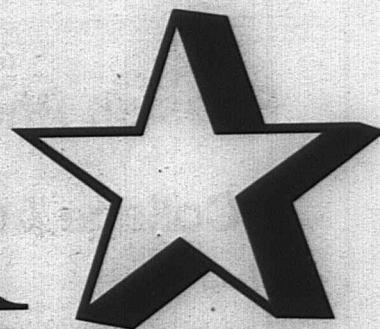


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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Matthew Essery

Bosnia: Last week President Clinton visited Bosnia, shaking the hands of the troops there. "Your country is very proud of you," he told the troops and, "You are making history here." State Department spokesperson Nicholas Burns said, "It's high time that the U.S. asserted itself. It's a European power and Europe can't be stable without the U.S. there."

Russia: Chechen rebels siezed 2,000 civilians in the Russian city of Kizlyara last week. They freed all but 200 hostages and demanded safe passage to Chechnya. If they were assaulted they claimed that they would kill the prisoners. Dzhokhar Dudayer, the Chechen leader who declared the southern province independent of Russia, warned that similar operations would follow.

China: China's policy to reduce population growth once again came under scrutiny last week when a New York based human rights Watch/Asia charged the state run orphanages of deliberately letting children die of starvation and neglect. A tour of a clean, healthy looking orphanage in Shanghai was given to the group, but critics maintained that abused children had been moved to another facility.

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CLEW Speaker Emphasizes Truth

Dale Schuurman

For centuries, philosophers and theologians have participated in a quest for absolute truth. Last week, our Christian Life Emphasis Week speaker Mr. David McDowell shared some findings from his search in a series of talks on biblical Christian truth.

Mr. McDowell was raised in a Christian home where he committed his life to Christ at the age of five. Upon entering high school, McDowell found himself in a struggle between keeping his Christian convictions and giving in to peer pressure and popularity. It was here that he met his life-long friend Dave Pollok. Pollok is a Houghton resident, world missionary, and the man responsible for keeping McDowell on the straight and narrow.

After high school McDowell attended Wheaton as a psychology major. He graduated, received a bachelor degree, and

went on to earn a masters in Divinity from Gordon Conwell and a masters in sacred theology from Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

After college McDowell was a pastor at churches in New York, then in Massachusetts. He worked for a year on his book about the New Age movement, and spoke at several colleges (Christian and secular).

Many students had the opportunity to speak one on one with Mr. McDowell at Big Al's snack shop during his visit last week. I was one of those students and this is what I learned. Dave's favorite book (besides his own) is Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan. His favorite author is Tom Clancy. McDowell likes Da Vinci, Beethoven, rock and roll, and Tool Time. Dave is extremely disappointed in the fact that "Dinosaurs" was taken off the air. His favorite sport is foot-

ball and he likes the New York Giants, the Boston Red Sox, and the Boston Celtics. McDowell eats pizza, chicken wings, and Reeses Pieces. His second favorite beverage is Clearly Canadian soda. He buys his clothes at American Eagle and his favorite Bible verse is I Thessalonians 5:24. Dave recounted that his biggest fear is zipping the communion table cloth into his pants and spilling the works when he goes to serve the elders.

This was McDowell's second visit to the Houghton campus. Dave said, "I am very impressed. The campus is not the most beautiful I've seen, but I am impressed. I am impressed with the students."

If you did not get an opportunity to speak with Dave and you have a question for him, his E-mail address is 72732.3217@compuserve.com.

Houghton and Alfred Exchange Concert Performances

Cynthia Smith and Holly Lawton

As part of a concert exchange program between the music faculty of Houghton College and of Alfred University, soprano Luanne Clarke of Alfred and pianist Linda Jones will perform a recital of compositions by women at 8 pm on January 31 in Houghton College's Wesley Chapel. To complete the exchange, Dr. Dolores Gadevsky, part-time professor of piano at Houghton, will present a piano recital at Alfred University in mid-March.

Clarke is in her fourth year of teaching at Alfred University, where she is assistant professor of voice and directs the chorus and the Chamber Singers. She has performed with

the Aspen Opera Theater, the Cleveland Institute of Music Opera Department, the Cleveland Opera, the Western New York Opera Theater, and the Rochester Opera Theater. Her musical experience also includes solo performances with the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra, the Fredonia Chamber Players, the Chautauqua Chamber Singers, and the Rochester Chamber Choir Madrigalia.

Jones works as a vocal coach and teaches collaborative piano and diction classes at the Cleveland Institute of Music. Her experience as a vocal coach, rehearsal pianist, and assistant conductor includes working with the Opera Theater of St.

Louis, the Santa Fe and Boston Opera Companies, the Dallas Civic Opera, the Washington Opera Society, and the Juilliard School of Music. Before coming to Cleveland, she served as vocal coach in the opera department of the Manhattan School of Music. She frequently performs solo piano programs in the greater Cleveland area.

Gadevsky will present her portion of the exchange as part of Alfred University's Chamber Music Series. The concert will take place in Howell Hall on March 17 at 2 pm. For more information about the concerts, contact Gadevsky at (716)567-9404.

Interested in Being a Student Leader?

*SGA and Publication elections are coming up in March

*All positions are up for re-election

*Petitions for positions are available at SGA office and due by Wed., Feb. 28, at 12 pm.

*All applicants for cabinet positions must attend at least 4 senate meetings (beginning Feb.8) and two cabinet meetings.

SGA Report:

Coeri Roltch

During the January 18 SGA meeting the following committee positions were filled: Rebecca Tanner was elected to the Faculty Computer Committee, and Dan Bates was elected to the Technology/Learning/Teaching Roundtable.

The senate voted to create an SGA Food Service Committee.

Under new business, the senate voted to undertake a fund-raiser with the Voter News Service. The senate will report election results for both the primary and the general election. Over 700 dollars are expected to be raised to augment the Student Activities Fee.

Jennifer Lytle and Alyson Clark reported on plans for a Valentine's Day banquet. The semi-formal Sadie-Hawkins banquet will help in fund-raising efforts for the renovation of the campus center basement.

Dan Waugh discussed future plans for Current Issues Day and solicited input from the senate.

A tentative schedule was circulated which included the allocation of SPF and SRF funds in late February. The timetable for the elections was also announced.

Quote of the Week

"Publish and
be damned."

Arthur Wellesley
Duke of Wellington. 1820

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Russian Photographer Speaks at College Art Gallery Reception

Holly Lawton

Photographer Sergei Skuratov of Vladimir, Russia, talked about his exhibit of over 40 black and white photographs during a reception at Houghton College's Wesley Chapel Gallery last Friday.

The son of a military man, Skuratov was born in Siberia and spent his childhood years moving around the country with his family. He completed studies at the university, graduating with an Engineer of Railway Transportation diploma.

Skuratov first tried his hand at photography as a 29-year-old with a lot of live experience. Just four years later, in 1983, he won the prestigious "Pentacon-ORWO" photogra-

phy contest and has since won awards from dozens of photo exhibitions in the Soviet Union and Russia. He has also exhibited his work in Finland, Germany and the United States.

A collection of pictures, which the photographer calls "The Vladimir Glimpses," was on display at the Houghton College gallery and will continue through the end of the month. The collection was gathered during Skuratov's six years of working as an independent photographer and as a photo correspondent for Russian newspapers.

Skuratov said the exhibit can be viewed as two parts. The first part includes portraits, ob-

servations, and moments caught on film. The second part reflects the everyday life of the Vladimir peasants.

Traveling from Russia, Skuratov arrived in Houghton on Sunday, Jan. 14. Throughout last week he addressed art classes at the college. Since the photographer speaks almost no English, Houghton College senior Andrei Vylegzhanin, who is also from Russia, acted as interpreter. For more information on the exhibit, call Gary Baxter of the Houghton College Art Department at 567-9400 or Roselyn Danner at 567-2766.

One-man Theater Act Curt Cloninger to Perform at Houghton College

Cynthia Smith

Professional actor and writer Curt Cloninger will perform a one-man theatre act in Houghton College's Wesley Chapel on January 26 at 7 pm.

Cloninger has been performing Biblically-based drama for more than 15 years. His program, entitled "When I Died

Last Tuesday," both comically and tragically illustrates a tour of the afterlife through heaven and hell.

During student chapel service that morning, Cloninger will also address six of our common misconceptions about God in the presentation "God Views."

International Association News

President Feidih Wu and advisors Paul Shea and Helen Fail are planning the International inner, slated for February 10. All students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to attend. For tickets contact the ISO or ISA office.

Internationals, TCKs, and any other interested students are welcome to join a trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto over February break. You may also want to go with the ISA to Rochester to shop in the Market Place

Mall on March 16. Contact the ISA office for more information on either trip.

Starting January 23, the ISA office will be open Tuesday evenings from 6:30-10:00. All are welcome to come study, sign up for activities, ask questions, hang out, or buy a cup of coffee and refreshments. Come and pray with us from 7:30-8:00 pm.

Finally, if anyone is interested in running for next year's offices please talk to Feidih before February 2nd to let her know.

Editorial

Jennifer Watson

Whites Off Earth Now . . .

Late last semester, I decided that I deserved a break, so I skipped all of my classes and settled in front of the TV with a cup of coffee, determined to relax before I faced the ever daunting mountain of work on my desk. My peaceful mood only lasted for five minutes, because I made the mistake of turning on Geraldo. His show topic was white supremacy, with various groups confronting the Zulu Nation; an added twist was that all of the guests were women.

The first group was comprised of white women, some wearing the hoods of the KKK and some in wigs and dark glasses; only one of the six was not in some sort of disguise. These people claimed to be proud of their race and what their respective organizations stood for; I find it ironic the such pride must be concealed, because usually pride and concealment don't go hand-in-hand. Throughout the show, the whole issue of pride was rather disjointed. Not only did these women hide their faces, but they kept claiming membership to a pure white race. There is no pure white race in America; this country is a melting pot -- we are all of some kind of ethnic descent whether it be Irish, Polish, German, whatever. I'm proud of the fact that my heritage is Irish, but I have never been thankful that I am of WHITE Irish descent. What difference does it make?

I also found it very ironic that the women of the Zulu Nation continually referred to their African culture, their African pride, their African way of life. Of the six women sitting on the stage, one was Indian, one was Native American, and one was Chinese; so they all share the same African heritage? These women are Americans; every part of their life has been so steeped in American tradition that it would be impossible for them to ever really have an African way of life. They may share common values, and some similar cultural traditions, but they are African in the same respect that I am Irish -- in descent only.

The white women claimed that their group was not one of hate, but one of racial pride. As one woman put it: "I joined this group because I was tired of having to feel ashamed for being white. I didn't own any slaves, and none of you here today were ever owned as slaves." She has a valid point: whites are entitled to their racial pride as much as any other group. Of course, this claim to pride was somewhat compromised when she went on to describe a typical rally of burning crosses and racial slurs spray painted on the ground. Burning crosses and racial slurs have never struck me as symbols of pride; pride is positive, but those symbols simply represent hate.

The Zulu Nation also made some claims. They claimed to be a peaceful group, promoting loving relations between whites and minority groups. At this point, Geraldo held up a flyer printed for their distribution that said: "Neo-Nazi's, Skinheads, KKK, Aryan Supremacy League: We're coming fo' yo' ass! Peace to the People!" That doesn't sound peaceful or proud; it sounds hateful.

It all comes down to definitions. The white women have inaccurately defined their racism as white pride; the Zulu Nation group inaccurately defined their heritage as the present, as their current way of life. Both groups inaccurately defined the charters of their respective groups, and the word minority. The emphasis was placed on the numbers of the black and white populations; in reality, the race issue deals with power, not numbers. One white supremacist discussed Malcolm X's admonition to his people to be fruitful and multiply in order to get the power of the vote, because that power is held in numbers alone; she claimed that all of this reproduction placed whites in a minority position. Whether or not this is true, I have no idea; however, I do know that it doesn't make any difference. The word minority refers not to population, but to power. Look at the Senate, look at our Presidents; who is represented and who is not? Minority groups are labeled so because of their lack of political representation.

I find myself in disagreement with both sides of the issue, and I certainly am not endeared to either side through their respective political tactics; truthfully, I don't understand why race is such an issue. We are all made up of the same genetic tissue, what difference does skin color make? The only solution that I can see is to get the whites off the earth, and then wait to see what people fight about then.

The Boulder is looking for a few good women (or men) to serve as Editors next year. The positions are as follows:

1. The **Editor-in-Chief** of the Boulder should be a current sophomore with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50. The individual chosen for the position will be responsible for supervising all activities concerned with the publication of the yearbook, represent the organization in all official capacities and appoint, dismiss, and determine duties of the staff. Experience is preferable, but not necessary depending on leadership abilities.

2. The **Business Manager** should be a current sophomore with a GPA of at least 2.25. Duties will include supervising all activities concerned with selling of advertisements and yearbooks, and keeping records of the financial activities of the Boulder.

3. The **Photography Editor** may be any student with adequate experience as a photographer who also knows how to develop film. This job entails delegating authority to the photo staff and communicating with section editors about what events need to be covered. Experience is necessary.

The positions are voted on by the student body and all receive Student Activity Scholarships. All interested candidates should submit a written statement of intent to the Campus Activities Committee or contact the Boulder at CPOBox 388 by February 20.

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December's Dog Days

January has its faults. In this year of the old fashioned winter, January has brought lots of excitement in the form of weather. In addition to more than our normal share of sub zero temperatures early in the month, we have experienced several crippling snowstorms, one of which delayed many students in the Northeast from timely returns to campus. Then this last week after several days of what might pass for "tropical" air, a hard rain fell, sending many rivers and streams already near flood stage from rapidly melting snow over their banks into lowlands and normally dry areas as well.

It was all very exciting in its way, a remark I can make because my basement stayed dry. A number of Houghton houses were not so fortunate. Several areas of Allegany County were inundated: flooding rivers engulfed entire neighborhoods and, in a few cases, entire towns. My own, comparatively minor water problems occurred earlier in the week as a result of heavy snow on the roof and ice dams that formed in gutters. I spent parts of three days on top of my house shoveling snow and chopping ice.

Still, I am happy to see January, and not just because I have a perverse nature. I am happy, for one thing, that the spring semester has begun. My usual complaint that semester break was too short notwithstanding, I like the rhythm and structure that the school year provides. I don't accomplish everything I would like to, but I seem to get more done when school is in session than when it is out. Furthermore, during these first weeks it is still early enough to hope that I will keep up with the reading this time around.

Perhaps more significant, however, is that I have begun to realize that January means December is gone. I find I dislike December inordinately and as a consequence I like January the more; whatever thrills Mother Nature may throw our way.

If I have it figured properly, the problem with December is that all of the normal stresses of living seem to be exaggerated somehow; and even Christmas, which is not in itself a stressful event, produces strains of its own. Consider, please, the following:

1) Seasonal changes. For those of us in the Northern hemisphere, daylight wanes through most of December until we not only go to bed after dark, but we get up in the dark and spend all evening and even late afternoons in the dark. Winter locks on as well at our latitude, and we are forced to make all the cold weather adjustments we had previously delayed.

2) Work. For students and teachers alike December means everything comes due. It is unfortunate that the approach of Christmas is matched by increased intensity and anxiety in the classroom. The Thanksgiving break, which we all welcome, is our signal to shift work schedules into overdrive. This last semester in particular, when exams ended so close to Christmas day, the scheduling seemed particularly irrational and cruel.

3) Advent. Or, rather, the Christmas season. For several years past I have tried to figure out why it has been so much work for me to get into the spirit of Advent, to feel the joy of the birth of Christ as I think I should. Part of the reason is, of course, that Christmas has become the most significant merchandizing period of the year. We all groan over the mid-October arrival of Christmas displays and Santa music, yet we seem unwilling or unable to do anything about it. Consequently, the Christmas season has become not only a mindless source of irritation, but also a time of high financial stress as we try to please our parents, our kids, and our friends.

Coming together as these things do, it is no wonder many of us feel frantic by the time Christmas rolls around. If there is travelling to do, and for many of us there are a good many hours of it, often through bad weather and darkness, the stress only increases. Then when the blizzard of activity is over, when everything is done but cleaning up and paying the bills, I find myself unable to relax. Having buzzed about so intensely for so long, I am unable to stop. I fidget, I waste time, I flit about. However much I desire it, I cannot address myself to the next task because a deadline that is still a week off does not look like a deadline at all.

The most tragic element for me is that Christmas comes and goes before I realize that I have missed the significance of Advent. I have, as it were, tipped my hat to God and gone about my business. I have given lip service to an event that in one way or another has shaped the entire nature of my being. Having treated it superficially, I am left feeling empty, hollow. I feel a fraud.

After all of this, as if unexpectedly, January appears. The old has, without any effort from me, passed away. Usually January arrives with snow; this year it brought excitement as well as snow. I take out a clean sheet of paper and begin to imagine what the new semester will be like; I write down my hopes for myself and for my students. I imagine what is possible and I aim high.

At some point I pack my books, papers, and ambitions, and I walk from my house to my office. And when I pause, as I often do, on the little bridge behind Lambein to listen to the water and to take in the snow that has changed my world, it is possible to imagine all things become new.

Dear Editor...

Dear Editor and Houghton Students,

It is January and, like years past, this marks the beginning of not another semester, but the scramble for housing faced by every Junior and Senior. Those industrious few who have found housing for next year that was not washed away by the mid-winter flood need to read no farther. For the rest of those who are pinning their hopes on winning the townhouse lottery this year more options are offered. Effective this year Senior students may choose to live outside of college owned or approved housing within the hamlet of Houghton. (This option will be extended to Juniors next year.)

In order to take advantage of this option Seniors must file with the Student Development Office and may not be presently on disciplinary probation; however, for no reason, other than actively being on disciplinary probation, may a Senior be denied this option. It does not require the approval of the SDO.

In town there are several options including several apartment units from Alleghany Log Homes and near the Flower Basket. There may also be several individuals within the community who are interested in renting to students. Interested students must make their own arrangements and neither the college nor SDO will assume responsibility in the tenant-landlord relationship. If you need help or if you have questions, feel free to stop by the SGA office next to the mailroom.

Cori Roltsch
SGA President

Seasons in His Path

Andrew Bonaventura

Reflect for a moment on the life of Moses, one of the most outstanding characters we read about in the Old Testament and in the few New Testament accounts of his life. Here was a man of God hand-chosen to lead the nation of Israel out of Egypt's bondage to the freedom of Canaan, the promised land. Moses had a prestigious Egyptian education. Moses is history's greatest Jewish leader. Moses defended a Hebrew slave by killing a man who treated the slave harshly. Moses' upheld arms prolonged the sun's presence in the sky during the battle against Amalek. Moses initiated Israel's exodus. Moses twice struck a rock to produce water, once at the Lord's command, the other time in anger. Moses experienced God's provision for his people with manna falling from heaven. Moses divided the waters of the Red Sea only to have them close upon the Egyptian army and secure final victory for the nation of Israel. Moses received the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. Moses gained presence with Pharaoh. Moses gained presence with God. Moses did not enter the promised land.

Allow the significance of those last two sentences to sink into your mind: Moses gained presence with God, but Moses did not enter the promised land. I tend to believe if anyone deserved to enter the promised land that person would be Moses based solely on all he did as God's instrument in Israel's history, but God had other plans. Moses disobeyed the Lord, and as a result was not permitted entry into Canaan. I have to question though, "How could a man who saw God face to face be denied the seemingly ultimate goal of his earthly service?" Exodus 34: 29-35 reminds us how the very face of Moses was changed, literally glowing, because he experienced the direct presence of God. Why was this man not allowed to accomplish the final objective of the exodus? I suspect for the same reason I will not accomplish objectives in my life; perhaps for disobedience like Moses, perhaps not—God has His mysterious yet perfect way of working in our lives.

In the grander scheme of things I must believe that my ability to possess God's presence moment by moment throughout life is superlative to anything I humanly seek to accomplish for Him here on earth. It may be an imaginative stretch to speak for Moses, but I can picture Moses uttering near the end of his life when God led him to the mountaintop and showed him the land of Canaan, "My God, it is enough that I have gained your presence." Are we able to affirm these same words, brothers and sisters? Is the experience of God's presence enough to pale in comparison any accomplishment we hope to see in life? Is our communion with God and daily walk in His presence better than any goal we hope to achieve in service to God? I believe so. As you reflect on your life and juxtapose in your mind things you have done with things you have not, remember Moses and how you share the opportunity with him of claiming your access to God's presence as superior to any earthly achievement. May our time in God's presence cause us to forsake our weak definition of the promised land.



SMITH'S SHOT BURIES HOUGHTON, IGNITES CONFLICT

Bobby Price, sports editor

Gene Smith's off balance three-pointer at the buzzer may have lifted the Pitt-Brad Panthers over Houghton 93-92 Saturday night, but that was just the beginning.

Immediately following the buzzer-beater, a scuffle broke out on the floor between Panthers head coach Andy Moore and one of the referees. Apparently the official had signaled Smith's shot good for only two points, which would have tied the game and require an extra five minute overtime period. Moore, vehemently opposing the call, proceeded to grab the ref by the arm before athletic director Skip Lord was able to step between the two and break up what seemed to be an ensuing fight. After consultation by the officials, the call was changed and the three pointer was awarded to Smith, giving Pitt-Brad the one point victory.

"I could tell by the way the game was going and how Moore was acting towards the refs that we'd need somebody to escort them (the refs) off the court following the contest," said Lord.

"After the shot, they (the Bradford team) flooded the floor and that was when Moore and the ref interlocked," he added.

Lord said he had the situation under control but was wary of the fact that a brawl could have erupted. Since Pitt-Brad is an independent school, no disciplinary action will be taken as a result of the incident.

Lord said that further review of video tape showed Smith's shot to be a three pointer.

With 5 seconds remaining, Houghton's Tom Kersis (12 points) went to the foul line with the Highlanders leading 91-90. Kersis made the first shot but missed the second, putting Pitt-Brad in position to tie or win the game. The Panthers quickly raced the ball up court to Smith, who opted for the three pointer at the top of the key and drilled home the bullet that will nestle forever, lodged deeply in the hearts of Houghtonites.

Smith, of nearby Belmont, led the Panthers with 28 points, but it was the hot-shooting of Pat Cullinan (25 points) that put visiting Pitt-Brad in position to win. Cullinan put on a shooting clinic, draining an incredible six consecutive three pointers late in the second half to keep the Panthers close. Bob Podomnik broke through the Highlander defense to score 13 points.

Houghton's Michael Brundige played a spectacular game, leading all scorers with 34 points. The native of Buffalo also grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked numerous shots with his intimidating style of defense. Jason Weyforth (the newest member of the 1000 point club) finished with 16 and Judson Odell added 11. Freshman, Dwayne Washington, chipped in with 10 points.

IN OTHER GAMES: Houghton traveled to Tiffin, Ohio, after Christmas break and were dismantled by the Dragons, 83-69. The Highlanders fought back from a 27 point halftime deficit to outscore Tiffin 44-31 in the second period. Odell scored 18 while Kersis finished with 17 points.

Houghton would have to work overtime the next three games, going 2-1 in that period while playing an extra five minutes in each. The three consecutive overtime games is a Houghton College record.

The first marathon game pitted the Highlanders against conference opponent St. Vincent. The men employed a stingy defense to win in an ugly affair, 66-64. Weyforth led the team in scoring with 15 points. Kersis added 12 and Brundige contributed with 10 points.

Three days later the men traveled to Elmira and buried the Soaring Eagles, 76-69 in OT. Houghton outscored Elmira 13-6 in the extra session to pull away with a hard earned victory against a bruising opponent.

Brundige led all scorers with 22 points followed by that kid wonder from afar, Kersis, who dropped in 21 points. Weyforth added 16 to the scoring column.

The following Monday, Houghton was scorched by the hot shooting of Bethany's Kevin Kozup, who scored 29 points (6 three pointers) in leading his Bethany team to an 88-85 upset in OT. Weyforth led the Highlanders with 21 points and Brundige scored 18 in a losing cause. The team shot a horrible 3 for 21 on three point shots and committed many silly turnovers.

The Highlanders continued to slide that Thursday as visiting R.I.T. slammed the door shut on the men, 92-83.

Kersis scored a career high, 26 points for the team while Weyforth added 19. Odell finished with 15 points. Houghton falls to 10-7 overall.

LADIES HIGHLANDERS ON WIN STREAK
VICTORY OVER PITT-BRAD LIFTS TEAM TO 6-6

Bobby Price, sports editor

Following a lackluster 3-5 start, the Lady Highlander's basketball team is turning things around.

Saturday afternoon the troops did battle at home against Pitt-Brad and came out on top by the narrow margin of 51-49.

Leading the way for the women was April Batt, who scored 16 points and grabbed a team high 10 rebounds. Sasha Gates and Brenda Johnson each poured in 10 points to help the cause. Though she only scored 6 points, April Stone was also key with her stingy defense and athletic prowess. She pitched in by hauling down 8 boards on the day. Charity O'Connor was instrumental running the point for the team. The nifty floor general distributed the ball well, hitting open teammates and scoring 7 points of her own.

"We're finally starting to come together," said Johnson about the way the team is playing as of late.

"We've known we've had the talent, and now were showing it," she added.

The ladies were scheduled to play Philadelphia Pharmacy over Christmas break but Mother Nature had other plans, as the team spent the time stuck in a motel while the entire Northeast was blanketed with over two feet of snow.

The women were back in action the following Wednesday against St. Vincent but succumbed to the powerful Bearcats, 59-46. Aime Fells was the lone Lady Highlander to reach double digits in scoring, hitting for 10 points on the afternoon. Batt scored 9 while grabbing 10 rebounds in a losing cause.

The women got back on that winning track the following week at Carlow (PA) College. The team used a balanced scoring attack to win easily, 83-48. Batt led all scorers with 17 points while O'Connor dumped in 16. Fells came through with 15 and Stone followed up with 14 points of her own.

"We're starting to play more aggressively, whereas before we tended to play more passively," noted Johnson on the

The aggressive style of play carried over into Thursday's matchup against R.I.T., as the ladies used a second half comeback to win 65-56. Once again Batt had the hot hand, hitting for a game high 28 points. Stone was on the money also, scoring 14 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. O'Connor finished with 11 points.

Coach Lord sees a couple of factors as being indicative of the team's new found success.

"I think the long overlap with volleyball the first semester really hurt us," he said. "Now that that is over, we can concentrate on basketball."

Incidentally, many members of the basketball team also played on the volleyball squad.

The coach also says that his decision to go with a traditional two guard backcourt as opposed to a one guard front has helped the team manufacture more victories.

Certainly whatever the Lady Highlanders are doing seems to be working as this rejuvenated bunch of roundballers have pulled away with three straight wins.

Timeout
For
Tidbits

BY BOB PRICE



Nebraska may have captured the national championship, drubbing Florida in the Fiesta Bowl, but the story that captured America in college football this year goes to Gary Barnett and his squad of overachievers at Northwestern. The Wildcats went from obscurity to national prominence this season, winning the Big Ten title for the first time in decades and appearing in the granddaddy of them all, the Rose bowl, playing against USC.

"We're like a family. We do everything together," Coach Barnett said in an interview with Sports Illustrated a month ago.

Indeed Barnett, who recently received a job offer from UCLA but turned it down, has molded a closely knit team in his five years at Northwestern, the likes of which I've never seen. While watching the Rose Bowl on TV, I was amazed to see such camaraderie between players and coaches. Bloodied and tired offensive lineman holding hands in the huddle epitomizes team togetherness. A teary eyed place kicker weeping in the arms of his coach at the end of the game symbolizes the father-son relationship between a coach and an athlete. If ever there were a perfect scenario of team unity, the 1995 Northwestern football team has lived it out every game they've played. Hats off to Barnett and his boys; may others follow their example.

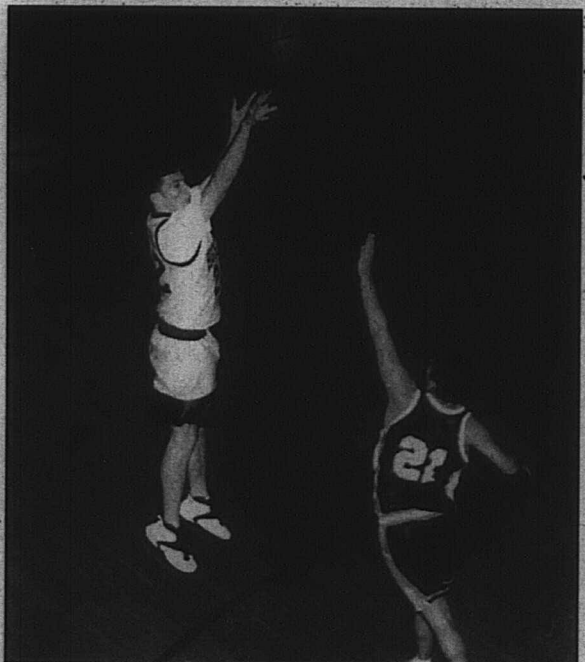
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Hear ye! Hear ye! All those who are sick and tired of the NFC monopoly on the Super Bowl, namely the 49ers and Cowboys, take heart. It appears that maybe, just perhaps, if all goes well, for the first time in recent history the AFC has a legitimate shot at winning the "Big One." Yes folks, this year Pittsburgh just might end the terrible reign of those two dominating superpowers and give the rest of us a much needed reprieve from those annual sickening ticker-tape parades held in Dallas one year and San Francisco the next. Such a victory for the Steelers would signify to the rest of the league that perhaps franchises really can't buy championships. Maybe they must earn them after all. I hope Jerry Jones figures that out.

The Steelers, by virtue of their glorious past Super Bowl record and present passion to add to that, instill hope in die-hard "Cowboy/49er Bashers" who are sick and tired of hearing from various news sources that there are only two teams in the entire league that know how to play football. The Steelers have a mission sent from God to win the Super Bowl this year; nothing else will suffice. If that isn't convincing enough I don't know what else is.

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On a final note, congratulations to Jason Weyforth of the men's basketball team. Recently the senior guard went over the 1,000 point mark for his career. He is the fourth Highlander to do so in this decade. Quite an accomplishment for anyone, even more so perhaps for a point guard. That's tidbits for this week. See ya, bye!



I CAN SHOOT THE ROCK!!! Freshman guard, Todd Kleitz shows he certainly can as he drills home a three-pointer while Alfred University's, Vinnie Morris attempts to defend.