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Houghton Academy Expands New Elementary School to be Built This Spring

Tammi Krikorian and Dionne Miller

In the fall of this year, Houghton Academy will begin a school for elementary children. Never in its over 100 years existence has such a school been available for children of that age group in this area.

In 1985, Wellsville Christian School (WCS) was established and has maintained a minimal enrollment of about forty over that past decade. The administration at WCS came to Houghton Academy last fall, asking if they would be willing to take WCS under their wing and strengthen the current program. Headmaster Philip Stockin, along with the board of trustees for both the College and the Academy, agreed this would be a wise decision for the future of the school. The Academy then placed Patricia Ring as a transitional figure of Administration at WCS for the remainder of this school year. Next fall she will act as principal for the new campus. Once the Academy has begun in the fall, WCS will no longer be in existence.

Houghton Academy, or South Campus, as it will be called, will be located four-

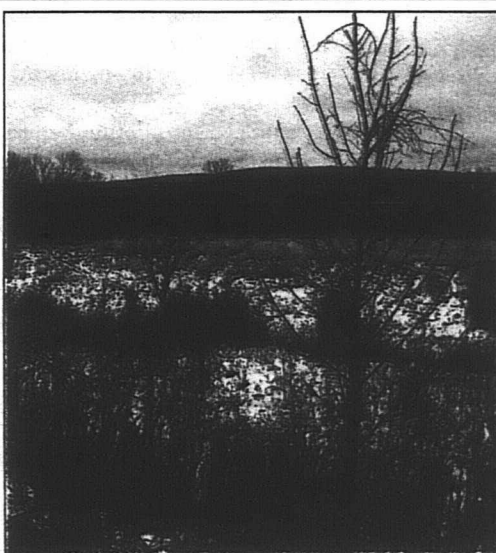


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The future site of the South Campus

teen miles from the current campus, down route 19 where it meets 17. The land there was given as a gift for this project by a group of men who purchased the property years ago. Located in the township of Angelica, the building will be completed in phases. Phase one will include

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Administrators Retreat, Part Two

Emily Beach

The Houghton administrators recently spent two days at Niagara Falls, Ontario for their biannual administrators' retreat. Tim Fuller, Vice President for Enrollment Management, is quick to modify that the weekend was less like a retreat and more like "you're in a different place, working like crazy. The nice thing about the retreat," he says, "is that it is more concentrated and lets the administrators get more accomplished." He estimates that in the two days, the administrators were able to address about two-thirds of their nearly sixty item agenda.

Among the items discussed was the school's budget, which is to be presented to the Board of Trustees in February. The Board will vote whether to approve the school's budget, so administrators are trying to find ways to keep student costs low while providing the most services.

Also on the agenda was the structural organization of the new Enrollment Management Committee. The Board of Trustees recently approved the committee, intended to deal with admissions. The administrators used part of the retreat to discuss the setup of the new committee.

Administrators also discussed the results of the recent Student Satisfaction Inventory. The survey, consisting of about 100 questions, was given to a number of students at the end of last semester. It compared how important students think an item is to how satisfied they are with that item. One result of the survey that concerned administrators was that although students think the quality of library resources is important, they are generally not satisfied with the resources available. Fuller wonders how much of this response is rooted in students' perceptions of the condition of the building itself, which is due for some minor construction projects. Whatever the case, members of the staff will be working with focus groups of students to correct the problem. The object of these meetings is for the students to generate discussion about the problem and try to unpack some of the real issues.

Professors Honored for Community Service

When Charles and Claity Massey took an interest in a grassroots effort to save Buffalo's St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church in 1987, they never imagined the work that was ahead. They also never imagined the reward.

What was supposed to be a two-year project took 10 years, but in the process it took a deteriorating church and transformed it into the King Urban Life Center, a community center that offers innovative educational programs and services to Buffalo's east side. And the Masseys have been there every step of the way.

For their vision, hard work, and commitment to the people of one of the city's poorest neighborhoods, Charles and Claity Massey have been named recipients of a Sister/Broth-

erhood Award in Community Service/Volunteerism from the National Conference for Community and Justice.

The couple was among a select group of citizens and organizations honored for their exemplary acts and deeds of service to the cause of promoting brotherhood and sisterhood in Buffalo communities.

"It adds legitimacy to the work of the King Center," said Charles. "I feel we are receiving this award as representatives of a core of people that has been involved for more than 10 years in the development of the King Center."

Programs at the King Center include a

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EDITORIAL

Letter from the Editor

David Johnson

How easy it is for us to think we're pulling our own strings sometimes. I mean when we give God the steering wheel we can't expect to still be the helmsman (or helmsperson). After we make God the puppeteer, after we give Him control over the little shows of our life, events sometimes arise when God says—"Hey, I've got a bigger plan."

One such event springs to my mind.

It's the middle of summer camp last year and one day I'm walking to talk to someone. It's been a long day breaking up fights, talking kids out of being homesick and playing the role of general defuser of potentially volatile situations. I wanted to take some time to myself—maybe see what was going on with several friends.

So I'm walking by the outdoor chapel and I see this kid I immediately recognize as one of the week's troublemakers sitting by his lonesome. I'm in a hurry and the last thing I'm in the mood for is a whiny kid going on about another whiny kid saying something about his mother. Yeah that's all I need.

As I try to sneak away a girl's counselor motions to me,

then points to the camper then shrugs her shoulders. I sighed. I can't just walk away now—I have to set an example. With a grumble I approach the kid shouting for him to come over.

So he gets up and jogs to me. I ask him what's wrong and he tells me of the kids who started trouble with him (completely unprovoked too, I thought) and how he took off because he didn't want to get into a fight. He told of his search for a counselor or any authority figure that led him to the outdoor chapel.



"I couldn't find anyone, so I decided to talk to God," he said.

That woke me up. This kid never mentioned word one about God the whole week. It was then I began to feel pretty small. "And what did you say to God?" I asked.

He looked up at me and smiled. "I asked Him to send me someone to help me and make me feel better—and then you came."

That's when I was hit by a strange feeling: at the same time, I felt my heart sink in complete humility and my soul fly in absolute joy. The camper smiled again, then left for his cabin, a noticeable skip in his step. I stood motionless for a while basking in the warmth of God's majesty and shaking my head at His tact. Lesson learned, Sir.

And I was on my way with a noticeable skip in my step.

Thorns and Thistles

John Osae-Kwapong

The pundits as usual were at their predicting best as the country slowly approached another congressional midterm elections. The various races were taking certain shapes and forms which voters began to deplore. The issues out there were centered on social security, education, tax cuts, you name them. One issue which was being avoided a lot was the Bill Clinton scandal. But shortly before the election, out came the campaign ads asking "Will you reward Bill Clinton?" The Democrats were outraged for already the pundits had predicted that the Bill Clinton scandal was really going to hurt them. These ads were run only in selected fourteen congressional districts where the Republicans felt safe that it wouldn't become a backlash. And so the story goes on and on.

But when the elections were over and the results declared, there was shock and disappointment among many people for the pundits had predicted wrongly on who was going to gain how many seats. The Democrats had been dismissed and those who didn't want to push their luck too far gave the Republicans about three senate seats and no more than five congressional seats. Well it turned out that the composition of the Senate didn't change and to everybody's surprise the Democrats picked up five seats in the House of Representatives.

Reactions to the results have varied here at Houghton. For instance, my freshman friend Emily, who happens to be a Republican, is still yet to recover from the disappointment of the victory of Chuck Schumer over Alfonse D'Amato.

The college Republicans seem to be handling it well and I bet the Democrats among us are more than happy. For political pundits like myself, it is time for another commentary.

Nothing surprised people more than the sudden resignation of Newt Gingrich. In his resignation, Newt declared he wasn't going to run for re-election as Speaker of the House and besides he was saying goodbye to life as a public servant in Washington. He was retiring. He was giving up his seat in the house. But why this decision?

His Republican colleagues felt that he had let the party down. He did not effectively communicate the Republican agenda of tax cuts, their way of saving social security for the 21st century etc. In fact the five seats they lost in the House of Representatives was his fault. The long awaited celebration of a big victory had eluded them. The interesting thing is he had declared once before that the Republicans were in for as many as 20 or more seats in the House. Such predictions remind me of an analogy a journalist in my home country once drew between lunacy and politics. However, being the man who did not want to wreck his party any further after stealing Christmas from them, he humbly resigned.

Newt Gingrich will be remembered for being behind the Republican takeover of Congress after forty years in the wilderness. His unfinished 'Contract with America' likewise his violations of House Ethics rules and his relationship with the White House will long be remembered. Bill Clinton referred to him as a worthy adversary. Most important of all he will be remembered for his dedicated service to his country as a congressman.

Stay alive and keep reading.

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the basic building of classrooms needed to open the school next fall. The additional phases will follow as growth in number of students takes place. They hope to have a 70-75% carry over of current WCS students next fall, with an eventual enrollment of 450 students, including two sections for each grade offered.

The South Campus will operate in a similar manner to the current facility. The scheduling of time will work in accordance with the high school. Parents with students at both campuses will be able to drop off their children and pick them up at the same time and at the same place for convenience. It will offer a curriculum for a solid education in the fundamentals while incorporating strong Christian values and principles. Policies for admission will coincide at both campuses, and projected tuition cost is placed at about \$2950 per child. While this cost is slightly less than the current cost at the main campus, a limited amount of financial aid will be available and awarded based on need, not number of students enrolled in the Houghton Academy system. Eventually, they would like tuition fees to equal 85% of income and only 15% in financial aid. The Academy, as a Christian institution,

wants to be good stewards of the money they have been blessed with, but a project and dream of this magnitude cannot be done without expense. They are planning to begin heavy fundraising for the South Campus very soon.

Stockin and the trustees are hoping the new campus will act as a "feeder" school for the high school. They did not want to move the middle and high schools because of the benefit of having access to the College. Presently, the Academy is full to capacity and in need of classroom space. Next year, the sixth graders will move to the new campus, opening up room for more middle and high school courses. The elementary school will use some of the current Academy facilities, such as the gymnasium and auditorium, and office or secretarial services that can function at one location will not be duplicated at the other. Although programs at the South Campus will integrate those at the Main Campus, none of the current teachers will overlap duties at both places.

Applications are already available and have been coming in. Philip Stockin stated that they are looking to the future of the school as well as this area of Western New York. Their goal is to be a "ministry to families in the southern tier," and to follow God where He leads for the expansion of Houghton Academy. Building for the project will begin as weather permits in the spring.

Pioneer: The New Class

Lindsay Ackerman

Big Al's departure has many students wondering who will be replacing him and how things will change in the cafeteria. Due to restructuring, three managers will be taking over. Ed Taylor will be returning to Houghton as Service Manager, and Doug Barry will be filling the Production Manager position, while Fred Libick will be the Food Service Director.

As Service manager, Ed Taylor, who has worked at Houghton before, will be responsible for making sure the food is accessible and attractive. He will also be overseeing the student workers.

Doug Barry, production manager, is new to Houghton, but he is not new to food service. Barry has worked in this field since he was fifteen and has plenty of experience with college catering, specifically at the University of Buffalo. Barry's responsibilities will include purchasing food, equipment, and paper supplies, as well as overseeing production of the food and the menu.

Fred Libick is also new to Houghton and will be serving as the Food Service Director. Libick has been employed by Pioneer Catering for twenty-four years and has traveled from a prep school in Wisconsin to work here. His duty is supervising the whole food service operation, including the service manager and the production manager. He also oversees Big Al's snack shop.

The new managers are planning to make some changes. One of their main goals is to make the food service focused on the college. They plan to stop catering outside com-

munity events in order to dedicate more time to college functions. They have already made some alterations by expanding the food selections and changing what the quad-side and road-side bars offer.

Both Libick and Barry realize that following in Big Al's footsteps will not be easy. Libick said, "We are following a legend. We are asking everyone to give us a chance and prove we can do the job." They welcome student feedback about any changes students would like to see made, and plan to be accessible for student interaction.



photo by David Johnson

Play Profile: Mike Jordan

Rebecca JangDhari

The Houghton Drama Department will be performing the play "To Kill a Mockingbird" on March 18-22. The play, adapted by Christopher Sergel, is

based on Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize novel. The play takes place in Maycomb, Alabama, in 1935. The story is about a young black man accused of raping a white woman, and the lawyer who defends him. Mike Jordan will be playing the main part, the lawyer Atticus Finch.

Mike was born to John and Lois Jordan in Woodstown, NJ. He was originally named John Michael

Jordan, but because he shared the same first name with his father, he was always called Michael. He is quick to point out that he was called Michael Jordan before there was "The Michael Jordan." Upon arriving at Houghton he was embarrassed by this fact, so he let his professors call him John, instead of asking them to call him Mike. But after numerous experiences with the professors calling out "John" and his not answering because he didn't know they were taking to him, he decided to deal with the lesser embarrassment of having such a famous name.

Mike is no stranger to the stage. In his acting career he has participated in 11 plays. In the tenth grade Mike participated in his first play, "Meet Me in St. Louis." One of his more distinguished roles included Colonel Pickering in "My Fair Lady," which he performed his Senior year in high school. More recently his roles have included Teddy in "Arsenic and Old Lace," produced in his

freshman year here at Houghton, and Uncle Ben in "Death of a Salesman" last year. Although Mike has participated in a variety of plays, his most enjoyable time was acting in "The Boor," a play performed during the Tournament of Plays his first year here. For his performance he won the Best Actor Award.

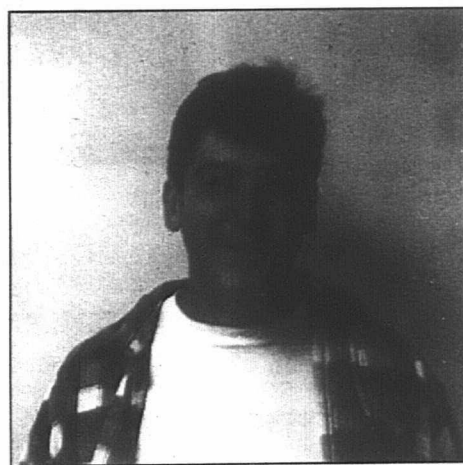


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The Dilemma

Setting a Presidential Precedent

Oliver Gingrich

Everybody is talking about the presidential scandal, if only to complain that it never goes away. The issue has become clouded with personal anger, constitutional confusion, partisan politics, and moralistic condemnation. Even I, a political science major, have become weary of the whole sordid process, even to the point of dreading watching TV for fear of having to endure more details of presidential licentiousness. One thing we all like doing, however, is arguing about it, knowledgeably or otherwise. Before I enter the debate myself, the issue needs to be defined slightly better than most people understand it.

One of the first arguments made in the President's defense is that his relations with his intern were a personal matter, and thus shouldn't affect his position as president. This argument forgets that the reason Monica is important is because she was going to be used as a witness against Clinton in a civil suit, something which is commonly done in harassment trials. Any attempt to either lie about that relationship or cover it up in some way affected that trial, and thus is illegal.

Personal or not, it became a public matter when it affected justice in some way.

Second, the President is on trial for lying in court and obstruction of justice. He is not on trial for being sexually wayward. This distinction is really important because it invalidates the whole argument that "everybody's doing it, so it's okay." Everybody is NOT lying in court about having affairs. People

are having affairs, but it really isn't a legal problem unless it is covered up. Now, whether what he did is clearly lying and obstructing of justice is a different argument that I, as an ca-

then I really don't understand what the term means. However, legal definitions of terms are sometimes

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more specific that how we generally use them.

Third, the biggest argument being made in the President's defense is that, even if convicted of perjury and obstruction of justice, his crimes are not serious enough to remove him from office.

The Constitution says the President can be removed from office for, among other things, "high Crimes and Misdemeanors." So the point is whether perjury and obstruction of justice, to the extent that he may have done them, fall under that category.

That is another legal argument that Constitutional scholars are debating among themselves even now, and to try to contribute my own opinions to such a learned argument seems to me a little pre-

tentious.

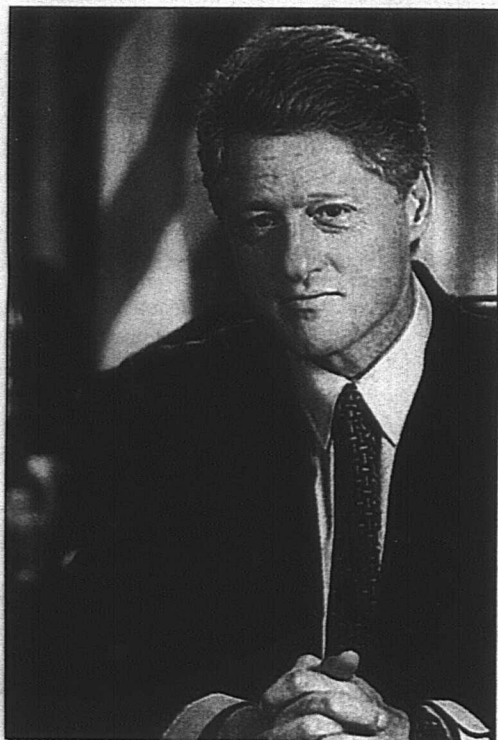
My own final opinion is divided. I try to separate the issue into two categories in my mind: legal and moral. Above, I have outlined what I consider to be the legal arguments. On those, though I like to argue about them with those who have an interest, I withhold judgment. My knowledge is not great enough to allow me to form a definitive opinion about something that is still being tried. I believe that the President has much to answer for, but as to what will happen (to borrow a phrase) the jury's still out.

On the moral issue, however, I certainly condemn what he did as being sinful and a terrible example for a country that considers itself a moral leader (whether we really are is a whole different debate.) However, I am disturbed by certain elements of the Christian population, especially the political faction, when their condemnation goes beyond disagreement

into almost a type of hatred for the man himself. The issues become mixed and debate transforms into a vehemence that is unworthy of the Christian name. To external observers, we are seen as interest group fanatics when we let our anger at injustice and immorality turn into unrea-

soned hatred for the man himself. We need to address the moral and legal issues separately, but most of all, prevent our opinion from turning into the kind of rage that ruins both our witness and our credibility.

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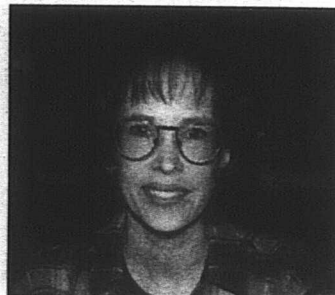
sual observer, am not really qualified to make. My own opinion is that, if what he did ISN'T lying,

Question of the Week: "Should President Clinton be Removed from Office?"



"I don't have an opinion. I'm sick of hearing about it."

--Aaron Rose
(Senior)



"Yes, leaving him in office sends a message that behavior doesn't matter."

--Connie Krause
(Senior)

photos by David Johnson

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We Must Do What is Right

Matt Chesner

Why are the American people so afraid to remove the President from office? Should we not respond when we see evil and try to remove it from our midst? This is not to say that the President himself is an evil man. What he has done however cannot be defended and is not the first example of wrong doing in his administration, but it is the one at hand. This might cause a reader to ask "What did the President do and why is it so bad?" I shall try to answer these questions as simply as possible.

The President lied to the people of America and more importantly to a grand jury. He didn't lie to protect the vital interests of the

United States, or to protect national security or even to protect his family. He lied to protect himself. It was a purely selfish act. This one act has far reaching ramifications. He is now a laughing stock in the international community. Countries like Japan have said that they no longer wish to speak with him because he is untrustworthy. On the domestic side, he has set a terrible example for the children of America and has further degraded the respect that people have for government officials (as if the respect wasn't already lacking).

The penalty for the Obstruction of Justice charge should be even clearer. If the Senators

believe that he has obstructed justice criminally, then they have no choice but to remove him from office. The President hasn't earned the right to his indiscretions or to manipulate the system. He is under the law, and should be held to the same standard that any American would.

The most popular defense put forth for the President is that a majority of Americans think that he shouldn't be removed from office. What the public thinks in this case should hold no more weight than in any other case in the American judicial system. Senators swore when they began this case that they would drop their political prejudices and look at the facts objectively. If they cast their vote with one eye on the polls, then they are dishonoring their oath and

should likewise be removed from their office.

The last defense that many people have of the President is that the work he is doing is too important to remove him from office. No agenda is worth throwing away your core principles to achieve it. Would we in the Christian community tolerate a pastor who was openly doing drugs or having an affair just because he was getting many people saved? Of course not! So why should we allow a President to stay in office who has blatantly committed a crime?

Lying and abuse of power do not need to be part of our government. They can be at least minimized. We must start by removing President Clinton from office, sending a signal that Americans do care about what is right.

High Crimes and Misdemeanors

John Osae-Kwapong

Article II Section 4 of the US constitution reads "the President, Vice-President and all civil officers of the United States shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors." During his testimony before the House Judiciary Committee, historian Arthur Schlesinger stated "lowering the bar to impeachment creates a novel, indeed revolutionary theory of impeachment, a theory that would send us on an adventure with ominous implications for the separation of powers that the constitution established for the basis of our political order." In his support for the Articles of Impeachment against Bill Clinton, congressman Bill McCollum of Florida stated "perjury, obstruction of justice, witness tampering, and bribery of a witness are equally grave crimes that undermine the integrity of the judicial system. To suggest that they do not

rise to the level as contemplated for impeachment by our founding fathers defies both common sense and the state of common law in England at the time the US constitution was written."

For the past year, well learned historians, legal scholars, constitutional scholars, legal analysts, and political pundits and laymen have struggled to clearly define what the founding fathers had in mind when they talked about high crimes and misdemeanors and the continued debate over the issue has polarized our country especially along party lines.

Whatever the founding fathers meant by high crimes and misdemeanors will always be a bone of contention and reasonable people will continue to disagree. The debate is further complicated when the underlying case of the

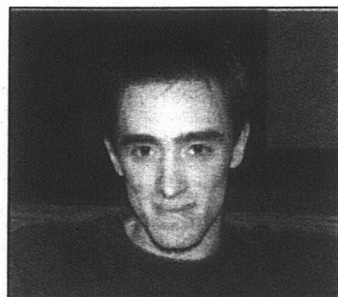
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charges against Bill Clinton is sex. It must, however, be made clear that nobody is seeking the removal of Bill Clinton from office because he had an extramarital affair and it is very unfortunate that such a grave constitutional consequence has come to mean nothing more than a Broadway show.

My least favorite conser-

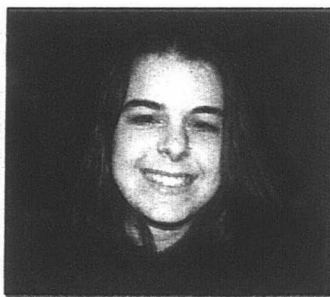
vative commentator William Bennet's book titled *The Death of Outrage: Bill Clinton and the assault on American Ideals* helps confused minds in understanding the case against Bill Clinton. Although very harsh in its rhetoric, Bill Bennet moves from the position of trying to determine specific acts that will fit the definition of high crimes and misdemeanors to a position of understanding and justification for the action taken by the House of Representatives.

As of now it is predictable that the senate will not remove Bill Clinton from office. Whether Bill Clinton stays in office or not is not as important as the precedent that will be set. There is so much at stake in this impeachment trial; the dignity of the office of the president, the efficacy of the judicial system in protecting both the strong and the weak, the institution of politics and the political attitude of the average American. Several decisions have been made during the course of this case by different people and it is my hope that they do not come back to haunt the decision makers.



--Ramon Solis
(Junior)

"No, the reasons aren't adequate enough unless it benefits the country."



--Christen Dupre
(Sophomore)

"No, he doesn't have much time left. I don't think it's worth it."

Caedmon's Call Hitting Houghton

Thomas Scriven

Folk-rock band Caedmon's Call will be performing at Houghton College's Wesley Chapel on Thursday, March 4th at 8:00 PM. Acoustic duo Dog Named David and Americana-folk artist Fred Haring will join Caedmon's Call as opening acts for this tour. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (716) 567-9213.

"We're getting back to what we've always wanted to do: playing on college campuses," founding member and vocalist Danielle Young remarked about the current tour. "It's the kind of music college students want to listen to. We like to think of our music as thinking music. The music doesn't overpower the lyrics. Our songwriters challenge the listeners."

The band's blend of

acoustic-folk sound intertwined with thoughtful lyrics has brought sellout crowds everywhere from Harvard to the University of Missouri to the University of Texas.



Six years ago when the band named itself after a medieval monk who couldn't sing, they began playing classroom-sized audiences at Texas colleges. Caedmon's Call has grown since those days with ac-

complishments including album sales exceeding 250,000 worldwide, several national tours comprising over 300 dates, and a deal with a major label.

Caedmon's Call signed with Essential Records last year because of a shared interest in connecting with college students. The label gives the band the freedom to make de-

cisions not only about artistry, but also about business. Caedmon's Call's first album with Essential, entitled *Forty Acres*, is slated to release on April 13th of this year.

"Our next album is going to be a lot more raw, not as produced. We are so much stronger with our focus now. We were naïve before. We didn't know we could say no. I think we're more hardcore independent even with a new, big label," Young said.

The band's independent roots got back to 1992, when the group formed and began shuttling to nearby college campuses performing for a handful of students. As word of their music spread, they began playing to regional colleges and universities throughout the Mid-West and Southeast. They

also produced two independent CDs, which prompted *Musician Magazine* to name Caedmon's Call one of the best unsigned bands in America in 1996.

Their self-titled album, nationally released in 1997, debuted at #1 on the *Billboard Magazine* Heat Seekers sales charts. Their video for "Hope to Carry On" garnered a nomination for a *Billboard Magazine* Music Video Award.

Caedmon's Call now includes vocalists and guitarists Cliff Young and Derek Webb, vocalist Danielle Young, drummer Todd Bragg, percussionist Garrett Buell, bassist Aric Nitzberg, and Hammond B-3 organist Randy Holsapple.



Professors Honored Cont.

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Spotlight on Faculty: Heidi Arnold

Liana Weirich

After Dr. Sue Crider, the only female in the English/Communication department, left for New Zealand, Miss Heidi Arnold came in to "fill her shoes."

Originally from Zanesville, Ohio, Heidi went to Ohio University for her Bachelor's in Journalism — specializing in Advertising. After graduation, she worked briefly for a newspaper, then began teaching English and Communication classes at a Tech College. "It was quite different from Houghton. The students' ages ranged from 18-70 years old." When she finished teaching she tried her hand at writing for a magazine, doing some designing, and Public Relations work for a calendar company. Heidi then went back to school for her Masters in Interpersonal Communication at Ohio University. When she finished, "I went back to teaching... that's really been my passion all along."

So, how did Heidi land in Houghton? She simply began looking for job opportunities, saw Houghton advertised in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, and applied. "I really didn't know where Houghton was, how to pronounce it or anything — and suddenly I got a call from Dr. Gaerte. When he told me that he would like me to come interview I had to begin doing some research on Houghton."



photo courtesy of Heidi Arnold

Now she has arrived and has really enjoyed her first semester here. "I am shocked at the sense of community here. I have found myself in the house of 'strangers,' eating dinner...everyone is so friendly, respectful, and accepting here. I am glad that I have the opportunity to be here and work with everyone."

In her free time Heidi enjoys walking, reading for pleasure, working on scrapbooks, doing crafts and rollerblading — though she hasn't found the 'perfect location' to do that at Houghton yet. She also likes to collect colorful fish paraphernalia and cook. She hopes to do some missionary traveling in the future... hopefully to Africa with a Wycliffe team. In the meantime, "Crayons, scissors, construction paper, glue are all my friends. I like to be creative." Those of us who have had her for class have definitely enjoyed her creativity, kindness, and dedication she has given to us all. Welcome to Houghton, Professor Arnold!

four classroom public school for pre kindergarten to second-grade students; the Wee Read beginning literacy program; after school computer enrichment programs; weekend reading programs; an adult literacy program; and a sewing class.

The Masseys came to Houghton in 1976 to teach in the education department. Later, after serving four years as dean of students, Charles took the position of dean of Houghton's West Seneca campus. The move to that location opened their eyes to the needs in the city and led to their involvement with the King Center.

While continuing their teaching responsibilities at Houghton, the Masseys have served in a variety of capacities at the King Center, from helping to secure grants to developing the program's focus, including

working with the early childhood school and the use of innovative technology.

"What has been critical to our involvement is Houghton College's encouragement," said Charles. "They made it easier for us to pursue these efforts in the city."

They moved to Buffalo in 1989 to be closer to the work, and today Claity serves as the director of the King Center while Charles is on the board of directors. They continue to share a teaching position at Houghton and supervise student teachers in the city.

For merly known as the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the NCCJ is dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism in America.

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LIGHTER SIDE

The Southside Files

Southside Jim

You know, we watched some pretty crazy television when we were kids. I mean sure, the stuff on today doesn't always operate within the realm of reason (Have you seen the "Teletubbies?" If those things aren't ripped directly from my nightmares then I don't know what is.) But several shows stand out in my mind, shows I recall from yesteryear, that just scream: "I was sniffing paint thinner behind my uncle's garage yesterday, and I came up with a great idea for a cartoon show!" So here is my abridged guide to whacked-out cartoons.

Teen Car. Synopsis: A teenage boy is driving his brand new red sports car on a mountain, in the middle of a storm, when lightning falls a tree branch, causing the car to careen off the side of the road and crash into a top-secret laboratory and right in front of an experimental laser beam. ZAP, and the boy and the car become one. Question 1: What kind of laboratory are we talking about here that would waste millions of government dollars to build a laser that combines people with machinery—probably the same one responsible for Al Gore. So anyway, this poor kid changes into a car when he gets warm and changes back to a human after cooling off. Well, gym class must at least be interesting. And was he a standard or automatic, because if he was a stick-shift...never mind. * * * * * (out of five)

The Smurfs. Synopsis: A bunch of blue, mushroom-dwelling midgets running around. I

know this is an obvious choice, not just because of its occultic parallels, but due to the age-old question of why Smurfette was the only female in the village. But you know I don't think there's any hanky-panky involved. In fact, I think the Smurfs procreated asexually, by budding. Did you notice those blue bumps on their posterior? Yep, you guessed it—new Smurfs. * * *

Superfriends. Synopsis: A group of the world's most powerful (and trivial) super heroes band together to fight against forces of evil and spandex-rashes. I just want to concentrate on two "superfriends" in particular: The Wonder Twins. Wow, if I were a criminal, nothing would strike fear in me as much as that name. So, anyway, when the twins put their super rings together they can transform into an assortment of things. The girl can turn into pretty much anything, but the guy—talk about being dealt a bad hand—can only become objects related to water. So basically all he's really good for is putting out fires, saving goldfish and mopping up after his sister. * * *

Mr. T and the Teen All-Stars. Synopsis: Mr. T fraternizes with a group of adolescent gymnasts. Wow, nothing says excitement to me like Mr. T and somersaults. And I can imagine the pure horror of the bad guys when they realize their foes are world-class teenage gymnasts: "Hello, Dr. Death. I challenge you...to the uneven bars!" * * *

That's all for now, gotta go watch Teletubbies....

"Sesame Street Live" Audition to be Held in Buffalo

(Buffalo, NY) **SESAME STREET LIVE** is in town and is holding special auditions for the 1999-2000 tour as well as for future replacement positions.

For dull-body costume characters, female and male applicants must be versatile with strong technical ability in jazz and musical dance styles. We require dancers who can act and actors who can dance in the height range of 5'0" to 6'1". Gymnastics, tap, and roller-skating are pluses. Dance combinations will be taught.

All live character positions are for male performers. Applicants must be able to sing, act, and move well. To be considered for these characters, prepare ballad and up tempo selections (acapella or instrumental tape). Monologues from the show will be

provided and a dance combination will be taught.

Tours will run approximately nine months throughout the United States and Canada.

For consideration, please bring a picture and resume and wear or bring dance attire. Performers must be 18 or older.

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26, 1999
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One Symphony Circle
Buffalo, NY 14203
(Use backstage entrance off
Normal Street)**

For additional audition information call Vee Corporation's Audition Hotline, (612) 375-9670, ext. 704 or go to sesamestreetlive.com

CD Review: Burlap to Cashmere Anybody Out There?

Tim Graffam

Burlap To Cashmere is about the most hyped band the Christian music scene has experienced in recent memory. They actually pulled a backwards cross-over after signing to a major secular label then specifically seeking out a Christian outlet (We're always behind). CCM claims they are one of the few artists to lead Christian music into the future. 7Ball and Release magazines have followed suit with claims of musical supremacy. Highly respected artists such as Phil Keaggy and Jars Of Clay have offered nothing but praise regarding the group and their live show. Friends I've talked to assured me the album and live show are nothing short of fantastic. Those facts having been relayed, I suppose I could just say "Uhh...What they said," but maybe I can elaborate a little.

It is impossible to pigeon-hole Burlap To Cashmere, so I won't even try. When I listen to their debut album, *Anybody Out There?*, I hear some Simon &

Garfunkel, A healthy dose of Rusted Root, a bit of Jars Of Clay, and some Barenaked Ladies thrown in for good measure. That's only my assessment, I'm sure each individual fan hears countless other comparisons. That's how diverse the band is.

The band also displays a crisp tightness that sets them apart from other acts. Each of the musicians plays with tremendous sharpness that flows into a cohesive product. The thoughtful and intelligent lyrics are sung with conviction, with nifty melodies and flowing harmonies. Every time I listen to the CD I hear subtleties I missed last listen.

After getting the disc and frequently spinning it, I can say that the band really does live up to the hype. For anyone interested in acoustically based modern rock with plenty of flavor, this album is mandatory. In the Christian realm, they are similar to Jars Of Clay or Smalltown Poets, only better. With its tightness, attention to detail, and balance of subtle and flavorful, it's an album that only gets better with age.

Bachelor-of-the-Week: Oliver Gingrich

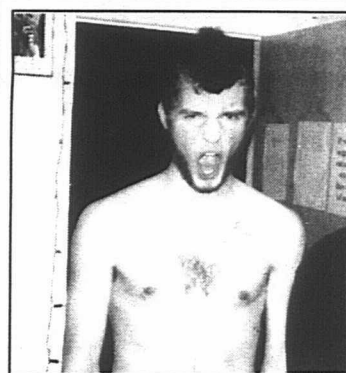
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- Guitar-playing

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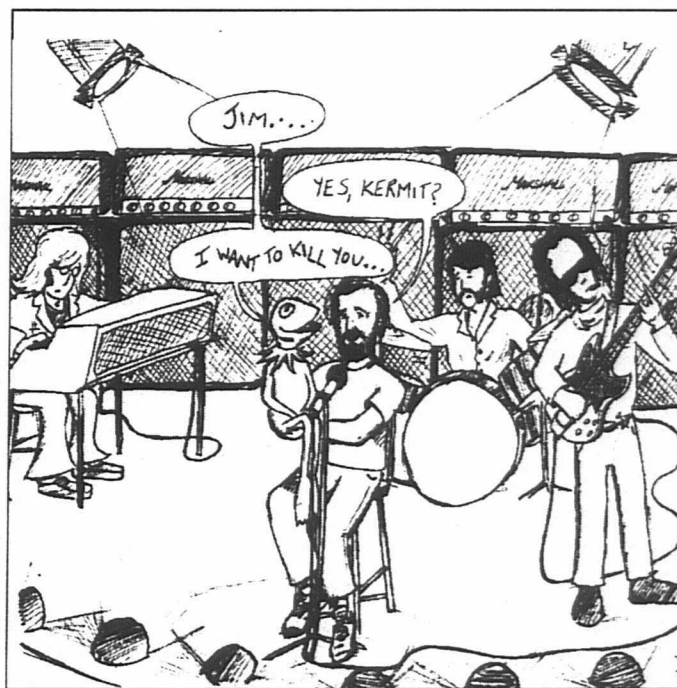
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Quote: "I am not a freak"



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Jim Henson and the Doors

SPORTS

Houghton Sports Week in Review

Winter Sports Score Box

Men's Basketball (4-14)

Saturday 1/30
Houghton: 62, Mt. Aloysius: 66

Women's Basketball (11-5)

Saturday 1/30
Houghton: 83, Mt. Aloysius: 59

Intramural Sports

Men's Indoor Soccer

Amos	3-6
Acid Reflex	7-2
Dagoretti Speedsters	4-5
The "Fresh" Men	3-6
FC Cervantes	7-3
Mac's Rack	1-8
Pork Rinds	4-5
Quiet Riot	7-1
Red Thunder	4-4
Sound Dachsumd	0-8
Venetian Streaker	8-0

Men's Basketball

A.C. and the Southside Bunch	3-4
All About the Ladies	1-6
California Dreams	2-5
Chicks Hate Us	4-4
Dream Team	6-3
Dogpile: The New Squad	1-6
Fury	1-6
Mo and the Pips	5-1
Serving His Excellent Name	5-3
That Team	5-2
VW Crew	7-0

Women's Indoor Soccer

Bakudan	5-4
Black Knights	8-0
Collision Position	4-3
Dawn Treaders	3-6
Funky Rainbow Butterflies	1-9
Hat Trick Honeys	6-3
BOB	2-7
Irma's Rump Rangers	4-5
Nabbers	6-2
Party 2 Go	7-1
Slap-In-The-Face	5-3
Women	0-8

Women's Basketball

Better With Our Feet	6-0
Chai Shakers	4-2
The Chosen	6-1
The Dendrites	2-6
Dribblers	2-5
Junpin' Juniors	4-4
Lam Loggers	2-6
The Mighty Mighty Puffins	6-1
The Mighty Moshika's	4-3
Tough Love	0-8

Women's Basketball

Mount Aloysius was visiting over the weekend and had no idea what was in store for them against the Houghton women's basketball team. The Lady Highlanders made short work of the visitors, soundly thumping them 83-59 in the Northeast Atlantic Conference match-up.

Wendy Ivey led the attack with 15 points, seven rebounds, three assists and five steals. Amie Fells and Libby Shaw each contributed 14 points with Fells corraling six rebounds as well. Alicia Campbell chipped in 12 points and two assists. With the win, the Lady Highlanders enjoy a 14-5 record overall and 4-1 standing in the conference. Houghton next faces the University of Pitt-Bradford Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball

In a raucous thriller, the Houghton men dropped a close game to Mount Aloysius, 66-62. Houghton fell behind early but scratched and clawed their way back into it, at one time snagging a four point lead. Unfortunately, Mount Aloysius left with the win.

Todd Kleitz led the team with 16 points and three steals. John Cole was a beast in the pivot logging in 11 points, nine rebounds, three assists and three blocks. Kurt Sauder wowed the crowd with ten points and Jesse

see the bleachers teem with spirit. The men are next in action, Wednesday at 8 p.m. against the University of Pitt-Bradford.

Pizza Extravaganza

How does an all-expense paid super-duper mega-deluxe pizza part for you and 19 other people sound? Well it should sound pretty darn exciting! The Houghton College athletic department can make that dream come true, and all you have to do to get a chance at pizza bliss is to sink a half-court shot. That's right, at every half-time of a Houghton home basketball game, you are given the chance to showcase your half-court shooting prowess. If you make it, not only can you win a free pizza, T-shirt or a gift certificate to the concessions stand, but you immediately qualify for the grand-prize

shoot-out of the twenty-person pizza party! At the last home game, all the contestants will duke it out at half-court for bragging rights and enough pizza to feed the island of Guam. So come cheer Houghton on and take your shot at pizza heaven.

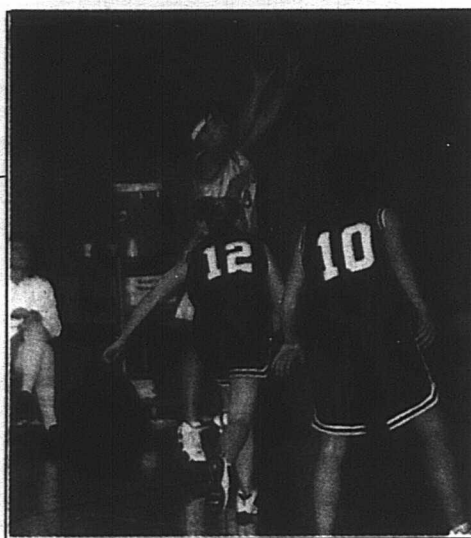


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All eyes affixed on the most treasured spherical object which embodies the primal energy of a little game called...basketball

This Guy Can Run Real Fast

Player Profile: Matt Dougherty

Judy Johnson

Meet Matt Dougherty, one of Houghton's three-sport athletes. The common denominator for Matt is running. He competes in cross country, indoor and outdoor track. Cross-country is his first love because he enjoys distance running and being outdoors. Matt has been very successful at Houghton. This year he co-captained the men's cross-country team that was the Northeast Atlantic Conference champions, and he individually qualified and ran at Nationals. In his freshman campaign last year, he was part of two record setting relay teams for the outdoor track team. Matt started running competitively in junior high. From an early age, Matt recognized that he enjoyed running and he was good at it. His father was a big influence in encouraging him to pursue his

talent. Running isn't Matt's only talent or interest. He also is a snowshoe racer. For those who don't know, snowshoe racing is a lot like cross-country racing but held during the winter. Matt compares it to

will only shyly admit that in tenth grade he set the world record for the fastest 8km snowshoe race. He also loves skiing and other outdoor activities, like rock-climbing and hiking. Matt hopes to use these interests to serve God in a career. Matt is an outdoor recreation major with an education minor. He plans to work at a specialized camp for 'at risk' kids, sharing with them what he loves... God and His Creation. He is also interested in developing some kind of outdoor sports camp cross-culturally to reach children in other countries with the Gospel. This year Matt says he has really focused his time on his sports and academics. He is committed to succeeding both in the classroom and on the track. This commitment and his love for the Lord shows, as he serves Christ through his feet.

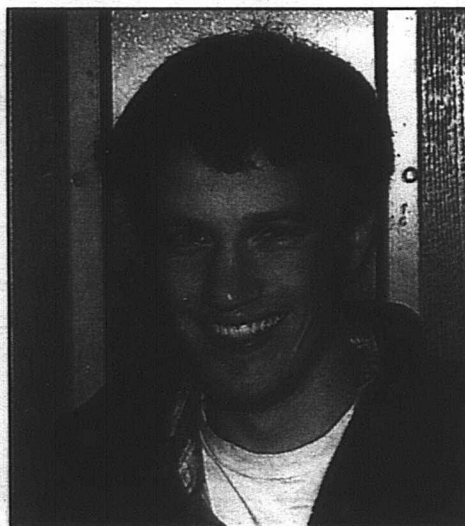


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running on the beach, except with more resistance because of the weight of snow on your shoes. He