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College Receives \$15 Million Gift

Lindsay Ackerman

On Friday, February 23rd, President Chamberlain made a long awaited announcement. The student body gathered in the chapel with much anticipation, eager to hear the news. After the congregation sang several hymns and the College Choir and a female quartet presented special music, President Chamberlain approached the podium.

Chamberlain announced with ceremony that the school of Music has received a \$15 million dollar gift to be used for the development of a Master's program. Over the next three years, the School of Music will begin developing curriculum, hiring additional faculty members, and making more scholarships available. Although there will be a Masters program in Music, Houghton College will remain primarily an undergraduate institute of learning. The program - expected to admit its first students in four years - will offer concentrations in music education, performance, accompanying and conducting.

The gift is the largest in Houghton's 117-year history and one of the largest given to an institution in Western New York. It is also one of the largest gifts given in the United States in recent years to support edu-

cation in the field of music.

According to President Chamberlain, this donation will financially benefit every student at Houghton College. He said that the \$15 million donation would become an endowment for the School of Music, making it self-sufficient; therefore, financial aid should increase for students in other programs.

The student body had mixed reactions to the President's announcement. Some students felt the much-hyped announcement will not directly benefit them. Junior Jeremy Martin said, "I enjoyed the anticipation but wish they would've just made the announcement." Sophomore Job Tate agreed saying, "I feel kind of gyped; there is not enough money going to other programs."

Other students were more excited about the donation. Brian Emerson, sophomore, expressed his delight saying, "I think it's great. It will open doors for more opportunities at Houghton. I think the music program is great and this will only make it better."

Although students hold diverse opinions about the campus wide effects of this donation, it will surely make room for many improvements at Houghton College, particularly in the School of Music.

TAP-ping Into State Resources

Steve Maxon

The importance of New York State's Tuition Assistance Program was stressed last month by a group of five Houghton students who visited the State Legislature in Albany to lobby their congressmen for an increase in the financial aid the state provides.

Headed by Financial Aid Director Troy Martin, the group included Eli Coats, Christen Dupre, Jana LaCelle, Stephen Maxon, and Kaity Wilson. The six traveled to Albany on February 14 and met with ten different state assemblymen and senators the next morning to convince them of the importance of increasing TAP.

The state TAP program currently offers a maximum award of \$4,125 and is available to students attending independent colleges and universities in New York State. Though TAP covered 60% of the average college tuition in 1974, that figure has fallen to only 24% today, and New York State - formerly tops in the nation for state aid - has slipped to twelfth in the country. The Houghton group requested that the maximum award be raised to \$5,000.

The night before the group arrived, the Republican majority of the state Senate put forth their proposal to increase financial aid to \$5,000, which allowed the students to thank the

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Feeling the Impact Student Programs Sponsors Conference

Matt Webb

On March 30 to April 1, the Student Programs Office will be sponsoring the second annual National Student Leadership Conference on our campus. As was the case at IMPACT '99, last year's conference, IMPACT 2000 will draw students from as far as Arkansas and as near as Houghton. The Student Programs Office is excited about the conference again this year and is anticipating another excellent weekend.

The conference begins on Thursday evening, March 30 with an opening banquet and keynote address. Conferees will be taught

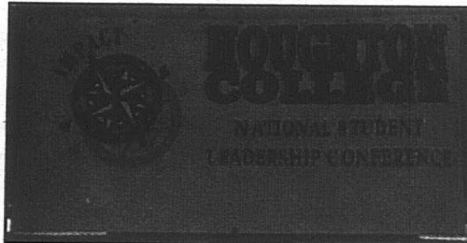
to be proactive learners, thinkers and doers as they spend the next two days attending interactive workshops and experiencing a full day of low and high ropes course initiatives. Our goal for this weekend is for students to become more aware of their leadership potential and as a result, for them to obtain

the skills and abilities necessary to "impact" their respective campuses. We are all leaders in one capacity or another and determining our strengths and weaknesses is essential if we are going to

have an influence on those around us.

As potential conferees, you will have the opportunity to hear from a number of different experts on various aspects of leadership.

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EDITORIAL

Letter to the Editor: *Response to 'Vegetarians...'*

Dear Nathan,

Your letter in the February 23 Star, in which you criticize vegetarians for "ruining" a way of life dear to you, misplaces your frustration and is based on inaccuracies about the state of agriculture in the U.S.

What happened to your father's farm is a common story in the United States. All small farms raising all manners of animals and crops are in constant serious risk of going out of business in the way you describe, but for none of the reasons you describe.

Your most absurd assertion is that vegetarians are somehow responsible for a decline in market demand for beef. As a vegetarian myself, I wish that were true. But the worldwide demand for beef has been dramatically rising for the past two decades, with no slowing in sight. Beef consumption in U.S. households is not declining; it remains about the same or higher each year. I urge you to check this out with figures published by the USDA, in particular the Foreign Agricultural Service (there are loads of statistics at their Web site ffas.usda.org).

What is driving thousands of small farms out of business every year, in all areas of agriculture, is the seemingly unstoppable juggernaut of factory farms and huge agricultural monopolies. ("Factory farms" raise and slaughter tens of thousands of animals in efficient mechanized systems as opposed to the few thousand animals on even the most bustling family-run operation.)

Although a small farm can produce meat at a lower cost than a large factory farm, this doesn't mean a thing if you can't sell it at a decent price, which your

dad knows all too well. An example of this problem is from the hog business, which is more difficult than ever for my own family. In the mid-nineties in North Carolina it was common for corporate-produced hogs to bring in \$51 per hundred pounds. Independent producers couldn't get more than \$39 per hundred pounds for their pork. This discrepancy at market, along with tax breaks and regulatory policies that benefit factory farms, creates an atmosphere in which independent farmers can't compete. The problematic issue is not, as you state, "supply and demand", but rather unfair competition.

The irony of your letter is that you lash out at vegetarians, even though family farmers and vegetarians share a common enemy. The industrial factory farm is one of the most hated institutions to a vegetarian. Our concern for animal welfare makes factory farm treatment of animals loathsome to us. Our concern for the environment makes the pollution produced by corporate-run farms intolerable. And big agri-business is driving the vegetable farmers out of business as fast as the dairy farmers.

You and I should be allies in changing how food is produced in our country. After large corporations lose their stranglehold on food production, after the playing field is leveled for the small-scale family farm lifestyle I love, then we can argue about whether I think eating beef is a bad idea, or if you think vegetarians hurt a dairy farm's bottom line. Until that day, you would sound more credible and find better solutions by directing your frustration away from vegetarians and where it belongs: factory farming.

Respectfully,
Dave Huth

Another Response to 'Vegetarians...'

Dear Nathan,

Thank you for the letter you wrote to the STAR regarding your father's dairy farm. I want to share with you one reason I am a vegetarian and I think you will find that you and I have a lot more in common than you first thought.

Large discount department stores are the worst enemy of small family run businesses. These stores along with the factory made products they sell will almost always succeed in running out small family owned stores be-

cause they can produce the products demanded at a much cheaper price to the consumer. When we lose these small businesses we sometimes lose originality and often quality of products.

In this same way farms like your dad's are lost when Factory Farms become popular. We also lose quality of food and quality of life for animals. Factory farms are an industry in which animals (or animal products) are produced at alarming rates and slaughtered at equally high rates. This all

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Letter to the Editor: *"Lessons Learned from the Campaign Trail"*

John Osae-Kwapong

The date was Saturday March 4th and the evening was very cold. I was among the crowd assembled at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Rochester waiting to hear from Senator John McCain.

In my hand was a little American flag which I waved regularly and shouted "John McCain" after he finally arrived and shared his vision with us. It did strike me though that My presence did not matter regarding what was going on; I don't have a vote and my legal status in this country is defined as a resident

alien but I was proud to be out there cheering for an American hero who had won my respect and admiration. I was glad I could lend support to a man I thought should be the next president of this great republic. Although Super Tuesday has come and gone with great disappointments, for I never thought the end of my series on Senator John McCain was just around the corner, it does offer some very valuable lessons from the entire campaign trail this primary season.

Lesson number one. Hopefully we have come to better understand and appreciate why good people sometimes stay out of politics. I wonder how many Republicans ever questioned his conservative credentials; a record clear and consistent as being pro-life, pro-family, a strong believer in fiscal discipline and a strong national defense. During the primary season however, John McCain had his record distorted and his conservative credentials undermined through a calculated series of attacks. In an attempt to fight back, his good message of reform, which had begun to resonate well with the American people, was lost. On the other hand, Governor Bush became an anti-Catholic bigot as a result of his visit to Bob Jones University, something that never had been a major issue in past presidential campaigns that I know of. The idea of 'everything is fair game' became prominent in the political process,

an attitude that has the potential of keeping the finest men and women of this country from running for public office.

Lesson number two. Principle needs to take more precedence over pragmatism and political expediency in our relationship with the institution of politics. Most importantly, candidates who run for public office must be more

prepared to lose on the former than win on the latter especially in a time of growing political cynicism. The timing of acknowledging his campaign's indulgence in phone calls made in the days preceding the

Michigan primary, and the eventual apology issued by Governor Bush, for not speaking his heart against the policies of Bob Jones University during his visit, are but two of many incidents during the primary season that clearly show the need for lesson number two to be an integral part of the political process.

Lesson number three. Since the 28th of February, after his speech at Virginia Beach, John McCain was vilified for attacking evangelical Christians as a result of what he said about Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell. Those who have had the occasion to listen to Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell cannot deny the fact their rhetoric sometimes gives reason to those outside of the evangelical community to ask "And they call themselves Christians?" These two gentlemen do not necessarily represent and reflect the attitudes of all Christians in politics. However when we begin to examine some of the things that Pat Robertson said and did in the days leading to the South Carolina primary, the rest of the body of Christ needs to reflect over what their role in the political process should be especially in the light of what our calling as Christians in a fallen world is or should be.

Keep yourselves informed and look forward to November with great enthusiasm and excitement.

Coming Next Issue:

- How will the \$15 million endowment affect the non-music community?
- Ready For Monday prepares CD and summer tour
- Homosexuality and scripture, part two
- Glenn McCarthy on Fernando Ortega's new CD

EDITORIAL / NEWS

Letter to the Editor:

Response to Campolo Chapel

Bryan Huot

Dr. Tony Campolo's message on homosexuality was very mixed and "politically correct." I am impressed by how much this issue and the Friday, February 18th chapel are challenging me. I do agree with Dr. Campolo's statement to "love the person, not the lifestyle," but I am struggling with some of his points and the reaction on campus. Please understand that with these ideas I in no way intend to drive a wedge between any of us, but to present another view.

A second year student at Houghton, I have developed a deep respect for the staff, professors, campus, and community. However, I sense that the comfort zone of Houghton may be attributing to the softening of our spiritual faith. Several others and I

have been frustrated at a spiritual void that we have noticed this year. We are all responsible for the sharpening and uplifting that needs to take place and the daily need to ask God for direction and discernment.

Dr. Campolo's message was timely. Recently in the news, Vermont is about to vote on whether or not to acknowledge gay marriages in the state. San Francisco had some homosexuals taunt a parish and parishioners. Look at Walt Disney World's Gay Pride Day and the obscene gestures that have been displayed to youth. (At least with Mardi Gras it does not promote a family vacation destination.) After listening to the media it sounds like a gay lifestyle is the best way to live. Now, all gays are not advocating extreme actions; just as not all Christians shoot up abortion clinics. We all need to use discernment on this issue and what we hear from speakers.

Dr. Campolo seems like a nice guy, someone who is speaking with good intentions. I enjoyed hearing him speak. But, it was not completely Dr. Campolo and it was not his delivery that is bothering me. It is this homosexuality issue. Why is homosexuality even an issue? The Bible says in Leviticus 18:22, "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination." Society today has made this

an issue and we, as Christians, are unable to say that homosexuality is wrong, black and white.

I was disappointed with Dr. Campolo in that he did not address where he stood on the issue. He gave his wife's view and the gays' view of the church, yet failed to mention God's destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. I got the impression that he is in "no man's land" and does not know which way he is going. Yes, he did claim to stand up for gay individuals and challenged us with how we view the individuals. But that was it. It seemed that he tried to justify a gay's lifestyle because they may not have a choice. Did God not give us a spirit of victory in Christ? In 1 Corinthians 10:13, "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful and He will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

To have homosexual tendencies does not mean that you are a homosexual. These tendencies need to be acted upon and developed to become a lifestyle. The media and some churches are filling minds with the idea that a tendency justifies the individual to a lifestyle. In Matthew 24:4, 11, and 24: "take heed that no one leads you astray...many false prophets will come and lead you astray...even the elect will be fooled." We are in a world where the battle is not of flesh and blood, but a spiritual battle. We need to live our lives by doing as Paul said and "put on the full armor of God."

We need a society that focuses on the Biblical foundations of this country that gives our laws moral direction. A good friend back home told me, "Specifically, the call for Christians is to love the sinner. But do we love them until we are corrupted by it, without separating ourselves from its influence? No. Do we pass laws to help them? No. Do we keep speaking to them in love? Yes, until there are no more that listen."

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The Reconciliation Experiment
is coming... get ready

Business Competition Winners Announced

Becca JangDhari

As announced in chapel earlier today, Jennifer Prokopchuk and Thomas Scriven are the winners of the Business Plan Competition.

The competition featured the best proposal for "the perfect business that should establish itself in Houghton" and was sponsored by The Willard J. Houghton Foundation, the Houghton College Department of Business and Economics, and The Houghton Chair of Private Enterprise and Ethics.

Each complete business plan would qualify for \$100 of prize money. The most well prepared business plan would receive \$250 and the best business idea overall would receive \$750.

The proposals were judged by the faculty of the Business and Economics Department and by Jeff Spear, CEO for the Willard J. Houghton Foundation.

Upon reviewing the plans, the judges narrowed the decision

down to two proposals, one by Jennifer Prokopchuk and Thomas Scriven and the other by Amanda Willey and Amanda Eck.

Upon further analysis, they decided that Prokopchuk and Scriven's was the most prepared as well as the best business idea and should receive the full amount of the prize money, \$1,000.

Having decided this, the judges felt that Willey and Eck should be honored for their excellent ideas and presentation as well; therefore they petitioned the Foundation for an extra \$250 prize money for Willey and Eck, resulting in two awards.

According to Professor Ken Bates, "The big question now is whether or not we are going to do it? The answer is 'We don't know.'"

Prokopchuk and Scriven's plan for "The Shady Blue Cafe" is on the table, along with a few other options. The decision will not be made until May, when the board meets again.

February Breakin' Out

Jea Adams

Israel, Colorado, Las Vegas, Florida, Canada, Delaware (the first state!)...these are just a handful of the destinations students traveled to during February break. Along with enjoying time in different places, relaxation was had, people were served, and learning was continued.

Seniors Brandy Reese and Susan Ventresca drove with a group of friends to Florida. These two ladies along with many others seen around campus have that sun-kissed glow of a person who was fortunate enough to leave Houghton weather for a while and experience a warmer climate.

Junior Jason Spykerman took advantage of the Christmas gift his parents gave him and went to Spain to visit an exchange student his family hosted while in high school. Spykerman traveled to Madrid, Barcelona, Zaragoza, and many other tourist attractions, learning about the culture, and seeing a new part of the world.

Chris Ross, a senior psychology major, utilized the 10 days working at a Mobil Gas station near his hometown of Buffalo to earn money for his upcoming wedding this summer.

Staff member, Tim Nichols, spent this time enjoying the "slower opportunity" he had to get work done and even begin cleaning his desk for the move over to Career Services. Nichols also spent time with his children.

Professor Stephen Woolsey also spent time with his family as he journeyed to see the special exhibit of Maxfield Parrish paintings at the Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester.

Several students spent their break unselfishly helping others. Sophomore Paul Perry, and junior, Alison Harle, along with 14 other Houghton students, went to Macon, Georgia and did mission work at the Hephzibah Children's Home. While there, they did landscaping work and spent time with the children in ministry.

Junior Janet Wagner went to Israel with a group lead by Dr. Shultz to earn three Bible Credits. While there, Wagner got to swim in the Dead Sea, stay in Jerusalem, and participate in many cultural activities meanwhile learning about history of the country.

For break, I learned how to hang glide with Karen Swedrock in North Carolina, wrote some poetry, and just plain enjoyed time away from work.

FEATURE

WJSL 2000: Facing The Future

Ward Mesick

For nearly seven months the management of WJSL has been working to recreate the station in light of the changes that were forced upon us after last year. We have had to make several difficult decisions over this time and we have always worked as a team to solve whatever problems have arisen. The station has come a long way and I am pleased with the work that has been done, despite disappointment over not being on the air yet.

Now WJSL is facing another decision, the hardest so far. By now I have no doubts that several of you have heard the rumors that the WJSL management staff is considering playing secular music on a limited basis. I feel that I should take the opportunity to explain to you what it is that we are discussing concerning the issue.

If this course is taken, the process of airing secular music on WJSL would be as follows: the DJ will bring the song in question to the manager on duty and explain his/her rationale for how the song speaks to him/her as a Christian. If the manager does not see any immediate objection, then he/she will bring it to the managers' meeting the following week. The DJ will make a presentation before the management team explaining his/her feelings on the song and will present a written form to be posted on the bulletin board in WJSL for open community reading. The management team will then make a decision after careful discussion of the song's merit to the Christian community. If approved, the song will be added to the permanent WJSL rotation.

I am writing to you now so that I might explain the thoughts that have brought us to this point. There are many issues which I will outline and I hope that you will carefully consider these as you read through this article.

WJSL seeks first and foremost to be a ministry to the com-

munity and to help the student body grow in its spiritual depth. Because of this, we have endeavored to play quality music that nurtures the spirit and challenges the mind. One argument that has been voiced for playing secular music is that there is not enough quality Christian music. The state of Christian music has certainly been questionable over the years, and yet recently we have seen an explosion of high quality music by Christian artists which is both challenging and enjoyable. This seems, therefore, to be a fairly weak argument on which to base station policy.

Tied closely to this issue is the question of our purpose.

I stated earlier that we were dedicated to being a ministry, but because of our new low power format, our signal will now reach the mostly Christian audience of Houghton. Do we need to worry about a ministry anymore, or should our focus now be on good music which might or might not be explicitly Christian? Should

we, within the confines of our liberal arts Christian community, allow various music to be played? CAB uses student money to bring appropriate secular movies to campus. Our academic departments use secular sources already. In our literature classes, we read Shakespeare (I can assure you that nothing nearly as secular as some of his works would be aired on WJSL.) In our art classes, we study art by secular and Christian

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artists alike, and the list could continue. So if the station did start playing secular music along with Christian music, it would not necessarily be outside the Houghton College stan-

dard practice. However, we do need to be aware that music is an extremely powerful medium. It is much easier to turn on the radio than it is to read through an entire book, and so our impact is far reaching. Given the amount of quality Christian music, do we need to rely on secular music to fill a play list or to attract

listeners?

What would allowing secular music potentially give or take away from us? If we allow secular music it will certainly change the character of the station. It will create a more open atmosphere that could encourage growth and understanding of the secular world in which we live. We know that Jesus certainly spent a lot of his time on earth with sinners and He obviously thought that their life was valuable.

On the other hand, Jesus did not tell us to take our cues or to learn from secular people. Instead, He told us to show them how to live and to be holy, set apart from the world. Can we truly live up to Christ's expectations and allow secular voices to teach us at the same time? Are we trying to serve two masters; God and the world? Or can we merge the two in a way that is a true glorification to God? And if we can, then what is the balance?

Can we separate the art from the artist? The Bible seems to speak against this in Matthew 5:8-9, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men." The text seems to point to the simple fact that if we are not found in Christ, then all of our human truths are empty. It seems to be a harsh indictment against looking anywhere but to God for truth. Would Houghton suffer the same fate as those who worship in vain if we allowed this? Or is there room to listen to the voice of the world without compromising? Are we selling ourselves short by accepting the belief that there is more truth "out there" to be found. Or are we simply being responsible and living up to the responsibility of thinking and discernment by realizing that God has poured out his truth on all things?

Above all, we must ensure that the motivations of our hearts

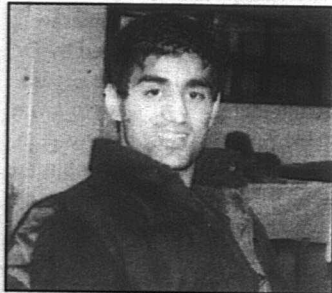
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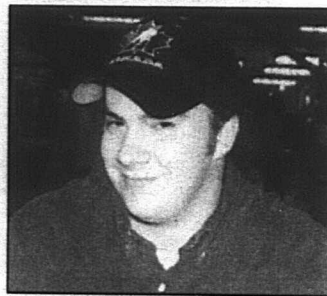
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Question of the Week: "What do think about secular music on WJSL?"



-- Sanjeev Parmar
(Senior)

"It will get a lot more attention from students."



-- Aaron Mack
(Senior)

"As long as it isn't controversial it would be okay."

photos by Kevin Baker

FEATURE

Countering Campolo's Claims

Is Homosexuality Condemned in Scripture? (Part One)

Terrence Paige, Ph.D.

(This article can be found in its entirety at <http://www.houghton.edu/personnel/tpaige/homosexuality.htm#script>)

The "Gay Christian" exegesis of scripture tends to argue that either (a) texts referring to homosexuality do not really refer to this at all, (b) that they refer to promiscuous sex, not the equivalent of a modern "gay marriage," or (c) they refer to really bad people, not nice modern homosexuals.

Genesis 1-2: Creation

We are told that humans are created male and female in God's image. The archetypal pair is heterosexual. This displays God's will for us in bonding together in marriage. A "gay marriage" is an oxymoron; it is not a "marriage" but a vandalism of creation. Jesus' words on divorce in Matthew 19:4-6 refers to the order of creation to instruct what God's will is in marriage. We may take Jesus' example here to refer to the issue of "gay marriage" also. It is just as much against God's will as divorce is. It is not in sight in Genesis, and never could be. It violates the order of creation. It is not God's will; it is not "good." Since Jesus upholds the Genesis order, it is binding on Christians also.

Leviticus 18:22; 20:13

The condemnation of homosexuality occurs in the context

of forbidden degrees of marriage (& sexual contact), esp. various sorts of incest, but also mentions bestiality.

Campolo claims that this text is "cultic law," not "moral law," and is no more binding on Christians than regulations about eating pork or planting a field with two kinds of seed. Gay exegesis

also takes this approach, or sometimes claims that the prohibitions are directed against male cult-prostitution in the service of Canaanite gods, and so does not condemn "gay marriage." First of all, notice carefully what

the subject of this entire section of Lev. 18 is. It is not idolatry. This section is devoted to marking off social "boundaries" in the realm of marriage and sexual relations. In other words, it deals with prohibiting incest and marriage within forbidden degrees. So it bans cohabiting with a parent or a parent's spouse (step-mother, step-father), with a child or daughter-in-law; it bans cohabiting with aunts, uncles, and it bans taking two sisters as wives. It also bans sex with animals.

Now let's apply the "Gay Christian" type of thinking to everything else in this chapter along

with homosexuality. After all, why stop at homosexuality? They argue the sin is in promiscuity, not the type of sex. And if there is a long-term covenanted relationship it is good in God's sight. So, would the writer of Leviticus agree that sex between father and daughter, or uncle and niece, or brother and sister, is good if only there is

a long term covenanted relationship between the two? Would we agree to that today? Or would you then say that sex between a human and an animal is all right, as long as the human had a lifelong

covenanted relationship with only one sheep? Of course not. The point is this: in the case of every single prohibited act in this chapter, it is being banned not because it involved promiscuity (or idolatry either), but because the very nature of the union itself is abhorrent to God and dangerous to society. And this includes the judgment on homosexuality.

Campolo argued that since Jesus never mentioned homosexuality, and since these texts in Leviticus are "cultic," we ought not to take this issue so seriously. Using the same logic, Christians ought to be free to practice incest

and to make lifelong loving unions with sheep.

The Gospels: Jesus never mentioned it (?)

One argument used by Gay Christians and echoed by Campolo is that Jesus never mentioned this sin, so we should conclude that (a) it is not an important issue for Jesus, b) it should not be a major issue for disciples of Jesus, and (c) some people would argue that since Jesus did not condemn it he must have accepted it.

You can quickly see how faulty this logic is if you consider for a moment that Jesus never explicitly condemned incest, rape, credit-card fraud, poisoning people, nuclear war, or a host of other evils. Christians are guided not only by the specific examples Jesus happened to give in his teaching; but by the basic principles set forth. And Jesus clearly held very conservative Jewish views on marriage and sexuality (cf. Matt. 5:27-32; 19:3-12). This means we can safely assume that he would have condemned homosexuality. If his views on this had been so contrary to his culture (as with divorce), he would have made it plain.

Jesus also pointed in his teaching to the Genesis texts (Mt 19:4-6) and the order of creation as expressing God's will for what is normative in marriage. Therefore Jesus clearly would not see a "gay marriage" as a marriage at all, and his teaching condemns it indirectly.

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WJSL cont.

are correct before God. As a management team, we desire to have a large listening base that is motivated and challenged. Yet, we cannot let the size of our audience be our primary concern. That goes against all worldly conceptions of good radio style but I feel that it is the way that God has set out for us. Our number one concern must

always be glorifying God. So, if we assume that we are playing secular music for the right reasons, does that make it acceptable?

I have worked at WJSL for four years now, and you would be hard pressed to find someone who loves the station more than I do. As General Manager, I would never do anything that I felt would harm WJSL or its witness. I hope that you, as a student body, realize

that this has not been an easy road to walk nor has it been followed lightly.

I approach it with a certain amount of trepidation. There are those moments in life when you have to make a decision that goes far beyond yourself. The impact cannot be known from your limited perspective, but you know that it will be felt for a long time to come. That is the sort of situation

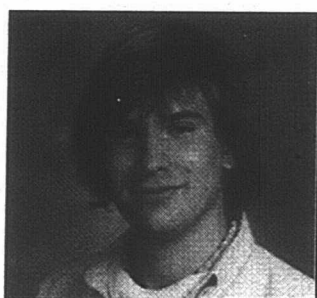
that WJSL faces now. Know that there are no easy answers and there are many good arguments on both sides of the issue.

I ask that you would earnestly pray for us as a management team. Let us hear your voice as we try to plot the future of WJSL. I ask that you feel free to express your opinions to any member of the WJSL management team concerning this issue.



-- Luke Mazurak
(Senior)

"It depends on the message behind the music. It would have to be a positive message."



-- Steven Erickson
(Junior)

"The majority of musical creativity has been developed in the secular industry. It'd be ignorant of WJSL to deny good music the air play."

COMMUNITY

Spotlight on Faculty: *The Brennemens*

Lindsay Ackerman

Bruce and Kathie Brenneman are well known all over campus for the amazing contributions they make to the Houghton community. Kathie, most recognized by the student body for distributing free snacks in the info center, and Bruce, famous for directing stellar dramatic productions starring Houghton students, have been married for thirty-five years.

The Brennemens met at a Bible Conference in Pennsylvania. Bruce, having recently graduated from Taylor University, had accepted a job teaching middle school English in Fillmore when he met Kathie, a Houghton student. Bruce and Kathie began a friendship that eventually developed into a dating relationship. After dating for three years, they became engaged and were married.

Mr. and Mrs. Brenneman planned to spend a few years in Houghton, then move to a city; however, they instead decided to start a family and adopted a son and daughter. The Brennemens felt that Houghton was the ideal place to raise a family, so they decided to stay.

Living in Houghton has provided many opportunities to develop friendships with neighbors, colleagues, and church members. The Brenneman family lived next door to former Houghton Col-



lege president, Stephen Paine, and his wife, Helen. The Brennemens speak highly of the kindness of these neighbors as well as others in the Houghton community. Mr. Brenneman described the community as a "trusting support system."

Eventually, Bruce left his teaching position in Fillmore to become the Conference director here at the college. Since then, Bruce has gone from part-time faculty to a full-time faculty member teaching classes such as Principles of Writing and Theater Arts while Kathie runs the Info Center. Both Bruce and Kathie say that it is "energizing to work with college students."

After thirty-four years of marriage, the Brennemens feel that the key to a good relationship is to start as friends and stay friends. The Brennemens give God the glory for bringing them together and sustaining them through various trials. Bruce and Kathy summed up their time in Houghton as "very rewarding."

women area directors and regional directors of Young Life, Associate Dean of Students at Westmont College, and was Vice President for Student Life for 10 years at Whitworth College. She received her bachelor's degree from the U. of Tennessee and completed a master's degree in religion from Seattle Pacific University. Her doctorate is in higher education from the U. of Southern California.

- **Dr. Leta Frazier**, chair of the Speech Communication department and director of the Master of Communication Graduate program at Bethel College, MN. An undergraduate of Tennessee Temple College, Dr. Frazier also has a Master of Arts in Teaching from the U. of Tennessee, Chattanooga, a Master of Arts, Speech Communication from the University of Minnesota, and a Doctor of Philosophy, Speech Communication from the University of Min-

Vegetarian Response *Cont.*

happens at the expense of the animals. Animals are in confined areas, most of them never touch the earth or see real sunlight their whole lives. I could go on for a while about this subject, but out of compassion to those who may be eating while reading this, I won't. If you want to find out more about

this subject you can go to the website of a respectable Christian organization that focuses on taking care of our earth at <http://www.targetearth.org/elofc99.html>.

These factory farms are one reason I protest eating meat. What we need now is a change in economic direction away from animal based factory farms and to-

ward grain and vegetable farms. Away from harmful pesticides and

toward organic farming that is much gentler to our earth and us.

I am not a vegetarian to "ruin a lifestyle." I am attempting to correct a situation that I see as harmful to animals. I hope that you can see that you and I have a common prob-

lem, factory farms. We need to work toward a solution to bring those farms to a close. I am glad we are in the same family of God and can have open discussion on this issue.

Speaking out,

Angela Babbitt

"...you and I have a common problem, factory farms. We need to work toward a solution to bring those farms to a close."

TAP *Cont.*

Senators for their support, while encouraging those in the Assembly to support a similar plan in their house. The plan also includes financial aid incentives for students who maintain a 3.5 GPA, an increase in the amount of families who are eligible to receive TAP, and further tax breaks for tuition.

"I was very proud of this group of students," said Martin. "They carried themselves professionally, were knowledgeable about government, and represented Houghton well to the legislators." In addition to the meetings with the legislators, the stu-

dents were able to witness a session of the state Senate, including the passage of a bill outlawing public urination in New York City.

Funding for the trip was graciously provided by Houghton administration, while the trip arrangements were made by Cece Fuoco and Christen Dupre.

Students and faculty can voice their support for the plan to increase TAP by logging on to the website of the Coalition of Independent Colleges and Universities at www.cicu.org, and then selecting "Support Student Aid Now." Complete a brief form there, and an email message concerning TAP will be sent to your legislators and the legislative leadership.

Impact *Cont.*

The featured speakers for this years conference are:

- **Dr. Joanne Lyon**, a trustee of Houghton College and executive director and founder of World Hope International, Inc. Dr. Lyon will be our keynote speaker this year. She is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and holds a Master's degree from U. of Missouri-Kansas City and honorary doctorates from United Wesleyan College and Southern Wesleyan University. The author of many articles, Lyon has also traveled worldwide offering education, training, and hope for many underdeveloped countries.

- **Dr. Julie Anderton**, the founding director of the Center for Christian Women in Leadership. Dr. Anderton will be offering a workshop on conflict resolution. She has served as one of the first

nesota. Dr. Frazier's research emphasis is in Family and Interpersonal Communication. Dr. Frazier will be offering a workshop on the emergence of leaders in small groups.

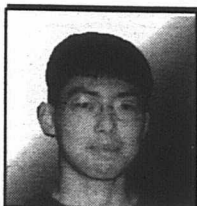
- **Mike Weber**, graduate of Cornell University and founder of the Leadership Institute. Mike and has worked with over 100,000 students throughout the country, helping them build skills that will help them to be more effective as the leaders of tomorrow. The Leadership Institute was started in 1993 as a way of bringing quality leadership training to local schools. Mike's workshop will be very interactive as he walks through various stages of leadership.

- **Dwight Hornibrook** - head men's soccer coach at Houghton College. Coach Hornibrook will be offering a workshop on the significance of having a personal mission state-

ment. Coach Hornibrook has played and coached professionally in Canada and spent seven years coaching with the Canadian National team prior to coming to Houghton five years ago. Coach Hornibrook brings a unique perspective to the issue of leadership having spent many years in the world of sports.

The Student Programs Office is very excited about our speaker line-up and would like to extend a formal invitation to all Houghton students to consider attending the conference this year. Please feel free to see Mike Smolko or Matthew Webb in the Student Programs Office to obtain a brochure or to ask any other questions about the conference. If you want to enhance your leadership abilities and find out more about what it means to be a leader, not only on our campus but in our world, then plan on attending IMPACT 2000!

ENTERTAINMENT



Mo Nishihata

Motoi on Music

In Concert: *Silage*

The Silage concert wasn't advertised throughout the college because it was a "youth" rally/event but a few of the college students managed to find out about it

and attended the event. Silage (Sublime records) is a modern rock band that has been around for nine years. But after nine years of being Silage, they announced that they were changing their name from Silage to "Parkway." Parkway's new material showed obvious maturity in the depths of the songs and showed that the direction of the band was toward more of a serious (not that they weren't serious before) sound.

The concert itself was filled with energy, although the power went off a few times during the show. The youth were jumping around and having a great time

during the show. Some of the college students (Jeff Eggleston or know as the J-dog) even got up and defied Houghton stereotype by jumping around while they played their hit single, "Original". Silage played songs mostly from their sophomore album, "Vegas Car Chasers", and two new songs as Parkway. After the concert was over Damian Horne (lead singer) led the crowd in a few praise songs and then concluded their show. Overall I felt that Parkway had a good concert although their concert didn't seem to capture their full sound like it does in their albums.

In Concert: *Shaded Red*

Eric Hamlin and Jeff Eggleston

Not too many concerts come to Houghton. So when I heard Shaded Red was coming for FREE I was pretty amazed. Not only were we hosting one of Christian music's premiere bands, since it was free I was sure the Chapel would be packed.

However, after a few days talking up the show it became apparent that people around here seemed disinterested in the show. Even the Shaded Red concert advocate Jeff Eggleston could only muster up a crowd of roughly 300 in attendance. "One may ask why more prestigious bands do not ap-

pear at Houghton. Perhaps it's because we don't support the bands that DO come!" comments Jeff.

The crowd that did attend last Saturday came away with more than they bargained for. Shaded Red gave a performance that left us truly amazed not only with their talent but also with the spiritual message they conveyed. What made this so impressive was the adversity this band from Nashville has faced. With the death of their drummer in 1998 and recent departure of their bassist, Shaded Red has not lost sight of their calling. Jon Roberts, the bands usual lead guitarist, began learning the bass only 6 months ago, and Jamie Roberts, originally rhythm guitar has taken over the lead. Their talent was showcased from the first song "Hello," an upbeat cut that

got the crowd involved. Then their anthem "Red Revolution," a song demonstrating their musical flexibility, proved that these guys were for real. Drawing strength from God through an old Keith Green song to get him through the loss of his friend and drummer Bryan Stacks, Jamie sang "When God Ran" with such heart that the audience could not help understanding what he was experiencing. "Use Me" expressed the importance of giving one's self to God

After the show, the response to the performance was outstanding. Nate Peterson commented "I wasn't sure what to expect going into the concert, but I was very impressed with them." Next time, go to the free concerts we have and don't just read about what you're missing!

Senior Jim Ulrich Thinks Fast for \$200

Dionne Miller

On Monday March 6, 2000, A group from Grand Rapids, MI brought the game show "Think Fast" to Wesley Chapel offering \$200 for the quickest thinker in town.

Between 50 and 60 people filled the chapel for a chance at the loot. All audience members were invited to participate. Each member received a buzzer and questions were asked. Points were awarded according to the speed of a contestant's response. General knowledge questions were asked about such topics as theme songs from TV shows, history, religion, anatomy, and sports. The game split into two rounds, with the champion of each round advancing to the finals, along with random contestants selected as a wild card position.

In the final round were six Houghton students, the two champions and four wild card players. These quick thinkers were asked a number of questions along the same lines as the opening rounds. The contestants were narrowed

down to four solid players. Houghton sophomore Brian Winney, Junior Josh Zieffle, and Seniors Jim Ulrich and Ramon Solis participated in the final round. The goal for each participant was to earn 100 points before the others. As contestants neared the 100-point mark, tension could be cut with a knife, as "Jeff-the-host," asked the final question. "What is the mascot of Tulane University?" It was Senior Jim Ulrich who correctly answered "the Green Wave," earning him 100 points and emerging as the victor.

Ulrich admits he had no idea he would come away with the money. Originally, the whole notion of attending the game show didn't appeal, but with six of his Stone House roommates, he played along. As he gained points and grew closer to the goal, Ulrich knew he took a great risk of losing it all with one wrong answer. He persevered, however, and was awarded the money. When asked what he wanted to do with the winnings, Ulrich states for a second he wanted to keep it all and take off.

But before the show even began, he and his housemates agreed if one of them won, the winner would get \$100 and everyone else would walk away with \$20 each. Remaining loyal, Ulrich graciously shared his prize with his friends.

The Top Ten Things Overheard at Pres. Chamberlain's Announcement

Steve Maxon

10 "\$15 million??? We could buy Canada for that!!!"

9 "No, really, there's been a coup! Dean Oakerson demanded they make it the Political Science Building!"

8 "The real question here is: who's more 'Supernatural,' Santana or DC Talk?"

7 "So he's finally going to answer the boxers/briefs question..."

6 "Anonymous donor my foot - Satan just left in the Beetle with a bag full of music majors' souls!"

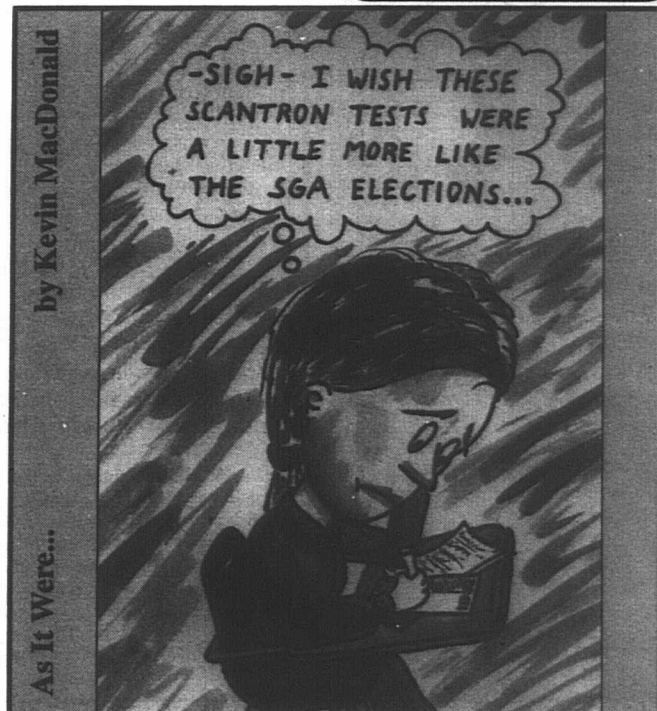
5 "I realize there were some strings attached, but is Beck really a good choice for choir director?"

4 "I don't care if they are giving us \$15 million - forcing Dr. C to wear Mark Vanderhaar's camel suit was unnecessary."

3 "I heard we're going to get to see his tattoo!!"

2 "Whoa! I thought they took a bus on choir tour, not a fleet of 100 matching Ferraris!"

1 "Are you at your SECOND chapel in one semester, professor?!"



SPORTS

Intramurals

Women's Soccer

1. Dawntreaders	1-1
2. G&R	0-3
3. Party To Go	1-1
4. Bakudan	1-2
5. Slap-in-the-Face	1-2
6. Hat Trick Honeys	2-1
7. Las Machas	3-0
8. Makin' Soup	0-2
9. The Nabbers	3-0

Men's Basketball

1. All About the Goats	3-0
2. Gran Turismo II	1-2
3. Old School	3-0
4. Holmwood Telethon	1-2
5. Spontaneous Cmbstn.	1-2
6. 6 Feet	3-1
7. The Pips	3-0
8. Dreamin' Deacons	1-2
9. Nielsen Nutz	2-1
10. SHEN Connection	1-2
11. All About the Ladies	0-4
12. Thompson	0-3

Waterpolo

1. Aly's Special Sauce	0-0
2. The Zephyrs	1-1
3. Rod Roddy's Hotties	2-0
4. Odds-n-Ends	0-1
5. Nothing Stupid	0-0
6. Motley Crue	1-0
7. Killer Bees	0-1
8. When Animals Attack	0-1
9. Archdutchess of F.	2-0
10. Y2Ray Compatible	0-1
11. The Pool Hounds	0-1

Track Team Members Storm Nationals

Kevin MacDonald

Houghton finished what coach Bob Smalley called "the most successful indoor track season ever" by sending six athletes to the National meet in Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 25 and 26.

The men's team was represented by Geoff Thurber, who qualified for the 3K and the 5K, and Joe Campagna, who qualified for the 3K, the 5K, and the mile. They both chose to compete in the 5K, and their strong performances in the semifinals on Friday allowed them to advance to the finals on Saturday. In that race, Campagna finished seventh and narrowly missed being named an All-American; however, his time of 15:10.43

shattered the old school record of 15:35.0 set by Jason Wiens in 1995. Thurber finished eleventh with a time of 15:38.54. Consistent solid performances like these are what distinguish Campagna and Thurber, according to Coach Smalley, as the number one and two runners in Houghton history. In addition to capturing the 5K record, Campagna also broke the school records in the mile and the 3K this past season. And, so talented an athlete is Thurber that, if Campagna weren't here, he would hold all those records.

Representing the women's team at nationals were four athletes competing in the DMR (Distance Medley Relay), a race that also occurred on Saturday. Kim Sayre ran

the opening 1200, followed by Lynda Jones running the 400, Amanda Miller running the 800, and Tenneil Tower running the 1600. The women's team finished twelfth out of twenty-five teams, and their total time of 12:38.46 broke the old school record, set in 1997, by eight seconds.

After such an excellent indoor season, in which 19 school records were broken and there were 12 provisional qualifications for nationals, the most in Houghton's history, Smalley is anticipating great things for the outdoor season. All are encouraged to attend Houghton's first invitational outdoor track meet, to be held at Burke Field on April 1.

Letter to the Editor: Who's Keeping Track?

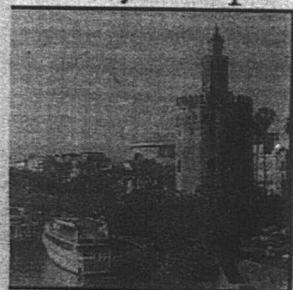
John Bliss

Reading The Star the last few weeks I have been very disappointed by the lack of interest shown towards a specific group of our athletes. I realise that the scandal surrounding the Men's basketball team's "Top Ten List" was one that deserved comment, and of course the fact that we may have a new "LAX" team (as we associated with the sport call it) is important to some of us. It is also good to see that a Houghton athlete has been recognized for his talent by being drafted into the A-League of Professional Soccer (Congratulations Sanjeev). These articles in no way deserve to be put down; however, why is it that there has only been one article (to the best of my knowledge) in the last two semesters that has focused on the men and women of our Cross Country and Track team.

It is good to see that The Star at least ran a small article that congratulated the Cross Country team when they placed 12th and 17th in the Nationals last semester. I must ask though, which events will these athletes be competing in this weekend, and for that matter what are their accomplishments thus far? How many of the students here at Houghton knew that we had an Indoor Track Team? Are these individuals who have been to the national level of competition so consistently in the past not deserving of at least a small portion of the recognition that our other sports programs have received? I say that these athletes deserve an apology for this lack of respect and appreciation from Houghton College. They are some of the best athletes that Houghton College has to offer and they deserve our respect, as well as our recognition for their contributions to our sports program here at Houghton.

(Editor's note: Though there has been more than one article, for the most part it's true. I hope the above article helps rectify our lack of track.)

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