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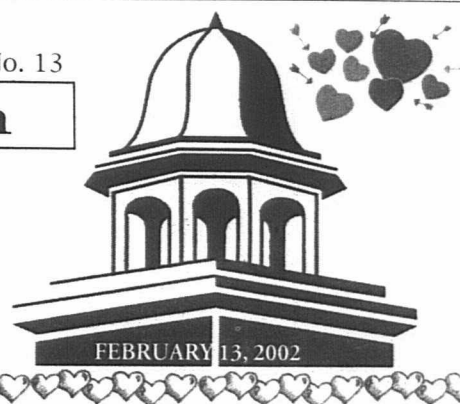


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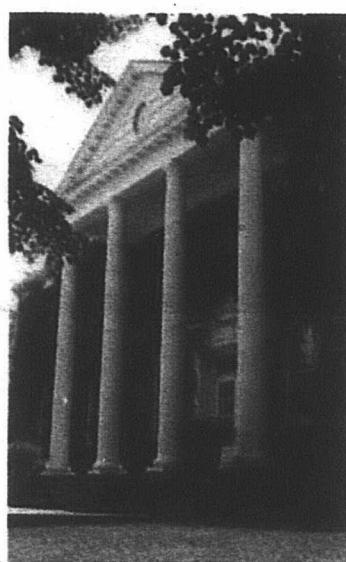
Marilyn Byerly retires after 35 years

by Beth Freeman
Star staff writer

Marilyn Byerly has been a part of the Houghton community for 70 years, working in the registrar's office for half of that time. After 35 years of service to the faculty and students of this college, she is retiring this summer to enjoy some much-deserved rest. Mrs. Byerly says that she is not sure what she will do once she retires but is sure she will not be bored. After talking with her, I am confident that this fun-loving generous lady will find plenty of ways to keep busy.

Marilyn's parents moved to Houghton in 1929 before she was born. They wanted to raise their family in a Christian environment, and her father had a position with the college as a geology professor. Perhaps it was that love of rocks that gave him the idea for the unique house on Luckey Drive that is fashioned out of stone from the Houghton creek. Marilyn and her husband, Warren, live in that house to this day, along with five student boarders. Mrs. Byerly says that her

father built the house with the idea of having student boarders, and over the years they have housed over 450



Mrs. Byerly works on the second floor of the Luckey building.

students!

While many of us can't imagine spending our entire lives in a small town like Houghton, Marilyn has enjoyed many aspects of life here. She believes it was a wonderful place

to raise her two daughters and for her three grandchildren to visit. She particularly appreciates the culture that the Artist Series has brought to their lives. During our interview, she recalled one specific Artist Series when the Von Trapp family singers (of Sound of Music fame) came to Houghton to perform. Later, she visited their family lodge in New England and was able to meet the then 80-year-old Maria Von Trapp. It is experiences like this that keep Marilyn so young at heart.

While talking to Mrs. Byerly about her job with the college, I couldn't help but notice how much she genuinely loves working with the students. She works mostly with seniors, helping them fill out audit sheets and making sure they have enough credits to graduate. She says of her job, "I love working with the students. They're wonderful kids to work with." This is obviously true as she has kept her home open to students as a community living option for the entire 47 years that she's been married. "Living with young people keeps you feeling young," she says.

Paddle Sport club splashes into action

by Niki Harwood
Star correspondent

In the last couple of years the Houghton College Paddle Sports Club has increased its membership by over 70-100 people, they have gained over 13 new boats, and now they are adding craftsmanship to their already extensive resume. That's right - this semester Paddle Sports will be building their very own sea kayak. During the last year or so, the current president Bryan Huot, and the vice-president Tim Svendsen have been trying to find ways to make the current club exciting and intriguing for our student body. With Tim Trezise as their advisor adding his unlimited imagination and drive, this trio has begun to make our Paddle Sports club into a live and active source of fun, ministry and crazy feats!

Within the last three semesters the club has added a trip to the beautiful and scenic New River Gorge, as well as the local runs on Cattaraugus Creek, Letchworth State Park, and the calm and peaceful Genesee. When was the last time you experienced God's creation at a level where the water was literally a hands' reach away? This club allows for the adventurer as well the nature lover to come hand in hand. Now we are beginning to add a skill of boat building to this list. Due to the incredible support of on campus organizations like SGA as well as the college, this dream of building our own boat is becoming a reality. Dave Ries, a local man who works for the Academy, has sea-kayaked in the glorious wilds of Alaska. Dave has experience with woodwork as well as building his own sea-kayak and has agreed to help the students of the Paddle Sports Club construct their boat from a kit for sea-kayaks.

This is only the beginning of a vision, which will one day see reality. This kayak will be only the beginning of a fleet of sea-kayaks. With the opening of Star Lake

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Up close and personal: Dr. Judy Congdon and baby

by Laura Kuziomko
Star staff writer

She squeals. She spits. She smiles. Of course, this makes her irresistible. That is, makes Dr. Judy Congdon's one-year-old daughter from the Ukraine so irresistible.

In May 1999 Dr. Congdon played in recitals in Russia. On her flight she witnessed several families who had adopted Russian children and were bringing them home to America.

The seed was planted. Once she visually saw the adoption process in action, she was able to see herself doing the same. She linked up with an adoption agency that mentioned several possibilities.

Dr. Congdon asked them for a girl a year old or younger if possible. An orphanage in Kiev answered the call. "We have a baby we think you will like," they chimed.

Dr. Congdon flew out to the Ukraine. A blessed Sunday morning, Dr. Congdon found herself holding the baby who was to become her very own daughter. Mid-August of 2001 sealed the deal, and Rachel was officially adopted. Since Ukrainian adoption laws require a 30-day waiting period before infants can leave the country, Dr. Congdon returned to Houghton so she could continue to teach and planned to return the 13th of September for her daughter. Fear mingled with uncertainty reigned with the September 11th

terrorist attacks. How long she would have to wait before she could pick up Rachel no one knew.

Hope sprung on the 17th of September as planes were up and running, and Dr. Congdon was able to set out for the orphanage to claim her daughter.

September 23 celebrates the day when beautiful Rachel Marie came home for the very first time. Blessings are still being heaped upon Dr. Judy Congdon. The first of June marks the day when she will wed Dr. William Doeza at St. Stephens Episcopal church in Olean.

And Rachel Marie? Of course she will be present to witness the nuptials of the two and the completion of her family.



Rosa Gerber

War on terrorism update

As the United States continues to wage its battle against terrorism, new details surface to connect two suspected terrorist with the al-Qaida network, one of the highest ranking Taliban member turns himself in, U.S. officials evaluate the damage of a missile attack site, and Iran issues a warning to the U.S.

New details about connections between suspected al-Qaida terrorists, accused shoe-bomber Richard Reid and the man official believe to be the intended 20th hijacker in the September 11 attacks Zacarias Moussaoui, surfaced during the confessions of an Islamic militant to French intelligence officials. The unidentified activist provided the French Judiciary Police with information about training in al-Qaida camps between 1996 and 2000, including one camp with both Moussaoui and Reid.

Officials are investigating the validity of the militant's statements, which would be the first concrete proof of Reid's involvement with Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaida. They are also looking for further connections between Reid and Moussaoui.

In Kandahar, Afghanistan, former Foreign Minister Wakil Ahmad Muttawakil turned himself

over to authorities last Friday. U.S. investigators and Afghan authorities planned to thoroughly question Muttawakil, the highest-ranking member of the Taliban regime who had close connections with the Taliban's supreme leader, Mullah Omar, who remains at large, on Omar's whereabouts, the Taliban's links to the al-Qaida network, and Taliban violence. After interrogation, Muttawakil will face trial.

Meanwhile, U.S. officials are investigating the site of Monday's missile raid on what they thought might be a group of al-Qaida leaders. The unmanned Predator drone, a CIA spy aircraft, fired a Hellfire missile on a compound in the mountains of eastern Afghanistan. Investigators have not yet identified those killed in the attack.

Iranian President Mohammad Khatami publicly denounced President Bush's two-week-old remarks in the State of the Union address, which lumped Iran, Iraq and North Korea together in an "axis of evil" for aiding suspected terrorists and obtaining weapons of mass destruction. Wanting to promote national unity and independence, President Khatami encouraged Iranians to participate in an anti-American demonstration earlier this week. The deputy commander of Iran's Revolutionary Guard issued a warning to the U.S. that his forces would destroy the oil fields near the Persian Gulf if the U.S. threatens Iran. They, however, would not initiate

any strikes against the United States. Several other nations, such as U.S. allies France and the United Arab Emirates, have also criticized President Bush's statements.

Princess Margaret (1930-2002)

Princess Margaret, younger sister to Britain's Queen Elizabeth, died "peacefully in her sleep" early Saturday morning. Hospitalized earlier in the day, Princess Margaret had suffered a stroke on Friday afternoon and developing cardiac problems. Queen Elizabeth declared a period of mourning for her sister's death.



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A common grace



by Joshua Zieffle
Columnist

In his writings, C. S. Lewis was often known to rely on the symbolism and imagery inherent in human society and interpersonal relations. Within them, he felt, were the keys to truths that eventually led one to transcendent Truth of God. Much of his apologetic work was based on these principles and has elicited marked success in the intervening years. For me, this way of looking at the world is helpful and often encouraging when gazing upon the wide realm of God's Creation. While I am the first to admit that our existence is profoundly fallen, there are nevertheless vestiges of Truth and Reality that prevail even in the darkest of earthly corners.

So it is with the concept of grace. As Christians, we (not surprisingly) hear quite a bit about this trait throughout our lives. We say it at dinnertime, proclaim it as amazing in our hymns, and count on it whenever we approach the Lord in prayer. Some have treated it cheaply and others proclaim it the most costly of all things, but in the end we cannot (no matter how much we try) ever hope to ignore it. Wherever we turn it infuses our lives; we cannot live without it. Think for a moment about a world strictly adhering to an eye-for-an-eye mentality. While there would be exacting justice and everyone would receive equal punishment, there would be little peace. The rule of retribution would

reign over any softer sensibilities, and society would be a cold and dark place with no room for things such as extenuating circumstances or simple forgiveness.

Thankfully, this is not the case. Regardless of how much one might try to rigidly order society and make the rule of law an unalterable decree, grace creeps through. The exceptions that exist to every rule and the frequency of small mercies in our world help to prove this quite well. So much of what now exists could not be so without grace: effective parenting, meaningful teaching, the ability to maintain meaningful human relationships of any kind as well as the give and take which allows people to cooperate in endeavors both large and small. Simply put, grace is necessary in order for human society to exist. The bonds that unite us and continually uphold us are built upon this singular foundation. Without grace, each of us would wander alone in the world, incapable of joining together in friendships, organizations, or fully-orbed civilizations—we would be intent upon a purely individual justice sadly devoid of any larger sense of community.

Through all the common graces of our lives—the police officers who decide not to give us a ticket, the professors who extend various due dates, and the friends and acquaintances who forgive us our many trespasses—we can see small intimations of the grace that God freely bestows. Though often darkened and polluted by the various exigencies of life continually confronting us, these natural mercies hold within themselves a kernel of the grace of Jesus Christ. It's really quite amazing. As you look around in coming days, try for a moment to observe those acts of grace that often go unnoticed and appreciate them for what they are—echoes of God and fingerprints of His grace in the world at large.

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Faculty Profile: Dr. Jameson Kurasha



photo by Ryan Rockey

by Rebecca Williams
Staff writer

When Dr. Kurasha first came to the United States in 1994 from his home in Zimbabwe, he was looking for someplace cold. Now that he's at Houghton, well, let's just put it this way: he found what he was looking for.

Dr. Kurasha was educated at the University of York, attended Cliff College for theological training, got his teacher's training in Lancaster, England, and went to the University of Manitoba for his Master's degree - and he still claims he doesn't like school. "Teaching is what God called me to do," he says. And teaching is what he does. Since

1982, teaching has been one of the greatest joys of Dr. Kurasha's life. He especially enjoys being part of the Houghton community. "I think everyone must have the right to teach at

Houghton," he asserts, "The community is great, the chapels are good, the music is good, and I love the spirit of fellowship, the international spirit, that you experience on campus."

Last semester, Dr. Kurasha was back in Africa teaching philosophy and business at the University of Zimbabwe, participating in various boards for different companies

and universities, and looking after his father's farm. "All the time missing Houghton," he says about his time away, "I was back home away from home." Dr. Kurasha did get a little taste of his Houghton home when Professor Kettlecamp visited him in Zimbabwe.

Now that he's back in the States, Dr. Kurasha is missing his family. Fortunately, his wife and two daughters will be coming to the States in March to join him here at Houghton. Until that time, while Dr. Kurasha is "batchin' it", feel free to invite him to eat a meal with you; he loves the cafeteria food and would be more than happy to have your company!



Dr. Kurasha's daughter's, Primrose and Flora, with their American grandmother, Mrs. Smalley.

Winter Weekend coming soon

by Greg On
Staff writer

Despite spring-like weather, Winter Weekend is fast coming upon us. Scheduled to take place the week after February Break, February 25th - March 2nd, this year's Winter Weekend promises to be a great time for all, regardless of temperature. The theme for the week this year is Disney.

Headed by Chris Buell and Matt Rudd, Winter Weekend looks to be a week filled with fun, with events for everyone. Kicking off the events is the Ten Shekel Shirt concert in the chapel Wednesday night. Throughout the next few evenings will be class competitions, including soccer, foosball, volleyball, basketball, chess, and ping-pong, to name a few. The highlight of the week will be SPOT Friday evening, the school's semiannual talent show. Finishing off events will be the banquet dinner Saturday, where attendees are encouraged to dress up as their favorite Disney character.

ESA warns...Think before you drive

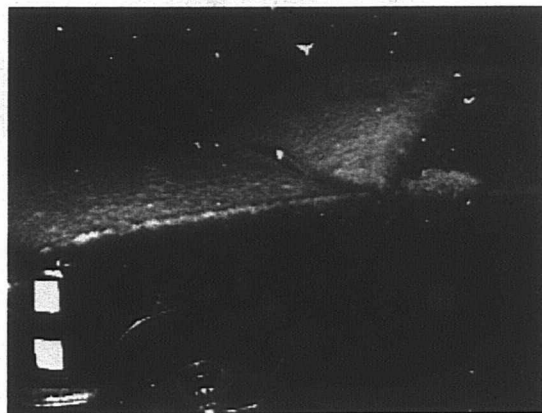
by the Evangelicals for Social
Action club

Driving. It's one of our rights as students here at Houghton and as citizens of this country. We have the right to own vehicles, the right to purchase gasoline to fuel them, and the right to choose when and where and for what purpose we use them. We pay a lot for this right, pouring a never-ending stream of money into these modern necessities. Most Americans rely on a vehicle for transportation to and from work and school, to perform errands, for family visits, and to facilitate many other legitimate needs. Much of the way our culture works revolves around personal vehicles.

Yet, as we should all know by now, the use of so many cars, trucks, vans, SUV's, motorcycles, etc., has consequences. According to an article on cars and pollution by the Environmental Protection Agency, driving a car is the most pollutant act an average citizen commits. The chemicals in car emissions facilitate the formation of many toxic substances, including acid rain, and the well-documented "ozone" which damages the lungs, and causes many other health problems. Carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas undetectable to human senses, issues directly from a vehicle's tailpipe as a component of

exhaust.

During the winter, we may tend to think less about air pollution, but truthfully, pollution from automobiles can be more devastating in cold months for many reasons. Carbon monoxide emission is of special concern during the winter because it increases with colder temperatures and is especially high when starting a cold engine. Also, the efficiency of catalytic converters and other emission-control devices decreases as temperature decreases. Such things are out of the hands of



the average citizen, but not surprisingly, the largest factor contributing to auto emissions during the winter is something which is under our direct control - the fact that we simply drive more as temperatures drop. Fuel consumption soars in cold weather, sometimes by as much as fifty percent. Often in the winter, we opt to drive distances easily walked or biked in warm weather and increase

fuel expenditure by letting our cars idle to warm them.

Those of us who are vehicle owners have purchased the right to choose our driving habits. We pay for every mile in the gasoline we put into our tanks, as well as for insurance, maintenance, parking permits, etc., but what is often overlooked is the fact that we also pay for vehicle use with the state of our environment. Every cold engine start releases large amounts of toxins into the air, and emissions continue as long as the engine is running.

Though air pollution may seem inconsequential in rural settings where vehicle density is low and emissions dissipate quickly, we at Houghton are just as responsible for the state of the environment as those who have to live with the direct effects of pollution. We need to be conscious consumers, recognizing that every time we use our vehicles, we are taking from resources (fossil fuels, air quality) that are finite.

Owning a vehicle and making use of it is a right, but we would do well to remember that it is also a privilege; that of living in a time when natural resources are still largely available to us. What is important, and what every living creature has a direct effect upon, is how efficiently resources are

expended. As members of the human race, we have the responsibility to maintain our planet for future generations, but more importantly, as children of God, we are called to be good stewards of His creation. In our driving habits this winter, let us remember to be economical, striving to set ourselves apart by being conscious and caring of what we do with what has been given to us.

Reasons to Use Your Car Sparingly this Winter:

1. You don't own a car
2. Your car only functions "sparingly"
3. Your friend had a premonitory dream about an incident involving you, your car, and a stampede of insane squirrels
4. You really hate that squeaking noise tires make on cold snow
5. You discover that your pants no longer fit because your right leg is considerably larger than your left due to repeated pedal pushing.
6. Too much more road salt and you'll be driving a pile of orange powder
7. You heard the snowplow come at night, and in the morning, your Geo Metro was gone
8. Duh, gas costs money, hello?
9. You decide that the cloud of stuff that comes out of the pipe thing under the bumper looks kind of sinister
10. You suddenly realize that the entire village of Houghton has a diameter of less than one mile

the winners
of our

MOST ROMANTIC MOMENT

contest...



NICK KINGSLEY

*"Who says the guy always has to
be the romantic?"*

"Save November 16th. I need your car, you in a suit and the whole night!" It was going to be my twenty-first birthday, and Carrie was taking me out on a mystery date.

I had been hinting for months that I wanted to go dancing with her; she kept brushing it off. Little did I know what she had in store. When I arrived to pick her up and she walked down the stairs, my heart stopped. She was stunning. I could feel my face go red as we caught each other's eyes; I winked. That began the most wonderful night of my life.

I let her drive, which was good because I couldn't keep my eyes off her. When we finally reached the Olive Garden, I thought I had it all figured out. This was her favorite restaurant, and I had never been there.

We enjoyed a great dinner, topped off with the waiters singing Happy Birthday over dessert. On the way home Carrie asked if we could stop by her parents' house. This was nothing out of the ordinary, so I agreed. She went straight to her room to change her shoes while I conversed with her parents. Finally she called me upstairs.

Carrie opened her door to reveal a room full of lit candles and music playing in the background. We stepped into the middle of "May I have this dance?" "Kind of Love" came on the (song). We danced and

I didn't know that she thing with her parents since had arranged the candles and made sure that her little bustling in while we were night that I finally knew



the room and she asked, Phil Collins' "A Groovy stereo (my favorite talked for over an hour. had planned the whole October: her parents while we were at dinner brother didn't come dancing. It was this what true love felt like

Thanks to everyone who submitted stories!! We wished we could print them all, but space is limited.
Special congratulations to Nick, Elizabeth, and Karisa.

ELIZABETH SARTOR

second place

"Roses, Chocolate, Moonlight, and Trash??"

Although my father has many endearing qualities, his ability to notice household chores has never been among them. I can recall my mother's progression in her attempts to get Dad to take-out the trash. She asked him nicely; she made a chore chart; she set the trash bag beside the trashcan and although my father loves Mom infinitely, he did not notice the trash. Finally, Mom just took it out herself. In rain, snow, and sunshine Mom lugged the trash to the outside cans...

About two weeks after Ryan and I were married and living in our new home, I heard the rustle of plastic. Glancing-up from the couch where I was curled reading, I saw Ryan heft the trash from

the can and start for the door. I watched-astounded. For a moment, he paused at the threshold of our apartment and looked back over his shoulder. His fleeting smile said, "I love you." I have not tramped through the rain, snow, or Houghton slush with the trash for over three months and I think I probably never will.

Some would be hesitant to consider this romantic. However, for me, romance does not consist of a single act, but a culmination of deliberate, perceptive acts that show the beloved how deeply they are cherished.



KARISA WATSON

third place

"Neighbor turned best friend turned boyfriend..."

I've known Bryan as long as I can remember. He was my next door neighbor turned best friend turned boyfriend. The year I graduated high school, Bryan (who is two years older than I) joined the army after working locally for two years. Right before he left for the army and I left for college, I wanted to know where we stood. He said he thought it was best if we didn't try to pursue our relationship while we were apart. Over the next year and a half I missed him terribly and felt like I had lost my best friend.

Christmas morning, 2001, I woke up to the sound of the doorbell ringing. My family was still in bed since it was only 6am and still dark outside. I stumbled down the stairs in my pajamas and when I opened the front door, I had the surprise of my life. It was Bryan. When he handed me a dozen roses, I started to cry and realized how much I had missed him. He spent all day with me making cookies and opening presents with my family, and that night he took me ice skating under the stars. Afterward we went to a diner (the only place that was open) and had hot chocolate. On the way back to my house, he took a wrong turn. We ended up at a park that we used to go to when we were in high school. He took my hand and we walked through the woods until we came to the top of a hill that looked out over a great expanse. It was a beautiful night because snow had fallen that afternoon and the light from the moon made it glow. I couldn't believe my eyes when I looked down into a clearing and the words "Marry me Karisa" were written in huge letters in the snow. I spun around and Bryan was holding out an engagement ring. He said, "Ever since I left, all I've wanted to do is come back, and now I promise to never leave you again."

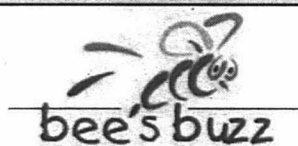
We're getting married August 4, 2004.

VOX

voice

expressions

of a community of faith



by Bethany Schwartz

It's all about love

I watched the local news last weekend. The newscaster reported with the solemnity that comes from many years' experience, not the quiet pain from the news that he shared. "A woman was killed yesterday after being hit by a car while getting her mail," he said. It was much more than a sentence to me. She had been my friend.

This woman had been one of my mother's friends from college - only two years younger than my parents. But she was not just "Mom's friend;" she was MY friend. Again and again she told me that she was my friend and how glad she was to know me. We spent time talking and encouraging each other after church on Sunday. And suddenly - gone. Never again would I look across the church building on Sunday morning and see her face. Never again would I hear her voice on the phone asking to talk to my mom, but first taking time to see how I was doing. Never would I see her dance with the team at church. Never would I see her smile.

Life is fragile, I think.

During Christmas break I learned of the death of another member of my Christian family - another accidental death. I didn't know this man as well, but close connections with his family left me hurting and wondering. One minute he was alive, happy, and healthy - the next, he was gone.

Life is fragile, I thought.

I know that both my Christian brother and sister are with the Lord that they loved, but it still hurts. I still cry, although I know I will see them again. I am hopeful. But the joy mixes with those tears that are running down my cheeks. I will miss my friends.

Two people from the small number that I know to be suddenly gone without warning. Two people to remind me that God is waiting with open arms to welcome us to His presence. Two people to make me weep tears of both joy and sadness. Two people to remind me that life is fragile.

Let people know that you love them. You may not have another chance.

the resurrected TOP TEN...



Most dangerous
Houghton activities

by Greg On

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|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10 Western Civ. | 5 Mentioning pop culture within ten feet of Doctor Walters |
| 9 Making fun of Ben Askins ... to his face | 4 Asking for visual aids in Doctor Young's human sexuality class |
| 8 Boxer runs | 3 Riding a food tray down the ski slope ... in April |
| 7 Ultimate Frisbee ... in a racquetball court | 2 Drinking the water |
| 6 Telling the chapel speaker to "Get to the point" | 1 Dating |

Letter to the editor: ticketed columnist

Dear Editor,

I am writing in objection to the article that was published in the February 6, 2002 edition of the STAR. The article was entitled "Senior Perspective."

First of all, shame on you, STAR! What were you thinking when you published this article? The STAR is a newspaper for Houghton College, yes, but it also goes out to alumni; it is left around campus for community people to read; it is left in public areas for prospective students to read. Is this the kind of material we want to present to the public? I understand that as a newspaper, you advocate the freedom of speech, but you also have a responsibility to print words that represent Houghton as a whole, not a select few. The article that I'm referring to was printed on a page that is titled "voice-expressions of a community of faith." I don't think this article reflects that title at all.

Please tell me also why the column was entitled "Senior Perspective?" I am a senior and that is not my perspective at all! I know other seniors who do not hold that perspective either. If you are going to publish something like this again, at least title the column "So and So's Perspective" with their name in the title, not a generalization.

Second, shame on you, Mr. Andrews for writing the article. If you meant it as a joke, it was a bad joke. If you were attempting to be funny, you have failed miserably. If you were serious, I pray for you. Following is a list of reasons why I disagree with just about everything you said:

1) Why would you "joke" about something so serious as alcoholism? Drinking and alcohol are not things to be toyed with. Alcohol ruins families and if you don't believe me, go into any school in the country and see the students with bruises because a parent came home drunk the night before. Or look at the statistics page of a hospital and see how many people die from alcohol poisoning or how many injuries happen each day due to someone "having a good time with alcohol." Or look at the police reports and count how many people are killed each day due to drunk driving.

Becky,

I am terribly sorry that you felt this opinion piece was inappropriate. Our aim at the STAR is not to publish work that is offensive or inappropriate to any of our readers.

However, I feel that I need to point out that Phil's column was written as a satiric piece. The genre of satire in itself is not the same as simply humorous, but is intended to make fun of something

2) Shame on you for suggesting that we need more "crime" on our campus. I chose to come to Houghton because it is a safe area. I enjoy going to a college where I don't have to worry about coming home one day and seeing someone passed out on the living room floor, or someone puking on the stairs. If I wanted to see that, I would have chosen a different school. If anyone wants to see that, they shouldn't be here at Houghton; they can go elsewhere. I like Houghton the way it is, and I hope it never turns into a place where we do allow alcohol on campus. If we allow alcohol, where do we draw the line? Would we then allow drugs to be distributed freely? Would we then advocate sex in every dorm room? Where would we stop if we started with alcohol?

3) Shame on you for being so flippant about people who work so hard for us. Sure, "Safety and Security" may not appear to have a lot to keep them busy, but they work 24/7 to keep each one of us safe. Sure, it may not be a glamorous job, but if you were to ask anyone of the fine men who do the job, they would tell you that they do it because they care about us as students and because they enjoy their job. (I know, I checked.) Maybe you should spend a few hours with them one day and see how hard they actually work.

There are enough evil and sad things happening in the world today. We don't need more here on Houghton campus. This college was started as a place for students to come to get out of the evils of the city. We don't need to invite the devil into our midst and have more reason to be afraid of life. And if all these reasons aren't enough, need I remind you that we are Christians? The Bible says we are to be separate from the world, to be different, so others see the difference and want to be like us, like Christ. And that should be all the reason we need to not allow alcohol on our campus.

Becky Scondras

P.S. Here's a tip: if you don't want a parking ticket, park where you are allowed. It isn't that hard of a concept!

in order to make a point. (For example, Jonathan Swift suggested satirically that we eat human children to save money!) Phil, like Swift, wrote this piece as satire.

Again, I am sorry that you are offended, but I hope you will realize that one point of satiric writing is to make a serious point. I believe that Phil accomplished this.

Bethany Schwartz,
editor

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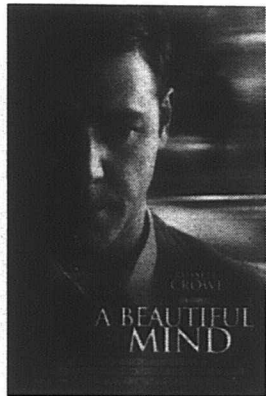
A look at the intersection of faith and art

Movie Review: A Beautiful Mind

by Don Brensinger
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Director Ron Howard's new film, based on the true-life story of mathematical genius John Nash, is an inspiring tale about a struggle so difficult that it can only be endured by love.

In an Oscar-worthy performance, Russell Crowe plays John Nash, who ages close to 50 years throughout the course of the movie. We first see Nash as a graduate student at Princeton during the late 1940's. He's an arrogant social outcast, who believes that he is far too intelligent to be spending his time in a classroom. Instead, Nash spends all of his time in the campus library drawing math equations on the windows in hopes of stumbling across a new breakthrough. His roommate, Charles (Paul Bettany), finally breaks Nash's personal bubble, and the two become the closest of friends. After Nash discovers the formula he's been searching for, is sought out by federal agent William Parcher (Ed Harris) to



probe various magazines in which are encoded Soviet messages that give information about nuclear weapons being smuggled into the United States. Sworn to secrecy for the good of his country, Nash never tells anyone about this side-job, and marries his first love, Alicia.

As time moves on, Nash falls deeper and deeper in love with Alicia, while his top-secret job becomes increasingly more dangerous. He is convinced that the Russians are after him, and his worst fear comes true when they finally catch up to him. Then, Nash is confronted by Dr. Rosen (Christopher Plummer), who puts Nash in a mental institution and diagnoses him as a schizophrenic. Even Alicia believes Dr. Rosen, and Nash finds himself stuck in a small room unable to help the FBI find the Soviet codes. Who is telling the truth?

This is one of those movies where you leave the theater feeling really

good about yourself and about life. I went into this movie, knowing absolutely nothing about the life of John Nash, which actually bettered my experience. The twists in this story would not have been as appreciated if I would have known them beforehand. Without revealing any of these twists, I will tell you that the theme of this movie embodies the power of love; a love that goes through complete hell and still remains strong. Russell Crowe puts on perhaps his best performance yet, and Jennifer Connelly does an amazing job herself.

As good as this movie is, don't expect to have an urge to see it more than once. Running at 129 minutes, parts of the movie drag on, and I could definitely see myself falling asleep if I ever saw it again. But it is definitely worth the price of that one admission, maybe even more.

In summary, "A Beautiful Mind" is a heartfelt movie that will definitely win a slew of awards when the Oscars roll around. Passionate acting and inspired directing dominate the screen and make this an enjoyable experience.

This movie is rated PG-13 for intense thematic material, sexual content and a scene of violence.

Ten Shekel Shirt to visit Houghton

by Jen Neroni
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I first heard Ten Shekel Shirt last May, only two weeks after their debut album was released. A friend had raved about them, so I decided to check them out. I suppose you could say that for me, it was 'love at first sound.'

Their alternative acoustic/electric sound is comparable to that of Counting Crows or Vertical Horizon. Their songs are simple, straightforward, and full of lyrical integrity and poeticism. Lines like, "I'm so tired of living for the kind of love that only comes and goes, but Your love, Your love lasts forever," from their song, "Healer," hits the soul with a strong desire to serve God. Their song, "Ocean," is already a number one hit. It talks about experiencing the transcendent beauty of God's creation. They have also released two other singles, "Meet With Me," which speaks of experiencing God in worship, and "House of Memories (Lindsay's Song)," which was written for lead singer Lamont Hiebert's daughter. While a number of the songs are a bit more on the mellow side, there are some like "Come Away" which are much more up beat. The title cut, "Much," is a grateful response to God's forgiveness and peace. The track of theirs best known here in Houghton would probably be "Unashamed Love," which has been sung in Koinonia and chapel. Ten Shekel Shirt was formed when lead singer/rhythm guitarist/songwriter - Hiebert, bassist - Tommy Lee, and drummer - Austin Morrison met up while all three of them were working in Texas with YWAM (Youth With a Mission). They now live in the Yale town of New Haven, Connecticut. "The Shirts," as they are called, have already received a number of awards, including worshipmusic.com's Album of the Year and a Dove Award nomination.

Wednesday, February 27th, Ten Shekel Shirt will be playing at Houghton! At 8 p.m. this alternative/rock/worship band will fill Wesley Chapel with their melodic tunes and worship stylings. Tickets are \$5 presale beginning February 11th at meal times during the campus center and \$7 at the door. This is one concert you will not want to miss.

ID cards: good intentions gone wrong?

A Houghton ID is a wonderfully efficient and effective tool used to document anything from meals, to chapel attendance, to library books. However, instead of blaming the inanimate Houghton IDs for dishonesty and deceit, we can examine more likely sources.

I have not witnessed the chapel scam or library problems, but the dining hall issue is very clear to me. I personally hypothesize that the source of this problem lies within Houghton College and the dining services. Though the meals work out to be well over actual cost, the issue is not "eating my money's worth." Houghton College requires that all freshmen and sophomore purchase 21 meals a week. This is an understandable policy to ensure that underclassmen are able to receive ample nutrition without hassle or worry. The infuriating problem is that the unused meals are not refunded at the end of the semester. In essence, students are forced to pay for nothing.

The natural response is to use

the meals that have been purchased. I find it hard to justify to myself or anyone else why my visitor has to shell out an overpriced \$3.90-\$8.10 when I own extra meals - I have already paid for these meals! We are not trying to feed two people on one meal; we are using two already purchased meals for two people. Houghton College students are not the thieving deviants they are made out to be; they are good stewards of their money.

John said to tax collectors, "Don't collect any more than you are required to," (Luke 3:13NIV) "It is good to be merciful and generous. Those who are fair in their business will never be defeated. Good people will always be remembered (Psalm 112:5-6NCV). Could these be verses which the Houghton College food service can benefit from?

In reading your lower e-mail, I have noticed that you are attempting to right the problems with the IDs. I respect your intentions and appreciate your concern; however, I find the mandatory replacement of

mutilated IDs to be disturbing. Breaking no Houghton College rule or suggestion, I have neatly pierced my ID and put in a nice ring that I can carry with my keys on my lanyard. The hole does not obstruct anything and provides a safer way for me my ID than in my pocket. Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution states, "no State shall pass any ex post facto Law." Though this cannot be directly applied to Houghton College's policies, it is a display of the standards of fairness which our country's [Christian] forefathers stood for. I find it disturbing that Houghton College would punish its students for things that they have done before rules were in place.

I believe Houghton College has good intentions in most all it does. However, some of the practical applications leave something to desire. I hope my viewpoint has opened your eyes to other views on the matter.

Thank you for your time,
Brett Greene

Highlander SPORTS

February 7 - 13



Sports Scores:

Men's Basketball

Houghton 51
Point Park 74

Houghton 44
St. Vincent 74

Women's Basketball

Houghton 57
Point Park 45

Houghton 76
St. Vincent's 74

Records

men 5 - 18
women 12 - 10

Highlanders lose 10th straight game

The Highlanders lost their tenth-straight, 74-44, to St. Vincent College.

With the Highlanders leading, 7-6, with 15 minutes remaining in the first half, the Bearcats used a 27-4 run over the next ten minutes to break the game open.

Houghton shot just 25 percent from the field for the game and were led in scoring by Justin Pauley's 13 points. Pauley also pulled down a team-high six rebounds. Adam Zoeller added 12 points for the Highlanders.

St. Vincent shot 52 percent from the field in the second half and outrebounded the Highlanders, 48-35, for the game.

Paddle sports cont'd from page 1

Campus, we now have a new list of possibilities for bodies of water to be explored, awed and searched. One of the many reasons for this new endeavor is to allow an outlet for the more tame paddlers. Some people don't enjoy the mad rush of water or the adrenaline run down a steep creek. Sea-kayaking will draw in a whole new aspect of the student body, and give us one more avenue with which to reach out to the students of Houghton College. The members of Paddle Sports have a desire for others to see God as a Creator as they have seen Him in the wilderness of our world.

Some things to look forward to for this semester besides a chance to build a kayak! We will be doing our first-ever "Western Style Wilderness Whitewater Float Trip" down the

Hudson Gorge (weather permitting) using an oar rig on one raft to serve as the gear boat. We will be taking another raft for those who wish to raft and intermediate-advanced kayakers can paddle along as well. This is the first time we will do an overnight camping trip ON a river (instead of base camping and daytrips). Also be sure to take advantage of our free pool sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-8 pm. Come and learn how to paddle and play!! "You may not have another opportunity in life to learn for free on great rivers and streams that are so accessible. There is no better way to get away from Houghton for a study break and drink in the beauty God created," says the wise Tim Trezise, mentor and friend of Paddle Sports. Come and join us; find out what has made us get hooked on this wild and zany sport!

Baseball club steps up to bat

by Melanie Marciano
Staff writer

This spring the long absence of baseball at Houghton will be over. A baseball club is now official, with practices, scrimmages and games in April. So far, the club is scheduled to play SUNY Cortland and Corning Community College. They are talking to more schools in hopes to get another 4 or 5 to compete with. The president of the club, Bradley Fuller, and the coach, Matthew Reintour, invite any guys who want to "1.) Get a chance to play a game

that we all love to play. 2.) Get a chance to know some guys who enjoy playing baseball 3.) To use baseball to show those people we come into contact with, the love of God. 4.) And to join a national association of club baseball teams" to join the club. Even if it would be your first time playing, you are welcome to come out and have fun by contacting Bradley Fuller at Bradley.Fuller@houghton.edu.

Although it may not happen next year, the club's ultimate goal is to start a varsity team for Houghton.

Ladies keep alive for playoffs

The Highlanders survived a four-point play that sent the game to overtime and a three-point attempt that just missed as time expired to escape with a 76-74 overtime win over St. Vincent College.

The win keeps the Highlanders alive for the eighth spot in next week's American Midwest Conference playoffs.

Houghton jumped on the visitors early, with an impenetrable

zone defense and hot shooting on the offensive end. St. Vincent turned the ball over on three of its first four possessions and missed its first six shots. After a jumper by Alicia Mucher with 13:45 remaining in the opening stanza, the Highlanders led 11-3. They led by eight (22-14) with 8:21 left and closed the half on a 16-9 run to take a 38-23 lead into the locker room.

World News cont'd

Man infected with AIDS through transfusion

David Autrey of Chilton, Texas, is the first person to be infected with the AIDS virus from a transfusion of donated blood since blood banks began meticulously screening blood for HIV three years ago. Autrey received the blood transfusion carrying the virus when he underwent emergency heart bypass

surgery in August 2000.

Officials consider the new technology of screening donated blood for HIV to be experimental. They commented that the technology could neglect to detect HIV in blood when the donors had only recently been exposed to the virus. They emphasize that the nation's blood supply is safe, as the odds of getting HIV from donated blood is one in every 2 to 3 million transfusions.

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Highlander SportsWeek

Men's basketball

Thursday, Feb 14
Notre Dame College - Away

Saturday, Feb 16, 8:00 pm
Geneva College - Home

Ladies' Basketball

Thursday, Feb 14, 5:30 pm
Notre Dame College - Away

Saturday, Feb 16, 6:00 pm
Geneva College - Home

Track and Field

Saturday, Feb 16
Cornell University

Feb 26-28
Nationals at E. Tennessee