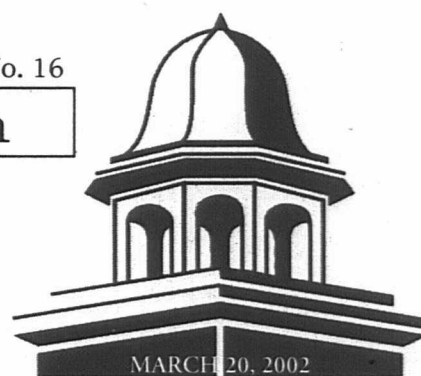


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SGA votes to install new track in PE Center

by Laura Kuziomko
Star staff

Jeff Spear, VP of finance, can't figure out why more people don't flock to the gym hoping to meet that "special someone."

Well...maybe more people will utilize the gym as a dating service come June when the ugly, stained, 22 year old carpet is ripped up and resurfaced with a quarter inch spongy material that'll ease up on our achy knees, ankles and feet.

Back in '98, a proposal was drawn up to resurface the track floor; it was well received but ultimately didn't end up at the finish line. A call from Matt Webb several years later to Coach Lord and SGA president Josh Ziefle put the proposal back in the race for 2002.

As each Houghton student pays \$40 dollars into a separate, rolling account entitled the Special Projects Fund every year, it seemed feasible to invest in a more permanent project here on campus. This SPF is collected by the students and voted on by a committee in order to pay for projects that are not considered to be the College's responsibility. Each year the SPF receives roughly \$50,000 for various projects. In year's past, some of the monies

have been used for additional lighting on campus, a color printer for the Lanthorn, equipment for CAB, and the floor in Presser Hall.

As President of SGA, Josh Ziefle wanted to gift the school

deal.

That's not to say that Josh Ziefle as the SGA president and other student representatives haven't dodged a few hurdles along the way. Some sense that it is the



photo by Brian Quinones

The current track in the gym. This track will be replaced this summer.

with a more lasting project that would benefit masses of people for years to come; thus the need for a new track surface arose. As it stands, the SGA is using \$31,000 out of the SPF budget this year for the track project. For the next three semesters, the SPF will pitch in another \$12,000, and the project will be paid back four semesters later as a final \$13,000 closes the

College's responsibility to fix the track as it is college property; thus, SPF monies should go to a different project. Still others maintain that if the college fixes the track at all, which they have not agreed to do having prioritized the dorm living accommodations, the carpet will just be replaced with another carpet, not the spongy
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Sesquicentennial Symbiosis

by the Houghton Wesleyan Church
Sesquicentennial Committee

The Houghton Star and Houghton Wesleyan Church are collaborating to bring readers four sketches outlining the growth and service of the church and its interactions with Houghton College since 1852. This article examines the origins of the congregation and traces construction of successive facilities and ministry as influenced by the growth of Houghton Seminary and College. Emphasizing people, coming features will highlight students and the church, women of the church, missions and other ministries.

Symbiosis: the living together of two organisms to the advantage of both. Example: the intertwining histories of Houghton Wesleyan Church and Houghton College. It began when 27-year-old Willard Houghton and his wife became the first of six charter members of Houghton Wesleyan Church in 1852. The new congregation-begun just nine years after the Wesleyan Connection was formed in a split from the Methodist Episcopal Church over the issues of slavery and congregational self-rule-first met with Fillmore Wesleyans, next in the village school house. They shared a circuit-riding pastor with five other congregations. In 1876, Mr. Houghton spear-headed church growth as the largest contributor (\$235) to finance Houghton's first permanent church building which cost \$2,000. That church, which served until 1934, included a carved wooden hand which pointed heavenward from atop the steeple, and, later, a lamp which lighted a hymnal and piano keyboard for music accompaniment. (These artifacts are in the collections of Houghton College and Houghton Wesleyan Church, and are currently on display in an Academic Building exhibit). Soon Mr. Houghton became a prime motivator-mover in the Wesleyan Connection's decision to
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Drop in the Bucket Challenge '02

by Annie Beekley
Star correspondent

Houghton students are a generous bunch. Some work to accumulate Christmas gifts and Easter baskets for children in Allegany County. Others volunteer their time and resources to area and community organizations like Youth for Christ and Meals on Wheels. And some raise money for Houghton.

The Drop in the Bucket Challenge '02 encourages a

connection to Houghton through philanthropy and raises money through the Annual Fund.

During Winter Weekend, peer solicitors collected donations in the Campus Center. The freshman class has topped the charts with a 14% participation rate. 11% of sophomores, 8% of juniors and 2% of seniors/fifth-year students participated. The senior participation rate is expected to increase dramatically on Senior Salute Day, April 8, as most seniors make a commitment while

purchasing their caps and gowns, class rings, etc.

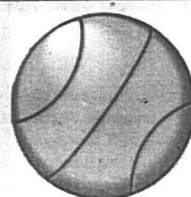
Compared to last year's results, both the current first and second year students have increased their participation while juniors have remained at exactly the same rate. Seniors from the class of 2001 participated at an all-time high rate of 30%.

The Drop in the Bucket Challenge '02 encourages an introduction to the culture of philanthropy here at Houghton.
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Susanna Rosenbaum

Islamabad, Pakistan: The Associated Press reports that a senior U.S. official will escort the bodies of two Americans killed in Sunday's church attack in Pakistan back to the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christina Rocca cut short her trip to India and flew to Pakistan so she could accompany the bodies of Barbara Green and her daughter. Green and her daughter were among the five people killed in the grenade attack on a Protestant church in

Islamabad. Green and her husband had worked at the U-S Embassy.

Despite an election many observers say was dishonest. Robert Mugabe takes the oath of office for another six-year term as Zimbabwe's president. The government and Mugabe's ruling party have been widely accused of rigging votes, stirring up political violence and abusing the nation's laws and constitution. Secretary of State Colin Powell says the election was marked by "numerous, profound irregularities."

Operation Anaconda is about over, according to General Tommy

Franks, the commander of forces in Afghanistan. Franks awarded the Bronze Star for valor to four servicemen Monday and said the U.S.-led offensive would be completed by the end of the day.

Kuwait: Vice President Cheney is scheduled to meet this week with key players in the Middle East peace process. Cheney will join forces with U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni, and then talk with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Cheney has also set aside time for the Palestinians.

Nine people on board the fishing boat Ehime Maru were killed when the USS Greenville surfaced and struck the trawler. A government official from the Japanese state that owned the ship says the Navy has agreed to pay ten MILLION dollars in compensation. The Navy is still holding separate compensation talks with the families of those killed in the accident.

The End

by Josh Ziefle
SGA President

What a year it's been. I don't know that any of us expected the past months or turn out the way they did. Starting out as an excited SGA President last April, I was ready to face the challenges that would come my way but was never fully cognizant of what they would be. The task before me was daunting, but I pressed on, confident that the SGA could actually work for the good of our school. It was obvious from the start that I was blessed with a wonderful Cabinet and advisors—a conclusion which I am even more certain of now than I was in the days that began my administration. Without question, they are one of the finest groups of people on this campus. Everything that has been accomplished this year has been due to their steadfast devotion to their jobs and their interest in working for each of you. These past months I've appreciated their friendship, hard work, and occasionally chiding which has served to keep an anything but focused individual on top of his game. Through trials and controversies, stressful times and successes, they have been the firm foundation upon which the SGA has flourished.

Having the chance to work for the student body has been a distinct pleasure in and of itself. I hope that in the process I have been able to represent your concerns effectively before the administration and have effected changes that will benefit our campus in coming years. From a renovated office to a brand spanking new indoor track in the gym, the SGA has been able to accomplish a good deal. We have sought to more actively involve the student body, and I know that we have gone a long way in accomplishing this task. Though we haven't radically changed everything, what we have done has taken us in the right direction.

Much more important than what I have done is whom I have served. I can honestly say that it



has been a great honor to work for each of you during my term as president. Your encouragement, willingness to share concerns, and frequent office visits have helped me more than you can know. The response of our student body in the days following September 11th was to be honest—quite humbling. To be the elected representative of a body so impressive and profoundly Christian is something that I will never forget. More than once I have mentioned to others how proud I have been of our students. I honestly mean that and thank you each for all you are.

This is my last column as SGA President. Although I've taken my time in this space to write about things both random and diverse, I hope that you've appreciated what I've had to share. And as I now begin the long march towards graduation, Toby Cushing will be taking over my position (as of April 8th). Toby's a great person and will make an excellent President. I know he has the courage and vision to see a lot of good done on this campus, and I know from experience how wonderful a campus he is inheriting. I urge you to interact with him often and share your concerns as they arise. Only by having you do so can he effectively hope to lead the student body of this fine institution as I know he is able.

Thanks for everything and God bless.....

Only By His Grace,

Josh

IMPACT conference ready to hit

by Jen Neroni
Star staff

April 4-6 Houghton will be hosting its third annual IMPACT leadership conference. This conference, put on by the Student Programs Office, is for college students who wish to enhance their leadership skills. People will be enabled and commissioned to be change agents on their respective campuses and future vocational fields.

The conference will include both interactive and experiential leadership training. Conferees will hear from experienced authorities on leadership - businessmen, consultants, and administrators who not only have tremendous insight into the subject of leadership, but who have also experienced the challenges and trials of leadership first hand.

These experiences will be passed on to all conferees through interactive workshops and a full day ropes course expedition. A new feature of the conference will be a dinner on Friday evening focusing on business-related etiquette. There will be entertainment at the conference including the Relient-K concert and the Shakespeare play.

This year's speakers include keynote speaker Mike Weber, who also spoke at Impact 2000. He will be presenting "What is Leadership" about using leadership not just as a position but as a way to influence. Other speakers are Houghton professor Jane Maugans, who will be addressing how women lead and have led throughout history.

The cost of the conference for Houghton students is \$25; the registration deadline is Mar. 22nd.

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 launch Houghton Seminary (today's college) in 1883. Church and seminary symbiosis became more obvious in 1892 when E. W. Bruce, the seminary's first president, also became Houghton's first resident pastor. And Bruce was not the first of several pastors to also serve the seminary. Today's quadrangle is land Pastor Sylvester Bedford sold to the seminary in 1902, having already donated for a campground the land where the Nielsen Center, Stevens Art Studios and Shenawana now stand.

As early as 1906 seminary growth rendered the church inadequate. Addition of an annex gave more space, but made no other improvement. By 1930 the old church couldn't accommodate the congregation, much less offer adequate Sunday School space, or support programs of the growing college. Church member and college president James S. Luckey made the case for a new church, a call echoed by students through Star articles.

In the depths of the depression, Joseph Pitt, a Canadian who pastored from 1924-37, (the longest tenured Houghton pastor), led his congregation in a remarkable expression of

leadership, faith and unity-building the present church between 1932 and 1934. Although naysayers decried the new building as too large, its imported stained glass windows and bronze chandeliers too lavish, it was completed for about \$26,000. Within 30 years college and community growth forced more changes including multiple services. In 1969 an education

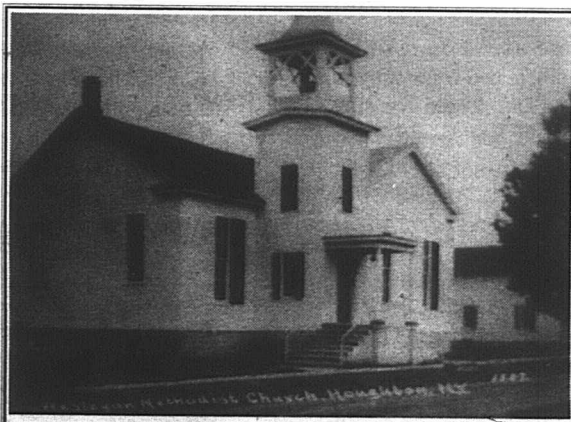
unit was added, the church was renovated in 1978, and in 1991 a new foyer enclosed the front entrance, expanded the foyer and provided handicapped access.

Further

handicap accommodation was completed in the CE building in 2000. Kitchen renovation is happening now. Today's church facilities provide meeting space for some 20 ministries, direct or ancillary.

An inspiring history and high

aspirations mean little unless they result in present contribution and future vision. Today's Houghton Wesleyan Church ministers to local residents and the students of Houghton Academy and College. Some 125 students gain experience assisting in church ministries. Drawn from two-score denominations, 20 states and a dozen countries, student and



After the present Houghton Church was dedicated on Dec 2, 1934, the 1876 building was de-consecrated and its steeple was removed.

village communicants make worldwide impact via short-term missions, and support 18 so-called "professional" missionaries. Locally, Houghton ministers via Club House and Pioneer Girl programs which offer Christ-centered activities to 170 children,

first through sixth graders. Valley Nursery School nurtures the social, educational and spiritual development of area children. The church makes space available for a satellite office of Allegany County Health Department and County Mental Health Counseling. Houghton's senior citizen ministries include monthly programs and regular van transportation for elderly with few other travel options. Houghton church members and collegians, many of whom defined their Christian commitments here, include: a founder of the National Association of Evangelicals, two NIV translators, Billy Graham team members, missions leaders such as the current President of Wycliffe's Summer Institute of Linguistics, educators, scientists, figures in medicine and business. Without Houghton Wesleyan Church, Houghton College's founding was improbable. Without the college, the church might yet be a struggling rural congregation. Working symbiotically the two enact John Wesley's vision articulated two and a half centuries ago—"the world is my parish."

To dance or not to dance: SGA hosts student forum

by Melisande Richardson
 Star staff

The SGA's forum on dancing took place Wednesday night in East Hall's main lobby. Discussion was initiated by Jason Dolon's invitation to respond to the question, "Why should or shouldn't we have dancing on campus?" The purpose of the open forum was to gather information so the Student Life Council could take grasp of some of the student body's opinions on the issue.

An appointed panel of seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen expressed their concerns firstly. Noted responses were split almost evenly as approximately half were in favor of allowing dancing on campus while the other half were opposed. Senior Joel Barton has

"no issues with dancing" and claimed "if they allowed dancing it wouldn't be a big issue...students dance other places." Junior Toby

Cushing stood firmly in saying that "possible degradation of our campus environment" could take

place if dancing is allowed. Other thematic responses from the panel were the concerns that "dancing might be hard to regulate but if regulated it could become favorable among

everyone," and if allowed, "we don't want to advocate the possibility of a promiscuous Christian community."



Jonathon Winters reads his remarks on the subject

In addition to the opinions of the class representative panel, audience members contributed their comments. Shannon Shaeffer received a warm round of applause for her well presented speech

that was "laid upon my heart." She refuted the negative connotations dancing receives with her response, "Dance is so much more than two people rubbing up against each

other. I've danced for years in ministry...dancing is a liberating act of worship and most Christians are just not educated enough to acknowledge that. Christians need to [re] define what it is and how it should be done."

Some students wanted evidence from the Bible that addressed the issue of why dancing should or should not belong on campus; freshman Mike Farrow remarked, "There is no Biblical basis for no dancing."

No final agreement as to whether dancing will continue to be disallowed on campus was decided at this forum. Other authorities such as the Houghton Wesleyan Church and various boards need to be addressed before a final decision is made.

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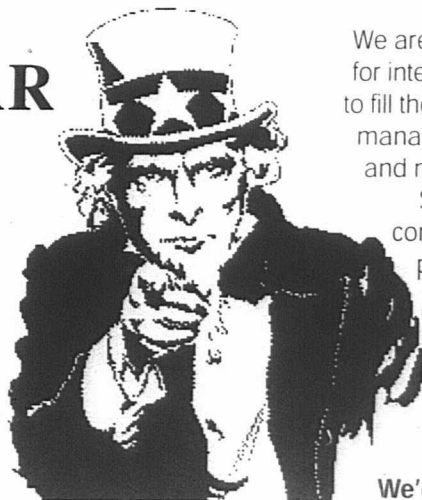
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During women's history month the women of Houghton speak out

Women in the workforce and ministry: Connie Finney shares her thoughts

by **Becky Williams**
Star staff

By simply looking at Connie Finney's title, you know she had to work hard to get where she is; she didn't become Dr. Connie Finney, Associate Professor of Education at Houghton College, by merely sitting back and succumbing to the hardships often thrown at women trying to make their way up in the workforce. Fortunately, but perhaps a bit late in coming, things are changing considerably for women who find their calling outside of the home. As Dr. Finney points out, "There's still work to be done, but the status [of women in the workforce] has improved greatly, and that's very encouraging." Women in the workforce is a much more accepted practice these days, but the idea is still ignominious to certain branches of the church that believe

women can't really be good mothers and work at the same time. "It seems people don't take into account that you can be a good mom by using God's gifts in the workplace," Dr. Finney says, "If moms stay at home, that's fine. But we shouldn't assume that only stay-at-home moms are following their families."

When it comes to women in ministry, Dr. Finney says the bigger issue is that "Any person, whether male or female, is to be everything God created them to be." If this puts them in a place of leadership, then so be it. Having women involved in ministry doesn't necessarily mean they are preachers, but if they are, Dr. Finney says, "We shouldn't be so concerned about the source of

the message as with the message itself." The point is that the gospel is being preached. Of course, Dr. Finney acknowledges that if she saw bad fruit only resulting from women's labor, then she would be

each other. "When God created men and women," she says, "He created them as a team. Cross-gender teams seem to reflect the kingdom of God much better." There is so much to do in the

church that men alone can't accomplish it all. When ministry teams are composed of both men and women working together toward the same goal, the result is strength in society.

Women in the workforce and women in ministry — two practices that once were repulsive to society. But, as Dr. Finney so accurately assesses, things are getting better for the female race. With every day that passes, women are making their way up the social ladder that once didn't stretch very high but now has endless possibilities.



photo by Ryan Rockey

concerned. Both men and women should be held accountable in their ministries. Dr. Finney points out that men and women both have distinctive gifts that compliment

Letter to the editor: Cheers 'n Jeers

Dear Houghton STAR,

"Cheers" go out to Evangelicals for Social Action (ESA) for sponsoring the recent symposium on Women in Ministry. Those of us who have been around here for more than a few years remember this kind of event as a time honored Houghton tradition - which has recently fallen by the way side. Significant cheers to ESA for reviving this worth while event!

Obviously, I think that a symposium on Women in Ministry is a worth while event because, like our sponsoring body, The Wesleyan Church, I am in favor of ministerial vocation being open to women and men - according to the call of God upon their lives. I believe that this view is firmly rooted in Scripture and the

example of early Christian tradition. This is not matter about which the Wesleyan Church, I, and a lot of other people around here are going to change their minds. Those of you who disagree with this point of view, will simply need to get used to hearing it. Sorry about that!

But this issue is bigger than my opinion, or yours. It is also about the free exchange of important ideas among people of faith, intellect and commitment. So, I have reserved some hearty "Jeers" for the people or person who felt they should (repeatedly) tear down the ESA posters announcing this event. I can only conclude that this vandalism was an attempt to diminish the campus's awareness of the Women in Ministry Symposium. This

reminds me, a little bit, of the Orwellian "thought police" from 1984 - agents who were trying to save society by controlling what people were able to hear, read, and think. This approach will never work. In the battle of ideas, it is always honest dialogue that wins in the end.

To the vandals who thought they could forestall conversation about Women in Ministry by tearing down signs, I say, "Forget it." This issue is too important to be handled that way; it is something that we must and will talk about as a community of faith. What are you afraid of? Are your arguments so weak that the only way you can win is to try to stop the conversation?

When the posters announcing the ESA Symposium were destroyed the second time, ESA was given permission to send a campus wide email announcement for the Women in Ministry event. By all accounts the large turn out of people on Sunday afternoon, and the ensuing conversation - both pro and con - signaled that this important issue was treated productively. In fact, I am willing to bet that the email reached many more people than the posters would have! So thank you, "thought police," for helping to make the symposium successful!

John R. Tyson
Professor of Theology

In Question:

Who is the greatest woman in history?



"Sandra Day O'Connor"

Aaron Boynton (sophomore)



"Mother Theresa"

Becky Sedley (senior)

Faces on the wall

by Laura Wardwell
Guest writer

Anna Fillmore... Dean of Women/ Instructor in the Bible School at Houghton College (1929-44) and ordained minister in the Wesleyan Church - "a very able person who related well to her students; the training she gave them extended to all facets of ministry."

Rachel Davison... Math Teacher (1925-58) - "students looked up to her not only because of her mental ability, but also because of her life as a Christian."

Crystal Rork... Botany teacher (1923-58) - "loved to tramp through the meadows and woods... characterized by faith and courage." "The preservation of the

natural beauty of Moss Lake stands as her permanent memorial."

And the list that makes up Houghton's Women's History reaches back to its beginning. The book entitled *And You Shall Remember...a Pictorial History of Houghton College* notes the women above among so many others who have shaped Houghton College.

In November I began working in the Academic Record's Office in Luckey Building. In my daily walk down the main hall to the water cooler I've enjoyed looking at the portraits on the walls of men who have been outstanding leaders at Houghton. However, it is the faces that do not appear on these walls that give me greater interest. Who were the women who have faithfully led and worked alongside these men?

In speaking with Kay Lindley (co-author of *And You Shall Remember*) and Warren Woolsey, I've learned of women such as those cited above who have shone and continue to shine as guiding lights to Houghton students and community. What were their lives like, I've wondered, and how were their quests the same or different than my own? How did Anna manage to balance her time between teaching and church work and family? How did Rachel find the places God had for her in ministering to others? Did these women know contentment in the life God had given them, and at the same time find his empowerment and wisdom for changing the world around them? Did they know how God valued them?

I won't know the answers to these questions but it is reassuring to think that they sought and received God's loving direction just as much as I and other women

do here at Houghton. It is reassuring as well to be able to journey along with the women who continue to make history all around me. Marge Avery, Director of Academic Records is an example of one who graciously reminds me that while the pressure is always there to work much and to do it well, that it is God's work before it is our own.

I am grateful to be living in the light of those women who've been here before us, and to be among women students, staff and faculty who are all evidence of God's gracious omnipotence and providence in this lifetime. (Permission granted by Kay Lindley to copy quotations from *And You Shall Remember...A Pictorial History of Houghton College* by Frieda A. Gillette and Katherine W. Lindley, 1982 3/18/02)

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www.bellaonline.com

(an all-purpose women's site that offers the usual array of topics--beauty, family, relationships--as well as some that are less stereotypical, such as computers, education, and society & culture)

www.nwhp.org

(Recognizing and celebrating women's accomplishments.)

<http://womenshistory.about.com>

(Articles, biographies, discussions, activities and other features in honor of Women's History Month.)

www.greatwomen.org

(The official web site of the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, NY.)

On being a woman in science

by Irmgard Howard
Guest writer

Element number 109 is named after a woman, Lise Meitner (1878-1968). Meitnerium is currently the highest-numbered element named by international agreement, and the life-story of its honoree illustrates some of the difficulties which women have faced in being

recognized for their abilities and accomplishments.

A native Austrian with Jewish heritage, Meitner obtained her doctorate from the University of Vienna in 1906 and then went to work at Berlin's Kaiser Wilhelm Institute. At first she was assigned a lab in the basement because she was a woman. She was also denied a publication because the editor did not want to print something by a woman. However, she collaborated with Otto Hahn on determining the characteristics of radioactive elements, discovering the element protactinium. With Hahn and Fritz

Strassmann, she discovered what happened when certain atomic nuclei were split, and with Otto Frisch she described the process and named it "nuclear fission." In 1938, she left Nazi Germany for Sweden, because of her Jewish background. In 1939 the crucial paper which described the original work of Hahn, Strassmann, and Meitner was published in a German

called element number 109 after her in 1992, twenty-four years after her death.

Because it is now politically incorrect to express doubts about women's abilities in any field, one may find it hard to believe that there actually was a time -- not too long ago -- when women were told, "Because you're a woman, you shouldn't go into science, or politics, or (fill in the blank)." I know this, because when I was a freshman at Duke University, I was advised that my tests indicated I could major equally well in either music or science, but because I was a woman, I should major in music. I didn't.

Lise Meitner is an inspiring example of a woman scientist who would not let the discrimination of the times keep her from doing what she did best, physics. As a Christian, I must also be committed to God's path of excellence for me, no matter what roadblocks society seeks to impose. In this regard, I appreciate the saying by Dag Hammarskjöld, former Secretary-General of the United Nations: "Never measure the height of the mountain until you have reached the top. Then you will see how low it was."

science journal, but Meitner's name was omitted. In 1944, Otto Hahn won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for this work. Meitner went on to make more physics discoveries in several countries, and she was honored with many awards, but never the Nobel Prize. Perhaps to right this wrong, the international committee responsible for naming elements



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"My girlfriend"

Justin Hibbard (junior)



"Sacajawea"

Lindsay Plymel (freshman)

VOX voice

expressions of a community of faith

Letter to the editor: That's Disgusting

We often find ourselves exclaiming these words as we examine the floor of the Chapel. The Bible says that we are to be good stewards of our time, money, etc., but what about the place in which we worship God? As we clean the chapel we find that many people have forgotten about stewardship. We find gum stuck to the floor and candy mashed to the seats. Remember that the hymn racks are not garbage cans! We are here as willing scholar-servants, cleaning the chapel. We consider it an honor to clean the main auditorium in which you sit during each chapel service. However, we are finding it ridiculous that many people do not seem capable of throwing out their own garbage.

Please remember that the songbook bracket is not a waste receptacle. We do not mind picking up the water bottles, notebook paper, or soda cans that someone may have forgotten. Then again, it does start to bother

us when we find sucker sticks (in the middle back row) every Monday, Wednesday and Friday after chapel. Please draw your attention to the fact that the conservative worship text holder in front of you is not a vessel for your refuse. There are two other things that tend to trigger our gag reflexes. One is used tissues; no one really wants your germs, including us. So please dispose of your used tissues in the container fated for waste disposal (there are four in the foyer). The second thing we find revolting is apple cores or any other form of rotting fruit that some people are kind enough to leave under their seats. By the time we find them they are thoroughly repulsive. If this has caused you to exclaim "THAT'S DISGUSTING," then think about who has to pick it up! Always remember: THE HYMN RACKS ARE NOT GARBAGE CANS!!!

Your Friendly Chapel Cleaners

Letter to the editor: Abortion Issues

Dear Editor:

We appreciate Rachel Kanzer's willingness to speak up on behalf of the silent members of the student body who feel as she does about the issue of abortion. It is very important for us to be a voice for those who are silent; in fact, it is biblical to "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves" (Proverbs 31:8). But there is a difference between people who are silent by their own choice and those who are silenced by another.

Each day in this nation over 4000 unborn voices are silenced. These children, who will never get a chance to have a voice, are the sons and daughters of people who

might have chosen life for their unborn child if they had received the support and help they needed.

In her letter to the editor, Rachel addresses the safety of abortions. Abortions in sterile environments with trained professionals are safer in some regards than "back-alley abortions." As is true with any type of invasive surgery, however, the danger of infection and other complications is always present. In addition, studies have shown that because abortion creates a sudden and unnatural end to important changes taking place in a woman's mammary glands during her pregnancy, her risk of

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QUIP OF THE WEEK

quip (kwip) n. 1. clever or witty remark or saying usually made on the spur of the moment. 2. sharp or sarcastic remark or retort; taunt; gibe. -v. 1. quipped; quipping; to make a quip or quips. [from an obsolete quippy clever or sarcastic remark, possibly from Latin quipus forsooth, indeed (used sarcastically)]

-Dr. Jim Wolfe-

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A new ministry

by Job Tate

Senior Brian Emerson holds the campus accountable to eating good pizza- "I'm holding you great pizza counts, guys!", Brian Emerson.

Senior religion major Brian John Emerson has recently begun a ministry on Monday nights. This is not a ministry sponsored by the school, overseen by Dr. David Lewis and musically accompanied by campus band Already Taken. No, this is a ministry sponsored by Pioneer Food Services and overseen solely by future Asbury Seminary student Brian.

"Please...no pictures," Brian tells onlookers as he liberally spreads pizza sauce over a lovingly kneaded and rolled pizza crust. "I'm a modest man." He then grabs a second piece of dough and deftly twirls it in the air to cleverly catch it behind his back as it comes down. The growing crowd's clapping and whoops of delight are met by a shy smile and a wiping of his brow. Quite simply, Brian's ministry is the making of excellent pizza for the Houghton College campus.

"Koinonia will just have to take a back seat and learn to like it," Brian remarks as he chops green peppers with his hands and adjusts the heat on the oven with his toes. "I mean, I'm finally beginning to reach people." He then removes a hot pepperoni pizza from the oven using "Taylord," a pizza paddle he fashioned out of his Taylor acoustic guitar, which now, of course, is useless to this man.

"I've been waiting in line for over 2 hours to get a slice of his Buffalo chicken wing pizza and I skipped a class to get here early," said freshman Rachelle Colosi. "I'm not sure what his ministry is to be

clear. I'm feeling a little faint, someone hold me up...please."

Similar sentiment was expressed by others as well. "I mean I'm Italian," says junior Rosario Picardo, "But this Emerson plays...he is I-T-A-L-I-A-N. I'm thinking he's got to be one of my peeps whenever he turns out one of these three-cheese numbers he's known for. That's old world jazz going on back there, baby. I think that kid's got the Pope on the phone giving him recipes or something."

I asked Brian if he thought maybe people were being too zealous about his pies. "A lot is being said that I'm some sort of deliverer or something. A messiah in an apron if you will. But the only way I'll be a deliverer is if they let me deliver the pizzas to people in the dorm and even then they'll try to tip me. I refuse to be another...one of those commercialized jokers." He then turned and barked orders at assistant Wes Oden who left his post as senior pastor at the Houghton Wesleyan church to learn at the feet of the master. "I've never felt so alive," Oden remarked as he retrieved some red peppers for one of Brian's legendary veggie pizzas.

To avoid fans Brian has begun to have leave the Campus Center via a secret passageway Fred Libick has installed to protect his #1 worker. This has saddened many of his "Emersons and daughters" who wait for him after mealtimes. Remarkably sophomore Kelly Simson, with her miniature "Taylord" tucked under her arm, "Never before has a ministry so impacted the campus. Finally our pizzas have ample sauce and are cooked thoroughly. I am truly ready for Monday now."

the resurrected

TOP TEN...



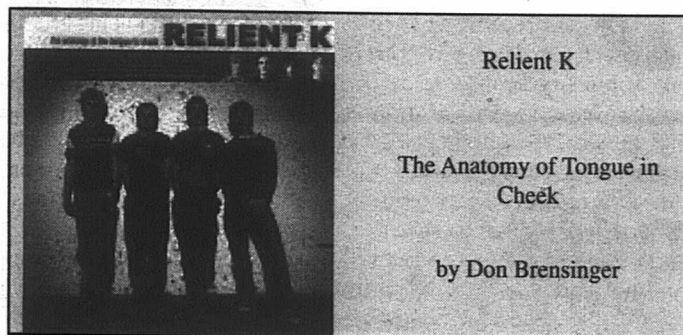
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by Greg On

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arthouse

A look at the intersection of faith and art



Does anybody not like Goodwill? I love Goodwill, because they have something for everybody, and it's all at an extremely low price. But you're not going to like everything you find there. I'm sure that some outfits looked just great on their previous owners, but they just don't have that style that you are looking for. So you have to pick and choose carefully. Now, you're probably wondering why I'm ranting on and on about Goodwill. Well, this new Relient K CD titled, "The Anatomy of Tongue in Cheek," just gives me the "used goods" kinda feeling. Hailing from Canton, Ohio, this four-piece pop-punk band manages to spout off 17 songs (18 if you include a secret piano songs about the lead singer's love of Skittles and Combos) that rarely even come close to anything original. They seem to rip off every band from New Found Glory to

Smash Mouth to Switchfoot, but still just can't quite pull it off nearly as good as their predecessors. However, Relient K does have stronger, more positive lyrics than most of the bands from whom they receive inspiration.

With a few exceptions, Relient K seems to follow the same musical pattern through out the CD. They start off semi-fast distorted pop-punk intros and then slow down with a softer, more melodic bridge before finishing the same way they started. It becomes so repetitious that a few times I thought I was hearing the same song that they had just played. The first full song ("Pressing On") is a half decent opener, combining a catchy guitar riff with some poppy punk rhythms, and they even toss in a breakdown before the chorus. However, this song and the following song ("Sadie Hawkins Dance") come across as being

Blink 182 rip-offs. The only songs that tend to show a bit of originality are "Those Words Are Not Enough" and "Failure to Excommunicate." "TWANE" opens with a bouncy intro that is extremely enjoyable, while "Failure to Excommunicate" starts out with a nifty little palm muted guitar ditty. "FTE" is a very creative song that alternates between edgy punk rock and soft string sections. These two songs show the potential of Relient K.

Lyrically, the band confuses me. At one point they can be very honest and deep ("Less is More", "Down in Flames", "For the Moments I Feel Faint"), but at other times they can be extremely pointless and almost annoying ("Sadie Hawkins Dance", "I'm Lion-O", "May the Horse Be With You"). I'm under the assumption that they think they're funny, but I don't think that a band should be out to prove their humor through their lyrics.

The main problem of Relient K is that they are seriously lacking in the vocal department. Don't get me wrong, they have extremely good voices, and their harmonization is quite amazing. But their style of singing just doesn't fit well with the type of music they are playing. They try to sound too much like the Beach Boys, and at the same time

end up losing the desperation and passion that defines punk rock.

Overall, Relient K has the potential to be a very good band, but they just can't put it together in "The Anatomy of Tongue in Cheek." They are very talented at their instruments, and are on the right track in some areas, but they just need to find their own style instead of copying all the radio favorites. In my opinion, I find the CD to be way over produced. It sounds too clean and pure to evoke any kind of emotion in the listener and lacks the rawness that should be present. I give this CD 5 stars out of 10.

I honestly don't believe that a CD can capture the true essence of Relient K. They seem to be a band that would sound much better live when they are not confined to the limits of overproduction and fake emotion. And...we will all have a chance to see them live when they come to Houghton College on April 4th. The show starts at 8:00 p.m. in Wesley Chapel. The opening act will be The McClurg Family Singers, a rock band from Buffalo that sounds like a mix between Live and REM. You can buy tickets in the campus center during meal times for \$5, or you can pay 2 bucks more at the door. It should be a good time, and I encourage everybody to come out.

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breast cancer is increased. Women who have had abortions also experience a higher rate of depression; in fact, there is a strong correlation between abortion and suicide attempts. For these reasons abortion is never a safe procedure.

Supporters of abortion have long focused on the "hard cases" of rape or incest and the endangerment of the mother's life. Abortion due to rape or incest is surprisingly rare, however, comprising only 0.6% of all abortion cases. This is explained by the fact that the trauma of rape often prevents ovulation. In addition, very few cases exist where carrying a pregnancy to term is fatal to the life of the mother, those being tubal pregnancy and uterine cancer. Rather than centering on the so-called "hard cases," it is important to note that at least 95% of abortions occur for other reasons.

With this being the case, we repeat Rachel's question. Who are we to play God's role and choose who should live and who should die? Each unborn child is a life created and ordained by God, with a special calling and purpose. How can we, with our fallible

knowledge make a decision about the worth of an unborn child?

One of the most important issues Rachel brought up is the Church's role in caring for women who are unexpectedly pregnant or have had abortions. This is an area where we as Christians do often fall short. As the body of Christ we need to reach out in love to those who find themselves in crisis situations, rather than casting judgment upon them and causing them to "feel enormous guilt." Abortion is not right, but to say this without providing tangible support and positive alternatives shows both hypocrisy and a lack of love. Proverbs 24:11-12 tells us to "[r]escue those being led away to death." If we choose, rather, to be passive bystanders and excuse ourselves from taking action by saying, "But we knew nothing about this," God will judge us and "repay each person according to what he has done." We need to be ready to help and love expectant mothers and their unborn babies, as well as showing forgiveness and healing to those who have had abortions.

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Letter to the editor: To Liz Bence

Dear Liz,

Your editorial, while enlightening as to some of the trials faced by the food service staff, neglected to address one of the primary complaints of many dissatisfied students: we do not like to be forced to pay for things we will not use. First and second year students must be on the 21 meal plan (while many students do not use 2/3 of that), and those out of the dorms are required to buy a minimum of five meals per week. I've heard the justification for this; the college is required, through New York law to provide 21 meals per day, and that the dorm kitchens are not designed to be able to provide these meals for all of the students, although the townhouse kitchens are built to handle heavy use, yet still we are required to

and challenge to reach out in love to those facing crisis situations. We encourage each of you to reach out to people affected by abortion or crisis pregnancies and show them the forgiveness and love of Jesus Christ.

-Meara Dietrick and Julia Cornish

purchase at least 5 meals per week. Providing the meals can be different from forcing students to buy all the meals in advance. I know that nothing short of an expensive overhaul of the system would correct this problem; however, we have all heard of colleges with plans that charge for meals actually consumed. The statements made about the lesser costs per meal for the higher meal plans escapes the core of my argument. The problem is not that I am spending x amount per meal, but that I am paying for the uneaten meal at all.

I hope this letter helps you, and others that work for Pioneer understand that my complaints (and those of many others) are not with the quality of the food nor the service. In fact, I am generally pleased with our food, and I understand many of the problems that the food services faces. I do get upset when I get my bill and fork over money that I know will never be fully used.

Sincerely,
Jeremy van Hoff

Highlander

SPORTS

March 11 - 18



March Madness

trivia

1. What is the actual name for Gonzaga's team? Zags or Bulldogs?
2. How many NCAA Tourney games did UCLA win in a row from 1964-1973?
3. What school has appeared in the Final Four the most times?
4. What is a Terrapin?
5. What school in the Sweet 16 had a anti-war riot in the 70's?
6. In what California beach town is Pepperdine University located?
7. What was the nickname of St. John's before it became the Red Storm?
8. Where is the Final Four being held this year?
9. How many teams are in the NCAA tournament?
10. What team in the Tourney went undefeated in their conference? (Hint: Big 12)
11. Name the California city that was used in the Midwest and South regionals this year.
12. Where is Creighton University located?
13. What does NCAA stand for?
14. Since what year has Mike Krzyzewski coached at Duke University?
15. What is the name of the building that the UCLA Bruins play their home games at?
16. Where is Valparaiso?
17. What is the mascot for San Diego State University?
18. What university, also located in Cincinnati, is the rival of U. of Cincinnati?
19. Give the name of the arena and the name of the court where the Kansas Jayhawks play their home games.
20. For 500 points, name the two schools involved in the national championship game in the early 90's, where Chris Webber called a timeout he didn't have; What was the name of the starting line up that included Webber, and who won the game?

All questions worth 100 points
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points.

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Track and Field opens outdoor season in Virginia

by **Liz Horner**
Star staff

On Saturday, March 16, the Highlander Track and Field team competed in the 26th annual Washington and Lee University Invitational with great success. There were many outstanding individual and team performances. Three school records were broken. The men's 4x100 meter relay team-Phil Andrews, Pete Wheatley, Tim Ridgeway, and Brett Greene-broke the old school record of 45.24, set last year, with the time of 44.69. Phil Andrews also broke the school record in the 200 meters with a time of 22.89; the old record of 22.9 had stood since 1985. Additionally, Rose Baum achieved a new record of 10 feet in the pole vault. There were also numerous personal records in the meet including Jen Kinman with a time of 5:40.89 in the 1500 meters, Rita Pazral with a time of 11:55.7 in the 3000 meters, and Gabe Whittaker (16:16), Larry Petry (16:21), and Chris Buell (16:22) in the 5000 meters. One of the highlights of the meet was the awarding of a t-shirt to the top three competitors in each event. Those winning t-shirts were Amanda Miller placing first in the 800 meters with a time of 2:24, Emily Munro placing second in the 10,000 meters with a time of

43:55, Dana Sell placing first in the 1500 meters with a time of 5:12, Rose Baum placing first in the pole vault, Joy Newcomb placing third in the pole vault, and Brie Claybourn placing first in the 400 meters. Coach Smalley was excited about the team's performance at the meet. There was a lot of young talent running new races and the meet provided a big kickoff to the outdoor season. Even though the bus ride was ten hours each way, the team discovered a new meaning to the phrase "bonding time." Coach also named three participants as "athletes of the meet." These were Brie Claybourn for coming close to breaking the school record in the 200 and the 400, being part of the 4x100 relay team (along with Jen Schrieffer, Hallie Reinholz, and Sarah Gardner) which also almost broke the school record, and for reaching 8 feet in the pole vault; Phil Andrews for breaking the school record in the 200 and being part of the 4x100 team that broke the school record; and Rose Baum for setting the new record height in the pole vault. Out of twelve competing teams, the Highlander men took ninth place and the women took fourth. They are looking forward to their next meet after break.

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Students are encouraged to give to the college in hopes that the habit of giving will become a life-long relationship with the institution and a commitment to future students.

Drop in the Bucket '02 volunteers will again be available to accept your donations during the week of April 8 in the Campus Center.

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material. As the track project delves into SPF monies for the next four semesters, several other students have voiced concerns over the spending of monies from future students who will be contributing to a project they had no say in.

While it is possible for the SGA to sprint from such conflict by saving SPF monies until the fund accumulates to be

approximately \$80,000; but factor in inflation, and the project may never get done. Instead, the SPF committee has opted to accept an interest free loan from the college that will pay for the re-flooring now and use the next four semesters to pay the college back.

In this way, we can all win.



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