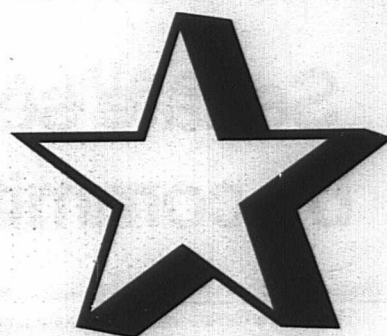


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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Wm. Mann

U.S.A. -Supreme Court ruled unanimously that abortion clinics can sue violent anti-abortion protest groups.

-America launched its first moon mission since 1972. The Clementine I is on a 10-week mapping mission of the lunar surface.

France -The President and Prime Minister gave blunt messages to NATO for action in Bosnia, while the U.S. viewed the demands as "too hasty."

S. Korea -Patriot missiles are en route from the U.S. at the request of senior American commander in Korea. This is in response to N. Korea's apparent nuclear aggression.

Pakistan -P.M. Benazir Bhutto opened the first all-female police station, an initial effort to enlarge women's place in the work force.

Austria -President Klestil's affair with a close aide, and his wife's now public separation prompted public demand that he "Divorce or Resign."

Russia -The small state of Belarus ousted its liberal leader (209 to 36), a major setback to their economic and autonomy reforms.

Lesotho -This tiny country contained within S. Africa experienced a mutiny within their military ranks which many fear may spill over into an already volatile S. Africa. A summit called in Botswana brought together President de Klerk and his former enemy, Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe.

China -Dissident Qin Yongmin, who led the campaign against the Beijing Olympic bid, was sentenced to two-years in a "reeducation through labor" prison.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Our country has had an economic coup, a turning back."

Boris G. Fyodorov, in his third and final resignation letter to the Russian parliament.

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Final decision made on townhouse residents

Lynne Arnold, Angela Fulkroad

Decisions about the townhouse that will be built in the fall of 1994 and create forty-seven additional housing spaces for students, were finalized last week.

The complete building will be erected on the current site of the Leonard Houghton house and consist of seven units. Six of the seven units will each accommodate seven students. The seventh unit will be a ground level apartment housing five students; the building will also include an apartment for a townhouse manager.

The townhouse manager, graduate student assistant Jeff Stutzman, will function like a superintendent in an apartment building. Stutzman will be responsible for reporting the building's maintenance problems.

According to Tim Nichols, each unit will have one kitchen, bedrooms, two baths, and a living room/lounge area. There will also be a laundry room that will be shared by the forty-seven students. The main level units will be constructed as individual apartments; students in apartment A will not have

access to apartment B. Since every unit, except the ground level unit, will be private, four units of the building will house senior women, and three units will house junior and senior men.

According to Vice President of Finance Ken Nielson, the estimated cost of the entire project (one furnished townhouse) is \$570,000. "We are currently working with two different loan agencies in order to fund this project," said Nielson. "It will be a self-amortizing loan, which is a low interest loan that will be financed over a period of ten years and paid back by the rent charged to the students," clarified Nichols. "This is the same method used to fund many of Houghton's building projects."

Hazlett house will be vacant, but remain standing until it is certain that all students will have a place to live next semester. "We want to make sure that we do not run into any problems like we did this past semester," said Nichols. If Hazlett house is not occupied in the fall, it will be torn down and the area will be converted

into a student parking lot.

The new townhouse building does not solve the off-campus housing problem. Since Leonard Houghton and Hazlett houses have capacity to hold twenty-one students, the townhouse is creating space for twenty-six students and not forty-seven.

The building of an additional townhouse next to the Stevens Art Studio was discussed, but the sewer line is too shallow for construction.

In order to create more housing for women, all of the guest rooms in the East Hall basement will be available to upper class women at room drawings. This will generate seventeen spaces and alleviate the concern over housing male guests in a woman's dorm.

Converting East Hall guest rooms into dorm rooms eliminates inexpensive housing for visiting friends and family members. Due to this fact, the possibility of making Waldorf House into a bed and breakfast has been discussed, but as of this time it will remain a woman's dorm house. Steese

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Houghton students pray for racial harmony

Mary Hemphill

Students came together to discuss multicultural issues Thursday, January 27, during the "Breaking the Ice" session, which was held in the Campus Center lounge. This event was planned by the Committee for Black History Month; its originators include Yolanda Maybank, Melinda Turner, and Jeff Stutzman of Student Development. According to Turner, the purpose was "to air out and hopefully diminish tensions due to cultural and racial clashes on campus."

The first ten minutes of the meeting involved a getting-acquainted activity, which was used to show that we all have things in common. Maybank opened and closed the 2-hour meeting in prayer, requesting God's help in dealing with the issues brought to attention by the students. She expressed the

concern that "as a Christian community, we should be able to discuss issues openly, honestly, without ungodly attitudes."

Racism is a result of ignorance; people must be exposed to positive role models from all races in order to break down existing stereotypes. By being such a role model—and holding each other accountable to do so—we can play a part in easing racial tensions.

Students viewed a segment from Oprah Winfrey's special, "Shades of a Single Protein," which addressed opinions on racism. The basic theme of the show was that cultural diversity allows people to have more individuality. We can only understand our differences by learning about them.

The discussion dealt with a wide range of topics, such as interracial relationships, media

stereotypes, bi-racial backgrounds, and parental prejudices.

Many of the students said that their parents wouldn't be happy if they dated someone of a different race. Some even attested that they would be disowned in that situation. All agreed that they should willingly go out on a limb for their beliefs, because ultimately, "the will of God is more important than the will of our parents."

Stereotypes, it was concluded, should be recognized and restrained, because the media that creates them is not reality. No matter who you are, the media's standard is unattainable. We should judge people by their individual character, not by the color of their skin.

Those students who attended "Breaking the Ice" are

Report:

Senate meeting: January 25

Doug Smith

Student Senate President Ricardo Romero called the January 25th meeting to order at 8 PM. Devotions were led by Laura Gosselin, followed by the approval of the minutes.

The only item appearing on the agenda for old business was the allocation of the \$4,834 in the Special Projects Fund. Senators had received proposals from different campus organizations requesting funds, and these were the only ones considered. The following groups had submitted requests: the Men's Volleyball Club, the Equestrian program, Youth for Christ, ROTC, and a request spearheaded by the AdHoc Security Committee for funds to aid Security.

After some deliberation, the motion was called to question and the \$4,834 was divided between three groups.

After a vote of 10-8 the bulk of the Special Projects Fund, \$3,500 went to aid in what security called "two specific shortcomings" in their budget. The horse farm received \$1,000 toward a new dressage saddle. The remaining \$334 went to Youth for Christ to aid in their purchase of a new van.

Romero discussed upcoming elections of the '94-'95 cabinet and announced that petitions for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are due March 8 and elections will be held March 28th.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, at 8 PM in the Trustees dining room.

responsible to educate others on interracial issues, but what about those who didn't attend? Maybe they think they're not prejudiced and don't need to listen to a discussion on the problem. However, it seems that those present at the event may be ones with the least racism and the most interest in eliminating it.

We must all admit that there is a problem (yes, on this campus) before we can attempt to solve it.

Schedule of events for Black History Month:
-Coffeehouse/Talent show February 10
-Gospelfest February 19
-Inner city church trip TBA

Senate sends message to administration by committing money to campus security

Michael Evans

The Student Senate awarded \$3,500 from the Special Projects Fund to the Campus Security Office last week for the purchase of new communication equipment. Senate President Ricardo Romero said the January 25th vote was nearly split, ten to eight, because some senators wanted to spread the \$4,834 fund to benefit project proposals from four other groups.

Senate allocated the remaining \$1,334 to projects proposed by the College Horse Farm and Allegany County Youth for Christ. In the opinion of Senior senator Eric Runion, "It went through Senate very easy. I proposed it all [\$4,834] go to security, but I knew that wouldn't pass. I was glad it was a priority issue on [the senators] minds too."

Security petitioned for Special Project Fund money

because the current security communication system is not effective for answering emergency calls to security. Currently when students call security, they must leave a message on an answering machine and wait for the security guard on duty to go to a phone to receive the message.

Security Director, Ray Parlett said, "The biggest concern to me is when people have a genuine emergency, first of all, there is the delay, second of all, if there is a problem with the tape or if people are really upset, sometimes they don't leave adequate information. . . I've answered calls where people sounded very desperate and needed our help, but beyond that I had no idea what

the situation was."

Senior senator, Todd Chamberlain said concern about inadequate emergency communication resurfaced in a Senate meeting after a break-in at McMillen House last fall.

The break-in turned into an assault when a student returned to her room, surprising the intruder who pushed his way out of the room. According to Parlett,

the guard on duty judged from the answering machine message that the residents were alright and the intruder had left.

The guard finished the task he was currently working on before checking the front doors of women's on-campus housing. He arrived at McMillen House 15 to 20 minutes later.

Security is a major student concern and proper communication has been needed for a long time.

Junior Senator Lois Boon said senators generally agree the issue was a major student concern and an ad hoc committee was established to look into solutions. She said students she talked with felt proper communication has been needed for a long time.

The five committee members talked to students and Parlett about ways to improve communication. Committee member Runion said the committee suggested that security hire someone to specially answer calls 24 hours a day, but that would be an ongoing cost that would not fit security's budget.

Parlett said the meager security budget previously prevented him from purchasing a direct communication system which would solve the problem. "What we're trying to do is build in a system where people call into the

security office and they will talk directly to the officer on duty," he said.

Runion said, "We were going to work with him to try to get more money out of the budget. Then we remembered about the Special Projects Fund." Parlett then submitted a proposal based on several preliminary estimates of between \$1,000 and \$4,500 for a new system. Parlett is currently awaiting estimates for systems which will meet the specific need.

In the Senate meeting last week, senators questioned whether it is the responsibility of college administration to initiate and even pay for such a project which directly affects the well-being of the entire student body.

"We can't wait for administration to act," said Romero in a post-meeting interview. "We're gonna act first. . . then ask administration, 'what are you going to do to help?' — it's a matter of time."

Your thoughts

Theft at Houghton

Dear Editor:

In the beginning of the fall semester I owned ten pairs of white socks. Now I own three. At first I was convinced that the washing machine was eating them; however, I started to notice that people were posting signs throughout the dorm to declare that they were missing articles of valuable clothing.

Residents were also reporting missing pots, dishes, books, even plants that were kept on the window sills of the stairwells. These may seem to be petty items that do not have much significance, but to the owners of the items every missing article is important.

There is a deeper side to having things stolen from you; something that goes beyond having to wear boots in order to hide the fact that you are wearing lime green socks with a mauve sweater; beyond the sad feeling of losing your favorite rugby shirt that you have owned for the last three years, the same shirt that you wore when you were asked out by your dream date.

When something is stolen from you, regardless of its material value, you not only lose the item, you lose a bit of trust. You start to watch over your shoulder from time to time, and hesitate before you allow others to borrow your possessions. You lose a little bit of the faith you had left in

fellow humans.

It is foolish to believe that we live in a perfect world. When we graduate from Houghton we may find ourselves placed in an unsafe environment where we have to keep a closer eye on our belongings, but I am just as sad to hear about increasing theft here on our campus as I am to hear about a burglary in New York City. As Christians we are to be stewards to one another. We are to love and respect all people and their property.

I do not believe that all of the theft on campus is intended maliciously. It may seem quite innocent to take a pair of socks, or a shirt that appears old and tattered. Who would miss them? But that's not the point.

When you take something that does not belong to you, you are breaking one of God's commandments and you are breaking the trust that someone once had in you. As Christians, we are to set a positive example to those who do not know the Lord. If the crime rate at Houghton College increases how is the rest of the world going to portray Christian campuses?

As each day passes I begin to recognize the truth in the old cliché "Actions speak louder than words."

Angela Fulkroad

Dear Matt, Dan, Hans, Joel-Tom, Scott, Aaron, Andrew, and Joel,

Since someone has decided to publicly express his opinion about the job you are doing, I decided to use this occasion to do the same thing. I have worked with over 400 RA's in my thirteen years in student development. And I can honestly say that your work this year in Shenawana ranks right up at the top.

The RA job is a challenging, frustrating, and unfortunately often thankless one. We put you out there in the trenches and ask you to make the hard decisions to do the right thing. It is much harder than the job I have of supervising people much younger than I. You are right there with your friends and peers. And unlike the cowardly nature of those who anonymously put out this "newsletter," you have to take a stand and every day be a walking, talking example of the stand you have taken. The person behind this newsletter not only lacked the integrity to follow Christ's instructions for confronting a Christian brother, but also lacked the personal character to sign his name - always a sure sign of a viewpoint that is on shaky ground.

Obviously you did not take this position for the money. If you had, you could have made more putting in fewer hours in the dishroom. I know that you see these positions not just as

serving your fellow residents and Houghton College, but also as serving the Lord. I have talked with you enough to know the depth of caring and commitment that you bring to these positions. I know from Matt's reports and from my conversations with you how much you care for and stand up for the students you represent. These past two years that Matt Webb has been running Shenawana have been the most stable Shenawana has been in many years. And I thank you heartily for your assistance with that.

I also know that there are many residents up there that understand and support you in the position you are in. The level of paranoia exhibited in this newsletter is usually indicative of someone who is guilty of hiding something.

I have to admit that I feel a strong affinity for you gentlemen since I started out as a Shenawana RA in 1980. I know how challenging and rewarding it can be. Fortunately, I have the benefit of hindsight on my experience. While I was an RA I faced a difficult decision about turning in someone for something they had done. It was tremendously difficult at the time, and that person was very angry and resentful towards me for a long time. But years later I ran into him again, and he told me that in

retrospect the disciplinary process I pushed him in to, ended up having a tremendously positive impact on his life. He apologized for his attitude and thanked me for being willing to make an unpopular decision to do the right thing. I hope that you eventually can have that kind of an experience which will help you to feel satisfied with your residence life position. I am sure that right now you are feeling quite frustrated and unappreciated.

So on behalf of Dean Danner, the student development office, and the majority of your residents, let me remind you of how much we appreciate the work that you are doing up there. I felt that the author of that newsletter was guilty of misusing scriptures in a spiteful way. So I will resist the urge to do the same, and conclude with, Keep up the good work. In Christian Love,
Tim Nichols
Director of Residence Life

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Interviewing skills critical in job search process

Esther Carpenter

We all know that the interview is the most crucial, and perhaps the most harrowing step of the job search process. While it can be a terrifying and intimidating experience, it does not have to be. There are several things you can do to prepare for your future job interviews; with some advance preparation you can walk into each interview with confidence.

It is very important to dress the part of the job you are trying to acquire. If you are not sure how to dress, it may be in your best interest to stop by the work place ahead of time and scope out what other employees wear. Because your interviewer's first impression is based on your appearance, you must look your very best. In fact, according to some sources, a prospective employer will begin making judgments a mere ten seconds after first setting eyes on you. Arrive early for your appointment, and when you meet the interviewer, greet him with a firm handshake. If given a choice of wear to sit, choose a seat next to the interviewer rather than directly across from him; this eliminates the intimidating barrier created by the desk. Do your best to maintain good posture throughout the interview, and do not be afraid to look your prospective employer in the eye.

While a good appearance is essential for a good interview, employers are most impressed by solid verbal skills. If you fail to clearly communicate to the interviewer why you are the best candidate, you will not receive a job offer. Be prepared to describe yourself as a person, and your past experiences. Employers look for people who can jump right into the job; potential is not what they are looking for. The interviewer will want to know why you are interested in this particular job, so you must be ready to communicate these ideas. Whatever you do, present yourself in the best light. Interviewing is one social situation in which mild bragging is acceptable; you are a salesman, and the product you must endorse is yourself.

The time may come in the interview when the employer will ask you to describe one of

your weaknesses. If possible, learn to turn potentially negative answers into positive ones. You might say, "One weakness of mine is that I tend to take on too much responsibility..." Along with asking you a battery of questions, the interviewer will most likely ask if you have any questions. Never respond with "no." By asking questions you show that you are truly interested in the place of work and in the interviewer personally. Research the company or employer ahead of time so you can ask knowledgeable questions which demonstrate your preparation. Some potential questions are: What would be my responsibilities? Tell me about the people I would report to. How did you get your job? What challenges might I encounter on this job?

Never ask the interviewer about salary, especially in the initial interview, or you will seem presumptuous. Wait until the employer brings up the topic. Be sure to show enthusiasm and a sincere interest in the position, but do not overdo it. If the interviewer senses that you are too eager, he may not consider you; if he does offer you the job, he may offer you a lower salary than you had hoped.

The Career Development Center has many helpful resources for those of you preparing for upcoming interviews. Come in and check out books such as: Interview for Success, Knock 'Em Dead With Great Answers to Tough Interview Questions, and Successful Interviewing for College Seniors. If you are planning to teach, the ASCUS Annual Job Search Handbook for Educators contains helpful interviewing tips. Houghton's Career Development Center has published a Job Search Manual for Seniors which discusses interviewing; we also have copies of sample interview questions used in different fields. One of the most valuable resources available in the CDC is the mock interview with Sharon Givler. After your video-taped interview, Ms. Givler will advise you how to best improve your interviewing skills. To arrange a mock interview, just stop in the Career Development Center and make an appointment.

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Country of the Week: United States

Wm. Mann

The American landscape is littered with many of the same problems as other westernized nations: crime, welfare, unemployment, and a dysfunctional education system. Despite these handicaps, the United States remains a model of democracy and the desired way of life. Yet, many are wondering if that model will survive into the 21st century, especially as the end of the Cold War has led to ill-defined foreign policies and broadening economic relations (both NAFTA and GATT were significant steps in global change). The President addressed these and other issues in his recent State of the Union Address.

While the President began by congratulating Congress for their healthy relationship in his first year in office, it was not long before Clinton turned his speech into a litany of policies he wanted passed before the year's end. Primary to this list, and the most passionately described, was his Health Care Package. It will be difficult for Congress to duck Clinton's punch, "let's give back to Americans what they have already given to us." Health Care will probably be the centerpiece of Clinton's presidency and will also be his toughest battle.

Republican Bob Dole said after the speech that Americans do not want government tampering with their health coverage and proceeded to point to a Perot-esque chart of the beauracracy that Clinton's Plan would install. With millions of Americans feeling more secure about their jobs, perhaps there will be less

pressure for reform; yet most consumers are still quite frustrated by the high costs and low coverage they receive under the present system. Dole may be reaching for scare tactics (Republicans are the minority in both Houses, and Clinton has already proven himself successful in handling NAFTA), yet even the day after the speech there was rumor in Clinton's camp that the Plan was "negotiable."

Taking a close second to Health Care was Clinton's "comprehensive welfare bill" which he will submit this spring. This involves getting tough on "those who neglect responsibility;" welfare is "a second chance, not a way of life." Clinton also calls for the transformation of unemployment to "re-employment" and tough "world class standards" in education "to meet and compete in the global economy." Tackling health care and welfare in the same year may prove overtaking to both government and the people, but Clinton believes that one necessitates the other.

In response to the rise in violent crime and the fear it provokes which are crippling the country, Clinton wants to issue a "smart, strong, tough crime bill" and hopes that Congress can get past bipartisan differences in order to pass such. Yet Senator Dole had his own crime bill in hand for his speech afterward, hoping the President would consider its approval. The "3 strikes you're out" (in) rhetoric was voiced by both leaders, but Clinton's "banish all assault weapons" may clash with Dole's "five new penitentiaries."

Even with all the above

negotiated, the underlying problem in America is still the "stunning breakdown of family... a vacuum filled by violence, drugs, and gangs." Clinton wants "community empowerment" legislation and says that "a change from within is needed." His call for "churches and all other good citizens" to respond to this need should please many Republicans who are stunned by Clinton's pragmatic governing. "Governments don't raise children, parents do."

The dramatic times since the fall of the Berlin Wall have seen many nations scrambling to define themselves; the U.S. is no exception. Countries are seeing radical change in government and government policy, often with low toleration for "changing the way we do things," and again America is not exempt. Yet global economics demand global thinking. An information superhighway, which Clinton desires before the year 2000, would require a host of other adjustments along the way. Americans may or may not be prepared to make these changes, which in turn would affect their standing as a world leader.

"What's the state of the Union. It's growing stronger but it must grow stronger still. With you help, and with God's help it will."

Postscript: I took the liberty of quoting extensively from President Clinton's speech because after his many rewrites, I, as a floundering student, wasn't going to attempt making his words better. I've got enough rewrites already on my hands!

Low attendance at All-campus prayer meeting

Michael Sabal

About 35 students attended an all-campus prayer meeting held in Woolsey Auditorium on Tuesday, January 25 at 6:30 PM. The prayer meeting was led by Jim Karcnes, Student Senate chaplain. The meeting involved some time of worship and praise, led by Ross Clark, a

time of scripture sharing, and a time of small group prayer.

Among the many scriptures shared were from Hebrews 12:1-3, Psalm 86:8-13, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, and Isaiah 58. Most of the topics presented focused on growing closer to God during this new year. At the time of prayer,

Karcnes asked the Houghton community to pray for the campus's spiritual health, in both students and faculty. He also asked that the community remember the families of those who lost loved ones and possessions in the recent L.A. earthquake and the cold weather.

New departments heads votes in

Lenore Kosoff

Recently, elections were held to determine the new heads of each academic department. The results of the department chair elections are: in History and Political Science, Cameron Airhart will remain the head, Richard Jacobson for Math/Computer Science, Daryl Stevenson for

Psychology/Sociology, Dale Campbell for Physical Education, Bill Greenway for English/Communication, and Bernie Piersma for Chemistry. Of all those elected, the only changes are in the English department, which is presently headed by B. Sue Crider, who asked to be relieved from that position for personal reasons,

and the replacing of Dr. Larry Christensen in Chemistry by Bernie Piersma.

The three year terms of the above faculty (with the exception of Dr. Crider) had expired, necessitating these elections. As a result, the faculty in each department voted to fill the position of department chair.

A PROGRESSIVE PERSPACTIVE

As a community, we were told last year that Houghton's majority was politically conservative, that Houghton was Republican. This is true. We were also told that the minority of Democrats, or liberals, should learn to live with that and accept it. This is not true. If minorities always submitted to the majority, where would our country be? Just reflect on history for a moment... Jim Crow laws would still be in effect, if not slavery; women would still not have the right to vote, and teachers would not be allowed to offer creation

as a viable option to evolution in high school biology classes. Christians, true followers of Jesus Christ, are a minority in the world and no matter what Pat Robertson would like you to think, they are a minority in the Republican party, too.

Webster's New World Dictionary, the third edition, defines liberal as, "favoring reforms or progress, as in religion, education, etc.; specif., favoring political reforms tending toward democracy and freedom for the individual; progressive." That to me does not sound anti-Christian, it does sound decidedly Democratic.

On Tuesday night, President Clinton summed up his goals for the next three years in the State of the Union Address. I have to say, I am impressed, not with the speech: Michael Wines stated it succinctly in the *New York Times* on Wednesday, "State of the Union addresses, even good ones, are almost never significant speeches... They are among the most predigested rituals in politics." What impressed me about Clinton's speech is that Clinton is keeping his campaign promises. It has been a long time since a President has done that. Reagan swore not to expand the national debt. It tripled while he was in office. George "read my lips" Bush swore not to raise taxes; he did. Clinton vowed he would, and he has. Clinton also promised, however, to focus on our country's internal turmoil. He

focused on crime, the economy, on our health programs, and on our families. Since Clinton has been in office, Congress has passed legislation on gun control, family leave, trade, childhood immunization, and voter registration. Clinton also announced he would cut the defense budget without jeopardizing the national defense, and he has done that, too. No one can deny that United States military presence is still felt in the world today, perhaps too much, and yet our defense spending was hacked. Overall, Clinton has systematically

cally set out to achieve each of his campaign goals and has done so.

Throughout the '92 campaign many questions were raised about the integrity of William Clinton. Even I voted for the lesser of two evils, or so I thought. When asked what I thought the next four years would bring, often I refused to comment, I simply wanted to wait and see just what Clinton would do. Campaigns had become futile; voting for politicians based on their image did not make a lot of sense anymore; promises held no weight. So far, Clinton has proven me wrong. His dedication to his campaign platform shows an integrity this country has not seen in many years, and he has given me back a little of that faith in politicians that I had lost.

Granted, Clinton's greatest challenges lie in the future, and he acknowledges this in his speech emphasizing his health care plan and welfare reforms. According to R.W. Apple Jr., a political commentator, Clinton has reached his calm before the storm, just in time for the State of the Union address, with the recovering economy. Yet no one doubts that Clinton is still faced with a number of challenges in the future. Apple believes, "This is a potentially treacherous era for any politician. Mr. Clinton holds office at a time of vast transition," and I agree.

The problem with Houghton

The rhythm of my life for the last ten years has been similar to what I remember growing up. The Christmas break just past was like any other in Houghton. Students tend to leave within a short period, the majority within 24-48 hours of each other. Abruptly, noise, activity, and what pass for crowds, end.

Because the semester is so hurried, hectic, and wearing, and because I never seem to be able to finish reading and grading for days after finals, I usually "wake up" from that rigid concentration to find the quad empty, the halls quiet, the parking lot virtually free of cars. I rediscover that I can walk from the academic building down the slope behind Lambein, across the little bridge, and up toward my house on Seymour Street often without seeing a soul, hearing only the rush of water or the wind in the tall trees. This year the stream has not only been frozen for weeks, but covered with snow as well. One can look west along the snowcovered streambed to where it wanders out of sight among the overhanging trees and imagine a world untainted.

I find the solitude soothing once I adjust to the absence of students and busyness. It takes me two weeks at Christmas to catch my breath. By graduation day, I have doubts that the summer will be long enough for my brain cells to revive or for my emotion reservoir to refill. For students worn out or burned up by weeks of frantic activity — and often even by study — the need is simply to

is not its political orientation. I can handle a thinking Republican; I even respect some. It is the fact that so many Houghtonites get caught up in political parties that they forget the politics, the issues. The State of the Union address offers us an opportunity to reflect. Perhaps if we all took a look at what Clinton has done and is doing, we would stop condemning his party and start supporting the man.

Take Five

"Small towns and the rythm of life"

get out of town. I, too, have felt that urgency; but more often my need is to stay put after the town has emptied.

I have spent the larger part of my life in towns like Houghton — not towns with one church and a large Christian presence, but college towns — towns small enough to expand or contract when the institution that gives it life breathes.

When I was nine, my family moved from Laramie, Wyoming, where I was born and where my father taught engineering, to Durgam, New Hampshire. Laramie is big enough

without the university to keep its stores open during college breaks. But when one is very young, especially in those older, "traditional" family settings, the town is less crucial than neighborhood or family life. Even then I was tuned to the rhythm of college life.

I lived in a neighborhood on the east end of Laramie, one block from the high plains, five blocks or so from the football stadium. On Saturday afternoons when my parents did not take us to the game, we could hear the roar of the crowd responding to big plays and we could hear the voice over the loud speaker booming out names of ball carriers or field positions. We knew when the Cowboys had scored from the thunder of the big cannon fired by the boys in Army ROTC.

When we moved east, for my father's health, we found a town that lived by the college

calendar. At Christmas, at semester break, at spring break, for large parts of the summer, the town would look deserted. Stores, filling one side of one block of Main Street, reduced their hours automatically. The town's two sidewalks were never crowded, seldom used. Dorms, frat houses, sororities, and college buildings sat quietly, abandoned. The university library, which was also the town library, kept reduced hours but was hauntingly empty, hollowed out.

At the beginning of each semester I go through another period of adjustment,

although this one requires focus and action where the first demands abandonment. As if on signal, streets and parking lots fill with cars, the Mobil mini-mart becomes a traffic nightmare, joggers take to the streets, small groups of students drift about surrounded by puffs of excited conversation. And bootprints appear in the snow over the stream, unmarred for three weeks. Someone had to find out how much stomping the ice would take.

I adjust, sometimes reluctantly. It takes a day or two to refocus and often a week to establish a new rhythm. Regardless of how I may feel, on a certain level I am always grateful these students have returned. Maybe the great benefit of teaching is like the great benefit of parenthood: if we are willing to learn, they have so much to teach us about our common humanity.



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Houghton Academy to expand facilities

Linda Betzold

Overcrowded, inadequate facilities have sparked, at Houghton Academy, dreams of expanding for years. According to a pamphlet on the subject, the "Double the Vision" campaign, launched in 1991, will benefit Houghton Academy in this aspect, and will also profit the college.

Houghton Academy is nearing its goal of \$1.5 to \$2

million that will pay for a building that will house classrooms, offices, board and seminar rooms, and an auditorium for Academy, College, and Public use.

Woolsey Auditorium in Fancher is not only crowded, but handicapped-inaccessible. The college will benefit, using the 300 seat auditorium for drama productions.

Paul Shea, director of

Development at the Academy and part-time professor at HC, has worked tirelessly for the "Double the Vision" campaign, especially since his two daughters attend the academy. He hopes to "break ground in April" of this year, but the academy is currently waiting for at least one major donation that will "double the classroom space" for the 125 students enrolled at the academy.

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Pebbles and the Rock

"A Letter"

Dear Daddy,

I haven't written for a whole week, so I thought I'd drop you a line to say hello. Things are going full swing back here.

There's just so many things going on here, I couldn't even begin to tell you everything. I will say this, though: I think there's a lot of evilness at Houghton. Satan is everywhere, even Houghton. One friend told me about a SATANIC CULT here that God had revealed to him. I believe him!

I've been attending all chapel services, Sunday services, Wednesday night Bible studies, Swordbearers, class bible studies, and every Tuesday and Thursday I hold a devotional for the floor. And believe me, evil is oozing from every crevice and crack in the dorm! Thank God he has raised up Holy and Righteous individuals who are willing to take a stand for the fundamentals! Just the other day we had a full dorm search for filthy alcohol! Alcohol at HOUGHTON! Last time no one was caught, but a month earlier 2 or 3 people were found possessing non-alcoholic BEER. The RA told the guys not to worry because they wouldn't get in trouble, and an upperclassman said that it was no big deal. No big deal!? I walked right into his room afterwards to tell him of verse after verse PROVING that ALL alcoholic consumption was sinful, and that such APPEARANCES OF EVIL must be rooted out. I even told him that so called "Non-Alcoholic" beer actually still has alcohol in it! He tried telling me some argument about less than 1% alcohol, but I told him if I had a glass of water with only 1% Cyanide, I'd throw it out because it would still kill me! He said something else about "All things in Moderation," but I wasn't listening. He tried insulting me by saying I shouldn't be angry all the time, but I told him I'd rather be angry and doing God's will than conforming to the world.

Yesterday something happened that made me VERY angry. Someone put flyers on all the tables saying that Shen was a bootcamp! As soon as I read it my blood was boiling! My teeth clenched up and I wanted to just hit and hit the person for saying such lies! As if there was anything wrong

with a Christian College resembling bootcamp, anyway! I bet that bleeding heart never would fight for HIS country! I bet HIS parents protested the Vietnam war! Thankfully, today someone came out with a flyer that told the TRUTH! I felt proud when the verse about SUBMISSION was read out loud! Daddy, I wish you could come and be RA - you'd whip these pagans into shape! I'm glad that I

have an RA who cares enough to watch my every step morally! Children need that kind of supervision and proper control!

Things are hard for me. My teachers have been saying things that bother me. I begin to feel stupid when I challenge them. Bad enough Bib Lit uses the NIV (that Non-Inspired Version HA-HA!), but some professors even make sarcastic remarks about Christianity. They seem to think us Fundamentalists are mostly crazy. I just sat there in front, burning and gritting my teeth. Someday God will punish them, then they'll be sorry! I heard a few professors were Episcopal. Maybe that explains it.

Well, I have a test for Bib Lit coming up soon, so I have to get back to my studies. Please send up more antacids — I'm nearly out of the last box you sent. I think I'll go to the health center tomorrow. I fear these stomach pains I've been having are worse than what I thought. At least my headaches aren't nearly as bad, so praise God for that! Keep me in your prayers, as sinful thoughts still plague me. There's this girl in one class — well, I don't think she's in our denomination, but I can't stop looking at her and thinking about her. Please pray for me. I think it would be a good idea for you to send me that Bob Jones Catalog you mentioned. At least THEY don't let their brains get in the way of their Faith! Well, gotta go! Say hi to Mom.

Your loving son,
Obadiah

(Note: Obadiah is a figment of my imagination, but he's a melding of ignorant notions I've heard on campus, plus some ignorant notions I used to have, and had to shed. He's not very pretty, is he? But ask yourself: is THIS your idea of the ideal Christian? If it is, then something's terribly wrong.)



MATTHEW OWEN



ARON KIMMERLY

OVERSIGHTS & understatements

It's unfortunate that expanding off-campus housing is such a doomsday project. Each development in our saga of "As the Highlander's Stomach Turns" in regards to cardhouse construction sparks controversy that will eventually affect all — directly or indirectly. This week's episode features seven senior men who were denied acceptance into (supposedly) next year's townhouses last Friday, while a group of seven juniors were not. To use a blank word — "interesting."

If I'm not mistaken, The Scoop carried an advertisement several weeks ago announcing sign-ups for townhouses in the Fall of 1994, open to seniors only. As the weeks progressed, it was decided that there were enough spaces to open the townhouses to juniors as well, assuming that seniors still had priority. With this in mind then, could someone please tell me why there was a decision made to accept one group of seniors, one group of juniors, and one group of mixed juniors and seniors, while an entire group of seven well-respected seniors and another mixed group still are looking for a place to live next year?

I can just imagine the arguments in support of the decision. "Well, we wanted a group who will take care of our fragile cardhouses, so the following year they can return and enjoy the same 'freedoms.'" Apparently, someone is operating under the assumption

that our seven confused men are destructive. Maybe some of them wrecked some havoc on South Hall in their freshman year, but how many people do you know that have studied here four years in a row and have come out the same person? It's unfortunate certain students have a record for something they did in their first year, and are forced to carry the weight of that burden until they

walk the stage at graduation. To illustrate, there is an individual in our shafted group of men who has been labeled a "disciplinary problem" by the office in question. A cardhouse environment would not be advisable since his is obviously unable to handle an off-campus atmosphere. He has no credibility whatsoever, no direction in life, and will probably be working at McDonald's until he retires to his mobile home for the rest of his life with no chance for retribution, all because of one isolated incident. So students, don't ever even think of doing anything questionable.

As you can see, there is no concrete reason why our seven seniors were denied access into a townhouse. I know each guy and can speak favorable of them, but that is just my opinion — one which I'm sure will be contradicted by a few. The bottom line is those who made the decision should at

least admit to being wrong, and go from there. In someone's junior year, he or she shouldn't have to worry about where they're going to live in their senior year.

The decision announced last Friday is just one of many poor administrative decisions made and then swept under the rug, so to speak. Well, before that is done, let's allow some dust to fly. I can't understand how a Christian

college can have so many double-standards and exceptions to their own self-created policies, and then have the tenacity to justify their actions for going against them. But when it's convenient, you may hear them say to the student, "I'm sorry, we can't make any exceptions — ABSOLUTELY NOT!"

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I was operating under the impression that administration is supposed to be a positive example, and in some cases a role model to its students. I wish certain administrative departments didn't have to take so much criticism from its students, but please, sometimes it is deserved. Not a day passes when I hear something positive about our "caretakers," if that's what you call them. In fact, all feedback that has been generating in the past few years has been quite the contrary. If this is the way our "caretakers" want to treat us, then I can take care of myself.

Forty-seven underclassmen find living arrangements in intended townhouses

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House will continue to house male students.

Such changes on campus engender strong reaction for students and faculty members alike. Those who were chosen to live in the townhouse look forward to more of an autonomous experience, with the option of a reduced board plan.

Junior Carrie Sturtevant is excited that she was chosen to live in a townhouse. "I'm looking forward to living with a small group of friends from my

class for my last year at Houghton." Sturtevant is fortunate, more than one-half of those students who applied to live in the townhouse were denied. The majority of those students were female.

Art Professor Ted Murphy, who is also a supervising neighbor of Waldorf House, has vested interest in the future of Houghton housing. Murphy designed Waldorf to function as a humanities house, "with a mission to foster growth outside of the classroom."

Although he has been

cautioned by the administration to speak carefully on the issue, he is against building a full townhouse. "Not only are townhouses not as durable as a house, they also possess no charm, no character, nothing to endear them."

Murphy has nothing financial at stake, he is aware of the expectations of many students when it comes to what they want to call home and he is not sure that a "prefab" townhouse is the ideal place.

Men's hoops takes first game of Houghton Classic

Michael Maloney

Houghton pulled out its first win since November 20 last weekend in the first round of the Houghton Classic, but they then fell to a tough Taylor squad in the tournament championship. Overall, they went 1-2 during the week, bringing their record to 3-15.

Before the weekend tournament, HC faced 6-7 RIT at home Wednesday night. RIT controlled the game from the start, and led by 19 at half time. They ended up winning 100-86 while shooting 51 percent from the floor. They also had three players score 20 points each.

Junior forward Andrew Gustafson had a strong showing with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Senior forward Scott Fasick added 21 points and 7 rebounds.

Coach Donn Bennice and his team knew it would be difficult to defend their Houghton Classic title. Last year, Houghton defeated Keuka 82-61 in the title game after Taylor was narrowly upset in the first round by Keuka. This year, however, there was just as much of a chance of Taylor being upset in the first round as there was of Buffalo having a fumbleless Super Bowl. Taylor

is ranked nationally in the NAIA polls, and they handily defeated HC earlier this season.

Sure enough, Taylor, with former Houghton head coach Steve Brooks as an assistant, crushed Humber 72-51 in the semifinals. Houghton then met Seneca College from Ontario, Canada, in their semifinal matchup. Houghton held a sound lead throughout the first half, but they allowed Seneca back into the game in the second. In the end, though, HC pulled ahead to convincingly win 73-59.

Fasick led all scorers with 20 points, and he added 12

rebounds. Guard Jason Weyforth tallied 14 points, and center Judson Odell scored 11 while grabbing 14 boards.

On Saturday, Humber beat Seneca in the consolation game as Houghton prepared to meet Taylor in the championship. The first half against Taylor was at times disastrous for the Highlanders. They shot 32% from the floor and scored only 20 points, leaving them trailing by 18. Houghton had a much better second half, but it was not enough. They lost 62-85.

Fasick demonstrated fierce determination as he scored 15 points and collected 8 boards

with a possible broken nose. He had to leave the game several times as his nose continued to bleed after being slammed in the face in the first half. He was required to change his uniform three times. Fasick was named to the All-Tournament team.

The scoring lead still belongs to Fasick, who is averaging 18.4 points per game. Gustafson claims the second spot, averaging 16.4 ppg. Odell is collecting 10.1 rebounds per game, and Fasick averages 7.6 rpg. Weyforth is the team assist leader (4.2 apg).

Houghton women win three in a row in quest for playoff berth

Michael Maloney

Houghton climbed its way back up to the .500 mark last week as they won three straight games in decisive fashion, halting a 2-6 slump that began in early December. If the team can now win four of their final eight games, they will win a spot in the NAIA playoffs.

Presently, HC has the second-highest Dunkle rating among independent schools in the Northeast Region, but unless they finish above .500, the Lady Highlanders will miss the playoffs, despite their impressive Dunkle.

Houghton's first win of the week came against D'Youville Tuesday night. D'Youville was pitiful, and Coach Skip Lord had to restrain his team even without his starters playing. Houghton led 28-13 at the half, and cruised to a 43-28 victory. In hitting just nine field goals all game, the opponents shot an embarrassing 20 percent from the floor. Sophomore guard Julie Schmidt led all scorers with eight points.

No one was on the edge of their seat during the following game Wednesday night either. Houghton toyed with an out-matched Hilbert team, crushing them 66-38. A more exciting game would have been Hilbert versus D'Youville. Sophomore guard Missy Niedielski scored 12 points, and freshman center Abbey Kennedy followed with nine points and three blocks. Again, the starters sat most of the game.

They may have been easy victories, but nonetheless,

Houghton was one win shy of the .500 mark after thrashing D'Youville and Hilbert. HC would finally be tested in their Saturday matchup against Penn State Behrend. Houghton was soundly defeated by 25 points in a road loss to Behrend on December 9, and this defeat kicked off their 2-6 streak.

At first, it looked as if Behrend would walk over the Lady Highlanders once again, as they exploded to a 15-4 first half lead. But the tables began to turn as Houghton's experienced guards began feeding the ball into three freshman post players: April Stone, April Batt, and Kennedy. They responded by scoring 41 points amongst themselves while grabbing 27 rebounds. Stone led the way with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Batt registered 11 points and 8 rebounds, and Kennedy had 10 points and 9 rebounds. HC proceeded to win 68-57.

"This is a big win for us," says Lord. "Behrend is an NCAA Division III powerhouse. They are a respectable team. Just look at their 13-5 record."

Lord continues: "April Stone was great. She had a very strong game. And April Batt did a lot in just 22 minutes. Aimee Bence also did some good things as she stepped into the point even though it is not her position." Bence usually plays the two guard position, but with starting point guard Missy Niedielski in foul trouble, and backup point guard Charity O'Connor out for the season with a knee injury, she

was forced into the role of the floor leader. "Aimee rose to the occasion and maintained her composure," adds Lord.

"We had five people in the double figures. I felt like our offense never really got into its rhythm. That's something that we've been struggling with, but we did spread out the scoring at least." Bence and forward Lynn Jensen were the other two Lady Highlanders in the double figures.

Bence continues to hold the Houghton scoring lead, averaging 14.4 points per game. Senior forward Stephanie Plummer follows with 9.9 ppg on 51% field goal scoring. Plummer also grabs 6.9 rebounds per game, and Stone is second with 6.5 rpg.

Track teams make good showing at Roberts

Doug Gillham

Houghton College's track and field team is off to their best start in many years.

Just two years ago there were only eight competing on the Highlander squad. This year, with over thirty on the team, Houghton is finding itself to be very competitive with area schools. The coaches from Buffalo State and Alfred State both have said that this year's team is the strongest they have seen from Houghton in 30 years.

Both the men's and women's team competed indoors at Roberts Wesleyan College last Saturday. The women's team placed second and the men's team placed fifth in the nine team meet.

In addition to the strong team finish, there were also several outstanding individual performances. The following athletes broke Houghton College indoor track and field records: Katie Heberlig,

shotput 32' 6 1/2", weight throw 28' 2"; Michele Kaltenbaugh, triple jump 31' 10 1/2", long jump 5' 2 1/4"; Burton Brewster, long jump 20' 2"; Randy Crouch, high jump 6' 3"; and Jim Karcanes, 1500m 4:16.77, 3000m 9:10.

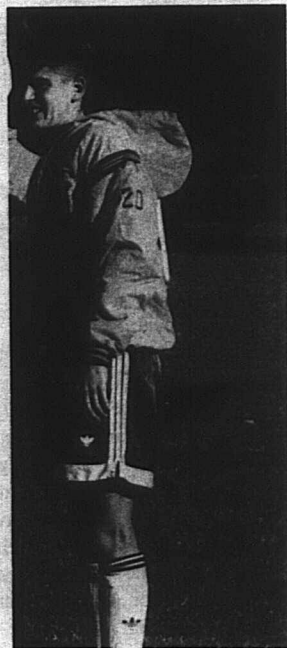
The men's and women's 4X800 meter relay teams also bettered their school records which they had established the previous week. The women's team of Amy Chamberlain, Naomi Castellani, Laura Gosselin, and Leslie Roberts took first in the meet, while the men's team of Nathan Howes, Jason Wiens, Lee Thurber, and Jim Karcanes placed second.

Though her time was not a school record, Naomi Castellani also ran very well as she placed first in the women's 3000 meter run.

Both the men's and women's track and field team will be competing at the University of Rochester this weekend.

Houghton sends player to Senior Bowl

As Houghton's career scoring leader, senior Dan Dominguez was named to play in the NAIA Senior Bowl. In late April he will travel to Birmingham, Alabama to participate in the Bowl.



Cow Man Adam Owen



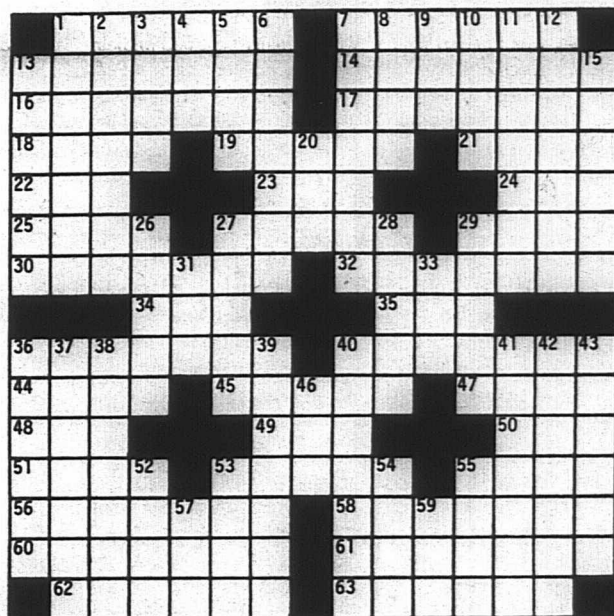
Poke-n-Plum Alan Armes & Joel Bennett



FOR THE 4TH STRAIGHT YEAR, THE BILLS LOST THE SUPER BOWL.
FOR THE 4TH STRAIGHT YEAR, STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS ALL OVER WESTERN NEW YORK WERE FURIOUS.
AND FOR THE 4TH STRAIGHT YEAR, SOMEONE HAD TIED HECTOR'S SHOE LACES TOGETHER IN THE 3RD QUARTER.



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- Meditators
- Drink taken after a drink
- Church in Rome
- Natural environment
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- City in California
- Gives a bad review
- Chess pieces
- Overly proper person
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- Detroit athlete
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- Yat-sen
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- Man from Mecca
- The devil
- Store sign

- Nod off
- American league team (abbr.)
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- Patron
- African capital
- Take a bride
- Persist at, as a point
- From Lhasa
- Religious recluse
- Flatter
- Conditions
- Cuddle

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- Gad's son
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- Toupee
- Important person
- Andronicus
- Ascended
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- Whip mark
- part
- Ralph Kramden's vehicle

