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# Liberal Arts Revisited ... Again.

We've all heard professors and administrators tell us about the great value of a liberal arts education. It broadens our minds by exposing us to different cultures and methods of thinking, it develops critical thinking skills, it makes us well reasoned individuals, etc., etc.; all things which employers look for and are willing to pay top dollar for. No one has ever promised us \$30,000 per year following graduation but for much too long the unquestioned assumption has been that a college education is a shortcut to financial "well-being." However, in light of the evidence (i.e. Houghton graduates earning minimum wage) we must, as responsible students, take a critical look at this belief.

In history classes we are taught to consider the biases of our sources. When we apply this critical thinking skill to the reasoning of the professors and administrators who argue for the value of a liberal arts education, we discover that they have every material reason for **telling** us (and our parents) that a liberal arts education is very important and valuable. If they do not somehow convince us to come to Houghton the school will close and they will be jobless.

As we continue our consideration of the value of a liberal arts education we must differentiate between practical value (i.e. enables us to get a high paying, exciting job) and impractical value (i.e. it's a heck of a lot of fun and often one gets a spouse out of the deal). Professors and administrators attempt to tell us and especially our parents, that the value of our education is 90% practical

and 10% impractical. This not only makes us more willing to pay thousands of dollars to the college, but also alleviates our deep-seeded dualistic fear that enjoyment for its own sake is evil and allows us to cling to our Protestant belief that God will always reward the believers hard work with material blessings (i.e. that high-paying, exciting job).

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The suprising fact is that for the most initially not make any more money than students who graduate from two year technical schools. In fact students who graduate from two year programs have the additional advantage of earning thousands of dollars while we continue to spend thousands of dollars. This may be a surprise to many moms and dads who want Johnny and Sally to go to college so that they can make a lot of money. (I suspect that parents gain a whole lot of status in their social circles if their daughter or son makes more that \$25,000 per year. I know of a parent or two whose actions and words will bear me out.)

At this point we must ask ourselves, upon graduation what advantage will we

have over the rich guy who went to the two year school? Primarily, we will have the opportunity to feel mentally superior because we took classes such as "Thermo-nuclear Calculus III" and "The Psycho-philosophies of Eastern Cultures Throughout Histroy." But while our wealthy friend has an opportunity to show off his new Acura (while we still drive that beat up '79 Nova), we seldom have the opportunity to impress him with our knowledge of nuclear particles in motion or the effects of a over-disciplinary father figure upon the theology of Martin Luther. As we drive in his new Acura to see the boat he wants to buy, our only chance to show our superior knowledge is to challenge our friend to a game of Trivial Pursuit.

All this is not to say that our Houghton education is worthless. (I'd be a fool to say that I have spent the last four years of my life doing something worthless!) But the value lies in something less (or more, depending upon how you look at it) than what we may expect or what our parents or grandparents may expect. If you are at Houghton because you expect its education to enable you to make a lot of money, then you would do better to go elsewhere, to a college which is designed to make its graduates rich. If however, you enjoy learning for the sake of developing some sort of understanding of the world, and you enjoy having loads of freedom with limited responsibility, then Houghton is the place for you. The point of a Houghton education is not create the quickest and brightest social climbers, but to enable us to understand the futility of such a social system.

## Homecoming 1992: A Look Back.

"The Wild West" was the theme for Homecoming 1992 at Houghton College. The weekend began with a pageant on Thursday night and there was not a free moment until it officially ended after the Spot Saturday evening. Homecoming at Houghton is a time when alumni come back to visit, the sports teams give that extra effort, floats are built, and a Homecoming Queen is crowned.

The study break Thursday night kicked off the weekend with "free food" and a lot of laughs as some very brave young Houghton men paraded around as women, modeling swimsuits and evening gowns and showing off their special talents. This year's Ms. Homecoming was the beautiful



*The Homecoming Court of 1992..*

"Vivian."

Friday marked the official opening of "The Wild West," the theme of this year's homecoming. At 9:45 am, the campus gathered in Wesley Chapel, for the two-hour Founder's day convocation. Students sat with others of their major, keeping with the Houghton tradition. This year's convocation was particularly moving, because of the special tribute to the late Stephen W. Paine. Many of us were brought to tears by Pain's daughter, Katherine Harriman, and to rollicking laughter by Dr. Arthur Lynip's words of remembrance. We were

transported back in time, to the period of Houghton's birth and development—by the many skits, accented by College Choir's beautiful sounds.

On Saturday, the fun and excitement was kicked off (not by a soccer game as you might expect from the wording choice but) by the annual homecoming parade. The crowd gathered around Lambein, to watch the parade begin. The hard work done by each class was reflected in their floats, each with a "Wild West" theme. The parade was followed by coronation of the Homecoming Queen, on the steps of Luckey





Building. The crowd applauded as *Kathy Hartzell*, a senior, was crowned. The Homecoming court



*The Equestrian Events.*

consisted of Kathy, Shelly Smith, and Jenny Smith, and their escorts. They were dressed in western costumes for the event, Kathy and her date dressed in cowboy outfits, while Shelly and Jenny and their escorts were dressed in "Indian" outfits.

Saturday evening was marked by the semi-formal banquet—Big Al's marvelously put together production. As always, Al was able to provide amply for the students and visitors alike.



Students dressed in their finest garb and gathered with friends or dates, to enjoy the food and social atmosphere. Here, the results of the parade were made known: The junior class won, with their covered wagon float.

There were also many sports activities. The traditional J.V. Men's Soccer versus the Alumni Soccer Players was the first to be held. Men's varsity soccer was the highlight of the weekend with

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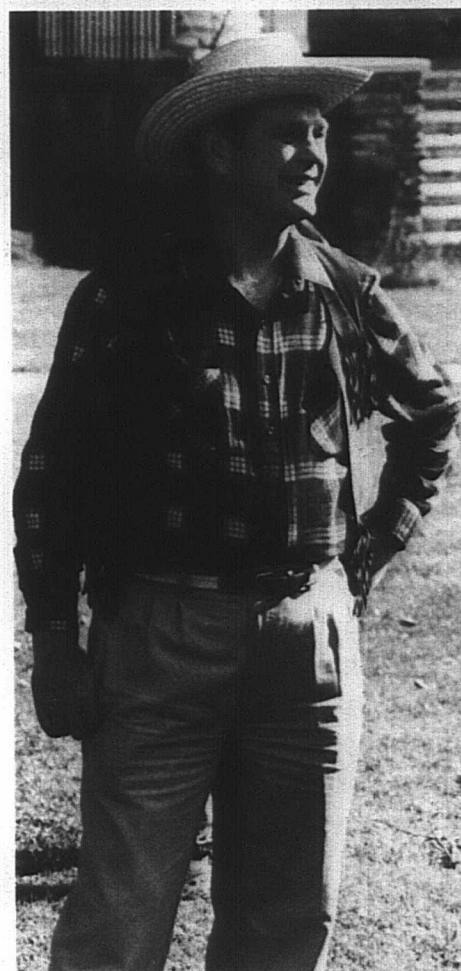
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goalie Kevin Shoemaker recording shutouts on Friday and Saturday afternoons against Kings and Eastern respectively.

Both games were well attended with over five hundred people in attendance at Saturday's game. The Women's team also played a tough match against Eastern although they did not fair as well as the men's team. There was also an equestrian event and a volleyball game.

Saturday night culminated with a movie



*President Chamberlain in his western get-up.*

which was followed by the Spot. The Spot began with a skit by the sophomore class and ended with Mike Bellasone's moving sax version of "Amazing Grace."

So Homecoming 1992 was over—its only reminders the streamers and balloons scattered here and there, as well as leftover cake on Sunday.

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Maany thanks to Kathy Hartxell and to Dean Liddick for their last-minute help in providing the photographs for this article.

Thanks,

The Star Staff

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## Uff-Da!



I have come to the realization that relationships are one of the most important things in life. The problem is we seldom take the time or give a hoot about anyone else but ourselves. I am guilty of selfishness and pride like everyone else, so I do not claim the moral high ground. John Donne was right, "No man is an island." That's a cute phrase but how poignant and true it is.

In academia i.e. college we are taught to be independent, self-sufficient persons. Our society dictates this type of education, and we all seem to buy into the myth of the rugged individualist. I used to want to be the independent rebel. I did not need people, and I could care less if they needed me. I found out that my pride was keeping me from one of the greatest gifts God has given us, each other.

Relationships took on a whole new meaning for me after being involved in an accident last year. I learned from that incident that I told very few people just how much I loved and cared for them. I just assumed they knew. Big mistake, people need to hear that you care for them, and you need to tell them. There is so much talk on this campus and so little love. And that word is overused too. To love someone hurts because it requires becoming vulnerable and voluntarily placing someone ahead of your own self. This is a very difficult thing to do.

My own words are condemning me because I know how I am supposed to act but so seldom do. If everyone did nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit but considered others better than themselves there would have been no need for my last

column. On a more serious note, these are some of the hardest words to apply consistently. I know I am going to fail each day. I also know that God will forgive me each day. That's the beautiful thing about grace; it is always there.

We must remember to not isolate ourselves from each other. This does not mean at every meal we tell everyone our problems over and over again. I'd get up and leave. Revel in life and live it to its fullest. Enjoy the company of friends and tell them how you feel about them. Try and be there for a friend who's hurting. But most of all remember that God loves you regardless. He loves even if we don't live up to all of the expectations people place over us and he forgives too. To quote the great one, Louis Armstrong that is, "What a wonderful world . . ."

## News

Michael Evans

The Houghton college Student Senate held its first two meetings on consecutive tuesdays, September 22, and 29. The 92-93 Budget, Campus Safety, housing standards and appointing students to committees were among the agenda for these meetings.

Executive Reports were given by Senate Cabinet officials at the first meeting. Campus Activities Board President, Elaine Armstrong reported on Campus Safety, Phil Ginter on Off-Campus Student Housing, Treasurer Issacc Ball

presented the 1992-93 Budget, Deb Cauvel gave her ideas on Senate Public relations, and student body Chaplain Bill Mann encouraged interaction between campus ministries and deeper outreach into the community. These reports prompted formation of committees to investigate and take action on the problems found.

One such committee will look into the "Campus Right to Know Act" and any other legislation regarding the required action of the Student Development Office (SDO) and

Security after a crime is committed. The main concern is how much crime is actually reported to the Houghton Community.

Senators also expressed other safety concerns such as properly lit pathways and the amount of security officers, especially at night. The amount of Security dispatch has been greatly decreased this year as well. President Ginter suggested that senators try to apply pressure to express the great concern. Residents at Ortlip house have thought about starting a campus escort service. A

## Senate Report



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## Residence Life Sponsors Forum on Gender Differences.

In the first of several workshops sponsored by the Counseling Center, questions about men's insensitivity and women's indecision were addressed in an effort to bridge the gap of misunderstanding between the sexes.

According to Shenawana RD Matt Webb, an estimated 180 students attended the Gender Differences in Communication workshop on October 8 in the campus center lounge. The program was facilitated by the Shenawana and Lambien Residence Life staff, and Mike Lastoria, who led the discussion.

"Men and women grow up in different worlds, different cultures," explained Mike Lastoria. "There is a difference in the way men and women process the same thing and each perspective is legitimate."

After a skit by a group of RAs and a short discussion time, Lastoria

described the male world as consisting of hierarchical status where independence and action are valued. He described the female world as one that values intimacy and connectedness and said that these differences in perception are noticeable as early as preschool.

"If you're asking which one is more important then you missed the point," Lastoria insisted. "There is no right or wrong perspective—each is important and each needs to be understood by the other."

Lastoria then elaborated on the different ways in which females and males react to aspects of life such as driving, decision making, being sympathetic as well as others.

Perhaps the most enlightening part of the workshop came when the group was asked to take a 5 question quiz after which the answers were polled. Aside from a few exceptions,

most answers revealed tendencies for males and females to react according to the hierarchical/connectedness (respectively) model Lastoria presented.

At the conclusion of the workshop students were given an evaluation to complete. Senior RA Melody Clendaniel suggested that a more detailed explanation of how to deal with these gender differences would be helpful. Michael Evans felt that the information would enable him to take more into consideration in the future in his relationships.

The Resident Life staff and Counseling Center staff were pleased with the attendance and participation of everyone involved. The next two seminars sponsored by the Counseling Center concerns rape and its consequences on November 17 and advertising's image of women on November 19.

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"Neighborhood Watch"-type system has also been suggested.

Phil Ginter said that Off-campus approved housing may not be up to an acceptable standard. Some allegedly don't have smoke detectors or appropriate exits for example. He approached the Student Development Office, The Houghton Homeowner's Association, and the State housing code to find out what can be done about the alleged problems.

SDO has decided to compile a manual to spell out requirements for approved student housing. Ginter said there are no house inspections of

any kind and SDO made no mention of plans for it in the future.

Ginter and Armstrong attended the Houghton Homeowners Association on September 28. Ginter said these concerns were accepted well and SDO and the Housing Association will be in contact with each other soon. A Senate AD HOC committee will continue to investigate local fire safety codes.

Concern over whether the campus is fully accessible to people who are handicapped led to the formation of a committee. It will look into the possibility that men's dormitories and

housing may be completely inaccessible for male students who are handicapped.

Senators expressed that the language in the Responsibilities of Community life (The Pledge) is vague. A committee has been formed to look into clarifying requirements students must adhere to. That committee may suggest appropriate changes.

To promote Communication with students, a Senate Table with meeting minutes and a suggestion box will be in the Campus Center every Thursday.

## Feature

Michael Evans  
Christine Arthur

# Dotys Restart Linguistics at Houghton.

Wycliffe translators, Steve and Margie Doty brought their two children to Houghton College to establish the most complete linguistics program in the last seventeen years. The couple is here to represent The Summer Institute of Linguistics in a joint effort between Houghton college and Wycliffe Translators to respark the Linguistic minor.

Steve Doty and Margie Miller came from entirely different

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places. Steve grew up in Detroit and got a degree in architecture engineering. Margie spent her first thirteen years in Vietnam where her parents were missionaries. The two met in 1978 in the Philippines where her parents were then serving. Steve moved there after earning a

master's degree in linguistics and serving two years in the Peace Corps. He was there to translate the New Testament into Tiruray.

They did not realize this crossing of paths would change their lives. Steve, who was attracted to Margie, decided that he should not pursue a High School girl and kept his distance. They were, however, bonded by a common "desire to help others have God's word." and both chose the discipline of Linguistics towards this goal.

Margie, the granddaughter of late Houghton College President Steven W. Paine, started at the college in 1980. She studied English and minored in Linguistics, Bible and German. Steve stayed to finish his work in

the Philippines. The two kept in touch by writing thought-packed letters, which kindled their

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relationship.

Upon completing his Tiruray project, "I Fitowe Uret", (literally "The Good News"), Steve returned to the United States and "made a beeline for Houghton







College to see Margie." The couple were married the summer after she graduated as salutatorian in 1984.

The two went to the Solomon Islands to translate the New Testament into the Lau language. They worked as part of a Wycliffe team to finish "Na Faarongolaa Diana", (also meaning "the Good News") They were the only foreigners on the team, the others, who were native to the Islands, helped clarify the Language.

The Dotys know seven languages: Lau, English, Yapese (Micronesia Island in the North Pacific), Tagalog (in the Philippines), Pijin (New Guinea and the Solomon Islands) and studies New Testament Greek.

The pair teaches a new linguistics program through the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL), which is the training organization affiliated with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They are currently offering nine Linguistics courses as part of a minor. They are teaching approximately fifteen students this

semester.

According to the April 1992 issue of "The Milieu", Houghton College's Alumni magazine, this cooperative effort is more than two years in the making. Dr. Charles Bressler started the effort to refresh the

program. There has officially been a Linguistics program at Houghton since 1961, but very few courses have been taught since 1975. Wycliffe has participated with other schools and was very open to establishing a program at Houghton. Dr. Bressler and Dr. Richard Gould will share responsibility for instruction with Wycliffe workers. These people, most likely husband

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and wife teams, will be furnished with housing and some fringe benefits for their two to three year assignments.

The Dotys hope to have a

Linguistics major in place within their two to three year stay. They also hope to recruit some students into the mission of translating God's Word into other languages, however, they think the program would be beneficial to anyone who wants to increase their

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language skills.

"The Milieu" reported that Houghton alumni and SIL president, Dr. Frank Robbins said that Wycliffe needs to recruit some 250 members annually to maintain its 6,000 members. Approximately 70 of Wycliffe's workers are Houghton Alumni, and there are current students who plan to work with this organization in the future. As a result, Houghton may attract new students who are planning to be Bible translators.

Along with prospects for a major, memorial scholarships in the name of the late president emeritus Steven W. Paine are being established. Linguistics may have a real future at Houghton College and the Dotys may be just the right people to get it started.

## Sports Briefs:

**Men's Soccer...** After going 1-1 for the week, the Highlanders' record stands at 8-4-2. On Oct. 7, the men defeated Keuka college behind goals from Dave Eisenried, Amos White, Dan Dominguez, Greg Telago, and Bob Schwaner with a score of 5-1. Last Saturday, Oct. 10, Houghton scored three consecutive goals to take the lead against Alfred, but fell to the saxons with a final score of 4-3. Scorers in that game were Randy Levak, who scored two, and Steve Hughes with one.

**Women's Soccer...** The women also finished 1-1 this week, after dropping a close battle with Geneseo 2-0 on Tuesday Oct. 6, and shutting out Buffalo State 4-0 on Thursday Oct. 8. Heidi Gugler added three goals to her season total, and the lady Highlanders are now nearing the .500 plateau at 4-6 for the season.

**Field Hockey...** The Lady Highlanders ran their season record to 10-1-1 last week, after defeating the U. of Rochester 1-0 with a goal by Brenda Pettygrove, and Brockport State 4-2 on Saturday Oct. 10, with three goals from Lori Sheetz, and one from P.J. Buonocore. Sheetz broke the Houghton scoring record during that game. Congratulations!

## X-Country Strives for Nationals.

A chance at Nationals is not far off for this years cross-country team.

This weekend the Houghton team will travel to Westminster college for the District 18 championship, and according to coach Bob Smalley, they have "really strong hopes."

Smalley says that this years women's team is the strongest team he can ever remember," with a record of 28/11. "They are placing much better than in previous years," he said, "Our top four women (Heather George, Naomi Castelani, Leslie Roberts, and Trish Demperio), are among the best in NYS." According to Smalley, one factor that has made a big difference has been the "acquisition of two new women runners," Leslie Roberts, and Lori

Sears. Returning runners like Heather George and Naomi Castellani cannot be forgotten however as they continue to perform strongly. At the Geneseo State Invitational, the women captured second place in a fifteen team field. Naomi finished number one, leading Houghton and the rest of the field.

The men's cross-country team has unfortunately been plagued by injuries this season and has just recently begun to run with a full team. Although they did suffer a significant amount of setbacks in the beginning, Smalley says that "it looks like they are going to come together" just in time for the end of the season. The fact that they placed the best they have all season at their meet in Geneseo proved that point, as their current records stands at 20/24. In the Geneseo Invitational, the men finished in fifth place, with Tim Thurber in Fourteenth place overall.

Overall says Smalley, this years team has been "a real pleasure to work with, their attitudes as well as their christian witness has been outstanding."

We wish the cross-country teams good luck this saturday as they travel to Westminster in hopes of winning the chance to go to Nationals in Wisconsin on Nov. 19-21. Last years team placed 29, but coach Smalley says that he thinks they will do much better this year.





# Women's V-ball Continues Winning Season.

With a current record of 17-2, including a 5-0 mark in district play, the Houghton women's volleyball team has reason to stand tall.

The only losses that the women have seen yet came at the Elizabethtown tournament where Houghton finished 3-2. There, the women defeated Scranton, Avarett, and Elizabethtown, but sustained a heart breaking loss to Messiah and one to Allegheny. Christie Brown finished the tournament with 52 kills and 55 digs, while Sheri Lankford killed 54 and dug 56. Both players were named to the all-tournament team.

Last week the team headed South, where they beat up on both Geneva

and Westminster in district matches. Lankford and Brown had 10 kills a piece against Geneva, with Brown contributing an additional six blocks. In the match up with Westminster, Lankford had nine kills, and Evie Schneider had 12 digs.

On Saturday, October 12, Houghton thrashed, district 31 champs of the last five years, Saint Thomas Aquinas college in two games. Once again, Christie and Sheri were the killer combo, with each of them collecting seven kills, and two roofs. They also defeated D'Youville 2-1.

Coach Lord seems very pleased with the womens record here at about the halfway mark of the season. His

main concerns however are working around injuries so the team will be at full strength down the stretch, and motivating his team to work hard as a unit. His goal is to have the team improve with each match, and peak during the post-season.

The next big challenge for the Lady Highlanders will be this week when they face Seton Hill College for the outright top position in the district. On Oct. 23 and 24 the women will face yet another obstacle on the course to districts when they play five district matches in two days, without the support of the Houghton home crowd.

## Upcoming Sports Events...

### Women's Field Hockey...

Oct.  
...Sat. 17 - 4:00 E. Stroudsburg  
U. - A (at Cortland St.)  
...Fri. 23 - 4:00 Lycoming  
College - A  
...Sat. 24 - 1:00 Eastern  
College - A

### Women's Volleyball...

Oct.  
...Tu. 20 - 8:00 Buff. State - A  
...Fri. 23 - 6:00 St. Vincent &  
Seton Hill - A  
...Sat. 24 - 1:00 Carlow, La

Roche & Point Park - A  
...Th. 29 - 6:00 Westminster &  
Pitt. Brad. - H

### Men's Soccer...

Oct.  
...Sat. 17 - 2:00 Roberts  
Weslyan - H  
...Sat. 24 - 2:00 Nazareth - H  
...Wed. 28 - 3:00 Fredonia  
State - H

### Women's Soccer...

Oct.  
...Mon. 19 - 3:30 Brockport  
Sate. - A  
...Sat. 24 - 2:00 Nazareth - A  
...Tu. 27 - 3:00 Fredonia St. -H  
...Th. 29 - 3:00 Roberts - A  
...Sat. 31 - 2:00 Seton Hill - H



## Fruits, Nuts, & Celery

A piece of celery whizzes through the air in the proverbial slow motion. I'm sitting at Big Al's and I can't decide to write about politics or abortion. My last column described the danger of putting people in little boxes and not giving them a chance to grow... watch yourself gentle reader, lest you judge me too harshly for my choice of topics.

The simple explanation follows: This is election year; ergo politics. Everyone wants to know where everyone "stands" on abortion; ergo abortion? No. No one "stands" on abortion; the doctor sits and the woman takes it lying down.

I return to politics; this is election year, if you haven't signed up with JTT and Young College Republicans, do so immediately (Don't read this wrong, I did NOT say to become a Republican). November 3 from 6:00 am-9:00 pm is Election Day. Vote. But Jen, you may ask, I'm in Houghton where it's next to impossible to keep updated on the real world. Next to impossible, oh

Incredulous One, is only NEARLY impossible and that's practically possible. Here's a number of options:

1. Television. Even if you only get 1, 2, or 3 channels, they ALL get news at 5, 6, and 11 pm... you can't have classes at all of those times.

2. Newspapers. This one works even for the environmentally or check-book aware. Try the library.

3. 1-800-786-6885. They'll update you on candidates and their platforms.

On abortion (gentle reader, if you pegged me as not about to skirt this hot topic, you chosen wisely) I have a number of questions to offer you.

Why, after four years at Houghton and much discussion on the subject, have I only now happened upon information like the Nurturing Network? Nurturing Network? What's that? My question too; it's an organization for women with crises pregnancies. In a matter of weeks they can have you moved, in classes at a different school, with prenatal care, with

a support system, with a job all on the other side of the country. The woman who organized it thinks as I do... the answer is not making abortion illegal; the answer is making the alternative so appealing that there is only one choice.

Again, an 800 number, 1-800-TNN-4MOM (800-The Nurturing Network For MOM).

More questions: Why does Fillmore High have a higher birth rate than Houghton College? Why are women with crises pregnancies scared to seek help? From where do our attitudes on crises pregnancies arise? If this was you, where would you go? The celery spins on. It collides with a head. The person making pizza is jolted from a daydream. It's an unpleasant jolt, as are politics and abortion and the politics of abortion. Don't wait for the piece of celery to hit you in the head. Think about what you believe. Vote.

1. Many thanks to Kelly Patterson for this story.

## Letters

to the editor

To the students of Houghton College and the Houghton Community:

I hope that this will be the last time my name appears in the Houghton *Star* (except, perhaps, for senior essays).

Several things happened on campus last year which had my name attached to them. Some of them, I was directly responsible for. Some of them, I was connected to. Some of them, I had no involvement with. Until now, I have tried to keep quiet about the issues, but I feel that I should let the student body know why I am not involved with the

Student Senate any more.

The first thing that I was connected to was the Senate Resolution on the Responsibilities of Community Life. It was my firm conviction at the time that I authored the draft of that resolution that Houghton had serious problems which could be attended to by merely keeping the pledge that was made to the community. I know now that I was wrong. Not that this college is free of problems, but that merely following the rules really does nothing to attend to these problems. What is needed to fix these problems is a realization of God's grace in our lives—which can only be revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. My advice is not to ignore the pledge, but sincerely ask the Lord to show you

where that commitment fits into your life.

The second issue that I was involved with was the Student Senate election debacle. I may have been wrong in my assumptions, but I understood my duties as election committee chair to merely set up the election booth, run the balloting and then count the ballots for the results. This is what I did, with the help of the election committee appointed by the class presidents. The decision to nullify the first election was made by the Senate cabinet, without my influence. The decision to go ahead with the second election after Doug Stockwell's approval by the Academic Affairs Council was passed down to me, again by the Senate cabinet. As directed, I set up the



## Time to Flow

### QUOTE: A thought will color the world for us.

-Theodore Dreiser

Hypothetical situation #1: Your name is Kadeff Yanceralli. You are a junior at Houghton and you play for the Houghton Lacrosse team.

Raheem is from your home town of Northumblefunk, N.Y. He has known you since pre-school. The two of you attended the same grammar, middle, and high school. At college you guys remain close friends, but he plays on the Houghton football team. The two of you never seem to spend enough time together due to conflicting practices, classes, and other Houghtonite commitments. You remain close friends because you spend break together.

Trashon is your roommate. He's from Nowhere, N.J., and plays lacrosse with you. In a short time he has become a very close friend that you can confide in easily. At Houghton the two of you are inseparable.

Hypothetical problem: Raheem and Trashon do not get along. You are often present when one is verbally slamming the absent other. What should you do? Should you do anything at all? Does this even involve you?

Is it any of your business, as a friend, to get involved in a situation that does not concern you? Do you have the right/responsibility to get involved because they are your friends? Where do you draw the line when the word "friend" is implied or applied to a person? Should you just lead a quiet life and mind your own business, leaving your friend to do the same?

When Raheem begins to totally destroy Trashon verbally should you defend Trashon, or should you let Raheem say what he will? Defending one might get the other angry at you. One might get mad when he hears the other is talking about him and you were there. What is your role? As a friend **WHAT ARE YOU TO DO?**

If you decide not to get involved you risk the questioning of your loyalties to both parties. You may find yourself not hanging out with either one. If you decide to get involved the complications of defending one side too much or one side too little or attempting any effort at all on your part could weaken the bonds of both friendships.

What you should do is for you to decide.

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balloting and supervised the counting of the ballots, including absentee ballots from the Buffalo campus. The second election results stood by an executive order, with the cabinet consent. (It is my understanding that the cabinet members in the race were not included in the consent.) There would be no way to please everyone, of course, since Phil Ginter won the election. Those who thought Phil should be Student Body President voted for him, and those who thought that Doug Stockwell should be president voted for him, not to mention making some big scenes as the Stockbollah movement. The only response that I have here is that the Senate constitution or by-laws should make clearer distinctions about who

actually runs elections, and what the exact duties of the election committee chair should be. For example, it never crossed my mind to check on the academic eligibility of the candidates. I, obviously wrongly, assumed that they all knew the requirements and met them. I also knew that the Academic Records Office would not give me exact GPAs because of certain privacy laws. At any rate, some things were innocently overlooked, and the man the majority of the voting students wanted for Student Body President now fills that role. Whether justice was done or not is up to you to determine, but now you have some background information to make that decision on.

I am not connected with Student

Senate in any way this year, and here are the reasons:

1. I have been looking into graduate schools, and find that my GPA is not adequate for admission to my choice schools. If I work hard this year, I can still fix that. Several things had to go—including Senate.

2. Since I can't stand the heat, I've gotten out of the kitchen.

3. I wanted to spend more time with Witness 90 (WJSL) and with WMF.

Let me close with an apology to any member of the Student Body who feels that I have wronged them. If I have wronged you, it was not my intention. Please forgive me. And let's be friends again.

Jim Hilliard

## Stars Past.

*Stars Past* is a new feature which will look into the *Star* archives to not only entertain us but to hopefully enlighten us about Houghton's history.

When Mrs. Doezeema first gave me the bound *Stars* from the 1950-'51 school year, I was surprised to find that Billy Graham had spoken at the 1950 commencement. The famed evangelist spoke to approximately 2300 people who gathered in front of the Luckey Building steps.

According to the *Star* Graham's scripture text was from Ezekiel 22:30: "And I sought a man among them that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me in the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."

Graham asserted that the United States in 1950 was much the same as Israel in the time of Ezekiel.

The heat of the cold war was very apparent in the message of the evangelist. The *Star* reported that "God will use God-hating, atheistic

Russia, to bring judgment upon us even as He used Assyria and godless Babylon to bring judgment upon

*Star* also reported that "seniors will no longer be exempt from taking final examinations." In the same

article it was noted that while the grades of Houghton students were higher than the national average, Houghton students did not perform as well on standardized tests as their grades seemed to indicate they should. In order to remedy this a tougher grading policy was enacted.

The *Star* of 1950-1951 was edited by Stephen Castor and a weekly subscription to the newspaper cost \$2.00 per year. The *Star* enjoyed a staff of nearly forty people, including three proof readers, six assistant editors, and twenty-seven reporters. The paper had two columnists, Connie Jackson and Bruce Waltke, and

contained advertisements for Barker's grocery where Tide, Dreft, Oxydol, and Cheer were only 29 cents for a large box, and WJSL "Houghton's Own Station; 600 on Your Dial."

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## THRONG HEARS GRAHAM

### Roddy Speaks To Theologs

The forty-seven students of the theological class of 1950 presented their class night program Friday, June 2, at the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist church.

Prof. F. Wright introduced the contestants of the annual Strong Memorial Bible Reading Contest. They were Jean Brown, Bernice Gordon, Ralph Rudolph, and Laverne Whitman. Awards of first and second prizes went to Bernice Gordon and Laverne Whitman.

Dr. Clarence S. Roddy, who is a member of the faculty of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, presented the theology students with a challenging, stimulating address entitled, "Men of the Pre-eminent Calling."

The essence of Dr. Roddy's address centered around three points. Pondering first that the servants of God are "servants of the burning bush," he gave the familiar illustration of Moses in the third chapter of Exodus.

Dr. Roddy's second thought identified God's elect as "servants of the burning altar." "If we are God-conscious," he said, "we are in the train of those who are men of the burning altar."

Dr. Roddy developed his third theme, "servants of the burning heart," from Luke 24:32. Principle words here were "holiness" and "sensitivity." "Holiness is God made manifest in life," he said.

### Alumni Honor Class of 1925

Bedford Gymnasium on the evening of Saturday, June 3rd, was the scene of the annual Houghton College Alumni Banquet.

Decorated in red and white, the colors of the class of '25, the gym was well filled with alumni and their guests.

Highlight of the program was the presentation of Houghton's first graduating class to receive degrees, the class of 1925.

Their president, Mark Bedford, introduced the eight members present and mentioned the twelve who were unable to attend. In his recollections of the activities of his class, Mr. Bedford pointed out several college traditions which they originated, including: the mantle oration on Class Day, publication of the *Boulder* (first edited in 1924), and Senior Skip Day. Their class also erected the monument

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### Calls for Nation-wide Repentance

"There has never been a graduating class in the history of the United States of America that has faced such a despairing and hopeless future as the graduating class of 1950," proclaimed Dr. Billy Graham in his address to approximately 2300 people in the Houghton college commencement exercises, which met in front of the Luckey Memorial building on the morning of June 5th. Dr. Graham is an evangelist and president of the Northwestern Schools, located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The program began as the organ played "Hero's March" for the procession, after which the invocation was offered by Rev. John O. Mabuz. Alice Romito sang "Lamb of God," by Bixie, followed shortly by a solo from Floyd Totman, singing "See Me as a Seal," a composition written by our own Professor Heydenburg. Major Robert N. Barrett, Jr., of the U.S. Marine Corps, presented to two of our graduating seniors the rank of second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve. President Paine, assisted by Dean King, then presented the diplomas and the baccalaureate degrees. By standing, the August graduates were then recognized by Dr. Paine. Paul Nast then sang Handel's composition, "Father in Heaven."

Mr. Graham was granted the honorary degree of doctor of laws in the program. The college also

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DR. BILLY GRAHAM

### Grads of '25 Gather for Reunion at Glen Iris Inn

Eight members of the class of 1925, five husbands and wives, and five children gathered at Glen Iris Inn, Litchworth, for their 25th anniversary. Those present from out of town included the one lawyer, Keith Farmer; the two business men, Arthur Bernhoft of Syracuse (the only grandfather of the group) and Edward Williams of Indiana; Pa; and one

### Grunstra, King Address Seniors

The Houghton college graduating class of '50 presented its class day exercises in the college chapel on Saturday morning, June 3rd, at 10 o'clock.

Bernard Grunstra, valedictorian of the class, in his oration dealt with the problem of the Christian's facing the field of science. He pointed out that scientific knowledge is tentative, for some concepts previously accepted as unassailable fixed laws are now doubted and in some cases superseded by better explanations. For instance, two centuries ago it would have been mere intellectual exercise to doubt whether or not a straight line is the shortest distance between two points; today it is altogether appropriate to doubt such a theory. Christian truth, on the other hand, is distinct in character, having definiteness, for divine intervention makes knowledge of eternal truth possible. Mr. Grunstra asserted that the Christian of our age should not fear science, which, after all, constantly presents only tentative explanations to be evaluated in terms of accuracy and ability and common sense.

### Tucker Speaks on Jews At Prep Class Night

The class night exercises of the Houghton preparatory class of '50 were held Friday night, June 2, at 8 p.m. in the college chapel.

The salutatorian, Marilyn Tucker, gave an oration, "The Jew in Prophecy." Pointing out the covenant God made with Abraham in the twelfth chapter of Genesis, she declared that the Jew today is still a separate race despite centuries of dispersion and persecution which the Lord out of love has permitted due to their disobedience. They are returning to a nation which was born in 1948 in which of

Jerusalem. Graham also said, "The Communists, if told so, would slay even their own mothers. Are we willing to dedicate our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ, no matter what the cost?"

The Commencement Issue of the



# *Please, keep the* **CAMPUS CENTER** **BEAUTIFUL**

In the past five years **thousands of dollars** have been spent to give us a beautiful dining hall and campus center lounge. We are hoping within the next five years to also renovate the basement as a student union.

## **HOWEVER**

Our custodial staff is overwhelmed by the mess in the Campus Center. Food thrown on the walls, bananas smashed into the carpeting, cokes spilled on the upholstery, and writing on the wooden table tops are not magically cleaned up by elves. This kind of treatment leaves us with three options:

1. Go back to old institutional furniture made out of wooden crates.
2. Leave the campus center looking like a pig-pen
3. Hire additional maintenance, custodians, and contract cleaners out of increased tuition costs.

**NONE OF US WANTS ANY OF THESE OPTIONS!**

**WHAT CAN *YOU* DO TO HELP?**

- USE TRASH CANS.
- EAT IN THE DINING HALL AND SNACK SHOPS - NOT IN THE LOUNGE.
- DON'T THROW FOOD.
- DON'T SIT ON THE TABLETOPS, THEY'RE NOT MADE FOR THAT.
- ASK OTHERS TO SAVE YOUR MONEY & KEEP OUR CAMPUS CENTER CLEAN.
- WHEN YOU SEE SOMEONE MAKING A MESS - SPEAK UP!
- JUST ACT LIKE YOU WOULD IF YOUR MOM WERE WITH YOU!

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