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LOCAL EVENTS

Sep 14 - Oct 20:

*Performance: "Little Red Riding Hood," Sat. 11am, Sun. 1:30pm, The Theatre Arts Playhouse, Penfield, N.Y. \$6

Oct 5:

*Hike: "The Gorge in Autumn," 1pm, park pavilion, Fillmore Glen State Park. FREE

Oct 5, 12:

*Led Zeppelin Laser, 10:15pm, Strasenburgh Planetarium, Rochester Museum & Science Center. \$5

Oct 5-6:

*Genesee Valley Quilt Club Show, Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm, Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum & Science Center. \$3.50

Oct 6:

*Hike: "Fall Foliage Hike Around the Upper Gorge," 1pm, Old Mill, Robert H. Treman State Park. FREE

Oct 13, 19:

*"Guided Nature Walk in the Gorge," 2pm, main entrance to park, Watkins Glen. FREE

Oct 19:

*Parrot Exhibition, 10am-4pm, Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum & Science Center. \$1.50

*Hike: "Know Your Trees," 10:30am, beginning of trail to falls, Taughannock Falls State Park. FREE

Oct 20:

*Lecture: "Recent Mastodon Discoveries in the Genesee Valley," Dr. George McIntosh, 2pm, Rochester Museum & Science Center. FREE

Oct 26-27:

*Rochester Numismatic Association Coin Show, Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm, Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum & Science Center. FREE

Oct 19-20:

*Allegany Artisans 9th Annual Studio Tour, 10am-5pm. Locations and map by calling (607) 478-8567.

QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

"Newspapers should be the modern-day church doors on which any and all can post their theses."

Battered Bell Bettered

Michelle Wingfield

Two weeks of renovation on Houghton's Fancher Hall bell tower began Sept. 16, funded by the class of 1946. The tower's roof, shingles, and aging timber are being replaced by T & W Construction.

This is the first time in about 50 years that Fancher's tower has received more than touch-ups and a new coat of paint. Wooden ornamentations and the pinnacle were destroyed by

storms several years ago. The tower itself has become shaky in recent years, says Dean Liddick, of Public Relations, located in Fancher.

The class of 1946, led by alumnus Betty Sumner, designated donations in celebration of their 50th reunion for restoration of the bell tower, an enduring symbol of Houghton. According to Barbara Bates, assistant director of annual

funds, over 50 percent of class members made donations.

Kenneth Nielsen, vice president for finance, said after the scheduled contractor did not show up all summer, the college turned to Tim Roll of T & W Construction. Nielsen says Roll has worked well with Houghton in the past and agreed to make the Fancher renovations.

Houghton Recognized Nationally

Holly Lawton, media specialist

Houghton College is the only Western New York institution to earn recognition on the 1997 U.S. News & World Report list of America's best national liberal arts colleges.

The U.S. News liberal arts classifications includes schools awarding more than 40 percent of their degrees in liberal arts. Institutions ranked in the national liberal arts category are more selective than those in the regional liberal arts category.

Of 1,422 accredited four-year schools surveyed by the magazine, merely 160 were chosen for the best national liberal arts list. Houghton College is among 15 colleges and universities in New York state to receive this honor.

"Houghton College is pleased by this ranking which corroborates other evidence of our quality and national reputation," acknowledged President Daniel R. Chamberlain. The

113-year-old college has been named to the exclusive roster for the seventh consecutive year. Only four other schools in the 90-member Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities were included on the list.

U.S. News rankings are based on statistics measuring the institution's academic reputation, selectivity, faculty resources, financial resources, retention of students, graduation rate and alumni giving.

Pioneer Visits Campus

Dale Schuurman

In an effort to better serve their clients, the president, vice-president, and other representatives of Pioneer Food Service visited Houghton on September 18. President of Pioneer Foods, Dave Nicely, along with his staff, held a full day's schedule of meetings with both faculty and students. High on their agenda were the concerns of students. In order to address this concern, a question and answer session was held with the Pioneer staff and approximately 12 Houghton students. Also in attendance were Big Al and a few members of his staff.

A few concerns that were addressed during the hour long session were the possibility of creating new options for board plans, creating a computer network between the college meal service and local businesses such as the Pizza Barn, and smaller concerns such as the orange juice switch, the disappearing water, and the lack of low fat foods in the dining hall.

Pioneer is genuinely hard at work to improve the service they bring to Houghton and other institutions. This is no new effort on their part. Six years ago Houghton SGA, after

examining all possibilities, voted overwhelmingly to stay with the required single board plan for students. Surprising? Not really, if you examine the facts.

Pioneer, after signing nine new clients in the past two years, has promised not to sign any new clients this year. They will instead take the entire year and devote it to studying their service, getting input from current clients, and using this input to improve the service they bring to places like Big Al's and our dining hall.

Senate Report:

The SGA is pleased to welcome the following class of 2000 Senators to the 1996-97 Senate:

Doug Graham
Dave Albright
Anne Strauss
Brett Eddy
Karen Campbell

On September 12th, the Senate accepted Dr. Gaerte as an SGA advisor. Ken Bates will also serve as an advisor. The SGA is currently working on several upcoming events. During homecoming, students will be encouraged to participate in the Miracle Mile. Money raised from this event will support cancer treatment and research at St. Jude's Hospital. There will be more information in the days to come.

For students looking to get more involved, there are still several positions open on various committees. For more information drop by the SGA office. If you would like to attend the SGA meetings, they take place every Thursday night at 9:00 pm in little Schaller. If you would like to receive an agenda through e-mail, contact Steve Dobrenski at X5165 and leave a message with your full name.

Last week, representatives from Pioneer Foods were on campus and met with the SGA Food Liaison Coordinator, Elizabeth Hobbs. They listened to suggestions about the board plans and were committed to student concerns.

And finally, remember that the SGA is dedicated to serving you. If you have questions or concerns about school policies, we want to know. Office hours for the cabinet are posted outside the SGA office in the basement of the Campus Center.

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Boespflug's Fifth Tackett appointed director

Cara Gerhard

George Boespflug stepped onto the stage shortly after 8 p.m. on Monday night, and laid his fingers on the lustrous ivory keys. He exposed the audience in Houghton Academy's Tysinger Auditorium to a diverse program ranging from the playful strains of Gershwin to the forlorn lamentation of Liszt.

In addition to being a performer, Dr. Boespflug is also a much-respected teacher. Jeff Klino, a sophomore music major and student of Boespflug's, commented, "Dr. Boespflug is inspiring, energetic, godly,

spiritual, powerful, strong; yet, at the same time, he's very sensitive. He's a very good friend, as well as an excellent mentor."

Boespflug's music training at the University of Colorado and Eastman School of Music brought him in contact with numerous professors, but he feels that one of the most inspiration to him was Dr. Keith Wallingford. Boespflug commented that Dr. Wallingford possessed many qualities which he himself strives to incorporate in his own teaching.

Lauren Keepert

Houghton College assistant basketball coach Gregory Tackett has been named intramural director for the Houghton physical education center. Tackett served as the events coordinator for the admissions department for the past two years.

Although he enjoyed his work in the admissions department, he wanted to increase his involvement in his primary interest, physical education. When the volleyball and track coach, Glen Conley, left Houghton last year, then intramural director and cross country coach, Bob

Smalley, became the interim track coach, while Skip Lord took on volleyball coaching duties on an interim basis also.

A new volleyball coach was going to be hired who would also direct intramural sports, relieving Smalley of one of his responsibilities. Since the new coach was never hired, Tackett jumped at the chance to fill the role of intramural director, he says.

Tackett defines intramural sports as activities in which students who are not members of an official team may participate. He wants to provide a variety of sports in a "fun, yet competitive

atmosphere."

According to Tackett, his biggest challenge is combining recreation and competition. He also recognizes the difficulties students at Houghton face in incorporating athletics with their faith.

"People see sports as an outlet for aggression," Tackett said, "but you can't become a different person when you're playing sports." Above all, he wants to promote good Christian fellowship and sportsmanship.

In addition to being the assistant basketball coach and the new intramural director, Tackett also teaches several physical education courses at Houghton.

COED

Jim Roberts

Student government nominated two women for the newly created Committee on Opportunity, Equity, and Diversity (COED) on Thursday, Sept. 19, but some senators are wondering if the creation of this group is necessary or wise.

The committee's charter states that its first few meetings will "flesh out" its responsibilities to "educate, encourage, identify, and propose action." Its stated purpose is "to suggest and implement policies and programs for making Houghton a place where diversity of gender, race, and ethnicity is encouraged, where equality of

worth and opportunity for all individuals is embraced and experienced, and where the gospel's call to unity in Christ is lived out in Christian community."

Senator reactions varied from enthusiastic to irate. One senator commented that "the college is just doing things to ... give the students a warm, fuzzy feeling." Another called it a "positive step forward."

Several male senators worry that the nomination of two women to the committee will not give it the diversity it seeks to encourage.

Fuller named VP

Holly A. Lawton, media specialist

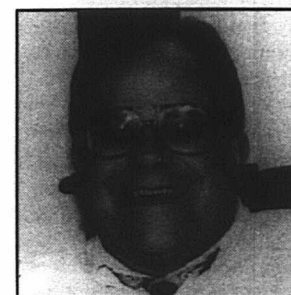
In a restructuring of administrative duties, Houghton has named Tim Fuller vice president for external affairs.

Formerly the vice president for alumni and admission, Fuller accepted the new role following the resignation of Dr. Rebekah Basinger, vice president for advancement. Basinger, who came to Houghton in 1994, now serves as director of development in the Harrisburg office of the Foundation for Independent

Colleges of Pennsylvania.

Fuller will continue to supervise the admission, alumni, conference, and financial aid offices, while taking on the added responsibilities of overseeing development and public relations. The college's search for a director of development is ongoing.

Fuller earned a bachelor's degree in history from Houghton and an M.B.A. from SUNY at Buffalo. He began as an admission counselor at Houghton



in 1980, working his way up to assistant director, director, and executive director before becoming vice president of alumni and admission in 1995.

A past president of the National Association of Christian College Admission Personnel, Fuller edited the organization's manual for training new admission counselors and wrote several of the chapters. In addition, he has served as an enrollment management consultant for five different colleges.

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Validation Express

Michelle L. Wingfield

On Tuesday, September 3, a record 900 Houghton College students validated through the "express lane" in the Campus Center basement. This year's figure is up 200 from the number of students who have come to validation day with financial accounts settled and able to take advantage of the express line in the past.

For those in the express line, the potentially frustrating validation process is nearly painless. "We're trying to make validation fun," says Diane Galloway, director of the visit office and a key planner in the validation

process. Thus, this year's returning students were spurred on through the lines by balloons, Twizzlers, cookies, and pizza give-aways. Galloway said some students in the express lane were timed at only seven minutes, and for all who made it to the final table, there was a bowl of colorful Blow-pops to choose from.

Although no particular innovations were made this year, Galloway attributes the increase to a combination of factors, especially students' motivation to appease the Financial Aid Office early.

Galloway hopes that students will take notice of this fall's vali-

validation success and that even more will qualify for the express lane in January. The goal is to make validation as quick as possible she says, so returning students can spend time doing more important things. Galloway and David Mercer, Controller of Accounting and Student Accounts offices are always open to suggestions on improving the validation process.

Validation Day was planned this summer by Galloway and admission counselors Allisha Chapman, Amy Durkee-Pollock, Dan Lehning, and Jeff Babbitt. Plans for January validation are already under way.

New Academy Teachers

Linda Shea

This year Houghton Academy has added four new members to its faculty: Jennifer Neudeck, Kathie Christensen, Carlos Gildemeister, and Ron Duttweiler. They have been hired to replace retired Academy faculty members Carmen Liddick and Buddy Keith and also to expand and improve academic programs.

Miss Christensen, a Houghton College alumna and Houghton resident, teaches eighth grade English and two tenth grade English classes. She graduated from the Academy a mere six years ago, but has found the transition from student to faculty member an easy one, in spite of the fact that many of her former teachers are now her colleagues.

"I am very comfortable with the faculty because they were not only my teachers when I was here, but I grew up in their midst. They know me and I know them," she said.

Miss Neudeck lives in Delevan, NY, and graduated from Cedarville College. As a first year full-time teacher she has a heavy load teaching sev-

enth, eighth, ninth, and eleventh grade histories. She had the opportunity to student-teach in Malaysia for a semester which has more than adequately prepared her for working at the Academy.

She explained, "My teaching in Malaysia put me in contact with many international students and the dorm atmosphere. I also had four different classes to teach there, so managing my time for preparations was important as it is here."

Mr. Gildemeister teaches levels one and two of Spanish. He grew up in Peru and then attended the Academy for one year in high school. Since then he has graduated from Houghton College, married Houghton College alumna Theresa (Fera) Gildemeister, and become the father of two children. Presently, he is working on his master's degree at Alfred University. Many of his students have expressed how much they appreciate his teaching methods and his friendly personality.

Mr. Duttweiler is not a to-

tally new face around the Academy although he has a brand new role. Students are used to seeing him fairly often and addressing him as "Ron," since he was the Houghton Wesleyan Church's youth pastor the last seven years. However, now he is seen every day at the Academy and has assumed the role as Bible teacher for grades seven, eight, nine, and eleven. Also, he is the speech teacher, chapel music leader, and tenth grade class advisor.

Mr. Duttweiler said, "I enjoy interacting with students. One of my goals is to remind each student that every other student is made in the image of God. I also hope to point out that God and His word are about life and joy."

Mr. Duttweiler and his wife Sylvia are alumni of Houghton College and he has a master's degree from Asbury Seminary. They live in Houghton along with their two sons. Sylvia is the new J.V. volleyball coach this year. Students are happy that Mr. Duttweiler and his family are still a part of Houghton Academy life.

ESL

Sarah Stalker

The 1996-97 school year brought the introduction of a new English-Second-Language (ESL) program at Houghton Academy. The new program is designed to increase the speed at which international students learn to use and understand the English language and also to provide a higher level of motivation.

Academy ESL instructor and guidance counselor Ron Bradbury hopes to accomplish these goals primarily through spending more time with the international students in ESL-formatted classes. In the past, students were placed into one of three levels of ESL and met together in class only three hours each week. Immersion in school life through normal classes was thought to be the key to their learning and understanding the English language. Now, however, ESL students meet for

three hours each day, five days per week.

Mr. Bradbury, who became interested in teaching ESL through his involvement with Wycliffe Bible Translators, also believes that increased motivation is a key to making the program work. With the new format, students who fail to reach a designated level of improvement will not be permitted to return the next year. Although it is too early to see any definite results, Bradbury anticipates that these higher stakes will provide a necessary and positive motivation for students.

While the old ESL program was somewhat effective, results came at a discouragingly slow rate, leaving many students unprepared for language demands of higher education in America. The new program expects to speed up the process and equip students for whatever goals they pursue next.

Regaining Control

Wendy R. Baxter

FEELING SAD . . .

. . . irritable or empty inside? Has it become nearly impossible to focus on your studies? Perhaps you've noticed that your appetite has changed, or that all you want to do is sleep. On the other hand, maybe you're having trouble getting to sleep, which leaves you exhausted, restless and unable to relax. Do you struggle with feelings of worthlessness . . . guilt . . . or even thoughts of suicide?

If, as you read this, you see yourself, you could be one of many college students suffering from clinical depression. Clinical depression is a serious illness affecting 17.6 million men and women in the United

States, of various ages and ethnic backgrounds.

Like other medical illnesses, depressive illnesses present themselves in different forms, with assorted symptoms that vary in intensity. More than half of those afflicted with these illnesses suffer in lonely agony, without ever realizing that help is available. The good news is that depression can be treated!

In an effort to increase awareness among the members of the college community, and to inform Houghton students of the services which are available to them as they embark on the journey toward emotional and physical wellness, College Health Services and the Coun-

seling Center are teaming up to sponsor free depression screenings. These screening sessions will be conducted on Tuesday, October 8th, from 11 - 11:45 a.m. and from 12 - 12:45 p.m. in the Trustees' Dining Room, and again in the evening, from 7:45 - 8:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Lounge.

During the screening sessions, members of the Houghton Community will have an opportunity to view the video entitled, "Moving Back Into the Light." Dr. Michael Lastoria will then present a brief talk pertaining to the identification and treatment of clinical depression, focusing primarily on the college population. Follow-

ing the question and answer session, a confidential screening inventory will be distributed to those who wish to participate.

Upon completing the inventory, participants will arrange for a private screening interview with a member of the health center/counseling staff or a faculty volunteer from the Psychology Department. These 20 - 30 minute interviews will be conducted on Thursday, October 10th, which has been designated as National Depression Screening Day. Houghton College joins with various colleges and universities throughout the United States by offer-

ing the screening opportunity at this time.

You are invited to come and learn more about clinical depression. The knowledge you gain could prove useful in your efforts to provide support to a friend or family member struggling with the illness.

Printed materials on depression will be distributed at the time of the screening. Professional guidance and referral information will also be available. For more information, call Counseling Services at 567-9622. Don't continue to suffer needlessly . . . accept the challenge and begin the process of regaining control over your life!

New Faculty

Ann McNeill and Ben King

Tricia Enos

Houghton students welcome Professor Ann McNeill and Dr. Ben King back to Houghton. They make excellent additions to our faculty and Houghton is very blessed to have both of them.

Professor Ann McNeill graduated with a BA from Houghton College with a major in elementary education and a minor in English. After her education here, she then pursued a Master's degree from

SUNY Courtland. Since then, she taught English for 8 years in New York and Pennsylvania. Professor McNeill has been teaching at Houghton part-time since 1993. She is very excited this semester to be teaching full-time and feels the Lord has truly opened this door for her. Professor McNeill explains, "I really want to communicate Christ to everyone in all my classes. Although it is very important to

learn proper writing and grammatical skills, to communicate the goodness of our Lord is my first priority."

Dr. Ben King received bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Texas Tech University majoring in vocal performance. He then went on to study at Eastman School of Music receiving his DMA in vocal performance and music literature. Following his education at Texas Tech, Dr. King

and his wife traveled nationally with a professional Christian Contemporary singing group. He then taught voice in the music department at Nicholls State University in Louisiana for 4 years. In 1980, Dr. King joined the Houghton faculty to teach voice, and serving as Director of The School of Music from 1986-1992. After his time here in New York, he and his wife returned to their home state

of Texas. During his 4 years there he was professor of music and chair of the department at Sam Houston State University. Dr. King says, "While it's been 4 years since I was here, it feels as if I never left. Since I have taught at a state university and here at Houghton, I realize the great value of Christian colleges. A quality Christian education has never been more valuable, both to the church and the country."

Hearing Houghton's Liberty Bell



Dean Danner

During my adult years I have had the privilege of traveling extensively in our great country, but until December 1993 I had not had opportunity to "sightsee" in the city of brotherly love, Philadelphia, Pa, even though I had visited the city briefly earlier. It was during this visit that I began to think about what those pioneering individuals, the people of the Continental Congress, have done for all who enjoy the "blessings of liberty" here in the U. S. Indeed, we are a fortunate people for the forward-thinking, responsible way they gave of themselves for the benefit of future generations.

While I was in this mode of reflection, I began to think about life in Houghton and what responsibilities we all have here. Those who met in Philadelphia could not have done what they did were it not for the foundation which had been laid for them by the generations which preceded them, and they had to think unselfishly about the generations to follow. This line of thought brought me to wondering: what will each of us contribute to the Houghton of the future? We have a rich heritage which has come to us from the past, a foundation which has been built by women and men who could envision a dynamic Houghton of the future.

Several years ago Professor Duane Saufley, in a devotional at a fall faculty retreat, asked a penetrating question of all of us. He recalled the leaders of the faculty at the time he was a new faculty member. They were people he looked up to as examples for academic and spiritual leadership, and whom he revered. Then as the years slipped away all too quickly he realized that all of those he had looked up to were no longer here and his introspective question called us to self examination -- Who are Houghton's

leaders now; where are Houghton's examples of today? His conclusion was that that generation of faculty members had moved on to "faculty heaven" and now it was the Saufley-generation which was giving leadership to Houghton College. In a very real sense we ALL need to be asking ourselves that kind of question EVERY DAY. And each of us should see ourselves as having the potential to contribute to Houghton's future, regardless of our role here, students included.

Yes, students, you heard me correctly. Students have a role in shaping Houghton's future in many ways. "But Dean Danner" you ask, "how can I contribute to the future of Houghton College?" Well here are a few ideas which readily come to mind. The student body of today shapes the student body of the future. If you are irresponsible about the way you are committed to your academic work, new students who come to the college will follow your example. Younger people have been imitating older people for centuries (even if just a few years separate their ages). If you are sloppy about your spiritual commitments, we will raise up a generation of sloppy spiritual leaders. If you are loose in your commitments to the college lifestyle agreement (whether you agree with all of it or not), others who are less sophisticated, or less discriminating, or less mature will do the same. Do you get the point? The future Houghton will be a different place as a result of how you carry out your responsibilities as students today.

Frederick Rudolph in his book, *The American College and University*, speaks about the revolution "from within" which happened in U.S. colleges in the 19th century. Rudolph makes the point that

students changed the whole face of American higher education from within their institutions by their behavior and the causes they took on. Today's Houghton students have a magnificent opportunity to present a future Houghton which can carry on the historic mission of this institution of educating sensitive, dynamic, mature spiritual leadership for the church and world of tomorrow. But you must see that vision in the mundane of everyday life. Daniel Coats, United States Senator, State of Indiana, reminds us that attention to the mundane can be character producing. "Character cannot be summoned at the moment of crisis if it has been squandered by years of compromise and rationalization. The only testing ground for the heroic is the mundane. The only preparation for that one profound decision which can change a life, or even a nation, is those hundreds of half-conscious, self-defining, seemingly insignificant decisions made in private. Habit is the daily battleground of character."

Since I am preaching at you, let me go just a bit further for a brief lesson in the economics of higher education on a couple of points which bother me. If you haven't heard, small colleges all across the country find themselves in economic hard times. There are numerous reasons for this: rising costs, decreasing federal and state aid to students (and the colleges trying to fill this gap), competition from tax-supported colleges and universities, and many more. There are at least two things you need to hear. First, the college tries hard to keep the cost of your education reasonable, and comparatively among the Christian colleges it is reasonable. But you can help also.

But how can we students help Dean Danner?

Here are some ideas -- 1)

Make Houghton known to your friends back home. It may be just the kind of college they're looking for (and if you work to make Houghton a great place in the future, you'll be proud to sell it to your friends). I'm sure the Admissions Office would be happy to help you with this idea if you just ask them. 2) Take care of what we have. Does this make sense or what? If you have to replace something every year, it costs more than if you only have to replace it every 5 or 8 years. Houghton College has been built from the sacrificial giving of God's people and deserves to be treated well. 3) The way a place looks says something about our level of respect for it, and, if treated kindly, it may even cost less to operate it. For example, are you proud of the way the dining hall looks after a meal? What does that say about our respect for the place and the people who have to take care of it? Is that the way you want YOUR dining room to look? On the one hand, SGA honors Big Al with an award; and then you trash the dining hall he cares so much about -- does that make any sense? This lesson applies to other buildings and areas on campus, but our neglect is an ever present "black eye" in the dining hall. And while I am on this subject, have you ever given any consideration to the impression made on others when food is wasted? Suppose you are a person (international or U.S. student) who has experienced a country where food is in very short supply. Does wasting food in the dining hall give the impression that we are a caring Christian community?

Second, there is not a year goes by but what a student says something to me that gives the impression that we should not be entertaining visitors on campus. After all, this is a college for students and why do we

need to have dinners and events for these people the college brings in? These events just create inconvenience for students. If you don't know these words learn them right now -- price, cost, philanthropy. Price is what you pay for a product or service. Price is what you pay for attending college. Cost is the total amount to produce a product or service. Price and cost are not synonymous in a college. The price you pay does not equal the cost to produce what you get. So what bridges the gap between price and cost? Philanthropy. One of the hallmarks of American higher education is the generosity of individuals who give because they believe in education generally and in a specific college. Often these are some of the people being entertained on campus, people who collectively pay about 30% of the cost of your college education. Be grateful. Many of them are Houghton alumni who believe in what is happening here and are willing to give to the Houghton of the present and the future. You may be one of them in the future.

Leroy "Satchel" Paige, the great African American baseball pitcher of the past, used to say, "Don't look back, something (or someone) may be gaining on you." Some times that is good advice, but I believe we should look behind us now and then, as I did in Philadelphia, at the heritage of which we are a part. Looking back almost always should make us thoughtful about the present and hopeful about the future. As Christians we can be eternally optimistic about the future, and we can work to prepare a better future Houghton for others if God tarries. That kind of attitude will get us ready for heaven. May it be so in Houghton. I'd be more than happy to hear from you or talk with you about these issues.

"I think capital punishment should be implemented for people who commit murder. As long as they can prove it or if there is concrete evidence that, yes, they did do it. But if there is still a doubt, then I don't think so, maybe an alternative to that would be a life sentence."
-Senior Scott Galdo

What is your view on capital punishment?

"I think it is better to let a guilty man free than to convict an innocent person."

-First year student
Melanie Lindberg

"I am against capital punishment except for extreme cases; criminals that cannot be reformed or rehabilitated should get the death penalty."

-Sophomore Adam Klein

"Capital Punishment is a necessary evil."

-Professor of Political Science, Ronald J. Oakerson

"I believe that in some instances of murder or serial killings capital punishment is definitely necessary. And that you're just going to have to flip the switch and fry the guy."
-Junior Andrew Thompson.



Her Coin

A Feminist Framework: Communion and Relationship

1: Embracing the Other

L.J. Arensen

When I was riding one night with a friend of mine, who understands love better than I, she picked up a hitchhiker, a drunken woman. I agreed to the action, but my motivations were a mixture of duty and fatalism. I sat taut with apprehension as the stranger climbed into the car and leaned forwards between the seats to speak with us. The collected teachings of my life chattered in my ears: this woman was sinning, practicing vice, and possibly posed a threat to our safety. She was an embodiment of the Other: I have seldom felt so disconnected with another human being. As we talked she reached forward, wanting to take my hand, which lay heavy as stone in my lap. Could I give this woman my hand? Somehow I could not refuse: I clasped her hand in my own, this stranger,

my sister, and the valley between us was made smooth. A stranger offered me communion, and I came away blessed, overwhelmed with beauty.

This encounter led me to explore my hidden biases. I realized that I expected nothing from the stranger; I saw myself as the one in the position of virtue—the one giving aid. I saw how deeply my conditioning has dug trenches in my soul. From early childhood on I was given categories to put people in: the Lost, the Unrighteous, the Saved. However well meant my Christian teaching was, it taught me the habit of drawing lines between myself and others. This is what Doug Frank of the Oregon Extension strives to combat when he says that we humans are all in the same circle. Somehow, condescension had seeped into my bones: I had

mysteriously equated "different" with "better than"... I learned this lesson again in southern Sudan when I was taken to eat at someone's hut. The incredible generosity of the impoverished Nuer family shamed me into realizing the lies I live by. The only way I am "better off" than those destitute people is in economic terms, which leaves me as a woman laden with baggage trying to fit through the eye of a needle, clearly not an admirable position in Christ's eyes. I do not think my experiences are unique—I believe that many of us Christians have somehow allowed love to mean pity.

Created in the image of a relational God, humanity is essentially relational. We live in communion or disunion with others. There are those we align ourselves with and those we

differ from. Those we consider Other, for whatever reason, we tend to disdain, to treat badly. We feel we owe them nothing, for they are not like us. Historically, this practice of separation has led to atrocities of all kinds—things like witch trials, inquisitions, and genocides. Dehumanizing one's opponent, creating the Other, has been a common tactic throughout the ages. We must remember that the Jews were caricatured and libeled by the Nazi movement before they were massacred. They were promoted as being a threat to society, to respectable religion, and to children, our most poignant rallying cry. Frankly, there are frightening echoes of the past in some of our present-day fundamentalist rhetoric accusing gay people of being a threat to one's children. Most of our Othering here at

Houghton is more subtle: we draw lines between our friends and the people we dislike, or between campus and the local community we live in.

I tread carefully, for any logical definition explores what something is partly by defining what it is not. But can we say different without adding a value judgment, without adding better or worse? In academic terms we speak of the Western tendency to create and privilege binaries, creating hierarchies of gender, race, class, and culture. To banish the concept of the Other is radical, contrary to our most basic instincts. But we are called to love, not to pity or patronize. We are called to love our neighbor as ourselves. This is central to our faith, preceded only by the command to love God. Love entails recognizing that there is no Other, that everyone is one of us.



Spotlight On Alumni Dan Lehning

Tonya Linden

Daniel William Lehning is a Houghton College graduate of 1996. Lehning is currently working for Houghton College as an admissions counselor.

His job as an admission counselor involves a great deal of traveling to various high schools, both public and private. He acts as a representative of the college, speaking with the students on an individual basis or in group situations. Lehning likes the job because it allows him to interact with incoming students as well as those still here at Houghton. Helping prospective students go through the admission process is something he especially enjoys, realizing that the experience is not a particularly easy one.

Lehning graduated from Houghton as a math major, minoring in Bible, education, and

communications with a theater emphasis. When asked how he plans to use his math major, he replies simply, "I don't know." He only knows that God will use it somewhere in the future. What Lehning would really like to do is to act in a traveling ministry. Presently he is doing a solo drama ministry in which he goes to different churches doing skits, singing, and giving his testimony.

One of the things that Lehning likes best about working a regular full time job is that he does not bring his work home with him. Though he works many hours, often coming in at night to make calls, he finds this a pleasant change from studying. He especially likes living in Fillmore on his own, "as an adult," who owns his own post office box.

Aaron Noll

In 1965, the 89th Congress passed Medicare-Medicaid legislation as part of former President Lyndon B. Johnson's "Great Society." Thirty-one years later, that legislation is considered by many to have launched the U.S. into a devastating health-care crisis that has left no American unaffected. The whole concept of government health insurance is flawed. The solution to restoring our health care system is quite simple and uncomplicated.

First, we must examine the question of whether health care is a right. A right can only be a right if it does not infringe on someone else's personal rights. I have a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Exercising these rights of mine obviously doesn't invade your personal rights of the same kind. Those who claim that health care is a right are, in effect, claiming that it is acceptable to force their fellow Americans to pay, through taxes, their medical expenses if they can no longer afford them. This would obviously be an injustice to the taxpayer. Health care as a right is not a valid argument for government health insurance.

Medicare and Medicaid have

been unsuccessful in even accomplishing their original goal, to reduce medical cost for the average American. When health care is made more accessible, in other words, more demand for the care occurs, the costs of the care rise. Since Medicare and Medicaid were put into law three decades ago, medical costs have risen astronomically.

My third point has to do with human nature. Humans abuse free privileges. A person who is guaranteed health care regardless of their lifestyle does not count bad health in the future as a major threat to his paycheck. Heart disease, AIDS, and other lifestyle-related health problems have dramatically increased in recent years in part because of this proven fact. Many politicians choose to ignore this facet of nature and think only of the "compassion" that they have for Americans. What was thought to be compassion in 1965 was actually a death sentence for the 1990's.

The other side of the abuse of medical entitlement lies with the doctors. "Let's face it: anytime I see a patient is paying his own medical bills, he and I very carefully evaluate each test and

treatment, weighing the potential benefit of each. If an insurance company of the government is paying, give him the works," said one anonymous doctor. "In Georgia, psychiatrist James E. McLendon in a single year billed the state for \$6.6 million for Medicaid patients. On average he billed for 488 hours of therapy per week, though there are only 168 hours in a week," said National Review. Many doctors drain the government, and you, the taxpayer, for all they can possibly get.

The solution to this crisis is the removal of all health care entitlement legislation. In a short time, medical expenses will fall to more affordable levels due to market principles (demand goes down, cost goes down). Budget deficit reduction and eventual tax relief would have exponential effects on economic growth. With more money in their pockets, those who feel obligated would donate some of their new surplus to the organizations who really feel compassion for the poor, churches and charities. Resolving this crisis is no more complex than a simple reversal of all health care entitlement legislation.



Editor's Mail Bag

"The Buzz" : Stung

Dear Editors,

"Have a pretty serious standard of excellence?"

I am thoroughly disgusted with "the buzz." I am currently the RD of East Hall and after hearing many of the students discussing how terrible this article was, I read it myself. How dare you print this slanderous material. I am ashamed to say that I ever supported this student publication.

Copies that were left in East Hall lounge have been collected. It would have been nice if someone would have asked permission to distribute this stuff in East Hall.

I know of several other staff members who are equally incensed about this issue. We would appreciate a response.

Sharra Durham

My Name is Gossip

My name is Gossip. I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives.

I am cunning and malicious, and gather strength with age.

The more I am quoted the more I am believed. My victims are helpless.

They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face.

To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become. I am nobody's friend.

Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I topple governments and wreck marriages.

I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartaches and indignation. I make innocent people cry in their pillows.

Even my name hisses. I am called Gossip.

I make headlines and headaches.

Before you repeat a story, ask yourself: Is it true? Is it harmless? Is it necessary? If it isn't, don't repeat it.

--From the Chicago Tribune, February 2, 1992, Dear Abby

To the Editors of The Star,
I am deeply disgusted, utterly appalled, and truly embarrassed that a Christian newspaper such as this is not only spreading gossip, but starting enormous rumors that will be spread about those students mentioned in "The Buzz." Gossip is not only against God, but you also seem to forget that to lower someone's reputation and change someone's views about that person is also against God. You are raising yourself above them and unless the Bible has

changed in the last couple of days it says in Romans 1:29-32 and I quote, "...they are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil;...they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them." "A perverse man stirs up dissension, and gossip separates close friends."

Proverbs 16:28.

Hopefully you will cut out this slanderous column or you will at the very least modify it so that only the good news of engagements and proposals will appear along with any other "good" news that with the person's permission may be published. My only other question is why wasn't the name of the writer included in the article, because if there is nothing wrong with this column why was it left out?

Jennifer E. Underwood

Dear Editors of The Houghton Star,

As a new student. I am enjoying learning all the different things that Houghton offers and stands for. I was eager to read The Houghton Star in order to be more informed about this special place. I really enjoyed the paper, there were several commendable articles. It was very uplifting. I am looking forward to future issues where I will be informed of the activities and things that are happening. Although the paper as a whole was very well done, this September 20, 1996 issue was tarnished by an article called "The Buzz." Even the title insinuates that this is "stuff" that is circulating by word of mouth. Although I don't even know

many of the people in the article, I can imagine how humiliated and hurt some of them must be feeling right now. That's just me though--what about God? We are a school that is supposed to represent Jesus Christ. For some reason, I cannot see Jesus talking about these people in this way. God does have a lot to say about gossip and slander in His Word. There is a whole section of chapter 3 in James devoted to the "tongue" and the sin that accompanies it. Although the words may not have been spoken audibly, they are still very loud on paper. There is one verse that sticks out above all the rest, though. It is:

"Do not let any unwhole-

some talk come out of your mouths, only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." (Ephesians 4:29, NIV)

This can be a newspaper that is completely honoring to God, but we really need to be discerning and weed out the trash. There is a quote I have heard over and over again, although I cannot recall who said it:

"Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people."

Let's try to maintain a positive testimony. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Osborne

Dear Editor,

Coming from a person whose name was actually featured in "The Buzz," and featured in such a way that could have been accepted as negative (I am saying this because I was constantly consoled after the article's publication in regard to my feelings about the phrase in which I was included--hello! I think the word used was "unaffected"), a supportive comment is probably the last thing one would expect. Yet that is exactly what I am giving. I had a good laugh over the article. Even more so about the fuss that was made over the entire thing in the hours following its release. Everywhere I turned there was someone talking about this contribution to the Houghton Star.

For those who were appalled over this feature, let's reflect on this a moment. Don't you think the point of the article was to get a rise out of the student body? The author wanted to see the reaction this article was most thoroughly given. By constant chatter and commentary about the article, most of which seemed to be negative, the au-

thor received exactly what he/she wanted. If you didn't care for the article, why was it such a topic for discussion? It would have been better to ignore it all together. Perhaps some of you just wondered why you were not included! In that sense the article accomplished its goal. It was definitely the talk of campus!

And honestly how much of this information was new to everyone? It was just "the buzz" that was already being discussed on campus. How else would the author have received his/her information?

Finally, in terms of journalism, how many students do you think picked up the Star that would normally not have done so? In that sense, regardless of content, the article definitely accomplished its task. Hopefully a few of you even noticed that there were actually other articles worthy of reading this issue of The Star! Thanks for letting me share--

Jenn Gregg

Dear Editors of The Houghton Star:

Perhaps you should read the Bible over again. Maybe this time you'll notice that it is against gossip.

By the way, I am NOT anonymous and stand by what say--if I am wrong, I will take correction.

Sincerely,

Michael Johnson

Houghton Star,

Some things in life must be said or done, despite the fact that they may be hurtful. Your "Buzz" is not one of those things. Was it interesting? Yes. Funny? Maybe to someone who doesn't know how much pain and humiliation it has caused. Was it necessary? No. It was wrong.

Perhaps you were just attempting to shed some light on the subject of gossip at Houghton. I find it absurd that you joined the sinners in order to condemn the sin. The method you chose to enlighten us may have been clever and effective; but it is not my idea of "good fun" to watch a "Christian" publication drink the stinging juice of gossip and spit it on the wounds of people that I love.

You may not have been trying to hurt people when you printed the "Buzz." But it amazes me that you could publish such remarks, many of which should not even have been made in private, with no regard for the feelings and reputations of those you were slandering. Your only excuse can be poor judgment.

I, too, have sinned and hurt people in my life. I have also done my best to admit, apologize for and repent of my sins.

My responsibility is to eat humble pie when I wrong someone (whether on purpose or not) and to forgive when I am wronged. The latter is often more difficult, especially when the sin involves public humiliation.

Any individual involved in the writing or printing of the "Buzz" owes a personal apology to every individual whose name is mentioned or implied in the article in any negative way. (I have already received one from editor Dale Schurmann--thank you). And you, the Star, owe us a printed apology for publishing the article and for the needless pain you caused.

I am very angry, but I want to forgive, for I have been forgiven countless times. But as for everyone at the Star: I hope to hear genuine remorse and serious repentance, and I hope to hear it soon.

John Lilley

P.S. to "Anonymous": if you don't want anyone to know it was you who said something, should it even be said? If you want to say something about me or someone I care about, come say it to my face.

To the STAR Editors:
I am writing this in response to the column called "The Buzz" which was featured in the latest issue of your newspaper.

If it was your intent to use what is commonly called gossip to incite Houghton students and faculty to read your paper, you made a good choice. Since the issue has been available, wide-eyed students have been feigning shock, mildly condemning what they find to be morally questionable outwardly (not enough to avert their eyes and minds, I've noticed) but inwardly anticipating what will come next week. Your newspaper is being talked about!

If it was your intention and desire to deliver to Houghton students (and those outside of this community who may get their hands on it) a quality publication, "The Buzz" is a destructive idea, indeed a stupid one. I cannot find the redemptive value in something that seeks to deliver pleasure at the expense of the emotional and mental well beings of other hu-

mans, let alone members of this community of which you also are a part.

I am reminded of Ephesians 4:29, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." The only beneficiaries in this case are the editors and that is only short term. In the end, what is not quality work will amount to naught. As Robert Pirsig wrote in his book *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, "Any effort that has self-glorification as its final endpoint is bound to end in disaster."

I admit and respect your right to publish what you will, but I do not want to be a part of it and I will not submit any more columns ("The Vagrant Within") to the STAR as long as "The Buzz", or any other destructive column remains in print.

In pursuit of quality,
Matthew J. Essery

Adria Willett and Dale Schuurman,

My name is Jeff Klino. I'm a sophomore at Houghton College. I know you don't want to hear this, but please hear me out. I've thought a lot about this, and I've prayed that God would give me the words to say.

How can you allow "The Buzz" to be in The Houghton Star? Can't you see that it's pure gossip? The word of God says:

Proverbs 11:13- A gossip betrays a confidence.

Proverbs 16:28- A gossip separates close friends.

Proverbs 18:8- The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts.

2 Corinthians 12:20- For I am afraid that when I come I may not find you as I want you to be, and you may not find me as you want me to be. I fear that there may be quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, slander, gossip, arrogance

and disorder.

Can't you see that gossip is sin? I'm very concerned that it is in The Houghton Star. You might think that a lot of it is humorous, but you're putting people's private lives on public display for everyone to see. Some people are really hurting as a result of broken relationships. By gossiping about these situations, you are hurting these people more and more. Shouldn't we be encouraging to people who are hurting?

When people gossip, things get blown out of proportion. If you don't know something firsthand, then you shouldn't say it at all. I'm not trying to be mean- I'm just trying to confront in a loving way.

Please, seriously consider what I have said. I pray that you would never allow this again. What would non-Christians think? They would call us hypocrites.

Love in Christ,
Jeff Klino

To the Anonymous Author of "The Buzz,"

Never have I been so offended by a Houghton College publication as I was today at lunch when I happened upon your article. It is unfortunate that such a malevolent spirit came upon you and caused you to write this filth. I cannot comprehend why the newspaper of a Christian college would ever allow a gossip column to be published in any case; it seems contrary both to Biblical standards (cf. James 3: 9-10) and Houghton's Responsibility of Community Life.

You claimed that you wrote

"in good fun," but you should have thought more about writing in good taste. The freedom of the press, in this case, should not be held as a right, as it is a blatant violation of rights. Even though we are Houghton students, we should have no need to fear that our privacy will be publicly violated. You had no qualms about telling the entire community specific names and incidents of gossip, but you also cowardly hid behind your own anonymity. May I suggest that a signed apology swiftly follow your anonymous article.

I willingly sign this letter:
Alisha L. Slipp

I realize that my relationship to co-editor of the Star, Dale Schuurman, is unique to other people who wrote letters in response to "The Buzz." However, because of his importance to me as my best friend as well as my boyfriend, I cannot sit back and keep my reaction to myself. I was allowed the advantage of getting a different perspective on the whole fiasco than anyone else could have received.

First of all, I was completely surprised and disappointed at the student body's reaction to "The Buzz." Perhaps I was raised in a more liberal home, or maybe I am just more open-minded, but I thought that the article was hilarious and simply reinforced the way most people view Houghton anyway; it is a small school where everyone knows everything about everyone. I have heard this said numerous times by students. This article simply expressed the irony of the situation.

Secondly, it was really hurtful to watch Dale deal with the slack he was given by everyone. I wonder why he was held personally responsible for the article. He did not write it, and was only doing his job, trying to make the paper a document that students would read and enjoy. The many long hours he and co-editor Adria Willett spent putting together the paper were depreciated. For a place that is supposed to represent love and friendship, Houghton College really did a poor job of living up to this standard. People who I would have con-

sidered friends, or at least friendly, really let me down when I observed the way Dale was treated, and I know it really hurt him as well. I find it ridiculous and unfair that so many people vented their anger at Dale. He personally received more Bible verses from angry students that week, more comments such as "maybe you should read the Bible again," and other similarly ignorant statements. It amazes me that so many students felt personally responsible to hold the Star accountable for any wrongdoings. Many people reacted with anger and a few even reacted with violence toward Dale. How could a person rattle off the verse about gossiping being a sin and then throw angry tantrums? It was almost funny to watch as so many people were quick to let the editors know that they were wrong and that their actions were most definitely a sin. Remarkably, on the whole, more hate mail came from people who were not even featured in "The Buzz."

In conclusion, I would really like to thank everyone who kept their opinion to themselves, as seldom as that seems to have occurred. I do realize that this article was very hurtful to a few who were mentioned. As for the others, reacting in such childish ways only leads others to believe that you must be quite insecure about that part of yourself. The Star has an advisor and two editors with good heads on their shoulders. So let them do their job, and be responsible for your own actions.

Liz Nies

To the editor:

As one of the people mentioned in the infamous "Buzz" article in the STAR, I felt it was necessary to write and tell of my reaction and thoughts on this article. I personally found it hilariously meaningless and was flattered that my name was in the paper and I've only been here a month. I do take into consideration I am just a transfer and do not know most people mentioned in the article; however, I found no instance where people should be upset about what was written unless they are hiding something that everybody already knew. As the article circulated, it was incredible the amount of people upset and who expressed their feel-

ings (some quite inappropriate) and weren't even mentioned in the paper. I commend the editors of the STAR who had the guts to print this and accomplish their task of getting people to read the STAR (did anyone notice all the other great articles?). I believe that people have taken this too far and have made a trivial article seem like it came from the *Inquirer*, which by the way is completely fictitious and the "Buzz" is factual. Please people, be mature and have some self-esteem and get over it! This isn't high school where reputations thrive on who someone is seeing that month. Life can continue and may we all remember the buzz about the "Buzz."

Nathan Reimer

EDITORIAL RETRACTION

As one of the editors of THE HOUGHTON STAR, I would like to apologize to all students, faculty, and staff, and the Houghton community for allowing "The Buzz," to be printed in the last issue. I did have misgivings concerning it and would have preferred to run it with the names of its au-

thors. However, I do take blame for not being more assertive and vocal about the column. I realize that printing the column was wrong, not glorifying to God, and hurtful to those involved. It will not be run again. Please forgive me, allow me to learn from my mistake, and move on.

Adria Willett

To all readers of the STAR,

I would first like apologize to those people who were hurt by last issue's feature, "The Buzz." I did not realize the intricate details of some relationships touched on in that article. I am truly sorry for causing sorrow or pain of any kind. I hope those of you that were affected in this way can forgive me.

Second, I want to thank all those readers who took time to intelligently submit their discontent, their approval, or even their outrage about "The Buzz." There was only a handful of you who handled your feelings maturely. It truly encourages me to know that I have peers out there that are concerned about my success, moral judgment, and world view. Thank you.

Last, I want to express my distress over the the way the matter was dealt with by the majority of those who felt it necessary to voice their "Christian" opinion. I cannot begin to tell you how upset I am over comments such as, "Maybe you better read the Bible again," and "I demand to know the identity of the authors of 'The Buzz'." I do not appreciate assaults on my Christianity or spirituality, nor do I find it necessary to hurt more people by disclosing the names of the authors. I am irate about the way I was treated by certain people on this campus, and it certainly did open my eyes to a few things. I realize that I have a lot to learn from this unfortunate incident, but I am certainly not the only one who could learn from it.

Again, I am really sorry to those persons I hurt. I thank all of you who responded responsibly. And to those who felt it was necessary to insult me, my co-workers, or my friends, I am sorry you felt that way.

Dale C. Schuurman

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Reaching the Goal

Josh Daniels

By half time it was already 7-0. In the second half the women's soccer team would score six more goals with eight different players. Freshman Holly Church led the team with a hat trick and an assist, sophomore Aaron Warren was in close second with two goals and an assist. This 13-0 romping of Pitt-Bradford was the same score as last year. Although the score was the same, the team is definitely a different squad.

Coach Lewis said that he is

extremely happy with his team. "They play very well together, much better than last year." The women's ability to pass and spread the field has improved immensely. The Coach still believes the team has not reached their full potential yet, but they are showing magnificent improvement to complete this goal.

One aspect of the game that has been a tremendous factor in the Highlanders' success has been the defense. With out-

standing players as Erin Warren and Danielle Philips in mid-field, Rebecca Outt and Terri White as fullbacks, and Kari Babbitt doing a terrific job filling in because of injuries, they have kept the opposing teams from having any shots on goal. In fact in the last two games against Pitt-Brad and Geneva, Houghton's opponents had no shots on goal.

Coach Lewis is very confident and demands much from his team. The women have

worked hard and he is not letting them take any rest and enjoy their success. This is evident in the schedule for the next few weeks. This past Saturday, the 28th, the women played Baptist Bible College. The following week they play Roberts Wesleyan on Tuesday, away, followed by the weekend competing against Nyack on Friday and Tiffin College from Ohio on Saturday.

Coming Together

Josh Daniels

I have heard many comments about this year's team that have not been positive. Comments that the team is not as good as the years before, there will never be another Jamie Wellington on the team, and the team does not play well together. This may be so as of right now in the season, but do not be so quick to condemn. This is a young team but the talent is tremendous. I have watched the team practice and the fundamental and technical skills of these players is at a higher caliber than recent years. Coach Hornibrook has relayed that this team is much more knowledgeable of what

he expects; he also understands though that it takes time for a team to come together. Many of these players have come from high school where they were the stars of the team, and they did most of the work on their team. College soccer is much different and to overcome this mentality and to work as a team takes time.

The team is beginning to show signs of improvement, which has been evident in their last few games. On the weekend of the 14th, the men traveled to Mt. Vernon College for Mt. Vernon's annual tournament. The Highlanders' first

competitor was Bethel College. It was a hard fought game ending with a Houghton victory of 3-2. Baati Ayana scored two goals followed by a goal by Akim Antwi. The men came in to the game against Mt. Vernon with fire in their eyes as they destroyed their opponents 5-0.

After this tournament the men played Geneva at home on the 20th. According to Akim Antwi, "We thought they weren't as good as last year. They did very well defensively," commenting on the 0-0 tie. Akim added that his team had good possession at

times, they had good opportunities to score in the first fifteen minutes, but they could not seem to capitalize on opportunities. This was evident also in the game against Point Park. The Highlanders only scored one goal by half time. They stepped it up in the second half to win 7-0. The Houghton men seem to take a whole half before they start putting things together. According to Coach Hornibrook and members of the team, this will change. We will see this weekend as the team travels to St. Vincent College on Friday the 27th and Westminster College on Saturday the 28th.

Volleyball Streak

Kelley Daugherty

The Lady Highlanders volleyball team pounded their way to four wins in their conference last week. After a slow 4-4 start, the season took off as the team faced Carlow, Geneva, Roberts and Pitt-Brad.

Friday, senior middle hitter April Stone led the team at Carlow, followed closely by outside hitters Kelly Daugherty and Hannah Young; the three combined for 20 kills. The Highlanders beat Carlow in three, (15-7), (15-5), and (15-8), even after losing senior middle hitter

Allisia Hanson to a knee injury early in the first game.

Saturday afternoon the team headed to Geneva. The Highlanders struggled, but had pulled off the win by game four, (15-9), (9-15), (15-11), and (15-13). Stone again dominated the offense with 17 kills; senior middle hitter Mary Garvin and sophomore setter Amie Fells combined to add 12 more kills to the tally.

Tuesday evening, the ladies faced Roberts at home. After a very slow and ugly start (8-15),

the Highlanders took control. They managed to grab the second (16-14), third (15-9), and fourth (15-8) games for the win. Stone, Garvin, and Daugherty combined for 29 kills and fells grabbed 20 set assists. Junior Jenn Kahoud led the defense with 18 digs.

The Highlanders finished the week at home with Pitt-Brad on Thursday. They snatched the win in three, (15-10), (15-5), and (15-11), with a combined team effort. Junior setter Leslie Arnold and

sophomore setter Allison Chubb combined for 16 set assists while Stone, Garvin, and senior weakside hitter Jessica Sandle earned nine, six, and five kills respectively. Kahoud and Daugherty led the defense from the back line.

Despite a slow start in pre-season tournaments and the loss of Hanson, the Highlanders are on the upswing. Catch them in action Homecoming weekend against Westminster Friday night and Geneva Saturday afternoon.

Cage Expanded

Lauren Keepert

The weight cage at the Houghton physical education center has been extended to accommodate greater numbers of people and more equipment.

According to athletic director Skip Lord, who facilitated the changes, the front side of the cage was moved out five feet, increasing the area of the weight cage by 100 to 125 square feet. The side wall of the cage was extended 15 feet and then rounded to fit the curve of

the indoor track, creating a separate wedge-shaped room.

This smaller enclosed area is used for all non-weight equipment, including the new stair stepper. The universal weight sets were turned to open a walkway that runs through the middle of the cage from the front door to the door of the smaller room. Free weight stations were moved farther apart.

Last January, former intramural and facility director, Bob

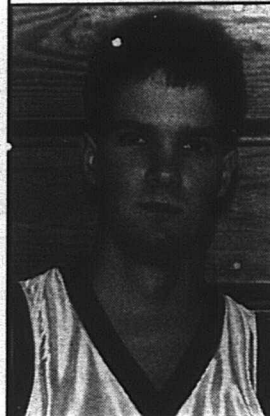
Smalley, advised Skip Lord of the needed improvements. Lord included the building alterations in the 1996 budget proposal and ordered the new equipment in the spring.

Both Smalley and Lord felt that the weight cage was unsafe because of overcrowding caused by teams and regular weight lifters. "The weight cage shouldn't have to be closed down for teams [to have enough room] to work out,"

Lord said. He is confident the recent changes will provide enough space for everyone to exercise in a safe environment.

Some students still feel the facility is inadequate when compared with weight cages at other schools. Lord carefully considers all student suggestions on gym service improvements and is planning on adding a decline bench press and more leg weight stations that students have requested.

Timeout For Tidbits



Bob Price

Hoop junkies witnessed basketball history last week when the Portland Trail Blazers signed Olympic guard Sasha Djordjevic. For the first time, an NBA news conference was carried live on the Internet. The world wide web leaves no one untouched, not even the seemingly mundane signing of Djordjevic.

The gifted gabster on ESPN, Craig Kilborn, says it best when he says, "Slow down, ya move too fast!" Kilborn employs the coined verse in good humor, whenever a runningback cuts through the heart of a defense or a point guard beats his man to the basket. I say it in order to express my disapproval of just how intoxicated we have become with all things related to cyberspace. You call it "surfing the internet," I call it "information overload."

When Djordjevic plays his first professional basketball game, you can look it up on the web at <http://www.blazers.com>. I'll just read the boxscore in the morning newspaper.

Who's the most popular athlete in the world? An ESPN/Chilton Poll says Michael Jordan is gaining 12.3% of the responses in a 12 month, 13,000 respondent survey. Dallas Cowboy teammates Emmitt Smith and Troy Aikman were 2 and 3 on the list. In baseball, no one is more admired than iron-man Cal Ripken Jr.

Some major league baseball records don't ever get broken. Like Joe Dimaggio's 56 game hitting streak in 1941, or Ted Williams's .409 batting average that same year. But how about Roger Maris's 61 homers in 1961?

This year, Oakland A's slugger Mark McGwire is flirting with breaking the 30+ year old milestone. Last week McGwire hit his 52nd dinger on the year, a 485 foot grand slam to help his team win in a slugfest over Seattle 13-11. With all eyes on the mark, McGwire is feeling the pressure. Can he do it? Time will tell. That's tidbits for this week. C-ya bye!