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Excavating Houghton

Digging up Dirt on Campus Construction

David Johnson

In 1961, Gloria Huizenga entered her freshman year at Houghton College as a music major. Her professor, Dr. Charles Finney, welcomed her with the words: "We're glad you're coming as a music student. By the time you complete your program, we expect to be in our new music building." Gloria graduated in 1965. Thirty-three years later ground was broken for the new fine arts building.

Construction began in the beginning of June. The old art building and Gillette house were demolished and utility relocations started. All the water, sewer, and gas lines were rerouted to circumvent the new music building. Nineteen total contractors were brought in to bring the mammoth project to fruition.

The end of July brought the beginning of the foundation. The scheduled completion for the foundation is the last week in September. Beginning in October

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The Changing of the Yard

Houghton's Playing Fields Refurbished

David Johnson

Something is different about Houghton College. Well, there's the gigantic crater in back of East Hall. Also, a considerable increase in loud diesel exhaust. Then you have the new napkin baskets in the dining hall. But if you were to walk past Shenawana and peer over the hill towards the soccer field you'd see...well, you'd see a soccer field—and a brand new track, and another new soccer field, and another field hockey field, and one more new soccer field.

Over the summer, massive renovations were done to the college's athletic facilities. The old track and field hockey field were bulldozed to make way for parking. The old soccer field was smitten and a brand-new freshly seeded field was built.

The new field is state-of-the-art with built in sprinklers, a drainage system and towering new lights. "This is a great step forward for Houghton as a school. Period," says Coach Dwight Hornibrook, of the men's soccer team. "It makes us more competitive

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WJSL Remains On the Air

Erich Asperschlager

Rumors circulated at the end of last semester the plug was being pulled on WJSL, Houghton's radio station. The station was indeed in trouble as support money from the college had been cut. During the summer, however, President Chamberlain created a special task force to examine options allowing WJSL to remain on the air.

Doug Gaerte, professor and chair of the English/Communication Department was one of those heavily involved in this effort. Negotiations are currently underway with another Christian radio station that would either lease or buy WJSL's current 6,000 watt frequency and set up a low power station (projected between 100-200 watts) for the college. The location of the new stations is still undecided.

Although Professor Gaerte was unable to give specific details regarding the Christian station, he did make clear what ramifications the deal would have on the student body.

In the past, concern existed that the station did not reflect the musical listening or programming tastes of the student population. The most striking change in the proposed college station is it will be student-run, meaning there will be no faculty station manager.

Instead, the students would have a faculty advisor. The limited range of the new station would be beneficial because programmers would not have to worry about the preferences of non-college listeners in the county.

The new set up, Professor Gaerte explained, would be a wonderful opportunity for students interested in communications to learn more about the operation of a radio station. The student station's involvement with the larger radio station may also open up internship possibilities.

Until December 31st, the current WJSL will remain on the air and in operation as it has been in the past. The change to the student-run station will hopefully come about during the spring semester, pending FCC approval and proper licenses.

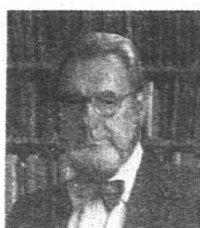
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EDITORIAL

Letter from the Editor

David Johnson

Back already. It hits you the second you make the turn from 19. As soon as your tires strike the road which is Houghton College's entrance you're struck by the thoughts: "It's starting again."

For some the summer disappeared faster than Bill Clinton's approval rating. For others it lumbered by like a bloated stegosaurus. Regardless of the velocity of the vacation I'm sure each and everyone of us finds it hard to believe we're back in the fray of short answer questions and alarm clocks that sound like air raid sirens.

Basically, the seniors can't believe they're seniors, the juniors can't believe they're juniors, the sophomores can't believe they're sophomores, and the freshmen can't believe they forgot to pack their deodorant.

We all find ourselves ejected from whatever groove we had nestled in to a brand new groove. At the risk of sounding like a bookmark from B. Dalton, isn't life just an extended collection of grooves? Granted some are deeper and more comfortable than others, but in essence, no matter how brief our stay, we slide from groove to groove.

I can easily apply this to my life. In high school I remember thinking the 39 minute class periods in high school were more torturous ordeals than sitting through multiple showings of *Howard the Duck*. But I settled in the loop of the high school day and didn't look back.

Now comes college and with it behemoth 50 minute, 90

minute, and 3 (!) hour classes. I had figured the only thing that would hold my interest or keep me awake during class-time would be an Iraqi missile attack or a renegade Siberian tiger mauling the overhead projector.

Well, it didn't take me long to settle in that groove. Before I knew it, all those

endless minutes of learning fused into a quick, sometimes indiscernible smear of academia. And as soon as I think I have everything figured out, my bags are packed, I'm paying my

room damage fee, and it's off to the wonderful world of summer employment.

And the cycle continues.

A groove. Another groove. Yet another groove.

Then there's the big daddy of grooves: the real world. A few short months, and it's out of the frying pan and into the fire for me. Hoo boy. I've yet to come to terms with that startling fact.

Yet governing all this, school, job, you name it, two really, really big grooves exist. They transcend every little road taken, every choice made. It comes down to choosing one of these grooves. It comes down to a simple question:

Are you in God's groove or your own?

Frankly, if you're in your own, it's not really a groove at all.

It's a rut.

God's groove is going somewhere. A destination lies at the end. In a rut you'll just be kicking up mud trying to get out. Everyone eventually must ante up and make their decision. Everyone.

And so begins another year. Another two semesters.

What, you may ask, is the outlook?

Groovy.

SGA Chaplain Thoughts

Michael Jordan

My first reaction upon my election as chaplain was, "Should I really have run?"

Certainly, being chosen to be in some form of spiritual leadership is a great honor, but suddenly, I thought of problems of my own, past and present. I wondered if I was really in a position to do what

you had chosen me to do. However, after much consideration, I feel prepared to be a chaplain this year.

Being a chaplain is sort of a nebulous position. There is no manual on how to be an effective spiritual leader in Houghton, and so I tremble as I think of how much

work I have to do. My broad goals are simply to praise the Houghton community where I feel it is in conjunction with God's will, and to upbraid it and work for its better where I feel it is out of line. My only problem is: how do I really know what is God's will all the

time? People bombard me left and right with different proposals, different visions that God has given them (sometimes antithetical visions), and different ideas on how the community is supposed to be. I digest

them, all the while taking into account my experience with God's will and praying I would be an effective chaplain and say the right things—even if they conflict with someone's vision.

I humbly entreat your prayers and support as I enter this position.



Letter from the STAR Advisor

I want to join the many others who have welcomed you to campus—both new and returning students. I'm welcoming you mainly in my role as STAR advisor, but also in my new role as a faculty member—and as a community member who is excited about the new academic year and all the opportunities and potential it holds.

I am always energized by the excitement igniting the campus at this time of year. It is a pleasure to watch friends greeting each other after several months separation and the freshness and anticipations new students bring. Each September I think, "Is there some way to capture this excitement and enthusiasm and unleash some of it in mid-November or mid-February?"

Often I've been asked to speak at the new student dinner, to give a piece of "sage" advice. I usually fall back on a statement that sounds much like a cliché, but I have discovered so much truth in it. "Make the most of these four years; they pass so quickly." Probably the new students see these four years as interminable; I dare say seniors are already thinking, "Where did the time go?"

I have been a class advisor a number of times and invariably I have seen seniors in March or April of their final year say, "I wish I had more time to do this or that," or "I wish I had gotten to know someone better," or "I wish I had gone to more chapels," etc. So make the use of this time God has given to you. Houghton is full of opportunities: wonderful people to know (administrators, faculty and staff—as well as your peers), opportunities to grow—mentally, physically, spiritually and socially—and the chance to really know yourself.

A quote I have used many times is "Yesterday is a canceled check; tomorrow is a promissory note; today is the only cash you have so spend it wisely." Link that thought with the knowledge God is in control of all our "todays" and you have a winning combination!

Before I close I encourage you to read the STAR and become an active participant in campus happenings. We have an excellent STAR staff (*Editor's Note: And handsome, too*) and they invite you to be involved—either as a staff member or a letter writer—but certainly as a reader!

Again—welcome to Houghton!

Bruce Breneman



Ask Ray: Houghton's Own Advice Columnist



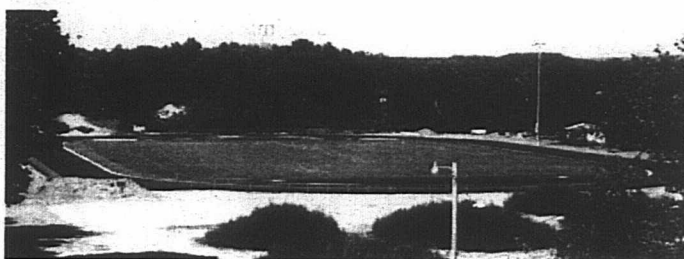
Send your questions and half a hoagie to:

Ray c/o
The STAR Box #378

Q: Dear Ray,
My girlfriend dumped me. How do I win her back?
Hurting in Houghton

A: Dear Hurting,
Buy her a hoagie.
Ray

New Facilities Continued (from page 1)



with recruiting."

The lights create the capability of night games, an option previously unheard of. Also, the college now has the ability to host more tournaments and school activities.

"I'm really excited we've invested in new athletic facilities," Coach Donna Hornibrook of the field hockey team says. "Eventually, when the fields become seeded, they will be far superior." The field hockey team will also play games on the new field.

Surrounding the field is a modernized running track. The new running surface now makes the college eligible to host track meets.

"It's great," Krista Ruth, captain of the girls cross-country

team says. "It will save injuries and can be used for speed drills."

Three new fields have also been built: a practice soccer field, an alternate soccer game field, and an alternate field hockey game field.

Eventually, six brand new tennis courts will be built across from Shenawana Hall. "I once played tennis on the old courts. They were badly dilapidated," says Michael Tindall, a student who's hefted a tennis racket in his day.

With the construction of the new facilities, Houghton catapults itself into the world of modernized athletics and competitive recruiting.

Construction Continued (from page 1)

and slated to run all the way to winter is the construction of structured steel, the skeleton for the entire building.

"Construction is no longer a seasonal job," says Bill Sitzman, project manager. Work will continue through the winter, including completion of the exterior, roofing, and interior work. As of now, construction is running on time, with the completely finished building scheduled to stand by next fall.

"This facility is going to

and one large music theory classroom.

"The temporary inconvenience traded for a permanent improvement is a good exchange," says President Daniel Chamberlain. "We are very excited."

With the massive construction, problems are created with parking. The new music building will seriously eat into parking spaces. The remedy is a new parking lot across from Shenawana Hall.



East Hall Residents' Scenic view

Welcome from CAB

Timothy Klabunde

There I was, wandering aimlessly around, with nothing but trees and trailers for miles. Even the flashing light just down the road in Fillmore gave me no sense of excitement anymore. Where was I? What was my purpose? The food had finally gotten to me, my soul longed for my mom's meatloaf, topped in the green sauce that I always hated as a child. I was looking up, longing for a way out, for that purpose, but I only found that gray dismal sky which always seemed so prevalent. As I was looking up a sign came from above, the clouds opened up, and a ray of light shone through! As my eyes traced the light down I found the beam had settled on three letters, but what did they say? What did they stand for? I ran for the light beam. They seemed my only way out, but I stopped short. From just a little way away, I knew what it was all about. I finally understood. CAB, the Houghton College Campus Activities Board! Of course. Now you too can be part of the small group of people who have dedicated their lives to CAB.

Come join us on Thursday at the campus activities fair and see the light yourself.

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be state-of-the-art." Sitzman says. The plans call for a promenade running through the building, a connection to existing Wesley Chapel, and a gorgeous atrium.

The first floor will consist of a recital hall, classrooms and offices, a brand new art gallery. A new music library (freeing up space to remodel the Houghton library), a balcony, practice rooms, and high-tech studios will make up the second floor. The third floor will have more practice rooms

Gone is the old field hockey field, to be replaced with six brand new tennis courts and a large, picturesque parking lot which "will be substantially completed by October 1," says Jeff Spear, vice president for finance. The field hockey field is moved down with the soccer field and the revamped athletic facilities.

In essence, the college is killing two birds with one stone. A year of loud machinery and piles of dirt will bring a brand new campus. And three decades later, Dr. Charles Finney will make good on his word.



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Meet the New STAR,

I Have a Dream...

The position I have as Editor-in-Chief places many responsibilities on my shoulders. The college newspaper is an important part of Houghton's bloodline, and it is my job to bring out the most of its potential. I feel I am qualified, with a double major in English and Writing, and two years experience writing for the STAR, to make the publication a success. I have many goals and objectives for the coming year, but right now I want to tell you about my desk.

It's really cool. I have a lot of drawers where I keep things like pencil sharpeners and rulers. In fact, my bottom left-hand drawer has ping-pong paddles and a ping-pong ball. The paddles are really nice; blue and red. Well, actually, it's one blue paddle and two red ones. I like ping-pong.

On my desk (which by the way is wooden) is a phone. My phone consists of a lot of little numbers, when depressed in a specific order, lets me talk to my friends.

Next to my desk is a garbage can. I place all of my garbage in it.

I have a very comfortable chair as well. It is well-cushioned and offers the proper support for my vertebrata. The swiveling mechanism allows me the option to either swivel or not swivel. This is very handy in times when I enter the office in a swivelling mood, which, quite frankly, I'm in often.

I'm very excited about the coming year; the hopes, the dreams, the open doors. Granted, it's not going to be easy. Obstacles will present themselves. But, no matter how hard it may get, no matter how many seemingly insurmountable deadlines pile up, I'll always have my chair.



David Johnson
Editor-in-Chief

Born: 5/15/77

Height: 6'2"

Nickname: "Dave"

Shoe Size: 14

Marital Status: Quite Single

Favorite Thing to Call People:

"Hey (your name here)!"

Revolted by: Wet bread

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Somehow I'll Manage

Last year, you, the lovely students of Houghton College, adoringly elected me as managing editor of The Houghton Star for the 1998-99 school year. I need to let everyone know I am going to do the best job I can because you, the public, deserve the best. As a communications major and Bible minor (and I'm taking a journalism course this semester!), rest assured that I will help, along with David, Michael, and Erich, take this fine Christian publication to all new heights. As an elected official, I feel it is my duty to inform the readers as to some of my various responsibilities as managing editor. Some of them include:

-Accosting staff writers until they finally get their articles in, and if that doesn't work, sending out the hired goons.

-Getting the mail, finally I get to open some mail.

-Sending notices and memos, and second notices, third notices (essentially "come to the meeting or die!")

-Making corrections. I got a new red pen, like my teachers in high

school.

-Keeping Erich from taking a hammer to the layout computer.

-Keeping Mike from taking some blunt object to my cranium, or anything or anyone else in the office for that matter ("I'll give you another Swiss cake roll" usually calms him down pretty quickly). And the list goes on...

Anyway, I'm really looking forward to a completely rad year at the Star. If you want to write or have any suggestions for the paper, call x210, write to box 378, or even better, come down and see us at the Star office. We'll try to "hammer" things out (don't worry, I'll keep a box of Swiss cake rolls around for Mike).



Tim Graffam
Managing Editor

Born: 7/30/78

Height: 5' 10"

Nickname: "Timonica"

Shoe Size: 11

Marital Status: Co-joined

Favorite Thing to Call People:

"Gaylord"

Revolted by: Mike Tindall

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(Editor's Note: I would like to say I look at young Timothy as the son I never had. It was three years ago I took the lad under my wing. Back then he was an angry, angry boy. I feel under my watchful care he has developed into a pillar of the community he once so hated.)

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The four of us were elected to produce the Houghton STAR for the 1998-1999 year. I know it sounds generic, but we are truly excited about the changes we have made and plan to make. When we walked into the office for the first time, we knew it was our turn.

Last year, the office resembled a blast site. The desks were scattered with more debris than Sarajevo and Utica combined. During Mayterm, Mike and Tim proceeded to fill garbage can upon garbage can with bizarre office clutter (don't ask about the strange cup of liquid found under one of the desks; it's being examined by NASA as we speak).

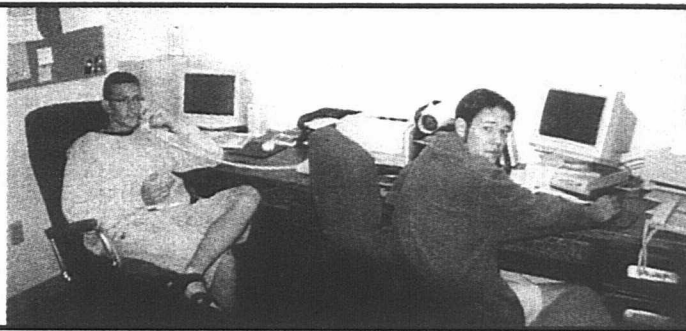
New furniture was ordered as well. I know what you're thinking: "They spent our money on chairs?" Yep. But for good reason. Poor Erich spent 22 hours straight sitting in a metal folding chair, which is slightly more comfortable than the rack, laying out the final issue of the STAR last semester. For all intents and purposes, he may as well have saved some time and had someone wedge a 2x4 into his lower lumbar region.

So now we have a well-supported layout editor (Note: We also had to appease an angry Tim Graffam with a chair. He's better now). At first we were afraid the office wouldn't have nearly as much room thanks to its shape, an abstract geometric design unknown to leading mathematicians. Fortunately, after some quick remodeling, the office became sufficient.

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The Man Behind the Money



Michael Tindall
Business
Manager

Born: 5/30/77
Height: 6'4"
Nickname:
"Narcoleptic Drummer"
Shoe Size: 13
Marital Status: Single
Favorite Thing to Call People:
"Chief"
Revolted by: Tim Graffam

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Hello there! It's me, Mike, the new Business manager of the STAR. Even though I am currently a Religion and Bible major, I was once a Business

major and took enough courses to qualify for the job. In addition to that, the excellent tutelage I received from Scott Taylor, the former Business Manager, has helped prepare me for this job.

The STAR staff is quite excited about this upcoming year. We have several ideas and goals in mind we hope will make the STAR an informative, useful and overall quality paper to read. Some ideas include current news and sports coverage thanks to weekly publication, and

a two page feature section on a topic pertinent to Houghton students that will be in place of this current nonsense.

As Business Manager I am re-

sponsible to keep the STAR financially afloat (i.e.-buy the necessary knick-knacks for operation, quieting Erich's griping about his chair, avoiding unpleasant run-ins with the IRS, and so on). I am personally looking forward to the challenges to come and the new skills this job will teach me.

Now yes, as a staff we may seem to tend toward the more humorous, easy-going side, but in all seriousness we want to provide Houghton with the best paper possible. We always appreciate your feedback or suggestions on what you think could make the STAR a better production.

I am looking forward to a great semester and a great year in the history of the Houghton STAR.

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Erich Asperschlager
Layout Editor

Born: 8/26/77
Height: 6' 1"
Nickname: "Boots"
Shoe Size: 12
Marital Status: Unattached
Favorite Thing to Call People:
"Tough Guy"
Revolted by: Laser Pointers

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The last issue of the spring semester was my first outing as layout editor for the STAR, and it was intense. Granted, I was learning the ropes of Adobe Pagemaker 6.5 from scratch. Granted, no photos had been scanned in when I sat down. Still...22 hours in the single most uncomfortable folding chair on campus made me just a tad bit wary of the time

risk losing any and all respect we (theoretically) have gained over the past three years. I'm not quite ready for that, but at least it's a comfort to know if I go down, I'll be dragging three other people down with me. -Hey, what are friends for?

I'm a senior Art major (which means I have no immediate plans for next year). I know this job will give me graphic design

commitment necessary to put out a newspaper. It's fun, though. I mean, it's the biggest rush to click from file, to CD-ROM, to scanner, and eventually end up with an eight page record of all your hard work.

I'm looking forward to this year. It's going to be hard work, to say the least. The four of us have lofty ambitions. We told everyone last year we wanted to make the STAR a weekly publication, and they laughed. Oh...how they laughed. I guess we have to do it now or

experience, and I see it as a freebie chance to experiment with my own ideas before I'm confined to other people's. I'm just having fun playing with all the "toys" in the STAR office. All of us want to make a professional-looking and well-written paper. However, that doesn't mean we can't have a little bit of fun, does it? (Be sure and clip the official STAR Staff trading cards. Collect 'em. Trade 'em.)

As far as layout goes, I'm going to try to make the STAR a more readable, visually interesting paper. I want the design of the STAR to more resemble professional newspapers. If you're not pleased with the content of the paper, or even if you are, get involved. The STAR is a community paper, so we need community input. We're doing our best to make the paper and its staff accessible and known on campus, but we need others to respond. An open market of ideas and input can only make this paper stronger. I believe the Star is an oft untapped source of campus-wide dialogue that can and should cross social strata. Take advantage!

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the past, the STAR came out "biweekly," or in reality, once in a blue moon. Granted, we may be walking blindfolded into a mine field, but, listen to us Houghton, we are planning to put out an 8-page edition of the STAR once a week.

These issues will consist of a color front-page news section, an editorial page, a brandnew fully-colored features section, a lighter side, and an extended, full-color sports section, complete with a score-board.

We plan to use more pictures, more student feedback and more faculty contributions. As we strive toward the goal of a more professional publication, our news stories are going to be as current and useful as possible, without falling into the trap of the regurgitation of past happenings.

Our main goal is to create a professional newspaper, reflecting the thoughts and ideals of students and staff alike, complete with interesting stories, a high-quality of writing, and an attractive lay-out. I feel this year's STAR editorial staff, Mike, Erich, Tim and myself, holds the same goal in mind, and is willing to provide the time and work needed to pull it off.

We encourage you to participate, whether it's a pat on the back or some constructive criticism (please, no vulgarities). Houghton, we are here to serve you.

I don't know about you guys, but I'm excited.

Houghton Welcomes New Faculty

Erich Asperschlager

Returning students will notice major changes to the physical landscape of Houghton. There are changes, however, that may not become apparent until classes begin. The college has acquired seven new faculty members divided among the English, Communications, Math, Foreign Language, Science, and Music Departments.

Heidi Arnold comes to Houghton as an Interim Instructor of Communication. She received a Bachelor of Science in Journalism (1992) and a Masters (1997) from Ohio University. Ms. Arnold moved from Nashport, OH, where she was an English instructor at Muskingum Area Technical College.

Glen Avery is not at all new to Houghton. He is now the Reference Librarian and Faculty Training Coordinator. He is also supervising the Faculty and Staff Development Center, which he hopes to make more available to staff in the future. Mr. Avery is also initiating the Student Technology Assistant program which will hire students to assist staff members develop technology tools (Web pages, Powerpoint presentations, etc.) for the classroom, and is taking over the library web page he originally created four years ago.

Mark Biermann is the new Assistant Professor of Physics. He was on faculty at Buena Vista University in Iowa since 1995, and has also taught at Whitworth College in Spokane. His objectives reflect an interest in building on the strengths of the current Physics program, while integrating his expertise and areas of interest, which include optics, computer modeling, and holography. He has also done work with the Global Positioning System and in microclimate studies. According to Pro-

fessor Biermann, a great asset to the current Physics program is the close relationships between students and faculty. He hopes to see more joint student/faculty research projects.

Rebecca Coords is a Houghton alumna who has just returned from living in Costa Rica to become an Interim Instructor of Spanish. She received her BA from Houghton College in 1995, and her Master's from the Universidad de Costa Rica in 1998. She hopes by sharing her experience in a Latin American culture, she can demonstrate to students that God's love is transcultural.

Andrew Gallman II is the latest of Wycliffe's translators and missionaries to come in as Assistant Professor of Linguistics. He served as Associate Director for the Summer Institute of Linguistics in Dallas since 1993 and adjunct professor at the University of Texas. He and his wife have been with Wycliffe for 26 years and have served in the Philippines, South Pacific, and spent 8 years in Australia.

Mark Hartman joins the music staff as Assistant Professor of Strings. He served as adjunct professor at Wake Forest University, North Carolina State University, and Winston-Salem State University. He received a BA from the University of Winnipeg in 1981, and an MM (1990) as well as a DMA in violin performance (1997) from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

David Perkins, son of Rich Perkins, is now a part-time Interim Instructor of Mathematics. He graduated from Houghton magna cum laude in 1988, and served as a graduate assistant at both South Dakota State University and the University of Montana.

Houghton Grad Phillips Performs at Kingdom Bound

Tim Graffam

Danielle Phillips, a 1997 graduate of Houghton College, gave a superb performance at Darien Lake on Wednesday as a part of the Kingdom Bound '98 Christian music festival.

The opportunity for Phillips' performance arose as a result of her being victorious at Kingdom Bound 97's talent search. I attended that winning performance in which she outperformed four other acts after being chosen from a field of 95 entries. The difference between the previous year and this year is she had a full hour to perform, whereas last year she had only a fifteen minute time slot to work with. She used that extra time very well, offering words of encouragement and testimony to the audience and fitting a lot more of her upbeat and positive contemporary Christian music. She performed at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, right after 1998's version of the talent search came to a close, and right before the O.C. Supertones, who were scheduled to take the stage at 7:30 p.m.

Many current and former residents were in attendance supporting one of Houghton's own. It

was obvious Danielle appreciated their support and encouragement as she acknowledged them from the stage. Having familiar faces in the audience seemed to soothe her nerves a bit.

Though I'm certain she enjoyed performing for her friends, she also took seriously the platform she had at her disposal. An hour on the park stage at the second biggest Christian music festival in the country and right before the hottest act in Christian music is an open door for reaching a lot of people. Danielle stepped through that door with her strong proclamation of the gospel both in her music and in her words, which were honest and straight-forward. She had a gentle innocence onstage giving the impression she was no different from anyone in the audience; she was just out to glorify the Lord and have a good time doing it.

Danielle is going to continue performing around the northeast as her music career takes off. With her crystal voice, endearing demeanor, and her strong and clear message, it seems as though God has a lot in store as far as utilizing her talents in the expansion and glorification of His kingdom. Onlookers at Kingdom Bound were left impressed, friends at Houghton are proud, and God has great things in store for Danielle's ministry.



Enthralled Crowds Flock to Park Stage at Kingdom Bound

Residence Life Reflections

Rick Kent

February 1998 saw the selection of the Residence Life Staff of the 1998/99 school year. Residence Life consists of:

- Tim Nichols, Ketha Boespflug and Shirley Jordan in the Student Development Office,

- the Resident Directors-RD's (those in charge of the dorms or townhouses),

- the Resident Assistants-RA's (those in charge of a specific floors in the four dorms),

- the Assistant Resident Assistants-ARA's (those who help the RA govern the floors in the dorms),

- the Head Residents-HR's (those in charge of the four individual townhouses)

- the Resident Coordinators-RC's (those who act as a spokespeople in the college

owned, off campus housing).

The individuals hired to fill these positions participated in RA practicum training last school year to learn how to handle different situations that may arise on their floor during the course of school year. Topics included: "How to create a healthy floor atmosphere," "How to balance school work and RA responsibilities," "How to counsel effectively," "Proper use of discipline," and other such related topics.

Residence Life is a unique opportunity to learn necessary skills of leadership and to appreciate the abundance of tal-

ent and gifts that the students at Houghton College possess. All the Residence Life staff looks anxiously on the upcoming semester when we will have the privilege of getting to know the individuals on our floors and in our townhouses.

I strongly encourage the student

body to get to know their RD's, RA's, ARA's, HR's, and RC's. They are wonderful men and women who are eager to serve, guide, edify and love you through this upcoming school year.

(Editor's Note: Mark Vanderhaar is a loser)



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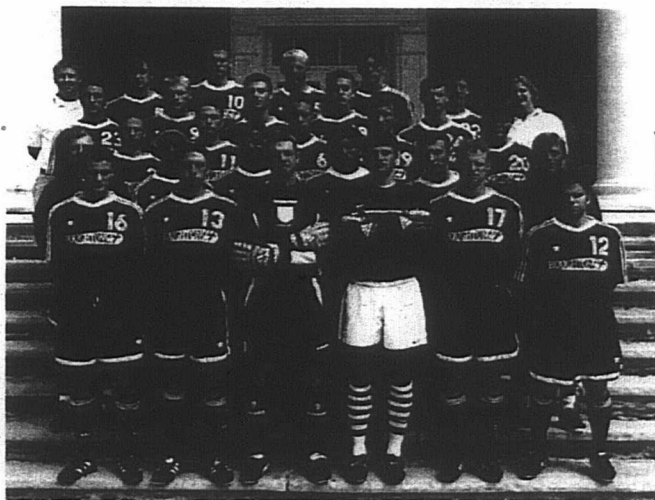
Many Goals Lie Ahead for Men's Soccer Team

David Johnson

Weeks before the first students arrive at Houghton College, a small band of hopefuls set foot on campus: the Houghton College men's soccer team. Pre-season brings an array of emotions; excitement, optimism, perhaps anxiety. Regardless, each member of the team and coaching staff looks forward to the coming season.

Coach Dwight Hornibrook's feelings are clear: "Optimistic. We have a good chance to return to the National Championship." Aiding in this quest are the new additions to the team.

To make up for the departure of starters Akim Antwi and Lincoln Acholonu, six new players were added to the roster: David Bancroft and Andrew Tinsley, both from England, Matt Brannon from Canada, Jeff Enns



Highlanders prepared for battle

from Santa Cruz, Bolivia, returning player Jeff Berger, and Ole Andresen from Halden, Norway.

Judging by several scrimmages and pre-season

games, the outlook seems bright. The Highlanders lost to a strong Saint Bonaventure team 3-1, and crushed The University of Rochester 5-1.

Unfortunately obstacles

have presented themselves in the form of injuries, the major of which was a severe ankle sprain sustained by the brightest prospect, Ole Andresen. Trainers are unsure as of yet the condition of Andresen's season.

Coach Hornibrook still has his solid core of veterans including all KECC first-team Stetson Knight, sophomores Jeff Vaughn and Todd Bradley, as well as Sanjeev Parmar, straight off a summer of intense practice.

So another season of Highlander men's soccer begins. With every team comes ups and down. Injuries and adaptation to new players will always cast a slight shadow on the season, yet the team is strong and still retains the necessary firepower to leave the doors wide open for another trip to the championship.

Feet of Strength Women's Soccer Aims High

Dan Jackson

At the beginning of the 1997 season, head coach David Lewis was worried about the strength of the team's defense. However, the Lady Highlanders were determined to put those fears to rest and completed the program's stingiest season ever allowing an average of only .4 goals per game and posted 15 shutouts. That defensive effort, combined with an offense that scored an average of 3.95 goals per game, pushed the team to a fifth consecutive conference title, a No. 1 ranking in the Northeast, and a overall ranking of No. 8 in the NAIA.

The team finished their season with a disappointing 1-0 loss to Green Mountain in the NAIA Northeast Regional Semifinals. While it was tough to end the season on that note, Lewis is optimistic about this year's team and says they have the ability to make it past the regionals and on to the national tournament.

Lewis considers this year's squad the strongest he has had in his eight years as coach. The combination of depth and experience is key to any winning team, and the 1998 Lady Highlanders have just that. Nine starters return along with an

experienced group, making up the core of the team. Lewis is happy with the skilled group of new recruits, including Heather Mann and Lynne Learned, and



Lewis's ladies of lethality

thinks they will be a strong addition to the team. "We'll go to our bench and still be solid. We have experience," Lewis says. "The sophomores who took over our defense last year are now all juniors. And we have a great influx of new players. We should be strong on both ends."

The team has a solid offense, including four players who registered double figures in goals and assists last season. Leading the Lady Highlanders' attack will be Heather Shear who punched in 18 goals and 17 assists in 1997 and is a two-time NAIA All-American Honorable Mention. Shear is the program's

second all-time leading scorer, sitting 26 goals behind Hiedi Gugler at the No. 1 spot.

Rounding off the team's offense will be senior Jen Mattison (13 goals, 12 assists), junior Jen Hartenstine who added 13 goals and 11 assists last year, and sophomore Sunshine Leonard (16 goals, 14 assists) who was a welcome addition to

the squad last year.

The defense will be led by junior Sarah Haffey, sophomore Jill Stiansen, and junior Andrea Potteiger. With Erica Roggie between the pipes the defense will be

solidified, making the Lady Highlanders a tough team no opponent will look forward to challenging.

Women's Volleyball Sets Sights High

David Johnson

The Houghton women's volleyball team was slammed by the injury bug early on last season. This led to different starting line-ups every game.

Providing the team can escape an injury-plagued season this year, Coach Nancy Cole has high hopes. "We have some good incoming freshmen with four starters coming back. We have a lot of depth on the bench. We're excited about this year."

The Lady Highlanders have every reason to be excited. Two of the top recruits, Monica Wagoner from Annapolis, Maryland, and Danae Diller from Merrit Island, Florida, are on board the team.

Houghton also returns Amie Fells and Allison Chubb, second team all-conference players last year, along with stand-outs Hannah Young, Linda Shea, and Alison Roberts.

"We have a better defensive team than last year," says assistant coach Becca Crouch. "We're young but we have a lot of potential."

The Lady Highlanders begin their season at Saint Vincent, September 4th.



Service with a smile

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Saturday 8/29:
Houghton (Women's): 8, Tiffin: 0
Houghton (Men's): 3, Tiffin: 0

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Women's Field Hockey Sticks it to 'The Man'

David Johnson

There is nothing girly about field hockey. It would take just one instance of one of those mini-bowling balls slamming into my shin for me to hit the dirt and go to my happy place.

Field hockey is a sport plagued with misconceptions like "What kind of serious hockey has no need for a zamboni?" and "It's just one of those girl sports." Unfortunately this type of ignorance leads to a lack of spectators—spectators missing out on one of the strongest, if not the strongest, teams at Houghton College.

Field hockey is a fully funded varsity team, which unfortunately cannot participate in a post-season due to the fact the NAIA has no field hockey program. Instead, Houghton's

team finds themselves matched up with some of the toughest NCAA division II and III teams.

"Our schedule could match up with any other Houghton teams' with respect to competitiveness," says head coach



Scorchin' the Net

Donna Hornibrook (24-6-3). This is an understatement.

The women's field hockey team defeated the NCAA division II champs as well as the division III champs in pre-season play, a

feat no other Houghton team can boast.

The outlook for this year is nothing less than bright. With Susan VenTresca, leading scorer two years ago, returning from a severe knee injury sustained at the start of last season prospects look promising.

With VenTresca paired up with last year's leading scorer Kristin Dorsey (14 goals), Houghton looks to make opposing goalies feel the burn.

"We have a quality group of returning starters. Though we lost some key starters, it seems to be a really competitive season," Hornibrook says. The team is returning eight starters

from last year, after losing three.

It will take a lot to top last year's record of 12-4-1, but the team is fully equipped, with players and facilities, to open up the eyes of Houghton to the most dominant team on campus.

Cross-Country Team Runs on All Cylinders

David Johnson

It's that sound again. The *thump thumps* of cushioned soles pounding on the unforgiving pavement of Houghton's roads. The short spurting exhalations of carbon dioxide from the lungs of a few well-conditioned athletes. The pitter-patter of little feet. Namely, the cross-country team.

Many visible teams arrive early to begin pre-season.

Everyone knows of the Houghton soccer team machine, men's and women's, oiled up and ready to hit the sod, the field hockey team, swinging their sticks like nobody's business, and the volleyball team, with sonic boom sounds of spiked orbs echoing from the gym. Of course. We all go to watch.

But what about the cross-country team? Where are they? Sure we see handfuls of

these endurance-primed runners sprinting down the roads or hauling up Centerville, yet we never hear the hoop-lah associated with other sports teams.

The cross-country team is possibly the most underexposed and underappreciated team at Houghton. Just because they lack in spectators doesn't mean they don't run any harder. Well,



Awaiting the starter's pistol

captains Krista Ruth and Pat Weaver keep at it anyway, and love it. Along with Ruth and Weaver, are three other captains, Jen Hess, Matt

Daugherty, and Melanie Swansfeger.

Coached by Bob Smalley, the cross-country team has already noticed a definite improvement over last year, mainly because of the increase in team members. Last year the guys' team consisted of only 5 members and the girls' team had 12. Pre-season brings 9 members to the guys' squad and a whopping 20 to the girls'.

"We have a lot of depth," Ruth points out. "It's a definite improvement over last year's team." This is good news. Even with their scarce numbers, the girls qualified for nationals, along with 3 guys, and were ranked in the Top 20. The prospects are very promising.

Long roads lie ahead for the cross-country team, destinations unknown, but be assured Houghton will run with them.

A Message from Your Friendly Neighborhood Cheerleader

The Highlanders now have an official cheerleading program, headed by coach CeCe Fuoco! Get ready for contagious Houghton spirit because wild and wonderful things are planned for this year!

For all prospective, potentially perky participants interested in finding out more, an informational meeting will be held September 10 at 5:00 in the gym, room 202! This meeting will contain information about the squad and try-out practice times!

We are looking for men and women for the squad! Men, you ask?

Y-E-S! Many of the stunts, mounts, and other, more difficult positions take strength! And guys, you have the strength we're looking for!

Prior cheerleading experience will help, but isn't necessary in order to try out! So bring your spirit and spunkiness and show your true Houghton colors!

Mary Kent, Captain