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Revamping the Campus

Tim Graffam

The onset of a new year at Houghton College always means new faces in the crowd, but with this year comes a new face to the entire campus. Various crews have worked throughout the summer constructing, altering, or removing campus features large and small. "The campus has been buzzing with activity all summer. It's all very exciting for the entire college community," said English Professor, Star advisor, and Houghton resident Bruce Brenneman of the changes.

Modifications to the campus are numerous and range from subtle (new signs around campus) to sublime (the dining hall), functional (the greenhouse) to funky (a yel-

low Volkswagen Bug), unassuming (the refaced Physical Education Center) to unfinished (the Hazlett townhouses), and transparent (the new look WJSL) to apparent (the Center for the Arts). First year students are now fully enjoying the accommodations that may only have been ideas on a drawing board when they had their first campus visit, and returning students have the opportunity to rediscover Houghton. It is a campus revamped.

(For more information regarding the construction and other changes implemented over the summer, see the articles on WJSL, the new vehicles, personnel changes, the new phone system, and the "Campus Renovations" feature on pages 4 and 5.)

WJSL Vies for New Format

Station Gets Facelift, Anticipates Low Power Licensing

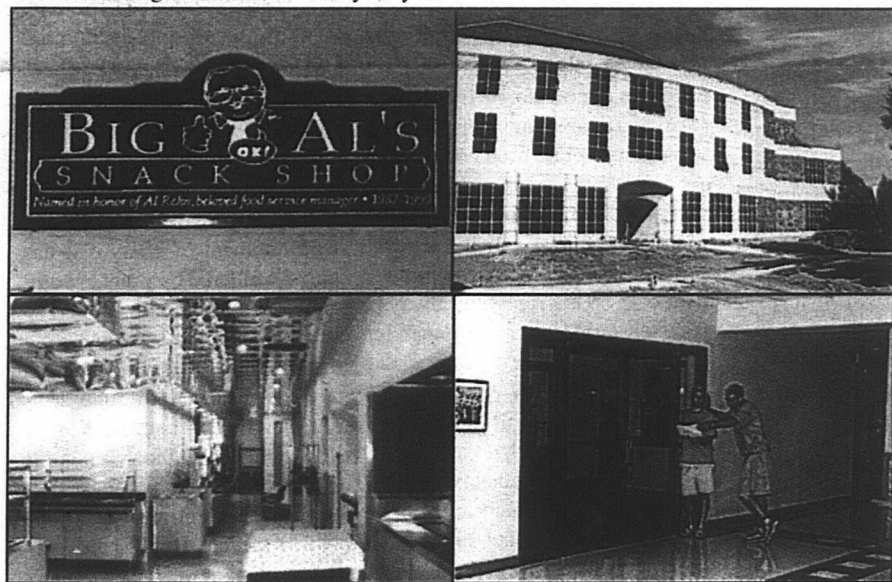
Tim Graffam

The invisible voice of Houghton College is doing its best to crawl out of the shadows. Often overlooked campus radio station WJSL has gotten a facelift structurally and is attempting a format modification to put the College back into college radio.

Structural alterations at the station, located in the lower level of the Reinhold Campus Center, were funded by the Student Government Association and nearly completed over the summer. The renovations include the addition of many windows, including glass doors facing into Big Al's Snack Shop. The doors, according to the station's faculty advisor Doug Gaerte, have been implemented to make the station more student-friendly and accessible. There are a few tasks yet to be completed, such as carpeting the floor (crews are busy with the Hazlett townhouses and the Center for the Arts) and installing some furniture.

The format changes began by taking steps to ensure the College audience and surrounding community are the station's focal points. Notice from the Federal Communications Commission was received during the summer officially turning WJSL 90.3 over to WXXI out of Rochester, thus classical music replaced the customary contemporary Christian music. Though the call letters WJSL are currently still attached to the 90.3 frequency, they will be returned at a new frequency pending approval by the FCC of a low power station out of Houghton. The FCC has been running a nationwide public comment period to more accurately evaluate the value of licensing low power stations. That period is to end September 1st, after which the FCC will begin reviewing low

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Photos by Tim Graffam

Phone Frustration Worth Hassle

Caryn Hanks

Ring. Ring. Ring. "Please hold for (your name)!" Gone are the days of corny answering machine messages and static-filled recordings. Houghton has leapt on to the high-tech wonders of voice mail. But why the change? The old ACC system worked most of the time. Okay... part of the time. So maybe the minute-by-minute charges paled the cost of the new Center for the Arts and our extension numbers changed every year. Maybe ACC was about as year 2000-compliant as the IRS.

We didn't know any better.

But, this summer a change took place that would have forced every penny-pinching college student to wince. ACC was bought by AT&T, a merger that would have cost you and me a line-charge of up to \$20 a month on top of our regular phone bill. Adding yet another charge to our accounts was unacceptable to Jeff Spear, Vice President for Finance. His goal was to find a phone system that gave us more options without costing more. A major require-

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EDITORIAL

Letter from the Editor

Tim Graffam

I have to be honest. This paper was supposed to be in your hands yesterday. "So what," you say, it's only one day. Maybe so, but to me it's more than that.

I had been working for the past two days straight. It was getting late (by that time you could probably say early), and the computer was driving me crazy. I still had three articles to write, the stupid printer wouldn't print, and the all the pictures wouldn't fit on the zip disk. I couldn't do it. I couldn't even get through the first issue without feeling the failure of breaking my first deadline and letting the rest of the staff down. Those thoughts weighed heavily on me so I went home to sleep. When the going gets tough, I crawl into bed.

The situation reminded me of an episode of "The Simpsons" when Homer gave his son Bart some sagely advice after he suffered a disappointment: "There, there boy. You tried your best, and you failed miserably. The lesson is...never try."

Never try. Of course I know Homer's words were meant to be comedic for the sake of the show, but often I find myself echoing his sentiment on the value of putting forth one's best effort. Call me one of those glass-is-half-empty people, a cynic, or a skeptic.

Or maybe a realist.

I came to school with great expectations for my senior year. One late paper does not an entire year ruin, but it would've been nice to get off on the right foot, especially with regards to the paper, the one thing I've taken most seriously here at Houghton over the last few years. At the end of last semester I

hoped the first editorial would be about my wondrous summer and include grandiose plans for the coming year. Well, the summer wasn't so wondrous and those grandiose plans are starting to

seem like delusions of grandeur. It wasn't even a day into the semester when I was already stressing like never before in my college experience.

So why try?

2 Timothy 4:7. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

When the time comes, I want to say those words and believe them, and there's only one way to do that.

So I woke up the next morning and, low and behold, it was a new day. The world hadn't come to an end because I missed my first deadline, even though the night before I acted like it would. Though I still fight the urge to take Homer's advice, I went on to finish the paper effectively, and ended up with a subtle reminder that I will never and could never finish these papers, this school year, or this life on my own.

Character, Presidential Candidates and Voter's Choice

John Osae-Kwapong

"There is no evidence. All it is is rumors being pushed by political opponents. I think legitimate journalists can ask questions if there are charges or if there is evidence that there is something wrong. But to be fishing and running around asking questions and creating this whole aura that there is something sinister in

someone's background, I just don't think it's responsible or legitimate." (House Majority Whip Tom Delay of Texas.)

"I think anything that involves a felony, I don't see how you are going to be able to get away from it. These are important questions. It does go to law enforcement. I don't think we can say to our kids, Look this is important and we are serious about it and then sort of coy when it comes to a question about it." (Gary Bauer republican presidential candidate.)

The above statements are in reference to George Bush Jr.'s refusal to answer completely whether or not he used cocaine in As the debate raged for days only one question came to mind: "How much of the past can we legitimately ask of our Presidential candidates?" This question always receives varied responses depending on whom you ask. There are those who sincerely believe anyone seeking public office must be fully scrutinized if that means going back to the very day he or she was born. Then there are those who wonder how much of a bearing past mistakes have on the ability of public servants to perform

their duties in the present especially if they make a claim of repentance and having learned from those mistakes.

Whichever way one chooses to answer this question there is little or no disagreement that character and public office are inseparable. But when the issue of one's character becomes a criterion for one's qualification to hold elected public office, it behooves the people to make that determination. As one of George Bush Jr.'s advisors put it, "I think ultimately the

voters will have a sense that the governor has admitted to mistakes that were made in his youth and that they will fall into two camps. Either they respect that position or they disagree with it in which case they will find another candidate."

As indicated by a poll conducted by Yankelovich Partners, 84% of the American people do not believe past cocaine use disqualifies one from holding the office of President of the United States of America.

As the people decide how much character comes to play in their choice of president, I am reminded of a quote by Dan Coates, a US Senator I first read in the Houghton Bagpipe. It reads, "Character cannot be summoned at the moment of crisis if it has been squandered by years of compromise and rationalization. The only testing ground for the heroic is the mundane. The only preparation for the one profound decision which can change a life, or even a nation, is those hundreds of half-conscious, self-defining, seemingly insignificant decisions made in private. Habit is the daily battleground of character."

A Word from the SGA

Welcome!! To all our new students it is our hope and prayer that you will find at Houghton, the love and grace of the God we so faithfully serve and the love and care of the administration, faculty, staff and your fellow students. To our returning students we are grateful to God for making it possible for you to come back for yet another academic year. We in the SGA are ready to serve you and together we hope we can make the best of all the opportunities this year presents. We would like to share with you our vision for the coming year. Once again, welcome and God bless you all.

Vision 2000

As the Student Government Association defines itself fully by building on a foundation of past accomplishments and improving upon its weaknesses, we hope to become a better student serving institution, work closely with other student clubs and organization, promote the celebration of our diversity, and contribute towards maintaining Houghton College's commitment to Christian values and principles.

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Phones cont.

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ment for this new system was voicemail that allowed each student a private mailbox. But a switchboard with those kinds of capabilities does not come cheaply. This summer Jeff Spear worked with a dealer to find the college a phone system with a 6,000 line capacity. If bought new, this system, a Nortel series 81, would have cost around \$2 million. But, as a used system, the price tag with installation dropped to only \$80,000.

The new phone system sports a flat 12 cents a minute rate in the continental US with no additional line charges. Each person will also be able to keep the same phone number and long distance code for all four years, as long as

he or she remains in college owned housing. The only down-side to the new system is that all international calls except Canada will require a phone card.

Although it is a hassle to learn the ropes of a new phone system, the cheaper rates (down from 15 to 20 cents a minute with ACC) and voicemail capabilities of this system make it worth a few fleeting moments of frustration. So, while you're holding for that special someone, reminisce about the good old days of leaving a message after the beep.

Questions about the new phone system or problems with your mailbox can be sent to Telephones@Houghton.edu.

Meet the Beetle

Houghton Fleet Doubly Unique

Tim Graffam

It has been a banner year for Houghton College's fleet of automobiles. Each year Houghton purchases a few cars to add to their fleet, which now stands at 16 cars (mostly Chevy Lumina) and eight vans, and this year has seen the addition of two unique vehicles as well as markings making obvious to whom these vehicles belong.

The most striking addition is a sunny yellow Volkswagen Beetle many have already seen tooling around campus. Many students I spoke with regarding the car thought a Volkswagen Beetle seems expensive and impractical. "Not so," says Houghton Vice President of Finance Jeff Spear. "The Beetle was cheaper than the Lumina we purchase, and they hold their resale value much better."

And about the impracticality? Though Spear concedes there could be a bit more headroom, he contends, "Most traveling is done by only one or two people at a time." Spear believes the vehicle adds a progressive touch that is consistent with the direction Houghton College on the whole has been heading.

For the fall semester the car will be used only by the admission office for tasks such as meeting prospective students and Spear believes the car will be more impressive to the younger generation, sparking conversation, loosening tensions, and creating a different kind of image. "It's progressive, with no additional dollars spent," concluded Spear.

The other less obvious vehicle new to Houghton's fleet is the one powered by electricity. The dark blue Ford Ranger EV (Electric Vehicle) is the only electric vehicle owned by a private

entity in New York State. Houghton has it under a demonstration program from the Ford Motor Company with a reduced cost lease and unlimited mileage for three years, after which Houghton will have the opportunity to purchase the truck. Houghton's energy provider has made a standing donation to pay for the electricity used to charge the vehicle. The truck runs on a nickel metal hydride battery that is good for up to 70 miles per charge.

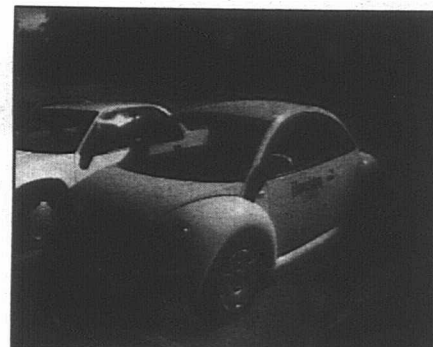


Photo by Tim Graffam

Does Houghton really need an electric vehicle? Again Jeff Spear says "Why not? The vehicle is good for short hauls to surrounding places such as Belfast, Arcade, and Fillmore," says Spear, "and it is environmentally sound." Maintenance puts the truck to use for tasks around campus and the vehicle has also attracted some very good press, as it has garnered attention from many surrounding media outlets including Buffalo's Channel 4 News and the Olean Times Herald.

Plans for the vehicle include the installation of a charger at the West Seneca campus, meaning an individual could drive the car to the West Seneca, charge it during the day's work (it takes six hours to charge), and drive it back to Houghton at the end of the day. The electric vehicle is parked at maintenance.

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Help Desk Moves to McMillen

Dionne Miller

Technology Service's Helpdesk, previously located in the basement of the Campus Center, has moved to a new location on the main floor of McMillan House. To find this much needed help, follow the road behind Luckey Building, toward Centerville road. McMillen is a stone house located on your left. Minimal parking is available there.

The Help Desk will function much like it did previously. Cindy Lastoria remains the Help Desk coordinator, and 1999 Houghton graduate Seth Taylor becomes the newly acquired Help

Desk Technician. Students can go to these qualified personnel for problems with their Laptops, e-mail accounts, and telephone questions. Hours for assistance will be Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; for help during non-business hours students can either leave messages at ext.-3490, or e-mail them at: helpdesk@houghton.edu.

Technology Services main office will continue to function from the Science Building, and won't be moving any time soon. The Print Center remains in the Campus Center basement and will post hours once classes begin.

Hazlett Townhouses

Late Start, Schedule Conflicts Cause Delay

Tim Graffam

When asked about the current condition of Houghton's new Hazlett Townhouses, located in the same lot as Leonard Houghton townhouses across from the BP and standing where Hazlett house once stood, project coordinator Ken Nielsen stated simply, "We needed another week."

Nielsen explained there are many factors contributing to the project incompleteness. "The project began late. Excavation of the site didn't begin until the first week in June," explained

Nielsen. Some quick math reveals that left under three months to complete a fairly extensive building project. Other production snags include the demolition of Hazlett house and laborers crowded schedules and commitments to other jobs. Along with difficulty scheduling contractors, according to Vice President of Fi-



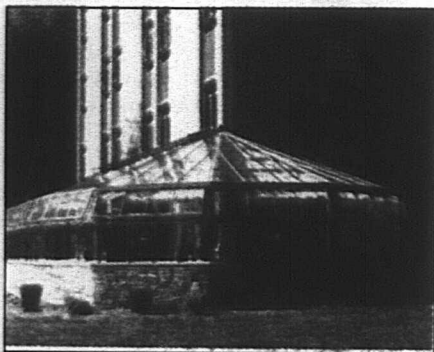
Living room of Hazlett number one

The New Greenhouse

Leaky Rooftop Greenhouse Finally Replaced

Dionne Miller

Our environment fans young and old cannot help noticing the addition of a fully functioning greenhouse on the parking lot side of the science building. The previous green house located on the roof of the Stephen Paine science building suffered



The greenhouse hugs the corner from a water leak that grew progressively worse over time to the

point of being unfixable. Important to the study of science, a new greenhouse became a priority.

Once again our financial Superman, Jeff Spear, came to the rescue with money left to the college. Money from The Margaret Bush Estate allowed the project to get underway. The beautiful new facility will function on its own heating system to remain independent from the heating and cooling in the Stephen Paine Science Building. Light fixtures are still on the way and the heating is yet to reach completion. The primary functions of the greenhouse will be academic and experimental.

Plants used for decorating the campus will be grown and maintained in a smaller greenhouse, located near the maintenance building

nance Jeff Spear, "There have been material shortages." He cited dry wall specifically as a tough commodity to come by.

Currently townhouses one, two, and three are awaiting completion and are expected to be done by the end of the week. The most important task to be finished is the installation of carpeting in the hallways and living room. After the carpeting is in, furniture and appliances can finally be moved in as well. Other tasks include finishing work on back porches, installing handrails, and

siding the last of the exterior.

Says Spear of the situation, "We were pleased to get students moved in to the facility, though obviously we were not pleased with the facility itself." He added that residents of the unfinished townhouses have full board privileges until the kitchens and appliances are fully functional.

Students are taking the hassles in stride. "Though I am dissatisfied they aren't finished," said resident Monica Sams, "from the looks of it they'll be very nice when they're finally done"

The Physical Education Center

PEC Done with Creekstone, Bleachers Erected

Dionne Miller

Students returning to Houghton for another year will quickly notice some changes made to the Physical Education Center and the soccer field.

Last semester, the *Star* reported the plan to re-face the gym; however, having it reach completion so quickly came as a surprise. The old facing grew weary over time with the cracking and flaking of the building's original surface. Other blemishes began to appear. A friend of Houghton College approached Vice President of Finance, Jeff Spear, with the idea of changing the facing altogether. His thought was to incorporate the creek stone theme of other campus buildings. As can be seen, it worked beautifully.

The construction crew working on the Center for the Arts used similar materials to execute the PEC re-facing in a timely fashion. It should also be mentioned this approach saved money for the college. Workers put in many hours at the gym to

have it completed as soon as possible.

Along with a "new" looking facility, new bleachers now accommodate soccer fans. This idea was born last year with the stadium and practice fields reaching completion. The bleachers seat about 1300 fans away from the field, providing an adequate view of the game over those standing along the fence. Two 18x20 foot buildings are on the way for equipment storage and concessions. The new concession stand is designed to offer a way to watch the game while working and purchasing concessions. A press box is also



The revitalized face of the gym

scheduled to arrive and money will be raised to add a PA system. Total price for the stands and buildings will reach nearly \$200,000; however, all is covered by the Projects Fund and will not directly affect tuition.

Question of the Week: "What do you think of the 'new look' Houghton?"



-- Julia Jancek
(Senior)

"All the new construction is great, but they could have left the phones alone."



-- Jim Ulrich
(Senior)

"I dig the yellow VW Bug. It's so cute!"

Renovations

The Dining Hall

Functionally Funky

Dionne Miller

One aspect of the college most dramatically renovated is the Reinhold Dining Room (AKA: the cafeteria, dining hall, etc.). The newly painted gray staircase in the Campus Center leads to a land of endless food choices and mirrored ceilings. One can't help but notice the new motif and wonder where the idea for such a revamping originated.

Ellen Metty of Metty Design agreed to talk with me about her role in the changes. Ms. Metty became familiar with Houghton College when she was commissioned to design and decorate a conference room and lobby area at Houghton's West Seneca campus. Due to insufficient funds, the project is awaiting completion. Jeff Spear, Vice President of Finance here at Houghton's main campus, contacted Ms. Metty to request her services in the dining room renovations. His desire was for something more modern. She recognized the previous décor needed to be updated, so last March she sat down with some students to find out what we would

desire in a functioning dining facility. "More Modernization" seemed to be the recurring theme. She thought a mall food court type set up would be fun and would work with the new serving ideas put forth by Pioneer College Caterers. The ceiling idea came straight from a food court in the Factory Outlet Mall, and the coming addition of Neon fixtures should add to this highly fashionable theme. Ms. Metty stated the painting of the stairs occurred because of "clashing" with the modernization. The stairs will be eventually redone with tempered glass and chrome to fit with the up-stairs motif.

The new serving equipment purchased for the dining room closely follows the "food court" concept. Fred Libick, the man in charge of food service, explained the new setup. He wanted

to get away from the "one-line only" approach and create more of a scatter system. Pioneer expanded the self-cook area and deli bars. The self-cook will be available at all three meals leaving options for creating fresh egg omelets in the morning and your choice of stir-fry at lunch and dinner. Freshly



The dining hall has landed

grilled items and Big Al's famous pizza will be served daily along with traditional entrees and a guar-

anteed vegetarian item. At dinner, meats will be carved to order. The specialty items will continue rotating and the breakfast bar will consistently offer college staples: cereal, bagels, and toast. The new setup offers over 27 cold drink options and new hot beverages for those cold Houghton days ahead. Desserts and fresh fruit are still offered and the soup and salad carts

remain out front for convenience. Mr. Libick stated that specialty items such as fresh baked bread, hot pretzels, and the ever popular chocolate chip cookies, will still be offered on the days and nights that they have been previously. The theme dinners we have all grown to love and anticipate will remain a monthly affair. Mr. Libick also informed me that although weekend meals will offer less than that of full functioning school days, meals on Saturday and Sunday will not be as scarce as in the past. A key advantage to this new dining plan is the fact that both serving sides are identical. The Pioneer crew is going to work very hard making sure what is offered on one side is offered on the other. The ultimate goal is to raise the standard of food service and dining for the student body.

During this, the "Grand Opening Week", Pioneer offers daily drawings for prizes, merchandise, and coupons to Big Al's Snack Shop. The grand prize, a new mountain bike, will be awarded on Friday September 3 at 1:00 p.m. The Pioneer Staff, along with Ellen Metty, hopes the students enjoy the new look and ambiance of the cafeteria. Both participants in the renovations are eager for student responses to the new dining area.

The Center for the Arts

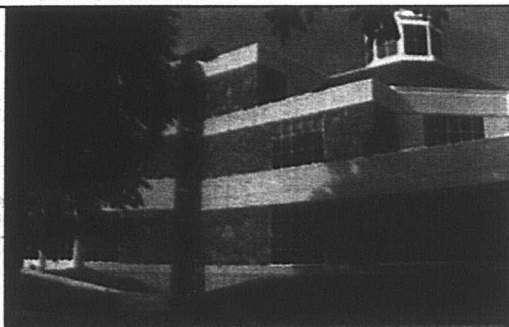
Long Awaited Building to get Finishing Touches

Tim Graffam

Though it has been years in the planning and months in the making, the structure formerly known as the "new music building" and now being referred to as the "Center for the Arts" is finally functional and just a few weeks from completion.

The multi-million dollar, state-of-the-art facility is home to a recital hall, five classrooms, an instrumental rehearsal room, faculty offices and studios, an art gallery, board room, music library and student practice rooms. I spoke

with Project manager Ken Nielsen about the building's current status. The building has been under construction for over a year (about 14 months), which is "normal, for a building of its size," said Nielsen. The exterior of the building is essentially complete, though the parking lot has yet to be sealed and



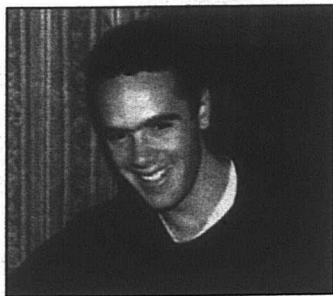
Quad side of the new Center

lined and there is still landscaping to be done. New shrubs should be in place by the end of the week.

Though the interior of the

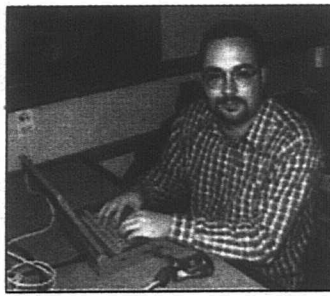
building is what needs the most work, Nielsen reassured me it will be ready for students by the time classes commence. The practice rooms are currently available, as well as faculty studios and other accommodations essential to the music program. Some of the remaining tasks include painting, laying the last of the floor tile, and polishing off the art gallery. Also, the seating for the auditorium is due to arrive by the end of the week and should be one of the last major installations of the project.

Nielsen is confident the project will be ready by October 1st for 1999's homecoming festivities. A formal dedication of the building is planned for that time.



-- Dan Jackson
(Senior)

"The dining hall is shiny and scrum-deli-cious."



-- Ward Mesick
(Senior)

"It's nice to see the Gym finally got a nice, new outside."

Houghton Welcomes New Personnel

Many Alumni Return to Campus in Faculty, on Staff

Dionne Miller

Along with the numerous physical changes occurring on campus, several new faculty and staff have been added.

The Foreign Language department hired Ethien n'da Koffi as Associate Professor of French. Professor Koffi graduated in 1982 from Universite Nationale de Cote d'Ivoire with a BA degree and then obtained his Masters and Doctorate degrees from Indiana University in 1990. With his primary degrees in Linguistics, Professor Koffi also added some seminary study to his resume. Originally from the Ivory Coast, he has spent the last years teaching at Bethel College in Minnesota. Koffi, his wife Kim and one-month-old daughter Corinne will be living in Houghton.

The English Department added husband and wife Linda and Stephen Woolsey. Both are Houghton College graduates and have a long-standing family history with the college. They both obtained their Doctorate degrees from Drew University in 1989.

The Math and Science Departments have acquired the several new faculty. Jonathan Bradshaw, a recent Houghton College graduate (97) and a 1999 Rochester Institute of Technology graduate, returns as Interim Instructor of Accounting. Dr. Jeffrey Wolinski assumes the role of Assistant Professor of Physics. Dr. Wolinski received his Bachelor Degree from Rutgers University and completed his graduate studies at Harvard University. Dr. Matthew Pelletier is Assistant Professor of Biology. He received his Doctorate Degree from Virginia

Tech in 1997.

Visiting Professor of Political Science Michael Frank acquired his Bachelor Degree at Northern Illinois University in 1984 and graduated in 1996 with a Doctorate in Political Science from the University of Illinois.

Several members from the Houghton College class of 1999 return this year as staff members. Mark VanderHaar serves as Resident Director of South Hall, Carolyn Meerdink joins the library staff, and Seth Taylor became the Help Desk Technician.

Jennifer Farley is working as an admissions counselor, and Nathan Probert works with the custodial crew.

East Hall and Lambein Hall also have new resident directors. East Hall welcomes Denise Bakerink who brings much experience and knowledge to the posi-

tion, and Lambein Hall greets Laura Rathkey as their director. Rathkey will be a participant in the Graduate assistantship program along with VanderHaar.

Brad Zarges, a 1992 Houghton alumnus, returns as head coach of the men's basketball team. He comes to Houghton after five seasons of assistant coaching at King College of Tennessee. He and his wife Beverly will be living in Houghton while Brad coaches and teaches in Houghton's Physical Education and Recreation Department.

There are more additions to Houghton's faculty and staff. Keep your eyes open and give a friendly welcome to the new comers as they serve Christ on our campus.

SGA cont.

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Promises:

1. We will bring to the SGA a sense of professionalism in the conduct of our daily business and lay a strong foundation for future administrations to continue in such manner.
2. We will bring to bear upon the SGA the importance of transmission and continuity in the unfinished business of previous administrations.
3. We will strengthen our voice in the decision making process here at Houghton College.
4. We will be better stewards of our financial resources.
5. We will put in place measures that will enable class governments to play an integral and active role in the SGA agenda whenever necessary.
6. The enthusiasm and energy brought into the SGA and the Senate will witness a remarkable improvement.
7. The Senate will become an incentive compatible institution and a better co-equal branch of the executive.

As a student serving institution:

1. We will bridge the gap between the student and the SGA by improving and strengthening our channels of communication.
2. The primary concern of all our goals, policies, etc. will be to improve the lot of the student body.
3. We will strengthen our HOPE program thereby providing students with an increased opportunity for community service.

4. We will strengthen our monthly current events seminar and initiate other programs thereby providing students an opportunity to be more engaged in the world beyond Houghton.

5. We will respond in very timely fashions to the needs and concerns of the student body.

Student clubs and organizations:

1. We will put in place fair standards in funding all clubs and organizations
2. We will, through joint efforts, sponsor events and take certain initiatives with student clubs and organizations in an effort to build a partnership with them for the future.

Celebrating our diversity:

1. We will lay a solid foundation for the present and future SGA administrations to play a major role in diversity relate initiatives at Houghton College.
2. We will strengthen and put in place support systems that will enable us to better our diversity.
3. We will clearly define our message and objectives regarding all diversity related issues.
4. Through a campaign of awareness, the culture of silence engulfing diversity related issues will begin to witness a slow but significant meltdown.

SGA's commitment to Christian values and principles:

1. Our leadership style will exemplify a Christ-like attitude.
2. Our goals, plans, etc. will be pleasing and glorifying not unto men but unto God.

WJSL cont.

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power station applications, including the application for Houghton's new, fully student-operated WJSL.

As part of the exchange for the 90.3 frequency and the opportunity to reach the Southern Tier, WXXI will, pending FCC approval, help set up the low power station at Houghton, including providing equipment and offering engineering and production training that includes hands on interaction with students and station managers.

The proposed station will

be entirely student run. Students will handle all matters, including what goes on the air. It will be only 250 watts (down from 6,000 watts), which should reach to Fillmore, and possibly as far as Belfast, though the target audience will be students here at Houghton College.

Gaerte believes the proposed station will provide better educational opportunities and a sense of ownership for students, consequently getting more students involved. "The ultimate success of the station depends on the initiative of the students involved," Gaerte remarked, "and that creates more incentive to succeed."

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Entertainment

Movie Review: *The Sixth Sense*

Jon Hart

Having been scheduled for a fall release date, M. Night Shyamalan's *The Sixth Sense* surprised a lot of people when it started showing in theaters on August 6th. Since then it has earned a whopping \$107 million in the box office and an abundance of critical praise. Those of you who have seen it know why. Those of you who haven't... will.

Despite being a big studio movie, despite its plot gaps, despite its far-fetched spiritual assumptions, and despite its stone-faced star Bruce Willis, it is a movie worth seeing at least once, maybe twice.

The Sixth Sense is not so much a horror movie as it is a haunting supernatural thriller. I've never been a horror fan so I liked the movie's lack of dependence on blood and gore. There are some brief disturbing images (which earned it a PG-13 rating), but I would have to commend writer/director Shyamalan's discretion. His editing, reminiscent of Hitchcock, dwells on the suspenseful, on imagery that builds tension, rather than on that which horrifies.

Executive producer Sam Mercer commented, "Some of the more interesting moments of shooting this movie in Philadelphia were those times at two o'clock in the morning on those old, historic

cobblestone streets when the eerie shadows of the cascading ivy made you pause and wonder what lost souls might be watching us."

Perhaps the film's greatest asset was Willis's young co-star, 11-year old Haley Joel Osment. The youngster performance won my sincere admiration



to be sure. In casting for the part of Cole Sear, the film's director also came to respect Osment's gift...for acting that is.

"I just leaned back and Haley started the scene and it was like I had never heard the scene before," Shyamalan says. "It was as though I had never heard the dialogue; all of a sudden every word was perfect. He finished the scene and was crying, and I was crying and all I could say was, 'Who are you? Where did you come from?'" Folks, that's the stuff Academy Award performances are made of.

All in all, I'd recommend *The Sixth Sense* to any moviegoer who loves to hang onto the edge of his/her seat until the credits roll and the ride comes to a complete stop. ★★★★★

Kingdom Bound: Too Little of a Good Thing

Tim Grafton

It seemed to me the lineup of this year's Kingdom Bound festival, which took place from August 25-28 at Six Flags Darien Lake, was rather weak compared to the last two years due to the unusually scant number of artists on the bill. Though it was lacking in quantity, there were enough quality bands to make attendance worthwhile.

Wednesday is usually the worthless opening day of the festival, but this year it was saved by an up tempo and blazing set of praise and worship from the Insyderz. If ever there was a vocal growl in the Christian scene to rival those of the secular, it belongs to Joe Yerke of the Insyderz. Praise and worship never sounded so tough. The song of the evening was the band's righteously raging version of Delicious' "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever," which will appear



Five Iron's Reese Roper

on their forthcoming release *Skalleluia Too*. Thursday had another set of original music from the Insyderz and a surprisingly enjoyable performance by DC Talk.

I didn't go on the new "Superman: Ride of Steel." The Park stage (the alternative stage) was situated right next the hulking giant and artists were constantly bantering about it onstage. The most frequently asked question from the stage was "So who's ridden the new superman coaster?"

Friday's highlight performance came from electro-rockers Skillet, with honorable mention to the Supertones, who are full-fledged stars now, playing the main stage to a packed house. I liked them better at the smaller, more accessible Park stage. On Saturday, Five Iron Frenzy put on the show of the festival, replete with hyperactive whimsy. I guess it helps they're my favorite Christian band, too.

Sports

Fall Sports Preview

Courtesy Jason Mucher and www.houghton.edu

Field Hockey

Head coach Donna Hornibrook didn't know what to expect from her team a year ago. Her team rolled to a program-record 15-1 mark, proving Houghton is still among the elite small college teams in the country. The team's lone loss was to Bloomsburg University, champion of NCAA Division II for the past three seasons.

Hornibrook has a nice combination of experienced returnees and standout freshmen as she looks to put another quality team on the field. Junior Kristen Dorsey's (seven goals, eight assists) speed and scoring ability will be utilized even more this year after finishing as the team's third-leading scorer in '98. Senior Judy Johnson (15 goals, four assists) finished as the team's leading scorer last year and will contribute again as a right wing. Junior Laura Chevalier (seven goals, four assists) may spend more time on the forward line this year after spending most

of last season at midfield.

Hornibrook expects freshmen to contribute immediately. Rochelle Hershey, an all-star player in Pennsylvania, was recruited by a Division I school. Her quick feet and defensive ability at midfield will complement Dorsey's offensive skills. Melinda Pollock brings speed to the



backfield. Lisa Pepper, an all-star in a strong Christian school league in New Jersey may be used either at forward or midfield. Abigail Phillips, a quick, wiry midfielder, may contribute as well.

Can last season's success be duplicated? If last season's consistency can be retained this year and those players from whom Hornibrook is looking for increased contributions step up and produce, then the Lady Highlanders will be able to look back on another quality season.

VolleyBall

The Lady Highlanders reached a milestone last year by going to the NAIA National Tournament for the first time in the program's history. Is that cause for complacency, relaxation, or overconfidence?

Not according to head coach Nancy Cole, who sees several challenges standing in the way of a return trip to nationals. New alignments by the NAIA have put the Lady Highlanders into a much more competitive region, making qualifying for nationals an even more difficult task than a year ago.

Houghton has the benefit of returning four starters from last year's 27-9 squad. Alison Roberts, the team's lone senior and one of three captains for '99, was on both the All-Conference and the All-Northeast Region teams. Junior Linda Shea, another captain, was named to the All-Conference Sec-

ond Team a year ago. Shea is a strong outside hitter who was ranked among the NAIA's top-10 in digs for much of the '98 season. Monica Wagoner and Danae Diller both started as freshmen last year and give the Lady Highlanders strength in the middle. Cole is excited about the possibilities surrounding these two players, now that they have a season at the col-



lege level behind them.

Is another trip to the nationals in their future? According to Cole, "the potential's there." Developing and maintaining consistency as new players are worked into the starting lineup and everyone learning to play together will largely dictate their success.

SPORTS

Houghton Fall Sports Preview

Courtesy Jason Mucher and www.houghton.edu

Fall Sports Schedules & Results

Men's Soccer (1-0)

Saturday 8/28
Houghton: 1, Rio Grande: 0

Friday 9/3 4:00 pm
at Malone College

Saturday 9/4 2:00 pm
at Walsh University

Women's Soccer (1-0-1)

Friday 8/27
Houghton: 2, Grace College: 0

Saturday 8/28
Houghton 0, Siena Heights: 0

Friday 9/3 4:00 pm
at Walsh University

Field Hockey (0-0)

Wednesday 9/1 4:00 pm
at Ithaca College

Friday 9/3 4:00 pm
at Lockhaven Univ.

Saturday 9/4 1:00 pm
v. Longwood College
at Lockhaven Univ.

Volleyball (0-0)

Friday 9/3 4:30 pm.
tournament
at St. Vincent

Saturday 9/4 9:00 pm.
tournament
at St. Vincent

Cross Country

Saturday 9/4
at Buffalo State

Saturday 9/11
at SUNY Oswego

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Saturday 9/25
at SUNY Cortland

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Women's Soccer

The Lady Highlanders capped a record-breaking 1998 season with the program's second-ever trip to the NAIA National Tournament.

Head Coach David Lewis returns 17 players — including 10 starters — who helped lead Houghton to an 18-3 mark and No. 6 finish in the final NAIA poll. He has also added a strong group of first-year players who could step right in to challenge for spots in the top 11.

Even after losing two leading scorers in Heather Shear and Jen Mattison, Lewis remains confident he has players in the wings that are ready to take over the scoring duties, including three 25+ point scorers from a year ago. Sophomore Heather Mann, who had a phenomenal freshman campaign with 11 goals and nine assists, gained strength and confidence by training with the men's team in the offseason and is ready to take over more of the leadership

on offense. Senior Jen Hartenstine, who chipped in with six goals and team-high 13 assists, played well at defensive midfield at nationals, but could see more time at forward. Also back is junior midfielder Sunshine Leonard, the 1998 Northeast Region Player of the Year. After scoring 16 goals and registering 12 assists in 1998, Leonard moved



into fourth-place on Houghton's all-time career points list. She is fifth in career goals with 32.

Everyone in the backfield returns for 1999, anchored by second-team NAIA All American senior captain Andrea Potteiger. Another senior captain, Kari Babbitt, also returns to provide stability to the center of the defense. Sarah Ockrin, Jill Stiansen, and Bethany Crozier all started at out-

side back in 1998 and provide consistency on defense.

Between the posts is junior Susie Ellis, whose 0.58 goals against average ranked her third in the NAIA. She set a Houghton record with 14 shutouts a year ago.

Elizabeth Jacobson (Fr; MF; Madison, Ohio) and Alicia Campbell (So; F) head a list of newcomers ready to find a place on the team. Jacobson, a member of the Ohio State Olympic Development team, could step in right away at midfield, while Campbell, a former standout at Greene High School near Binghamton, N.Y., is quick and aggressive and should pair well with Mann upfront. Campbell was an all-conference selection as a freshman member of Houghton's basketball team last year. Andrea Stoos (Alden, N.Y.), Rose Baum (Ontario, N.Y.), and Cindi Stevens (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada) can play either at forward or midfield.

New NAIA alignments will bring stronger teams from the Midwest into Houghton's regional tournament, making qualifying for nationals more difficult. But Lewis knows his team can make another run at nationals. Lewis remarked, "Getting there last year has helped in terms of the team's desire to return. If we can continue to develop that hunger for it, we should fare quite well."

Men's Soccer

By normal standards the Houghton College Highlanders' 14-4-1 record in 1998 would be considered a great season. However, head coach Dwight Hornibrook doesn't judge his team by normal standards.

"Last season was difficult. We didn't come into the season with enough conditioning as a team. Then it seemed like anything that could go wrong did go wrong" said Hornibrook.

On the brighter side, he senses his team learned some lessons from 1998 and is confident they've made satisfactory adjustments during the offseason.

Hornibrook has a nucleus of returning players ready to maintain that high standard for their teammates. The group is led by senior midfielder Sanjeev Parmar, an NAIA Honorable Mention selection a year ago.

Also back is the biggest contributor among the 1998 recruits, midfielder Andrew Tinsley. David Bancroft (So; D) and Ole Petter Andresen (So; F), both plagued by injuries in '98, are ready to contribute for a complete

season. Senior defenders Mike Cox and John Toohig return to shore up the backline. Junior Tim Mayhle will take over the full-time role between the pipes. Key reserves from 1998 who will push for more time include Wil Cushing (Sr; MF) and Matt Herman (Jr; D).



Speed up front, a concern from '98, has become a strength for this year's squad. Especially with the return of Andresen to full strength and the addition of recruit Iain Velez, who brings experience playing with the Bolivian national under-17 team. With Andresen and Velez joining Bradley up front, the Highlanders should have their

most potent and exciting offensive unit in recent years.

Velez heads a list of 14 newcomers to the Highlanders. Paulo Gogue, who has represented Mozambique as a youth international, brings excellent possession skills and passing ability and could make an immediate contribution at the midfield. Eddie Acker (Apalachin, N.Y.) scored more than 90 goals during his high school career and will push for time at midfield, while Rusty

Knight (Thomasville, N.C.), who led his high school team to a 26-1-4 record and a No. 9 national ranking a year ago, will add strength to the defense. Toby Cushing (D; Delmar, N.Y.), and Tyler Stevenson (MF; Houghton, N.Y.) should also contribute.

Sports photos courtesy Jason Mucher