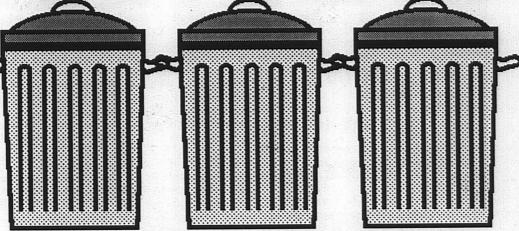
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o a college senior looking at the last ten weeks or so of his undergraduate career, a lot of things seem unresolved, vague, and altogether unsatisfactory. To quote Winston Churchill, the future, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness all seem to be "a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma." And of course, day in and day out all manner of interesting existential dilemmas crop up here and there (often from the most unexpected sources) to add just a little more pressure to one's over all level of anxiety. Hence the title of this article. Below is a short list of assorted thoughts in no particular order to brighten up those wonderful February days.

- 1. And while we're on the su of February, I've lost count of the people who have told me that it is the one month out of the year with the highest suicide rate. (Could Valentine's Day, chocolate candies, and current sexual preferences for the svelte, athletic figure have something to do with this?)
- 2. What does Big Al's pizza have in common with Black Dog and chicken wings?
- 3. If God is a perfect being, then why did he need to create humanity? After all, perfection seems to imply completeness and absolute self-sufficiency?
- 4. Fine, so if God created humanity because of his/her absolute goodness, then what does one do with the problem of evil? Surely evil and the concept of a perfectly good God are mutually exclusive?
- 5. Incidentally, why do artists in the Houghton gallery seldom have statements?

- 6. If God is not perfect, then how can humanity have fallen? Or at any rate, fallen from what?
- 7. While we're on the subject of falling, when is the ice finally going to thaw on the sidewalks?
- 8. Why is the interior of the Chapel green?
- 9. Is the existence of order in the universe contingent on the existence of a God?
- 10. What is it about roses that make them worth \$4.00 apiece?
- 11. How can people sit in church Sunday after Sunday, smile, sing, hymns, and pray, and Monday after Monday stab their colleagues in the back?
- 12. How does one regain self-respect?
- 13. Which is better at 3:00 a.m. on a Star layout night: retzels and mustard or coffee and donuts?
- ... Why is it that some people have the undeniable urge to be on stage? And while they're on stage, why do they have to meddle?
- 15. Why is it that after spending \$45,000 on his/her education (roughly the price of a new Lexus) one has no prospect of getting a job?
- 16. No, none, zippo, zilch!... McD's hasn't looked better in years! Ah the struggle for life and its intimate link to french fries....
- 17. Why is it that when you fly across the U.S. the airline always sits you next to a man with a bad cold who cannot communicate in your language?
- 18. Why do Houghton ID cards last as little as they do?
- 19. What are servant-scholars anyway?
- 20. Are people more good than bad or more bad than good? And, anyway, are ignorance and fear the source of evil or are people just inherently evil?
- 22. Think about that with a loaded .38 between your shoulder blades.
- 22. Why did they close the balcony?
- 23. She kicked me, oh she kicked me. 2

RECYCLING Part II: Paper

Report and commentary by Alam Shea

rying to please everyone all the time is an impossible task, as President Bush is finding out. Even trying to please most of the people most of the time is exceedingly difficult, because the general public (you and me) is fickle: usually misinformed, or not informed at all, we are seized by fads and prone to vacillate—like shooting at a moving target.

Recycling, I'm afraid, is a fad which will fade in importance as soon as we identify the next number one public enemy. It is my hope that these articles, and the current atmosphere of environmentalism, will help to make recyclers out of you, and to make it something you pass on to future generations.

Unfortunately, I think many influential persons in the environmental industry realize this, and try to bend public opinion by turning environmentalism into a life-and-death situation which must be counteracted now. Much as I appreciate their concern and desire to get the public interest, I can't agree with that mentality because it often results in shortsighted solutions with often disastrous results. The old adage which says that "haste makes waste" could not be any more true.

The solution is to make recycling a way of life. Rome wasn't built in a day, and we can't overturn bad habits in just a few years. Like it or not, we're in for the long haul; while we're doing it, we might as well do it right.

What does it mean to recycle? Entrepreneurs and capitalists frequently attach the current fadspeak to their products, knowing that it is perceived good that sells. This is no less true with environmentalism, but I need to caution you that false advertising is not true of every product labeled "environmentally friendly," just as the fact that there are hypocrites in the church does not mean all church goers are hypocrites: most are genuine, which is what gives hypocrites their credibility.

The converse is true as well—some very good and environmentally friendly programs are nixed because they are perceived to be bad for the environment. For example, Syracuse University's magazine used to be mailed in kraft paper envelopes. When they switched to lighter and cheaper plastic bags, there was such a hue and cry from their readers about their environmental callousness that they switched back to paper mailers. The

irony is that paper, besides being more expensive (reflecting higher manufacturing costs) and weighing more (adding cost to the postage), takes up more landfill space than plastic. Even though the readers were wrong, the University switched back to paper and now uses recycled paper.

The three R's of recycling are: reduce, reuse, and recycle. Recycling is not just something you do, it is something you are: a recycler consciously tries to apply the three R's all the time. For recycling to be effective, it must become a part of each person's daily life. Here are the three steps a recycler takes to reduce impact on the environment:

1. Reduction of waste. We all use more resources than we need. Non-renewable resources like fossil fuels (gasoline) and electric energy (lights) can only be recycled insofar as we reduce our use of them, i.e. use only what we really need. But we can reduce the need to recycle renewable resources by reducing our use of them and by

2. Reusing unused resources. Every sheet of paper has two sides, bags can be used again, glass bottles can hold lots of foods and drinks, milk cartons can be used for food waste...I think you get the idea.

3. Recycling reusable resources.

Renewable resources, like metal, glass, plastic, paper, natural gas, and water can be replaced by natural ecological cycles or sound management. Metal, glass, plastic, and paper can be remade into useful articles if rescued from the waste stream. Natural gas is actually a byproduct of some waste and could be commercially produced, while water is a naturally renewable resource if we don't pollute it.

Since paper makes up 50 percent of the waste stream, it is important that we understand how paper is made and recycled so we can support truly helpful programs.

Paper was first made in China, nearly 2000 years ago in AD 105. But it was not until 1851 that the process for making paper from wood pulp was perfected. Until then, nearly all paper was made from fibers of papyrus, cotton, flax, or linen. By the mid twentieth century, nearly 90 percent of paper was made from wood pulp.

World capacity for paper production is about 218 million short tons per year, but typically only 90 percent of capacity is produced (due to the laws of Supply and Demandnasty legislators, those guys). The United States, Canada, and Japan, in that order, produce 50 percent of the world's paper. In order, Germany, Sweden, Finland, France, Italy, Brazil, and the United Kingdom account for 21 percent of world production. The former USSR and Eastern Bloc allies account for nine percent and the People's Republic of China has three percent.

The United States alone accounts for fully 30 percent of world paper production, and per capita consumption is the highest in the world. Part of this is due to the adoption of paper as a substitute for other materials in packaging (replacing cloth, burlap, wood, glass, and metal), industrial products (for filters, insulation, wall-board), and as a single-use product (disposable towels, dishes, etc.). The other part is due to its widespread use in offices and homes.

Modern paper plants are a far cry from the laborious hand process it used to take to produce paper. Paper can be churned out in rolls up to 70 feet wide and at speeds up to to 5000 feet per minute—about 55 mph! It takes an incredible amount of energy to process paper that fast.

There are four basic steps to making paper, although there are numerous intermediate steps: fiber preparation, formulation of the paper web, water removal, and finishing.

1. Fiber preparation: logs are debarked, ground into sawdust (mechanical pulping), digested by chemicals like soda ash and sodium sulfite to remove the lignins and resins (chemical pulping), and bleached for whiteness with sodium or calcium hypochlorite, chlorine dioxide, and chlorine gas. Some paper companies are now using hydrogen peroxide and oxygen gas which are less damaging to the environment and to the paper as bleaches.

2. The pulp and water mixture, which is 99 percent water, is poured onto a wire mesh to form the web. It is at this stage that additives are put in the pulp and water mixture to increase water resistance, reduce ink permeability, to color the paper, and provide a smooth surface for color printing.

3. Once the web is formed, the water is removed first by gravity then by suction, mechanical pressing, and finally by heated rollers.

4. The paper finally goes through a number of rollers to calendar it—give it a smooth or textured finish.

Paper recycling has been going on since about AD 1035—in Europe of the time, paper materials were so scarce that old paper was remade into new. Now we've reversed it—paper materials are so plentiful that we're recycling them to keep them from flooding us out!

Up to 90 percent of the pulp used in recycled paper comes from preconsumer waste—cuttings from paper manufacturers and printers, overprints from printers, and packaging waste. The pre-consumer environment (the producers) are big on recycling because the problems of collection are simplified: it's all in one place, and all of one type. Pre-consumer paper waste is big business—not quite as big as soybeans, but it is traded as a commodity.

Post-consumer waste is what we usually think of—waste that the consumer throws out. Pre-consumer

waste is not a drop in the bucket compared to post-consumer waste, waste, especially in the paper business (the producers only throw out shavings, the consumers throw out what is produced). The reason post-consumer waste is not recycled as much as pre-consumer waste is collection: consumers cover such a large geographic area (the whole USA) that it's almost too expensive to try to collect it.

The solution? Get the consumers to collect and sort it! To encourage collection, many states have enacted legislation defining recycled paper as "at least ten percent postconsumer waste." This is a brilliant stroke, because if the paper companies want to turn out recycled paper and label it as such, they have to have a reliable source of post-consumer waste paper. Which means they not only have to encourage consumers to help collect waste, they have to help them with the collection infrastructure! I don't think it would ever get done otherwise.

How good is recycled paper?

The January 1992 issue of the Houghton Milieu "is printed on Evergreen recycled stock with at least 10 percent post-consumer waste. The Simpson paper company notes that their chief environmental object in providing recycled stock is not saving trees—they grow pulp wood faster than they use it—rather, their goal is to reduce the volume of paper products flooding landfills. The inks are less toxic in use and as waste." Most significantly, it does not cost more than virgin paper or reduce the production value.

Because of the deterioration in pulp fibers, most recycled paper is not of as good a quality as virgin pulp; however, there are exceptions, as above. I have found that some of the cheapest and softest tissue paper is made from 100 percent recycled paper. As the technology and production plants improve, the quality of

recycled paper will improve, and the price will continue to go down, especially as demand goes up.

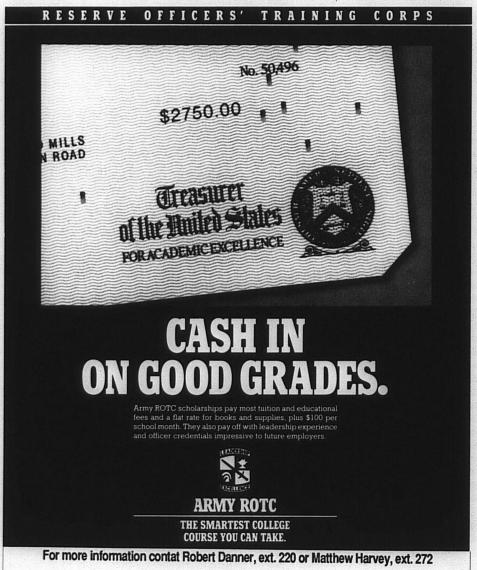
As a consumer, you need to be discerning, because not all recycled products are worthy of your support. Many are more harmful to the environment as a whole than products made from virgin materials, because of the bleaches used for

whitening, poisonous residues from bleaching, and energy consumed. Caveat emptor!

One last caution: don't take all this to mean you shouldn't use paper, shouldn't travel, or use anything at all. Man was not made for the environment, but the environment for man. Use it responsibly, take care of it. We don't need to get terribly

radical about the way we live: changing just a few habits will make a big difference.

I challenge you to make recycling your way of life, to become a recycler. Join the green revolution; but don't be deceived, because "it isn't easy being green." It's far easier to just continue in the same old ruts, living in the fast lane of a disposable society. ❖



THE ADMINISTRATION BEAT

by Matthew Harvey

New Departments Defined and New Deans Elected

ast week the election of the final new associate dean of Houghton College was announced: John R. Leax will be the Associate Dean for Professional Development (this title, however, is only a "recommended title change;" the final title for the position is undecided). As associate dean, Professor Leax's job will be basically to supervise the college faculty, including coordinating retreats, leaves, and sabbaticals, and supervising faculty evaluations.

The other big news in the administration this week is that the academic organization for next year is beginning to assume its final shape. The six current divisions will be abolished and in their place will be sixteen departments (see chart).

Since the current academic affairs committee is made up of the academic dean and the division chairs, it will also be going the way of all flesh. The restructuring of academic affairs will require changes to the constitution of the college, however, so exactly what will replace the committee has not been decided. The most likely scheme would be one in which each of the department heads served on the committee for a fixed amount of time, with only half of them on the committee at one time;

this would avoid the possibility of an unwieldy sixteen member academic affairs committee.

It remains to be seen what all of this will mean to the average Houghton student. It is entirely possible that most of us will never notice any difference, but we can hope that the reduced complexity of the academic structure of the college will facilitate learning in our college community. The elimination of the position of division chair should free up professors to offer at least one more class per year in many departments, soyes, there is some point to all of this.

There have been concerns expressed about what negative effects these administrative changes might have. In two weeks I'll be presenting three brief interviews with out new deans, Dr. Young, Dr. Bressler, and Professor Leax, to discuss these concerns, as well as their feelings about their new roles and what they see in the future for Houghton College.

One more item of news: though no decision has yet been made as to hot to fill Dr. Sayers' position on the philosophy faculty, a search committee has been formed to find someone to take his place as director of the Buffalo Inderdisciplinary Program. \$\Delta\$

Sixteen New Academic Departments and Respective Heads

- 1. Integrated Studies (humanities, library, PACE, etc.) Dr. Frederick D. Shannon
- 2. Business/Economics Prof. Richard Halberg
- 3. Education Dr. G. Edna Howard
- 4. English/Communication Dr. B. Sue Crider
- 5. Foreign Language Prof. Jean-Louis Roederer
- 6. Music (to be determined)
- 7. Psychology/Sociology Dr. Daryl H. Stevenson
- 8. Religion/Philosophy Dr. Carl Schultz
- 9. Art Prof. Scot E. Bennett
- 10. History/Political Science Dr. A. Cameron Airhart
- 11. Biology Dr. Donald W. Munro, Jr.
- 12. Chemistry Dr. Larry W. Christensen
- 13. Math/Computer Science Prof. Richard A. Jacobson
- 14. Physics/Earth Science Dr. Duane C. Saufley
- 15. Physical Education Dr. Dale E. Campbell
- 16. Recreation Dr. Thomas R. Kettlekamp

Republicans Host Panel Discussion On State of the Union Address

by Joel T. Tate

uesday, January 28, President George Bush delivered what was probably the most crucial and critically viewed State of the Union Address of his presidency. The College Republicans used the Telelink Room to televise the President's address to 82 people including faculty and students, many of whom were required to attend by Dr. Benedict.

In the address President Bush discussed his "Plan for America," a slate of legislative packets dealing with everything from education to health care and taxes to military spending. And, as was ex-

pected, the President emphasized the end of the Cold War and of the Soviet Regime as well as what he saw as his role in the orchestration of that demise. Nor did he fail to mention the Gulf War or thank the American GI's that participated. Bush also pointed at an imminent recovery and arms reduction talks with Yeltsin as positive indicators of the nation's direction.

After the address those on hand moved across the hall to enjoy refreshments provided by the Houghton College Republicans before settling down for the panel discussion. Bob Van Wicklin, Chairman of the Houghton College Republicans, acted as moderator and panel, organized with a thought to balance, was comprised of Dr. K. Lindley—historian, political scien-

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tist, and Republican; Mr. David Eggert, a Democrat and education specialist active in the local political arena; Professor Roger Rozendal, political communications commentator; Dr.

Robert Black, economist; Mr. Richard Buck, political science and history student and a staffer for Republican Congressman Amo Houghton; and Darren Chick, president of Houghton's Student Senate and a Democrat.

Each of the panelists brought his or her unique perspective to the address. Dr. Black addressed much of his time to, among other things. refuting the media's gloomy claims about the economy.

Dr. Lindley indicated that she felt the President had failed to sufficiently address in a direct manner some real problems, and expressed qualms about what she referred to as Bush's "apple pie, motherhood statements."

Prof. Rozendal critiqued the speech on technique, giving the President high marks for his self-deprecating humor and low marks for the plethora of generalities. Over all, he considered it a poor speech but on Dr. Lindley's insistence later conceded that the speech probably worked will with the average American but that the lack of substance would be evident to discerning voters.

Mr. Buck criticized the speech from the Republican right, pointing out among other things, that it wasn't Bush's place to take any credit for the end of the Cold War.

Mr. Eggert sought to counter Dr. Black's testimony by citing negative economic indicators and criticized what he saw as a return to Reaganomics in Bush's speech. He went on roundly to decry the President's goals and claims.

Mr. Chick also criticized the perceived lack of substance and relevancy, and as a business major he didn't find Bush's economic agenda very promising.

Bob Van Wicklin determined that there was a general consensus on the panel that the speech looked good but lacked substance. He then opened proceedings for questions from the students and faculty in the audience. The debate that ensued on the panel was often animated but always civil.

When asked what his intentions had been when organizing the successful event, Bob Van Wicklin said that he had hoped that it might be a "battling agent against the political apathy on campus." \$\Delta\$

Black History Month Activities Planned for February

by Robin Scherer

ebruary has been known as Black History Month, now a ten-year-old tradition at Houghton. According to Assistant Dean of Student Development Timothy Nichols, the purpose of setting aside the month of February is "to bring a broader exposure [to black history and culture] to Houghton students." He states that often in a community as racially homogeneous as Houghton, people tend to focus only on the accomplishments of their own racial group.

In the past, artists and speakers of color were invited to come to Houghton during the month of February simply because of their race. Nichols believes that Black History Month should not provide only entertainment, but should be more educationally oriented to "help us to be more aware of contributions of people of color, past and present." In addition, Nichols would like to see more actual history incorporated into the agenda—a significant difference from Black History Months in the past-"to honor people of color that have gone before us." Nichols would also like to see Black History Month diffused throughout the year and not concentrated only in February. To this end, the chapel committee has

been making efforts to invite more women and people of color to address Houghton audiences.

The first event scheduled by the Black History Month Committee was a service on Sunday, January 19, in which the Gayle Family Singers performed. The group appeared at Houghton last year, but sang only a few numbers; this year they performed the entire

service.

Several events planned during the month of Februarythattieinto the theme of Black History Month. Campus Activities Board is sponsoring the showing of Long Walk Home, a film featuring Whoopi Goldberg, which centers around the Montgomery, Alabama, bus

boycott. In addition, the Black History Month Committee is sponsoring the showing of two films this month: Raisin in the Sun and A World Apart.

Additional activities sponsored by the Black History Month Committee include Sunday trips to predominantly black inner city churches in Buffalo.

Houghton residents will get a chance to experience the talent of artists of color with the McNeil Jubilee Singers in the Friday, February 14 Artist Series. Albert McNeil is the director of the 28-year-old group which has toured over 59 countries and has performed over 1800 concerts. The Singers perform a capella as well as with accompaniment and their repertoire includes spirituals, gospel music, jazz, and contemporary rhythm n' blues.

Amambazo, an African singing group sponsored by the Christian College Consortium will be on campus March 23-27.

Monday, February 3 was the Black History Month Chapel, organized by the African-American Cultural Exchange. Michael Parks, a minority recruited from Jamestown Community College in Olean spoke. In addition, Frazz Bailey read one of

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Angelou.

Faculty have been asked to include contributions of people of color in their disciplines during classes on February 20 and 21.

Displays and bulletin

boards with additional information about Black History Month will be available throughout the campus center during the month of February. $\ 2$

Van Wicklin Polls **Houghton Computer Use Habits**

by Michael Evans

he College Administrative Council has decided to consider new possibilities for Houghton's computer users. Psychology professor and quarter-time institutional research directory John Van Wicklin is conducting a survey of current computer use. According to him, "at this point, they are eager to get information on what students are thinking."

Most of the questions in the re-

cent survey were designed to get a profile of the average Houghton student. Three of the questions asked students if they think the college should supply computers as a mandatory or optional addition to the admissions process. This is one of the many options being looked into by college administrators.

One concern is that prospective students with extensive computer training in high school might be

turned away from Houghton's lack of modern computer equipment and techniques. Some considerations being made are: will all students in all majors have a need for a computer? Where, how often, and for what purposes do students currently use computers? Do students feel Houghton's computer equipment is modern enough for practical use?

Van Wicklin said that 30 percent of theapproximately 600 surveys were completed and returned. He called this an "expected amount" although the responses were "somewhat unrepresented by freshmen."

Van Wicklin also said that over 60 percent of the respondents wrote comments on the surveys and twelve separate one-page comments were received. Although he has not finished analyzing the surveys, he is optimistic that the quality of responses will help the council assess the future computer needs of Houghton College students. &

1992 ANNUAL WINTER WEEKEND: What to expect

A CAB News Release

his weekend at | Houghton College marks the return of Winter Weekend, an annual event that includes inter-class events, snow sculptures, a banquet, and snow princes. weekend is sponsored by Houghton's Campus Activities Board (CAB).

Although a study break started the festivities last night, there are still plenty of things for you to do. After the basketball game tonight, there will be a Coffee House that starts at 10:45 p.m. This will feature many different student playing acoustic music. Also a return of "Club on the Rocks" will be at the Coffee House, selling many non-alcoholic beverages.

On Saturday, class competitions will be going on with activities ranging from table tennis games to inter-class basketball. This year, the Bruce Wilson Memorial Trophy will be inscribed with the class who ends up with the most points. This trophy is in remembrance of Bruce Wilson, who as a student was a member of the inter-class basketball league. He died while a student at Houghton, and this trophy was to go to the class that won the league each year. Since the league has stopped, the trophy is to be presented to the class with the most points at the conclusion of Winter Weekend.

Saturday night includes a banquet entitled "When You Wish Upon a Star," which begins at 5:00 p.m., and will have contests. Later that night will be the showing of 101 Dalmatians concluded with a Spot, both at Wesley Chapel. ☆

AND IN OTHER NEWS

By Amy Littlejohn

 There was an attempted military coup in Venezuela. After the democratically elected government suppressed it, a ten day suspension of civil liberties was announced.

 America has sent back a second boatload of Haitian refugees. There is noguarantee that they or the first group will be free from political persecution.

 Avalanches in Kurdish Turkey have buried whole villages. The death toll may reach three hundred.

•Boris Yeltsin has returned to Russia after his tour of the West. He has been promised an increase in foreign food shipments.

•The Japanese government is try-

ing to mitigate the incident of a few weeks ago when the Prime Minister made some apparently derogatory remarks concerning American workers. Those remarks have now been retracted.

 There is evidence that the Sahara desert may be shrinking again, following a regular cycle.

•In Hong Kong, there was a riot in a camp for Vietnamese "boat people", between rival gangs from north and south Vietnam. There are twenty-one dead.

•For the first time, the president of Ireland visited Belfast, but the Lord Mayor of that city would not meet her, because Ireland's constitution asserts a territorial claim over Ulster.

 Deng Xiaoping, former premier of China, made a rare public appearance at a party for the lunar new year.

 Sri Lanka celebrated the anniversary of its independence from England, in spite of continuing interethnic warfare.

•A scandal is brewing in France, where it has just been discovered that Mitterand's Socialist government allowed a Palestinian terrorist into the country for medical treatment. The Opposition is calling for the resignation of the Interior and Foreign ministers.

 Elections are coming up in Israel, and the new Russian immigrants are a critical and unpredictable voting bloc.

 Much has been made of the Jewish settlement on the West Bank, but almost as important are the Jewish settlers in the Moslem quarter of old Jerusalem.

 Yasir Arafat, leader of the PLO, has gotten married for the first time.
 sources: CBS Evening News, CNN, and Newsweek

Life and Death Choices

Lambein Sponsors Open House on Women's Health Issues

by Chervell Philip

Far too often women's health is jeopardized because they lack knowledge about important areas such as sexually transmitted diseases, birth control, and mammography. Misconceptions abound and shyness prevents many women from availing themselves of helpful information about gynecological exams, family planning, PMS, and other related concerns.

With this in mind, Lambein Resi-

dence Life Staff and the health center are sponsoring an open house on health issues for women. It will be held in the health center on Thursday, February 13, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Both men and women are encouraged to attend and may come and go as they wish. There will be pamphlets, videos, and opportunities to talk with college nurses and visiting nurse practitioner Dee Parker.

Crossword Answers



Men's B-ball Beats Westminster in Close Game

by Ronald G. Whiting

he Houghton men's basketball team set the tone for the rest of the season, as they downed Westminster College in front of their home crowd last Saturday, Febuary 1. This was a big step as they approach their last seven games and a possible shot at the playoffs.

The Highlanders defeated Westminster 80-73, inovertime, to record their first-ever win against the school. Going in to the game, W. C. was ranked 25th in the national NAIA division I poll, and Houghton had just come off a tough loss of 78-66 to Geneva College the night before.

On Saturday, Westminster led for most of the game, but Houghton delivered in the final minute as Darren Berkley and David Binkowski both hit 3-pointers to tie the game, 65-65, at the end of regulation. In the overtime period, Houghton outscored their opponents 15-8, as Mike Kinslow hit a crucial free throw to put the hosts up by three. W. C. was unable to get back in it after that point as Houghton went on to the win.

"It was a big win for Houghton and a big win for our kids," said Head Coach Steve Brooks. "Our seniors, Mike Kinslow, Brian Adams and Dave Binkowski all did a great job as leaders and all played well down the stretch." Binkowski led Houghton with 27 points, while Berkley added 21, and Dave Brocklehurst came off the bench to add 9.

The game was especially sweet for

Scott Fasick, however, who played for Westminster last season before transferring. He finished with 6 pts. and fouled

out of the game, but was greeted by Houghton fans chanting, "We got Fasick, we got Fasick."

In Friday night's game, Houghton didn't scoreanybasketsfor the first six minutes of the second half and were down by 15 points for most of theremaining time. Houghton did however, put on a run and cut the lead to only four with about 50 seconds left to play. Unfortunately Genevahittheirfoul shots to get back a substantialleadand never looked back.

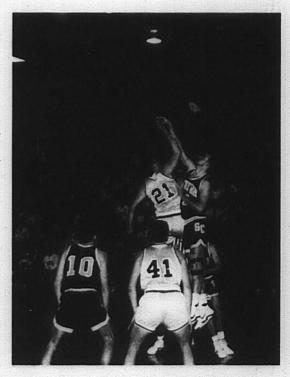
"I was proud of our kids, because they didn't quit, but they just hit their foul shots," Brooks

stated. Berkley finished with 31 points.

In a game earlier last week, Houghton traveled to Buffalo to take on Daemen College and escaped with an 8988 victory. Binkowski was the leading scorer with 29 pts., while Brocklehurst had 18 and George Wiedmaier added 15.

—In Tuesday's game with Roberts Wesleyan, Houghton defeated the Raiders 81-65. Roberts was leading the game at the half, 31-30, after playing a box and one, (a defense that puts pressure on one player), against Berkley. They were successful at stopping Berkley, but the Highlanders were able to get the ball in the hands of other players. Binkowski led Houghton with 19 pts., while Fasick had 15, and Adams added 13 and had 9 rebounds.

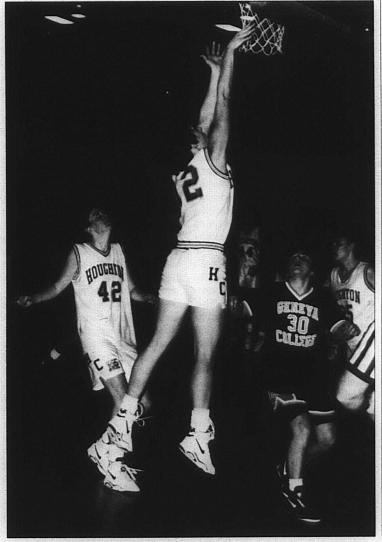
With this win, their record moves to 14-6, and the Highlanders now have a chance at hosting a game in the upcoming District 19 playoffs. The team re-



Adams goes up for the tip off as Binkowski crouches ready to attack. (Photo Greenway)

turns home tonight to take on Baptist Bible College at 8 p.m. ☆

Women's Basketball by Nathan Ransil Trounces Three



he Houghton College women's basketball team ran their record to 13-3 by running roughshod over Geneva, Westminster, and Carlow in a four day spree this weekend.

The women's team is playing competitive NAIA Division I, NCAA Division III and even Division II top-flight programs, and their record is 13-3. So what is going on? The Houghton College women's basketball team is very good that's what!

is very good that's what! Head Coach Skip Lord said that Geneva beating Westminster back to back over the weekend were good wins, and that Houghton should improve in District standing when the new Dunkle ratings come out next Monday. He said that coming off a two week open spot without any games he was concerned about the team being rusty. Instead, he was quite pleased, especially with the play of Senior leaders Stacia Dagwell, Jill Houghes, and Lori Wynn. Stacia has been shooting well, with 17 against Geneva and 16 versus Carlow. Jill had 10 against Westminster, and against Geneva a whopping six blocked shots. Lori averaged about 12 points and dished out 12 assists against Westminster. Tricia Atkinson also averaged about 13, shooting over 65% from the field.

With eight regular season games remaining, Lord is optimistic despite two upcoming back-to-backs on the road. His team is already quaranteed a winning season...and on a playoff course. And did I mention his team is very good?

The women will play their next game at home this Friday at 6:00 p.m. against Baptist Bible College. ❖

Tricia Atkinson shoots for two as Jill Houghes looks on. (Photo Greenway)

MAIL

This is number 637,492 in the series of one million things you will hear from adults on "Things that were worse when I was your age." Just think, you are over half way to the age of thirty and being able to tell these stories yourselves.

This one pertains to Dining Hall food. Some of the recent Star articles have inspired me to recall my happy days of eating in the Houghton College Dining Hall in the late 70's. Of course, if you really want to hear some horror stories, you should speak with someone quite old like Time Fuller(Class of 79) rather than someone still relatively young, like myself (Class of '81). Tim used to eat in the basement of Gao at assigned tables with all of those ancient tribal customs. For you youngsters (any true "Things-were-worse-when-I-wasyour-age" lectures should make frequent and liberal use of the word "youngster") Gao refers to an old dorm/cafeteria that we don't have any more. Its real name was Gaoyadeo (an old Indian word meaning "Where Great Hunter fears to eat").

Of course, if you really want a history lesson, you should speak with a real old timer like my aunt, Kathie Brenneman. She has some amazing stories of meals during her days at Houghton College, before the discovery of fire. She and the other four students at that time used to have to go out and forage for berries with Mary Jemison, white woman of the Genesee. But I digress, let me return to my own lecture.

When I was your age, dining hall eating was much different. When I first came here, we didn't even have a food service. The kitchen staff prepared only one or two entrees. There was no cereal, no sandwich bar, no deli sandwiches, no theme weeks, NO CHOICES. So if the entree du jour was the ever popular "Broccoli-Cauliflower Nut Bake," you were just out of luck. Broccoli-Cauliflower Nut Bake was so universally disliked that there were entire Senate Sports devoted to it. (Incidentally, this was back in the really old days when Senate Spots were funny.)

Let's talk about the Salad "Bar." The salad bar at the time consisted of a long folding table with a plastic "flower power" tablecloth. The bounteous table held a large bowl of slightly wilted lettuce, two kinds of dressing (ranch dressing hadn't even been invented yet!), and on a really exciting night, there may have been bacon bits or a jello salad. Or a bacon bits jello salad.

Another feature of the cafeteria in those days was LINES. It was like living in the Soviet Union (a country that used to exist back in those days, where the people had to wait in line all morning for one loaf of bread). For some reason, without the efficiency of Pioneer, we had to wait in long lines for every meal. I am talking about lines all the way down the wooden stairs and into the lounge. Which back in those days had this horrendous furniture made out of wooden crates covered with carpeting. One night, and I am not making this up: we were having pizza night. (The one good meal in the pre-Pioneer days.) Pizza night was so popular, that they had to set up a serving station for seconds out in front. So some hard-working kitchen helper

came rushing out with fresh hot pizzas on one of those large transport carts. Upon arriving at the serving station, he failed to come to a complete stop, crashing into the banisters and sending the pizzas flying out of the cart and onto the heads of everyone waiting in line.

So as you can see, youngsters, eating the cafeteria in those olden days was not only choiceless, but downright dangerous. And then picture this-if this is getting too horrible for you to imagine, you may skip ahead and read something slightly less stomach turning like "The Black Hole"—after a sumptuous evening of dining, if the Broccoli Cauliflower Nut Bake or Beanie Weenie didn'thit the spot, we didn't even have Big Al's to go to. There was the snack shop, but no wings and no pizza! Can you imagine Houghton without them? There was also no mini-mart. The only business in town then was "The Houghton Inn" a restaurant so repulsive that every year when it caught fire, no one ever even tried to put out the blaze. Finally it burned the whole way to the ground several years ago.

As you can imagine, we complained about the food then, and you still do now. I wonder what it would take for students not to complain about the food? I know of one Christian college, I won't say the name, but we play them in soccer and it is a true story, which had their kitchen condemned by the Board of Health! They walked right in and shut the whole place down until they could correct the long list of violations. They had to have all of their meals catered by Dunkin Donuts, Burger King, and Pizza Hut. And guess what? After two days, the students started to complain again! I think maybe it is genetic, like getting acne when you are 13, you complain about food when you are 18-21.

But anyway, I complained about food, but I loved it at HOughton and I wouldn't trade those years for anything. I'm sure you will complain about the again too. But do one thing for me. The next time you go to the Dining Hall and have about 12 different choices for your meal, think about Broccoli Cauliflower Nut Bake and give Big Al a Big Hug.

Tim Nichols

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I am writing in response to an incident that occurred on Thursday, January 16. While I was working, someone came into the locker room for the employees and stole a worthy amount of money from my wallet. I write to my same that I allowed such a thing to occur. However, I would still like to make some comments on the matter. The purpose of these comments is not to cause guilt in hopes of retrieving the money nor is it to let off anger and bitterness on my part. Furthermore, I do not pass off my responsibility of that money onto someone else's moral inadequacy. I do accept the part that I played in making this crime possible.

First, I would like to address the person(s) involved in the crime. I am truly sorry that you would find yourself in a position where you found it necessary to steal. I hope that you find this money useful to the meeting of your needs. I only ask that you do use it wisely and (if still possible) to the glory of God. I feel this wayandrequest these things for a special reason. That money was a special gift of some personal friends who wished to help me in my endeavors of becoming a pastor. I did not work for it or earn it. It was purely a gift of provision to me from the Lord. It was not mine. It was only for the uses which will in turn serve and honorthe Lord. My crime is that I did not properly care for that which the Lord provided for me. Your crime is not stealing MY money but you in reality stole directly from what was God's. You have notwrongedme(actuallyyoushowedmy laziness), but you have wronged God. I pray that it would be His Mercy you would seek. I am sorry that I left my wallet in a place that it would tempt you. Perhaps we both need to learn a lesson from this.

Second. I would like to address the rest of the population of Houghton. It truly grieves me that something such as this is occurring at Houghton. This is not the first time for this at my job area, let alone across the campus. While at a Christian institution, I feel I should not have to worry about such occurrences out of trust of my fellow Christian brothers and sisters. I believe I can have that type of trust with the great majority of this community, but I see that there are still somethat misuse that trust. I do not call for the condemnation or the outcasting of these people but I do wish for their repentance to the Lord that they may be right with Him. As for me, I see my duty as to keep better security of that which belongs to me. And, if one wishes to look at this in a positive Christian perspective, one could say that we are helping those with this problem by not allowing for easy theft through better management, although it is difficult to really determine the extent of precaution one should use here.

We all leave our books and coats in the open for easy prey, but is that unreasonable? I do not know where the line is drawn between precaution and paranoia. However, I do know that they must ultimately account for their actions, but let us not be a hindrance to them by enhancing their possibilities. May we all strive to edify, uphold, and correct (with humility, and that's not easy!) one another to the glory of God. "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say Rejoice." Philippians 4:4

Noel Meyers

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My friend Beaver Perkins died four years ago this month. When I think of her life and death I remain amazed at how much she continues to inhabit my thoughts; how much her character still speaks to me. I continue to love her and since this seems unusual o most people I recently returned to a chapter in Kierkegaard's Works of Love, "The Work of Love in Remembering One Dead." I sought reassurance from one who did not think it strange to love the dead. In that chapter I found these ideas:

1. "...weep softly but grieve long." In fact, when someone you love dies, you must grieve for them until you too have died.

2. "The work of love in remembering one dead is a work of the most unselfish love... The work of love in remembering one who is dead is a work of the freest love... The work of love in remembering one dead is a work of the most faithful love."

While Kierkegaard does not come right out and say this, his ideas convict me about how I ought to love the living. I have nothing to gain by loving the dead, I am not coerced into loving the dead, and no aid can come from the dead to help me retain my love for them. I am much less sure that I can make these claims about my love for those who are alive. Thus, it seems to me, that how I love the dead can function as a standard by which I can measure my love for those who are alive.

I believe Beaver would smile at how long it takes me to learn lessons which se lived in front of us all. It is ever clearer tome that she loved the living unselfishly, freely and faithfully. While I love her that way now, I fall far short of loving the living as she did.

In a sense though, I do not mind. As long as I still have lessons to learn from her life, as long as I fall short of the example she gave me and so long as I remain aware of this, she lives in my mind. This will help me to weep softly, and to grieve until I too have died. I hope, also, that it will help me to love the living as I love the dead; to love the living as I love the dead; to love the living as did Beaver.

Brian Sayers

FLP AUS

By Kelly Patterson

Back, by popular demand, is the second "Most embarrassing moments of my existence" excerpt. This one is really quite recent, and even witnessed by numerous folk on this campus. It was finals—one in particular—last semester.

My first final was College Algebra and Trigonometry taught by Professor Pocock. I really had no worries about this test, being the mathematical mind of wonder that I am (NOT).

Anyway, the exam was scheduled for the heinous time of eight in the morning. First of all, let me state that I find this period of the a.m. to be most unsuitable for an exam of such magnitude. I mean, I know I'm not the most cheerful or alert person in the morning, but Idon't believe anyone can be at their fullest mental capacity at such an insane hour.

So, I ended up going to bed at about two, not because I was studying, but because I kept contemplating if I should study or not. O.K. so I'm in bed, enjoying my R.E.M. when the alarm clock goes off at seven. Now, as anyone who knows me can tell you (past and present roommates in particular) I am extremely hard to awaken. Once I even tried to wake myself up to the *Phantom of the Opera* C.D. at the highest volume possible. The result was a coronary for my roommate of the time, and a slight flutter of my eyelids. But I digress.

Needless to say, I ended up oversleeping the fateful day of my exam, and by the time my body woke me up, it was 8:05. Yes, five minutes after my exam had begun. I jumped out of bed (slight allusion to the *Night Be*fore *Christmas* poem) and grabbed my pencil, and ran. I ran across the quad, into the science building, and into Schaller Hall.

I guess my feet didn't have time to receive the message sent by my brain that they could cease moving at such an agonizing rate, because I even began to run down the stairs. This is a tip from me to you: never run down the stairs in Schaller Hall. As I approached the midway point of my journey to the proctor's desk to attain my impending doom, a slight change in the atmosphere occurred. I felt like I was going in slow motion with the sounds Tschaikovsky's Swan Lake surrounding me, when I noticed that my feet were two steps ahead of my body. The tune played on in my mind as I tried to regain control of my descent, and lost the battle. My faltering steps landed me on the bottom stair, doing my impression of a Chinese Kowtow to my most illustrious Professor.

I reached out, took the paper from his hand, and turned to face my adoring and concerned peers as they held up signs of approval to my graceful entry, and asked if I could make it up to my seat on my own. Needless to say, I still hate morning exams, and I walk very calmly down those steps in Schaller Hall.

What is the meaning of life? Some say it is to marry, buy a house with a mortgage that will keep you in debt for 20,000 years, and raise a flock of children. Others think it is to get a career and see where it takes you, and still others just don't care. God says something a little bit different from all of these options.

Before anything else, Godis. God should be the head of a household, the head of a relationship, the head of a career, and the head of my life...that's what this article is all about.

I have been struggling lately with

the whole concept of the meaning of my life. I feel at times that I'm just going through the motions, on the way to something called life. What is it called when I'm waiting for it? And now that I'm completely confused about what I'm going to do after this four-year intermission is over, what is the meaning of my future life? I can't decide on a major right now, and even though I have some time to decide. I feel very uneasy with this big UNDE-CIDED stamp on my forehead. I'm not used to feeling that little gnome named 'doubt' in my head wandering around saying "Yeah, what are you ever going to be?"

One night I was talking to God about this said problem, when the verse that recounted "Love the lord with all your heart, soul, mind...". The main message that I got is this (like it's not completely obvious) Love, everyday...in life with people, and in my spiritual life with God. I don't mean to sound like a Woodstock throwback, but if I can just live day by day in God's will, the decade by decade view doesn't seem so frightening.

So I keep asking him-

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but he never answers he just sits in that chair resting his lips.

I try to get him to tell me what he wants me to do for him but all he does is smile, and say "You'll know soon"

"What does that mean?"
I ask him.
he has that same smile on his perfect face
and says "wisdom...to those who wait"

I hate waiting there's so much to do so many things I want to see "is that what you want from me?"

But his glowing figure just rests quietly as I rant and rave at times he smiles, but at times he becomes serious... suddenly, he speaks

"Til tell you what I want from you"
"O.K." I say "Tm listening"
"You have to really pay attention now"
"I am! I am!" I say

"Do you love me?" he says
"What?" I say
"Do you love me, Kelly?" he says
"Of course I do" I say

"There...that's it" he says, and he leans back in the chair, waiting for my response I hate to keep the Almighty Lord waiting

"What's IT?" I say
"To love...that's it" he says
"Oh, well, that's easy" I say
"Love is never easy" he says
"Easier than most" I say

And then another shining figure comes from behind the chair his hair was glearning white, his face shone but his hands showed scars as dark and deep as the night "Now" God said, pointing to his son, "Was THAT easy?"

Black Hole

"...you are my density..."

-Marty McFly from Back
to the Future

This is the very last time that I will ever write a column like this. I have had it! I hereby promise to never do this again as long as I'm here and hopefully as long as I live! But the simple fact that I have noticed a slight quirk in the representative readers of this magazine that I believe needs a vital amount of research. If there was any topic that I should choose for my senior seminar in psychological research project, it is that of the relative density of the average Houghton Star reader.

Look, I hate to slam [I'm being honest here folks; mark this down on your calendar, because you may never get this type of honesty here again] but, good guano, people, WAKE UP!! Have any of you ever been to Venus? It wouldn't surprise me if you had because more than likely your density would all but match that of the atmosphere on that planet; i.e., thick.

Case in point: my dear editor and his past few columns on stuff that might be fine-line in nature and are perceived to be inherently evil by some of the campus. WHY IN THE NAME OF MILLARD FILLMORE DID HE HAVE TO WASTE GOOD TIME, SPACE, INK, PAPER AND SENSE ON YOUR POOR, SHORT-SIGHTED [I'm going to stop short here due to my Christian duty not to slander my spiritual siblings in public.]. . . .

There! I have vented it. I feel somewhat better now. Then again, I do feel bad. I shouldn't have to be doing this for several reasons. A: it

is not my place to either judge, be incensed to tears or slander; B: it is not your place to do the same, and; C: all of you should really think about what you have read here in this paper and try to at least see the irony, perspective, content and attempt to grasp the tone and theme of the topics addressed using what intellect you possess [that was not sarcasm] to see what you read here for what it says. It is not your duty to be a crusader. Most of you haven't the muster to even attempt such a task. We are, after all, only college students. We are not popes, presidents, senators, ministers, premieres, or pastors. We should not presume to act as such.

Someone once said [and if you want to know who, find me and ask me later] "If you believe that you possess "The Truth,' you can be assured that you truly do not." This is not to say that we do not have "THE TRUTH" in the Bible, it simply says that we are only finite beings and for us to act as if we can see all for what it is, or, more realistically, what we think it is, we equate ourselves with God. [Look! The original sin!]

So, the next time you catch your-selfthinking that you have seen something that shouldn't be seen in this paper, stop, gather your wits, and meditate on it instead of relying on that old vomit reflex [that was sarcasm] to spew forth a tempest of accusations. Attempt to re-vent that energy to a greater cause: discernment. For if you fail to leap, you may find yourself remaining at the mountain's peak, gazing upon the face of the land instead of plunging toward it. \$\Delta\$

Blackberries

by Johnathan Wydysh

Dear Sir,

As the president of the Alliance for the Advancement of the Sequined Star-butted Aardvarks and a proud Star-butted Aardvark yourself, I was hoping you could clarify a few things for a confused plain-butted Aardvark. I would like to know if A.A.S.S.A. has an official position on this National Sequin Star-butted Aardvark Month. Certainly you aren't taking this sitting down?!

I am a Tinsel Tassel-tailed plain-butted Aardvark. Like you I am concerned with fairness and equal treatment of all Aardvarks. As I am sure you are aware, equality entails non-biased treatment. In all fairness, as I am sure you will agree again, the plight of the Tinsel Tassel-tailed Plain-butted Aardvark has been just as arduous as that of the Sequin Star-butted Aardvark. What I am wondering is how you guys went about getting your month so that we can get one too? I am sure you, who are so dedicated to such high ideals as equality would be more than glad to help the Tinsel Tassel-tailed Plain-butted Aardvarks.

Please keep in mind that there are other groups of Aardvarks who would like months too. Lets see now: there's the Truffle Tussled Fluffy-eared Aardvarks; the Bloated Blanched-bellied Blue-nosed Aardvark; the Droopy-poopy Dreary Dung Hued Aardvark; the Hirsute Merkin-munching Mango-tinged Aardvark: the Queereyed Clapping Quim Aardvark; the Filthy Fen Farting Ferreting Aardvark (that can be either plain or sequin star-butted, but claims no affiliation with either nor has it been claimed by either); then there is the Albino Anarchist Arian Angular Aardvark; the Tedious Tremolosing-mammifera Aardvark: the Abecedarian Octavulous-camero-faced Aardvark; and then there are all the non-heterosexual Aardvarks that cross dress and only go outside on very windy days; and what about the Stressed-out Strumped-up Aardvarks who can't abide any sort of gender differentiation; or the Halogenically Hindered Aardvarks with halitosis; let us not forget the Native Mugwumping Bile-binging swamp-mucking Aardvarks, to name a few. All of them will want months. There is one problem...not enough months. Or maybe they might be looking for something like equality and a common understanding among all Aardvarks that we are all created unequal-and that's really the only thing us Aardvarks have in common.

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ACROSS

- 1. Cushion
- 4. Mad dog 9. Source of corn
- 12. Gov. agency (abbr.)
- 13. Water in tissues
- 14. Plural verb
- 15. Fleet of warships
- 17. The Earth
- 19. Ineline
- 21. Departure estimate (abbr.)
- 22. Red vegetable 24. "Perfect" number
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- 26. Roof covering 29. Small islands
- 31. On fire
- 33. Beetle
- 34. Gross ton (abbr.)
- 35. _____ Rogers
- 39. Negative
- 40. Cloth border
- 42. Moist
- 43. Old 46. Snare
- 48. Ocean
- 50. Female horse
- 51. Negative word
- 53. Approximately
- 55. Servile work
- 58. Churned milk
- 61. Single

Crossword

answers on

page 11

- 62. Aircraft operator
- 64. Ever (poetic)
- 65. Strang
- 67. Male sheep

DOWN

- 1. Green vegetable
- 2. Spring month (abbr.)
- 3. Maiden 4. Do over
- 5. Adjust
- 6. Verb
- 7. Valley 8. NW state (abbr.)
- 9. Open
- 10. Wager
- 16. Change 18. Attached (abbr.)
- 20. Rope-like fish
- 22. Loop in a rope
- 23. Organic compound
- 25. Nothing
- 27. One who avoids people
- 28. Wear away
- 30. Scatter seed
- 32. Small amount (slang)
 36. Affirmative
- 36. Affirmative
- 38. Complete range of anything
- 41. Containing men
- 43. Brewed drink
- 45. Cloth shred 47. Hawaiian food
- 49. Monastery superior
- 52. Spigots
- 54. Those not in office
- 56. Cow sound
- 56. Finish
- 57. Untruth
- 59. Age
- 60. Rapid eye movement
- (abbr.)
- 63. Southern state (abbr.)



































