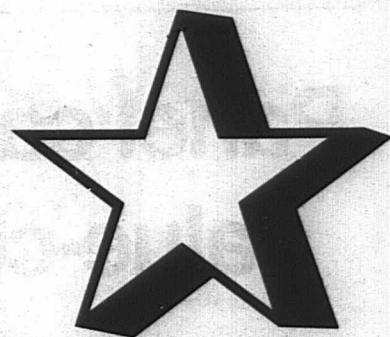


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## WORLD AT A GLANCE

Wm. Mann

**Bosnia** -Mortar fire killed 68 and wounded 200 in Sarejevo renewing worldwide demand for intervention to end the 2-year conflict. NATO issued a 10-day warning for Serbian artillery to withdraw 20 km from capital.

**Japan** -Tokyo announced a \$140 billion economic package to help revive their worst economy since WW II.

**U.S.A.** -President Clinton submitted a \$1.52 trillion federal budget (2.36% more than last year's budget but less than last year's 3% inflation rate).

**China** -Aging leader Deng Xiaoping made his annual appearance ushering in the lunar new year-Year of the Dog. Deng's failing health (Parkinson's disease) make such appearances rare.

**Finland** -Social Democrat Martti Ahtisaari was elected Finland's 10th president, claiming 53.9% of vote (82.3% voter turnout). High unemployment and possible entry into NATO are part of Ahtisaari's agenda.

**Columbia** -President Cesar Gavira is contending a government decision that inviting U.S. troops into the country is a constitutional violation. The 130 soldiers (building a school, clinic, and improving a road) are just 45 miles from Cali, home of the world's largest cocaine cartel.

**Canada** -Prime Minister Jean Cretien announced Canada would slash taxes on cigarettes in an effort to stamp out smuggling from U.S. (3/4 of Quebec tobacco sales are contraband; 1/3 of Ontario sales). The U.S. is considering raising tobacco taxes.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Nobody should doubt NATO's resolve. NATO is now ready to act."

President Clinton's remarks on the 10-day warning, issued 22 months after the Bosnian bloodshed began.

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## Independent study challenges Houghton to reassess educational objectives

Janelle Powell

"Education is in trouble, and with it our nation's hopes for the future. America's ability to compete in a global economy is threatened. The American people's hopes for a civil, humane society ride on the outcome. The capacity of the United States to shoulder its responsibilities on the world stage is at risk."

How does Houghton College compare?

That is the question the Wingspread Group on Higher Education is asking. It's issuing the same challenge to 3,400 colleges and universities in the U.S., over 500 federal and state lawmakers, and to various foundations for education. In its report, "An American Imperative: Higher Expectations for Higher Education," the group published results from a 1992 U.S. Department of Education study with startling figures:

26.2% of four-year gradu-

ates didn't complete a history course

30.8% never had any mathematics

39.6% had no credits in either English or American literature

58.4% never took a foreign language.

The panel dares the leaders, students, and supporters of American higher education to address the problem, or "risk national decline." Led by former Senator and Secretary of Labor William E. Brock, the group of educators, and other supporters of education focuses on three major issues in the report.

It claims that "value-free" education does not exist and that values must be recognized and modeled on college campuses. Second, if educational achievement is to increase, institutions must place the students as the highest priority. Finally, an emphasis on learning should be incorpo-

rated into the entire educational system, so that K-12 schools, colleges, libraries, museums, educational groups, and businesses all work together towards the goal of an improved education for America's future generation.

The Wingspread Group poses a four-step plan to accomplish that goal:

1. Each college evaluates itself with a Self-Assessment Checklist, then develops and carries out an improvement proposal.

2. It identifies standards for entry and exit and designs a way to measure educational progress.

3. It creates a liberal core curriculum that is required for graduation.

4. It establishes a commitment to graduate students who have individual character, concern for the community, competent skills to serve

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## Student Senate sets aside money in support of campus security

Michael Evans

The college security department will be purchasing a new communication system with money from the Student Ssenate special project funds. The project emerged when security resurfaced as a Senate issue after a college-owned women's house was broken into last fall. Why the new system?

Security director Ray Parlett says, "I don't know of anything that could be of greater interest to the student body as a whole than approving a new communication system."

The system will enable direct communication between the security officer on duty and the person calling, instead of leaving an answering machine message and sometimes waiting fifteen to twenty minutes for a response.

"The most common complaint we get is people who are frustrated because they've called in and they've waited for us," says Parlett. "But the biggest concern to me is when an emergency comes up, there is a delay. Secondly, if there is

a problem with the tape or people are really upset, sometimes they don't leave adequate information."

Students may wonder who this security force is and what it does to make them safe. There are three full-time and two part-time guards, as well as a student who works one day a week. One guard is on duty at a time with some overlap of shifts when there are more activities on campus. There are times when no security guard is on duty. Parlett says during all but one hour there is someone available on the switch board.

The role of security is primarily to protect students and property on campus. But Parlett explains that it is difficult to do much more than secure the buildings on campus and patrol.

Building lock-up time begins at eleven p.m. and it takes about two hours. The night guard checks the outside doors of main campus buildings and houses continually. Several off-campus sites such as the maintenance building, college farm, and soccer fields

are patrolled at least once per night.

The hardest buildings to secure are the gymnasium, campus center, academic, and science buildings because they are large, active places. It is difficult to clear people out of a building with several sets of stairs. People may use one set while the guard clears another.

Guards face frustration when they must make note of people needing to stay in a locked building. Whenever a person needs another ten minutes to finish a computer project or to get a book from the third floor, it takes more time for the guard to finish his rounds.

Building security can help prevent theft and vandalism in locked areas, but guards also deal with crimes of violence.

"My philosophy by and large is there is no way we can protect every student from every other student," says Parlett. There is little that can be done by security to prevent crimes in unlocked areas and violence by people who know their victims.

## Report:

Senate meeting: February 8

Doug Smith

As Student Senate begins a new semester, some changes are in order. Jim Karcane, due to personal reasons, stepped down as Student Senate Chaplain. Troy Nelson also resigned as Student Senate Treasurer. Senate elected Chris Baldwin as temporary chaplain, but Chris still needs to obtain a petition of 75 signatures before he can be permanently elected.

Beth Gibbel was elected as temporary treasurer, but according to a clause in the Constitution, along with other academic requirements, the treasurer must be either a sophomore or a junior only. As of yet, Senate has not found anyone to fill the position of Senate Treasurer.

The Sexual Harassment Committee needs one male resource person. Anyone interested in the position should contact their respective class senators for more information.

The exception to this is when a person exhibits a pattern of criminal behavior. Would-be criminals from off-campus are easier to deter because, according to Parlett, "They can be asked to leave. Taking their name usually ends the problem though."

Guards are not encouraged to use force to deter suspects. Instead, suspects are asked to accompany security to the office, but physical force is only to be used in order to avoid serious damage to property or persons.

Since Houghton security guards are not deputized, they can not legally carry offensive weapons. They carry a large flashlight, which can be used as a defensive weapon, and a radio. There are issued no other equipment.

At least two security guards are certified to perform CPR, which is requested of full timers. Parlett said guards may be trained in First Aid in the future.

"To a large extent you can

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# Panel calls for emphasis on value-centered education

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society, and civilized behavior, speech, and thought.

The members of the panel also encourage trustees, legislators, and other sources of funding to provide the money to implement these changes on American college campuses. Said Brock, "Unless higher education meets these challenges we will have a society which won't be able to compete . . . The simple fact is that some faculties and institutions certify for graduation too many students whose intellectual depth and breadth are unimpressive and too many whose skills are inadequate to success in contemporary life."

So how does Houghton stand up against this demand for stricter standards of higher education?

A broad range of people connected to Houghton College were approached to get a complete answer to this

question. President Chamberlain, Board of Trustees member Edith Orem, Dr. Airhart, chairman of the History Division, and Dr. Van Wicklin, professor of psychology, were interviewed as well as seniors Aron Cole and Michelle LaBeau and former student Karen Torraca, who

graduated as valedictorian in 1993. They discussed how Houghton measured up in its service to students, how it prepared students for life after college, and compared its strengths and weaknesses to the ideals presented by the Wingspread Group. They emphasized the high academic standards, the strong liberal arts base, and the atmosphere that encourages decision-making and professionalism. Adminis-

tration and students both voiced a sense of the institution's support for students. Said Michelle LaBeau, "This is not a business; it's a college."

Individuals also addressed

Houghton's Christian environment and value system, the concept of faith and learning as applied in the classroom.

Dr. Van Wicklin, from his studies through the Office of Institutional Research, and Aron Cole both feel that while Houghton students' values may not really change over the four-year period, the college provides a place to test and strengthen personal morals. President Chamberlain and Board member Edith Orem explained several possibilities for improvement and new programs, especially to

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**- Karen Torraca**

promote international and cultural diversity.

However, the overriding concern expressed by both students and faculty is the need to develop critical thinking skills in religious and philosophical areas in addition to increased sociopolitical awareness and religious diversity. Dr. Airhart believes that taking risks to challenge students' views is a part of educational quality. According to Dr. Van Wicklin, "Part of the mission of any college is to refine and even alter a student's sense of who one is, what one believes, what society is, what is right, what is just, what methods will help one grasp truth, and what one ought to do with one's life . . ." Agreed Karen Torraca, "I think it's possible for a student to go through here and not really question anything, and I think that's something that needs to be addressed . . ."

Part 1 of 2

## Faster response time called for to improve security

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control your destiny as far as being a crime victim," says Parlett. "Particularly violent crimes if you don't walk alone." Attempts to secure property on campus can only work to an extent, but he said people need to "be security conscious" to reduce chances of being victimized by burglars and rapists.

"Women need to be careful who they go on dates with," he advised. "Just because they are Houghton men doesn't mean they are safe." He suggests group dating as a good way to safely meet new people.

Part 1 of 2: Next Week, student survey results.

## Michigan State study reports conflicting expectations for starting jobs and salaries

### News Release

For new college graduates now may be the time to update their resumes and interview clothes - there are plenty of jobs out there for the taking.

But then again, perhaps you should make plans to move back home and leech off Mom and Dad until the job outlook improves.

Are there jobs out there? It depends on whom you want to believe.

The bright news: An increase in hiring is projected in 1994 for new college graduates, according to the 23rd annual edition of Recruiting Trends, a Michigan State University report.

The bad news: The outlook is bleak and recent graduates are going to face stiff competition for jobs, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupation Outlook Quarterly.

The more reassuring survey for graduates, which was researched by Michigan State, reported a 1.1 percent increase in hiring over last year. This is the first increase projected in the past five years.

In addition to an increase in jobs, starting salaries are expected to be 0.4 percent higher than last year, Recruiting Trends said. The highest anticipated increases are for majors in chemistry, computer science, industrial, civil and mechanical engineering, mathematics and accounting.

According to the Research Trends survey, several fields are emerging with vast opportunities for employment. Among the rising occupations reported by the surveyed companies are computer-related fields, business systems analysts, environmental engineers and scientists, health care and medical specialists, and communications and multimedia specialists.

The highest starting salaries for graduates with bachelor's degrees are chemical engineering majors at \$40,300. The results are based on the responses of 4,600 employers in industry and government agencies.

When asked what advice the employers have for recent college graduates, the most frequent response was to have realistic expectations.

"Get in touch with reality; reduce your 'hat size,'" the Michigan State survey said. "New graduates cannot demonstrate that they are overqualified for a job until they try it on for size."

Employers also said that if you get a new job and it's not what you expected, don't worry. Most companies reported that they don't expect to hire a college graduate and have that person be with the company for a lifetime. There is so much change happening in the workplace that most companies cannot guarantee

lifetime employment.

"The expectation for an individual to 'marry' an organization is no longer the norm," the survey said.

Employers recommend starting at an entry-level position. "Get started in an organization that offers a career ladder and produce outstanding results," the survey said. "Promotions will come later."

If you have a job, that is.

"Employment projection for the 1990-2005 period indicate that the average annual openings in jobs requiring a degree will number fewer than during the 1984-1990 period," wrote economist Kristina J. Shelley in the Occupation Outlook Quarterly.

Work experience will become as important, if not more important than education for some jobs, according to Shelley, because of the growing number of bachelor's degrees awarded each year that forces graduates to compete for fewer jobs.

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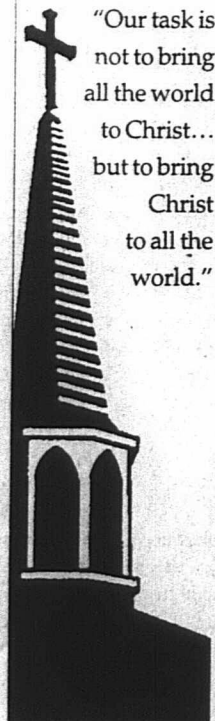
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## VITA provides free tax help

### News Release

Anyone who needs help with tax preparation, needs tax questions answered, or needs tax forms, is invited to come to Houghton College's Free Tax Clinic - **no appointment necessary**. Jointly sponsored by Houghton's department of business and economics and the IRS, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) clinic is staffed by Federal Income Tax students who have completed an IRS training course and have passed a proficiency test. These volunteers will assist those

who file Form 1040EZ, Form 1040A, or a basic Form 1040 (with supporting schedules) Federal tax return. They will also alert taxpayers to special credits and deductions for which they may be eligible, providing other tax assistance and information as requested. Tax forms which are not available at the U.S. Post Office will be available at the clinic.

The tax clinic is conducted in Room 316 of Houghton's Academic Building and will be open **Wednesdays from 6 to 8 pm and Saturdays from 9 am to noon from January 31 to April 15**. For more information, call 567-9200.

## *Lanthorn positions available for next year*

**Please note.** ...Students interested in running for the position of the editor or business manager for the 1994/5 *Lanthorn* are required to submit a written request for candidacy to the Campus Activities Committee no later than March 1, 1994. Candidates will be interviewed by the Committee through the month of March.

Candidates must be juniors or seniors during the 1994/5 school term. The editor must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25; the business manager, 2.00.

Upon approval of the Campus Activities Committee, candidates will submit their platforms for publication in the *Star* prior to the elections. Those elected will work closely with the editor/business manager of the *Lanthorn* for the remainder of this semester to acquaint themselves with their responsibilities.

## Country of the Week: Mexico

### Wm. Mann

President Salinas had high hopes at the turn of the new year: world banks were less demanding toward Mexico's huge debts, under the assistance of the Bush administration; President Clinton's recent success with NAFTA gave Mexico a promising future as an economic power; and there was a very good chance that Mexico would soon move from third world status to the big leagues of the first world nations. Yet all this was disrupted on the eve of the new year as rebel forces stormed towns and villages of the Chiapas province, bringing up haunting memories of the country's revolutionary past.

The events of the January 1 revolt were claimed by the Zapatista national Liberation Army (EZLN), a group of Mayan Indians desiring the overthrow of the Salinas government and calling for "clean" elections in August. Chiapas is the southernmost province of Mexico (bordering Central America) and is populated mainly by Mayan farmers. While many speculate Guatemalan military influence, including the president, the soldiers claim they are entirely indigenous. They claim fraudulent elections allowed Salinas's administration into power (dating back to the 1988 presidential race when leftist leader Cuauhtemoc Cardenas was defeated).

Mexican peasants are not

the only ones calling "fraud." The U.S. State Department reports for a 1992 document, "heavy-handed tactics to suppress dissent and opposition to the Salinas Government" and during the NAFTA debates in Congress, reports were presented on Mexico's human rights records. Testimony of State deputy Nancy Ely-Raphael even provoked protest and demonstration against her in Mexico.

**"Mexico may have the opportunity to establish economic power in the world, especially after NAFTA unfolds."**

While President Salinas suggested the revolt of January 1, it was a "local problem" which occurred in a region of profound poverty. Many are questioning the potential for other uprisings. The country previously exposed high-level corruption when a Drug Enforcement agent was killed in 1988 and Mexican military and police officials obstructed inquiry into his death. The U.S. demanded and Salinas complied with major purges to his administration. Yet EZLN leader, subcomandante Marcos, recently remarked, "They're changing the leaves on the tree,

and it's the roots which are rotten."

One major contention with the Mayan Indians is the 1992 removal of a Constitutional promise to allow "land for all peasants." Recent intrusion of new businesses has begun to push the Mayans off their farming properties. (The Mayans have been oppressed since the Spanish invasions 400-500 years ago.)

Negotiations have been attempted since the rebellion began, and respected officials have been chosen by Salinas to help end the conflict. Yet both sides have clear agendas. Salinas sees an opportunity to establish economic power in the world, especially after NAFTA unfolds. The Chiapas communities want to continue their long tradition of farming, and especially want honest representation at the government level.

While the EZLN rebels may number less than 1500 (according to some officials), a February 8 peasant revolt in the town of Teopisca suggests that others are beginning to awake to the gunfire. Farmers stormed the town hall and demanded the resignation of mayor Alvarez, the latest in an unbroken and unopposed chain of mayors under Salinas's PRI government. Said one farmer, "By grace, the Zapatists have opened our eyes. We do not know them, but we must thank them. Before, we did not have the valor to do this."

## Cuts in Tuition Assistance Program awards will cost incoming freshmen

### News Release

Unless restored, cuts in Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) awards will cost students attending independent colleges and universities \$23 million according to testimony presented today.

James C. Ross, Interim President of the Commission on Independent Colleges and universities, today testified before the Ways and Means Committee of the Assembly and the Finance Committee of the Senate. He said that the program of tuition assistance to those institutions' students represented a "very straightforward promise this state made to our college students."

Despite statutes specifying the amount of funding to be provided, he said, "for the past several years New York has not been honoring that promise."

"The budget prepared by the Governor disregards the statutory provision and instead sharply reduces the amount of funds available for this essential purpose."

He stated that an additional \$17 million is sought for the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) to relieve an imbalance which now requires the colleges to invest twice as much in this aid for disadvantaged students as the state puts in, instead of the original 50-50 split.

Direct assistance to the independent institutions (often referred to as Bundy Aid) has been cut by 68 percent in four years, and is now at no more than 30 percent of full funding, Dr. Ross said. Full funding, which is sought, would add \$83 million, taking the total

appropriation to \$119 million.


Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) grants originally covered 60 percent of average tuition at the independent colleges, but now provide for only one-quarter of tuition as a result of severe cuts in the past three years. Restoring the grants to the level before those cuts could increase by \$475 the award a student could receive, while the family-income ceiling for TAP eligibility would be raised from \$42,500 to \$50,000.

"TAP has allowed low-income and middle-income families to realize their dreams for their children's future," Dr. Ross said. "Already we have seen those dreams battered. Independent colleges have been forced to divert huge sums into student financial aid. Now at \$1 billion, it is more than four times the funds available through TAP."

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## Men's basketball signals strong end to season with 120-97 win over Capitol

Michael Maloney

Houghton has demonstrated determination and persistence as well as periods of improved play as they wind down their difficult season. Standing with a 3-15 record at the end of January, and with a chance at post-season play as distant as a hot, summer sun in western New York, HC could have just hibernated their way through the last seven games. Instead, they have shown character in adding another win and scaring several teams in close losses.

After taking second in the Houghton Classic the last weekend in January, the Highlanders traveled to Capitol on February 1. Coach Donn Bennice sums up the matchup against the Maryland team by saying: "It wasn't exactly a defensive battle." That it wasn't, but Houghton had the better offense as they easily won 120-97.

"We didn't play real well in the first half, but the second half was much better. We shot well, too. We were 59 percent from the floor," says Bennice.

Forwards Andrew Gustafson and Scott Fasick combined for an amazing 73 points in the scoring frenzy. Gustafson had 40 points on 16 for 20 field goal shooting, including 5 for 9 from three-point land. Fasick added 33 points and 11 rebounds. Center Judson Odell and point guard Jason Weyforth were impressive as well. Besides scoring

13 points each, Odell grabbed 17 boards and Weyforth dished out 13 assists.

Houghton faced their classic rival, Roberts Wesleyan, on their court on the fifth. HC knew they would have to execute nearly flawlessly to win against a tough Roberts squad that had manhandled them 99-67 in early December behind the NCAA Division I transfer, Alvin Mobley.

Once again, the fans were treated to a virtually defenseless game, as even more points were scored than in the Capitol matchup. But this time, HC did not have the better offense, and they lost 106-118.

"That may be the best game we played all year," says Bennice. "We came out with intensity. It was the first time this year that we had the look in our eyes like we could win."

The 6'8" Mobley, a Virginia Commonwealth transfer, burned Houghton down low with 14 for 18 field goal and 12 for 13 free throw shooting.

"The key to the game was Mobley," says Bennice. "We double teamed him, and that opened up the outside. The combination of the two is what killed us."

Weyforth and Fasick combined for 61 points in another impressive two-man point output. Weyforth scored 35 behind eight three-pointers, and Fasick had 26. Odell was strong again with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

HC hoped to continue their improved playing against Pitt-Brad at home on the ninth, and although they lost again, they did continue what they had done against Capitol and Roberts. "We did some real positive things against Pitt-Brad," Bennice says. "For one thing, we played hard the last two minutes of each half like we haven't been doing." Nevertheless, Houghton ended up losing 79-86.

Weyforth tallied 23 points and Fasick scored 17 while collecting 11 rebounds.

The Highlanders played Keuka close throughout the first half at home last Saturday. At half-time, they trailed by just one, but then Keuka trashed HC during a 29-9 run to open the second. Keuka finally won 89-77. Fasick had 24 points and 7 rebounds, and Odell pitched in 20 points and 14 boards.

"The last five or six games we have been making progress," says Bennice. "We have started to turn corners for next year. Our younger players have started developing over the last two weeks, especially the Price brothers."

"It has been a difficult season with bizarre injuries and many other problems. It is a testimony to the players' character when they persevere when they're going through a season like this. We now want to end on a positive note the last few games."

## Lady Highlanders look forward to playoffs after winning five of last six

Michael Maloney

Just a short while ago, Houghton stood with its back pressed up against a wall. They had a 6-9 record, and they faced their 11 remaining games knowing that they had to win at least 7 of them to make the playoffs. It looked as if this year's squad could have been the first to not appear in post-season play in seven years.

Now, three weeks later, HC has clawed its way to an 11-10 record by winning five of their last six, and they seem a sure bet to make the playoffs. They need only to win two of their last five, and two of those games are against Hilbert and D'Youville, teams that Houghton has already beaten this season by a combined total of 43 points.

Coming off an impressive victory over Penn State Behrend on January 29, the Lady Highlanders had momentum on their side as they faced NCAA Division II Mercyhurst on February 2 at home. Mercyhurst had crushed Houghton 87-65 back in December at their home court.

HC played them close throughout the first half, trailing by four at its completion, but Mercyhurst had several runs in the second half that just overwhelmed Houghton. Defensively, they held HC to just 17 second-half points and 23 percent field goal shooting throughout the entire game. In the end, Mercyhurst triumphed 60-38.

Houghton had no double figure scorers in the game. Forwards Lynn Jensen, Steph Plummer, and center Abbey Kennedy had eight apiece.

"I was disappointed with our performance as a whole, although Mercyhurst is one of the better NCAA Division II programs in the Northeast," says Coach Lord. "We never seemed to get on track. In the second half we just didn't execute, and we had no desire or intensity. I saw a real lack of effort. It was disappointing because we were coming off our big win against Behrend, and we wanted to continue in a positive direction."

Houghton traveled to rival Roberts Wesleyan on February 5, hoping to turn things around once again and forget the Mercyhurst loss. They failed to do this in the first half, however, against a Roberts team that they had beaten in December. At one point, HC trailed by 18 points. "In the first half we continued to play like we did against Mercyhurst. We were getting blown out in a game that we needed badly,"

says Lord.

Several defensive and lineup adjustments at half-time allowed Houghton to climb back into the game in the second 20 minutes. The score see-sawed back and forth until HC finally commanded the lead with a few minutes remaining. Plummer contributed 20 points and 6 boards in the 67-62 victory. Aimee Bence followed with 16 points.

Pitt-Brad visited Houghton on the ninth, looking to sweep the Lady Highlanders, seeing that they convincingly defeated them in January. Lord says that Pitt-Brad came in "a little cocky." Perhaps that was their downfall as they were squashed 68-47. The first half was close, but after HC strung together a 23-5 run to pen the second it was all over.

Bence was impressive once again, scoring 17 points and collecting 9 rebounds.

Houghton's matchup against Columbia Union of Maryland that was scheduled for Saturday was postponed due to bad weather in their area.

With a playoff spot virtually clinched, Lord is looking forward to the NAIA playoffs. "Making the playoffs is a good accomplishment after looking at all the players we lost from last year," he says. "When this team's confidence gets rolling, they're unstoppable. The problem is they're not real consistent with their emotions."

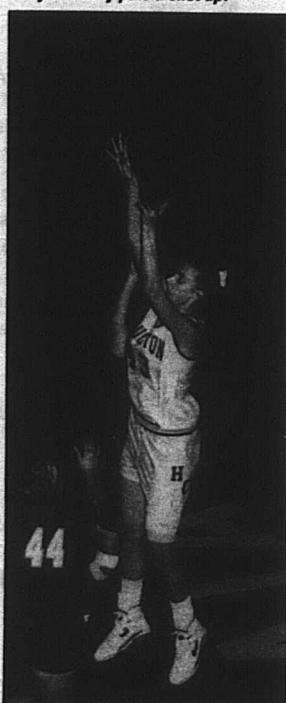
Here is a list of the Lady Highlander leaders:

Scoring: Aimee Bence, 14.2 points per game. Steph Plummer, 10.3 ppg.

Rebounding: Bence, 6.8 rpg. April Stone, 6.6 rpg.

Assists: Missy Niedzielski, 3.2 apg.

Abby Kennedy puts a shot up.



## Track and Field squads surprise at Buff State while helping to gain respect for the program

Doug Gillham

Houghton College is proving to be an emerging force in track and field this year. Though the team lacks the depth possessed by the larger colleges and universities, the competition is starting to take notice of the small but potent squad from HC.

The Highlanders competed at the 1994 Buffalo State College Track Classic last Saturday. The women's team brought home the second place trophy from the nine-team meet. The men's team also did very well as they placed fifth out of nine.

Several Houghton Indoor track and field records fell at this past weekend's competition. On the women's side, Katie Heberling broke the record in the weight throw with her throw of 10.14 m. Michelle Kaltenbaugh broke the triple jump record with her jump of 32 feet.

Several records fell in the men's middle distance and distance running events as well.

Both Nathan Howes and Lee Thurber bettered the record of 16:19 in the 5000 meter run. Thurber outkicked Howes in the final 400 meters and finished in a time of 16:11. Jim Karcanes broke the record which he had set in the 1500 meters two weeks ago, with a time of 4:11.

Jason Wiens broke the 1000 meter record of 2:46 with his time of 2:44. A few minutes later, Jim Karcanes, running in the second heat of the 1000 meter race bettered the mark again with his time of 2:39. Jim made it three for three, as he also shaved a fraction of a second off the 500 meter record with his time of 1:11.0.

The following women scored points for Houghton at the meet. Katie Heberling, Kathy Hibbard (shot put, weight throw) Naomi Castellani, Amy Chamberlain (5000 meters, 1500 meters) Leslie Roberts (High jump, 1500 meters)

Kristen Ellis (Weight throw, 800 meters) Michelle Kaltenbaugh (Long jump, triple jump) Heidi Shea (400 meters) Stacy Bunce (Triple jump) Tami Yetter, Karen Reichenbaugh (55 m hurdles)

The distance medley team of Roberts, Yetter, Shea, and Castellani placed second.

The following men scored points for Houghton. Lee Thurber (5000 meters) Nathan Howes (5000 m, 800 m) Brad Logue, Randy Crouch (High jump) Jim Karcanes (1500 meters, 1000 meters, 500 meters) Ralph Pomponio (Weight throw) Alan Belford (400 meters)

Geneseo took first place in both the men's and women's division: they were so impressed by the team's performance, they inquired about coming to Houghton to compete.

The Highlander squads will be traveling to Cornell University to compete this weekend.



# Reader's Response

## Don't complain about chosen school

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the latest edition of "The Houghton Voice" which appeared on the dining hall tables on February 11.

I have just two questions for Christian T. Woface, Manny, and the other contributors. First, if you really hate the rules here at Houghton so much, why don't you transfer? There are a lot of less expensive schools where you and your friends can drink all you want without getting caught. Second, why don't you admit who you are instead of using pseudonyms? At least Dan Osicka is brave enough to use his own name.

Esther Carpenter

## Love and Romance

Dear Editor:

4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not jealous or boastful. Love is not proud. 5 Love is not rude; love is not selfish; it is not quick to anger; it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices

in the truth. 7 Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never comes to an end. 13 And now these three remain: Faith, Hope, and Love. But the greatest of these is Love.

### A Romantic Paraphrase

4 Love is impatient for gratification; love is kind and charming . . . as long as it elicits the desired response from the beloved; love is jealous of anyone or anything that might compete for the affection of the beloved, and love boasts or shows off at every opportunity to impress the beloved. Love is proud - it feels it always deserves the best and protests loudly when the beloved doesn't give it. 5 Love is not rude . . . until the beloved rubs it the wrong way. Love is selfish and self-centered, always consumed with its own feelings. Love is not quick to anger . . . as long as it gets its own way. Love keeps a detailed catalog of the beloved's past wrongs to be dragged up whenever it wants to score points in an argument. 6 Love does not delight in blatant evil, but it is intrigued by "badness" in moderation. Love expects absolute truth

from the beloved, but delights in practicing every form of subterfuge and manipulation to obtain its desires from the beloved. 7 Love always protects the beloved . . . as long as its own safety is not threatened. Love is always on guard in case the beloved betrays. Love always hopes the beloved will gratify every desire and fantasy. Love always perseveres . . . until the going gets tough then it dumps or divorces the beloved. 8 Love never comes to an end. . . until it wants out, or someone more attractive comes along. 13 And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love. But the least of these is certainly Love.

Jonathan Weber

## Thank-you for prayers

Dear People of Houghton,

Thank you for your support to Martha and me after my accident in November. We think highly of Houghton, and it was encouraging to have your support and concern. Your prayers, gifts, and time were appreciated.

Sincerely,

Zachary and Martha Bryan

## Support for Lenny-Ho

Dear Editor,

Last fall administrators announced a townhouse would be built to accommodate seventy juniors and seniors. Several sites were being considered including the place where Leonard Houghton House now stands. We, the residents of "Lenny Ho" were saddened and outraged, but did not speak out loud enough. We preferred denial therapy and told ourselves: "They can't tear down LEONARD HOUGHTON HOUSE!!!"

There was a townhouse forum in December which we thought was an informational meeting for those who wished to sign up. Community members voiced their opinions about the various sites at this meeting, but no one from the Leonard Houghton/Hazlett House Fellowship was present to defend our house.

Upon returning from the break, we began to organize, realizing the house was in jeopardy. A second townhouse forum was announced in the Scoop sheet, noting that alternative sites needed to be suggested if the proposed ones were to be eliminated.

We understood that meant we could suggest other sites, just what it said. It didn't. When several of us from the fellowship arrived at the meeting we were informed that Leonard Houghton House would definitely be torn down and Hazlett and the other sites were still being considered.

We then communicated our opposition to this decision, which was listened to, but not realistically considered by administrator.

Although, Mr. Nielsen did graciously come to our house to look around and seems to understand our position, we were informed that no changes could be made to the decision. Below is a whittled version of our response to trustees and administrators for replacing Leonard Houghton house with townhouse units this summer:

Can Leonard Houghton live WITH a townhouse?

**Reason #1: Houghton College needs to find new housing for juniors and seniors, preferable off campus where they can cook meals.** — This point is agreed.

**Reason #2: The foundation at Leonard Houghton House is beyond repair or acceptable standard of student living.** — Presidents consider their living standards acceptable and generally agree the house is among the choice college housing. "Lenny Ho."

The foundation and overall structure may be able to support adequate student living for years. Work should be done to drain around the foundation, preventing further damage as well as making insulation improvements. We suspect the possibilities for maintaining this house have not been adequately considered.

The decision to tear it down has been hasty, in light of the fact that it is a part of Houghton's history and loved by its residents, past and present. The joy of living at Lenny Ho should be shared by students as long as possible. More study should be done, or the current study should be presented to the public.

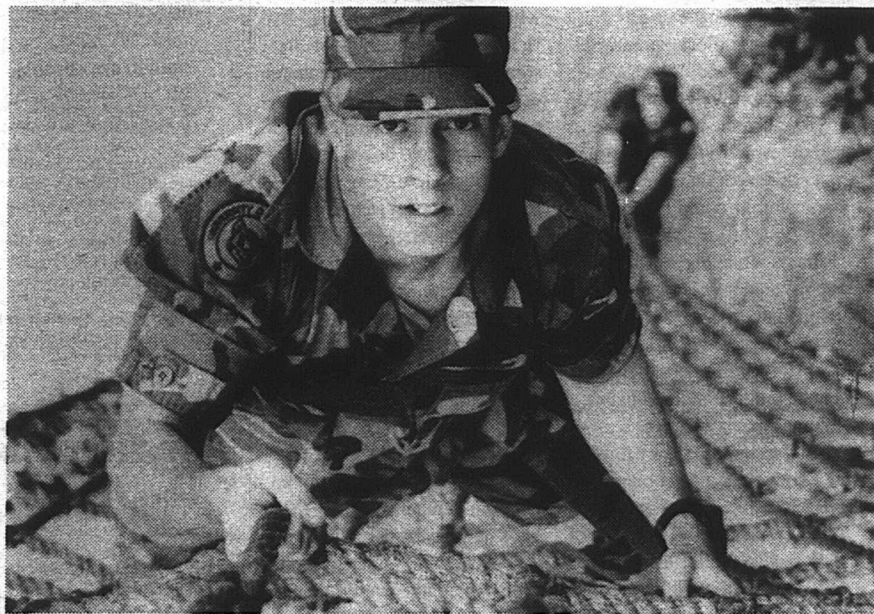
**Reason #3: Last year, the Student Development Office had difficulty filling all of the rooms in Leonard Houghton house. The Administration suggests this may be because the house is not acceptable to students.** — In recent years the Houghton/Hazlett Community was plagued by rumors of strange artists and off-center humanities students living in unpopular conditions. Mainstream students (if there is such a thing) were quite likely intimidated to live there. The current student application process has eliminated this difficulty. Students who visit our community regularly inquire about openings for next year and express disappointment that there will be no Houghton/Hazlett Community in the fall of 1994.

**Reason #4: Students from Houghton and other colleges find townhouse living desirable.** — The true statement is a point where college administrators meet the needs and wants of students. The reason for its validity needs to be explored.

One reason students sign up to live in a townhouse is because they appreciate newer appearance. For these students, townhouses should be built. There are students, however, who would prefer to live in old, rustic houses with character, varied room sizes, and a sense that many had lived there before. Such juniors and seniors will emerge from the ranks of first year students for as long as Houghton college exists. For these "newer is not

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# Progressive Perspectives

This is supposed to be a politically liberal column, I know. Last edition's topic, however, was a moderate endorsement of President Clinton. This week, a professor pointed out to me that it was no further left than an editorial published recently in *Christianity Today*. To the disappointment of those of you waiting to chastise a self-proclaimed liberal, this edition's focus transcends political divisions completely.

Of all the tragedies in the news right now, the one that seems most horrifying to me, personally, is the story of the nineteen neglected children in Chicago.

Twenty children, nineteen of whom were found in the apartment, six women, and at least two men occupied a two bedroom apartment in Chicago's poverty-stricken West Side. Despite staggering squalor, these children were living. Even though neighbors made numerous phone calls to child services, these kids were left alone until the Chicago police raided the small apartment in search of drugs.

The horror of this story is not unique to any urban area and to many rural communities, as well. Only two things have given this case, in particular, such notoriety: the number of children involved, in one family, and press coverage. Every day in every metropolitan area hundreds of calls come to police and social services about neglected and abused children. Chicago's social services agency has admitted its inadequacy citing the

understaffing that results in case overloads for workers as the key problem. This kind of crisis should be shaking our country to the core. The publicity surrounding this case should be rallying our politicians to a bipartisan stand on doing whatever it takes to begin remedying this problem. Instead, the lives and futures of

these children and the millions more like them is demoted to human interest

articles. Alex Katolowitz, quoted in *Time* this week, summarized the real sadness of this story when he analyzed our society's response, "we say 'oh, my God.' And then nothing is done." He is right. Nothing will be done until we, as a constituency, demand it. What could possibly be more universally supported than the welfare of children and yet our politicians, Republicans and Democrats alike, haggle and debate over the money it will cost to save them. So, a real issue is ignored.

Take a stand, research your Senator or Representative's position and voting record on children's rights and protection. Is the budget, tax increases, Whitewater, or any health care plan more important than the foundation of our country's future, our children? Psalm 127:3, Children are a gift from God, a greater gift than even the earth yet, our environment sees more funding legislation than they do. As a friend has often told me, "Be proactive!" We can change the future for our children.

## CICU conclusions on TAP not a factor for current HC students

Continued from pg3

"And now the further reduction by \$23 million, as proposed by the Governor, will be even additionally damaging to college-going opportunities.

"According to a State Education Department study, the same amount of taxpayer dollars can educate six students at independent colleges and universities or one student at a public institution," he added.

The Commission represents 112 not-for-profit independent colleges and universities.

The latest statement by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities about TAP cuts failed to mention that

there would be no effect on students currently attending Houghton, only next year's freshmen.

Based on what year you entered college, you are eligible for a certain maximum TAP award, established by the state. For the four years that you are at college, you maintain the same maximum level; it can never be changed. For students entering college in 92-93, the maximum award was cut by \$475. These students will carry this with them through their four years. The same level was also applied to 93-94 students.

Governor Cuomo has just decided, through the new state budget, that this maximum

Over the Christmas break I bought five or six books, mostly from the discount tables in bookstores, and signed out another eight or so from several libraries where I hold cards. I have finished six of these already (three were books of poetry), a few others I will read eventually, and the rest will be sampled or just returned or shelved unread. I find myself doing this sort of thing almost — but not quite — by design. The habit, I suppose, makes me look bookish, though I would tend to regard it as curiosity.

Years ago, by chance, I read that Annie Dillard, who had recently won the Pulitzer Prize for her "journal" *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*, has recorded every book she had read in childhood. Author, title, and an evaluation of each book are written in a notebook, which comprises, presumably, a continuing record of what we might call her "reading life."

Her account struck me in an emphatic way, and because I was then at an age where I consciously tried to develop good habits, I began writing down what I had read, initially on a calendar, then on note cards, finally in a spiral notebook. My first few lists were rather pathetic. Almost immediately I gave up any notion of significant comments in favor of "good," "bad," "so-so," or "worth rereading."

To make the habit work, I had to resolve a few problems that ran deeper than the list. For example, could I record a book twice if I read it twice? (What is rereading worth after all?) Could I record a book if I skipped the preface and appendices? Do books of poetry, which are often thin, that is, under a hundred pages, count as much as bigger books, say a four hundred page novel or a six hundred page biography? Are fiction and non-fiction books equivalent? Do light reading and heavy reading belong together? Should I record Christian books and secular books on separate lists?

Stupid questions, you may say, but thinking about them helped me, not just as a reader, but also as a writer. I began reading prefaces and introduc-

level will be maintained for students in the 1994-1995 class, or next year's freshman.

However, the CICU has been petitioning the state to return maximum TAP levels to pre-1993 levels. When the Governor refused to do this, the Commission figured the difference of \$475 per student

tions to books and discovered that writers routinely give insight into their motivations or methods that even the most careful reading of the text may not make plain. I began finishing books that at one time I might have abandoned half-read. I began to value time spent reading poetry, and consequently writing poetry, as much as I had valued time spent reading prose. Snubbing poetry is, I'm

afraid, a cultural bias; I am one of a fairly small percentage of readers who actually seek out and read new poets, who buy books of poetry, who will read poems as a kind of refreshment between other tasks.

Furthermore, my new habit made me a more diligent reader as I became more aware of how, when, and what I was finishing. Keeping a written record, I have found, will improve one's effort in a lot of areas where discipline is required over long stretches of time — a devotional life, prayers offered and answered, exercise, practice of a musical instrument, letters written, study.

Still, I am always impressed with people who read a lot. By "a lot" I generally think of someone who reads more than I do. As a slow but dedicated reader, I usually manage to finish about two dozen books a year. Every few years, for reasons unknown to me, I do better than that. My goal is to read a book a week. I have never quite reached it, though I did come close during my years in graduate school.

But there are folks around who make my reading list look paltry. The President was cited recently on a public service radio ad designed to encourage children to read as reading 70 books a year. A particularly articulate young inmate serving time in a prison where I taught basic composition skills ten years ago told me he had read one book every day of the eighteen months he had been in prison. I have met others who make similar claims. A couple of friends of mine will read an

that might have possibly been earned to represent the figure of \$23 million.

The Financial Aid office was quick to emphasize that although it is interested in the TAP awards for next year's students because it can help the college, there will be no decrease for current students.

armload of books during the two weeks our families share in Maine every summer. I typically manage two or three. Maybe four.

I do not mean to suggest, however, that reading is or ought to be competitive. On the whole business of reading is the business of learning, of living beyond one's ordinary

means. Language generally and reading in particular are an extraordi-

nary gift of God. I think the human facility with language is one tangible reminder and vestige of God's image — but that is a subject for another time.

One reflection, I am grateful to Annie Dillard for her advice. It has helped me become a reader of books; that is where, after all, one's education continues long after daylight is spent and school is out.



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## The Houghton STAR

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# Pebbles and the Rock

## Dissenting Opinions

My, my, my, amazing how a few anonymous newsletters can stir up quite a hornets nest, isn't it? I for one applaud the presence of the well-written one (as opposed to the one with profanity, which wouldn't have offended me anyway). But I'm not going to say "I told you so" in regards to what's been secretly going on at Shen. Like the 2nd issue said, that's getting old. I'd like

to talk about the students, you students who get all riled up simply because you disagree. The one who was running around confiscating all the copies. You have every right to be defensive of your friend(s), but can you honestly say it was 100% untrue?

Somewhere along the line, a notion crept into the church's collective thought process: the concept that, for the sake of Unity, we must not "Offend our brothers" with differences of opinion. EVER. If you hold a dissenting opinion, if you were offended at some part of the status quo, you were not regarded as some sort of helper, but rather a pest (at best), or an evil agent of Satan (at worst). I definitely get this vibe amongst some of you.

A student writes a column he admitted was somewhat tongue-in-cheek in its Conservative one-sidedness, and the first person to actually disagree via letter to the editor is blasted the very next issue for disagreeing with the "Good News." But that is tame. I can remember a few years ago when a reactionary set of pseudo-moralists were running around ripping the back pages off of the Houghton Star. Why? They didn't agree with Doonsbury, the comic printed on the back. They believed it promoted fornication. Of course, had they been able to sit down and hear a dissenting opinion, they might have discovered that the "Adulterous couple" they took offense to had actually been living together since the late 60's — and they were fictional characters at that!

Can I tell you something that might scare you? God, in all his immensity and omnipotency, really doesn't need us to defend his integrity, his validity. God is big enough that he can take the most heinous of non-Christian

philosophies and not be harmed. For all that Friedrich ("God is Dead") Nietzsche had to say, he nevertheless will stand before God to give an account. If God is big enough not to be hurt by petty false religions, don't you think he would in fact encourage a wide range of opinions and "sub-beliefs" among those who are his saved and sanctified? Is it at all

**MATTHEW OWEN**

conceivable that a completely sincere and devout Christian can be a DEMOCRAT? Can vote for Clinton?! Can disagree with other opinions of other Christians? The answer, as if you couldn't figure it out for yourself, is "Yes!" Not only are dissenting opinions within our Microcosm of the Church acceptable, they exist to make us grow.

I sincerely believe God has placed certain people in the Church for the sole purpose of challenging the body as a whole. Certainly Martin Luther was following God's will when he dissented from church "Dogma." Certainly, it can be argued, that the existence of dozens and dozens of denominations within the Church shows a living body of believers who can "agree to disagree" while believing that the same Jesus died for them both. In those cases, the disagreements are NEVER resolved, and yet we haven't succumbed to tearing each other's throats out. Apparently, there IS a place for disagreements. Apparently, we DO have the capacity to be tolerant to each other. As a place of higher learning, Houghton exists to stretch our intellectual horizons while still clinging to Christ for our salvation. What a great model; what a great witness to a dying world looking for answers: people who disagree and still get along.

Just in case you've read all this and have decided I'm just blowing steam, think long and hard on this: The Salem Witch trials allowed no dissenting opinions. Jim Jones didn't. David Koresh didn't. The darkest hours in the Christian faith spurred on in part by the repression of dissenting opinions. "Aah, but Matt, those people weren't REAL Christians!" Exactly.

# OVERSIGHTS

## & understatements

## Anonymously Yours

It seems as though a new voice is sweeping across campus causing much stir preaching the wisdom of fools. I am of course speaking of the recent underground activity in the form of propaganda (at least that's what I call it) that slams everything from fellow students to administration to even the anonymous authors themselves. If this is the new voice of Houghton, it is definitely not my own.

The Houghton Stir — what an appropriate title for something so ridiculous. Take a mixture of bad grammar, foul language, and false information and stir it together. What do you have? Junk. I haven't seen such groundless attacks on people and their organizations since the Ivan Rocha years (maybe he is the perpetrator coming back to haunt us). For example, to say that the Star is more of a stomping grounds for "wanna be journalists" is obviously such an idiotic statement I need not mention it, but in defense for those who spend hours every week digging for information, conducting interviews, and straining to meet deadlines in the midst of seventeen credit hours, I think we do a darn good job (please pardon the language).

I can't leave out "The Houghton Voice." What an unmerciful judgment of the

Residence Life Staff. No, they're not doing it for the money, but it's nice to have a free room. Regardless of the perks associated with being an RA however, I'm sure the few advantages don't outweigh the effort required to do an adequate job. I personally can't stand dorm life and welcomed the change into an off-campus house, not because I thought I was living in a

"Fort Shen" atmosphere, as some call it, rather, dorms are too utilitarian for my tastes. If I had a problem with an RA, I would confront him directly, not publicly smear his reputation based on groundless accusations and misinformation.

Before they send the laundry truck after me, I do admire these "sinners," not because of what they wrote, but because they at least have a concern and maybe somewhat of a burden for this campus — they just have controversial ways of showing it. If they think something is wrong, they at least speak up about it, which is more than I can say about some of you. We are attending a liberal (pardon the swear word) arts college where we are questioned about what we believe. We in turn begin to question our own world view,

even debate the world views of others. Heaven forbid if we question authority as well.

The people behind these underground publications are in some ways steps ahead of us. They first recognize that Houghton is not a perfect utopian community (sorry to burst your bubble, some of you). They admit to problems within the administration and the student

body alike, their only problem being that they lack credibility. First of all, personal attacks make the attacker out to be much worse than the victim (just listen to Rush Limbaugh sometime). I have rarely seen it to be the other way around. Secondly, remaining anonymous doesn't prove much, other than that somebody has an opinion. As far as I know, this publication accepts letters to the editor which are taken more seriously — that's why we have an "opinion" section in the paper.

It's all in how it is said. Everybody has an opinion. Few actually voice it. Fewer voice it correctly. I hope our underground friends realize that if they want to get somewhere, conscientious and respectful objecting will not be disregarded — at least by this columnist.

**ARON KIMMERLY**

## Investigate options before ripping down Houghton landmarks

### "Letter" from pg5

always better" young adults, houses like Leonard Houghton should be respected, not destroyed.

Students may prefer the townhouse for some of the same reasons they have appreciated the Hazlett/Houghton community. Many of these need not be explained, such as distance from campus, a relaxed atmosphere, less RA or house parent control, and some practice for post graduation adult living (ie. chores, cooking, personal and community responsibility not dynamically found in college approved housing and dormitories).

**Reason #5: The current housing problem will be solved in the best way.** — We in the Hazlett/Houghton community have an alternative solution. The same number of

students could be housed on the same land simply by upgrading the number of Leonard Houghton house residents to between 18 and 20 and a townhouse could be built to accommodate 28 (4 units). Placing these units either facing south along the woods, perpendicular to the front of Leonard Houghton, or facing north next to Hazlett House.

This plan would involve a savings of the cost of three new units, destruction of Leonard Houghton, and site preparation. Some of these savings could be used to pay for drainage around the house foundation, to improve insulation, to install proper heat blowers, and similar repairs. Of course this may raise the price of rent at the house, but the current rent is low and the cost could be staggered over five years, much like the current plan to fund the townhouse.

Additional points are that now forty seven students have been approved to live in these townhouses, so the college has a commitment to keep. Also, administration has already decided not to show us the numbers they have which show that it is far more economical to replace the house than to repair and maintain it.

We are not against building the townhouse, we just want to make sure every option has been realistically considered before tearing down what we consider a wonderful house with more character in its doorway than an entire townhouse.

If you do not find this request unreasonable, please sign a circulating petition asking just that of administrators. Thank you.

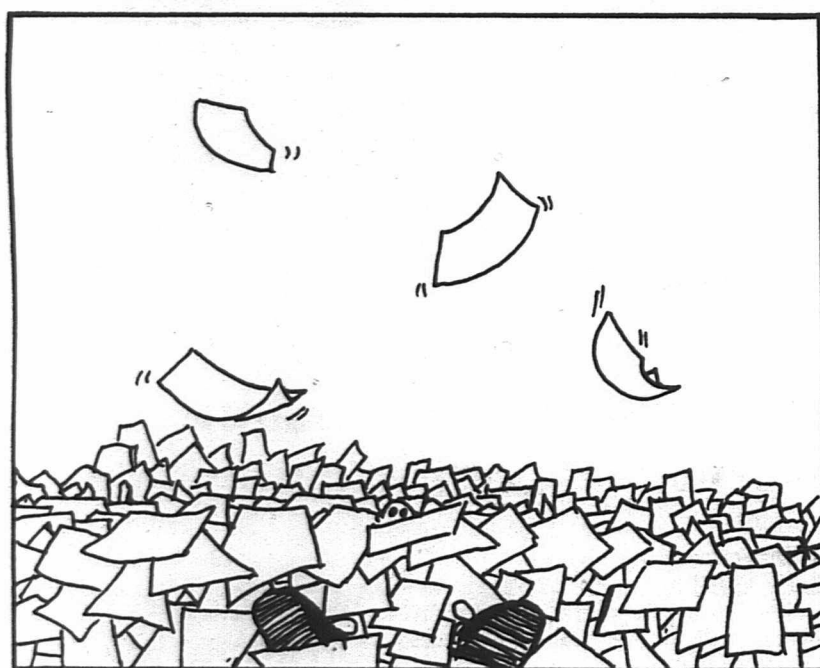
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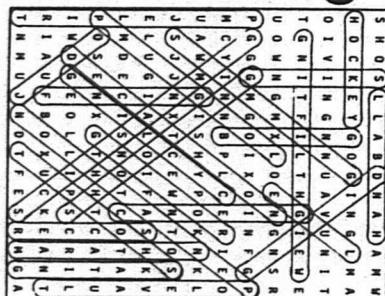


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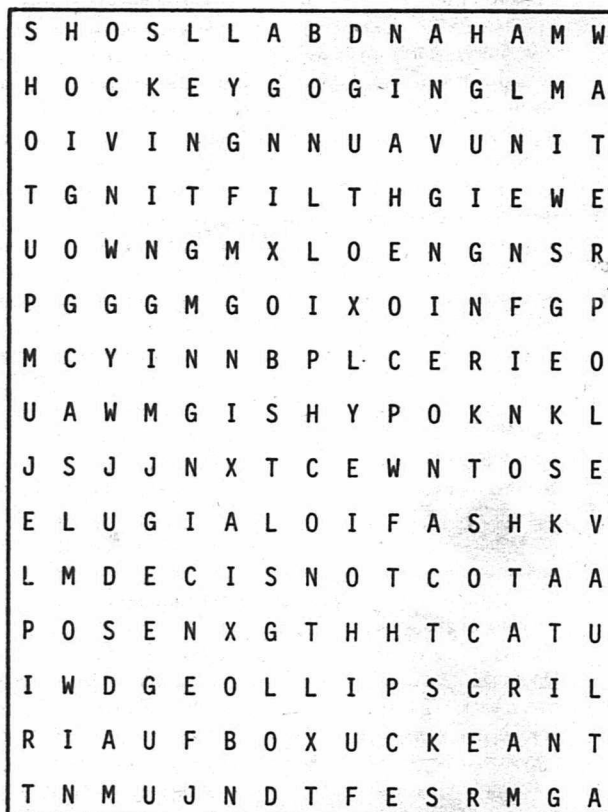


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