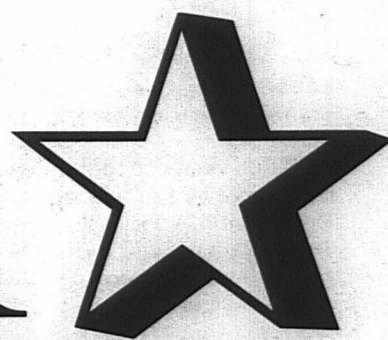


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## WORLD AT A GLANCE

William Mann

**Haiti-** President Clinton was present at the ceremonies as U.S. troops handed over security responsibilities to the United Nations. The event was precipitated by a violent killing of prominent opposition leader, Dorochoer Bertin.

**Japan-** The Bank of Tokyo and the Mitsubishi Bank announced plans to merge, creating the world's largest bank with \$819 billion in assets. Citicorp, the largest in the U.S., has only 1/3 these assets.

**South Africa-** President Nelson Mandela has expelled his estranged wife, Winnie, from his government for insubordination. She persistently attacked the government and defied presidential orders which led to this final decision.

**Italy-** Maurizio Gucci of the Gucci leather goods and fashion dynasty was shot dead outside his downtown office by a gunman using a silencer.

**Burundi-** Thousands of Hutu started a weekend exodus from the country's capital after ethnic clashes killed 150 people.

**Luxembourg-** Seven of the fifteen European Union members signed an agreement which would allow passport-free crossings between countries.

**Russia-** Government officials closed down the Russian branch of Aum Shinrikyo, the Japanese cult suspected of poisonous gas in the Tokyo subway system.

## QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

*"America needs leaders, it needs statesmen, and it needs giants - and you don't get them out of the phone book."*

-Rep. Henry J. Hyde opposing term limits.

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## New pledge proposed

Jennifer Watson

The Student Development Council reported the suggested revisions of the statement of Responsibilities of Community Life to the Student Government Association last Thursday. The revisions committee, headed by Dr. Paul Young, attempted to rework the current document into a more positive statement that focused on the community.

There were minor word changes in the cover introduction, substantial word changes in the preamble, and the elimination of the purpose section. The Biblical principles were reorganized so that specific verses were not connected point-for-point with statements of community expectations, making the scriptural basis collective.

Other changes were made to the cosmetic appearance of the document, the wording of the assumptions made, and a short statement was added to summarize the document's essence as a credo to replace the popu-

### The Responsibilities of Community Life review committee recommends:

- Extensive rewording of the document in order to clarify and avoid inappropriate attitudes in language.
- Biblical principles reorganized making scriptural references collective.
- Cosmetic appearance altered and essence of credo established.
- Acceptance of off campus social dancing.
- Community affirmation chapel established.

lar notion of "the pledge."

The most significant changes to the document, and the ones that will affect students the most, were the changes made to the policy on social dancing and the addition of a chapel for community affirmation and forgiveness.

Next year, it will no longer be against school policy to dance while off campus. The old statement read that "Houghton College... recognizing the temptations inherent in the sensuous and erotic nature of much social dancing, prohibits social dancing by members of its com-

munity on or off campus." It has been revised so that "we agree not to engage in social dancing on campus, and to exercise restraint elsewhere"; this is due to the fact that the "concern about the morality of dancing has been declining among evangelical Christians of many denominations."

David Adams, a member of the committee, said that the revisions were made to take into consideration the best interests of the community, and were made in good faith as an attempt to make Houghton College less legalistic.

## Moscow Chorovaya Akademia to finish HC Artist Series a cappella

Cynthia Smith,

This evening at 8 pm in Wesley Chapel, the Houghton College Artist Series will present the Chorovaya Akademia, otherwise known as the Moscow Men's Choir, a world-renowned a cappella choir.

Founded in 1989, under the direction of Alexander Sedov, the ensemble consists of 18 professional musicians, virtually all of whom are graduates of either the Moscow, St. Petersburg, or Leningrad conservatories. With a deep commitment to choral singing, the choir has been heralded for its brilliant technique and its wide range of vocal timbre and impassioned interpretations.

Mr. Sedov received his training at the Sveshnikov Academy and the Moscow Conservatory where he studied conducting. His extensive experience as a choral conductor includes work on numerous arrangements and transcriptions for men's choir.

Included in the repertoire of Chorovaya Akademia are both ecclesiastical and secular works from various periods. On April 7th, however, the performance



The Chorovaya Akademia, known as the Moscow Men's Choir, will be performing tonight in Wesley Chapel for the last Artist Series concert of the academic year.

will be comprised exclusively of secular compositions: Russian Folk Songs, and music by Tchaikovsky, Borodin, Taneyev, Saint-Saens, Schubert, Feit, Abt, and Vogel.

The Chorovaya Akademia has performed throughout Russia and in the leading halls and museums of Moscow, also giving concerts at the annual International Festivals of Orthodox Charitable Movement. In addition,

the choir has completed several successful European concerts such as a Christmas program prepared by Justus Franz in Germany. In 1991, they were awarded first prize at the "Black Madonna" International Festival of Religious Music and also at the "Musika Antiqua" festival, both of which were held in Poland. Further,

see "Chorovaya" pg. 2

## Senate Report:

Sonja Harshman

At the March 23rd meeting, Mark McClelland was approved to be the new Student Senate Parliamentarian. He is responsible for the advisement of parliamentary procedure.

Two new senate positions have been added. Freshman Kathryn Farley will be the Organizational senator. Junior Latisha McDougal will be the Commuter senator.

Representatives from the Creator's Digest (Adam Owen), Chi Alpha (Aaron Routhe), Youth for Christ (Aaron Routhe), and International Student Association (Molly Little) requested monies from the Senate Special Resource Fund.

For security \$2750 was allotted, \$900 to the International Student Association, \$600 to the Music Education Club, \$250 to the Creator's Digest, \$500 to Youth for Christ, and \$101.60 to Chi Alpha.

A Senate committee consisting of three senators, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Commissioner of Communication, acting as an ex-officio resource member of the committee, was formed to establish procedures of the Senate.

At the March 30th meeting, the confirmation of Presidential Nominee Ernie Schenk for Commissioner of Student Affairs was tabled by David Adams due to the question of whether he will be here next semester. Later, a motion made by Eric Stroom to remove it from the table failed.

President Cori Roltsch had wanted this position filled as soon as possible to get started on the ground work needed.

Bob Schwaner was approved to be on the Travel Policy Committee. Dr. Charles Bressler and Dr. David Benedict were appointed to be the faculty advisors for Senate.

David Adams, one of the two student representatives on the Student Development Council, introduced the revised pledge. Its main purpose was to make the wording and attitude more positive.

The next Senate meeting is April 6th at 8 p.m. in Little Schaller Hall.



# -Chorovaya from pg. 1

its debut American tour in 1993 was met with exceptional applause.

The Chorovaya Akademia has recorded for Le Chant du Monde and RCA Victor Red Seal, which is releasing a new album, "Ancient Echoes" to coincide with the ensemble's

current tour.

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## HC Blood drive falls just short of '95 goal

Michael Evans

Students, community members, nurses, and Rochester Red Cross workers collected ninety-seven percent of a targeted ninety pints of blood during the spring semester Red Cross Blood Drive last week.

"It was sponsored by the Student Senate this year," said blood drive chairperson Shirley Jordan. "They did an excellent job. It was one of the best blood drives we've had in many years."

In total, volunteers collected eighty-seven pints of blood last Wednesday. Student Senate Vice President Jennifer Lytle said fifteen of the donors had not previously given blood.

Out of the 104 people who showed up for the blood drive, twelve were turned away for various reasons such as having a fever, a cold, or a history of medical problems. This included four people who were turned away because they had not signed up for an appointment prior to the event.

Current Red Cross rules state that people must sign up prior to donating blood. Senators organized a group of students to ask their peers to sign up during meals during the previous week.

Lytle said that senators plan to continue sponsoring the event in the future. Lytle, Jordan, and past CAB President Anne Ingraham coordinated the drive. Houghton Community member LaNora Keith organized Houghton volunteers from outside the campus. During the blood drive, students and community members ran the canteen and registered donors.

Twelve community volunteers turned out for the event which is held in the basement of the campus center every semester.

Gail Smith director of the Health Center coordinated the nurses and EMTs. These volunteers assisted the Rochester Red Cross workers who provided the equipment and actually drew the blood.

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## HC Names pastor of the year

Public Information Office

On March 21, 1995, Rev. Karl Eastlack, pastor of the Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church of Williamsville, NY, became the 28th recipient of Houghton College's Claude A. Ries Pastor of the Year award. Each year since 1968 Houghton College has honored the teaching career, the Godly life, and the enduring influence of the late Dr. Claude A. Ries by presenting a pastor of the year award to a Wesleyan pastor selected from the church districts which constitute the Houghton area.

Karl Eastlack was raised in a pastor's home in New Jersey and then in New York. He and four siblings attended Houghton College, and today his three brothers are also in pastoral ministry.

Since 1987 he has been the senior pastor at the Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church of Williamsville, NY. During Eastlack's tenure there, attendance has soared from two-score to nearly 800 at three

weekend services.

Rev. Eastlack has a weekly 15-minute radio program on Buffalo's Christian radio station WDCX, and also hosts "Life Line," a two-hour Thursday call-in talk show. A past district director for evangelism and church growth, he now serves on the district board of administration of The Wesleyan Church and was recently named a trustee for Houghton College.

Against a background of work and family commitments, he obtained his college education, beginning at Houghton in 1975, continuing with courses in counseling techniques at Alfred University, human resource and family issues at Jamestown Community College, other offerings at Houghton's suburban Buffalo campus, and concluding with a BA in religion from Houghton in 1989.

As a post graduate, Rev. Eastlack has taken Houghton's course in evangelism and social action in the urban context, and is presently engaged in a master's program at Indiana



Rev. Karl Eastlack

Wesleyan University.

That he places paramount importance on pastoral ministry is evident from the remark of one parishioner who observed: "I know his desire is for us to be a family. As part of that family I can't tell you how moved I am when he tells us that he can't wait to be with us on a Sunday... We are moved toward holiness as he preaches... and as we see his life..."

Pastor Eastlack and his wife, the former Anita Lehman of Wellsville, have three children.

## Family studies minor approved

The faculty formally approved a minor in Family Studies at its last meeting on the 29th of March. The minor was proposed by sociology professor Dr. Jayne Maugans and Director of Counseling Services Dr. Michael Lastoria. The proposal was initially approved by the Department of Psychology/Sociology last semester and was then submitted to the Curriculum Review Committee on the 17th of March. After approval by the committee it was submitted to the faculty for a final vote.

Interdisciplinary in nature,

the minor will offer perspectives on the family from the fields of anthropology, psychology, religion, and sociology. Requirements for the 15-hour minor include 6 hours of prerequisites (PSY 111 and SOC 101), 6 hours of core courses (Introduction to Marriage and Family Studies and Introduction to Family Systems), and 9 hours of electives.

An applied component of the minor, and a strongly recommended elective, is a practicum that will place students in an urban (Buffalo Campus) or rural setting.

Other electives to be offered are Life Span Development of the Family, Religious Foundations for Marriage and the Family, and Culture, Ethnicity, and the Family. The minor will most likely be of interest to students in the social sciences as well as education and Christian ministries majors.

Course offerings will begin next fall with Introduction to Family Systems and Introduction to Marriage and Family Studies. Students interested in the minor are encouraged to contact Dr. Maugans for more information.

## All Student Juried Art Exhibit to precede senior shows

The works of over thirty-five Houghton students were put on display on Monday in the art gallery in the basement of Wesley Chapel. Students submitted seventy works which will be juried by Geneseo professor of ceramics Carl Shanahan.

Works include original paintings, drawings, ceramics, and prints. All the media will be judged together competing for nine prizes. Danner said that since different medium can be appreciated for completely different reasons, the juror has a difficult task of determining which ones are the best. "It is very subjective."

The winners will be announced at an opening reception on Saturday at 6:30 pm according to gallery coordinator Rosalyn Danner.

The top award is "Best of Show" and the winner receives \$100. "The Paul Maxwell Memorial Award" is the first prize which was named after the stu-

dent who won the award two years running before being killed in a car accident in 1991. The winning student will receive \$75.

Cash prizes are also awarded for second and third prizes. Five of the works will be given an honorable mention.

Senior art exhibits will begin in the art gallery in two weeks. The first will be on April 18 by Alan Kwok, Danielle Sabulsky, Melissa Rhodes, and Jason Kruszka. There will be a reception on Saturday April 21, at 7:00 pm.

Works by Teresa Pancoe, Carrie Chamberlain, Jennifer Chamberlain, and Jason Herring will be on display starting April 24. Their reception will be on Saturday April 29, at 7:00 pm.

The last senior show will feature works by Steve Johnson, Heather George, Tara Kenyon, and David Huth. A reception will be held on Saturday May 6, at 6:30 pm in the gallery.

## HC can access the world using E-mail

The Houghton campus is now connected to computers all over the world through an E-mail system called Internet. The service is available on one of sixteen terminals in the micro computer lab in the Science Building.

Students, faculty and staff can access information for research, offer data for public access or send mail to someone thousands of miles away in minutes. Michael Stuber, the staff member who set up the system, said the possibilities are endless.

Stuber said that currently the system is only for text use. In the fall it will support more than sixteen users at one time and possibly graphics will be available and more.

In order to use Internet, students must obtain a user-ID and a password from Stuber in the computer lab. Stuber will also teach people how to use E-mail in seminars which will be announced.



# Where does all that tuition go?

Rachel Lang

Although every student probably understands the bottom line yearly tuition costs, the financial aspects of Houghton College may remain a mystery to the majority of Houghton students. In the latest edition of the Houghton Milieu (January 95), the issue of what expenses student tuition actually covers was addressed, as well as the need to increase overall college funding. But to properly understand how student tuition and other funding figures in to the actual operation of Houghton College, it is necessary to examine the nature of Houghton's revenues and expenses.

Each July 1 the College begins its fiscal year, deciding upon an operating budget and expenditure allocations for the coming year. Then, each month the Financial Affairs Committee, led by the Vice President of Finance for Houghton, Mr. Ken Nielsen, reviews the results of the College's expenses and income to date and compares it with the projected budget. In this way, the College can adjust the level of spending, if necessary.

According to Mr. Nielsen, the 1994-95 fiscal year has been going well so far. "Tuition revenue has actually exceeded the projected budget, allowing us (the College) to do some things we have prioritized." Priorities this year include installing an

The following is a breakdown of the major expenditures (education and general) for the College for the fiscal year:

*Salaries and fringe benefits.....	\$ 8,398,800
*Student and other wages.....	750,000
*Utilities, insurance, taxes.....	604,000
*Purchased services.....	2,747,300
*Equipment.....	690,800
*Debt payments.....	725,000
*Financial aid.....	3,445,000
*Other supplies and expenses.....	770,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$19,130,900</b>

As of the end of last semester, college revenues (cash inflows) were as follows:

*Tuition and fees.....	\$ 6,967,114
*Endowment income.....	85,000
*Gifts.....	477,436
*Other sources/auxiliary enter.....	2,545,575
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$10,075,125</b>

elevator in the chapel for greater handicapped access to the restroom facilities and upgrading faculty computers. Also, much of this unexpected income is going to college-funded financial aid.

Nielsen projects that "the fiscal year to date is going to be close to the budget; we expect to come out in the black again this year with a modest surplus (\$10-15,000)."

Houghton's expenditures for first semester (see major expenditures for breakdown of expenditure types) totaled \$9,555,410 leaving a \$519,715 surplus at the close of the semester. Therefore, taking the total allotted expenditures for the year minus the first semester expenditures, \$9,575,490 remains for expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year.

This figure includes not only the second semester but the low income summer months as well.

During these summer months, the \$519,715 surplus from first semester is to be used for expenses. Calculations for the second semester expense budget take the total remaining expenditures minus the surplus set aside for the summer, bringing a total of \$9,055,775. Presently, the exact revenues for second semester are not available, but, as stated above, when all totals are in, the actual income is expected to be slightly above the estimated income.

As a nonprofit institution, Houghton operates on a budget that does not allow for a lot of deviation from projected revenues and expenses. Houghton develops a budget to obtain a \$200,000 contingency fund,

providing a 1% emergency cushion (to the budget).

One question students may be asking is if the school is doing well financially, why is tuition increasing next year? Houghton's present tuition of \$13,850 is among the lowest of the Christian College Coalition schools. The tuition students pay only covers about 80% of academic life costs, so an additional 20% needs funding apart from regular tuition revenue. Although there is a push for new fundraising sources and methods, current levels of giving are not enough to cover all of Houghton's financial needs.

In the fall of 1995, overall student costs (tuition, room, and board) will increase 5.63% (\$780), up from \$13,850 to \$14,630. Mr. Nielsen states that the increase will go towards "salary augmentations and typical price rises in supplies... but mainly towards student aid." In fact, the largest portion of the increase will be routed towards supporting student aid.

Think about the increase in this way: To remain a competitive institution, Houghton needs to offer qualified professors, new technology (Internet), continually expanding library resources, diverse courses, up-to-date food varieties and extra-curricular activities. Presently, the only way to achieve these college necessities is to increase tuition, along with implementing new programs for additional fund raising.

## Fading STARS

Headlines from '84-85

William Mann

☆ Dr. James Zoller joins faculty.

☆ Communication link provides audiovisual between Houghton campuses.

☆ Willard J. Houghton Library installs computer system.

☆ Among Artist Series: Rochester Philharmonic, Elmer Iseler Singers, and The Waverly Consort presents "The Christmas Story."

☆ Walter Mondale writes letter to Editor in hopes of attracting presidential votes (Reagan elected).

☆ Professor Rich Perkins encourages students to write Soviet government for release of Dr. Andrei Sakharov and wife, exiled in Gorki.

☆ Senate Charity drive raises \$11,000 for Ethiopia.

☆ Gao dorm razed despite rally by residents (South Hall replaces).

☆ Student opinion splits over wearing shorts in class and Luckey Building.

☆ Sociology Professor Mary Conklin given leave to follow Billy Idol's North American concert tour.

☆ Donald Frase travels to Los Angeles to submit bid for hosting the 1992 Winter Olympics Games.

# "No Virginia, tuition doesn't cover the costs of running a college"

Dr. Rebekah Burch Basinger

At Houghton, tuition, fees and living revenue cover only about 80 percent of what it costs to provide the necessities of academic life. When special needs arise, the funding gap grows even wider. For this reason, the development plan identifies three long-term goals for Houghton's fund-raising activities: to substantially increase gift support to the college for current purposes through a strong Annual Fund; to secure funding for special projects through an aggressive major gifts program; to carry out a deliberate effort to build the endowment of the college, with a special emphasis on planned giving.

During the 1993-94 academic year, some 1,500 individuals provided gifts totalling almost \$300,000 to the Annual Fund. The college also benefited from the very significant commitment of our parent denomination to higher education, receiving slightly more than \$600,000 from The Wesleyan Church. Add to these totals the gifts that bore a specific designation, and the bottom line for the year approached the \$2 mil-

lion mark.

As impressive as these figures are, however, Houghton's development efforts lag behind those of other colleges of similar reputation and expectations. For example, the average gift amount for Houghton alums (\$84) is \$161 less than that of alumni of peer institutions. That a large number of alumni are involved in ministry, education or social services has had some impact on gift totals. However, as a consulting team which earlier this year reviewed Houghton's development program observed in their follow-up report, "...that many of Houghton's alumni are in service industries is both true and not particularly relevant. Many colleges have large percentages of their alums who go into similarly low-paying professions and still manage to raise significantly more annual operating support."

Within the next few weeks, the college will commission a feasibility study designed to ascertain what are appropriately great fund-raising expectations for Houghton. The study will provide the college with a better understanding of the steps necessary to move Houghton's

fund-raising program closer to what the reputation of the college suggests it should be. Even more importantly, the study itself will create many "teachable moments" as friends and alumni from all across the country are invited to think together about the future of Houghton College. If thinking together

leads to giving together, then, when at some future time someone asks, "You mean the amount that students pay doesn't provide all the money that Houghton needs?", we can answer, "No, but don't worry.

We know who will make up the difference."

Dr. Basinger is the Vice President for Advancement at Houghton College. This is an edited version of an article in the Houghton Milieu.

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editorial

Matthew J. Essery

Too often we disrespect our minds by not thinking. This is somewhat a result of the society in which we exist where commercials and ads scream, "Just Do It," and, "Indulge Yourself." However, since we are human and do have a brain capable of thinking, reasoning, and deciding, we are responsible for using it correctly.

There are two traps that we can fall into with respect to thinking. The first is not thinking at all. This is usually referred to as stupidity and can lead to such things as unwanted pregnancies, falling into drug addictions, broken marriages or relationships, etc. Luckily there is a simple solution to this trap. Take five seconds and ask yourself, "What am I doing? Why am I doing it? What good will it do?" Though this may seem tedious at first, with constant practice it will become natural and it is guaranteed to help you make good decisions, not ones that will be regretted later on in life.

The second trap that people may fall into is in thinking that the search for knowledge (free play of inquiry) is what thinking is all about. It doesn't do any good if someone knows something in their mind but doesn't apply it to their body. Seeking head knowledge won't make someone become a better, more able person. It will just fill his head up. It is the application of thinking and learning that changes behavior. In his book "The Great Divorce," C. S. Lewis addressed the issue of free inquiry without learning. He writes, "What you call the free play of inquiry has neither more nor less to do with the ends for which intelligence was given to you than masturbation has to do with marriage." He is quite blunt but I think his point is clear. To not use what you know and what you've experienced is a waste.

As next year's editors, we would very much like to form this newspaper so that it does more than just fill your brain. We would like to provide you with opportunities to think and grow. However, while we may be able to provide subjects and articles to think about, it is up to you to do the actual thinking. We are eagerly looking forward to working with you in the future.

Open Microphone

Kelly J. Patterson

"It's O.K., I won't condemn you. As long as you promise to enroll in counseling sessions and repent as soon as possible." The last week and a half, for me, could at times be summarized by anger melting into sadness. Hearing over and over, this "loving Christian assertiveness" almost made me cry, or laugh. A blanket generalization is never fair, so I will dig myself out of this hole by stating that there are people on this campus that do not hold to this principle, and maybe its extreme, but the extreme always seems to have an element of truth in it, albeit watered down or spiced up.

What is wrong with the idea of "Love the sinner, hate the sin?" In my view, I simply think it is truly beyond us as humans to carry around a genuine element of both of these emotions in a separated fashion. The idea that hate and love are two sides of the same coin seems to be a true statement, and very appropriate. How can we subjectively love someone, and be able to objectively hate what they do or who they are. I'm sorry to point this out, but homosexuality is not separate from the homosexual, it is an integral part of their identity, of their person. So, when you hate that part, doesn't it seem logical that you have hatred of the whole? Yes, Jesus loved sinners, I mean, He loves all of us. But Jesus did not HATE the sin. He looked into the person. Jesus did not equate Mary's name with prostitute or Judas' with betrayer. They were Mary and Judas. It's as simple as that.

This does not mean that if a person has a strong belief against homosexuality or any other issue, they do not have the right to express or feel that way. And it certainly does not mean that Jesus never spoke out against certain sins, but names never entered the picture. Sin is an all-encompassing word that includes homosexuality, but also stealing, lying, swearing, and most likely "coupling" in the campus center. Each one of us can probably admit to one of these infractions, even several.

All this to say, build your opinions, become informed, but don't shove them in someone's face. Of course, maybe what I'm doing right now is exactly that, but hey, put the paper down. Walking away when someone is verbally accosting you is much more difficult, and detrimental for both individuals. If you have never felt the conviction to condemn someone who just said "Sh-t" in the dining room, perhaps you have no right to condemn a person for homosexuality. Maybe that's extreme, but condemnation, whether trivial or monumental, is a two-way street, and both ways lead to a dead end.

The Value of an Ideal

This column was printed in the first issue of The STAR on February 1909. It was written by the former president of Houghton College, J. S. Lucky.

God created man in his own image and gave him the power of choice. Is it any wonder that the Psalmist said, "What is Man that thou are mindful of him?" But the power of choice involves great responsibility as well as great opportunity. It means that each person determines his own destiny and this destiny never becomes higher than the person's ideal: it may become lower, but it never can become greater. Here then is the value of an ideal- it is the "Pattern in the Mount," the model which our conscience urges us to attain. How well we succeed depends upon other conditions mainly upon our will power.

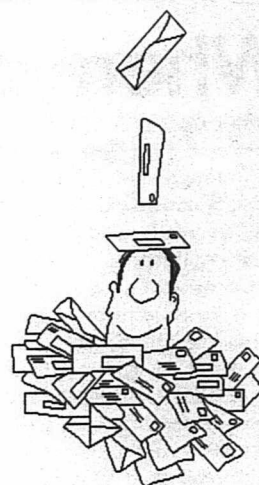
What is true of the individual is also true of an institution, if we consider an institution as a person representing the collective mind of its constituents. hence it may not be amiss in this, the first issue of our college paper to ask every friend of Houghton, especially every one of the student body and every one of the alumni, what are you contributing toward a high ideal for Houghton College? Whatever else is contained in this ideal, its foundation must be "The best and most complete development of the whole man." Heretofore Houghton's brightest jewel, its "Kohinur" has been its Christian Standard. I believe we all say as with one voice, "This standard must be maintained." The next question is to what degree can Houghton give the best and most complete mental development to its students. This question is most deeply concerned with the college work and is of vital importance to the church. if Houghton is to become the standard college, if we set this ideal before us and ever attain it, the church, the alumni and every friend must unite their energies to secure the end.

What are you contributing toward a high ideal for Houghton College?

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I am deeply sorry that I never came to visit your lovely quad this past winter. I realize that I will never be able to make up for the hardship for which my absence was responsible. I never intended to hurt any of you. I beg for your forgiveness and hope that next year things may be different. I love you all very much.

Yours very sincerely,  
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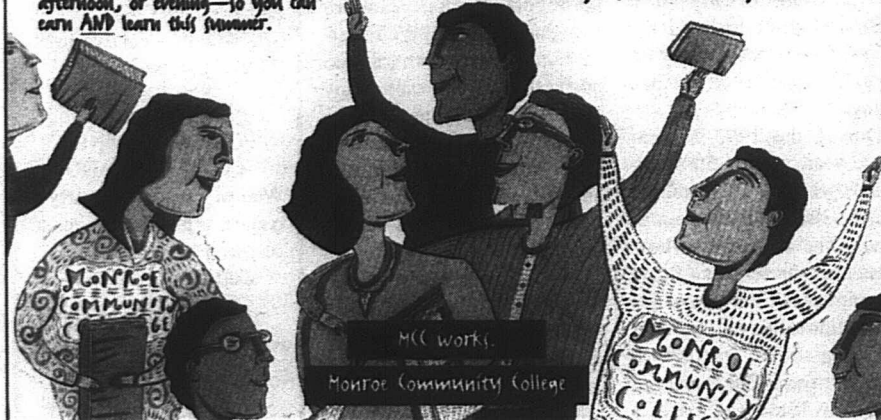
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# Last Will and Testament.....

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## Submit your Last Will and Testament!

The next issue of The STAR is dedicated to the graduating seniors. You can leave something behind for your friends and professors to remember you by.  
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## This End Up

David Huth





## WMF announces '95 Chamberlain Missions Essay winners and their essays:

The World Missions Fellowship organizes the annual Chamberlain Essay Contest which is sponsored and funded by the parents of President Chamberlain. This year the winners were freshman Marshall Merriam, freshman Mary Kay Cobb

and senior Michael Evans. They were awarded prizes of \$100 for first place, \$50 for second and \$25 for the third place essay. Here are the winning essays.

### Who is Your Jesus?

Marshall Merriam

Recently, a full-page advertisement in *Christianity Today* caught my attention. Half of the page was pictures—a preacher in a pulpit, a Bible-carrying man in front of an abortion clinic, an African man and an Asian man both wearing their ethnic garb, and a familiar portrait of Christ. Written in large letters under the pictures was the question, "Who is Your Jesus?" This question applies to all Christians.

Unfortunately, many Christians today do not seek the true identity of Christ. Instead we satisfy ourselves with traditional models handed down from our parents and our churches. We conjure empty visual images like the painting of Christ in the advertisement. Yet, for someone to focus his life on serving a canvas image would be tragic. Nevertheless, we have all seen this happen and are all guilty of belittling our faith's central figure.

This problem is prevalent in missions. Japan, for example has a history of unsuccessful missionary attempts. In the 17th century, the Japanese government issued a decree that all Christian missionaries must leave Japan. Some of these missionaries fled for their lives, some apostatized, and others went into hiding. Government officials sought out and publicly tortured the latter group in the infamous extermination of Christians in Japan. Three centuries after that

decree, Christianity is tolerated, and missionaries are permitted. Unfortunately, Japan remains less than 1 percent Christian.

Shusaku Endo, a prominent Japanese novelist who is a Catholic, discusses this predicament in a number of his books, including *Silence*, *Wonderful Fool*, and the controversial book, *A Life of Jesus*. In the translator's preface to *Silence*, William Johnston summarizes Endo's writing, saying, "Christianity must adapt itself radically if it is to take root in the 'swamp' of Japan." Through-

out *Silence*, Endo depicts missionaries in the 17th century who do not adapt Christianity to the Japanese audience and who end up being dragged down by this swamp. In the preface to the American edition of *A Life of Jesus*, Endo tries to forego any controversy by explaining his vantage point: "I was determined to highlight the particular aspect of love in [Christ's] personality precisely in order to make [him] understandable in terms of the religious psychology of my non-Christian countrymen and thus to demonstrate that Jesus is not alien to their religious sensibilities."

In doing so, Endo creates an image of Jesus that is at odds with the image many Americans envision. He also embraces a dangerous position; he leaves himself to the scrutiny of Westerners who brought Christianity to Japan.

Endo implies that Jesus may be a

different person than the traditional Jesus we worship in our American churches. Essentially, what Endo does in *A Life of Jesus* is drop the superfluous descriptions of Christ that have come out of a Western tradition and that turn the Japanese people off to Christianity. Likewise, he emphasizes the characteristics that appeal to the Japanese. He does not deviate from the Bible, but changes the focus from Western to Asian. The emphasis that many Western missionaries place on the just characteristics of the Father and of Christ acts as an impediment to the Japanese desire for a mother-figure that empathizes with their plight.

A general deterrent of Christianity for non-Christians is the package deal that missionaries present. For instance, Sunday worship is often inferred as a requisite to Christianity. The Bible does not command corporate worship on Sunday, but we have gradually learned to accept it as a mark of Christianity. Sunday may not be conducive for a certain culture or group of people to meet. Worship in a large group setting may be intimidating for some. Yet, we measure success in the number of bodies attending church services. Much of the Christian package serves only to detract from the universal power of the gospel. The dropping of excess is vital to any mission, both at home and overseas.

Surely some skeptics feel that anyone who decides to change the traditional image is presumptuous and spiritually out of line. This concern is legitimate.

However, the need is not for Christians who will compromise their faith in order to please their audience, but for pursuers of Truth who will step outside the comfort zone of tradition and throw

off unnecessary baggage that impedes someone's progress in a relationship with the Savior. Nearly two thousand years ago, Paul did exactly that. In 1 Corinthians, Paul says of himself,

"To the Jews, I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one

under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

Paul did not compromise his faith. Instead he journeyed into unfamiliar territory and became like those he met. He did not force a standardized religion down the throats of anyone, but, after learning the specific needs of the people he was with, presented Christ as the one to supply their needs.

Again, the question: "Who is Your Jesus?" If we truly are to be like him, we must discover who he is. Hopefully, our Lord is larger than tradition and exists outside of the comfort zone as well as in the comfort zone. If we desire to follow the call to "Go and make disciples of all nations," we will uncover new aspects of Christ's character that we previously neglected to see. Both Christ's body and attributes are diverse. The qualities that we ascribe to Jesus Christ determine the shape that our religion takes for us individually. Therefore, this question is a pertinent one.

Who is Your Jesus?

### second place missions essay

### So Few Messengers?

Laura Kay Cobb

My father is the pastor of a Presbyterian church in South Jersey. In addition to his salary, the church supplies the housing for him and his family. Because the current house had some size limitations, a few years back some church leaders decided to build a new house on part of the lot the church owned. They put a spare key in the locked closet of the church office.

The town where we live is normally safe and friendly. But one night last summer, a police car happened to be riding by a dimly-lit parking lot. As the policeman glanced out his window, he saw a suspicious looking scene and decided to investigate. He found a man in the act of breaking into a car. The man was immediately arrested and frisked; in his back pocket was the spare key to our house.

Shivers ran down my spine as my father related this story in church the next Sunday. What a reminder that God is with us and is in control! Even while we were completely unaware that the key had been stolen, God had been at work to protect us.

It would be nice to believe that the world is a happy, friendly place with no problems in it. When I have all my needs supplied, I like to pretend that everyone else does too. But God is not looking for Christians who live in a dreamy fantasy world.

The God who made some people wealthy Americans also made the people on the other side of the world, who have almost nothing to call their own. Rich or poor, all people are His, and He needs followers who will face reality and do something about it. There's no need for us to worry—if Christ goes before us, as He says He does in John 10:4, He will prepare the way and we need only to follow His leading. He who controls all of history will bring the results.

As I write this essay, I am participating in the Thirty-Hour Famine. If I succeed in going thirty hours without food, I can send the money pledged by my sponsors to people in the world who are hungry. At this point, only six hours into the famine, and my stomach is already rumbling in protest. As usual, I fed it its first two meals of the day, and now it is wanting a third. But how many people in the world can barely hope to have a little food every other day? How many have to work hard with an empty stomach, with only polluted water and little hope of ending their lifelong famine?

If God is so loving and powerful, if He can supply my family with protection before we ever ask, why doesn't He supply the nourishment, education and love these people are looking for? It seems to me that He has. God provided the United States with such an abundance of food that some of it has been dumped into the ocean to prevent the

cost of food from dropping too low. He provided humans with so much knowledge that they can build airplanes that cross the ocean in just a few hours. He provided His own Son to offer salvation, comfort and love. The problem is that there are so few messengers to deliver these gifts.

Messengers are needed everywhere, not only in far away countries and places where people need food and shelter. When Christ was telling His disciples to witness for Him in Acts 1:8, He referred to being messengers in "Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." In other words, they were to witness at home, in the cities close by, and everywhere else that the Holy Spirit would lead them. No area was free from needing the Lord.

In my own life I have come in contact with people who were physically taken care of but had all kinds of emotional needs. As a camp counselor last summer, I could not believe how many children came from broken families, having either a single parent or a parent and a stepparent. Several of my girls asked for prayer for relatives who were heavy smokers or drinkers. One particular girl had suffered sexual abuse. Another was from a foster home and had been passed from family to family during her ten or eleven years of life. There were times when I felt completely helpless. What could I say? I had no magical answer to give my campers.

Fortunately, God did not expect me to be able to make everything right. It was my job to listen to my campers, be their friend, and show them through my actions that God loved them. I could tell them God is in control.

One of my favorite songs describing the work of a missionary is "Send the Light," by Charles H. Gabriel. I particularly like verses one and four, which explain the need and the reward for doing God's work:

*There's a call come ringing o'er the restless wave,  
"Send the light! Send the light!"  
There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save,  
Send the light! Send the light!*

*Let us not grow weary in the work of love,  
Send the light! Send the light!  
Let us gather jewels for a crown above,  
Send the light! Send the light!*

One of Christ's greatest promises is that He will be with us no matter where we go. Although the task of witnessing for Him can be long and sometimes very humbling, we know that He is the one who will bring results, and He will not forget what we have done. "Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (1 Cor. 15:58, NRSV)



# The little Russian girl

Michael Evans

As I stood outside the dining hall on the first morning at Russian Camp Berezka last July, a little girl approached me. "Hel-lo," offered the confident-looking, plain-faced girl with alert brown eyes. Squatting to her four-foot stature, I used the informal greeting, "privet." Relieved that I spoke her native tongue, she attempted a futile conversation. We needed an interpreter; I turned to Rich, a bilingual American.

He translated that eleven-year-old Olga had gifts for me: an unusual greeting card and a white parchment poster. On the poster, I recognized the word "mir," bearing a double-meaning, "world" and "peace." "Mir" is also the name of the Russian space station which American journalists report will soon be docked with an American space shuttle. Rich said the poster seemed to describe an international friendship organization that may have helped organize the festival. Uncertainty of details was a by-product of the language barrier that I constantly labored to dismantle. Olga created a way for me to see through it, though.

She had cut a window into the center of the brick house that she penciled on the front of the card refashioned from a white gift box. She hung white-lace curtains with pink flowers and pulled them back with matching pink bows. A paper cutout monkey wearing a pink bow tie hung on the window sill by its moveable arms attached to its body with copper wire. As I opened it, the amiable monkey's long spiral tail sprung out. The card read, "Kozdravlyayoo Sprazneekom" (congratulations in the festival).

"Spaciba, thank you," came my hasty, robotic reaction. It sufficed as I searched for a worthy reply to her kind gift.

The day before, Rich headed our diverse group of eleven summer missionaries who rode a small bus into the city of Kovrov. The music and drama team represented eight states and Canada, most of us college students. One was a minister at an African American church in Long Island and another was a Native American teacher in Oklahoma. We had spent the past week in Vladimir with seventy other Americans who were still there counseling at the Wesleyan youth camp. A local English teacher invited us to the International Friendship Camp as campers and asked us to hold a young

Christian's club. So we prepared some songs and skits, packed up Russian Bibles and literature, and took a one hour trip into the unknown.

We did know that the camp was part of an enormous festival in a city where Soviets produced military machines during the cold war. During that time Kovrov was closed to foreigners. During my week long sojourn, I slipped in and out of the reality that I was a visiting a nation of people once deemed my enemy. But the people I encountered were not my enemies. As symbols of friendship, children and teen campers from Moldavia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Russia, Siberia and other post-Soviet republics gave us lapel pins and postcards from their towns. Often, "I present to you," was among the few phrases in their English vocabularies; however, many of them had been taught to speak British English in school.

Olga smiled when I presented her with a printed American flag attached to a toothpick. "Spaciba," beamed my grateful young acquaintance. But my token did not seem enough; I turned to Rich, requesting an American flag lapel pin. When I turned back, Olga had disappeared. I resolved to spend the day scanning the masses for her bright yellow baseball cap.

Later, at the opening ceremony at an outdoor basketball court, the 600 festival participants from ethnic groups around the former Soviet Union entertained each other. Julia, a student at the local high school, interpreted the lyrics and warm greetings. Kossacks in lengthy, navy-blue military coats and black fur caps crossed their arms, crouched into the lively kicking dance that is familiar to Americans. Ukrainians wearing similar hats with brown, green, blue and yellow costumes delighted the crowd with music from their large triangular guitars and full voices. The rich language, the unfamiliar instruments, and the colorfully embroidered costumes created a wonderland; I was in a euphoric cultural overload.

To my surprise, my little friend with the yellow hat came and sat next to me. "Hello, I was looking for you," I said, not knowing whether she understood any English. "Here I have something for you." She smiled and put the pin on her lime green cardigan sweater. As we watched the festivities, I offered her a grape flavored tootsie roll pop. Her eyes smiled as she unwrapped it. She said

nothing, then squirmed as though she had a secret. I remained somber, unsure of the problem. Leaning closer, she broke the silence between us, "You, and, me, are, good, friends."

"Da, Da!" I affirmed excitedly. "Goverite, Po-angliski!" (You speak English!)

"A little," she reluctantly admitted. Then it was time for my team to contribute to the festivities. We introduced ourselves to the others by singing "Jesus is the Answer for the World Today" in Russian and in English. Shortly after I made my way back to my bench, the crowd erupted into a colorful mob of music and dancing on the court. Olga pulled me by the hand, and we lost ourselves and eventually each other in long lines of people weaving into abstract patterns on a living friendship quilt.

Throughout the week the little Russian girl would suddenly appear out of the crowd of international friends. She would walk with me wherever I was going. I told her about my nine-year-old sister playing the piano back in New York. She described her English training at school. Sometimes when children approached me, Olga spoke to them in Russian on my behalf. Using three word English sentences, Olga and me taught each other words of our native languages sometimes by pointing and gesturing and we exchanged gifts almost every day. One day she gave me a Russian New Testament, and I gave her a book written in English. I went with her to a children's program sponsored by a newspaper called "Viechorka" (Bubble Gum) written by and for Russian Children, and she came twice to our hour long club times.

On the final day, after club time, I set Olga up on my lap to talk. Slipping my colored witness bracelet off my wrist onto hers, I explained the meaning of

each color. With the aide of a translator I communicated clearly that my relationship with God was the reason I came to Russia. I hoped Olga would accept the bracelet as a symbol of our friendship, and that seeing the colors later on would remind her who God is to me.

Each day at the camp, Olga and I had conquered barriers of culture, language, nationality and age difference while discovering that friendship has little to do with these. Though we did not always recognize each other's words, Olga and I communicated well because we strongly wanted to know each other. I had come to Russia to reach people, to teach them that a relationship with Jesus can change their lives. Ironically, through a relationship with the little Russian girl, I felt as though I were the one being reached. I recognized that my mission in life is to be a friend, to know people, to let them know me, so that we can both become familiar with Jesus.

I saw the little Russian girl again that night at the 25-foot high friendship bonfire, our last chance to savor the foot-loose intercultural celebration of friendship. We danced one more time and saved our "Da svedania," (good-bye) until breakfast.

But Olga was not at the dining hall when I arrived; she had eaten earlier. Through the window I saw her sitting under a birch tree. I excused myself from the table and rudely pushed my way down the crowded steps. It took what seemed to be hours to get to the landing as my other new friends stopped me to say farewells. When I opened the door my eyes were already focused toward the tall, white *berezka*. She must have waited as long as she could, but she was gone. I stood awkwardly mimicking the birch, then wiped my tears, sat and reflected, wondering if she too had been reached.

## CDC: Full time Christian work may be over-romanticized

Esther Wetherbee

Our culture has romanticized many things, including anger, lust, and control. As many people have learned, to be directed by anger, lust, or the need for control does not create a streamlined life. On the contrary, they eat away at and destroy people. Those who recognize this fact make an effort to change and live by the truth.

I'm bringing this up because I've stumbled across a similar issue within the culture of Christianity. The issue is the glorification or romanticization of full-time Christian work. Christians have several different viewpoints on the issue of work. One of the dominant views is that every Christian's ultimate career goal should be full-time Christian work. I know that in my life I have often been misguided by this idea. I believe that I have come across several very important principles.

First, a person who is seriously considering going into full-time ministry should take a good look at their motives. If you're doing it for the wrong reasons, you will suffer a lot of heartbreak. If you feel that you have a "calling", you should really look into what a calling is. I'm not belittling a calling; I myself have one. In a general sense, every Christian has one. We need to be firmly grounded and really know fact from fiction.

Second, the two most important issues concerning any job or career are attitude and obedience. If you have a job, be it secular or Christian, and your attitude stinks, you will not get far in your career or in relationships with your colleagues.

To sacrifice is not a romantic thing either. If you are not led to live a life of sacrifice, don't try it. What God calls us to is obedience (I Sam 15:22). This may mean going into secular work; God does gift and call people to be in the secular workplace. If we all drop out of the secular workplace, we also lose opportunities to be witnesses, and this is not God's will. God's will is that we obey Him by doing what He gives us to do and to have the right attitude about it.

When we surrender our wills to God, we have the freedom both to go where God wants us and to allow others go where God wants them. Therefore, let us strive to surrender and find peace with God.

Wetherbee writes this bi-weekly column as a part of her internship in the Career Development Office.

## Revival at Wheaton

Dr. Steven Kellough, Wheaton College Chaplain

God has visited the campus of Wheaton College in a dramatic way in recent days, and we would be grateful for your prayer support. One week ago, our students prayed for the world as a part of Global Mission; little did we realize the incredible movement of God's Spirit among us was at hand.

Something very unique and important happened last Sunday evening and has continued throughout this week. The World Christian Fellowship (missions) program included testimonies by James Hahn and Brandi Maguire, students from Howard Payne University in Texas, who described a recent "revival" on their campus. Following their presentation the microphones were open for students to share their burdens and confess their sins.

The student sharing focused on the confession of sins that have impacted relationships in the body of Christ here at Wheaton College. Confessions of pride, hatred, lust, sexual immorality, cheating, dishonesty, materialism, addictions, and self-destructive behavior were heard throughout the night. There were tears and smiles, crying and singing. It was Biblical. It was orderly. It was sincere. And it honored our Lord. The meeting adjourned on Monday morning at 6:30 am with students still in line who had waited hours to speak. Therefore, we reconvened for the next four evenings, staying until the early morning hours each day.

We are now moving into a new stage of applying Biblical truth, sharing with the people of God, and walking with Christ in our community. We trust that this incredible movement of God's Spirit will continue on our campus and beyond.



## Up close & personal:

By Bobby Price

WITH BRANDON MACCARTNEY

This week marks the first edition of Up Close and Personal—a behind the scenes look into the lives of some of Houghton's brightest star athletes. **Brandon MacCartney**, a senior guard on the men's basketball team, is the focus of this week's column. Recently, *The Houghton Star* interviewed Mr. MacCartney.

**H.STAR:** At what age did you start playing basketball?

**B.M.:** I think I was in Kindergarten when I fell in love with the game.

**H. STAR:** What made you decide to come to Houghton College?

**B.M.:** Basically, I knew I could play here whereas I wasn't sure about some bigger schools. Plus I knew it was a Christian college and I wanted to go to a Christian school.

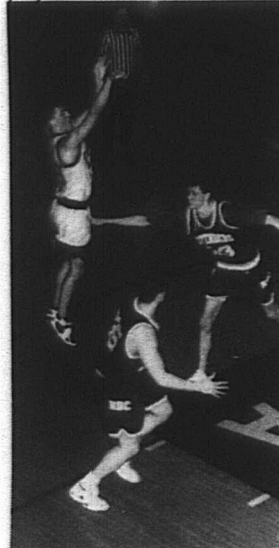
**H. STAR:** When you think of role models, who has been your single, greatest influence as an athlete?

**B.M.:** I would have to say that I've had two important role models in my athletic career. One, Steve Alford, former standout at Indiana University in the mid-80's. As a kid I wanted to be exactly like him. I patterned my entire game after him. Two, Darren Berkley, former Houghton point guard. He is my best friend. He showed me how to have fun playing basketball. We think and play exactly alike.

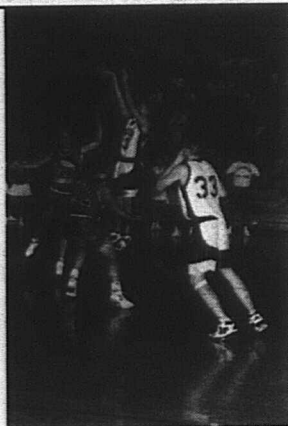
**H. STAR:** What has been your best basketball memory, be it high school, college, or otherwise?

**B.M.:** In all honesty I would have to say my senior year at Houghton. Up until then I really didn't have any fun playing the game. When I was younger, I prayed that God would bless me with a unique coach someday, and he finally did with Coach Berry.

**H. STAR:** Two years ago you were a part of Athletes in Action in the Philippines. What was it like and how did you grow as a Christian from the experience?



Brandon MacCartney, shown here shooting over an opposing defender, made honorable mention for the Northeast district all-star team.



MacCartney shoots for two during the finals of this year's Houghton Classic.

**B.M.:** It was the best experience of my life. It gave me a chance to share the gospel while I played basketball. It definitely took me out of my "comfort zone".

**H. STAR:** What do you like most about the game of basketball?

**B.M.:** I love the pre-game jitters. I love the feeling you get in your stomach while you're up in the locker room getting ready to go out on the floor. I love the screaming crowd as you take the court. This is what I love most about basketball. This is what I'll miss the most about basketball.

**H. STAR:** How has basketball helped to cultivate your spiritual life?

**B.M.:** I guess it has taught me how to learn through hardships. Since my junior year of high school God has had to break my heart many times. You have to lose things in order to gain things. I have gone through frustrating times in order to grow spiritually. I think basketball can be compared to my spiritual life in that sense.

**H. STAR:** What will you miss the most about leaving Houghton College?

**B.M.:** I would have to say my friends that I've made over the course of four years here. Four years is a long time and you can become pretty attached to people. That's probably what I'll miss the most when I graduate.

**H. STAR:** If you could leave any lasting impression or message behind for the future athletes here at Houghton, what would you say to them?

**B.M.:** I would simply tell them that basketball is fun, but there's something so much more important in life—our relationship with Jesus Christ. At one time, even I had a hard time getting my priorities straight. Basketball was everything to me. None of us would even be here today though if it weren't for Jesus. In the light of eternity, basketball will pass, but Jesus will always be there.

Brandon is a Physical education major at Houghton College. He will graduate in May with plans of becoming a youth pastor.

## Livin' on the edge

*Skiing extrodinaire, Peter Myles, likes life in the fast lane, and does just fine there*

Bobby Price, sports editor

When it comes to living life to the fullest, nobody takes it all in quite like Peter Myles.

Myles, a sophomore at Houghton College, placed 17th in the nation in March of 1993 at the National Nordic Combined Ski Championships held in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

The nordic combined is a mixture of ski jumping off of a 70 foot hill and cross-country skiing a distance of 15 kilometers—a perfect combination for a man who loves to flirt with danger.

Myles also had hopes of trying out for the U.S. Winter Olympic team in the nordic combined, but a death in the family curtailed his dreams. The passing on of his grandfather prevented him from reaching yet another skiing plateau, but it hasn't stopped him from living life the only way he knows how—fully.

"The thing I enjoy most about skiing is the speed," said Myles in a recent interview. "I love the fear that grips you when you fly down the slope."

Myles started skiing his freshman year of high school. Since that time he has won several awards in the sport. In 1992, Miles placed 7th at the National Junior Olympics. He placed 3rd in the state of New Hampshire that same year. Myles also competes annually in the John Church Memorial, a local skiing tournament held in his home state. In 1992, he finished first at that event.

Besides skiing, Myles also enjoys rock climbing, another sport that the average person would find dangerous; but not Myles, to him it's another challenge to be welcomed with open arms. Incidentally, Myles is considered to be one of the top notch climbers at Houghton.

"Rock climbing and the nordic combined are similar in the sense that both involve a lot of work to perfect and both instill you with extreme fear," said Myles.

Many people have asked Myles why he does the things he does. Whereas the common person would probably shy away from the fear that is so much a part of his lifestyle, fear is something that he basks in. Fear is the motivating tool that keeps life interesting to people like Myles.

"I like living life to the fullest," says Myles. "I'm not afraid to do some of the things that people find scary."

Although Myles may not be afraid to do what ordinary people wouldn't, he still is cautious and careful not to get hurt.

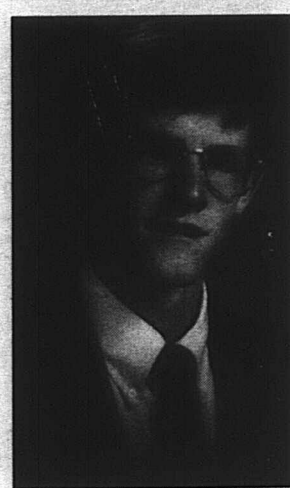
"You have to know your limitations, and you should start at the beginning," said Myles regarding safety precautions. "I've skied and climbed for years. You have to know what

your getting into before you dive in"

Myles is especially cautious to make sure that he has all the right equipment when he skies, all the right gear when he climbs, and all the right senses when he does either.

This "100 m.p.h. crazed-nut" may do many things that leave your head shaking, but he always does them safely.

"I've seen a lot of people get hurt just because they didn't know what they were doing,"



Peter Myles: In 1992 he finished 7th overall at the Junior Olympics, one year later he placed 17th in the nation for the nordic combined.

said Myles. "It's important to be safe at all times."

Myles is careful to stress the importance of safety not only for peoples' sake, but for the sake of the sports he competes in and loves dearly.

"I don't want people to play down skiing or rock climbing as being stupid just because some people out there don't know what they're doing," says Myles. "It's not fair to the sports and it's not fair to the one's who participate in them safely."

This 21 year old native of Rumney, New Hampshire, has made a name for himself in the sport of skiing, and is soon to make a name for himself as a rock climber as well. Very few people have acquired as much success in the sports they participate in as Myles has in the sports of his choice. This is a credit not only to his fearlessness, but also to his tenacity.

"I'd love to compete again nationally," said Myles. "I just don't know when I'll have the time. There are other things I'm interested in right now."

Whether Myles returns to ski competitively or not may keep some people holding their breath, but not Peter, right now he's having too much fun.

"I enjoy bike riding too," the multifaceted Myles said. "Maybe I'd like to do something with that."

Indeed bike riding, with all its heart-pounding thrills and fast-paced action, would be right up Myles' alley. It would be yet another example of just how close to the edge Peter Myles likes to live. But you know—he wouldn't have it any other way.

## In the Spotlight

Bobby Price

### Lynn Jensen

Lynn Jensen epitomizes what a "team player" is: she lives it every day.

The senior forward for the Houghton women's basketball team played a crucial role in helping the ladies post one of their best seasons ever this year.

Famous for playing the always tough position of "sixth man," Jensen made a name for herself this year by always doing the job the way she was asked to do it.

"I think what we'll miss most about her next year is her consistency," said head coach, Skip Lord. "She had a tremendous 'team-first' attitude."

While some players find it difficult to be asked to play a different role each night, Jensen welcomed the opportunity to showcase her diversity at being able to play up to four positions on the court.

"At the junior college level, she played point guard, but when she came to Houghton she fit in well at the 3 spot," said Lord. "She also has played off-guard and the 4 spot for us as well."

Jensen's ability to play just about every position on the floor doesn't go without recognition. At Geneseo State College she was a Junior College All-American. This year she made 2nd Team All-Northeast Region, and she was also nominated for Academic All-American.

Although Jensen was famous for her "sixth man" position, she did start in 15 games this year—a credit to how well rounded of a player she is.

Jensen averaged 9 points and 4 rebounds a game for the Highlanders this season, but stats alone can't speak loud enough for what she has done on the court for her team.

Jensen was capable of spotting up for the three or taking it strong to the hole. She could run the floor like a point guard, or post up inside like a center. Whatever the job, Jensen was up to the task.

For a person who has spent most of her career in the shadows, finally, Jensen has taken her place on center stage.



Lynn Jensen displays her shooting stroke during a Highlander home game this year.

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