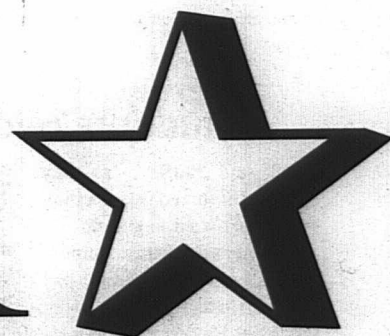


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WORLD AT A GLANCE

William Mann

USA - Torrential rains have caused flooding in 24 counties, all of which have been declared national emergencies by President Clinton.

- NHL hockey is back after a 103-day lock out. Players can expect an intense thirty-four game season.

- Malcolm X's daughter faces charges of plotting to kill Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

- Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama visited with President Clinton this week over trade and Korean security.

Russia - Russian troops continue fighting against Chechen rebels, causing tension in Soviet hierarchy for not being able to contain the situation.

India - U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry was present for the signing of a military cooperation agreement with India. Some concern over India-Pakistan relations as they experiment with nuclear weapons prompted the visit.

Britain - A \$7.7 million painting, "Rest on the Flight into Egypt," was stolen from an aristocrat's house.

Israel - Israeli planes attacked a Palestinian guerrilla base near Beirut, killing three and wounding four while also forcing the Beirut International Airport to close temporarily.

China - After weeks of speculation Deng Xiaoping's daughter confirmed that the 90-year old leader is declining in health.

Mexico - Peace talks have resumed between the Mexican government and Mayan rebels in Chiapas.

Yemen - Saudi Arabia and Yemen have both built up troops and artillery along their borders, evidencing escalated tensions between the two neighboring nations.

QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

"The Vatican's place in the midst of the community of nations is to be the voice which the human conscience is waiting for."

-Pope John Paul II as he begins an 11-day tour of Asia and Australia.

Hazlett residents relocate

Student housing shuffles with increasing enrollment

Aron W. Kimmerly

College administrators, prior to the end of first semester, ruled that the fall residents of the college-owned Hazlett House be moved to alternate housing facilities in order to make the house available to a group of transfer students.

The five women residents of Hazlett House were informed on December 7th that they would be asked to leave the house. They were replaced by a group of male transfer students from The King's College, a Christian institution that was forced to close due to financial problems.

College Housing Coordinator Barbara Saufley said that while the college had anticipated the increase in the population of women students from the spring enrollment and had successfully been able to house them, the increased need for male housing required immediate attention.

"Initially I was asked to approach the women and ask them whether they would be willing to make a move into other housing," said Saufley.

The five women and Student Development worked together to find a viable housing situation that could be agreed upon.

She said the request was made with the agreement that the Student Development Office would aid them in finding a suitable housing alternative.

At first the women declined the proposition, saying that living in the house created a group spirit that would be lost from splitting the group up into other housing sites. Prior to the administrative decision, the women were told in a meeting

with Saufley that they were not being forced to move, but that such a decision by administrative officials might be possible.

On December 7th the women were informed of the decision handed down by the higher administrative officials which included President Chamberlain, Dean Danner, Tim Nichols, and Saufley.

Senior Kim Rohring, contact person for Hazlett House, said that at first the group was frustrated about the decision because they were given less than two weeks to find other housing, and there was no suitable housing site which could keep the group together.

Rohring said, "[The result of the decision] was the separation of friends that lived together a while and no longer would have that opportunity."

The five women and Student Development worked together to find a viable housing situation that could be agreed upon.

"When they rejected something we looked at something

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HC examines nudity in art

David Huth

On this campus, all art students are required to take a class which focuses on drawing the human figure.

Picture this: a woman is standing on a platform. Ten people are staring at her in intense concentration. She is not wearing any clothing, not a single stitch.

The reason everyone is staring at her is because they are drawing her body on large sheets of paper. They want to be artists, and that's why Houghton pays professional models to come to the art building, remove all of their clothing, and sit still for hours at a time. This Figure Drawing Class is foundational to an education in art.

Of course, the above scenario is fictitious, because Houghton does not offer its art students a figure drawing class with nude models. Some feel that this is the reason Houghton does not offer a complete education in the arts.

The current approach taken

Art faculty hopes to include figure drawing class in future

is anatomical, and after studying the human skeleton and musculature, they read a book which depicts people with no clothes on.

"This is a totally inadequate approach," says one art major. "A three-inch photograph of the body [in a book] is a mockery of the beauty and complexity of the real thing."

Another art major complains: "It's just because Houghton is a Christian college that I can't get the best art education available."

She went on to state that she feels there's an idea in the church that the nude human is somehow evil and reserved for exclusively for sex.

Sex was the central thought in the minds of students other than art majors when interviewed about the issue of figure drawing. Outside of the art department, most students do not consider the human body in anything other than sexual

terms. Even the two premed majors interviewed, who in the course of their careers will encounter unclothed patients, considered the idea of figure drawing classes as "unchristian."

Many faculty feel that a figure drawing class has no place at Houghton, but others disagree.

Another concern of art students is professional integrity. The art faculty point out that nude figure classes are a standard segment of art education in all reputable educational institutions. Graduate schools and employers expect students to have a familiarity with the human figure and ability to render the figure well. The art faculty wonders how they are supposed to teach this without the kind of figure study used throughout history.

It's been suggested that students study the figure from

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Senate Report:

Sonja Harshman

Two goals that the 1994-95 Student Senate wanted to attain were to pass a revised constitution and balance the budget. This first goal was accomplished last semester. As for the budget, President Toby Williams believes that ending the school year in the black is also achievable.

There are no new prevailing issues at hand since senators had their first meeting of the semester on Tuesday. The next meeting will be today in the Alumni Dining Room at 8:00 p.m.

The upcoming elections are taking up a lot of the cabinet members' time. Under the new constitution, there will be changes involving elections and new ground being broken.

Under the new constitution, 50 percent plus one of the voters must approve any changes or candidates before they can be instituted.

The cabinet titles of Treasurer and Executive Assistant have been changed to Commissioner of Finance and Commissioner of Communications. The Commissioner of Activities is a new cabinet title designed to alleviate some Vice-presidential duties.

President Toby Williams' focus is to see that the election goes smoothly under the revised constitution.

Names of the cabinet members and their office hours are listed outside the Student Senate Office in the campus center basement next to the mail room. Petitions for Senate positions for the 1995-96 school year are also available.

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else," said Saufley, "so they were never forced into a setting they didn't want to go into."

Danner said that as compensation the women would pay the same housing fee they were paying at Hazlett. Other compensation included gift certificates to the Old Library restau-

rant in appreciation for their cooperation.

Junior Wendy Hilton, one of the five women from Hazlett, expressed her attachment to the house. "I felt Hazlett was like a home and I didn't want to leave, but I understood that the King's guys needed a place to live."

Current Issue Weekend focuses on immigration

Sarah Kolz

College Republicans, The Houghton Star, WJSL, and Student Senate are sponsoring Current Issues Weekend, February 16-18. The topic concerns Proposition 187, a policy approved by California voters which restricts social services to illegal immigrants.

Dr. Paul Marshall, who has previously spoken at Houghton, will present the issues surrounding Proposition 187. Dr. Marshall is a senior member in political theory at the Institute for Christian Studies and specialized in the issues of Christianity and politics, and human rights.

Current Issues Weekend events begin Thursday evening, February 16 at 7:00 with a lecture by Dr. Marshall, followed

by a reception.

On Friday, professors are encouraged to hold classroom discussions about Proposition 187 and its surrounding issues. During Friday's chapel service, Dr. Marshall will discuss immigration and the Christian world view.

The weekend will end with a trip to the Buffalo City Mission on Saturday to give interested students the opportunity to experience working with homeless persons.

The purpose of Current Issues Weekend is to educate Houghton students about Proposition 187 and how it and other immigration issues affect our society and Christianity. Students are encouraged to increase their awareness and think critically about immigration and similar current issues.

Aron W. Kimmerly

A petition was sent to administrative officials by a group of students on December 9th protesting the decision to remove five women residents from Hazlett House.

Totalling over 300 signatures comprised mostly of students and a few faculty and staff from the Houghton Community, the cover letter criticized the administrative decision that would replace the women residents of Hazlett House with transfer students from King's College, calling it unfair.

The letter argued that the women of Hazlett had "earned the seniority and the right to live off campus," while the

incoming students from King's had not.

The petition was not initiated by the women residents of Hazlett House. Cory Seaman, a resident of the neighboring Leonard Houghton Townhouse, is a spokesperson for the students who drafted the petition.

"[It was] to remind everyone that the focus of the administration should always be on the interests of present students," said Seaman. "When inconveniences like this occur, it's an indication that perhaps our priorities aren't straight."

Dean of Students Robert Danner, among other administrators, received a copy of the petition. In a letter of reply dated December 12th, Danner stated that the petition "does not

reflect the attitude my staff saw in the women who live in Hazlett House when the decision and its rationale was explained to them."

Senior Kim Rohring, spokeswoman for the Hazlett women said the petition did accurately represent the group's position.

The letter expressed Danner's concern that the petition carried a tone framed in an individual rights context which was described as counterproductive to Christian servanthood. He also expressed concern with the "juxtaposing of Houghton and The King's College students in a situation like this."

Currently residing in Hazlett House are nine male sophomore, juniors and seniors who transferred from the recently closed King's College.

CLEW speaker reminds us to be like Jesus

Victoria Silveri

Christian Life Emphasis Week has ended; Bart Tarman has gone home; the weekly schedule will resume as usual. But the message pastor Tarman shared with us in six evening and chapel services during last four days will remain in our hearts and minds.

Tarman, his wife Linda and their three children live in Carpinteria, California where he has served as the chaplain for Westmont College since 1986. He also provides counseling in the Westmont community. Previously, he worked on the staff of Young Life and as the associate pastor at a Presbyterian church in Montecito.

As Houghton students reflect on what Tarman said dur-

ing the six chapel and evening services, they may wonder what message he intended to leave with the Houghton community.

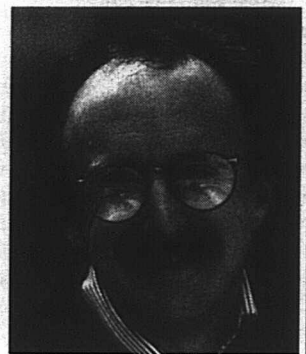
During an interview, he quoted Dallas Willard, "We should live our lives the way Jesus would live our lives if Jesus had our lives to live."

Tarman said people need to understand Jesus' character to know how he would live our lives. Then people should live accordingly.

"It's not hard to live like Jesus did, not really," Tarman said.

He said it is not doctrine, evangelism, or prayer groups that are of highest importance. It is loving well which makes a difference, which is how Jesus loved.

Tarman said, "If we can learn to have a balance between orthodox teaching--learning about



doctrine--and orthoprax living--putting that doctrine into practice--we can learn how to think well so we can love well."

He calls this "dynamic living." Even someone who thinks they are plain, can do it according to Tarman. Jesus was one of the most simplest men who ever lived.

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In memory of Amy 'Aqua' Bliss



On Monday, December 19th we lost a special member of the student body. Amy

Bliss, known as "Aqua" by her friends, passed away suddenly due to a heart attack.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, January 10th, in the chapel where friends and family gathered to honor her memory for the joy she contributed to their lives. The Salvation Army Fellowship led special music at Amy's service in honor of the dedication that she showed as a member of the fellowship.

She attended Bible studies, sang in their musical group, and was planning to be a soloist on an upcoming Salvation Army

mission trip.

Amy was an elementary education major with a concentration in mathematics. She was a faithful part of the junior class prayer meetings.

Her friends say that she had a wonderful gift of harmonizing and they would literally argue over who would sit next to her in chapel or at celebration services.

Richard Staine remembers Amy to have been a very "giving person". He said that she always had time to help her friends. She smiled, laughed at stupid jokes, and was a joyful person.

Correction

There are several inconsistencies in past issue numbering of the Houghton STAR. Issues published in the fall 1994 semester were numbered 87.B to distinguish them. This has confused the system even more, therefore the current issue has been numbered 89.0 to restore the numbering system.



-Figure drawing class, from pg. 1

models in bathing suits. In a statement on this issue written by art department chair, Scot Bennett, he states that as soon as a bathing suit is put on a model, sexual provocation becomes an issue.

Campus pastor Al Gurley agrees. He can see both sides of the debate, but notes that bathing suits would be a bad solution. As a counselor and pastor, Al Gurley is aware that the essence of sexual provocation and fantasizing (a frequent reason cited by those opposed to nude figure drawing) is in showing almost-but-not-quite the parts of the body considered sexual. "It's what you don't show--not what you show--that causes people to 'stumble'."

Meanwhile, Houghton art students continue to graduate and apply for jobs or grad school without a comprehensive course of study of the human figure.

When Houghton College hired the present art faculty and full-time staff artist, strong consideration was given to how well they understood and could render the human figure. In each of their portfolios is a series of art works which demonstrates the human nude.

Although Scot Bennett has written a paper outlining the faculty's position, such a nude figure class is not officially proposed at this time. Bennett



from Drawing I text, "How to Draw the Human Figure"

hopes that a relationship of understanding and trust between the art department and the rest of the college will allow for the inclusion of figure classes, possibly off-campus, in the near future.

'95 Senate cabinet members to be elected January 31

General elections for six 1995-96 Student Senate cabinet positions will be held on Tuesday, January 31.

The officers being elected are: President, Vice-President, Chaplain, Commissioner of finance, Commissioner of Activities, and Commissioner of Communications.

Candidates will speak in

Chapel on Monday, January 30. Platforms will be published in the next issue of the STAR.

Students who would like to run for positions in the Student Senate Cabinet can pick up petitions in the senate office in the basement of the campus Center. They are due January 20.

Senate and class elections will be held on February 23.

Nyack College excels in diversity

Christian College Coalition

At Nyack College, diversity is not just a goal - it's a reality. The percentage of students of color there has risen from 25% in 1989-90 to 43% in 1994-95, the highest percentage of any member institution.

Admissions director Miguel Sanchez attributes the college's unique makeup to several factors. He says that his hiring in 1990 was a significant decision, as he is Puerto Rican.

Second, various organizations of students of color were given key roles in chapel planning and scheduling of multicultural events on the col-

lege calendar.

"It took a growing sensitivity on everyone's part to work together, but it opened the door for students to do something major and to grow in it," said Sanchez.

Third, President David Schroeder appointed an advisory panel on cultural enrichment in 1993 to focus on chapel planning, training in cultural awareness and the recruitment of faculty, staff

and students of color.

Finally, Sanchez sees diversity at Nyack as a "grass-roots" movement. For example, various groups of students of color have taken the initiative to visit churches to recruit other students of color.

"The real champions of diversity here are the students," says Sanchez. "There's just no taking it away from them."

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Phonathon to raise one quarter-million dollars for scholarships

Caren Lavor

This year marks Houghton College's fifteenth annual Phonathon which will take place between February 6 and 23 in Fancher Hall. The goal for this year is to raise \$250,000 of which 100% of the proceeds benefit the need based Phonathon Scholarship.

Students and faculty will be calling alumni and friends of the college asking for pledges and updated information.

Many groups on campus have designated times to place calls. If 450 calls are completed by an organization in one night, that organization will receive \$250 from a separate phonathon account.

"The purpose of the Phonathon is not only to secure pledges, it's also to get in touch with Alumni and friends to see how they've been doing," said phonathon director Diane Galloway.

Volunteers relay messages for students and faculty on campus in addition to sharing prayer requests. Sometimes alumni and friends ask for prayer requests and concerns of the volunteers.

Each night prizes are awarded to phoning volunteers



STAR file photo

Students from the class of '95 call alumni and friends of Houghton College hoping to secure donations during the 1993 phonathon.

based on how many calls are completed and how much money has been pledged.

In the past, top callers have received answering machines and gift certificates for fine restaurants. Last year, the class of 1997 won honors for the most

calls. Every volunteer receives free food, a thank you gift, and a free 10 minute long distance phone call.

Galloway said the overall key to the Houghton College Phonathon is "Houghton people calling Houghton people."

Journalism Seminar

The basics of reporting and news writing

This seminar is a requirement for every Star

reporter who has not taken journalism class.

Everyone is welcome to attend whether you plan to write for the Star or not.

Come listen to journalism jester by Dr. Wing

on Thursday, January 26 From 3:30 -5:00p.m. in

the Academic Building, room 415. Call x210 or

write to box 378 to RSVP or for information.

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Elizabeth Jenner

Jesus, I am wrong. Corruptible, weak, and just plain bad.

I do evil things sometimes; hurtful, imperfect acts from the wretched, foul pit of my humanity. Beyond my trying and trying, beneath my iron-willed self control, I have an undisciplined spirit like an unbridled colt. I want so desperately to stay away from the sticky, tangly web of sin, but Jesus, my insides have again become filthy.

You picked me out of my own blood where I was thrashing around, and you said to me, "Live!" You proceeded to clean and wash every part of me, and you were intimate with me, just like that passage in.... well, I think it's Ezekiel.

I stepped into it, willingly. It grabbed my arms and legs and held me there.

I embraced it back, thoroughly, but it started to strangle the life out of me.

S equals W, I equals E, N equals B. Sin equals web and the desire to sin is gone. But only because I quenched that

desire by sinning.

It's over with, done, I won't do that anymore! But web residue clings to me like Reynold's Wrap. I can't brush it off! Everybody can see it, can't they? I've been so wrong, I won't LET you forgive me. As I stepped into the web I wasn't even sorry. Jesus, I am wrong. Corruptible, weak, and just plain bad.

You forgive me anyway. You tell me that yes, I am weak, but that you are strong; stronger than my unforgiving heart, and you will help me in forgiving myself. I manage to mumble out a thank you with a discouraged tone, and you peel leftover web off my eyes. When I look full into your face my spirit rises, even though I totally know you are wanting to put a bit in my mouth. I, dirty, abused by the sin I embraced, wild, and ugly, crawl into your lap. Only when my own will is broken can you bridle me. Though I am not quite ready yet, you hold me lovingly, knowing you won't have to force my mouth open. Without prompting I will open it wide to you, the way I do to



my dentist.

mAYBE yOu ThiNK You Can't BE forgiven/ OR, Maybe you'RE the One PERSON in this EnTire plaCe who can't seem tO gEt The cHristiAn Walk- ThiNg ToGEthEr/ But JESUS/ he Came beCause There's No way you CAN get iT TOGEthEr/ it's iMpossible, PRAISE GOD/ Jesus WANTS to free you from the Web/ He's REAL/ HE'S NOT A PIE IN THE SKY GOD/ and He so badly, badly deSires to puT That bRIdLE ON You and STEER yOu in The Most WOnDERFUL Direction.

I'm nOT AFraID AnYMORE/ I know FoRgiVenEss/ I know HIS GEntLENESS and the BeauTiFul Way he cleANS me out.

Oh Person! God Knows YoUr Name! He knows how Weak you rEALLy ArE/ And How bRoken/ dEsperaTE/ Needy/ He sees your Heart/ you've heard the Rest- it's all In your head; noW AccepT it For real iN thAT HEArT of YOURS. FoRgiVeness.

Blind Archer

M. James Essery

Being at Houghton, far from everywhere that's not farmland, where it rains or snows most of the time, there may be a tendency to feel isolated and lonely. Especially in winter when exams, labs and papers build up and the temperature is -24 degrees Fahrenheit with the windchill, a trapped feeling seems to be quite rampant. This feeling is normal, so do not be alarmed when it strikes, but be aware. There are rumors of those who have despaired and not made it through the winter semester (why call it the spring semester when we know the truth?) so for your benefit I have compiled a list of things not to do when the isolated feelings strike.

1. **Do not go to the library.** While this building may be a source of unlimited knowledge and use to your papers (though you might be disappointed), it is quiet and does not alleviate feelings of isolationism.

2. **Do not sit inside and think about sledding, skating, skiing, snowball fights, and snow-castle building.** Sitting does nothing for your cardiovascular system and thinking leads to depression. When the thoughts hit you, humor them. Go outside and pelt someone you don't know with a large slushball. This will hopefully be returned and a new relationship will bloom.

3. **Do not study.** Well, if you must study, do not study alone. Usually company alleviates feelings of isolationism and even in the unbearable cold and drudgery a spark of creativity may ignite and you can find some exciting excuse to take a break from studying.

4. **Do not bury yourself in the quad.** This reaction to isolationism is fairly serious. Burying oneself in a hole is too much work for the reward. Usually in mid February and March the ground is much too solid to dig any type of functional hole. Snow and ice also leads to hypothermia and freezing to death. It might be better to work out at the gym or eat some greasy pizza.

5. **Do not join a monastery, convent, or lock yourself in your room.** These actions are a result of highly developed but not terminal isolationism. There is still hope for those of you considering these last options. Go to chapel where it is warm and if you happen to not fall asleep you may find that praise and worship music and the organ postludes have more pep than Gregorian Chants.

Open Microphone

Dr. George Wells

From a one horse (one-person) program to the present thirteen-person team of leaders, change has brought the physical education and athletic programs of Houghton College to their present level. Dependence on the Lord was a prerequisite. A basic assumption was that status quo was not for Houghton in its programming. An aggressive approach was imperative though there have been "stone walls" to be broken down.

Baseball and basketball were the main features of the nationally respected intramural program that had its origin in World War I days. Enthusiasm ran high; so much so that the extremely stable World War I German-vintage gym balcony packed with supporters seemed to sway with enthusiasm brought about by the heated competition.

Upon entry at Houghton, students were assigned to Purple or Gold, which determined the intramural teams on which they would participate. Certified officials and umpires were employed for major contests.

To play field hockey without protective equipment meant broken ankles along with other injuries. Thus the introduction of protective equipment in order for the program to be more attractive. Clinics were conducted by outstanding field hockey personnel to raise the level of play. Enthusiasm for the sport grew.

Flag football was not fully satisfying to men who had played tackle football in high school. With the help of a sports supplier in Buffalo, equipment was acquired, and with standards approved by the trustees of the College, a tackle team was added to the intramural program in the early sixties with both professional coaching and officiating.

Fine ball players joined together to compete with groups outside of the College. The Houghton Indians, a local basketball team, fared well in the area town team league. Even intercollegiate competition took place prior to receiving the necessary sanction of the College and the Wesleyan denomination. Because rules were broken to do so, discipline was meted out. However, the conviction continued that for a well-developed physical education and athletic program to reach its epitome, there had to be an intercollegiate program.

The need was presented to the denominational governing board which led to the presentation of a program that would be appropriate for Wesleyan colleges. Approval required expeditious approaches to the faculty and Board of trustees.

Though committed to a full summer's schedule of travel, the Athletic Director was able to schedule an intercollegiate soccer program in the Fall of 1967, a men's basketball program for that winter, and a baseball program in the Spring of 1968. Over a period of four years,

modest schedules were developed into the current full-blown athletic schedule.

Because of budget limitations, uniforms from the Purple-Gold intramural program were used for several years. The baseball team, with its occasional trip to Florida, was one of the first collegiate teams to sport the colored pin-striped (purple) uniforms similar to those being used in the major leagues.

Indirectly, the faculty dealt what was to become a fatal blow to baseball in 1972, when they changed the winter term to Mayterm, thus advancing graduation from early June to early May.

By shortening the season four weeks, it became impossible to be competitive, particularly in sight of the NAIA schedule which took play-offs into June. The program struggled until 1986 when the ball flew over the 235' left field fence for the last time.

Other sports have come and gone, among them were golf and tennis. Coaches have come and gone. Athletic directors have come and gone. But God is still at work in both the advancement of the programs and the increasing manifestation of Himself among those involved in the Houghton sports programs.

"Coach" George Wells was a Houghton College athletic Director and instructor from 1947-89. He was the "one horse" who later helped develop the Houghton intercollegiate.

editorial

Shut up and Dance

Michael Evans, editor

An eight by eleven inch printed black sign with four yellow words hangs on the wall of the STAR office as a reminder of one of many recent student attempts to yank Houghton students out of their easy chairs.

Two years ago, student leaders posted these signs around campus hoping students would "SHUT UP AND DANCE."

"For over three years I have heard talk about whether or not dancing should be allowed at Houghton," wrote the vice-president in a letter to the editor. "To be perfectly frank, I am tired of it."

The poster called on students to think about what part of their anatomy they should or could move: the lips or the hips.

But the effort failed. And still, after more than a century of Houghton history, students complain about the rules, "the pledge," but we do little. Discourse rarely translates to action.

Almost every campus conversation about dancing leads to an exposition on the Wesleyans, closed-mindedness, or the reason students should be allowed to dance. Often pledge-signers argue to defend their personal right to do something which others might deem "pledge-breaking."

Rarely do Pledge-scoffers offer workable solutions short of radically reversing the rule or open rebellion.

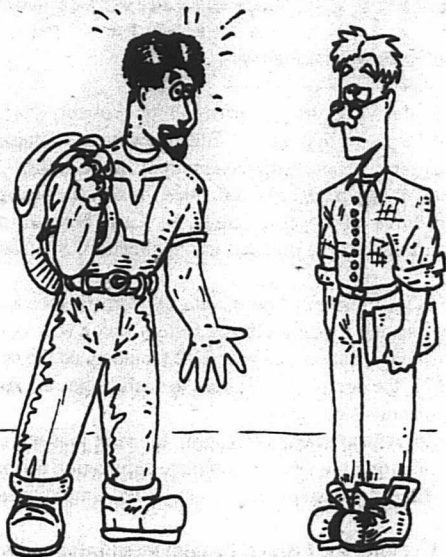
Talking may be an important prerequisite to effective action, but is little more than air heated to body temperature and blown past a wagging tongue--unless something happens.

It is the student's personal choice whether to dance, or drink alcohol, or swear, or break any rule in "The Pledge." Those who frequent the we-should-be-allowed-to-dance conversations should by all means, "shut up and dance."

Each of us should act on our convictions. We should run hot or cold and avoid spitting out lukewarm complaints.

Doodle-Park

Adam Owen



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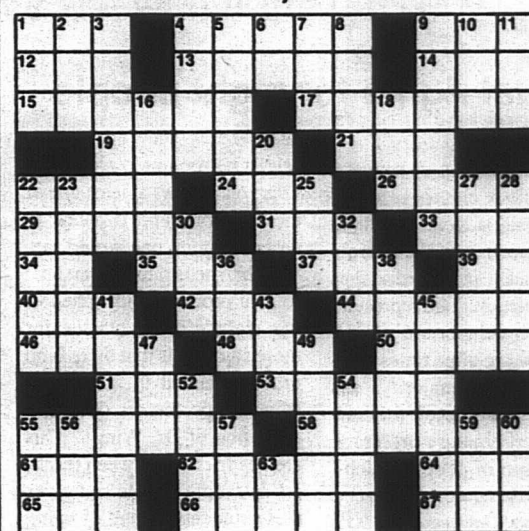
"Man it's great to be back, I'm even glad to drink the Houghton water again."

Alan Armes and Joel Bennett



As he places the star atop it, Ron accidentally kills his Christmas flea

Crossword Companion



ACROSS

1. Baglike structure
4. Attacking to capture
9. Period of time
12. Frozen water
13. Alphabetical listing
14. Kettle top
15. Indication of
17. Harangue
19. Strict
21. Water faucet
22. Sulk
24. Small child
26. Czar (var.)
29. Vert. face of stair
31. Car fluid
33. Female sheep
34. Midwest state (abbr.)
35. Male sheep
37. Hot drink
39. Southern state (abbr.)
40. Males
42. Girl (informal)
44. Greek marketplace
46. Great Lake

DOWN

1. Sidney (abbr.)
2. Hole in one
3. Poll
4. Place
5. Inactive
6. Man's nickname
7. Obtain
8. Withdrawal
9. Expire
10. Abolish
11. Summer drink

16. Fur mammal
18. Rodent
20. Egg
22. Best
23. Lubricator
25. Make lace
27. Conscious
28. Rest
30. Old cloth
32. Ocean
36. Atlas
38. Christian love
41. Agile
43. Meadow
45. Choice
47. Snake-like fish
49. Sun-dried brick
52. Sparta queen
54. Poker stake
55. Girls Org. (abbr.)
56. Grain
57. Clothe
59. Lair
60. Be (2nd pers. sing.)
63. Old Testament city

Answer to puzzle in next issue!

This End Up

David Huth





Editor's Mail Bag

Equal rights for night people

Dear Editor:

The discriminatory nature of eight o'clock classes is a concern of many students, and those who are not aware of this problem should be informed so they can take action. I am representing the small portion of students who are often times overlooked by the majority, and never missed or let off the hook by a discriminatory professor. The faction of people which I am describing are of all races, beliefs, backgrounds, and IQ's and yet they all have one thing in common: they are the night owls.

The night owls are not necessarily party animals or procrastinators in their studies; they are people who have to stay up

late because they cannot fall asleep before one o'clock am. Everyone knows at least one of these people, and if asked to describe them, one would say, "Oh, he/she is a night person."

The problem with scheduling eight o'clock classes for these students is that there is no grace extended to the "N.P." from the professors (with the exception of Dr. Wing). This creates friction between teachers and night people and gives these students a label of being "late to everything."

The fact is that these night people can be just as "on the ball," as a morning person, if it is after 9:00 am. The problem is that they are stuck with a label after their first semester of at-

tendance, and being in a small school with recurring professors, the label, unfortunately, sticks with the "N.P." until graduation day.

My request is that these people be recognized for who they really are. I ask that people would understand that morning people and late night people are different, realizing that one is not better than the other. My last request is that the professors of Houghton College give them a chance to prove that they can be a viable and productive asset to the world around them without labeling them as lazy and apathetic.

Thank you.

Aron Cole ("N.P.")

A history lesson on nudity in art

Dear Editor,

Perhaps there is more than one point of view regarding the public display of art involving nudity here on campus. I am referring to Jennifer Watson's column in The STAR, Nov. 3, 1994. I would like to offer some historical and theological notes which should be considered before forming (and publicizing) one's opinion.

No one can doubt that the human body is a wonderful creation of God, and a work of amazing complexity. Nor can it be doubted that God originally created humans "good" — and naked. But is the opinion of scripture of any importance to us on this subject, or only a snatching at proof-texts? For the thing that im-

presses one who takes time to consider it, is that throughout scripture nakedness is a negative symbol. Nakedness is associated almost universally with shame: in particular, shame due to immoral conduct, judicial punishment, loss of status, or as a victim of crime or of poverty. Captives of war and victims of robbers are stripped naked (Isa. 20:2-4, an enacted prophecy; Ez. 16:39); the poorest of the poor are naked (Ez. 18:16; Mt. 25:36, 43; Jas. 2:15) — and ought to receive clothing from the righteous. To be made naked publicly is viewed as a horribly shameful thing. In a "shame-honor" culture such as that of ancient Israel, to be publicly shamed is the worst thing that can happen to an individual short of disease and death (and sometimes even those are preferable). The exception, Adam and Eve, only proves the rule. For their realization of "nakedness" and the overpowering shame it brings comes only af-

ter the fall, and the reader recognizes that he or she too stand this side of the fall. We cannot go back to that innocence by stripping off clothing.

This attitude to nakedness continued in the second-temple period (after the exile and rebuilding of the temple) and beyond. Public nudity was associated with Hellenistic cultural institutions (such as the gymnasium) and offended more orthodox Jews — the very group who rebelled against their Greek

part of the shame he suffers on our behalf.

It is only when in the West a rebirth of interest in the literature and art of the classical world occurs that we have the ideal of the nude figure (apart from any concern with the depiction of Biblical history) reborn. Renaissance sculptors and painters are obviously influenced by the skill and the style of the ancient world, sometimes taking their themes from that world and its mythology (e.g., Titan's *Bacchanal*; and even Michelangelo's *David* clearly echoes Hellenistic sculpture). However, the values of that ancient world were often in serious conflict with those of the early Christians.

It is at least worth asking the question

whether the importance attached to the nude figure in art, and the public display of such nudes, is really consonant with a Christian value-system, or whether it is the survival of a pagan theme that ought to have been done away with. There is impressive historical and theological precedent for the opinion that the public display of nudity is a shameful thing. And this position is not to be equated with being opposed to art; nor can it simply be equated with being Victorian. It is for art, and for human dignity.

There are also other questions which have not been raised, such as the role of Christian witness, and consideration for the way art impacts the many who struggle with sin — especially living in a society such as ours which practically worships sex, and bombards us constantly with erotic images in every media form.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Terence Paige

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masters to found an independent Jewish state. Indeed, the ideal of the nude in art seems to be a Greco-Roman idea rather than a Jewish one (and even the Greeks originally did not care to portray their women nude). Nudity of every sort, and displays of every kind of lewdness, can be found in Greek statuary and vase-paintings, and in the Roman visual art which was so profoundly influenced by the Greeks.

The earliest Christian writings on the subject criticize the immoral displays in Greek art, and reject the standards of the pagan society around them. Early Christian art does not show any interest in the picturing of nudes, with the occasional exception where a scene of Biblical history is involved (crucifixion; Adam & Eve), and even then the genitalia are usually not depicted (as on the sarcophagus of Junius Bassus, mid-fourth century). In fact, Christ's lack of clothes on the cross is

Consider a government job

U.S. Office of Personnel Management

People who have applied for a federal job probably swore they would never do that again. But times have changed. Through advances in automation technology, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management has overhauled the way the federal government hires employees. James B. King, Director of OPM, also threw out the dreaded job application, Standard Form 171.

In 1993, Vice President Gore's National Performance Review recommended creating a hiring system which was more applicant-friendly. Earlier this year, OPM announced the end of the SF 171, the complex form that, in various guises, had plagued applicants since 1938.

Now, employment seekers can apply for most jobs with a resume, eliminating the need to complete application forms. There are three basic steps of the simplified employment process.

Step 1: Get onto the Federal Employment Information Highway.

This system allows the public to go to one place for information about virtually all job opportunities in the federal government. Utilizing advanced information technology, OPM created the Employment Information Highway that distributes up-to-date job vacancy information across the country. The elements of this system are:

Career America Connection, a telephone-based, automated system provides instant access to information on current job vacancies, student employment programs, and other employment topics. CAC can be reached at (912)757-3000 seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

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At any given time, there are over 3,000 federal vacancy listings publicized on the Employment Information Highway. Over half of these opportunities are open to the public at large. Opportunities, ranging in responsibility from entry level to senior executive, are available to all. Many special outreach programs exist for minorities, students, the disabled, and veterans. The federal government is leading the way as an Equal Opportunity Employer, and all selections are based on individual merit.

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In some cases applying for a federal job is as simple as making a telephone call. Hundreds of Professional Nurse and Border Patrol Agent positions have been filled in this way. Although OPM's Telephone Application Processing System is currently limited to a few occupations, this highly successful and easily accessible application process will be expanded to include a greater number of jobs in the near future. For some jobs, applicants are asked to complete a questionnaire that can be read by a computer. These forms generally take much less time to complete than a written application, and can be processed much more quickly and accurately. For other jobs, applicants may apply by submitting a resume or the Optional Application Form for Federal Employment. This form may be obtained from any of the nationwide OPM Federal Employment Information Centers (check the U.S. Government listings in your area) or by calling the Career America Connection on (912)757-3000.

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on hold

Kathie Brenneman, advisor

I think that working at the Info Center is one of the best jobs on campus. Where else can a person get paid to have fun and talk on the phone?

This year, sixteen students and I keep the Info Center opened from 7 am to midnight weekdays and till 2 am on Friday, and 1 am Saturday. This is the fourth year the Info Center has been in existence. Before the Info Center was in the Campus Center, I worked at East Hall Desk.

Besides meeting a lot of great students, we get some chuckles from the amusing phone calls we occasionally receive.

Here is a sampling of questions:

*☆→O calling to ask about the college's artistic ability.

*Am I speaking with the president of the college?

*I'm calling about tonight's Magical Dinner. (Madrigal)

*Do you have a course in surgery?

*What kind of kids can swim on Saturday?

*Could you connect me to customer service?

*Could I speak to the Dean of Spirituality?

*I know this is going to sound strange, but what side is your appendix on?

*I think this is the wrong number, this isn't the Perfect Body Corporation, is it?

*Could you tell me when hunting season is over?

*May I speak to the Phys. Ed. Building please?

*Could I speak to someone in the swimming pool?

*Could I have the phone number for Ben Dover? (Bend over)

*I'd like to see about scheduling that music group you have, Heirloom? (Heirborne)

*How long to you broil shrimp?

*Could I please discover your fax number?

*I need dates for Homecoming '94.

*Who do I talk to if I want to be a missionary?

*A couple walked in to the Info Center and announced, "We're here to visit a student. He lives at CPO 338."

*Have you seen Hans the horse anywhere? Could you look in the barn and see if he's there?"

*"I'm Sally's Aunt, Lillian Kennedy. Could you call her to the phone?" "Is her last name Kennedy?" "Why no, it's Jordan."

*"Could I speak to Lori?" "Lori who?" "Umm, I don't know for sure, but she has blond hair."

*"I'm looking for Ellen Hamburger." "We don't have anyone named Ellen Hamburger listed." "Oh, wait a minute, It's Ellen MacDonald."

*I'm calling from Boston and I'm looking at a map. Where is Houghton anyway?

Big Al's Nutrition Notes



"Big" Al Rehn

Cold weather can put a chill into your fitness routine. By expanding your definition of exercise, you can burn calories and have fun. If you make exercise a part of your life, you're more likely to stick to it.

Here's how much fun you need to have to burn 300 calories:

Skiing 30 minutes

Ice Skating 45 minutes

Bowling 1 hour, 15 minutes

Ping Pong 1 hour, 20 minutes

And the best of all: "Shopping" 2 hours, 10 minutes

Why should you exercise?

1. Increase lung and heart efficiency. Just 20 minutes, three times a week of regular exercise.

2. Lower blood pressure.

3. Efficient weight loss, regular exercise helps maintain optimal body weight and composition.

4. Stronger bones.

5. Restful sleep.

6. Healthy skin. Exercise increases the blood flow to the skin and keeps it healthy.

7. Longer life!! Studies have shown you can expect to gain 2.6 hours of life for each hour you exercise.

8. A better mind. Exercise keeps you mentally sharp allowing you to work more efficiently.

9. A better self-image and reduced anxiety.

"Pizza pickers pick pepperoni"

Pepperoni has been reported to be the number one pizza topping. Americans eat some 300 million pounds on their pizzas each year. Easier "fits" for healthful diet are vegetable toppings, also, less amounts of cheeses.

Ice rink hopeful despite weather Ian Beam initiates wet winter playground

Paul DeHart

The idea of an ice rink in the middle of the quad originated with sophomore Ian Beam last December. He expressed his idea to Professor Bates and discussed the funding for the rink with Dean Danner.

The second annual ice rink will open when it becomes skatable, and remain open until spring.

"This whole thing was done for the student's enjoyment of cold weather and the blast of being able to enjoy God's phenomena of Ice," said Beam, a Political Science and Outdoor Recreation major. "The weather isn't working out too well, but that's life."

The rink has been set up by the maintenance department

both of the years. It was funded by the maintenance department, but this year funding is sponsored by CAB and the East Hall Dorm Council.

The total cost is approximately \$300 compared to the \$2,500 it would cost to contract the job outside of the college.

The cost of a permanent rink would be \$5,500.

Dr. Ken Boon, chair of the Biology department and Houghton firefighter, provided the water necessary for the rink. Some Houghton Academy students were recruited for filling up perimeter sand bags.

The rink would be ready for use if it were not for the jet

stream being in closer proximity to Houghton than it typically is this time of year, resulting in warmer temperature.

There are some leaks in the rink, but the construction is holding up. The weather will turn cold rather quickly and February is expected to be frigid. The rink should be usable in the near future.

The rink will be available for activities other than skating. CAB is likely sponsor some activities. Skating lessons are also tentatively scheduled. Minimal contact hockey games are scheduled for Winter Weekend class competitions.

"This whole thing was done for the student's enjoyment"

Depression is treatable

Dr. Lastoria explains the misunderstood illness

Dr. Michael Lastoria

"But everything is going OK...why am I so sad, tired, and totally wiped out?"

"I must be doing something wrong. Why can't I get on top of this?"

"I need to turn this over to the Lord. That's my problem...I'm just not close enough to God."

Clinical depression is a medical illness, not a weakness. Each year more than 17 million people nationwide suffer from this illness, which is as common as it is misunderstood.

One-fourth of all women and one-eighth of all men will suffer at least one episode of depression during their lifetimes. Every year about 3 to 5 per cent of adolescents and young adults experience clinical depression. Houghton's campus is no different; about 50 students within the year will struggle with some form of clinical depression.

Clinical depression differs greatly among people, both in its severity and how long it lasts. Some people suffer only one episode of clinical depression during their lifetime, while others experience recurring episodes. Also, people suffer from different types of depression.

Major depression (unipolar) is identified by sad and hopeless feelings; slowed behavior; changes in weight or appetite and sleeping patterns; loss of interest in friends and activities; and at times thoughts of death and suicide.

Manic depression (bipolar) is characterized by alternating cycles of depression and/or manic elation. Popular thought describes these cycles of shifting mood as quite demonstrable. In reality the shifting may happen over a period of months making diagnosis difficult.

Dysthymia is analogous to a low grade infection. It is a less

severe form of major depression that keeps people from "feeling good" or enjoying life. People with this illness "go through the motions" of daily life, often with little pleasure and enthusiasm, for years.

Seasonal Affective Disorder is depression that relates to the season of the year and to the brightness and duration of daylight. Some researchers have linked inadequate exposure to sunlight to depressed moods, which can be successfully treated with artificial light therapy and/or medication. Is there any relation between this finding and the overall foul mood of the campus around mid March?

The difference between a temporary case of "the blues" and clinical depression is one of intensity coupled with duration. Everyone has periods of sadness associated with unhappy events in life such as a relationship breakup or the death of a loved one. Sadness and grief are perfectly normal and temporary reactions. Clinically depressed individuals, on the other hand, may not feel better for weeks, months, or even years.

Perhaps the best news is that, when diagnosed properly, clinical

depression is a highly treatable illness. Up to 80% of people with clinical depression improve through the help of medication and some form of "talk therapy". The not so good news is that students often see depression as a weakness or spiritual defect. This stigma keeps them from getting the proper attention that they need in order to improve. Also, some students have negative reactions just to the thought of taking medication.

Clinical depression is a biochemical disorder and antidepressants can alter the chemical imbalance and may restore one's functioning. Depression may lift after a time through one of the talk therapies alone, but the most efficient treatment combines medication with counseling.

If you believe that you might be suffering from clinical depression, or if you want more information, call Wendy Wood in the Counseling Center.



Art by Dave Hult

Men post 8-8 Mark on the Year

Bobby Price, sports editor

The Houghton men's basketball team, after dropping two back to back home games last weekend, slipped to 8-8 on a season in which the Highlanders have frequently been up and down. Although the team has already won twice as many games as all of last year, first year coach, Greg Berry, feels his troops are much better than a .500 record.

December 7th, the team travelled to Alfred and defeated the Saxons in OT, 93-91. Jason Weyforth led the way for the Highlanders with 30 points. Senior forward, Andrew Gustafson poured in 21 points while Andrew Smith helped the cause with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

That following Saturday, the team continued in its' winning ways by defeating St. Vincent, 80-72. Once again, Weyforth led in scoring with 27 big ones. Backcourt mate Brandon McCartney added 15. Gustafson scored 13 while sophomore Bill Price hit three clutch 3-pointers in the final minutes to help seal the victory.

After a weeks layoff for finals, the team hit the road for the Warner Southern Classic in Lake Wales, Florida. The High-

landers went 1-2 in the sunshine state, losing to High Point College and Cincinnati Bible College, a team the men had previously beaten by 41 points. On the final day the guys put it back together to beat St. Thomas College, 90-82. Gustafson felt the power, going for 33 points and 14 rebounds. Weyforth added 19 points while big man, Jud Odell, added 14 points and hauled down 14 boards.

The Highlanders returned to

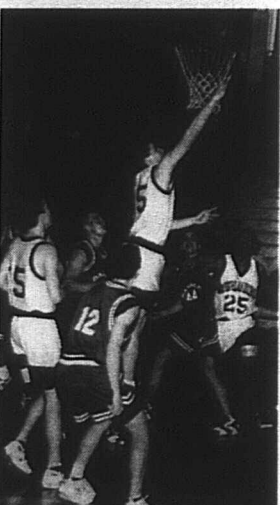


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Sophomore forward, Bill Price, powers his way for two at home game vs. Daemen

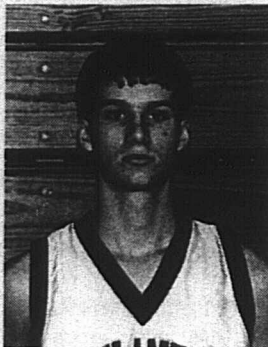
the cold north to take on rival Pitt-Brad on January 11th. Through a total team effort, the men were able to win another big game on the road, 92-83. As a team, the men shot 53% from the floor and an amazing 54% from beyond the 3-point arc. Weyforth continued to amaze, scoring 24 points, while McCartney found the rim friendly, dropping in 22 of his own. Gustafson zoned in for 16 points while Odell poured in 14.

Last Friday, the men took on a tough Baptist Bible College squad at home and made them look a great deal tougher than they were. In their worst performance all season, the Highlanders were waxed off the court, 109-66.

The bad luck continued that next night, as the men succumbed the lead in the final minutes of the game to lose to a good Elmira College team, 81-76. Gustafson led the way with 17 points. Weyforth added 15 while Price and McCartney poured in 12 apiece.

"Although we haven't won as many games as we'd like, we seem to be getting to where we want to be as a team," said senior guard, McCartney.

MEET THE HIGHLANDERS



Stephen David Zielinski

Age: 20

Year: Junior

Hometown: McKean, PA

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 150

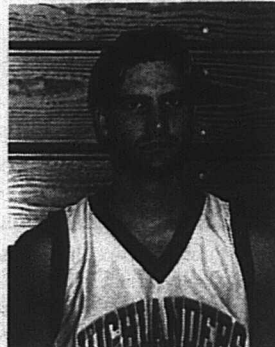
Position: Guard

Major: Physical Education

Scouting Report: Often called upon to guard the opposing teams' top scorer, Steven has made a name for himself on defense. With two years experience at the varsity level, Steve will be asked to help carry the load this season for the Highlanders. Sound fundamentally and likes to run the floor. Good passer and possesses genuine basketball smarts.

Future Goals: Graduate and coach basketball.

Outlook on Season: Very optimistic. "If everyone on the team gives 100% we can be a very good team this season. We have to work hard every day."



Judson David Odell

Age: 20

Year: Junior

Hometown: Seneca Falls, NY

Height: 6'8"

Weight: 225

Position: Center

Major: Psychology

Scouting Report: Judson gives size, experience, and natural ability to the Highlanders in his third term of office. For a big man, this junior center shoots the ball extremely well. An exceptional passer with tenacious rebounding skills. The 1994-95 Highlander season should showcase Jud's basketball know how.

Future Goals: Go to law school and someday work as a governmental analyst.

Outlook on Season: Should be a good one. It will be enjoyable to experience winning again.

Women on six game win streak

Becca Gee

The Houghton Highlanders women's basketball season seems to be headed in the right direction. The team record is 10-3 and on a six game win streak. On December 12, they beat Alfred, 63-43. Captain Aimee Bence was the high scorer with 23 big points including an amazing five 3-pointers. April Batt scored 16 points for the Highlanders.

The ladies then traveled to New Jersey for the Georgian Court Tournament. They had a disappointing loss in their first game to Georgian court, 68-59. Batt led the team with 13 points, while Bence and Brenda Johnson both contributed 12 points apiece. The team rallied to win their second game in the tournament against nationally recognized Wilmington, 75-71. April Stone was once again the high scorer with 20 points. Lynn Jensen had 12 points, while Missy Neidzielski and Bence each pumped in 11.

The Highlanders had an extended break for Christmas vacation. They returned to school on December 28 for two days of intense practices before departing with the men's team for the Warner Southern Tournament in Lake Wales, Florida. The sun may not have shown its face much during the trip, but the Lady Highlanders lit up the floor. Many of the player's

families came to watch as the Highlanders won all three games, raising their record to 8-3 on the year. Their first win came against Bethel College, 68-57. Johnson and Niedzielski were the high scorers with 13 points each, while Bence and Jensen each contributed 11.

In their second game they beat Warner Southern, 71-49. This time it was Stone who stepped up to be the high scorer with 18 points. Jensen was next with 11 points while Charity O'Connor and Rebecca Gee each had 10 points. In their final game in the Florida tournament. The ladies defeated Jersey Institute of Technology convincingly, 58-39. Scoring was distributed throughout the team. Jensen led the way with 15, O'Connor added 12, Johnson pumped in 11, Gee contributed 8, and Stone scored 6 points.

During the trip, the players got to know one another better both on and off the court.

Bence said, "I am excited about the way we are pulling together as a team and preparing ourselves for post-season play."

The team returned to Houghton to play Rochester Institute

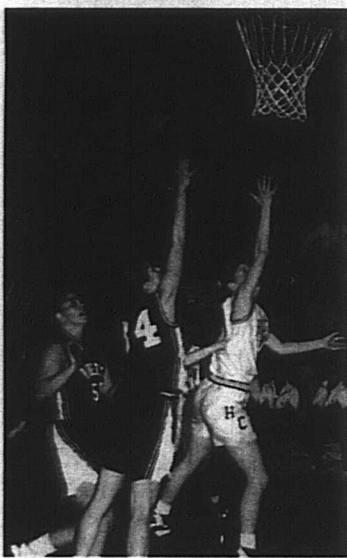


photo by William Greenway
Sophomore guard, Charity O'Connor, lays up a one-hander going to the hole in a recent home game.

of Technology on January 10. Through solid teamwork the ladies won easily, 83-49. Johnson had a great game, scoring 19 points, while Gee had 15, Neidzielski had 12, and Jensen and Bence had 11 points each.

Houghton continued its winning streak at Pitt against Bradford, 69-60. Bence came out in the first half and scored three crucial 3-pointers before spraining her ankle. O'Connor also had three 3-pointers and led the ladies in scoring with 17 points. Jensen had 16 and Bence had 12 points respectively, to help pave the way to victory. The Highlanders seem to be picking up momentum as the season progresses.

Sports Corner

Bill Price

Florida. For some, a vacation. For others, business. For the Men's and Women's basketball teams here at Houghton College, it was both. Although basketball games were on the agenda down in Florida, they were not; however, the only business at hand.

Once the chartered bus finally rolled to a stop in Lake Wales, Florida, many of the players were already developing schemes to get at some of the trainers and managers that made the trip down with them. Jerry Stewart, manager for the Men's team was the first victim of the trip. On our first night down there, he was introduced to the painful fact that going to sleep early is not a wise move. Once poor Jerry fell under, shaving cream, sticks, dirt, and of all things, rocks were placed upon his body. Through it all, poor Jerry still enjoyed his slumber, unaware of what was happening. Photos were taken of Jerry with all of the accomplices standing proudly by. Jerry woke up, finally, and raced out into the night, looking like a monster, screaming for revenge: we're still waiting, Jerry.

John Coots would be the next victim. Always known for helping aid the injured back to recovery, John would have to aid himself this time. After a leisurely stroll out into the Florida night, John and a host of others decided to stroll by the pool. Once there, John made the unwise choice to walk close to the pool. Dressed in his street clothes, John was hoping to visit with the ladies that were gathered around the pool, staring longingly at the handsome men that were walking their way. Instead, John fell victim to the hand of Dave LaMont - and soon was floating in the pool. Dave and the others ran away, and John - bloody toe and all, was left there alone.

Prank phone calls were common too. It seems that Coach Berry, or a voice very similar to his, was calling the players, giving them all helpful information.

All in all the trip, though sometimes plagued with the dry humor of Sergei Swanson (just joking), was a success. The girls won all three games they played. And the men, well, they had more fun off the court than on it, but also managed to leave Florida with one win.

Now, back in New York, the harsh winds and bitter cold remind us that Florida is so very far away, as are the memories that we shared there. But, for some of us, this harsh reality is tempered by the thought of doing it all again in a couple of years.