanders play Teikyo Park from Connecticut in regionals. Houghton played this team before and destroyed them 3-0. If Houghton wins, they will travel this weekend to Vermont for the Regional finals.

## XCcountry Headed for Nationals

Lauren Keepert

The Houghton College men's and women's cross-country teams qualified for the national championship competition by winning the Keystone Eastern Conference Championship on Saturday, Nov. 2, at Westminster College in western Pennsylvania.

Both teams received plaques for their victories, and Coach Smalley was named Coach of the Year for his part in the teams' successes. These honors have nearly become a tradition for Houghton; in the past seven years both teams have dominated the eastern conference with seven victories for the men and five for the women.

Cross-country races are scored by adding the places of the first five runners of a team and the lowest score wins. On Saturday, the Houghton men took 1,2,3,4, and 11 place, while the top five women placed 1,3,4,8, and 15, for scores of 21 and 31 respectively.

Brent Wright, a junior, led the men to victory with a time of 26:12 on the five mile course. He was followed closely by teammates Lee Thurber and Jason Weins, both seniors, and junior Marshall Merriam. All

received medals for being in the top five finishers in the race.

In the 3.1 mile women's race, Krista Ruth won in a time of 19:54, the fastest for any Houghton female in history on the conference course. Teammates Lauren Keepert and Kim Wellington tied for third at 20:47 minutes. These three also were awarded medals for finishing in the top five.

Melanie Swansfeger, who has been plagued with chronic knee pain all season, ran despite her injury to help Houghton defeat the competing schools. Several runners said her performance was inspiring as she defied the pain and lack of practice (due to the workouts she had to sit out) and finished eighth overall and fourth for Houghton. About her performance Melanie simply said, "It was God. I prayed and He helped me through it."

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) cross-country championship will be held in Kenosha, Wisc., on Saturday, Nov. 16. The Houghton men's and women's teams will each take their top eight runners to the competition.

# Unsung Champions

Missy Thompson

To describe the women's JV soccer season in a cliché, it would have to be: "short and sweet." The JV Highlanders finished with an untarnished record of 6-0. "A JV team, you say?" Yes, they do exist. They have had little recognition, overshadowed by the outstanding play of the two varsity teams. However, opportunity to view their strong and unique talent was limited to their one home game, the season opener. They visited Niagara County C.C., Corning C.C., Jamestown C.C., Alfred State, and Elmira JV for the remainder of their games. The majority of their fans consisted of parents and family, traveling from afar to see their daughters play intercollegiately, and the Webb family, whose cries of, "GO HOUGHTON!" and, "WESCORED A GOAL!" spurred them on to win victory after victory.

Other than the perfect record, the JV season has been one of "hopes deferred." Head coach

Matt Webb's aspirations of an 8-game season were dashed in two unfortunate situations. Their initial game was canceled due to a highly active lightning storm, the first canceled for this reason in quite a while. Unfortunate? Indeed, but it gets better. A scheduling error caused another opposing team to show up a month early.

The weather was less than cooperative as well. Nearly every game that they played was in a monsoon, sub-zero temperatures, or in twelve inches of mud. That did not stop them from playing their hearts out, though. They layered on the turtlenecks under hand-me-down uniforms, tied on intimidating bandanas, and screamed, "ARE YOU PSYCHED?!" even louder.

The task of team leadership fell on the shoulders of ever-encouraging and dedicated coach, Matt Webb, and the three captains. Junior Teresa Peangatelli anchored the de-

fense at the sweeper position, with the support of fullbacks Lisa Bush, Laura Kolb, and Shelley Forsythe. Sophomore Sarah "H" Barry took charge in the midfield aided by freshman Carolyn Burgman. They kept the ball moving, feeding it out to the wings where Jen "Spleen" Gibbons, Tonya Linden, Jen Chapman, Kathy Lynip, and Christina Orr awaited. The midfield stopper position was filled by Sandy Johnson and Kristi "Red" Redding, both corks in the flow of pending offensive attacks. The third captain, junior Laura Seaman, used her universal field skills and played an array of different positions, but always on the field and in control. With Becky Reese in net, the D kept opposing teams at bay, allowing only three goals and shutting out for half the season.

On the other end of the field, the JV midfielders and strikers gave a clinic on scoring.

Cheryl Barr, a transfer junior from Malawi, led the team with 14 goals; Carolyn Burgman had six, and Missy Thompson had five. Other crucial links in the offensive drive included Kim Speed, Sarah Barry with two goals, Jen Gibbons with one, and Laura Seaman with one.

The JV Highlanders dominated in nearly every game, beating their opponents by 9-0, 6-0, 6-1, 3-0, and 3-1. They nearly met their match in their final game. Alfred State College came out hungry, and led the game at 1-0, till Cheryl Barr equalized it with five minutes left in regulation. In the huddle before overtime, visions of last year's OT loss to Corning surfaced, but this year the outcome was different. With a splendid shot to the upper corner by Sarah Barry and a gutsy save by Peangatelli as a near game equalizer danced on our own goal line, the JV Highlanders came out on top. Unscathed? No, but undefeated.

## TIMEOUT FOR TIDBITS

Bob Price

### A Much Needed Victory

The "Big Apple" is now the "Top Banana," and the world is a better place because of it.

No team in baseball needed to win the World Series as badly as the New York Yankees did; no metropolis needed to drink from the victory cup more. By capturing baseball's coveted crown, the Yankees did a gallant service, not only to George Steinbrenner's topsy-turvy organization, but to the entire Long Island community. New York needed to win because of what it had lost just months before.

Devastated by the crash of TWA Flight 800, the New York area longed for a champion, a hero, or some noble act that would take the community's attention away from the mental horror pictures of the worst airline explosion in U.S. history. Last Tuesday's emotional ticker-tape parade, featuring 3 million screaming, proud, die-hard Yankee fans in an emotional frenzy, did just that.

For a record 24 times, the World Series trophy rests in New York -- an unprecedented mark not to be rivaled anytime soon. While past "pin-striped" glories seem to be so much a part of baseball legacy, no championship could have ever meant so much to so many people as the present one.

### A Broadcaster's Blunder

Sports announcers do some funny things sometimes, once in a while on purpose, and other times, purely by accident.

Tim McCarver, sports analyst for FOX-television, recently made the all-time broadcasting blooper, and he did not even know it.

During game six of the World Series between the Braves and the Yankees, a New York fan proudly flashed a neon yellow sign which simply read, "John 3:16." Such signs are typical at big league games, being an effective way to advertise for Christ.

However, McCarver, probably having missed Bib. Lit. in his college days, mistook the fan's plea, that all might come to repentance, for former Yankee great Tommy John's career earned run average. Over national television during the World Series, McCarver

applauded the fan for his knowledge of Yankee baseball trivia. Obviously, he knew what Tommy John's career ERA was, but I think that fan could have cared less.

## VOLLEYBALL SMASHES OPPOSITION

Kelly Daugherty

The Houghton women's volleyball team smashed through the district last week with two wins over St. Vincent and Pitt-Brad. They improved their record to 17-7 overall and 12-3 in the conference.

Last Friday, the team took St. Vincent on at the net and won in four: (6-15) (15-13) (15-8) (15-2). April Stone and Hannah Young dominated the offense with 19 and 11 kills respectively. Stone had five solo blocks and eight block assists. Amie Fells added nine block assists. Kelly Daugherty led defensively with 41 digs. Kim Prouty had 25 set assists.

Saturday, the team headed into battle with Seton Hill. They lost, however, in 3 long, unsuccessful games (13-15) (9-15) (16-18). Stone again ruled the net with 17 kills and 10 block assists. Mary Garvin and Daugherty added 12 and eight kills respectively. Fells contributed eight block assists to the tally. Daugherty and Stone combine for 64 digs defensively, despite the loss.

Tuesday night, the team traveled to Pitt-Brad to play four games, (12-15) (15-6) (15-12) (15-11), to add a win to their record. Stone and Jessica Sandle beat back the Pitt-Brad blockers with 24 kills combined. Daugherty had 22 digs defensively. Despite an incredible cheering section, the ladies had a rough start and rough match.

Coach Cole is pleased, overall, with her team. She comments, "I'm proud of these girls. They have really pulled it together in spite of the rough start when we lost Allysia."

Josh Daniels

Now that playoffs are upon the Lady Highlanders, it is crucial that they give their best effort in every game. Last Friday and Saturday, November 1st and 2nd, the women began their quest for conference victory with matches against St. Vincent and Seton Hill. These two games would decide where the conference championships would be played and what ranking the Lady Highlanders would possess going into the playoffs.

The women came into the game decided that they were not going to let any team take away their advantage of gaining home field for the conference championship. In the game against St. Vincent, Houghton was led by sophomore Jen Mattison as she set a new school record scoring five goals. Three of these goals were in a span of six minutes in the second half. Heather Shear added the final goal as the Highlanders made easy work of St. Vincent 6-0.

The following day Houghton was not any easier on their rival, Seton Hill. Four different players scored giving Houghton the opportunity to host the conference semi-finals and finals on their home field. Heather Shear, Christy Curtis, Jen Mattison, and Jen Hartenstine each scored one defeating Seton Hill 4-0.

In the semi-final game the women were psyched for competition. "We are ready for this game, we are confident that we are going to win," commented Christy Curtis referring to the conference semi-finals on Wednesday at home against Geneva. Houghton came into the game ranked first in the conference and Geneva was ranked 4th. Houghton showed everyone especially Geneva why they were ranked number #1. The Lady Highlanders dominated the game with 38 shots on goal compared to Geneva having none. Heather Shear led the Highlanders with a hat trick, Jen Hartenstine had a goal and two assists, followed by Jen Mattison and Beth Depriest who each had a goal, as Houghton defeated Geneva 6-0.

In the conference championship on Saturday, Houghton hosted their rival Roberts Wesleyan College. Roberts was ranked third in the conference, but an upset over Seton Hill 1-0 put them in the championship. Roberts proved to be not much of a rival at all as the Lady Highlanders dominated the field. Houghton controlled the ball most of the game led by a tremendous effort on the part of the defense. On offense Heather Shear led all scorers with two goals giving her 22 goals on the season. Freshmen Holly Church and Jen Hartenstine each followed with a goal and an assist. Hartenstine for the season now has seven goals and 12 assists. Amy Lemon did a superb job in goal recording her 11th shut-out (a new school record). Houghton's defense led by Rebecca Ott has kept the ball from reaching their goalie pushing it out to the forwards every chance they get. This success has led Houghton to outscore their opponents 70-5.

With the win on Saturday the women have won their fourth consecutive conference championship. They are now 16-1-1. Since they finished first they have received a bye past the quarterfinals of the regionals. Their next games will be next Friday and Saturday the 15th and 16th as they host the NAIA Northeast Regionals tournament Friday and Saturday. They will play the winner of the match between Green Mountain of Vermont and St. Joseph's of Maine who play on Tuesday. "The team hopes to play Green Mountain," commented Coach Lewis. Green Mountain was the team that ended Houghton's season last year, chanting "overranked" as they walked away.

