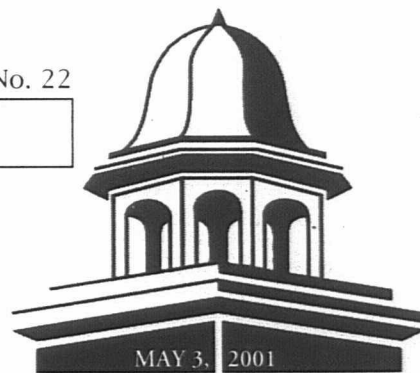


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Town hall forum addresses student questions, concerns

Stephen Maxon

Laptops, enrollment, and housing were just a few of the issues discussed in last Thursday's "town hall forum" in Wesley Chapel, where representatives from Houghton's administration appeared before the college community to answer questions and address concerns.

The forum, which lasted one hour, was attended by approximately 150 people. Students made up the majority of the crowd, with staff members, faculty, and community members comprising the balance. President Chamberlain was joined on the chapel stage by four vice-presidents: Larry Johnson, Ron Oakerson, Robert Danner, and Jeff Spear, and Professor Douglas Gaerte, of the English department, served as the moderator for the event. Tim Fuller, vice-president of enrollment management, was absent due to a prior commitment.

During the forum, ten questions were posed to the panel, with President Chamberlain taking the lead in answering almost every one. The forum began with a question regarding the Willard J. Houghton Foundation and its relationship to the college. President Chamberlain explained that the two enjoy a very close relationship, but they are separate entities. The Foundation, Chamberlain said, allows people who care about the college and

the community to make a direct, tax-exempt donation, and see their money used quickly. "Their purpose is to make this town as attractive and vital as possible - to serve the people here, and help attract others," he remarked.

This led into questions about what a "vital" town would look like, and the balance between growth and preservation of the environment. President Chamberlain made reference to a committee of Allegany County residents that is exploring options to bring jobs to the area, because a "vital" town is one that is alive and responsive to its residents. Jeff Spear also spoke of the great interest on the part of the college and the county to develop the recreational potential of the area; the lack of capital for development is the main roadblock.

Chamberlain and Spear both addressed the question of laptops as well, stressing that the ETI program is not designed to make the college rich. Spear likened the income from auxiliary programs (such as laptop purchases) to a passenger helping a driver with gas money; the college doesn't make enough to cover the capital costs on the program. Both acknowledged problems with the laptop venture, but said that it has good potential, as evidenced by surveys that show laptop satisfaction has increased substantially within more recent classes.

Enrollment management was discussed next, by President Chamberlain. He said the college is in a difficult position - the fixed cost for the college has risen, due to new costs imposed by the state, but enrollment (and thus income) has remained the same. Any increase in enrollment will be carefully studied, Chamberlain stressed, to ensure that the "essence of Houghton" is retained - the chance to build Christian community in an intimate setting. The eventual goal is an increase to 1300 students, using both off-campus programs and gradually rising class sizes, to try to balance the college's costs with its income.

The Academic Dean's role in overseeing chapel was an issue addressed by both Dean Oakerson and President Chamberlain. Oakerson said he expects no immediate changes in the program, just a continuation of the effort to integrate faith and learning. Chamberlain added that he hoped the change might improve the participation of faculty in the chapel program, an issue that he said has concerned him for some time.

A question about diversity among students and employees was asked next, and answered by President Chamberlain, who explained that Houghton's location and de-

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Student complaints lead to new meal plan options

Beth Freeman

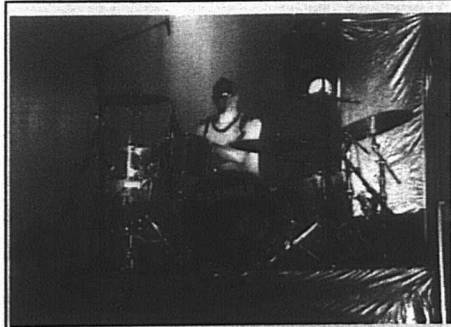
There has been much student dissatisfaction with the board plans over the last year, which prompted the SGA along with the Financial Affairs Council and the Student Life Council to form a Board Plan Review Committee to investigate the reasons, and options for new plans. In student surveys, common complaints arose from students who felt that the current plans did not offer enough flexibility and that they were being forced to pay for meals they didn't eat, especially Freshmen and Sophomores living in the dorms who were compelled to be on the 21 meal plan.

The Board Plan Review Committee has arrived at a solution designed to give the student body more control over their options,

and hopefully, more satisfaction. The committee introduced three new meal plans for next semester based on the block system. That is, the student purchases a block of either 80, 160, or 240 meals and can then use those meals whenever they want. These block plans are more expensive than the traditional plans, as Pioneer Foods expects that most students will use their meals primarily at lunch and dinner, which are more costly for Pioneer to prepare than breakfast. The benefits to the block plan are that students have the freedom to choose what meals they want to eat in the cafeteria without having to pay for more than they use. Any extra meals a student may have could be used by guests coming to visit. For

example, parents coming to visit could swipe in under their child's card if he was on the block plan, rather than paying the cashier. Another reason for the additional expense is that students who purchase the block plan are expected to use all of the meals they buy.

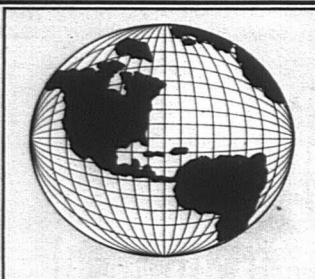
There are still requirements based on student status under the new plan. Freshmen and Sophomores living in the dorms are required to purchase either the traditional 21 meal plan or the 240 block plan. Juniors or Seniors living in the dorms must purchase at least the 14 meal plan or 160 block plan, while townhouse or off-campus residents are free to purchase any of the seven meal plans now available.



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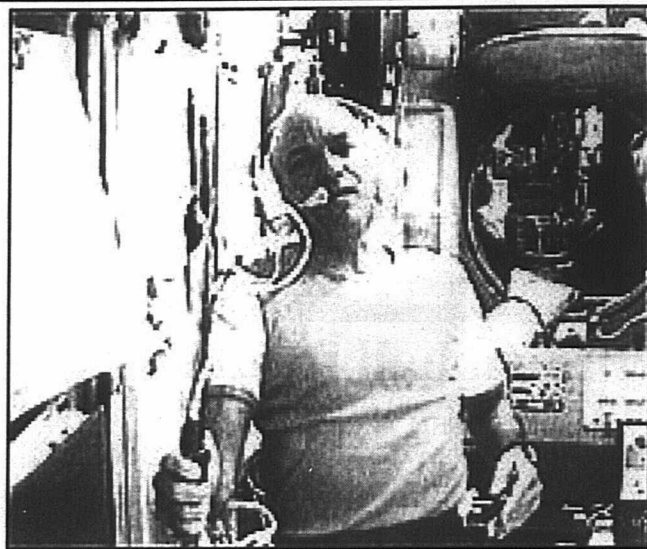
Oklahoma City Bomber to be Executed

Timothy McVeigh, the man convicted of bombing the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City and killing 168 people in 1995 is scheduled to die by lethal injection on May 16. Pope John Paul II, who is strongly against capital punishment, has asked President George W. Bush to consider clemency for the thirty-three year old, yet Bush's officials stated that the case for clemency is nonexistent. McVeigh's father said in an interview last week that his son refuses to apologize for the explosion and is ready to die for his actions. McVeigh is presently on death row at a federal prison in Terre

Haute, Indiana.

First Tourist in Space

American millionaire Dennis Tito became the first tourist in space on Saturday after his shuttle launched from Kazakhstan, Russia. Tito reportedly received nine months of training for the mission and paid \$20 million dollars to fulfill his dream of flying in space. Two Russian astronauts accompanied Tito on his trip to the international space station, a mission to which NASA strongly objected. NASA's space shuttle Endeavor was docked at the international space station and would remain so for several days as astronauts attempted to repair important computer parts. NASA feared a possible collision between Endeavor and the craft carrying Tito and two others if both were at the space station simultaneously. Despite NASA's request to delay the launch, the Russian spacecraft took off on schedule, and Russian space officials planned to put their shuttle in a holding pattern should the Endeavor still be at the space station when Tito's crew arrives.



Veronica Bowers and infant daughter, Charity, died in the attack. Jim Bowers and son, Cory, escaped unhurt

Tension Over Taiwan Between US and China

Last week, after missiles deployed along the coast of China, President Bush cautioned Beijing that the United States would use military force if necessary to defend Taiwan. Chinese officials warned that Bush should retract this state-

ment and not sell weapons to Taiwan. When questioned, Vice-President Dick Cheney stated that the United States is committed to a "one-China" policy and not supporting the independence of Taiwan. Yet, united China must come peacefully, and the United States will be a continued presence in the western Pacific.

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mographics make it challenging to reach out to minorities. However, diverse viewpoints are also brought to the college by several students and faculty members from other nations - seventeen different countries were represented in the class of 2004 alone. "We work very hard at improving this," Chamberlain said, but he acknowledged that, in large part, it is an uphill battle.

The next two questions concerned housing. Dean Danner explained that although juniors and seniors are granted options regarding housing, no student has a right to live off-campus. The community living

option (CLO) excuses students from living in college-owned housing, but the numbers change from year to year - and in the past few years, many CLOs have been granted and not used. Director of Student Life Denise Bakerink also discussed the issue, explaining that seniors are given the most control over their housing, and their choices have a direct impact on other students. Since many would-be seniors chose to remain in townhouses, rather than taking CLOs, next year's juniors were unable to take those places, and had to remain in dorms. "We are trying to honor the wishes of students and also be good stewards of the institution," Bakerink said.

The final question was about college-community relations. President Chamberlain admitted that the two camps sometimes disagree on issues - such as the flow of traffic to the new townhouse complex - but they can usually come to an amicable resolution. Dean Oakerson agreed, speaking from his experience as the chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals, which had to balance the interests of the college and the community in their decision regarding the new townhouses. "It's important that we respect and appreciate the relationship that we have and build on it," said President Chamberlain, adding, "If there's a place

with better town-gown relations than Houghton, I haven't found it."

The forum ended promptly at 12:30, with Professor Gaerte thanking all involved for their hard work and cooperation. Most students involved in the forum saw it as a good beginning in improving communication between the administration and the student body. "There was nothing really surprising, but I think it was a good first step," said Colin Ryan, general manager of WJSL and one of the organizers of the forum. "Hopefully, it will lead to something in the future."

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Mayterm activities promise wide appeal

Bethany Schwartz

With the last days of the spring semester drawing near, it is almost time for Mayterm. Mayterm comes with spring rains, three-hour classes, six hours of homework, and everyone's favorite...Mayterm activities! Armed with a budget and some assistance from CAB, Mike Smolko, the Assistant Director of Student Programs, has planned several activities to keep students entertained during this Mayterm.

The activities will kick off on Thursday, May 17th with Glow Bowling at the Letchworth Pines Bowling Alley. Like the majority of Mayterm events, this trip will be free to all students who wish to participate, but the transportation will be limited to the first thirty students who sign up. The only

activity that involves a fee will be the following Saturday, May 19th, and will be a trip to watch the Buffalo Bisons take on the Norfolk Tides in an exciting game of minor-league baseball. With fifty tickets available, the cost is \$4.50 per person with free transportation to the first thirty who sign up. The game starts at 7:05 pm, but the actual departure time will be announced during Mayterm. CAB will be showing the movie "Frequency" on Tuesday, May 22nd at 7 pm in the chapel. This, like most of the other events, is free for all students and no sign-up is necessary. The final event will take place in the gym at 6 pm on Thursday, May 24th, called the RYAN PAULING Celebrity 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. This tourna-

ment is open to men and women, as there will be separate brackets for each. A prize of \$50 will be awarded to each of the winning teams.

Students who are interested in any of these events can contact Mike Smolko at extension 2230 or stop by his office, conveniently located in the basement of the Campus Center between the arcade games and the copy machine. Sign-ups for each activity and rule sheets for the basketball tournament will also be available at lunch during Mayterm. Despite the loads of homework during this time, students undeniably agree that Mayterm is one of the most entertaining times of the year at Houghton. After all, free activities are open to all!

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Special Olympics tradition back at Houghton

Bethany Schwartz

The long-standing tradition of the Special Olympics means that every reading day, special education students from schools all over Allegheny County travel to Houghton to take part in these special games. For more than twenty years students from the county and Houghton College have been getting together at the end of the spring semester to have some fun and challenge themselves. Children in kindergarten through eighth grade with special needs from behavior problems to Down's Syndrome participate in this annual event.

With twenty-six schools coming together to make the day special, Houghton expects around three hundred children to take part in events. Activities include physical challenges such as running and jumping, as well as "Pirates of the Caribbean," horseback riding, beanbag tosses, softball throws,

frisbee distance and accuracy throws, and soccer kicks. On the agenda were also the Jesters for Jesus, and of course, refreshments.

Not only is this event a phenomenal way for college students to affect the lives of others, it is enjoyable as well. Alison Harle, the director of this year's Special Olympics, commented, "It's an honor to work on it." This atmosphere is the essence of what Houghton College is trying to create with "scholar students," bringing opportunities for students to serve others and make a difference in a child's life. The turnout has always been exceptionally high, and it is expected that many college students will take part in this "awesome" event.

Houghton students have the opportunity to help with the Special Olympics in several ways, including setting up and

tearing down the equipment, proctoring the events, and encouraging the children as they go through the morning. Knowing that people have come out to watch them encourages the children beyond belief, making the activities of the morning last longer than just a day. Freshman Richard Switzer was one student who committed to give up four hours of his Reading Day to spend with the children. "Encouragement is one of my gifts," he said.

Amanda Groth and Alison Harle have been working on coordinating the Special Olympics since the beginning of this year, and this event has affected them as well as the children. "It's a culmination of my full year's work," Harle said. "You have to rely on people. You have to use a whole bunch of different skills to get to the end." While their number of skills may

be growing, the two seniors may need to have a little extra help in spelling. "We do know that we spelled 'field' wrong on every single one of the posters," Harle concluded. "Not one was spelled correctly."



Kathie's Cheese Dip

Info Center cheese dip is always popular. I have had many requests for the recipe over ten years. So once again, here it is:

One large box of Velveeta Cheese, one jar Pace Picante Sauce and one 2-cup bag of grated cheese. (This can be taco, nacho, Mexican, or Cheddar.) I usually add a couple shakes of Cumin, dried Cilantro, and cayenne pepper. For the Info Center, I use mild picante sauce, but at home I'd use medium. Adjust the cayenne pepper accordingly, or if you dislike spicy, just leave it out. There is really no way to wreck

this recipe.

Cut the Velveeta in cubes, add the picante sauce, grated cheese, and spices and microwave, stirring frequently until melted. I use a Crock-pot to keep it warm for serving. Of course, tortilla chips are wonderful to serve with it, but you can use bread, crackers, and vegetables.

This yummy dip keeps well in the refrigerator and is really tasty.

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Senior Remembrances

Stacy Zandy

I remember visiting Houghton and realizing that it was definitely where I wanted to be. The campus was beautiful, the student body was friendly, and the class I sat in on (Dr. Bressler's, Lit of the Western World) was amazingly interactive.

Four years have passed, and I am looking towards another transitional period of my life. I am frightened by the uncertainty; however, I feel prepared to make my start out in the real world.

I have never once regretted making the decision to come here. I have experienced personal successes and failures, rejection, love, and spiritual growth that can only be associated with this college. Those experiences have helped create the person I am



today.

I have been challenged by professors to think critically about the type of person and teacher that I want to become. They put their faith in me to represent Houghton in South Korea to student teach. This opportunity not only allowed me to realize my capabilities as a

teacher, but it also gave me the chance to meet my Korean family for the first time in my life. That is something that is so precious to me, and I am so grateful to Houghton and the Education Department for giving me that blessing.

My trip to Korea also allowed me to see that college is just a tiny piece of my life. I realized that I had taken myself too seriously and stressed out way too much (sorry, Professor Martin). My advice to the underclassmen would be to enjoy the time that you are here. Academics are extremely important, but so are the relationships that you will foster with the people of this campus.

Speaking of which, there are a few people that I wanted to thank. First, I want to thank Virginia West for being one of my best friends through high school and

college. You have always been there for me no matter what, and I love you like a sister.

Next, I would like to thank Lindsay Ackerman for always sampling my mother's Korean food and accepting that aspect of my life! You are always welcome to have kim-bop in my home.

The rest of the girls in Cole Cottage... and the guys at Stone House... what would I have done without you? You kept me grounded when my head was in the clouds. Thank you for your friendships.

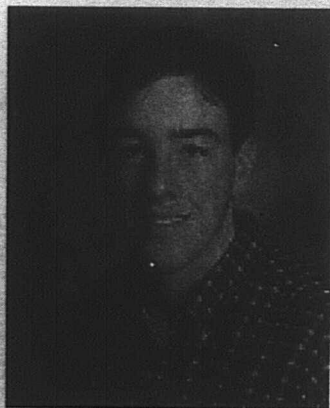
Many of you have touched my life deeply. I am grateful to all of you for your patience, kindness, and love. Remember that this is not a time to dwell on the past, but to go towards the future with anticipation. Good luck!

Jeremy Martin

Four years really did go by fast, but the time here at Houghton was well spent. Beginning with my Highlander experience in the "Hungry, Hungry Hippos," I realized that I had found a place where the people I met would be as big an influence as the lessons taught in a classroom. From my freshman year, Bruce Breneman, Coach Lord, and Dr. Gaerte took a personal interest in me and have served as mentors of strong Christian men. I watched all the time as everyday these men demonstrated their faith in action. Later it seemed that each business professor took on the responsibility of making sure that I knew how

to apply faith to a business career. All these and more were huge influences on my life and I can never thank them enough for being themselves, which allowed me to see things that I wanted to be myself.

But, honestly, an even greater influence on me was meeting the students here at Houghton. I was amazed by the strength of the faith in the students I met. I'm not trying to say that everyone here is perfect (I certainly am not), but there is truly a "great cloud of witnesses" here, many of whom manage to balance faith, academics, and athletics and/or musical talents. I truly wish to thank all of the students here and those that



have already left for the example they set for me. My peers taught me numerous lessons on bringing Christ into friendships, dating, and eventually love.

To those in my class, I truly want to thank you for all the talks

and adventures over the years. I hope that you are blessed with everything you dream of and I'll look forward to each reunion. To those who couldn't finish here (namely Todd, Jeff, and Summey), I'm sorry that our friendships were cut short and we couldn't finish together. To the underclassmen, let me encourage you to take full advantage of this time. Get to know the professors and take the time to make great friends. The long rides to go somewhere are really an opportunity to get to know the people around you. Houghton is what you make of it, so make it the best place it can be. To Houghton, thanks for a great college experience. This was definitely the only place I would have been this happy. I will always look back with fond memories.

In Question: What are *your* immediate summer plans?



"Catching up on 4 year's worth of lost sleep"

Stu Gleason (Senior)



"I'm getting married!"

Nate Witherow (Senior)

Alyson Horn

The Diary of a Houghton College Senior

Freshman Year: "What is that sound?" I asked Kristen as she danced around the room in her bathrobe forcing on her shoes. We had just been awakened to the sound of the fire alarm at the FMC at 4:30 am. For some reason, in that moment that I realized I was in London, studying European History with two professors and a group of 26 amazing students, AND they were all Christians! I had read more literature, seen more art, and written harder papers than I ever thought possible. I saw that there was much more to the world than what I already knew. I learned what hard work was. And I learned that although all the people on the trip were not just like me, I had something to learn from each one of them.

Sophomore Year: I began my first full year in Houghton disappointed that I wouldn't have the opportunity to leave the country. Soon, however, God

began to teach me a very important lesson. He showed me that if we are open, He can change our attitudes. People that I had previously disregarded became my closest friends. Through a combination of Bible studies and the lessons I learned in Intro to Christianity and several other classes, God showed me that it was okay to question why I believed what I believed. I learned that sometimes I would fail and others I would conquer, but no matter what, my relationship with Him should be first.

Junior Year: I saw just how many activities could fit into my schedule and what being busy can do to your mind. Between teaching practicum, play rehearsals, classes, helping out with youth group, and being the class chaplain, I should have gone crazy. But, by His grace, God gave me a house full of the best friends I have ever had. They made me sit down to "family dinner" once a week and laugh so hard I cried almost every day. They stayed up nights with me - just for fun. They helped me keep my sanity and I realized how important Christian fellow-



ship can be.

Senior Year: I learned that I really want to be a teacher, and I had the opportunity to find that out in Madrid, Spain. I learned that the work doesn't get any easier. On top of that, I realize

that I have to leave Houghton behind, along with my friends, family, and comfort, and I have no choice because I passed all my classes. I am leaving a wonderful and challenging place but no one can rob me of the memories and lessons that I have learned

Chris Moisio

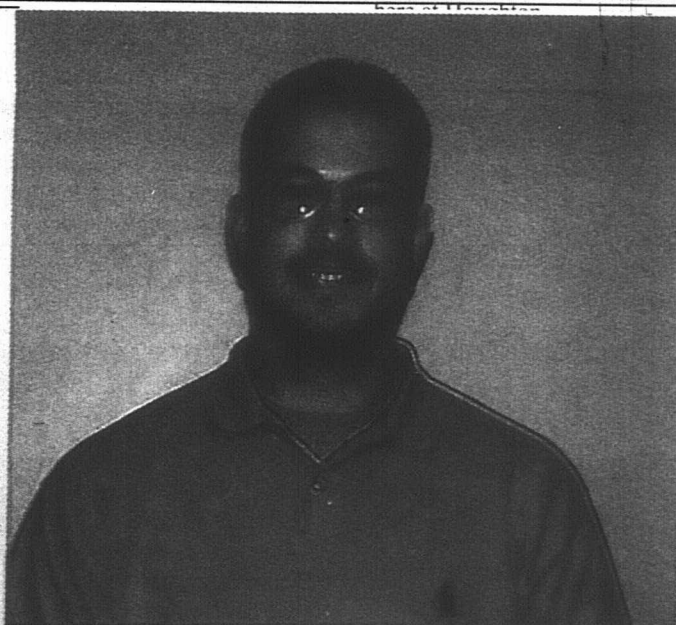
Reach for the Hat

I do not know if I was necessarily prepared for college. As I waved goodbye to my Mom, Dad, and sisters from the stone steps of Shen as they drove away in our big gray van, I certainly did not know quite what I was getting myself into.

Basically I picked Houghton College out of a hat. Actually it was a pile of college brochures my Mom dropped in my lap when I was sixteen. Houghton's was the most interesting looking. As some of you know, before Houghton, I have never been in any kind of classroom type educational setting. I was homeschooled my entire life. I truly did not know what I was getting myself into. But though at the time I thought that I had picked Houghton at random, obviously someone greater than me was guiding my hand.

After I graduate in a couple of weeks, there will be a lot of things I will take with me and a lot that I will not. I will not remember the C that I received in POW- yes I am aware of the irony of that compared to what my major is- nor will I remember barely passing Spanish with the grace of Dr. O'Conner and the intervention of God. I will remember people. I will remember the in class kindness and out of class caring of Dr. Bressler; the gruff, tender (?) sarcasm of Professor Leax; and the rough lines Dr. Zoller helped me turn into poetry. I will remember my friends; the guys I have lived with for almost four years; the girl I spent all night talking to once in a parking lot. I will take with me memories.

I am at another point where I should be scared. Sometimes I think that I am almost as



clueless as I was when I walked up the stairs of Shen to unpack my room four years ago. It is time to make some hard choices. I have to choose between a real job, no more flipping hamburgers or custodial, and grad school. This is a lot harder decision to make than I

would have thought as a freshman. But with a BA in English/Writing and a deformed left nipple from the piercing I got my freshmen year, I reach for the hat again. Dear Lord direct my hands.



"Sailing to Costa Rica to start a parrot farm"

Aaron Harrington (Senior)



"Going to the best country in the world... Canada"

Alison Harle (Senior)

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From the Desk

Glenn McCarty
Editor in ChiefGodric and Jon Bon Jovi
On Sainthood and Broken Living

This ain't a song for the broken-hearted / No silent prayer for the faith-departed / I ain't gonna be just a face in the crowd / You're gonna hear my voice / When I shout it out loud

It's my life / It's now or never / I ain't gonna live forever / I just want to live while I'm alive

These are the lyrics to the feel-good song of the summer, a blistering pop tune by the aging rock group Bon Jovi entitled "It's My Life." The song is a simmering statement of fortitude, a fist in the air proclamation of the way life should be lived. I must confess, at this point in my life, staring down the road toward the inevitable light at the end of every college student's tunnel—graduation—these are the sort of sentiments that are inspiring. The future is uncertain, but with statements like "I ain't gonna live forever/I just want to live while I'm alive" provide in-

spiration and fuel for the coming journey. Every season has its songs that are particularly applicable, and I suppose this is as good as any. But I've been thinking, and recently I struck upon another idea for something that might perhaps be equally as inspiring a concept for those facing a wide-open future: sainthood. Now, sainthood can be considered in terms of dusty cathedrals and ritualism, but it also has another more applicable significance. The principles at work in the concept of sainthood are well worth considering by any Christian, since these principles get at the very heart of what we as Christians should be pursuing in our personal lives.

In Frederick Buechner's novel Godric, the author presents the life story of a medieval holy man named Godric from the perspective of the title character as he recounts his life's journey from the tail end. Simultaneously, Godric's story is also being put down in

writing by his faithful servant Reginald. According to Godric, his is a story of continual failure and human depravity, but ultimately redemption and grace at the hands of Jesus Christ. Godric tells of spending the majority of his early years running from religion, chasing numerous fancies, but ultimately ending this time in shame and personal disgrace. He encounters Jesus whom he claims has been chasing him all along and spends the rest of his days as a hermit, receiving people to him for counseling and healing. He spends much time in prayer and meditation and prayer each day.

The most interesting thing to me about Godric's description of his experience is that he does not see himself as a holy man, but rather as one who struggles daily to contain the extreme depravity contained within himself. By reading his own account, one would begin to see Godric not as a holy man but as one wrapped up in lust, pride, and bitterness nearly all of the time. Reginald's account completely contradicts Godric's. His is a glowing description of a life lived with elegant humility, at the foot of the cross, Godric touching many lives with his patience and passion. We begin to see that this is the Godric who really existed, the passionate pursuer of holiness and the face of Christ. The man whom we meet through Godric's own description is the one who exists only in his mind.

The message of Buechner's Godric to me is highly interesting and surprisingly relevant. Sainthood—the ultimate honor bestowed upon Godric—is not something which one pursues, or should even notice. The real saints are those whose life passes the grace of Christ on to others subtly, in word and in deed. The trademark quality of saints is their humility. They are not supposed to draw attention to themselves, but rather draw attention to the one

they serve: Jesus Christ. I was also reminded of this fact when speaking with several friars of the Franciscan order recently when they visited my college. Their life was lived with little in the way of striving after success or earthly possessions or popularity. In today's modern materialistic culture, it is difficult for me to imagine anything, even the Christian life, being lived without some sort of earthly goals in mind: being recognized for one's holiness or devotion. Yet, this is precisely what makes one a saint: becoming so immersed in the face of Christ on a moment by moment basis that all one sees is one's one shortcomings in light of His glory. Saints are often the dirtiest, most un-prettiest people for this reason. After his death, singer/songwriter Rich Mullins was eulogized often by many of those who knew and loved him most. I found, however, one of the most beautiful and succinct quotes regarding this man to be framed in relation to sainthood. "You know a saint by how alive they make you feel," one friend said. Passion and devotion are electric: they have the ability to draw others alongside the passionate one and make the object of devotion even more irresistible.

The coming months hold much that is uncertain. But I find that as I lean into the future, I am struck by the concept of sainthood for its practical daily requirements as an enviable way to live. Living for the moment and with reckless abandon does hold luster, but something more attractive to me is the prospect of living with such devotion to the face of Christ that life becomes a song of another sort. Instead of being centered around living for the sake of living, I am realizing that living out the chief end of man, "to glorify God and enjoy him forever" is far more worthwhile. I am not promised sainthood, but I am promised the glory and joy of enjoying Christ forever.

TOP TEN...

Top Ten Items From Lists of Yore

Stephen Maxon

10 Sign #8 You're In An Unhealthy Relationship: "There's just something odd about the way she's always French kissing your roommate."

9 Explanation #1 For Adding My Picture to the STAR: "It's often funnier than the list!"

8 Failing Religion Paper #2: "How Hezekiah Got His Groove Back"

7 April Fools' Prank #2 You May Have Missed: "Pastor Wes's outfit today was graciously provided by our friends down at FUBU."

6 Actual Advertisement #1 From 1913 World Almanac: "I cured my rupture! Shall I show you how?"

5 Sign #3 Your Final Grades Aren't So Hot: "Special 'gift pack' sent to your box by Student Life includes a fresh set of clothes, brochures for local tractor-trailer driving schools, and cab fare to Mt. Morris."

4 Rejected Nickname #5 for the Lacrosse Team: "Dan 'With Just This Stick, I Could Easily' Kilpatrick"

3 Policy Change #2 for Y2K: "All Shen residents visiting South required to announce 'Man on the Floor.'"

2 Sign #6 Your Friend Is Nuts: "She's still waiting for a Houghton guy to make the first move."

1 Sign #1 Your Intramural Soccer Team Stinks: "You're always opening up a pre-game can of 'Whoop Us.'"

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A look at the intersection of faith and art

Delirious in Cleveland: A Night in the Church of Rock

Glenn McCarty

Rock and roll has always been discussed in religious terms, but few artists have been up to the daunting task of actually uniting religion and rock in their performances. Case in point: U2 spent the 90's trying to live down labels affixed them in the mainstream for records like *Joshua Tree*, preferring irony and indulgence as their primary forms of expression. Perhaps this is what makes British rockers *Delirious* most remarkable. The lyrics to their most recent album *Glo* read like *The Book of Common Prayer*, and they could easily be passed off under that ubiquitous label: Christian rockers. The band's live show, however, is another matter altogether. Their most recent stop in Cleveland, the culmination of a month-long U.S. tour entitled "The Glo Experience," reveals a band that's both passionate and provocative, and unwilling to let anything, especially labels, stand between them and the medium of pure rock.

Young Chris Tomlin opened for the group, and revealed an exuberance and maturity beyond his years as he worked the crowd with amplified, enthusiastic acoustic rock from his four-piece ensemble. The short set gave way to a lengthy intermission, permitting the capacity crowd at Cleveland's ornate State Theater to get even more impatient for the headliners. When the quintet finally took the stage, to black lights and a house bass beat, they tipped their hand that this was not going

to be a Sunday-morning church experience.

The opening number, "God's Romance," revealed frontman Martin Smith polished and comfortable at the sort of theatrics necessary for rock and roll revelry. The group's Brit sense of fashion also translated well to an American show. Smith's white hip-huggers and tinted trucker shades were mild when set against guitarist Stu Garrard's lime green ensemble bedecked with rhinestones and drummer Stew Smith's front-to-back sunglasses. Bassist Jon Thatcher was only slightly underdressed in black glasses and a floor length trenchcoat. The five transitioned smoothly into two more songs before pausing for a breath. "Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble" revealed the band's origins as a church worship team, but muscular numbers like "My Glorious" showed the strides they've made in precision and imagination.

Clearly, the Cleveland crowd benefited by it being the last stop on the tour. Smith and Garrard displayed an almost giddy enthusiasm as the night progressed, which erupted into a ten minute joke session (the highlight of which was Smith singing "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" as he plunked out "Heart and Soul" on the keyboard) as they prepared for their acoustic number, "Intimate Stranger." The transition from comic to serious,



then back to straight-ahead rock was carried off with only slight hitches, and soon the band hit their stride with the complex "Heaven" and crowd favorite "History Maker."

As *Delirious* stepped back onto the stage for their encore (points off for a guitar tech readying a guitar for performance during the break. We like the suspense...), they immediately showed that they had more tricks up their sleeve. Smith had changed into a t-shirt emblazoned with the stars-and-stripes beneath a white leisure suit, and when he strutted onto stage, Garrard promptly launched into a Hendrix riff of the national anthem, and the roof fairly blew off the building. Smith proclaimed, "We're going to crank it up a little now," and the band

delivered. Garrard leapt around the stage like a comic book hero for the opening of "Bliss," and drummer Stew Smith, on his second snare drum head of the night, didn't seem to be holding back any. The energy continued to rise when Tomlin and band rushed the stage for a punked-up version of the classic "Happy Song." Before things could get too much out of control, the band plunged into the anthemic "Investigate" which closed the night. For the parents, youth, and college students piling out of the theater into Cleveland's Playhouse Square, one got the impression the show had ended much too soon. It was a satisfying and stimulating exploration of rock and religion, time well spent in the church of rock and roll.



Waterdeep

You Are So Good To Me

Squint Entertainment

Glenn McCarty

These days, a Christian band releasing a "worship album" is nothing out of the ordinary. Groups from all stylistic backgrounds have channeled their talents into this somewhat ambiguous musical mold. What happens, then, when the band who defies labels, Waterdeep, decides to put their own spin on worship?

The combination of Waterdeep and worship shouldn't be that surprising. After all, their

songs have consistently explored the relationship between God and man, making a worship album less a stretch than that of other groups. In fact, *You Are So Good to Me*: Waterdeep Worship turns out to contain perhaps the perfect blend of artistry and worship, alternately poignant and passionate, but never over-reaching.

At first glance, *You Are So Good to Me* will seem less eclectic than earlier Waterdeep efforts like *Sink or Swim* and *Live at the New Earth*. Modern production

techniques predominate, and the extended jam sessions are mostly nonexistent. Songs like the title track and "Just Like You" are the most obviously worship-sounding, and fulfill the two most important, but often overlooked aspects of worship music: they're actually singable, and the lyrics are universal enough to be easily applicable. "Psalm 18" and "Those Who Trust" explore more familiar Waterdeep territory, the former featuring a light off-kilter acoustic/bass groove and Lori's quirky vocals. The songwriting duties are split between Lori and husband Don Chaffer and blend the traditional language of worship music with their own musical fusion of jazz, folk, and rock effectively. *You Are So Good to Me* is a beautiful and often mesmerizing album which brings together art and worship, making a jazz lick just as much a part of the worship experience as a praise chorus. While perhaps a departure from the usual Waterdeep sound, all the pieces are still there and combine for a very honest worship album.

Meet Next Year's **STAR** Staff

Bethany Schwartz Editor-in-Chief



You're heading back up the stairs from the post office, eagerly ripping open the box from your aunt Louise. As you turn to go up the stairs, a cloud of dirt swooshes down into your face. Coughing, you glare upward at the sheepish broom-clutcher who is staring down at you. Or perhaps you're perched in the Campus Center lounge, studying furiously for the biggest test of the year. Suddenly a girl with an alien-like vacuum strapped to her back marches into the lounge and starts poking the hose around your feet, making an enormous racket that gives you a headache for the next week.

Well, that's me—Rocketgirl and the Stairwell Sweeper, and most recently, the new editor-in-chief of the STAR.

My name is Bethany Schwartz, and as of this moment I am a sophomore English and writing double major. I began working with the STAR at the beginning of this year, launching my reporting career with the daunting task of writing about the fall CLEW services. I intended to be the managing editor of the STAR next year (my junior year) and the editor-in-chief during my senior year, but God had other plans. So here I am!!

Why do I want to do this, anyway? Ultimately my goal is to be an editor, and this experience will be great for me. Not only that, but I really want to be involved in the campus, able to entertain you and educate you at the same time. While I want the STAR to be a place where the student voice is heard, I also want it to be entertaining and enjoyable to read. And while I am not promising to print every letter to the editor that we receive, I really do want to hear your comments and opinions. Please don't hesitate to contact me, send me editorial letters, send me ideas, send me flowers....As the editor-in-chief, I want to be available for you. And if you can't find me in the STAR office, I'll probably be vacuuming in the lounge. I do that a lot.

Beth Freeman Business Manager

The sun soaks into my back as I lie here on the quad people-watching and contemplating my first year here at Houghton. I arrived here in August from Wilmore, Kentucky, convinced that people would consider me a backwards hick and mock my Southern accent. My parents both attended Houghton years ago, so I had heard much of the school since my childhood and have always known I would end up here. Most of the good things they had to say about Houghton were true, although I believe they must

have experienced it in Florida, or else have incredibly selective memories.

Thankfully, the bitter cold and mountains of snow are beginning to fade into the past, and I am able to look ahead to the fall and to everything new that it holds. A summer of refreshment will definitely be appreciated, but I am glad to be coming back as an English/Writing major, and I hope to serve the Houghton community with excellence, along with the rest of the newspaper staff, as the Star's Business Manager.

Rosa Gerber Managing Editor



Hi everybody! My name is Rosa Gerber, and I will be serving as the as the Managing Editor for the Houghton STAR next year. I am from Tionesta, Pennsylvania, which is a little south of Erie and in Forest County, the least populated county in Pennsylvania - a fact of which I am perhaps a little too proud. (Just ask me how many people I graduated from high school with....) Another ran-

dom fact about me: I am the daughter of not one, but two pastors. I will be a junior with a major in English and minors in Writing and Psychology. I also will be one of those ever-cheerful FYI leaders for incoming freshmen next year, as well as one of the half-dozen people who loyally color posters for the Lanthorn. Currently, I write the "World Out There" and "Spotlight on National Politics" columns for the STAR and am considering a possible career in journalism. As the Managing Editor, I am truly interested in what you would like to see and read in the STAR. Feel free to contact me with story ideas or any suggestions about what you would like to see in the newspaper. I can't guarantee every letter or suggestion will make its way into the STAR, but I would like to get as many people involved in the STAR as I can.

