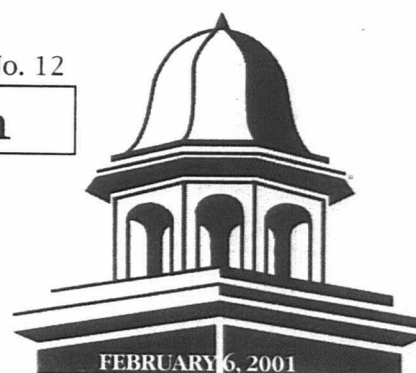


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## Jockey Street under new management

Local woman takes reins at Houghton cultural mainstay

by Laura Kuziomko  
Staff writer

When I heard that Jockey Street was offering a delivery service, I inwardly gloated. I vowed never to cook again.

This delivery service is just one of many ways Jockey Street is being revamped under the management of Ethel Denning, the former cook for the Family Affair in Fillmore, NY.

As you probably know, The Family Affair and Jockey Street were once owned and managed by the same man, David DeRock. What you may not have known is that he is building a new Family Affair restaurant right across the street from the old one. After much thought and consideration, he has opted to focus on that construction instead of managing two restaurants.

Such a decision left Jockey Street without a manager. Ethel

Denning expressed interest and was duly awarded the task.

According to Jeff Spear, VP for finance, Ethel's new management is an "opportunity for a local woman

Wednesday's respectively; and the daily special, two slices of pizza and a pop for \$2.99.

When you order a delivery, go in with a buddy because you need a minimum \$5.00 order.

I know, I know, you still remember the days when the wait was too long. The food not exactly cooked. The food wasn't good even if it was cooked. And sit down dining was a virtual impossibility. While these complaints were

valid, don't underestimate Ethel; she is tackling these issues.

Since Ms. Denning has never run her own business before, she will need feedback from customers. If you have sound advice or even a complaint, make sure she knows about it. She'll do her best to get the problem fixed.



who has not run a business before but who shows interest to do so."

Under her leadership we can expect some exciting changes including the delivery service, lower prices, and new items to try on the menu. Even better are the weekly specials she offers including 50 cents off calzones and subs Monday and

## Future of admissions is uncertain

by Melisande Richardson  
Staff writer

Perhaps you have spotted a few new faces around campus as well as noticed some missing ones since the ushering in of this new semester. Approximately thirty-two new students arrived in Houghton for the second semester and about ten are first year students. Along with this addition was the greater loss of 70+ students. This loss is a result of December graduates and those students who did not return for various reasons (either the college's choice or the students'). "There are between 1180 and 1190 full time students this semester," states Timothy Fuller, Vice President of Enrollment.

Spring semester 2001 Houghton had 907 potentially returning students but only 838 actually came

back for the fall semester. Tim Fuller explains that "the spring student population minus the May and August graduates equals the 907 students which could have returned." The approximate 70-student loss that occurred was due to attrition (failing out, no money, dismissal by student life, and other reasons). Last fall 428 new students came, 355 of which were first-year students.

Currently the buzz around campus is whether or not the student population is expected to rise, fall, or remain constant when the fall 2002 semester rolls around. The freshman class (355 students) that enrolled last fall 2001 is the largest class so far in Houghton College's history - breaking last year's record by one. The first year student population projection for this fall semester 2002 is a bit cloudy at the moment. According to Timothy

Fuller, "Applications for this fall's enrollment are running slightly behind last year's." This information comes from Houghton College's phoning crew, which calls prospective students on a regular basis. It seems as though "the high school class of 2002 is having a little more trouble making up their minds," grinned Fuller. "Many of them are still telling us, 'oh yeah, I'm still interested in Houghton and still planning on applying.'"

During this time of the year the college has received the bulk of its first year student applications and though this year's high school class "appears to be different," there are no worries. "Ultimately it doesn't matter how many applications we get; it's how many students are admitted and how many enroll," said Fuller. As for how many first year

## Service opportunities to arise in March

by Maria Behrns  
Star contributor

Houghton College students, faculty, and staff will have a chance to use their skills to give back to Western New York during the first-ever Service Week, March 1 - 8.

Service Week will kick off on Friday, March 1, when 40 inner-city Buffalo children travel to the Houghton campus to visit their elementary education major pen pals. Other students will also have the opportunity to join in service to the children on Friday.

Then, Saturday, March 2, college buses will depart for various Buffalo and Rochester service sites. Day projects will include manual labor for organizations short of volunteer assistance and participation in a Reading and Writing for Success program. Participants will be invited to join a pizza and wings party for a reflection and debriefing time at the end of the day.

This year's service coordinators, former Houghton students and current AmeriCorps volunteers Cathi Hackett and Rhiannon Baker, have expanded service activities to continue March 3 - 8. During the week, volunteers have opportunities to serve in areas specifically applicable to their abilities or interests. All participants will be invited to a complimentary ice cream social March 8, the final day of Service Week.

"I hope everyone takes the time to consider the importance of each moment of service," Hackett says. "To consider how they have impacted the lives of others positively and how unbelievably significant that is." She then quoted Martin Luther King, Jr: "Everyone can be great because everyone can serve."

Although service roles are varied, Hackett stresses that each organization involved has carefully considered how to best utilize

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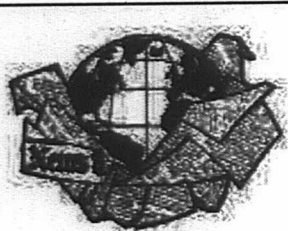


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Rosa Gerber

### Arab TV station cuts ties with CNN

Al-Jazeera, a powerful Arab satellite station, based in Qatar, severed its communication with CNN after CNN aired excerpts of an interview with Osama bin Laden. This decision comes after CNN gained access to the interview, claiming that an agreement made between the cable network broadcast and Al-Jazeera to share material gave CNN rights to the interview. Al-Jazeera had decided not to air the video because the station did not want to seem to have connects with bin Laden. "The interview was not that newsworthy. It was full of preaching and looked like a (Muslim) Friday sermon," stated a journalist close to Al-Jazeera.

Al-Jazeera accused CNN of acquiring the interview tape illegally, while the American network announced they did nothing wrong, according to their deal, by obtaining the tape from a "non-governmental source." CNN chief news executive Eason Jordan said, "Once the tape came into our hands, it would have been journalistically irresponsible to ignore it. I think Al-Jazeera has some tough questions to answer as to why it never made the tape public."

In the interview, which officials believe was taped in October, an Al-

Jazeera reporters asked bin Laden about his involvement in the terrorist attack on the United States on September 11. Bin Laden provided vague answers: "America has made many accusations against us and many other Muslims around the world. Its charge that we are carrying out acts of terrorism is unwarranted.... If inciting people to do that is terrorism, and if killing those who kill our sons is terrorism, then let history be witness that we are terrorists." Bin Laden also declared, "I tell you, freedom and human rights in America are doomed. The U.S. government will lead the American people and the West in general into an unbearable hell and a choking life."

U.S. officials warned American networks to exercise caution in airing bin Laden's interviews, as he may be using them to send messages to his followers in the United States.

### Bush pushes for new regulations

In response to Enron's collapse, President Bush has proposed an updated set of laws that would give workers more control over 401(k) pension plans. Thousands of Enron employees lost their jobs and pensions savings as the energy company collapse, filing for bankruptcy. Enron faces accusation and criminal investigation of misleading investors about its money management, as top executives gained huge amounts of money by selling their stocks while possibly

blocking other employees from doing the same action and keeping them ignorant of the company's problems. Enron kept its workers from abandoning the company by selling their shares in a blackout while it collapsed.

Bush has proposed for legislators to allow their employees the right to sell their company stock and to invest in other opportunities after participating in the 401(k) plan for three years. The law would also prohibit senior corporate executives from selling the company stocks while lower employees cannot trade during blackout periods. In addition, companies would be more liable for the investing choices of employees during blackout times and their outcomes if the company fails. Before the beginning of a blackout period, companies also would be

required to give 30 days notice of the event, and companies would have to provide employees with quarterly statements about their accounts.

### Fate of reporter unknown

As of Sunday morning, the fate of Wall Street journalist Daniel Pearl was still unknown. Pearl, 38, was kidnapped in Pakistan on January 23, on his way to an interview with Sheikh Mubarak al-Gilani, leader of the fundamentalist Islamic Jamaat ul-Fuqra group, about the possible involvement of Richard Reid, the man who attempted to blow up a plane with explosives hidden in his shoes.

A group called the National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty sent an email

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## A beautiful mailbox



by Joshua Ziefle  
Columnist

OK, I'll admit it. I'm a little stressed. And yes, I know that we all are. Houghton is, after all, no walk in the park. Nevertheless, it can't be denied...I am rapidly becoming an obsessive basket case, bordering on bizarre psycho hose beast. Though I can guarantee this has nothing to do with the schizophrenic imaginings that characterize Russell Crowe's tortured character in the movie "A Beautiful Mind," it still stinks. Not to say I would be completely against that kind of thing. Why, you ask? Well, the real reason is that it would simply be more interesting that the real state of affairs; in other words, his delusions just seem more fun. (Which leads me to another point...I mean, what's up with all this "scary" schizophrenia stuff? If I could live in a magic delusion world, I would imagine I was on Star Trek or incredibly wealthy or something. There's really not a downside here.) As it is, the cause of my current anxiety is based upon nothing greater than my wait for an acceptance letter from a graduate school I've applied to.

Perhaps the mailroom is conspiring against me. As a matter of fact, I'd wager that the silly letter

is actually there, but every time I get close enough to it, little mail gremlins pull it out and hide it. They're trying to convince me that the world is against me. Or maybe I'm just a little anxious. Seriously, though-this thing is driving me nuts. Yesterday alone I looked in the mailbox about eleven million times. Every five minutes I rounded the corner to gaze into good old box #1703, always hoping for some thick envelope with loads of phrases like "Congratulations" and "You've been accepted." At this point, even the phrase "Hello" would be enough to bring a smile to my face. Sadly, I have found nothing of the sort.

I've been thinking a lot about the whole situation-both consciously and unconsciously. As a matter of fact, I had a dream last night that I received said letter from the school. It was nice to get it, but for some reason I couldn't tell whether or not it was a letter of acceptance because it seemed strangely combined with a credit card application. Aside from being patently bizarre and irritating me in my sleep, I've begun to wonder a few things: First of all, what in the world am I trying to say here? Am I worried about going into debt in graduate school? Do some schools have a better "APR" than others? Does this all have something to do with my mother or some childhood trauma involving a small plastic card? I simply have no clue.

Regardless of these thoughts, it remains that I still have no letter. Nothing. Zilch. Nada. Maybe it will be there tomorrow. It has to be. Unless it's not. Or maybe it will be. I know I'm not going crazy here, but if I don't get something soon, I'm going to start wondering. So if you see me camped out in the basement of the campus center with a letter opener and blank stare, don't be alarmed. I'm just a little stressed...

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## Ministry opportunities

by Rebecca Williams  
Staff writer

Looking for a fun new way to serve the Lord in the coming year? If so, your search ends here! Starting February 1, applications for the Houghton Ministry Teams will be available to all Houghton students. Sponsored by the Christian Life Office, the four ministry teams, Godspeed, Heirborne, FourKnown, and Dayspring, are all awesome opportunities to share your faith in God with others.

**Godspeed**, a worship band and counseling team, travels during the summer and two weekends per month in the following academic year. Godspeed members have the opportunity during a camp week or youth event to minister in contemporary Christian worship and recreation through responsibilities like worship leading (in small or large group settings), counseling at the altar, leading recreational activities, and leading Bible studies or devotionals.

**Heirborne**, a vocal-based concert ministry team, travels two weekends a month during the academic year. Members of this ministry team are given opportunities to share their faith vocally and instrumentally through contemporary Christian music, as well as verbally.

The string quartet ministry team, **FourKnown**, travels during the academic year, ministering through selections of hymn arrangements and classical music. Members of the group are also given opportunities to share their faith and testimonies verbally.

**Dayspring**, a drama and counseling ministry team that travels during the summer, and occasionally during the academic year, ministers to teens through one-on-one relationships, camp counseling, leadership, and drama.

To get an application for one of the Houghton Ministry Teams and to sign up for audition times, go to the Campus Center during the lunch hour from February 1-8, or visit the Christian Life Office (in the main level of Fancher) on Monday-Friday from 8:00-5:00.

On February 4, there will be a Ministry Team forum in the Recital Hall at 8:30 p.m. All those who are interested in becoming a part of one of the teams are encouraged to go and ask questions of current ministry team members. Also, on February 7, Summer Employment Day, you can visit current Ministry Team members at their table in the Campus Center from 11:00-4:00. All auditions and interviews for the Ministry Teams will be held on February 11-14. New Ministry Team members will be notified by February break of their acceptance.

## Duplicate ID cards to increase in cost

by Bethany Schwartz  
Staff writer

In the past, purchasing a new ID card has cost only \$10. Because of recent events regarding misuse of these duplicate IDs, the cost of new cards will now increase to \$25.

Students have been using duplicate ID cards to scan other students for meals in the dining hall, library books, and chapel credit. On January 23rd a meeting was held between Christian Life, the library staff, Pioneer Food Services, and the post office. Fred Libick of Pioneer presented the group with a stack of duplicate IDs that had been confiscated, which were then destroyed. Those gathered in the meeting decided that the cost of duplicate IDs would rise from \$10 to \$25 and that the picture and barcode must be clearly visible from now on. IDs may still be replaced for free due to normal wear and tear, but any IDs which have any intentional

damage need to be replaced by the student. This type of damage includes hole-punching, cutting, or altering of the photos.

SGA President Joshua Ziefle commented, "As SGA President, I am very disappointed and saddened that some of our students may have decided to conduct themselves in this way. It is far too easy to rationalize and relativize our personal ethics at a place like Houghton; we need to realize that certain things are very wrong - at times akin to deceit and/or theft. It is my hope that we might be able to cling firmly to the unchanging ethics of our Lord rather than the slippery foundations that surround us daily.

Personal piety is by no means an easy task, but one in which we have an excellent Tutor. May He guide us in our lives at Houghton and beyond."

David Lewis, the Associate Vice President for Student Life, sent an

all-campus email informing students and faculty about the changes in the ID card policy. In the email Lewis said, "A Houghton ID is a little thing, yet it is the little things that shape our character and make us into the people that we are becoming."

The majority of colleges charge more for replacement ID cards than Houghton has in the past, and Houghton administrators hope that raising our

price will put an end to such dishonest uses of these ID cards. Ziefle also

added, "Using extra IDs for chapel is not fair to those who are being honest. If they are used in the cafeteria, it is simply plain stealing." These dishonest actions are especially of concern due to the upright ways that we as Christians are instructed to walk in.

## Ice rink on hold for the remainder of year

by Greg On  
Staff writer

Due to a slow approval process and bizarre weather this semester, plans for a temporary ice skating rink on the quad have been pushed back to next year. According to Joshua Ziefle, SGA president, there was a number of factors involved in the decision.

"Through no one person's fault, the proposal did not get approved until the end of the semester, leaving little time to settle matters before the beginning of Christmas break," says Ziefle, in an e-mail to various Houghton student leaders. "Upon our return, matters had not progressed much farther, meaning that we were only able to order the rink materials very recently. Seeing

as we're now facing the beginning of February, we have doubts as to whether it will get cold enough to make the rink worthwhile. The state of the whole winter, combined with recent weather patterns, further confirms this belief."

However, the idea for an ice rink is far from dead. Ordered supplies will be stored until next year. "With the rink stored and ready for use, there would be little problem with getting it together and ready for use earlier in the winter," Ziefle assured us. Also, the person who planned the rink, Daniel Kilpatrick, sophomore, will be returning the next two years, ensuring that this Houghton tradition will be reinstated.

"I'm really disappointed that they chose to not do it this year," says Kilpatrick. "I wasn't there when they

made the decision. I still think there's plenty of winter left. I haven't met with Josh yet, I'm still hoping that we can get this thing going. You can't predict the weather, so it's silly to call this off now. I guess I can only hope for next year."

General reaction seems to be along the same lines as Kilpatrick's. "How can they say that the weather's going to stay warm?" asks Justin Leininger, also a sophomore. "I'd understand it more if they didn't order the supplies already. It's silly to have ordered the supplies, then not use them." John Schmutz, freshman, is disappointed, saying "I wish they would put it in this year." Job Tate, senior, was upset by the news. "That's really too bad," he said. "I was really looking forward to it."

## Wireless internet set up for a trial run

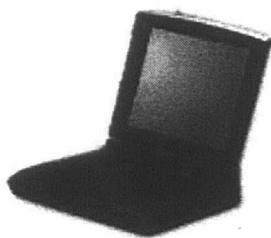
by Bethany Schwartz  
Staff writer

Perhaps you may have read it in the Scoop: you can test out wireless internet in the Campus Center! This is simply a trial run for the present time, but some wireless access points may be placed in specific areas of the college in the future.

At this time wireless internet typically runs at a slower speed than the regular network, running at 11 mb as opposed to the majority of network jacks, which run at 100 mb. Patti Smith, Associate Director of Technology Services, hopes to switch all network ports to the 100 mb speed before spreading the wireless network throughout the campus. Wireless internet would

simply be an added service rather than a replacement for the current network.

Another concern about implementing wireless internet is the expense of the network cards. High quality wireless network cards can be purchased for approximately \$100 - \$150



apiece, which students would still need to buy in order to use the service. Smith decided to test out the wireless networking in the Campus Center to observe student reactions before adding any additional access points. In the future when this plan is added to the college network,

students may choose to buy the wireless cards for themselves.

Said Smith about the wireless network, "One misconception I see is that people think that wireless is something better than what we have and that we are falling behind in some way. Wireless is not better or faster than what we have. Schools that are 'wireless' in many cases are so because the cost is less than a 'wired network.' They don't have the infrastructure we already have in place. It simply costs less to start out wireless than to pull all the wires. Someday they may be lucky enough to have what we have."

For now we can test out the wireless access in the Campus Center. Someday in the near future, however, we may be able to purchase wireless access cards to use in specific points around campus.





# INSIDE

## THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



### Joshua Ziefle

Hello everyone! My name's Joshua Ziefle and I am this year's SGA President. Something tells me you may have already known that, but I thought I'd let you know anyway. I'm a senior this year, finishing up my time at Houghton as a History major with minors in Bible and Theology (I wanted to have one in U2 as well, but it wasn't an option. Darn.) For those of you who don't know, I'm from New Jersey, which in addition to being about six hours away from Houghton is also the best state in the Union. You probably also don't know that I bested Mike Livolsi in a taco-eating contest (I had ten and could've kept going).



I became interested in Student Government during my sophomore year. Though losing in my first presidential election, I served as a senator for my class and came to enjoy spending my time this way. Since my election as president I have found it a blessing to serve the Student body. The ability to work with the most excellent SGA Cabinet ever to exist has been amazing, and the wide variety of people I have met (that's right, even Jeff Spear) and interacted with have served to teach me quite a lot about myself and the college as a whole. One of my favorite memories of Student Government and of Houghton as a whole came the Friday after September 11. Together with the administration, we organized a time

of prayer for our nation attended by just about everyone at the school. For me, it was uniquely inspiring to see the whole college united in supplication to God. It's served as an inspiration to me and is an event which will stay with me long after the content of my classes slips into forgetfulness.

My immediate future involves graduating from Houghton and facing the wide world beyond. But there's still plenty left to do this semester and I look forward to finishing out as strong as possible. Beyond this, elections loom large on the horizon (in March) to ensure that the Cabinet and I have successors. The SGA can always use new faces, so be sure to stop in the SGA Office if you're considering a position or have any questions.

In closing, let me merely say thank you—thanks for making me your President, thanks for supporting me throughout the year, and thanks for being the superb individuals you are!

### Scott Wilkins

My name is Scott Ross Wilkins, an English major from the class of 2003. I am also your SGA chaplain. You will often find me wheeling about the office in my sleek, gray office chair (they gave me a new red chair, but it doesn't glide as well). The "chaplaincy" is a position that I greatly enjoy.

As chaplain I do devotions for cabinet and Senate meetings; I arrange two SGA Chapels, one SGA



Awards Chapel, two service projects, and many smaller tasks. In the past, I've employed bizarre illustrations in my devotions at Senate - ask one of your senators about the "manure milk" incident or the time I wrapped myself in Christmas lights.

Under the current SGA administration I most appreciated the response to the September 11th atrocity. I think of the corporate prayer on the quad, the Fact-Finding forum, the Christian Response forum, and the SGA chapel. It was a rushed time, but I enjoyed seeing so much coordination between our office, other offices, faculty, staff, and fellow students.

Another blessing of office life is the increase of student interaction. People are constantly in and out of the office, and I've gotten to know many people that way. Whether for our candy bowl, our Free Coffee Tuesdays, our monthly Doughnut Days, or our green comfy couch (the last of a dying breed which formerly adorned the Campus Center), I've seen more people in the office than I have in my two previous years in the SGA. So stop in, eat our candy, but be sure to look both ways for oncoming gray office chairs.

### Mindy Albrecht

Hi, my name is Mindy Albrecht and I am proud to be serving as Student Government Vice-President. I am a junior elementary education major with an English concentration and enjoy a variety of activities such as teaching, cooking, writing, and being creative with any projects that I can get my hands on.

When I came to Houghton as a freshman, I had no intention of being involved in Student Government. During the first week of school, however, I attended a meeting to support a friend who was running for class government and left that night with a desire to represent my class as a Senator. I was proud to fill that position for two years and then became interested in serving as the SGA Vice-President. Being a person who prefers working behind the scenes, I was intimidated by the title and wasn't exactly sure what I had to offer. I anxiously applied,



however, and was overwhelmed by the possibilities to serve. There was no way for me to anticipate the extent to which this would become my most fulfilling area of service and ministry. Some of my favorite responsibilities include organizing Blood Drives, helping students to start new clubs on campus, and making posters and bulletin boards to advertise upcoming SGA events. I have also enjoyed the rare opportunity of working with an excellent Cabinet,

which has been one of the most sensitive and productive groups I have ever known. Under Josh Ziefle's leadership, the SGA has organized and re-decorated the office to make it a more comfortable and welcoming environment for students to come and share concerns. We have also had the opportunity to share our resources with others by providing turkeys to less-fortunate families in Allegany County, and have proved through our daily activities that ministry is a lot of FUN.

Being involved in Student Government this year has truly been one of the most fulfilling aspects in my life and I am content, knowing that this is exactly where I'm supposed to be. (After all, where else could you find a Chaplain who did an object lesson with manure and milk, a Commissioner of Finance who shaved her head, or a President's Advisor that claims to chase monkeys out of the office on a weekly basis? That's what I thought...)

### In Question:

### What would you do if you ran for the SGA?



"I would take over that Ziefle guy's office and become dictator of the world."

Amy Scheel (junior)



"Get rid of ID cards."

Michelle Adkins (junior)



## Jason Dolon

Hey. My name is Jason Dolon and this year I'm a junior, double-majoring in English and communications with a minor in writing. I am also the RA of 3rd East in South Hall.

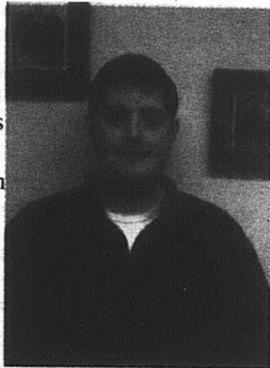
My job in the SGA is that of Speaker of the Senate. I preside over the Senate meetings each week and represent the senate to the cabinet at their meetings. My position is different from others in the SGA; since I am not a senator I meet and work with not only the SGA but with my class's cabinet as well.

Each class has five senators that serve on the SGA, and from those twenty

senators one is elected each year to serve as speaker. This year that honor was given to me. I work with the SGA because I enjoy helping people and working for the good of the student body.

I think my favorite memory of SGA would be when I received the Outstanding Senator Award at the end of my freshmen year. It was a real honor to be recognized for something that I enjoy so much. If there is one thing I have learned in my three years of being involved in the SGA it would have to be that the Lord has a plan and purpose for everyone. I have put myself up for election three times and it can be a scary thing to ask others what they think of you and if they think you will do a good job. It takes a lot of faith to know that what ever happens you will be right where the Lord wants you.

As I look ahead to the future I already know that I will not serve next year, for the Lord has led me in another direction. I will be holding the position of ARD of South Hall for the school year of 2002 - 2003 something that I am excited about and anxious to see how the Lord will use me to touch student's lives in that way. I do know thou that when I want to know something or find student s that are dedicated to serving the student body that I need not look any farther then the SGA office.



## Laura Hess

I am the C o' C of this year's Student Government cabinet - that is, the Commissioner of Communications. I am still striving

to fill the oh-so-big shoes of Jason Dolon, who served in this position last year. How am I doing? Call me at 352-2342. Actually, maybe you should just come talk to

me in the SGA office. I'm there often, either doing homework, chatting with friends or even doing my 'job.'

OK, to get down to business... my position in SGA is basically to keep the paths of communication open, in all areas of our college community: between the students and the SGA, between the SGA and the administration and faculty, and so on. I am responsible for listening

carefully during all of our meetings and keeping the minutes up to date. This year we have worked on organizing the minutes from past years, and they are now filed away neatly in binders on our bookshelves

for future SGA members to refer to. I am also responsible for advertising any SGA related events. Along with all of my SGA responsibilities, being on the Curriculum Review Committee has provided me with the opportunity of helping to make decisions that affect the current and the future life of our college

community.

My interests in student government did not come about until I came to Houghton and ran undefeated for secretary of my freshman class. Serving in this position enabled me to get to know many of my classmates as well as to use some of my skills and abilities outside of the classroom setting. Last year, when the opportunity rose to become involved in SGA, I pursued

it because I was ready for something more - a chance to make a difference in the Houghton community. Although I am sure I have not made any changes so earth shattering that they will be forever kept in the annals of Houghton College history, I have enjoyed the chance to see the bigger picture of life at here at Houghton. Serving on student government has helped me to see beyond my-own little puzzle piece of a Houghton College student.

I have many good memories from serving on the Student Government this year. Some of them may not make sense to non-SGA members, but please feel free to ask us about them! We would love to share some of them with you...

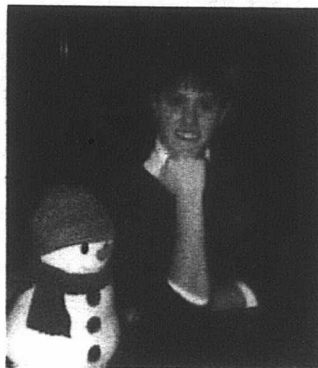
~ baking tasty turkey cookies at Mindy's for the Turkey Drive this fall

~ planning the chapel with Molly Little and seeing it come to fruition

~ decorating the chapel Christmas tree until 1:15 am, and 'fluffing' all of the branches

~ Scott's object lessons for our Senate devotions (everything from poetry to manure!)

and the infamous 'monkeys' will always be there to cheer the grayest of Houghton days



## Emily Roorda

Hi! My name is Emily Roorda and I am the Commissioner of Finance for the SGA. I am a senior with a math major and minors in accounting and business. My job as Commissioner of Finance has been a wonderful experience. I get to be in charge of

distributing funds to many clubs and organizations on campus through the Organizational Support Fund (OSF), Club Sports Fund, and the Student Project Fund (SPF). I also create the budget for the SGA and the Campus Services Budget which uses the money from the Student Activity Fee to fund organizations on campus such as the Star, WJSL, Boulder, and SGA.

Working in the SGA has given me the opportunity to meet new people and to develop leadership skills that will be useful as I enter the workforce. Some of my favorite memories include the times spent decorating for Christmas in the chapel and the Campus Center and baking a bazillion turkeys for the Turkey Grams we sent out last semester. I would encourage anyone considering running for a position to do it. It is a wonderful experience you will never regret.



## MIKE LIVOLSI

My name is Michael Livolsi, and I am Advisor to the SGA President. I am currently a first semester senior (many of you will know how that happened). I have also recently become a history major. For fun I go swimming in the Antarctic with polar bears and, at times, try to replace all of the blood in my body with caffeine. But

don't we all? My position in SGA is pretty unique: I did not apply for it; I was actually asked to run by the president; who gets to choose three advisory position holders. I was then passed by cabinet and senate for acceptance. My favorite part of the job is that I can really take it in any direction I want, thanks to Josh. My duties range from helping with office functions like coffee and doughnuts, to

advising Josh on decisions, to starting projects affecting the student body. If anyone has the opportunity to get into one of these positions, go for it. It's lots of fun, you get to see how the student government works, and you really learn how to be effective within our institution's framework.

You also get to make a lot of neat friends that you might not have had the chance to meet and to go on retreats where you learn how to do your job effectively...you even get to have some fun. Love ya Houghton!



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**"I would build a spa in the campus center basement."**

Elizabeth Sartor (staff)



**"I would rename 'Houghton' 'Carbondale' and pave the townhouse parking lot."**

Emily Dunham (junior)

Photos by Amy Scheel and Rosa Gerber



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## Letter to the editor: about cafeteria waste...

by Tegan Kroening

The often repeated query, "How can you throw all that food away? Don't you know there are starving children in Somalia?" never fails to elicit the same response: "Well then, you can send it to them!"

But flippancy isn't going to make this serious issue go away. We in America waste an absolutely appalling amount of food every year (96 billion pounds a year according to an AP study in 1999). Every piece of pizza and glass of Pepsi that we at Houghton College fail to finish is ultimately being added into that amount.

Of course we all have our good excuses about how full we are, or that we need to dash off to class and don't have the time to clean off our plates. But truthfully, I don't think those excuses are half good enough. Why? For one thing, it's a flat abuse of the privileges we have all been given. We live in one of the few nations where

food is plentiful and the people are wealthy.

But just because we can all afford to waste as much as want does not justify the action. We each have the responsibility to be good stewards with what we have been given-but if thinking about the starving millions does nothing to your conscience, then at least think about your wallet. The less food we waste in the cafeteria, the less food will have to be produced every meal. The less food produced equals less money spent on ingredients and the less money ultimately charged to you, the consumer.

I know it seems like no big deal when you toss out that second taco, or place your still full drink cup on the conveyor belt, but I wish you would give it a second thought. Why would it be so difficult to think before we take? Ask yourself before you put it on your tray, "Am I really going to finish all of this?"

It's not an unreasonable request and it is our responsibility.

## SENIOR PERSPECTIVE

## "Ticketed Columnist"

by Phil Andrews

Parking tickets. I don't think I even have to explain this issue for most of you, I'll just leave it at those two words. I'm sure many other words may be appearing in your consciousness right now, and among the printable ones are "too many," "unfair," or "unemployment." Okay, so maybe the last one is just in my mind at the moment. See when you subtract Uncle Sam's percentage from the final total, you end up owing him money. I have never done my taxes before, but that's what I came up with this past April 16th; consequently I have decided that unemployment is going to stay in control.

However you feel about the practice, I think parking tickets are necessary for preserving order on campus. Honestly, I've wakened sweating from nightmares about a college without parking tickets. It's a horrible dream, where adolescent automobiles, suddenly given new freedom, roam campus in packs and terrorize members of the once quiet community. Rebellious outcasts covered in decals, metal rings, and neon spoilers deal gas additives to innocent late models, who soon become desperate addicts. Rapidly impoverished, they are forced into selling their body panels to support the habit. I can still see the waning headlights of one such unfortunate soul, lying weak in a gutter, probably sick with contagious disease from using a dirty sparkplug, begging for additive money.

Comestics interbreed with imports at a local body shop for cash, and the real victims of such perversions, the domestic/import hybrid late models, grow up confused, unsure as to whether they should have either plenty of legroom or good gas mileage, high horsepower or low emissions. I still shiver just recalling this nightmare. No, parking tickets must exist to avoid such a scenario!

So, we're in a tough bind. Tickets are necessary, but we'd still like to keep the authorities from abusing their power and over-issuing the little pink slips. What to do? Well, consider the situation of our law enforcement officials. They exist here to keep the peace, to ensure the safety of the public, and above all, to wear badges.

To be blunt, Houghton College tends to be safe, on the whole. So can you really blame the department with "Safety" in the title for spending so much time on parking violations? Come on! They have to earn a salary somehow, and the most dangerous activity jeopardizing the well-being of the community is "Parking In Area Other Than Assigned!" Have you seen our

annual "Campus Crime Report?" The thing is identical to the "Smurf Village Crime Report," I checked! Same crimes, same numbers! What else is there to do for the authorities, besides write tickets and look out for Gargamel?

The answer to the problem is not asking for fewer tickets, writing letters of protest or even removing your windshield to make such activity impossible. These are all on the "negative" side of the issue, trying to stop an action without providing a suitable alternative. The "positive" side is simply to give our law enforcement officials an alternative to ticketing. What I mean is, of course, an increase in campus crime.

Now don't get offended, dear reader, I'm not calling for heinous crimes against humanity here, just simply a little busywork for the guys with nametags and flashlights. We need more crime, and the catalyst that will create such crime is quite simple: alcohol. We need alcohol, and lots of it. Other campus police forces spend an inordinate amount of time dealing with alcohol and its effects, not the least of which are crimes of all sorts. Students at large universities (Arizona State case in point) don't complain about parking tickets, ever! Not one student! I checked on that too! This campus is as dry as a box of Triscuits, and our students are driven crazy by paying another ticket every time they turn around! Wouldn't this whole issue be cleared up with just a bit of intoxication? And wouldn't it really, really be cleared up with a tremendous amount of intoxication?

Let the taps flow in Big Al's! Let the kegs roll across the quad! Let the triumphant "Hey, beer man!" resound across the balcony during chapel! Less time writing parking tickets and more time using pepper spray on crowds of drunken Christian teens, furiously rioting in the streets after snow falls in mid April! Down with tickets, up with unconscious vomiting bliss!

For now, though, it looks like we'll all just have to complain together about paying a whole lot of money for tickets we don't really deserve, like I've done enthusiastically for so long now. It seems that the faculty of this fine institution are more in favor of tickets; of course, why shouldn't they, they can park anywhere they want to. Forget the beer, forget giving Ray Parlett a reason to get up in the morning. Forget the idea of not working overtime this summer to afford parking in the "bank only" spot over lunch. Forget it all. At times like this you gotta envy those with bicycles.

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## TOP TEN...

Houghton  
Songs

by Greg On

10 It's my bike (It's My Life, Bon Jovi)

9 Pioneer (Kryptonite, 3 Doors Down)

8 Wild Wild Western New York (Wild Wild West, Will Smith)

7 Music Major Paradise (Gangsta's Paradise,

6 Food Criminal (Smooth Criminal, Michael Jackson)

5 All I Want for Christmas is a Few More Gigs of Memory

4 Reimage Me Baby (Hit Me Baby, Britney Spears)

3 In the Chapel (In the Jungle)

2 Doc Walters (Slim Shady, Eminem)

1 Don't You Want Somebody to Wed (Don't You Want Somebody to Love, Jefferson Airplane)



# arthouse

A look at the intersection of faith and art

## 'Black hawk down' scores high in the ratings

by Richard Mehring  
Staff writer

Ridley Scott's *Black Hawk Down* is a film of mixed motives. It's got the manner of action and all the trappings (reluctant heroes, enemies with bad aim, "character" development), but, with its washed-out color palate and scattered speaking parts, it also has the feel of a documentary. Scott, a former director of television commercials and music videos, has matured enough as a filmmaker as to know when to shoot subjects directly and let visuals speak for themselves - one helicopter crash, done without the aid of rapid cutting is particularly dramatic. Still, the director cannot totally suppress his MTV, quick-cut chicanery, which sneaks into and spoils a few worthy scenes. His movie wants to be *Saving Private Ryan* and something for the masses too.

The story, set in Mogadishu, Somalia, is based on the 1992 US attempt to capture a warlord who has been withholding food shipments from his countrymen, supposedly using "hunger as a weapon" to starve over 300,000. Commanded by Gen. William Garrison (Sam Shepard), 123 American troops descend on the city to take captives, planning to be extracted within an hour of being

deployed. Only after the Americans land, however, does it become clear that the warlord's minions have organized themselves into a force far more formidable than intelligence



could have predicted. Within minutes the Americans have taken casualties and two of the circling *Black Hawk* helicopters have been brought down by rocket fire, leaving the General with no choice but to withdraw aerial support and let the surviving soldiers, short on water and ammunition, prepare for nightfall.

Many critics by now have described *Black Hawk Down* as the Normandy invasion scene of *Saving Private Ryan* stretched to more than two hours. That, I think, is exactly how to describe this film. What Spielberg did in twenty minutes, Scott takes an entire running length to do. Certain scenes possess a *Ryan*-like intensity, but are dispersed in both time and place and so don't

sustain great tension. This wouldn't be such a bad thing if the induced documentary style of the battle sequences was used throughout, but Scott can't resist the embellishments

that the material lends itself to. He interrupts panicky hand-held shots with cuts to magazines being slapped into rifles and shell casing clinking to pavement in slow motion. And when tragedy or irony occurs (a child accidentally killing his father or an American stuffing a severed hand into a pouch) he lingers on it, hoping to communicate...what? That war is hell for both sides?

Ultimately, to compare *Black Hawk Down* to *Private Ryan* is to ruin the experience, which is, admittedly, the most intense the season has to offer. Unlike Spielberg, though, Scott uses separate shots in which to show action, a standard staging technique that disrupts the sense of reality he seems to be going for. Where in *Ryan* shooter and target are shown exchanging fire in the same frame, a soldier here fires in one shot and a combatant falls to the ground in the next. If only an action movie, this would be no problem, but the director

wants to be both stylish and important. He gives with one hand and takes with the other, going for realism with handheld camera, unglamorous locales, and even motivated music ("House of Pain" echoes in an empty hangar in one scene), but then falling back on generic standards for the sake of appeal.

When Scott allows his images their own voice, the movie works. An American soldier waves to a terrified Somali mother during a fire fight and we see in silhouette that he's lost a finger. It's brief but grotesquely poetic. In one of the beginning scenes, a member of the Delta Force awaits his pickup by helicopter atop an ocean dune. With his mirrored Oakleys, mountain bike, and custom assault rifle, he stands looking out at the water like some sort of extreme sports archetype. The helicopter swooping into frame and stirring up a sandstorm completes a picture of pre-combat exhilaration. Filming moments like these is Scott's forte. He's casual and controlled in putting together divergent elements, and his second sight about how they'll behave together is uncanny of the MTV artists. He revealed this kind of inspiration consistently in *Gladiator*, *Thelma and Louise*, and *Blade Runner*. I just wish there was more of it here.

### Confused? Ask Willard!

Do you yearn for answers to the important questions around Houghton? Have you heard a rumor you'd like to check out? If you have an issue or question that relates to college policies, procedures, practices, proposals or plans (no personal gossip, please), there is a place you can get an answer!

Send an e-mail using your "houghton.edu" address to: askwillard@houghton.edu. (Willard will not consider e-mails from addresses other than "houghton.edu" since he will not know if such questions are legitimate.) Willard will research your

question and find an answer as soon as is practically possible. Willard will post replies to issues that may affect the entire community on his website, <http://campus.houghton.edu/offices/askwillard> (Some are already there, under the archives link, go check it out.) Other replies will be sent directly to the original questioner.

Willard may need to forward your question to another individual on the faculty or staff for clarification. In such cases, your identity will be protected - only "Willard" himself will know who sent the original question. You'll have to trust Willard on this (perhaps "a friend" has the question?)!

### QUIP OF THE WEEK

quip (kwip) n. a clever or witty remark  
"Men should not wear inappropriately short skirts."  
- Dr. Tim Leonard -

*It's almost Valentine's Day!!*

we still want to know...



*but we're changing it: guys can enter, too!*

Tell us in 200 words or less by Saturday, February 9th and we'll print the best articles in the February 13th issue of the STAR.

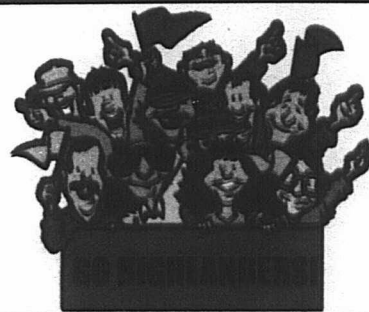
Winners will receive a gift certificate for two at a nice restaurant in the area.

More info at <http://campus.houghton.edu/orgs/star/contest.htm>



# Highlander SPORTS

February 1 - 6



## Sports Scores:

### Men's Soccer

Houghton 74  
Elmira 85

Houghton 71  
Urbana 80

### Women's Soccer

Houghton 77  
Ursaline 69

Houghton 57  
Urbana 66

### Records

Men's basketball 5 - 16  
Women's basketball 10 - 10

## Service week

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Houghton's volunteers. Faculty and staff have expressed committed interest, and many plan to lead service groups March 2.

"I plan to participate," Academic Dean Ron Oakerson said. "Clearly one of the things that Houghton College is all about is service, and we are endeavoring to give increased opportunities for students and faculty-and this is service week, not service day, so it will be bigger and better than ever."

Service Week sign-up tables will be set up in the Campus Center on February 11-14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on Service Week, e-mail Cathi Hackett or Rhiannon Baker, or contact them at extension 6730 in the Off-Campus Office.

## Women's basketball drops 77-69

Staff reports

The Highlanders halted a three-game conference skid with a 77-69 win over Ursuline College.

Houghton trailed by as many as 11 points in the first half, but fought back to within three (42-39) at the break thanks to the play of freshman Casandra Mills.

The Highlanders pulled ahead early into the second half and pushed the lead to as many as 11 down the stretch.

Alicia Mucher led all scorers with 23 points, on 7-of-12 shooting

from the field, and added five rebounds and five steals. Angela Layne added 20 points, nine rebounds, and five blocked shots. Sarah Tooley chipped in with 10 points, four rebounds, four assists, and three steals. Kirsten Nelson and Casandra Mills added eight and seven points, respectively, off the bench.

The Highlanders held the Arrows to 28 percent shooting in the second half. Houghton converted 23-of-30 free throw attempts on the night.

## Men lose to Elmira

Staff reports

Playing their fourth game in six days took its toll on the Highlanders early in an 85-74 setback at Elmira College.

Elmira jumped out to a 9-0 lead in the first two minutes and pushed the lead to as many as 16 (25-9) midway through the first half.

Elmira led 50-25 at the break, as poor shooting (39%) and 12 turnovers plagued the Highlanders. Elmira capitalized with a 20-of-29 (69%) showing from the field. They hit 5-of-10 three pointers in the opening stanza.

The Highlanders gave a much more competitive showing in the second half, with sophomore Justin Pauley stepping up to the challenge. The 6-4 forward nailed back-to-back three pointers and Jeremy Gorham added a layup to trim the deficit to 15 (58-43) with 13:47 remaining. The Soaring Eagles were able to push the lead back to 24, but the Highlanders were not finished. A 13-2 run, which included another three by Pauley, cut the margin to 13 with seven minutes left. But Houghton would get no closer than 11 the rest of the way.

## world news

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including pictures of Pearl chained and held at gunpoint. They threatened to kill Pearl within 24 hours on Thursday unless the United States released all Pakistanis held captive in the war on terrorism, but later the group extended the deadline to Friday. The group also sent a warning to other journalists in the area that they were "thirsty for the blood of another American," encouraging them to leave the country.

News organizations had received conflicting emails as to the fate of Pearl. A later email demanded \$2 million for Pearl's release, and Pakistani police temporarily detained one boy for the prank message. Several emails, later confirmed as hoaxes, stated that Pearl had been killed and his body dumped in one of Karachi's 200 cemeteries. After a thorough search, Pakistani and FBI officials announced the claim was false.

Officials were still searching for Pearl and his abductors under the assumption that Pearl was alive, after ruling out his death.

## Admissions

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students we can expect next fall, we'll have to wait another week for that answer. "At this point we don't have reason to think anything other than we will probably enroll a similar number of new students as we did last year." The Board of Trustees and Fuller meet at the end of this week to discuss the matter.

## Track and field competes at York University

by Liz Hornor  
Staff writer

The Houghton College Track and Field team went up to Canada on Saturday, February 2, to compete in a track meet hosted by the Yeomen of York University. In an athletic facility that doubles as the national training center for Canada's athletes, the Highlanders had the opportunity to see many world-class athletes compete. They also put forth a good effort themselves. Phil

Andrews broke the school record in the 300 meters and Hallie Reinholz tied Brie Claybourn's school record in the 60 meters. This was the first college meet for some athletes, and Coach Smalley and Coach Kragbø were excited by their performances. The all-freshmen men's 4x400 relay team improved their time by one second and came within three seconds of qualifying for nationals. The team is looking forward to their next meet at Cornell University on February 9.

## Highlander SportsWeek

### Men's basketball

Friday, February 8  
8 p.m.  
Pt. Park College - Home

Saturday, February 9  
6 p.m.  
St. Vincent College - Home

### Women's basketball

Friday, February 8  
6 p.m.  
Pt. Park College - Home

Saturday, February 9  
8 p.m.  
St. Vincent College - Home

### Track and field

February 9  
York University, Canada  
Away