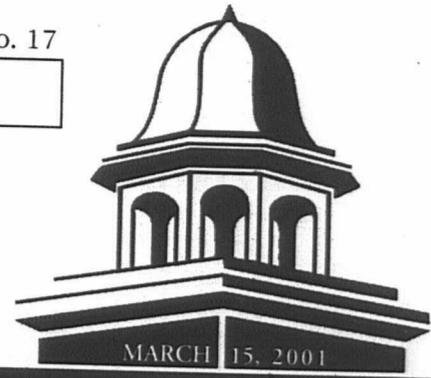


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Board cites insurance, utilities costs for tuition hike

Maria Behrns

The College's Administrative Board has announced that Houghton's tuition cost for the 2001 - 2002 school year will be \$16,290, a 7.3% rise from its current \$15,180, making it the largest increase since the laptop program was implemented four years ago. Room and Board costs will expand by 2%, putting next year's sticker price—which includes the standard double dorm room and 21-meal plan—at \$21,810. Although tuition rates grow annually, several culprits are responsible for the unusually high \$555 per semester increase, explains Vice President for Finance Jeff Spear. For example, Western New York's health care costs have will increase from 15 - 17%, costing the College an additional \$75,000. The College's Staff, which has typically received only a 2% salary increase, will benefit from a 3% raise for the upcoming academic year, in keeping with pay rates for regional employees. And Faculty

earnings will improve by 4.3%, thereby corresponding with salary rates of schools across the nation. Undoubtedly the most significant cause behind next year's tuition rise, however, is the unparalleled cost of natural gas, which has escalated by over 200% this winter, potentially costing the institution several hundred thousand dollars. These four culprits—increased health care and gas costs, and Staff and Faculty salary raises—account for 75% of the 7.3% price expansion for the 2001 - 2002 school year. In addition, the College has neither experienced growth in its PACE program, which operates in Buffalo, Olean, and Wellsville, nor in its outside monetary contributions. Last fall's student population wave brought with it the pressure to update dormitories and hire additional faculty, thus placing additional strain on the College's resources. "The College is not in rough

financial shape," assures Spear, "but we want to make sure that our budget is realistic. This tuition increase can be viewed as a realignment," he continues, "and as a figure that reflects the realities of our budget in both revenue and expenses."

The decision for the 7.3% tuition increase was based on a "joint process" that involved all of the College's administrators, and can be seen as "a commitment to strategies that will reduce tuition-dependency risk," Spear explains. But even with the price increase, Houghton will continue to remain at the mid-level for its tuition rate, and at the low-level for its room/board fee, as compared with schools of similar status. Spear speaks for himself and the Board of Trustees when he admits that the decision was an agonizing one: "I wish I could say, 'Hey, what a deal we've created for these students.' But in general, we're doing the best we can as an institution that needs resources."

Jockey Street cafe out of the gates downtown

Bethany Schwartz

This past Saturday marked the much-anticipated opening of Jockey Street Cafe, which replaces Jockey Street Pizza and Ribs on the spot previously occupied by the Pizza Barn. Thursday night the Willard J. Houghton Foundation met at the cafe for an informal gathering, and Saturday was the official opening. After about five or six months of renovating and preparation, the restaurant is finally ready for customers. Manager Dave DeRock has been readying the cafe since January, and is very excited about the opening. "I think this town is ready for a restaurant," he said.

Although Jockey Street Cafç will serve mostly the same food as A Family Affair in Fillmore, DeRock and his crew are open to suggestions. "We want to give you what you want," he said, and plans to have a suggestion box for students and community members to voice their opinions. They will also be open to suggestions for what kind of music to play in the restaurant, though DeRock declared that he will not have hard rock. "I'm not that kind of guy, so don't even suggest it!" The big-screen TV that will soon occupy the back wall of the restaurant will be available for students to use, but sports coaches have also expressed interest in using the TV to show videos for their teams.

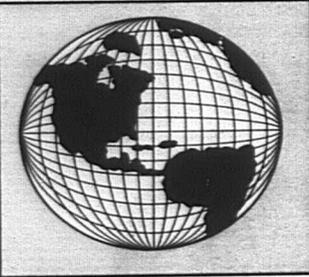
The restaurant is continuing with the "jockey/horse" theme implied by the name and horse-related photographs done by a



former Houghton resident dot the walls. DeRock says that if any student or community member has any horse-related items that they would like to display at the restaurant, they are more than welcome to bring them down for consideration. "We want to stick with the Jockey Street theme," he said. Two Houghton College students are currently working at the restaurant, but DeRock says that he still needs more student workers. A delivery service is also a possibility, but he doesn't know if there is a demand for it. When the warm weather hits, DeRock plans to have seating outside as well as inside, and will offer ice cream and

other "fun stuff." He hopes that the comfortable atmosphere and convenient location of Jockey Street Cafe will make it a place where people will be able to "feel like they're in their own living room."

Though the restaurant has officially opened, hours are "not finally set" yet. DeRock is waiting to find out what the demands of the community will be, so for now the restaurant's status is just "open." The main purpose of his involvement in this endeavor is to make options available for the community, and he needs to see what the demands are. "If there's something you want us to do as far as types of food, we're open to suggestions. We'll do our best to make it comfortable for you."



Rosa Gerber

School Violence Kills Two

On Monday morning, March 5, 15-year-old Andy Williams opened fire from the boys' bathroom in Santana High School, near San Diego, California. Williams fired at least 30 shots, killing two students, one 14- and one 17-year-old, and injuring 13 others. San Diego County deputies and an off-duty police officer reacted quickly and convinced Williams to drop his gun, preventing greater tragedy. Three friends and one adult admitted to hearing Williams threaten to shoot someone but claim Williams that said he was joking. Investigators could not name a specific motive, but friends of Williams said he had often been picked on. Andy Williams will be charged with 26 counts, including two of murder.

In Williamsport, Pennsylvania, an eighth grade girl shot a classmate in the upper body on Wednesday, March 7. She apparently shot the girl after an argument during lunch at a Roman Catholic school. An administrator managed to retrieve the gun from the unidentified shooter, and she was taken into custody. The injuries of the victim were not life threatening. In addition to these two reports,

numerous students across the country have been arrested this week. Charges include bringing weapons to school, threatening violence, or being suspected of planning violence.

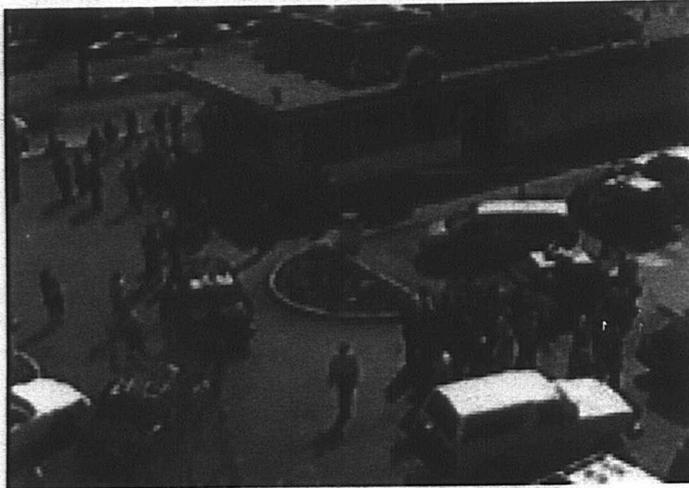
Sharon Takes Oath as Israeli Leader

After Israel's parliament passed the new, coalition government Wednesday, Ariel Sharon was sworn in as Israel's new Prime

Minister. The government faces the challenge of ending the Israeli-Palestinian violence that has plagued the region for over five months through more peace talks. Sharon expressed that he was willing to make painful compromises to end the fighting. He did not offer a plan of action however. Despite Sharon's call for peace, Israeli-Palestinian clashes have been growing in intensity.

Plans Announced for First Human Cloning Project

Last week, an international fertility experts team revealed their controversial plans to clone a human being. The group hopes to be the first to accomplish this feat and claim that cloning creates normal children. "They will be unique individuals, not photocopies of individuals," stated one of the team's members. Experts say, however, that the cloning technique fails about 97 percent of the time. The group plans to begin the process of cloning a human being in October in an unnamed Mediterranean country, despite the strong attack against the idea from scientific and religious groups. Several countries have allowed the cloning of human cells for research, while many other have banned cloning completely.



The aftermath of the shooting at Santana High School near San Diego, California

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Youth Receives Life Sentence for Wrestling Death

On Friday, a Florida judge sentenced 14-year-old Lionel Tate to life in prison without parole for the 1999 murder of 6-year-old Tiffany Eunick. Tate's attorneys labeled the death as accidental because Tate was trying to imitate

SPOTLIGHT ON NATIONAL POLITICS

Rosa Gerber

Trying to fulfill a promise made during his presidential campaign, President George W. Bush and his administration worked to pass a \$1.6 trillion tax cut proposal through the House of Representatives last week. Their efforts paid off as the House of Representatives approved the bill last Thursday with a 230-198 vote. The plan for the tax bill is to rearrange the tax rate configuration, which could cost the federal government an estimated \$958 billion. After ten years on this plan, the government is

expecting a \$5.6 trillion surplus, and this money would compensate the previous cost to the government. To take effect, the bill must now pass through the Senate, a vote is not likely to occur until after May. The Bush administration is expecting a harder time passing the bill through the Senate that is evenly divided with 50 Republicans and 50 Democrats. Bush is fighting for the votes of undecided Democrats to support his bill as several members of his own party have objected to the size and range of the proposal.

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Chamberlain lecturer to bring message of social action

Samantha Lioi

Next week Houghton prepares for a challenge to compassionate action in Christ as Dr. Ronald J. Sider, founder and president Evangelicals for Social Action (ESA), joins us to deliver this year's Chamberlain Lecture Series. He will speak in chapel on Wednesday and Thursday in addition to a much-anticipated Wednesday evening lecture in the Recital Hall. Following the lecture Houghton's own chapter of ESA will sponsor the reception in the Center for the Arts atrium.

Begun in 1985, the Chamberlain Lecture Series was established by a gift from Dr. Chamberlain's parents. They wanted to ensure Houghton

College would remain faithful to missions and cross-cultural awareness, so they saw the endowment as an important investment. Each year, along with sponsoring an outside speaker, this gift provides three cash prizes for outstanding essays on missions and cross-cultural issues (this year's contest coordinated by Meg Stockin, essays to be turned in by Wednesday, March 14th).

Since its founding in 1973, ESA has been working to stop racial and economic injustice, spoken for equality for women, and increased evangelical involvement in caring for the environment. Their vision? "That



ESA President Dr. Ron Sider

every Christian be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ." To that end, ESA states its mission to be "evangelicals working together to challenge and equip the church to be agents of God's redemption

and transformation in the world. We do this through reflection on church and society, training in holistic ministry, and linking people together for mutual learning and action."

Dr. Sider has written several books, including *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*, and writes opinion editorials for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. He is a father of three and lives in Philly's inner city with his wife Arbutus—a family counselor—and their daughter. He has been known to make controversial statements in calling Christians to follow Jesus passionately, and his visit promises to be no exception.

Visiting geneticist addresses food modification

Kari Stiansen

On Friday, March 9, Dr. David Foster lectured on the ethics of genetic engineering at 8:00pm in the Center for the Arts. Foster was a guest of the Templeton/ASA lecture series, and visited Houghton from Messiah College where he is a biology professor. Foster also visited a few classes during his stay, speaking about genetically modified foods.

Dr. Foster grew up in Wisconsin, and attended Eastern College in PA for his undergraduate work. He returned to Wisconsin to earn his masters in conservation biology, and doctorate in botany, both from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Dr. Foster's main area of expertise is deciduous forests.

For work on his doctorate, Foster was given the opportunity to research a previously un-studied deciduous forest in Wisconsin. Currently, Dr. Foster lives in Dillsburg, PA with his wife and two children.

The main purpose behind Foster's night lecture on the ethics of genetically engineered foods was education. His goal was not to tell people what they ought and ought not to eat, but rather to educate them about what they are eating, and the consequences of doing so—then they are on their own to decide. When asked how this topic relates to his own life experiences Foster replied, "There's always the danger of being a vegetarian in leather

shoes. I'm careful of genetically modified foods, but sometimes consumption is inevitable."

When asked if he ever found tremendous conflicts between his work and his religion, Foster replied, "Constantly. People far too easily dismiss conflict. There were some topics that it took me 15 years to figure out—the kind of thing that I would lay in bed at night and think about." Foster went on to describe those conflicts like training for the Olympic Games—it takes people 10 years just to get themselves to the starting line. Foster claims that his faith directs his interests in the sciences, and aims to be a servant of God.

Foster also revealed that his least favorite topic of study is mathematics, and that when he went to college he wanted to take all of the courses in the handbook (except for the math classes, of course), but soon found it was impossible. Also, he claimed that if he were stuck on a deserted island all by himself with one meal of choice, like any good student of nutrition, it would be rice and beans. He ended the interview with a message to students: "In the coming years, there are going to be a lot of college professors retiring—there is going to be a real need for professors, especially in the sciences. I'd encourage interested students to pursue job leads in the area of higher education."

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES ELECTIONS

Student Government President

Chris Sheach

Houghton College has a strong heritage of faith and a tradition of forward vision. As the voice of the student body to the college community, the SGA President is responsible to promulgate their interests in the progressive actions of the college. As your elected representative, it is my commission to ensure the message I carry to the faculty, administration and college community is yours.

To this end, I will be available and accessible beyond the requirements of office. I will actively seek out you, the students, and ask for your input. I will consider every suggestion you offer, and field every question raised. I will affirm and validate the opinions of marginalized peoples. I will appreciate differences of belief.

I want to commend our current SGA administration under President Rudd, for their work in the areas of food service, Mayterm policy evaluation, and Student/Trustee relations. I also recognize and affirm the work of former President Osae-Kwapong on the Diversity Bill, and the



many other changes he enabled. I will not allow these great efforts and achievements to be passed over, but will carry this history of progress into the future. The SGA can and will be a proactive assembly, prepared to build on the work which has already been laid, and founded on the Rock.

I hope that each student of Houghton College will vote on Monday for the future of their community. Seniors especially are responsible to lend the gift of their experience and awareness to their votes, for the betterment of the student body of next year. Please vote for the candidate whom you feel will best enable you to be valued and accurately represented to the Houghton community.

Josh Ziefle

For 118 years, Houghton has stood as an institution with purpose. Though articulated in different ways throughout these tumultuous times, its one overarching goal has been to serve God in this fallen world. All of what we do here, all of what we say, and all of what we hope to become resonates with this single idea. From the College President to the most timid first-year student, this fundamental understanding of Houghton and our Christian lives must be a living reality that permeates every part of who we are.

What remains, of course, is the all-too-common problem of how to translate this admittedly idealistic notion into a pragmatic plan of action and policy. While no easy answer can be provided, I believe that above all else, we should strive for unity on campus. This is not to say that we all must do the same things, think the same thoughts, or be the same people; it merely means that we should realize our commonality as members of a Body bigger than ourselves and have at base some sense of fellowship with other believers. A Christian sense of love, understanding, and forgiveness needs be evident in all that we do and say-it is this that will help us to serve the Lord to the fullest.

In order to achieve unity, we must first learn to improve communication at the College. Throughout history, more problems have been caused from failure to understand one another than from anything else. All too often, Houghton seems the same way-a place where lack of



knowledge can breed questions about a situation or person that are damaging or disruptive; communication can help to bridge these gaps that so often divide us.

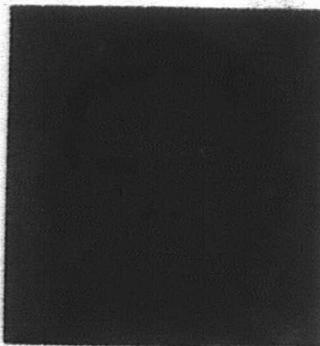
Unity can also be worked toward by garnering greater student involvement in activities and service. Not only will the college and the community benefit mightily from this change; it will also help us to understand our calling as servants of the Lord in common with one another.

So it is that I present you with a simple platform, but one that will require our full efforts. As President, I would look forward to working for you and understanding your specific concerns. My experience as a student, as well as my involvement as a senator and Executive Assistant to this year's SGA President will go a long way in helping to be effective in service to the student body. This is my goal, while encouraging each of you and striving for a unity that can be achieved in part through an improved communication, involvement, and-most importantly-a sense of Christian love and openness to the Lord's will. Thank you.

CAB President

Kevin Wells

Hello, Houghton College, My Name is Kevin Wells. I am currently a first-semester Junior and I am running for CAB Director. Serving as CAB's secretary for the last two years, I have seen the great potential of CAB in its role here at Houghton College. God is going to do great things through CAB next year. Through His grace, CAB will bring YOU quality events, not just for entertainment purposes but with a spiritual awareness, as we are a Christian community. Another goal for the upcoming year is to work in cooperation with other clubs in order to enhance your experience and participation here at Houghton College. A different and new goal for CAB is to get involved with the community and work along with some of the local ministries, touching the lives of children and families who don't get to enjoy life as much as they



would like. My hopes are that through CAB we can reach out to students and community members to provide some activity that they could participate and fellowship with other students and members in a comfortable atmosphere.

I don't plan to run CAB by myself, but with the grace of God, great staff, and a willing student body, next year will be a blast. CAB won't promise you the world, but will strive to consistently bring you quality activities and entertainment. Thank you.

Student Government Commissioner of Finance

Emily Roorda

My name is Emily Roorda and I am running for Commissioner of Finance. I am a junior with a Math major and an Accounting minor. I feel that I have had excellent preparation for this position by taking Accounting Principles 1 and 2 as well as some upper level accounting courses. I have also been a senator for the class of 2002 for 2 years which helped me gain knowledge and experience in the SGA that will be very useful should I be elected to this position. If elected, I plan on continuing the excellent tradition of the SGA by being a good steward of our funds and by helping the many clubs on campus to maintain their finances



and be able to obtain necessary funding. I plan on being available to students when there are questions about funds for clubs and organizations. My goal is to keep the SGA and the student body informed about the status of our finances and the many options that those who are seeking financial backing could receive. I plan to be a responsible and trustworthy representative of the SGA to the student body.

Editor's Note: All platforms and pictures were received from the SGA Commissioner of Elections on behalf of each candidate. Thus, any omissions are due to the lack of cooperation of the candidates to meet publication deadlines

Student Government Vice-President

Mindy Albrecht

Hi! My name is Mindy Albrecht and I'm running for SGA Vice-President for the 2001-2002 academic year. I am currently a sophomore elementary education major with an English concentration and enjoy music, crafts, cooking, photography and organizing. I have been involved in student government for the past two years. Through my responsibilities as Senator, I have enjoyed the privilege of working behind the scenes on student activities and productions for the benefit of the whole campus. I've been working with several other students to make the office more welcoming by adding glass doors and desk skirts as well as making plans to repaint the interior this summer.

I am very excited about the possibility of serving in this capacity in both great and small tasks. Next year I would uphold the duties of the Vice-President by:

- Working to be the facilitator between the SGA and clubs on campus, making sure each club knows what's expected of it as well as keeping it accountable for the funds it receives.

- Making sure the



student body is well represented on college committees and organizations.

- Coordinating blood drives and working with CAB to plan fun-filled activities.

Working to bridge communication between the SGA and the student body by keeping bulletin boards current and informative, so that everyone on campus can stay up to date about issues.

I see SGA as a diverse group of people, uniting for a common goal: to honor God through dedicated service to the student body. I look forward to using the gifts He has entrusted to me by serving Him in this position. It is my prayer to follow Colossians 3:17: "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Toby Cushing

My two years at Houghton College have included many of the best times of my life. I have received a wonderful education, have been given great spiritual opportunities and have had the privilege to meet new people and build relationships that I am sure will last a lifetime. Through my participation in athletics, music, volunteer groups, the Residence Life staff, and academics, I have been exposed to many of the strengths and the few weaknesses that define Houghton College.

If elected my primary function will be as a servant to the student body, a servant to help all of the students of Houghton College meet their potential in all aspects of their life. I plan to accomplish my acts of servitude by doing the best that I can to execute my responsibilities as a member of

the SGA cabinet. If given the privilege to serve as Vice-President I am confident I can execute my responsibilities as the representative to the Alumni Board, a medium between the legislative and executive branches of the SGA and as a mechanism of communication for all students. The Vice-President position also includes being the chair of the Student Activity Advisory Council. I am excited about this position and believe that with the other organizations on campus and the SGA we could help students to fulfill their social and spiritual potentials.

To summarize my platform in one sentence I intend: To aid in the Houghton College students' fulfillment of their potential in every aspect of life through the honest execution of my responsibilities

Student Government Commissioner of Communications

Laura Hess



Do you ever wonder who publishes the "Now You Know" bulletins that you find so regularly on the dining room tables? Or who advertises SGA sponsored activities...or who sits for five hours a week, behind those new glass doors of the Student Government Association office? Well - the answer to all of those questions is SGA's Commissioner of Communications, more commonly known as the secretary. Before explaining my goals for this coming year, let me introduce myself, for those of you who do not know me. My name is Laura J. Hess, and I am from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. I am a member of

the sophomore class, and have served for two years on our class cabinet: first as secretary, and currently as female chaplain. I have thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to be involved with the decision-making that occurs within the student body, and I hope to further that experience by serving as the SGA Commissioner of Communications for the 2001-2002 school year.

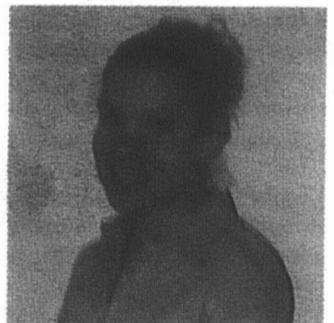
I would like to focus my platform on two things: the duties of this position, and my vision for the SGA as a whole. The position of Commissioner involves many simple, behind-the-scenes tasks such as writing up weekly agendas, taking minutes, and advertising. To maintain a focused and orderly government, I will use my gifts of organization and communication to fulfill each of these tasks to the best of my ability. I also believe that as a body united in Christ, the SGA must strive to be united in purpose - that is, to honor God with the unique

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Jessica Winebrenner



Heather Curtis



My role as Commissioner of Communications will be to communicate information between the administration, students, and the Houghton community. I would love to represent the student body to make Houghton the best place for all of us.

I am currently a sophomore class senator, and am on a special task force dealing with the publication and policies of our "free" Mayterm. I have served on the Freshman Homecoming Committee and helped organize this past Homecoming as a Homecoming Chair. I have been seeking opportunities to be involved at Houghton since freshman year

and desire to continue my service in the SGA.

I will be continuing the "Now You Know" publication that gets distributed at meals, which highlights different events going on in Houghton, on campus, or involving certain organizations. However, I do not want to stop there. I know that it is hard to keep up with what is going on in the world - a result of the "Bubble" that clouds college campuses, especially Houghton. I feel that as Christians, who are going out into this world to make an impact, we need to be informed. Ignorance is not an excuse to be ineffective. As Scholar Servants we are expected to leave Houghton and have a positive impact on society, but how will we do that if we don't know where America stands? All too often we think that since things aren't effecting us then they aren't happening, and that is just not true. We need to know where our Country really stands as a Christian Nation, as well as what is happening right here on campus and in our community - where we are failing and where the Lord is taking ground. I want to use this position to encourage you in your

Student Government Chaplain Emily Weidman Seth Grebbien



Once before in my life I feel that the Lord called me into a religious leadership position. It was the summer after my freshmen year. I went out west and learned how to serve God for others in the role of preacher. I worked keeping charge of services, music, praise and worship. That summer I learned a lot about being a Christian and about who God is. I feel that he is calling me again, this time to work as your chaplain. I have made my life a life of the other sides of God. I work to serve him. Now I am offering to you students my service. The Lord calls us to be servants. This is what I promise to you. I promise to serve. My friends know me as someone to laugh with and to talk with; I will extend this to anyone who needs it. I promise to make the chaplain someone to talk to,

someone to pray with, someone that whatever the need can help out. My second offering would be to have the SGA chaplain have a bible study and a time to talk and praise the Lord that is open to all students. The SGA is the student's voice and body. I feel that as the SGA chaplain I would be responsible to offer the students a voice and a body to pray, worship, and commune with the Lord. I would like to oversee this and to help make this a possibility. Thirdly, but definitely not lastly, I would like to offer to bring the Chaplain position to the web. I would like to develop a webpage for the Chaplain and Chaplains on campus, a place where students can go to find different bible studies, links, offerings, and student exchanges. As chaplain I would like to work closely with the class chaplains and organizational chaplains in order to provide a better Christian place for students. Overall I would like to ultimately like to do the Lord's will, whatever it maybe. I would like to help the students and the school and to add some more depth to the position. If elected I promise to honor the position of Chaplain.



My name is Emily Brooke Weidman. In my nearly two years attending Houghton College, I have been involved with WMF, the Friendship division of YFC, and the Godspeed worship/ministry team. The maintenance department, the cafeteria, and the Admissions office have also employed me. This range of responsibilities has allowed me to experience many facets of Houghton life and also many aspects of interaction within and without the body of Christ. I have been able to mop the bathroom floors of the Fine Arts Building when the mornings were still dark. I have also had the privilege to stand on stage in the Wesley Chapel to join you all in worshipping the only One worthy of our praise. These experiences have caused me to view the body of believers from a different angle...through the eyes of a servant. There is no other position that has taught me more about my Savior, about others, and about

myself than on my knees. That is where I feel I can better serve...and that is what I believe we are all called to do in some shape or form. We are called to serve our God. "Not that we are equate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit..." 2 Cor. 3:5-6b. We are also called to serve one another. "For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." Gal 5:13. Having said this, I would like to express that this is the function I envision the SGA Chaplain performing for his/her student body. We are in fact the body of Christ with each of us serving in different capacities according to how God has called us. The SGA Chaplains that I have observed in the past have done a wonderful job of serving their fellow Houghtonites and I do not plan on changing that at all except for emphasizing the role and performing it to my utmost ability. I would not become so flustered and busy however, as to forget God's frequent reminders to us in the scriptures to cease striving and just 'be'. That is what I want to give you...myself kneeling before God and then before you, simply being here and serving with all that I am to the glory and honor our Creator.

Scott Wilkins



Dear Student Body,
I address this letter to you, since the burden of the vote falls on your shoulders. If my name is a mystery to you, allow me to introduce myself. I am Scott Ross Wilkins, a current sophomore from Salem, NY. My hometown rivals Houghton in size (if you overlook the college) and we boast more cows than people. The purpose of this letter is to let you, the student body, know a bit about me and to discuss why I am interested in the role of SGA Chaplain.

Since I first began my walk through the hallowed halls of Houghton, I have found myself gravitating toward the Student Government Association. I am in the midst of my second term as Senator for the class of 2003 and I think that my position grants me a close perspective of the duties and obligations of 'Chaplain. I

have talked with various class chaplains as well as SGA's own Christen Dupre and feel that I am able and willing to serve our campus in this capacity.

Of the responsibilities of the Chaplain position, the most obvious is the task of abetting the spiritual growth of the campus. To this end, I have concluded that it is imperative to keep the class chaplains involved. Inspiration came to me a few weeks back and whispered in my ear a plan to bring unity the campus, despite its diversity. It falls upon the 'Chaplain to plan one SGA Senate per semester. My "unity through diversity" idea is to take a chapel topic which the chaplains deem appropriate and to divide it into nine equal segments. Then, each chaplain shall speak for a short time on one of the segments, rendering one message through nine voices in one chapel session. This is just one of the ideas that are brewing in my head.

Having observed a chaplain meeting, I have witnessed the sweat and toil that they involve. If elected, I would like to take their idea of student/faculty forum discussions and make good use of them. Some topics that would be represented have the inclination to turn volatile, yet in a well-structured forum, chaos can be channeled and intelligent dialogue established. I want to see tough issues addressed in an environment where no one

Lantern Editor

Nate Fealko



I wish to continue with projects begun this past year, including setting up our very own printing press. In addition, this next year I will create a website dedicated to the publication, create more opportunities for public involvement (such as more coffeehouses and readings), and simply publish as many people in our editions as able.

Scott Wilkins continued viewpoint is strong-armed into silence. If we are to be diverse and

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Hillary Trelease

We would like to create a literary magazine which represents the entire student body at Houghton College, yet one which also retains a high measure of artistic integrity. Our goal is to produce a publication that maintains a high enough standard that we would be proud to show it to professionals in the literary and artistic fields. We hope to increase the exposure of the general student body to the Lantern, raising both the levels of awareness and involvement, thus encouraging a higher degree of excellence. Our college's literary magazine has the potential to be an invaluable resource to the Houghton Community, and we intend to do our best to ensure that this potential is maximized.

united, we must have our voices heard and we mustn't gloss over important issues.

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expressions of a community of faith

Letter to the Campus

Dear Editor:

This past week, the Star published a story about a recent resignation, quoting me throughout the article. Two specific quotes wound up highlighted by zealous readers and are the focus of this correspondence. Perhaps some light can be shed on those particular representations. First, your indulgence is requested as I share a few vignettes from past associations.

In the firm where I worked a dozen or so years ago, a young lady stopped by my office and began to sob uncontrollably as she recounted her experiences. She was trapped in a predatory relationship with her married supervisor. I counseled with her about the issues she was dealing with and she eventually was able to leave the company and distance herself from the elusive offender. Throughout the process and after her exit, I maintained full confidentiality. There was no public mention of her ordeal or departure.

Some years later another employee disclosed her terminal illness to me. She did not desire that this be broadcast, wanting rather to be treated as she always had been, wishing to avoid the awkwardness of excessive pity. She was certain she would overcome the disease. The joy of her wedding a few months later

was followed by a sad farewell to life less than a year later. I respected her wishes until her full story became public.

Many years ago, my dad was diagnosed with cancer and a subsequent operation radically altered the appearance of one eye. To protect his mom from worry, he asked that we not share this information with her. He wore sunglasses when he visited his increasingly suspicious mom. She passed away the next year, unaware of the disease that would take her son six years hence.

Sometimes, it is inappropriate to share the whole story. It can be a breach of trust beyond the bounds of courtesy and ethics. It can also be a violation of law if information is shared to a broad audience with no direct "need to know". I have learned to respect the protection of confidentiality, especially as it relates to employment issues. It is true, therefore, that "there are a lot of things we don't tell students because they don't always need to know." This is a standard of professional conduct that protects employees, the employer, alumni and community members alike. Even students who run afoul of campus regulations benefit when the investigation and outcome are kept within a small circle. It is safe to assume that, at some point or another, every one of us stands to

benefit from these standards. I know I did as a student. (OK, I probably shouldn't have volunteered that.)

The other quote, "The student body has no right to run the college" was in response to the interviewer's stated expectation that an all-campus e-mail be disseminated to inform the student body whenever there is a similar resignation. At some point in the conversation, the interviewer backed up this purported right by saying that students pay every salary on this campus. Unfortunately, this heated (and emotional) exchange was evidenced solely by my quotes in response. I do, however, stand behind the principle of my statement.

Students have broad input into Houghton's policies. Every council and board committee is afforded student representation. The SGA President's status as a resource person to the board of trustees, puts him or her on par with college vice presidents. Surveys of student satisfaction are taken every fall. Food service, technology and chapel programming have been evaluated through student input from time to time. The college values student opinions and concerns, adjusting policies, whenever feasible, to accommodate demonstrated or perceived needs.

Clearly, students provide valuable input and participate extensively in setting policies. Students do not, however, run the college.

There are issues confronting our institution that can best be solved using the wisdom of experience, seasoned with

prayer. There are confidential issues that shouldn't be shared with any other person in the community - student, faculty or staff. There are difficult decisions. There are unpopular decisions. No one wishes the weight of these situations to be placed upon any singular group. Yet, there are times that, because of confidentiality, a small number of individuals assume the burden of keeping sensitive information to themselves. Without a violation of ethics, no individual or group (including students) can require a broad dissemination of such information.

At the close of each meeting of the board of trustees, an executive session is called. All non-trustees are excused at that time. Administrators, faculty, staff and students do not participate in the subsequent discussion of confidential items. What is the most common topic for executive session? People issues. Even at the highest level of decision-making at Houghton, excessive care concerning personnel is protected.

I must offer an apology to those offended by the remarks of this past week. It was not my intention to offend. Rather, I wished to affirm and protect a process that respects sensitive information. I ask for a healthy application of understanding on these and other issues prior to weighing in formally. Let's use these experiences to learn together.

In His Service,

Jeff Spear

Letter to the Campus

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your article on the resignation of Will Krause from Houghton, and his subsequent acceptance of a position at Greenville College. Unfortunately the integrity of the article was compromised when, a couple of sentences of the article that were not intended to be its focus, were taken out of context by mass highlighting.

The sentences were, "There are a lot of things we don't tell students because they don't always need to know," Spear said. "The student body has no right to run the college." These sentences seem to be very inflammatory statements when taken (as they are presented here) independently of any context. I spoke with Mr. Spear about this quote to determine what he meant by these statements.

First, the quotes, if taken in context, as they are presented in the article are in relation to a personnel issue; matters of hiring

and firing are protected by very strict laws. Even if this were not the case, I agree with Mr. Spear that these matters, and the circumstances surrounding them, are not the student body's business. Making these facts public is a violation of Mr. Krause's privacy.

Second, and from my perspective, the most serious problem is the interpretation of these quotes to mean that student involvement on campus is unwanted and ineffective. Mr. Spear was slightly surprised when I suggested that this was the interpretation that the vast majority of the student body would have to his comments. The actions of the administration of Houghton College speak louder than these words, which were not intended to be interpreted as they were. There is student involvement in every level of the college, from the board of trustees, to the resident life staff in the dorms. Student input, as I can personally attest to, is highly

respected at every level of the college.

Based on this information, my personal reaction to this issue is as follows. I wish there was a way for the student body to be informed about current issues on campus. I would hope that the administration would do

everything in their power to expedite the release of this information when pertinent. This should not infringe on the privacy of the individual, and as always the release of information should be done ethically and with careful consideration.

Sincerely,
Ben Rudd

TOP TEN...
Other Things Houghton Students Don't "Need to Know"

<p>10. Rare "atmospheric quirk" makes "Rock 95.3" the most-listened to station in the Upper Volta</p> <p>9 Only a few more million dollars and Coach Knight would've been ours</p> <p>8 Dr. Reigles was actually the driving force behind rock sensation Chumbawamba</p> <p>7 "GPA in high school" isn't nearly as important to Admissions as "number of fifties in envelope"</p> <p>6 Each and every administrator was replaced in 1998 by a super-cool cybertronic</p>	<p>5 Right at the end of level 1-2 of Super Mario 1, if you jump off the pink elevators onto the top row of bricks, you'll discover a top-secret warp zone that can take you right to level 4!</p> <p>4 Wrestling? 100% fake!!</p> <p>3 It's true. Bruce Willis was dead. THE WHOLE TIME.</p> <p>2 Nineteen grand a year doesn't guarantee you'll find the truth, but it does guarantee you a quality graduation towel.</p> <p>1 Somewhere, hidden within this list, is the biggest secret of all.</p>
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Highlander SPORTS

For complete game scores and statistics, visit
www.houghton.edu/news/athletics

March 8- March 14

Lady hoopsters stopped cold in national first round

Staff Reports

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — The Lady Highlanders ran into a bigger, faster, and stronger team in the first-round of the NAIA National Tournament in Sioux City, Iowa, losing to 4th seeded Briar Cliff College, 62-39. Playing in front of a packed Sioux City Auditorium, the tournament

host Chargers (25-3) jumped out to a 15-5 lead in the game's first five minutes and slowly pulled away. Briar Cliff led by 16 (34-18) at the half after shooting 46 percent from the field, while holding the Lady Highlanders (14-15) to 27 percent shooting. The lead grew to as many as 21,

as the Chargers opened the second half on an 8-4 run. Houghton was able to trim the margin to 15 after Amanda Sweeney, Natalie Nelson, and Wendy Ivey hit consecutive layups, but that's as close as the team would get. Nelson led the Lady Highlanders with 11

points and 12 rebounds, Lesley Swanson added seven points, and Sarah Tooley, and Wendy Ivey each chipped in with six points. Houghton shot just 31 percent from the field for the game and was outrebounded 42-33. The team also turned the ball over 28 times.

March Madness

Bonus Point Bonanza

Clip this section, track down the answers and be the 5th caller Tuesday night at 9 on "The All Testosterone Hour" on WJSL to give your answers. 25 bonus points will be awarded per correct answer.

1. What popular coach of the University of Arizona lost his wife to cancer after a long battle at the beginning of the season?
2. What is the name for the rabid Duke basketball fans? (Hint, think Nielsen Nutz)
3. What is a Terrapin?
4. What is unique about 12th ranked seed Brigham Young University?
5. True or False: The field of the NCAA Tournament contains 64 teams.
6. What 11th ranked team suffered a major tragedy when several players were killed in an accident mid-season?
7. Where is 16th ranked Monmouth located?
8. What is the closest team geographically to Houghton to make the tournament?
9. Name a famous basketball alum of Gonzaga? (Hint: think assists)
10. Where is the championship game in this year's tournament to be held?

Indoor Track Season Preview
In Next Week's Star

Congratulations to the Lady Highlanders for another Conference Championship and National Tournament Appearance!

The First Weekend's Schedule

First Round:

Thursday, March 15

East Region

Holy Cross vs. Kentucky,
Creighton vs. Iowa,
Southern Utah vs. Boston
College
Oklahoma State vs. USC
Utah State vs. Ohio State
Hofstra vs. UCLA
Monmouth vs. Duke
Missouri vs. Georgia

West Region

Georgia State vs. Wisconsin,
George Mason vs. Maryland
Georgetown vs. Arkansas
Hampton vs. Iowa State
St. Joseph's vs. Georgia Tech
UNC-Greensboro vs. Stanford
Kent State vs. Indiana
BYU vs. Cincinnati

Friday, March 16

Midwest Region

Northwestern State vs. Illinois
Charlotte vs. Tennessee
Cal. State-Northridge vs.
Kansas
Hawaii vs. Syracuse
Butler vs. Wake Forest
Eastern Illinois vs. Arizona
Iona vs. Mississippi
Xavier vs. Notre Dame

South Region

Gonzaga vs. Virginia
Indiana State vs. Oklahoma
Alabama State vs. Michigan
State
Fresno State vs. California
Temple vs. Texas
Western Kentucky vs. Florida
Providence vs. Penn State
Princeton vs. North Carolina

Second Round:

Saturday, March 17

East Region

Monmouth/Duke vs. Missouri/
Georgia
Utah St./Ohio St. vs. Hofstra/
UCLA
So. Utah/Boston College vs.
Oklahoma St./USC
Holy Cross/Kentucky vs.
Creighton/Iowa

West Region

Ga. State/Wisconsin vs. George
Mason/Maryland
Hampton/Iowa St. vs.
Georgetown/Arkansas
San Diego
Kent State/Indiana vs. BYU/
Cincinnati
UNC-Greensboro/Stanford vs.
St. Joe's/Ga. Tech

Sunday, March 18

Midwest Region

Cal. St.-Northridge/Kansas vs.
Hawaii/Syracuse
N'western St./Ill. vs. Charlotte/
Tennessee
Butler/Wake Forest vs. Eastern
Ill./Arizona, 2:30 p.m.
Iona/Miss. vs. Xavier/Notre
Dame, approx. 5 p.m.

South Region

Gonzaga/Virginia vs. Indiana St./
Oklahoma
Alabama St./Michigan St. vs.
Fresno St./California
Temple/Texas vs. Western Ky./
Florida
Princeton/UNC vs. Providence/
Penn State

Don't forget to check the WJSL lobby for the complete leaderboard Tuesday afternoon, and listen all weekend at 40 past the hour for tournament updates on www.wjssl.com!