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Three to Leave Biology/ Physics Departments

Jea Adams

The Baccalaureate service will take place at 10:30 am on Sunday, May 7th in the Houghton Wesleyan Chapel. President Daniel Chamberlain open the proceedings. The invocation will be given by Rev. Kenneth Melville and Mr. Jeffrey Clay will give a presentation of the Alumni Association.

Mrs. Karen Beers will be reading scripture from Second Timothy book four, and sermon entitled "Boundless Horizons" will be given by The Rev. Dr. David Holdren. Director B. Jean Riegles will present music along with organist Judy Congdon. Seniors Sarah Hanson, Emily Whittaker, and Peter Geise are going to be performing "Quia Respexit" from Magnificat by Bach during this time as well.

The next day at 10:00 am, the seniors will don caps and gowns as the commencement exercises for the graduating class of 2000 take place. Seniors Jill Meyer, Ruth Erde, and Natalie Cross will be singing a special musical selection from "Mira o Norma" by Vincenze Bellini and Hannah Gordon and Cross will do an instrumental duet, "Meditation" from Thais by Jules Massenet.

Rev. David Pollock will be giving a commencement address named, "Getting There's Half the Fun" and Honorary Degrees will be presented by Dr. Ronald Oakerson and Mr. Ian Lennox.

Commencement, n.

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beginning; start.

Thomas Scriven and Rachel Johnson, senior class officers, will be presenting the class of 2000 gift, and the long awaited Houghton College degrees will be acknowledged by President Chamberlain and Dr. Oakerson.

Receiving Senior honors will be : Stephanie Arendt for Chemistry; Sonya Irish and Missy Lack for Psychology; Kimberly Klink, Dan Mund, and Paul Ulrich for Biology; and Charles Philip for Business. The Junior Marshals for the class of 2001 are Amanda Young and Jeffrey Thompson.

Susanna Rosenbaum

The science department is in the midst of undergoing great transition as Dr. Karen Cianci, chair of the biology department, and Dr. Mark Biermann, associate professor of physics, make plans to leave Houghton at the close of this semester. Though they have very different plans, Cianci and Biermann share the same reason for pursuing new career paths: a desire to follow God's calling on their lives. For both Cianci and Biermann, the "call" to leave Houghton was most unexpected.

Dr. Mark Biermann came to Houghton to teach physics just two years ago. When he accepted an offer from the Naval Academy this past January, many people assumed that Houghton had just not worked out for him. "That's not at all the case," explains Dr. Biermann. "I'm sure that [coming to Houghton] was the right thing." In January, he was not looking for another job: the Naval Academy pursued him. Though he was quite content at Houghton, he felt he needed to explore the Naval Academy's offer. "If God opens a door that wide, you need to at least check it out." So it was after much prayerful investigation that Biermann decided to accept the position at the Naval Academy.

He believes his time at Houghton has been vi-

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Winds of Change

Summer to Bring New Acquisitions

Lindsay Ackerman

Every August students return from summer vacation and things at Houghton are a little bit different. Last summer the Center for the Arts was completed and Hazlett Townhouses were constructed. What changes can returning students expect for the 2000-2001 academic year?

While building projects on campus are not a big issue, there will be several changes made to downtown Houghton. One of the most noticeable changes will be the transformation of the Pizza Barn to Doc Jo's Pizza and Ribs. Doc Jo's will be a restaurant with a focus on missions. This interesting restaurant is named for Dr. Josephine Rickard who taught at Houghton for more than 30 years. Doc Jo had a desire to help missionaries and wanted the students of Houghton College to aid her cause. The restaurant, in addition to offering pizza,



BBQ babyback ribs, and BBQ pork and beef sandwiches, will be a forum for missionaries to share their stories and needs with the Houghton Community.

To accommodate this new business, renovations will be made to the building, adding a loft that will serve as a dining area. Doc Jo's Pizza and Ribs is expected to open May

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EDITORIAL

Letter from the Quasi-Editor

Sojourn, Part II

(Continued from last week)

... As summer approached, my agitation grew even more pronounced until one day in early May when I jumped into my roommate's lap and whimpered, "Hold me, I'm scared." He pried me off, then gave me the bit about God's hand, and a better thing. With this encouragement, I finally began to see my move with the inevitability of an execution or a trip to the dentist.

These thoughts faded into the distance as I lift my head and look down our dead-end gravel road towards the old water tower. It's as if each inch of this property holds a memory for me, each season packed with meaning. There was the summer I moved here, walking the creek and exploring. The winter shoveling with my dad and brother as the cold caught my breath in the air and the snow fell like diamonds

onto my clothes. The deer-watching out our back window over breakfast, when time is suspended in the moments when they catch your eye. The wonder of watching the cherry blossoms scattered by the wind and showered across the ground.

As quickly as these memories come, they are gone and I am left with the realization that I am moving again. This summer, like two summers ago, there will be change—a new house, new neighbors, unfamiliar surroundings. Unwillingly, my soul begins to well up inside me and ball its fists like an infant preparing to cry. Change is frightening. It means things will never be the same again, and frankly, I like them the way they are. I thought that I had learned this lesson before we moved to Houghton. What's the purpose?

As if startled by the pace of my thoughts, Danielle stirs and opens her eyes. To head off the



question I know she will ask me, I ask first. Whatcha thinking? Nothing, she replies. There is a pause. Smiling contentedly at me, she lays her head back down. The breeze picks up again. I quickly get to my feet and dash inside to catch the thoughts that are dripping from my brain like the sweat from my forehead, madly scribbling out half-formed thoughts and ideas. In this frenzy, it begins to come clear.

Home is not Houghton. Home wasn't Florida either. Home would never have been Florida, even if I had stayed there one year, or one hundred years. In life, there will always be changes that push

me out of the comfortable spaces I create for myself, and they always involve moving. The pain comes because I'm too used to being comfortable. It's hard, but I guess I really have nothing to be afraid of in this change. I should really accept it and appreciate its meaning: that there is a changer who is working in my life to bring wholeness and purpose, and these changes, though I haven't got it all figured out, has something to do with bringing me home. "In my Father's house are many rooms. I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there you may also be."

So now I am lying still again out here on the lawn. My thoughts are calm and the little boy inside me has stopped his crying and is just sniffing occasionally, waiting for a hand bigger than his own to come and dry his tears, wipe his nose, and tell him that everything's alright. I guess all of this has just been a realization that, insecure as I am, I'm not homeless. I'm just between homes... for now.

Letter to the Editor: Technology Straight Talk

It was with great interest that I read Andrew Fiess' letter to the editor in the April 5th edition of the STAR. Whereas he did make a valid point or two, he also did a poor job of representing facts correctly. Yes, Andrew, we have had lots of problems with Internet access this year. Actually, we have had continual problems with Internet access ever since we installed Cyber Patrol and Border Manager for Internet blocking and filtering. The two products never have worked together very well. In efforts to make them work we have tried three or four combinations of servers and Network Operating Systems at the suggestions of both Novell (makers of Border Manager) and The Learning Company (makers of Cyber Patrol). After having the vendors tell us, in effect, "we don't know what else to try," we decided last December to replace both products.

Since late February we have been testing the implementation of Cisco's PIX firewall in conjunction with Websense's filtering software. It has not crashed once since we began testing, so at the end of this semester we will cut-over the entire campus to the new firewall. We actually consid-

ered cutting-over to the new firewall sooner, but since such conversions seldom go smoothly at first and each of you will have to make modifications on your computers to do it, we did not want to chance making your Internet access experience even worse (especially just before finals). Incidentally, for you chat lovers out there, the new firewall allows ICQ and MIRC traffic without any problems.

Now I would like to correct a couple of points in Andrew's article. The statement that I was quoted on regarding Compaq servers is absolutely true! In the past 5 years we have had only two hardware failures on Compaq servers and those have both been hard disk drives. Because these drives are part of a Redundant Array of Inexpensive Drives (RAID), we were able to remove the bad drives and insert new drives without any loss of data and without having to power off the servers. In other words, our Compaq servers have had 100% hardware uptime, something I can't say about our Novell software. Just something to think about.

Finally, with regard to the student committee that Andrew asked us to start. What I told An-

drew is that I would be glad to do it as long as it didn't turn out to be just another avenue for complaining because there are already plenty of those. What I asked for is to have students who would attend regularly and who would freely communicate the substance of the meetings to the remainder of the student body. Part of my frustration stems from the fact that only 6 students have been willing

to make the commitment to attend and only three of them have attended regularly. For whatever reason, Andrew has not been able to attend any of the meetings, nor has he talked to the representatives who have attended, so he is speaking without the benefit of key facts regarding issues that have been discussed openly.

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EDITORIAL

Letter to the Editor: *The Future of the Pizza Barn*

Dear Editor,

You may have heard that the Pizza Barn is being sold. I am pleased to report that the new owner will be the Willard J. Houghton Foundation and we plan to improve the facility and expand its menu. The name will change to Doc Jo's Pizza and Ribs. We also plan to open an expanded eating area in the upstairs. The facility actually opens May 5 and a grand opening celebration inaugurating the renovations is being planned for September. Stay tuned.

Many have been pleased to learn of this initiative while others are wondering why it is being called "Doc Jo's." Is this an appropriate use of her name? Perhaps I can shed some light on the issue.

Doctor Josephine Rickard was a well-respected professor of English at Houghton for many years. While known for many

things, she had a real heart for missions. To her last day, Doc Jo was a great prayer warrior and supporter of missionaries, in spite of the meager resources amassed during her teaching career.

Her zeal for missionaries extended beyond the venues of church and chapel. When I was a student at Houghton, the then retired Doc Jo instructed a friend of mine as he placed his money in a candy machine, "That 15 cents could go to missions you know." Prior to that, she was known to watch individuals coming and going from the "Purple Onion," an eating establishment across the street from her house. Her concern was that money frivo-

lously spent on needless pizzas and subs should be redirected to missions activities. I suspect she would have been pleased if even a portion of those dollars found their way to mission work.

It's been nearly 30 years since Doc Jo retired from Houghton, and current students have no memory of this fine woman; neither do many of their alumni parents. Moreover, Houghton's meal policies

have changed, making it a necessity for many students to frequent establishments other than the college dining hall. Would it not be appropriate if we could honor her heart for missions while reclaiming some of those dollars? I be-

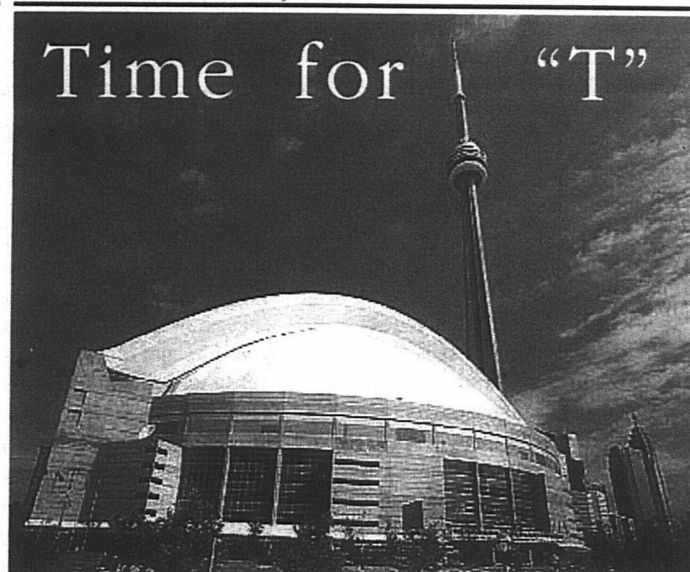
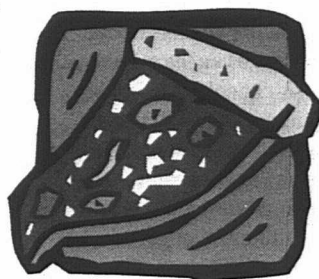
lieve we can.

Within the renovated facility, we plan to place a description of Doc Jo along with that of a featured missionary. People will be invited to put spare change into a large jar in the checkout area to support the missionary. Being able to collect money or promote a product at the point of sale of an established business has great value for any organization. The checks going to missionaries from Doc Jo's will continue the legacy that she left in the hearts and minds of so many alumni.

I hope you will join me in supporting this new business within the Houghton community and in honoring the memory of the exceptional individual for which it is named.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey B. Spear
CEO, Willard J.
Houghton Foundation



Time for "T"

Seniors Set to Storm Toronto

Becca Jhang-Dari

Seniors will be saying a relieved goodbye to Houghton when they leave for Senior Skip Thursday morning, returning Saturday morning for graduation rehearsal, thankful that the annual Senior excursion to Toronto has finally come.

This year around eighty seniors will make their way to Toronto, where they will be enjoying a remarkably loose schedule while staying at the Neil-Witch Hotel. The only scheduled events will be a Toronto vs. Cleveland baseball game and a barbecue Friday night.

Social Chairs Scott Bussom and Becky Lehman thought that the more free time the better, so seniors can have the freedom for one last hurrah with their close friends. Upon speaking to many seniors about their expectations for Senior Skip the consensus seemed to be the same. As Chris Vidas put it, "I am looking forward to the chance to hang out with my friends without the pressure of school work."

Senior expectations seem to be that Senior Skip will be one more wonderful memory to take with them as they get ready to say goodbye to Houghton.

Summer cont.

5th.

Currently, the Willard J. Houghton Foundation is negotiating to buy the B.P. They plan to stop preparing food at the B.P. and focus, instead, on packaged items. They also would like to advertise the gas station with Doc Jo's Pizza and Ribs to attract business to Houghton.

Plans for the Flower Basket building are still undecided.

The owners are currently considering opening a coffee house or starting an Amish trading post that would only be open one or two days per week.

Some on campus projects include paving the Leonard Houghton/Hazlett Townhouse parking lot, creating event parking for the athletic fields, and building a division between the road and the Randall Townhouse parking lot.

Big Shoes to Fill

An Open Letter to Tim Graffam, Editor-in-Chief

Dear Tim,

This year has probably not ended as you would have liked. I know that it has not ended how I hope that my term as editor ends next year. And as you called me up on stage to "pass the torch" Saturday night, I found myself wondering what it must be like for you to turn over full control of the newspaper—your baby, your world for almost 8 months, to a couple of underclassmen who might completely mess it up and un-do all of your progress. Rest assured, Tim, we have no intentions of doing that, but know that I appreciate the legacy you have left. I have no idea how what struggles this year will involve, but I do know that if we invest half as much hard work and determination as you have this year, and carried it off with as

much composure and class as you have, we'll be on the right track. Thanks a lot, Tim, for a job well done. We definitely have some big shoes to fill.

Sincerely,

Glenn McCarty
Quasi-Editor in Chief

Senior

Eric Hamlin



I've never been one to look at the proverbial glass of water as being half-empty. Things look pretty good to me even when I have a 20 page, seven page and three page paper all due in the next 4 days. After all, graduation is in a week. However the past 4 years at Houghton, I've found myself leaning toward the pessimistic outlook more often than I care to mention. The first semester here I chalked it up to being a momma's boy and missing my high school friends. The next semester I thought of this outlook as a completely normal reaction to taking Biblical Interpretation with Dr. Schultz. By my Junior year I was starting to get worried. "Was I starting to become a hardened adult like society forewarned?"

My friends can attest to the fact that Houghton is a common topic of discussion in my week, even if it's more for its depressing weather from early October to late April than its scholar servants (thank you Chris Vidas and Jen DePaolo for putting up with me in this area). Eight semesters in this environment, I've learned can make you rather complacent about what you have. But it wasn't until I started thinking about graduation and the "real world" after school that things here started to come into perspective for me. The reason behind my bitterness and sometimes gloomy outlook didn't stem from things here being as bad as I made them out to be. On the contrary, these feelings

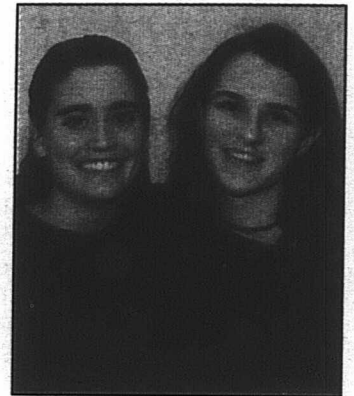
come from my neglecting the things here that make Houghton unique. Now, before you dismiss this as another essay telling you the secret to happiness is friends and holding on tight to memories, please understand I'm not trying to write a fortune cookie. It's my deep conviction that God blesses us-especially at Houghton- with an unbelievable amount of unmerited gifts that we constantly overlook. It's easy to focus on blessings like getting a paper done or finding a certain special someone here and praise God for how good He is to us. But do we praise God for His blessings when the cafeteria has those chocolate mousse pies out unexpectedly? What about when the gym desk proctor lets you play an extra ten minutes before turning the lights off? Those are the things that get easily overlooked when I'm counting my blessings in my day.

The small things are also the blessings that I overlook when I look back on my last 4 years. I made five bucks an hour working at the Shen desk, where I spent my time doing homework, playing darts, sitting in the massage chair and playing I.D. War during open house. Where else can you make money for doing absolutely nothing productive? Also during my formative Shen years I spent endless winter nights sledding down the hill to the soccer field on trays, shovels and sometimes people. Chris, Mike Sauder and I would come in at 3:30am soaking wet and struggle out of bed 4 hours later for class. Even though the immediate result of those nights was the perpetual flu, Shen hill sledding is another one of those little events that made a lasting impact on me.

After school I won't be able to print things out for free, I won't have a conveyor belt to put my dishes on, and I won't have a weight cage and gym to go to without paying a dime. When we're gone, there will be no more taking 10 sugar cookies for a late night snack, and we probably won't have coffeehouses readily

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Rachel Johnson and Mindy Lewis



I've been hearing the word "last" a lot. This is my last break, my last class, my last lab, the last chapel, my last final, the last edition of the Star. Some of these events are not so sad, but there are a few that have drawn tears. College is not the only area of my life that is filled with lasts. My family will be moving at the end of the summer. In August, I will spend my last days with my friends from high school and my church family. I celebrated my last Easter there and I didn't get to recognize that last Christmas was my last Christmas there. How often I have taken these opportunities, friendships, and other relationships for granted and now they threaten to slip away! However, to avoid making this a mushy, sentimental tribute to these last four years at Houghton or my friends at home, I am trying to remember instead that I am taking some things with me that are lasting.

I left high school sure that I would never find such great friends and sure that those I had would last forever. Four years later, I can't say that many of those relationships have been incredibly permanent or influential in my life. Not that I don't like those people anymore, but distance does not lend to the maintenance of those more casual relationships. Four years from now, I hope that I will still have close relationships with those people that God has placed in my life at Houghton despite the distance that may separate us. The relationships I have formed here are deeper and stronger than those I previously thought could not be bested, and they will last because of the common spiritual ground that I share with my Houghton friends. Another thing that will last is all the knowledge I have accumulated in my classes. Okay, so maybe not since by the time you read this, I will have finished my last final, and I will probably not remember one thing. The lessons I have learned beyond the class-

room, beyond the professor's lectures, and beyond my late night cramming are probably the truly lasting knowledge that I have gained. Some things have been drilled into my head, but the more important lessons, the spiritual knowledge and insights into integrating my faith and learning that I have received from my peers, professors and the staff members that I have come to know in the past 4 years, will last. The lessons I have learned about myself from others who have stuck by me through the best and worst of times will hopefully help to produce lasting changes in my actions and attitudes as I strive to become more like Jesus, the Alpha and Omega (which means last I might add).

And lastly, I have many lasting memories to carry with me in the remainder of my journey. They (whoever they is) say that college is the best four years of your life, and I have many memories to prove that I have had fun in a lot of big and little ways. I would just like to say a few last words to the seniors. It's been great, and I am sure you're all glad to be done with school work at last. I pray that God will continue to bless each of us as we go our separate ways and that we will remain faithful to Him. And last but not least...okay, I actually just wrote that so that I could say last one more time, and I promise that is the last time I will say last in this article. Have a blast!

Question of the Week: "What will you miss most about the Class of 2000?"



-- Sarah Bruce (Freshman)

"My friends, especially Eileen Frawley."



-- Jason Spykerman (Junior)

"The Canadians who came here the same time I did."

or Essays

Dan Mund



Well, well, well, here I am a biology major (at least I hope to be if I make it through these next two days) attempting to write something for the enjoyment of you fine people at Houghton College. I'll start this out with a quote to spark your interests; "It has been proven that 68% of Houghton College graduates end up more screwed up when they leave here, than when they arrived. — Houghton Milieu"

Coming here in the fall of 1996 was no big deal to me, I wasn't excited or upset to be here, in fact, my mood was in the words of Ben Appelt (who unfortunately left us before the end of the year), "Whatever." I knew that this college experience would be the most important step in my life, because that is what they told me High School. Of course in Middle School they said I had to get good grades because it would get me into the right classes in High School. So why now after doing all the work "they" told me I needed to do to succeed in life, do they tell me, "To really be anything in life you NEED to go to grad school." So then what, I follow the meat wagon to grad school and there I get, "Well, really you should get your PhD if you want the right job."

For me, I've come to the realisation (finally, I might add) that I need to break away and find myself before I look in the mirror at an forty year old and have a mid-life crisis because I rode the wagon

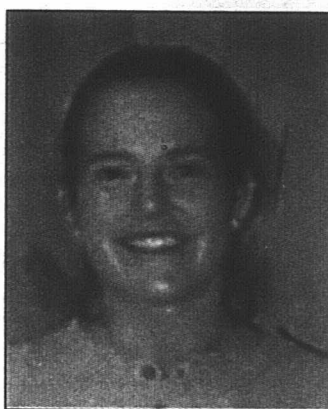
and got off and on only where I was told to. I know some of you seniors out there have it all together, and know what your next step needs to be and where it needs to be taken. I give you seniors a lot of credit, I wish I had it all figured out, but this message goes to those of us who don't have a clue, about anything; find your own way, listen to yourself, don't always listen to the "man", and oh yeah, try praying (this is the simplest one and yet I neglect it constantly). I'm not saying school is a bad thing, I just think we all get into it because it seems like "the thing to do", I know I did anyway.

Sitting here, now only two days from being totally done with my Houghton career, I look back on the things I fretted about over the years. One being school work. I will tell you here and now, IT DOESN'T MATTER! I specifically remember one night going back to talk to a friend who needed an ear, when I had a huge exam the next day, knowing that if I walked into that room I would not study for my exam. I went anyway, and I'll tell you now that I'm glad I did. If I hadn't of walked into that room, I may have missed out on a significant relationship with a friend who needed someone that night, and I would have gotten an 'A' in basketweaving. Exactly, who cares. Let me tell you, always choose love and friendships over schoolwork. If you disagree with me, check your goals in life, because if you value success and work over life and love, then I believe there's some rearranging to be done. I'm not saying don't do any work, because I have always gotten all my work done, just don't be afraid to sacrifice having an 'A' over a 'B' to have an experience that will last your lifetime.

Don't get me wrong I love Houghton and I love to learn, but I know that in my life right now school needs to take a break. My experience at Houghton has been a great one and I wouldn't trade it, I've been blessed to have met friends that put up with me, have learned that there is no greater

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Tammi Krikorian



"Wow! They're OLD!" I remember thinking about the senior class when I began my freshman year. The distance separating their class from mine, both in maturity and age, seemed more like four decades than four years. Only now, do I realize how quickly the time from freshman to senior year passes. It seems hardly possible that my time at Houghton is so quickly racing to its conclusion, that I will soon be experiencing my last BP cappuccino.

Before coming to Houghton, I had many expectations of what college would be like. I anticipated meeting a lot of people, having fun, learning, and studying some. My expectations were not only met, but also far surpassed. It is interesting now to look back and see how many unanticipated things have occurred during these four years. Some of the friendships formed freshman year did not last. On the other hand, even during my last semester here, I have continued to meet new people, to re-establish some friendships, and to play more UNO than one would ever think possible or healthy (SSUP). Each year has been unique and enjoyable in different ways. Freshman year was 99% social. The dorms provided the ideal environment for having fun, forming friendships, goofing off, getting no sleep, and attempting to study. My sophomore and junior years were more disciplined. I enjoyed the strengthening of my friendships during these years.

This year, I attended Westmont College in California in

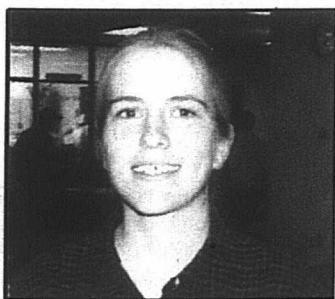
the fall on consortium. I was thankful for the opportunity to leave my comfort zone and to experience being a student at a school different from Houghton in many ways, where I knew no one.

It was strange to be a senior, but feeling like a freshman all over again. My time at Westmont broadened my college experience and showed me how beneficial it is to go out on a limb and try something unfamiliar. I realized how much I value my close friends here and that distance will not sever these friendships.

As I prepare to leave Houghton, I am more aware now than ever, how unique our time here is-being surrounded by 1200 students for four years. Having some of my closest friends and countless acquaintances together for this time is a blessing that I think I can only fully realize when I am gone, but reflect upon with gratitude now. When I leave, it is the little things at Houghton that are so often taken for granted while a student that I will miss, in addition to the nearness of my friends, and being in a Christian environment.

Although leaving Houghton will be a hard adjustment in many ways, I am excited to see what experiences and surprises I will undergo in the months to come, and to slowly weaning myself off of my caffeine addiction. I am anxious to apply what I have learned while here. For four years I have been surrounded by Christian faculty and friends. I have been challenged in this environment and deeply encouraged in my own personal Christian walk and in establishing who I am. Houghton has been a comfort zone for me that I have enjoyed and benefited from, but I look forward to moving beyond this now and seeing what is in store. I look forward to extending friendships beyond Houghton, as I already have had the opportunity to do with friends who graduated before me. But, I will always value the "remember when's" that I have here at

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-- Michelle LaBarre (Sophomore)

"Seeing all their dark blue shirts with the little running men on them!"



-- Jason Dolon (Freshman)

"Their experience in SGA."

COMMUNITY

Statements on the Statement

Dr. John Van Wicklin

Each year, students in PSY315 (Psychological Assessment) create a survey to measure an attitude of interest and importance on our campus. The topic of choice this year is HCR — Houghton's Statement of Community Responsibilities. We surveyed Houghton students using a stratified sampling technique, and we received back 69 of 82 surveys distributed for a very acceptable response rate of 84.1 percent. The high response rate and sampling technique suggest that these data may represent the current Houghton student population. Nevertheless, for a sample of this size, one should be cautious about generalizing in that a given result may vary by as much as 10%.

On a scale ranging from 1 (most favorable towards HCR) to 11 (least favorable toward HCR), the mean response was 5.13 (SD ± 2.15) suggesting a slightly positive orientation towards Houghton's Statement of Community Responsibilities (HCR). However, that does not tell much of the story because most respondents display a mixture of positive and negative attitudes. For example, two-thirds of students agree that "one of the things I really like about Houghton is that students are held to a higher standard." Also, about 60% agree that "it is a good idea to indicate by signature that one will comply with HCR" and that "HCR restrictions on alcohol

are appropriate." However, 56% of students believe that "regardless of the broader context of HCR, it basically brands us as 'that college where they don't drink or dance'" and "HCR only applies to me while I am on campus." Two-fifths of students believe that "HCR makes Houghton seem 'holier than thou' to surrounding communities" and over one-third agree that "HCR regulations on behavior should be kept to an absolute minimum."

We included a series of questions about whether one had ever violated HCR restrictions on dance, alcohol, gambling, tobacco, and illicit drugs—while school was in session. All but 5 answer these questions. Almost half (47%) of students stated that they have violated alcohol restrictions, and 40% have violated dance restrictions (on campus). Over one-fifth report having violated HCR restrictions on gambling and use of tobacco, and less than 5% report having violated standards pertaining to illicit drugs.

Our analysis yielded a wealth of information about variables related to attitudes about HCR. If one is interested in obtaining more information about this survey, as well as specific examples of breakdown of results, please contact the course professor, Dr. Van Wicklin (ext. 4410).

Science continued

tal preparation for his new assignment. Seeing faculty and students living out their faith in concrete ways has reinforced his convictions about walking by faith. Dr. Beirmann says that chapels, CLEW services, and New Vision Week have been especially encouraging. The Naval Academy, a secular military institution, "is just another form of a mission field-being here [at Houghton] has helped me see that," he explains. "Ironically, if I hadn't come to Houghton, I wouldn't be able to leave Houghton." He looks at his new position at the Naval Academy as a unique opportunity to serve and minister for the Lord.

Dr. Beirmann's move to Annapolis, MD represents change on many fronts. "I'm a civilian with a capital C," he explains. Thus, working at a school where fifty percent of the faculty is military will be a new experience for him. The Naval Academy is an undergraduate school so his responsibility is primarily teaching. However, the Naval Academy, however, also has high research expectations, so Dr. Beirmann will be delving back into research after a bit of a hiatus. He says that to be honest, this opportunity "to do more physics" is both exciting and scary for him. Another exciting aspect of his new position is the move to Maryland. The Beirmanns are excited by the prospect of living close to some of their relatives and in a warmer climate. "It's farther south than I've ever lived," he says, explaining that he was raised in Alberta, Nebraska, and Michigan. They are also looking

forward to living in an urban environment.

Dr. Karen Cianci, current chair of the biology department, has recently accepted a position as vice president of academic affairs at Northwestern College, a Reformed school in Iowa. "I'm a teacher at heart," she explains, "and I leave teaching regretfully/wasn't necessarily looking for more responsibility." But the position at Northwestern is a unique opportunity to build on her experience as a professor. In her new VP position, Dr. Cianci will work to enhance the growth of teachers, what she sees as "an extension of being a teacher." The final decision to move to Iowa was made just two weeks ago. "It was a long, hard decision," she says, "with a lot of prayer."

By taking this position, Dr. Cianci is pursuing another one of her long-time interests: women in leadership roles. "Of the ninety-four schools in the Council of Christian Colleges, only two have woman presidents," she says. "And while women make up sixty-six percent of students, they represent only twenty percent of faculty." Dr. Cianci is puzzled by this imbalance. "It's hard to find women [pursuing PhDs]. Why?" she asks. "I'm convinced it's not a lack of opportunity." Biologically, men are more aggressive. Also, Christian women have traditionally served in more unrecognized roles. But Dr. Cianci, who is herself a wife and a mother of two, is concerned that many women are not pursuing their calls to higher education. No one-male or female-should "shy away from God's calling," she says.

Speaking of God's calling, she says that she is "wide open" to teaching again in the future. Dr. Cianci and her husband Terry, who is a part-time professor of both biology and physics, and work to balance their work and their family. Though she will miss the direct student contact that she has had while teaching at Houghton, she is confident that her decision to concentrate on her new administrative job will be the best thing for her family.

As they prepare to leave, both Dr. Beirmann and Dr. Cianci have only good things to say about Houghton College. "Hard decisions inevitably arise when one must choose between one good thing and another good thing," explains Dr. Beirmann. For him, the Naval Academy and Houghton represented a very hard choice between "two really good things." Dr. Cianci, who has been here for the past seven years, will miss her students and colleagues at Houghton. "It's a wonderful place," she says.

Senior Essays

Hamlin continued

available where we can give a dollar or a canned good to hear great Christian music. These are things that can be easily taken for granted because these "smaller blessings" permeate Houghton life. I could go on and on about the climbing wall, the Artist Series and the warm faculty here. So, to the Seniors, always remember that Houghton is just as much bonfires, late night prayers with friends and

unexpected cancelled classes as it is high academics and unparalleled spiritual emphasis. And to the underclassmen I urge you, whenever you get those pessimistic feelings from living too far in the woods, remind yourself that there are more blessings around you than you can count. Thank God for that. The little blessings here at Houghton will without question change your perspective on the glass of water.

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thing than love and friendship, know that I need to start praying a whole lot more (because I screw up royally in this idealised world and here comes the real unforgiving world), and know for a fact that Jesus would have been the greatest ultimate frisbee player of all

time.

Ironically, next Monday, when I hear the "Dong, Dong, Dong, Dong, Dong, Dong, Dong, Dong, Dong, Dong" of the bell at noon and it is all over, I will begin immediately wishing I was back here.

Oh yeah, I made up that quote at

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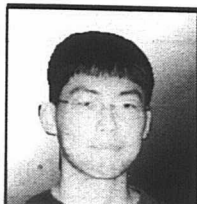
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In closing, allow me to share some sacred words of wisdom, that to this day, only Dionne Miller and I have unashamedly taken full advantage of—SPEND A FRIDAY EVENING AT THE BP! It offers a warm, homey environment, cheap capp, and countless other Houghton students with nothing better to do than fill their gas tanks and return to campus.

It's been "so nice to be here with people I like..." (The Banana Slug Band)

the beginning, I think it was actually 96% of Houghton students are more screwed up at the end of a STAR article than they were at the start.

ENTERTAINMENT



Mo Nishihata

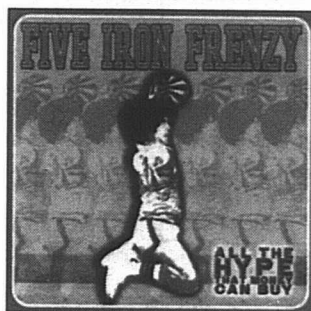
Motoi on Music

All The Hype That Money Can Buy Five Iron Frenzy 5 Minute Walk Records

Although the ska wave is well over, Five Iron Frenzy continues their journey onward with their fourth full album release, *All the Hype that Money Can Buy*. With a new lineup (Guitarist Sonnie Johnston from Less than Jake), Five Iron Frenzy band members have all gotten a chance to release their creative ideas in the songwriting process. The album infuses punk, rock, a little bit of hip-hop, metal guitar solos, Rasta vocals, as well as the usual the horn

section completes the full sound of the band. My initial impression of the album was that FIF wrote some very quality songs but also had some weak points in their album because it didn't seem like they had matured lyrically from their last album as much as they have musically. The standout songs in my opinion are "The Phantom Mullet," "Ugly Day," "All the Hype," "A New Hope," and my favorite song, the last track, "World without End, a worship song that goes back to FIF's roots of punk and rock. Although "Every New Day" is the best song that FIF has written, "World Without End" certainly rivals it in my opinion.

Principal writer Reese Roper continues to write some of the most witty lyrics in Christian music, and even busts out some rhymes in "All the Hype." Overall this album continues to rock hard and brings a hope to the listeners through their music to those that have little. Also look for FIF's side project coming out on June 20th.



Additional music news:

-P.O.D. continues to go up on the billboards, at #51 now.

-Ready For Monday has finished their album, and is on sale right now!

-Reconciliation Experiment is recording in the studio

-P.O.D. has re-released "Snuff the Punk;" it has been remixed and remastered.

-Look for Christian's new boy band, PlusOne, on Atlantic Records

-If you like Eminem listen to KJ-52 from Essential Records

-If you like Blink 182 listen to Relient K from Gotee Records

Jazz Concert

Lindsay Ackerman

On Wednesday, March 26 at 8 p.m., Houghton students were treated to the musical stylings of the Houghton Jazz Band and EB Goodtimes directed by Dr. Mark Hartman.

The Houghton Jazz Band is comprised of approximately 15 student musicians playing instruments that range from rhythm guitar and piano to saxophone and oboe. EB Goodtimes is a smaller, select group of students. This more intimate band is the combined talents of Dave Rogel, bass, Joe Taylor, trombone, Tim Mansfield, trombone, Chris Frescetti, drums, Carl Irwin, trumpet, Will Couch, saxophone, Ben Coy guitar, and Dr. Hartman, also on guitar. "Sky-lark" was complemented by the alto voice of Nicole Cline.

During the hour long concert held at the Center for the Arts, the audience enjoyed eight different selections, encompassing a variety of moods and displaying many musical techniques.

Performers were concerned that concert attendance would be sparse because of the conflict with the professional soccer game, but they were pleased with the crowd of slightly over 100 people.

Trombonist Joe Taylor discussed one of the highlights of the concert saying, "I appreciated the high-level of professionalism and the flavor Dr. Hartman adds to the group."

Shen-anigans

"Fun, Worshipful, Barbaric... It Was All Shen."

Steve Maxon

An idea hatched months before in the shower. A bonfire surrounded by fifty bellowing men. And an apocalyptic struggle between the RD and RDA of Shenawana Hall.

All of this and more could be found on the hill to the ski slope last Wednesday night, at the inaugural "Shenanigans' Eve" party, held by the residents and staff of Shenawana Hall.

The event was the brainchild of RDA and Houghton senior Josh Tate, who credits an early-morning March shower for its inspiration. His idea: to invent a holiday unique to the Shenawana dormitory. His plan: to create a dynamic figure to center the proceedings around. His hope: that the tradition of "Shenanigans" would live on for years to come.

This dream became a reality on a clear, brisk Wednesday night. An estimated fifty Shen men followed a pounding drumbeat out to the bonfire pit, where a roaring blaze had been started in advance. After a time of roasting hot dogs and marshmallows, the group was led in praise and worship by Steve Maxon and Beau Beckwith. A prayer of thanksgiving and a time of sharing and encouragement followed, and then the central figure of "Shenanigans" emerged from the woods - traveling Indian sto-

ryteller Copperhead.

Copperhead, who was based loosely on local legend as well as childhood experiences Tate had at camp, approached the bonfire and told a story of respect and caring for others. Contrary to popular belief, Tate said Copperhead is neither a ghostly apparition nor Townhouse RD Jason Borowicz.

"I want to emphasize that Copperhead is Copperhead," Tate said, "and it is sheer coincidence that he bears a striking resemblance to our handsome Townhouse RD."

After Copperhead's story, he chose "Shenanigus," the figure in the group most renowned for exemplifying the virtues of the dormitory - virtues such as brotherhood, selflessness, and love for the Lord and others. That man was none other than Houghton sophomore Joel Eggleston. Once Eggleston was anointed as "Shenanigus," Copperhead disappeared into the surrounding woods. The evening came to a close with Indian leg wrestling, as Shenawana RD Jason Holmwood defeated all challengers, including RDA Tate, in his march to championship glory. As a final capstone to the evening, sophomore Job Tate was thrown into the nearby pond, for what his brother Josh described as "making up too many rules."

The Top Ten... Signs Your Final Grades Won't Be So Hot

Stephen Maxon

10 As much as he pretends, you're beginning to believe your parole officer really doesn't know very much about the chemistry of amorphous ceramic materials.

9 Well, for starters, bonehead, the letters in our nation's capital do not stand for Diet Coke!

8 Your advisor informs you that joyrides on abandoned tractors don't satisfy any integrative studies requirements

7 Shockingly, professors don't even accept rare MP3's as extra credit

6 Your paper on "Air - That Invisible Stuff That Keeps Us From Dying" didn't get the scholarly reception you expected

The night before finals, it's always the same: a gallon of V8, a pound of beef jerky, and re-runs of "The Mod Squad."

4 I don't care how sore your throat is * three bottles of Chloraseptic a day is just a bit much

3 Special "gift pack" sent to your box by Student Life includes a fresh set of clothes, brochures for local tractor-trailer driving schools, and cab fare to Mt. Morris

2 Too little study time * too many bungee jumps off the Letchworth trestle

1 As convincing as your argument was, your Bib Lit teacher remains stubbornly unconvinced of the Mosaic origins of the Macarena.

"It was a night filled with refined and purposeful testosterone," said Job Tate. "Fun, worshipful, barbaric - it was all Shen." Sophomore Beau Beckwith echoed Job's words, saying, "It was the beginning of a great Shen tradition that will continue for years and years to come."

NEWS

Just for Kicks...

Pro Soccer Comes to Houghton



Glenn McCarty

Houghton soccer hit the big time last week as the Rochester Rhinos charged Burke Field to take on the Canadian All-Stars Tuesday, April 25. The match, a preseason contest for the Rhinos, was designed to benefit both the teams and the Houghton community with the high level of play showcased. According to men's coach Dwight Hornibrook, "It makes sense for Houghton to take an active role in promoting an event like this in our community. It seemed like a natural fit." Likewise, the teams wanted to give younger fans a chance to develop their own soccer skills in a soccer clinic held at 4:00 the day of the game for youth grades 1-12. Rhinos

coach Pat Ercoli said, "The game of soccer has given so much to us, it's important for us to give back."

After the clinic, a crowd of 1000 from Houghton and various parts of the Southern tier watched as the Rhinos took the field for 90 minutes of soccer against a team of All-Stars from the Canadian Professional Soccer League. The Rhinos looked sharp in this exhibition, toppling their northern counterparts 2-1. The second Rhinos goal was scored by Onandi Lowe, a Jamaican national player who competed with his home country in the 1998 World Cup. The only goal for the All-Stars came on a penalty kick. The event was a success in developing exposure for professional soccer in Western New York, and several of Houghton's own players commented on the level of soccer on display. According to Houghton senior Sanjeev Parmar, "It wasn't your typical European soccer game, but I enjoyed it very much and learned a lot." The Rhinos, the defending A-League runners-up, open their regular season against the Toronto Lynx May 6.

Dog Days

The State of Summer Life at Houghton



Emily Beach

During mayterm and over the summer, Houghton campus will be taken care of in large part by its own students. Each year around forty or fifty students remain on campus doing summer cleaning, painting, landscaping or library and office work. As the summer employees shift gears from academic to manual work, they also shift into a new relationship with the community. There is a seasonal release from performing and a new experience of the Houghton community in its summer informality, and a certain

pride in rising in status from student to resident.

Though quiet, Houghton's appeal for many is its natural bounty. Even those who would not consider themselves outdoors-type people will probably find themselves prowling Allegany County in exploration: running, climbing, swimming, camping or creek-walking. The STAR wishes all homeward-bound students an enjoyable summer, and those of us who will be here extend an invitation to anyone with a homesickness for Houghton and a flair for the out-of-doors.

Mayterm Activities Are Coming!!!

For sign ups, stop by, email, or call Mike Smolko at the Student Programs office. x2230. Here is the schedule and important info about each...

Tuesday, May 9th

GLOW BOWLING

Come for an enjoyable night of free bowling at Letchworth Pines Bowling Alley. Free for all participants 9-11 pm. If you need transportation, contact Mike Smolko.

Friday, May 12th

BUFFALO BISON GAME

Enjoy a night of baseball. Admission is \$4.25 per person. For tickets, stop by Mike Smolko's office. 75 tickets available. Transportation provided for first 30 people who sign up.

Monday, May 15th

CAB Movie

(movie to be announced)

Wednesday, May 17th

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament in the gym.

Men and Women's bracket.

\$50 prize for champion men and women's teams.

Sign up with Mike Smolko in the student programs office.

Tuesday, May 23rd

Free Putt Putt golf and Ice Cream at the Charcoal Corral!

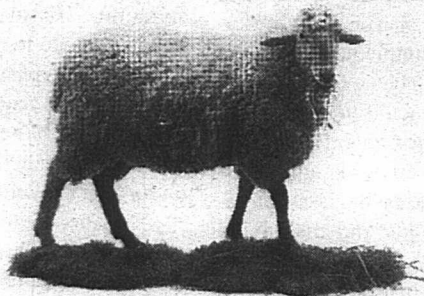
You will need to get a ticket from Mike Smolko at the student programs office for golf and ice cream. Tickets are free, all you need to do is pick one up. Contact Mike Smolko if you need transportation (transportation is limited to first 30 people).

Friday, May 26th

Ice Cream Social in the dining Hall 8:30pm

Come relax with your friends and enjoy some ice cream.

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