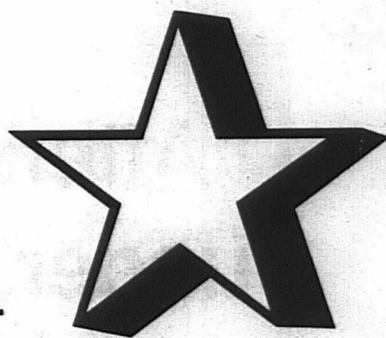


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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Wm. Mann

France - French farmers continue to blockade highways and mount protests against considerations of reducing agricultural subsidies. France and the U.S. have fought for agreements since last November with sights on the upcoming December 15 Uruguay round of global trade talks, but France insists that reductions would harm the countries 950,000 farmers.

Japan - New Japan Prime Minister, Morihiro Hosokawa, is proposing political reforms which would restrict business and gangster support of leading politicians in future elections. Hosokawa is also drafting an economic recovery package, hoping to pull Japan out of its worst down turn in two decades.

In a related story, the U.S. and Japan are negotiating an antimissile system for Japan in response to increased Korean missile testings.

Russia - President Boris Yeltsin is restoring Yegor T. Gaidar as First Deputy Prime Minister in charge of all economic decisions. Gaidar was ousted last December after conservatives opposed his efforts to move Russia toward a market economy.

U.S. - United States citizens are posed as President Clinton is set to unveil his Health Plan reforms. The proposals will affect all Americans, young, old and all those in the mammoth Health Care industry.

Florida - Florida is in shock as it witnessed its ninth tourist victim in this past year. British man Gary Colley was shot and killed in a rest area, heightening worldwide fear of visiting that vacationland.

Syria - Syria is less than favorable to the recent Israel-PLO peace accord, testifying to difficulty of quickly resolving this historically entrenched geo-political argument.

Constitution revisions consume Student Senate

Student Senate President, Ricardo Romero discusses his thoughts concerning Senate changes

Elaine Armstrong, Doug Smith

In an interview on Thursday September 16th, Ricardo Romero, President of Student Senate, discussed the aim of the Senate for this year, beginning with the proposed amendments to the constitution.

In April of this year, the new Senate reviewed and passed some fundamental changes. These changes are meant to provide what Romero terms a "more cohesive government."

Briefly, these amendments include the following cosmetic changes; a new name (from Student Senate to Student Government Association), new titles for the cabinet members, the establishment of division of power and more explicit job

descriptions for the cabinet.

The Senate's passage of these amendments is only the first step in efforts to amend the constitution. Next, they will seek the advice of the Student Development Committee. Romero, when asked about Senate's relationship with them said, "We have a very good relationship right now, and we want to work with them on these changes." Following the committee's advice the amendments will then be presented to the Student Body. A tentative date for this proposal is the third week in October. When asked about a plan for this Romero remarked that he "didn't want to make a decision about that

until [he] talks to Senate."

Concerning how this year was shaping up, Ricardo commented that he is "excited that the freshmen were so energetic and optimistic."

The first meeting of this school year was held on Tuesday the 14th. "We didn't really get into serious business," said Romero, and it was adjourned early. He also commented on some of the difficulty in the meeting by saying "We need to work on a sense of respect, we owe that to each other." Ricardo sees this year as one of change. A word that seems to be on everyone's lips and holds the promise of much needed improvements.

Report:

Senate meeting: Sept 14

Doug Smith

Tuesday, September 14 marked Student Senate's first meeting of the 1993-94 academic school year. Committee nominations were the main focus of the meeting. Senate elected Joy Noll and Barbara Frascchetti to the Curriculum Review Committee; all other Committee nominations were tabled until the next Senate meeting, due to a lack of information.

In his executive report, Ricardo Romero talked with Academic Dean Mannoia. Romero discussed with the Dean the possibility of having more of a ceremony to recognize students who make the dean's list. He also spoke of having a banquet to recognize leadership on campus.

Lori Sears, Student Senate vice president gave her CAB report for Homecoming weekend. There will be activities every evening from September 30 to October 2. DeGarmo and Key and Geoff Moore and the Distance will be playing in Wesley Chapel on October 19.

Troy Martin, Student Senate treasurer announced that Senate is still \$3600 in debt. The Senate president expressed hopes of eliminating the budget deficit by the end of the Spring semester, but a specific plan was not mentioned.

In other news, Beth Gibbel was approved as the president's executive assistant, and Senate approved of the following procedure for committee nominations: "the person being nominated has to be present at the Senate meeting." This procedure applies for the '93-'94 school year. Senate chapels are currently scheduled for October 22 and November 17, and the class picnic is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 3.

them (Matt. 10:39). The senior class was challenged to give their last year at Houghton to God and let Him be in control. Jeremiah 29:11, the senior class verse, can encourage all of us to give our lives to the Lord.

Seniors strive for eternal mindset

Karen L. Griffith

Have you ever really thought about eternity? The senior class will set out next May into the "real world" and to some freshmen, graduation may seem a lifetime away.

About 75 seniors spent the weekend of September 10-12 at Camp Li Lo Li, near Salamanca. It started off to be a cold, rainy weekend, but the

seniors stayed warm and dry inside the lodge by singing and listening to Mike Cook, the speaker for the weekend. Mike is from the Bath area and is considered to be a "church planter."

On Saturday, the skies cleared and there was plenty of sunshine to enjoy while some played games and others took advantage of the free time to

sit and relax; something seniors don't have much time to do.

A key phrase that Mike Cook used was, "What's it going to matter in eternity?" He used this to emphasize that we live in a material world and it is easy to get caught up with our possessions and our desires. Using Isaiah 26:3-4, Mike stressed that the only thing that is eternal in our lives is our

Lord and that our trust and faith should always be in Him. His message throughout the weekend also reminded the seniors to "... seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33).

As Houghton seniors start searching for their lives, they can remember that in order to find their lives, they must lose



Seniors gather at the entrance of Li-Lo-Li, where they held their last class retreat

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Attendance Policy under faculty review

Linda Betzold

In a faculty meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 1993, a motion was brought up concerning the current class attendance policy of Houghton College. The policy is presently being reviewed for change that will be effective beginning in the 1993-1994 school year.

According to the college catalog, students are expected to "attend a minimum of two-thirds of the class meetings... to receive full credit." Furthermore, the credit received for the class "is reduced one hour" if the absences "for any reason exceed this limit." These conditions do not include "experience-orientated courses" which may require even higher attendance.

An unnamed faculty member brought an idea to the Curriculum Review Commit-

tee, of which Dr. Charles Bressler is the chair. The idea, passed unanimously by the CRC, now the motion brought before the faculty, states the desire "that the present class attendance policy be eliminated, and that all faculty members include in their syllabi their individual attendance policies."

A prominent faculty member explained a reason for the movement toward change in terms of required courses, for example, a .5-credit gym class such as canoeing or softball. If a student passed all of the tests but missed over one-third of the classes, the half credit would be reduced to zero. Yet the class would still fulfill the student's liberal arts requirement, with only one half of a credit lost toward that semester and later, graduation. But then, according to Dr.

Charles Bressler, a full one-third of the faculty don't take attendance anyway.

Senior R.J. Garrison and junior Hans Hinterkopf, when asked for their opinion, can't see the technical change making much practical difference. They feel it is up to the professor's discretion as it is. Hans mentioned a class he took last semester in which his professor expected full attendance of every class meeting by every student. R.J. agrees that each professor already has the power to create their own attendance policy.

Before the faculty vote in perhaps two weeks, the Student Senate will be consulted for opinion and input. Student representatives are encouraged to express their ideas on this prospective change and the pros and cons innate within the policy.

Prayer meeting on the Quad

James Karcanes

The above invitation was being voiced last Tuesday on campus in hopes of encouraging students to join a National Prayer Vigil which was held Wednesday, September 14 at approximately 7:00 am. As that early hour approached, a number of Houghton students could be seen eagerly waiting on the Chapel steps to agree with an estimated 2 million other students nationwide in prayerful concern for our country. As approximately 70 students and faculty prayed, we asked God to touch our spiritually wounded country and to bring healing in the form of obedience to God's word. We further sought God to strengthen the hearts of those fellow believers around the country who were praying at their public schools, that they would be allowed to do so in freedom and safety. Concerns for our leaders at the Federal, State, and Local levels were

also matters of prayer we attended to.

The event was encouraging and despite its original motivation being based on concerns over the debate about religion in our schools, many were excited to join fellow believers in asking God to intercede in our country's behalf. The sad fact in this whole arrangement however, was that due to religious restrictions in many public schools, students coined the phrase "see you at the pole" to indicate that they would meet before school started in order to pray for their country, school, and friends. I marveled at this because here at Houghton God has given us a very sweet blessing to be able to pray when we want and where we want. Realizing this, may we never cease to thank our Father for that privilege and lift up our brothers and sisters on public campuses that do not pray without ceasing (1 Thes. 5:17).

Changing weather not so unusual for Houghton

Doug Gillham

The old saying that goes, "if you don't like the weather wait a couple minutes and it will change," can be applied to many areas, but it is particularly true of Houghton this time of year. The past week brought both record breaking heat and frost to the region.

After a rather chilly weekend, the past week got off to a very summery start. With bright sunshine and a brisk southerly wind, the afternoon temperature on both Monday and Tuesday was near the 90 degree mark.

Tuesday night was particularly warm and humid. At midnight it was still 81 degrees F in Buffalo. The overnight low temperature only fell to 77 degrees F. In all the continental United States, only Key West, Fla., was warmer than Buffalo.

The sunny skies and very warm temperatures of Wednesday morning seemed to promise another beautiful summer day. However, the sky quickly clouded over as a sharp cold front approached from the west. The temperature dropped 15 degrees in one hour.

By mid afternoon, light rain was falling, and the temperature had fallen into the 50's. Those who had gone to class in shorts and a T-shirt in an attempt to beat the heat had a rather chilly trip back to their dorm or house.

The front stalled just to the southeast of our area, keeping cloudy skies and very chilly temperatures in the area until Friday afternoon. Temperatures moderated somewhat on Saturday, before another shot of cold air arrived for Sunday. A frost warning was issued for Sunday night, as clear skies allowed temperatures to drop to record breaking values.

Though most of you are not used to getting frost in September, do not despair, winter is not here yet. Autumn in the northeast is known for its rapid fluctuations between summer and winter weather. While a bit of wet snow is not all that usual in October, neither is a 70 degree day all that unusual in November.

Yes, the weather has been weird this semester, but it hasn't been anything out of the ordinary. Strange weather is normal in Houghton.

Youth Harvest raises awareness about S. Africa

Yvonne Wood

Sunday and Monday, September 19 & 20, Houghton was visited by Youth Harvest, a group from South Africa, affiliated with Youth for Christ International. Paul Shea, in conjunction with the director of YFC in Sierra Leone, said that the objective of the group was to raise awareness in America of the openness of African Youth to Christ as well as to minister and raise financial and prayer support for Youth

Harvest.

At the service Sunday evening in Wesley Chapel, the team performed two dramas for an audience of 350 community members. The first drama focused on the difference between liberation and freedom while the second focused on reconciliation and how we can have no love for each other without a love for God. Overall response to the team was positive. Said one student, "They were very well-spoken

and presented their message effectively."

During Monday's chapel, the team performed again dealing with the issues of racism, unity in Christ, and fulfillment only through Christ. Overall, their stay here was a success. Many were touched by their ministry and the group expressed their desire to spend more time on campus with the students, but they must continue to travel throughout the U.S. for the next two months.

Houghton Jazz Festival

Homecoming Banquet
Saturday - October 2nd

6:30 pm

Entertainment provided by

Mike Balassone

and

Aron Cole

Tickets:

\$7.00 with Board Plan

\$8.00 All Others

Homecoming 1993



Houghton welcomes this years new staff

Angela Fulkroad

There have been several changes, additions and replacements in the Houghton College staff. The following lists the new staff members and their positions.

Rev. Dr. David B. Lewis: Dr. Lewis is the coach of the women's soccer team and the new Director of Christian Life.

Troy R. Martin: Martin, a graduate of Houghton College is the Director of Financial Aid.

Matthew L. Taylor: Taylor, a graduate of Houghton College is the Assistant Director and Counselor Houghton College at Elmira Correctional Facility.

Debra L. Elliott: Elliott comes from Princeton University, Princeton, N.J. where she was the Contract Coordinator and joins Houghton as the Residence Director of East Hall.

Kamala Gross: Gross is a Houghton College graduate and is employed as an Admissions Counselor.

Alan J. Shea: Shea is a graduate of Houghton College. While at Houghton, he worked in the Sound Booth and at WJSL. He is the Quick Print Operator and Chapel Control Booth Supervisor.

Karen E. (Reese) Torraca: Torraca is on the custodial staff. She was an intern with Dow Chemical and was a Lab Assistant while a student at Houghton College.

Karen (McKnight) Hotchkiss: While a student at Houghton, Hotchkiss worked in Media Services and the Business Department. She is the Office Coordinator of College and Church Relations.

Wendy J. (Watson) Wood: Wood is the Secretary and Administrative Assistant for

Counseling Services. She previously worked for the Salvation Army in Dayton Ohio.

Lori Sheetz: Sheetz is the Women's Field Hockey Coach and will be assisting with intramurals. She graduated from Houghton College in May of 1993.

Alice Fletcher: Fletcher retired as a staff Personnel Director in December 1990 and returned to Houghton as a cashier.

Amy Fuller: Fuller is the Resident Director of Lambein and a 1993 graduate of Bethel College, St. Paul, M.N.

Jeff Stutzman: Stutzman is a Grad Assistant in Student Programs. He is a May 1993 graduate of Anderson University in Anderson, I.N.

David Sperry: David Sperry is the Residence Director at South Hall.

Cast decided for "Barefoot in the Park"

Karen L. Griffith

Neil Simon's comedy, "Barefoot in the Park" will be performed on November 11, 12, and 13 in Woolsey Auditorium. The student director for the fall production will be R.J. Garrison. This year's production features three veterans to the Houghton stage: Scott See

as the delivery man, Tate Smith as Corie Bratter, and Tim Thurber as the telephone repair man. To complete the cast, there are three newcomers: Jeremiah Frink as Paul Bratter, Beth Kinney as Mrs. Ethel Banks, and Craig McMullen as Victor Velasco. "I'm always excited when we have such a

big turn-out [for try-outs] because it leads to a strong cast. This year we have such great talent," commented Bruce Brennaman, the director. The first rehearsal was Monday night, September 20 from 7-9:30 pm. Houghton's spring production will be "Diary of Anne Frank."

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12 noon - 2 p.m.

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11 a.m. Worship

7 p.m. Evening worship

Wednesday, 7:30, prayer meeting

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Economic Input

Political Economy Forum: How to Fix and Manage Government

Houghton — The Economics and Political Science programs at Houghton are sponsoring a forum on "How to Fix and Manage Government" in NAB 123-125, Thursday September 23, at 7:30 PM. Ron Oakerson, Professor of Political Science, and Robert Black, Associate Professor of Economics, will speak, followed by a time of open discussion with students and members of the campus and community.

The forum will briefly review recent criticisms of how government operates and recent proposals to change the way government operates. These proposals include one by Vice President Al Gore called *National Performance Review*. Under Gore's leadership, this proposal hopes to save nearly \$100 billion by eliminating sources of waste in the bureaucracy. Professor Black notes that "These reforms are probably being sought to help pay for the coming health care proposal, since other sources of funds are not readily available. And, as TV news tells us, these reforms have become traditional during the first year of the last four U.S. presidents."

A recent article in *Time* magazine (9/13) stated that the plan is also a response to "the hairbreadth margins of his July budget victory [indicating] that further tax increases and deeper cuts in spending are politically undoable. Savings from streamlining the bureaucracy offer a feasible 'third option'."

"Reform is certainly needed," Black added. "We tend to focus on greedy businesses while pretending that government will fix market problems. We must now recognize that both business owners and government officials operate on the basis of self-interest and sometimes greed. Both need adequate constraints on how they behave. We must be watching for fraud and abuse by those who run business and by those who govern us."

Professor Oakerson agreed that reform is sorely needed in many areas but he cautioned that the type of reform needed is not always obvious. "Real reform is often a complex and difficult process, one that requires a long-term commitment, not a quick fix." He added, "Unless reformers know what they are doing and proceed with caution, they can easily produce unintended consequences and make us worse off in the end. Good intentions are not nearly enough."

Pell-Grant awards cut \$100 for 93-94; Legislative ruse revealed

Houghton- Students returning to Houghton College with the help of a Pell Grant may have noticed that their grant this year was \$100 lower than last year. Was this reduction made as the result of a decision in Houghton's Financial Aid Office or elsewhere?

Troy Martin, director of Houghton College's Financial Aid Office, revealed that the cut was completely outside Financial Aid's control. He also indicated that a bit of Congressional chicanery lies behind the change.

Martin said that "the PELL grant is an entitlement program completely under the control of Congress." As an entitlement, every college student who meets certain guidelines about need is eligible to receive a grant. "It was a bottomless pool of money," he said. The full

amount of the Pell Grant had been \$2400 in earlier years and, because the grant is an entitlement, some overspending had occurred.

Congressional trickery developed in the election year of 1992. "During the campaign," Martin said, "Congress authorized awards up to \$4300 and then went home to tell all the voters about it. But later the Appropriations Committee only allocated \$2300. They voted to raise the grant but ended up cutting the amount by \$100 because the actual appropriations bill was so much lower than the authorization bill."

However, Congress has recently increased limits for borrowing money through the government-sponsored Stafford (student) Loan Programs. While Mr. Martin stated that he does not want to encourage students to borrow unnecessarily, he did indicate that this source of additional funds is available.



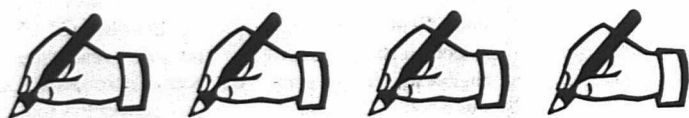
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Sports Briefs

Women's field hockey wins Christian College Invitational

The field hockey team is on a roll following their weekend triumph in the Christian College Invitational in Philadelphia. This is Houghton's third straight championship in the annual tournament. Behind goals from Rachel Lang and Karen Reichenbach, HC downed Eastern College 2-0, and Brenda Pettygrove scored the lone goal in their 1-0 win over Gordon College. Their record now stands at 4-2.

First-year coach Lori Sheetz says that lineup changes will make them a force to reckon with for the rest of the year, and they certainly proved that in Philly. "After the first couple games we made some changes that will make us tough. This is a young team. We just needed a few games to get used to each

other," Sheetz says.

This year's squad is young, indeed. Last year the Lady Highlanders graduated a slew of seniors, and only one senior and five juniors comprise the '93 squad. However, an impressive bunch of freshmen are helping to offset the losses. Reichenbach, a Langhorne, Pennsylvania native, is proving to be strong at inner forward, and Ann Burgher (from Brookline, New Hampshire) is making an immediate impact as well.

The veterans are led by junior co-captains Liz Sylvester and Lang. Both are solid players and hard workers, says Sheetz. Junior Jen Adams is a midfielder to watch, and Pettygrove should continue to be a primary scoring threat.

Men's soccer continues winning season, 5-0-1

They left on a Midwest road trip not even in the NAIA honorable mention. They returned ranked number 18 in the nation. After crushing Indiana Wesleyan 5-0, and then tying Judson 2-2 on September 10 and 11, the Highlanders have found themselves ranked among the top 20 NAIA schools in the country.

The ranking was earned due to the strength of their opponents. Indiana Wesleyan was ranked number five in their region, and Judson was number eleven in the nation.

Coach Burke is pleased with the ranking and is encouraged with their tie against Judson, a team coached by his son, Steve. Burke says that Houghton's play in overtime was especially

impressive. HC was outshot 28-14 overall, but they had six shots on goal to Judson's two in the overtime period.

The Highlanders continued to roll with a pair of wins on the road this past weekend. They engineered their third shutout of the season with a 9-0 thrashing of LaRoche on Friday. On Saturday they met one of their tougher opponents in District 18 at Geneva College. Behind a penalty kick from senior Dan Dominguez, and the game winner from sophomore Kyle Stevenson, HC left Beaver Falls with a 2-1 triumph.

Houghton will take their 5-0-1 record into their home opener against Westminster on Friday.

Women win second annual Houghton volleyball tournament

Jennifer Jordan

Houghton College hosted their second annual volleyball tournament on Saturday, September 11, and the Ladies Varsity and J.V. teams claimed both first and second place over LeMoyne College, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, and D'Youville College. Outstanding play by co-captain Julie Claypool earned her the MVP of the tournament as well as the opportunity to lead her team to victory. Her twenty-three digs throughout the day were only topped by Sheri Lankford's twenty-seven. Twelve kills, nine blocks, and five aces served completed Julie's MVP performance.

Sheri Lankford was one of the major blockers of the day with eight blocks; her seven-

teen crunching kills were also a tremendous asset to her team. Becca Pifer, still working on her new position as setter, managed to squeeze in time for twenty-three kills during the games, a phenomenal fifty percent of her hits unreturned, while completing her spectacular performance with eighteen digs.

While the team is racing toward a fantastic season, the coaches are aiming their goals high. One of the records that coaches Judy Fox and Skip Lord are seeking to set through this season is a place in the top ten list of highest number of attenders. For example, the record for highest average attendance for NAIA women's volleyball last year was held by Rio Grand College. They

averaged 470 fans per game. Number ten on the list was Aquinas College with an average of 125 spectators per game.

Have you ever earned national recognition? If not, come take part of the volleyball team's excitement and ministry and help them to break into the top ten list. Fan support can make or break a team, so support our volleyball team and lend to Houghton's national recognition in both academic and athletic achievement.

Houghton was unable to remain unbeaten following a 3-1 home loss to District 18 foe Carlow College on Saturday. More on this game, and on the team's upcoming road trips to Pennsylvania and Ohio in next week's **STAR**.

Women's soccer off to a promising start

Michael Maloney

Growth and teamwork. Two words to describe the 1993 women's soccer season. On the one hand, a bunch of new players beginning to mature; and on the other, the need for individual talent to become a cohesive group.

Last season saw the Lady Highlanders go a respectable 9-8 with their first post-season appearance in eight years. Now going into the 1993 season they have more than just a clean slate. Twenty-one players left the program over the summer, most of them seniors. In their stead came nine new freshmen, most of them individual standouts in their hometowns.

The starting varsity squad sports three freshmen. Leading this pack is Jamie Gardiner, an All-Southern California star from Sunny Hills High School in Fullerton. This high school also produced returning sophomore Heidi Gugler, who led the team with 13 goals and six assists last year.

The tough transition to a college sports program has been felt by many of the freshmen this year. Freshman Karen Behm says, "Going from captain of your high school team to a player in a college program is a humbling experience." Overcoming these barriers may prove to be the most important test facing the Lady Highlanders this year.

Having a team of stars is pivotal to a winning season, but putting them together to make a unified team is much more difficult and important. In his third season as head coach, David Lewis recognizes this. He explains that with an incoming freshmen class every girl has a different playing style that must be fit into the mold of the Houghton program. He

gave an example of this: "Passing the ball is a critical part of the game, and every girl must be doing the same technique or it won't work."

The team has shown steady improvement during the first few weeks of the season. HC suffered a tough 5-2 loss to Geneva on August 28, but they clearly played an offensive game and outshot their opponents. The second game was the same story. At Roberts Wesleyan, Houghton outshot the Raiders 37-16, but still lost 3-0. In their third game they smothered Hilbert 6-0 as they took 52 shots on goal to Hilbert's three.

On the 18th, Houghton suffered another painful loss, this time to a tough Keuka College team. HC was forced into a defensive game, and the efforts of veteran defenders Denise Burton and Jeanne Anne Stead helped keep the score down. This Monday the Lady Highlanders returned and beat Elmira 2-1 behind Gardiner's two goals.

Throughout this 2-3 start the team is staying optimistic. Returning junior Tanya Trezise explains, "We go into every game looking for a win, but in the end it's all up to God. I think it's fantastic that we have so many new players."

Coach Lewis is also positive about the team's chances this year. "The girls are really coming together, and if we can keep them gelling we are going to be a really strong team."

Will Houghton best last year's record and make another shot at post-season triumph? That remains to be seen, but be sure that they will be playing like a team. As the new players fit into the program, individual talent will shine through and help propel the women to victory.

Cross-Country teams fare well at Oswego

Jason Wiens

The men's and women's teams traveled to Oswego this weekend to lock horns with thirteen other teams between Buffalo and Binghamton. Awards were given for the top three men's and women's teams, top 15 individual runners and an award was given for the top combined men's and women's team.

The Houghton women's team put in a strong performance to come in fourth. Personal best times (PB's) were turned in by Janelle Chapin and Shelly Rosser. Taking second

in the race was Naomi Castellani, whose time was 16 seconds better than last year's winning time. Heather George (15th place), Trish Demperio (16th) and Leslie Roberts (21st), each had strong races to pace the team. Mim Grooms competed for the first time this season and looks to be a contender in future races.

The men's team was led by Jason Wiens who placed 12th overall with one of the fastest times in recent years by a Houghton runner. He was followed closely by Nathan Howes (18th) and Lee Thurber

(34th). The top five, for team scoring, was rounded out by Kenley Perry and Alan Belford.

Also running this weekend were Tim Thurber, Eric Runion, Doug Gillham, and Thad Krikorian. Thad had a one minute PB as he continues to improve. The team was 4 points away from a 5th place finish as they came in 7th for the day. The teams combined to finish 5th. They returned home in good spirits yet are chomping at the bit as they prepare to face many of the same teams at Hobart this weekend.

Soccer Alumni reunion honoring Coach Burke

Friday, September 24

4:00 p.m. Men's Soccer
Houghton vs. Westminster

6:30 p.m. Pizza Party
Soccer Alumni and
Current Players

7:30-9:30 p.m. Alumni
Indoor Tournament

Physical Education Center
10 p.m.-12 midnight
Alumni Reception
Campus Center

Saturday, Sept. 25

9-11 a.m. Game
Alumni vs. Junior Varsity
(moved from its usual
Homecoming date)

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Pre-Game Meal

2-4 p.m. Men's Game
Houghton vs. Saint
Vincent College

7-9 p.m. Completion of
Indoor Tournament
(if necessary)

Free Time (A place will
be set aside for soccer
alumni and friends to
gather.)

7-10 p.m. Dinner
Coach and Esther Burke
as honored guests. There
may be a brief program
around dinner. There
will be a chance for

alumni to share fond,
humorous recollections
of Coach Burke and
Houghton soccer.

Sunday, September 26

10:30 a.m. Morning
Worship
All times are approximate
(except game times).

Letters to the Editor

"A Conversation Overheard"

I was sitting in the Campus Center at a table that is situated near the Info. Center. Naturally I was minding my own business, that is the norm for all Houghton students. As I was saying, there I was when all of a sudden the people behind me began speaking.

Their tone was average, but they were really standing a little too close. Certainly if they had wanted their conversation to be private they would have had the decency to give me my space. Of course I had to listen in, they obviously wanted me to know what they were saying, I could just tell by the way they would hush their voices and cup their hands over their mouths. It was like an open invitation for me to lean over and listen. So, I did.

The gossip sounded juicy. It had to do with a guy, or girl, on campus, I couldn't tell which. It did sound a little like someone I had seen the day before though and if it was true then I had a great story here. They continued to talk and I continued to lean and strain. Then it ended as fast as it had begun. This piece of information could light up the Houghton grapevine faster than lightning. I can't wait to tell my roommate, so we can pray for this person, after we use the phone of course.

Carrie Storm

Correspondence Sought

Dear Editor:

I would like to ask a small favor. But first allow me this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Daniel Toal and I am currently incarcerated at the infamous Sing Sing Correctional Facility.

Due to the above circumstances the people who I once knew best and loved most have adhered to the old cliché, "out of sight, out of mind," thus making my existence here lonely and meaningless. If you would be so kind as to publish this letter, I'm confident that I will reach the sincere, open-minded altruist I know are out there. I could list my age (early 20's) and hobbies, but such things come second to finding a person who can empathize with a man, a human heart, in need.

Thanking you in advance for understanding the nature of my plea. May all your dreams, goals, and aspirations remain within reach.

Sincerely yours,

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"To err is human; to forgive, divine." (Unknown)

Good News of Conservative Thought

It's becoming evident that the real motto of the Democratic Party ought to be something like "vote for us because we know what's best for you." It just seems that the Democrats have become incredibly cocky over the past twenty years. Think back to the campaign when a pompous Bill Clinton prefaced all of his notions with "The American people want" this or that. Having received only 43% of the popular vote he's hardly qualified to tell us what we want now, and he was certainly in no position to speak for us during the campaign. Beware of anyone, Republican or Democrat, who tries to tell you what you really want.

This elitist "we-know-what's-best-for-you" thinking has become particularly evident since the election. Take Clinton's economic plan for instance. The point of it all seemed to be that more taxes are necessary because the money is better off in the hands of the government. We wouldn't know how best to use it. It's all for our own good.

But lately the big brother mentality has become more than just an annoying tendency shared by the members of the party temporarily in control of the nation: it's becoming a frightening threat to our civil liberties. Clinton's new Health Plan is built around Health Management Organizations (HMO's) which just goes to show that Democrats aren't really interested in choice unless it involves abortion. When it comes to things like

education, money matters, and health care, the Democrats are anxious to take the choice away from you. The HMO's that most Americans will have to join are large, impersonal conglomerates where the physicians don't work for you so much as they work for the HMO. The HMO will

decide for you who you will see for treatment and will determine the nature of that treatment.

Of course, not everyone will have to go into HMO's. Those who can afford it may opt for an independent insurance plan that gives the health consumer much more liberty when it comes to things like selecting a doctor. But the irony here is that while the plan seems to benefit those with more money it also makes sure that there are more people with less money.

Say you are working for a small company with about thirty employees. Your job isn't great, but it's good enough and because you're careful with your money you can afford medical insurance for you and your family. But when Clinton's Health Plan takes effect your company is required to provide health care. Of course, your

company goes for the cheapest health plan it can find, the HMO, but even so they find it necessary to cut a few positions and lower the payroll. If you've still got a job, you find that your income is no longer sufficient to afford the independent insurance. So you end up with your company's HMO.

The choice is effectively taken away from you; you and millions of other Americans. The problem is that during the last campaign the Democrats told us that we have a fundamental right to health care often enough that some people began to believe it. And the problem with a new right is that old rights have to step aside to make room. What if the government decided that every American has a right to food? For the sake of equity we would be pushed into Grocery Management Organizations where some bureaucracy would decide what we want to eat. Not only would the quality of the food go down, but you might end up with things you wouldn't want to eat under any circumstances.

If that sounds ridiculous to you than so should Clinton's Health Plan because the same reasoning is behind both concepts. Just ask yourself if this new "right" of ours is really worth it.



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Eternal Promises

To the Student Body:

Salvation is the eternal promise of God to those who believe in Him and rested their faith upon Him. I have supplied this diagram as an aid in your route to eternal happiness. It isn't a proven cure-all, but it will help you to look at things with a new perspective.

Start at Titus and work your way clockwise around the cross; until you reach God's eternal promises of happiness. Work with diligent prayer.

May the God who made us all work in and through you as you make your journey around the cross of life. It is sin separating man from God and man attempting to get to God with good works, church, and baptism. As we all know, the only route to God is faith in Jesus Christ.

God bless you and I love you all!

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Jesus

1 Peter 3:18

Believe

Rom. 10:9,10

Receive John 1:12

MAN

Sin- Rom. 3:23

Death- Rom. 6:23

Hell- Rev. 21:8

Church

Baptism

Good Works

Titus 3:15

GOD

Love- Rom. 5:8

Gift- Rom. 6:23

Son- John 3:16

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"Take Five"

Time Warp

Sometime before Woolsey Hall was torn down — my guess is October of 1986 — I was teaching an 8 a.m. POW class in a room on the second floor facing the Quad. I had pulled an illustration out of the air to help me clarify some point; likely I chose some event for its color or high drama in hopes of reviving a few semiconscious students. Both the illustration and the point I was trying to make have scattered from my memory like dry leaves; but after the class as I was wiping chalk from my fingers, a student came up and asked me about the illustration.

"Are you into the 60's?" she asked.

The question surprised me. I was into lots of things — teaching, writing, building my marriage, nurturing my children, managing family life, making ends meet, pondering the quirks of the Reagan/Bush presidency, adapting to life in Houghton . . . lots of things.

What I wasn't into was the 60's.

A few years ago I used to joke with my kids about the odd fashion fads of those times: wide ties, platform shoes, tie-dyed T-shirts, sideburns, bellbottoms. You know the stuff.

"It all will come back," I warned; "the ugly stuff always does."

"Never!" they cried in derisive horror — and in unison. "Never!"

Early this fall I saw my first pair of bellbottoms in a Penney's catalog and then on a coed. Sideburns, 50's style, have been "back" for some time. The Grateful Dead have as many long-haired touring fans among the young as they have among their aging contemporaries. 60's music is now a staple of the television ad industry.

Frankly, I'm not ecstatic. My reasons, like everything from those times, are more complex than they first appear. Perhaps that accounts for part of my ambivalence toward these "new" trends.

The fact is, I am from the 60's. I graduated high school in 1967, during the height of the Vietnam War, during the

height of social unrest that burned inner cities from coast to coast, during the euphoria of the Woodstock love-can-make-it-happen revolution, during the first wave of recreational drug use in white suburbia. I graduated college in 1971, also during the war, hoping like Dan Quayle and Bill Clinton that I wouldn't be drafted. Fortunately, I wasn't.

What I can't escape and what always comes to mind when I sense enthusiasm for that era is that for all the good

things about those years — the energy, the creativity, the (sometimes) great

music, the opening of minds and possibilities, the fun — despite all these things, there were casualties. I don't personally bear scars from drug abuse, sexual experiments, or violent politics. Being reticent by nature and, despite serious questioning and doubts, still committed to the Christian faith in a way I can't explain, I watched my friends and classmates get chewed up. When the "high" was over, when the smoke cleared, we found burned cities and ruined lives. A Greek kid who sat across from me in study hall one year died in Vietnam the next. A friend I had known since 4th grade spent several years in a mental hospital trying to come to terms with who he was in a world that had lost its reference points. Another friend fried his brains so thoroughly on drugs he can barely hold a job sweeping floors now. Sadly, the list goes on and on and on.

No, the return of the 60's fashion hasn't thrilled me. Hearing what I had always thought of as "serious" music being reduced to commercial sound bites saddens me. Apparently the residual idealism I cling to is only hopeless naivety. At any rate, what I'm into is the present and the future; to be into the 60's would be for me living in a most serious time warp. My point in all this is simple: enjoy the music, enjoy the fashions, resurrect and examine the ideas and ideals, but don't buy the notion that the 60's were simply "better" days.

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TTTTTTTTT TANGENTS SSSSSSSSSS

Effective organization in student leadership

Recently, a meeting of the Student Senate was called for the purpose of nominating students to various committees related to the Senate. In order for the students to be considered for their respective committee, their presence was requested. Many interested students who gave up time in their busy schedules managed to show, hoping that the meeting would not last too long so they could return to their studies. No such nominations were made.

Instead of securing an ample number of nominees for each committee and taking care of the whole thing that night as was intended, the cabinet accused the senators of not doing their job by bringing enough committee nominees. In turn, the senators accused their cabinet of not providing enough information regarding the duties of each committee.

A pathetic display or parliamentary procedure was exhibited, such that one group of senators were actually keeping score. Being a former senator myself, I can safely say that the September 14 Senate meeting was the most disordered and unproductive meeting I have ever attended.

Declining efficiency of student leadership in recent years can be blamed for the recent fiasco in the Student Senate. Past incidences of

corruption have caused both students and administration feelings of distrust. Thus, while credibility in student leadership weakens, the barrier between students and administration is strengthened.

Students argue that the administration treats them as children, giving them no say in important campus affairs. Even if that is true to a degree, can you really blame those

higher up? Students are here on an average of four years, but the faculty, staff, and administration are usually here for much longer and have to deal with new leadership every year.

Let me pause here to say that those who could care less about what affects them directly need not read any further. Don't worry, we know who you are. You complain the most.

But for those who want to voice their opinions and back them up with action, you can get involved. It's alright to complain to the Senate, that is why they are here. If students use Student Senate as it is intended, maybe Senate can regain some credibility and rediscover the potential of student power.

The key to making changes involves effective organization.

Significant revolutions in history took place because common people got together and decided to make their concerns known. And if you don't believe me, have you ever hear of the I.R.A.? I may not exactly condone their efforts, but here is a group of people, less than half the number of students currently enrolled at Houghton College who are making history in

Europe as we speak.

You may be asking yourself how a group of

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500 can do so much. It's a little word called unity. To be united for one purpose and one goal is to be a reckoning force. I think of the class of 1995's class verse from Romans 15:5-6 which says, "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus; so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Maybe if each individual in this community could forget about predestination and free will, as well as the correct way to baptize, maybe we could unite for the sole purpose of becoming an even stronger community of believers. Just a suggestion.

Just a thought . . .

Finding time to love a friend

Proverbs 17:17 "A friend loves at all times."

Such a simple statement, but the reality is not often attained in today's society. As a friend, I give my best effort in loving my friends (the I Corinthians 13 way), but sometimes I allow my daily business to get in the way. I forget "his" exam or that "her" parents are coming. When I'm rushing between meetings, stopping at the library, I see "them" having a falling-out and don't stop to pray for them. It frustrates me that there's so much "busy work" to take care of in life, especially in college, that sometimes my friends get my leftover bits of time.

I learned in Sociology class that the difference between

community and a neighborhood is the difference between relationship and interaction. I have interaction with the librarian and my advisor's secretary, but I am in relationship with those I call friends.

So, the question presents itself: Is the difference between interaction and relationship love or time? Maybe it's a combination of the two. Taking the time to love and loving do take time. "A friend loves at all times."

We call ourselves a community of believers, but are we really? Are we in relationships that love at all times? Are we willing to take time to be with

friends? In spite of exams, games and work? Can we find an acceptable balance?

Jesus loved at all times. He spent time alone; he prepared for tomorrow communing with his father; he

gave sermons; he went to dinner with friends.

But did he have a "job"? Did he pay bills? I don't know. I do know that he understood what was most important in his life: the salvation and encouragement of people.

Each one of us must determine the amount of time we allocate to the "busy work" of our lives, but our friends we "love at all times."

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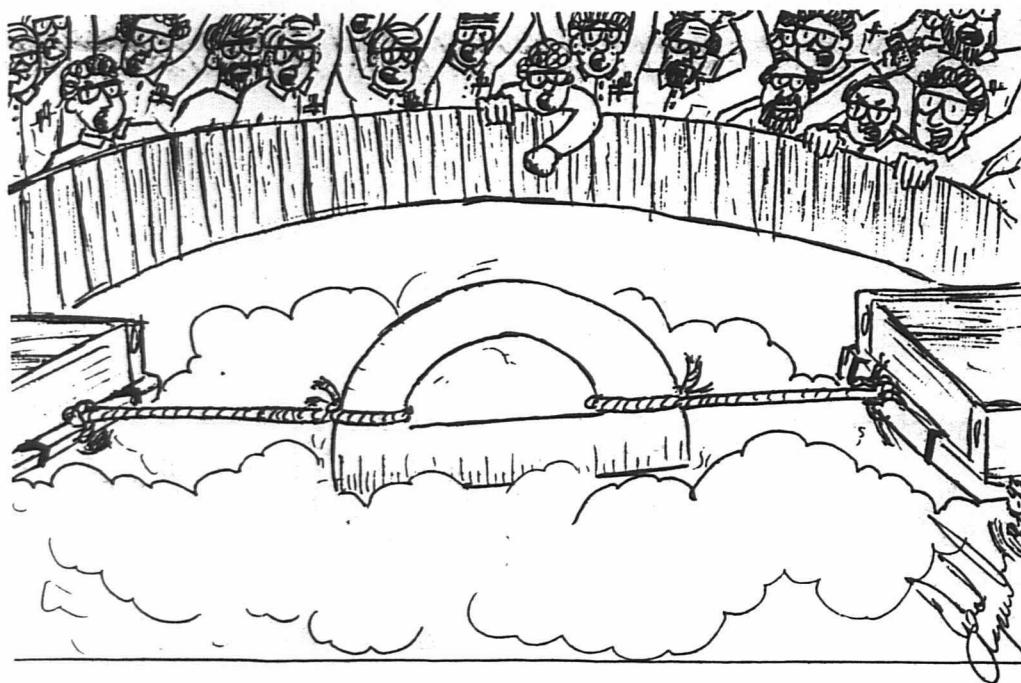


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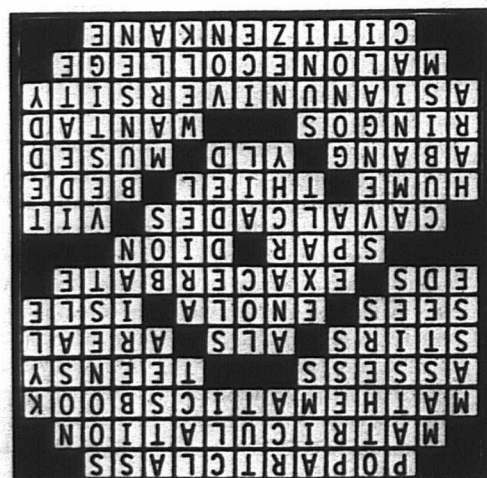
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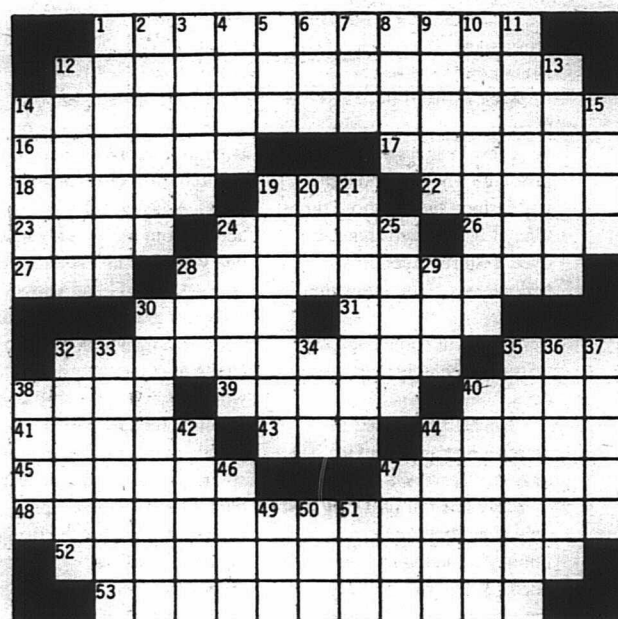
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ALL THE MATHEMATICIANS COME OUT FOR PROTRACTOR PULLS



Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Where one might study Andy Warhol's works (3 wds.)
- 12 Enrollment into college
- 14 "Calculus Made Simple," e.g. (2 wds.)
- 16 Evaluate
- 17 Extremely small
- 18 Follows a recipe direction
- 19 Belonging to Mr. Pacino
- 22 Of land measure
- 23 Meets a poker bet
- 24 — Gay (WW II plane)
- 26 Capri, e.g.
- 27 Belonging to Mayor Koch
- 28 Irritate or embitter
- 30 Train for a boxing match
- 31 — and the Belmonts
- 32 Processions
- 35 Diet supplement (abbr.)
- 38 Scottish historian and philosopher
- 39 College in Greenville, Pa.
- 40 The Venerable —
- 41 "...not with — but a whimper."
- 43 Return on investment (abbr.)
- 44 Pondered
- 45 Belonging to Mr. Starr
- 47 Part of the classics (2 wds.)
- 48 Possible place to study abroad (2 wds.)
- 52 Small school in Canton, Ohio (2 wds.)
- 53 Orson Welles film classic (2 wds.)
- 19 Political disorder
- 20 — cit. (footnote abbreviation)
- 21 Traveled on a Flexible Flyer
- 24 Glorify
- 25 Prospero's servant in "The Tempest"
- 28 Well-known government agency
- 29 American league team (abbr.)
- 30 Fictional hypnotist
- 32 Style exemplified by Picasso
- 33 "She's ——" (from "Flashdance")
- 34 Be unwell
- 35 Visible trace
- 36 Think
- 37 Woman's undergarment
- 38 Commit —kiri
- 40 — burner
- 42 "...for if I — away..."
- 44 Actress Gibbs
- 46 African antelope
- 47 Well-known TV band-leader
- 49 Pince — (eyeglass type)
- 50 1968 film, "Station Zebra"
- 51 1965 film, "Ryan's Express"

DOWN

- 1 Those who are duped
- 2 "Do unto —"
- 3 Fourth estate
- 4 Goals
- 5 Well-known record label
- 6 Well-known king
- 7 151 to Caesar
- 8 Prefix meaning milk
- 9 Confused (2 wds.)
- 10 — husky
- 11 Most immediate
- 12 Like a sailboat
- 13 Cash register key (2 wds.)
- 14 En — (as a whole)
- 15 Auto racing son of Richard Petty