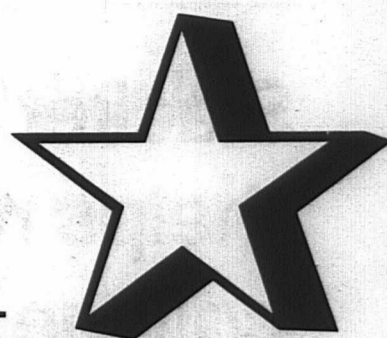


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## WORLD AT A GLANCE

Wm. Mann

**Israel** - Violence escalated in the Gaza Strip in anticipation of Dec. 13 Palestinian self-rule. The Israeli army is presently building a security fence between the Strip and Israel.

**Somalia** - Faction leader General Aidid has demanded that U.N. forces leave to make room for a neutral negotiating team.

**Columbia** - Drug lord Pablo Escobar was killed in a shootout with Colombian police.

**India** - The ruling Congress Party and the fast-rising Hindu national party both suffered severe blows in the recent national elections.

**Venezuela** - With two former presidents under indictment and recent military coup attempts, many speculated violence to surround the national elections. Seventy-seven year old Rafael Caldera won from among 18 presidential candidates.

**U.S.A.** - The seven astronaut Endeavor mission was launched to repair the problem-riddled Hubble Space Telescope. Five space walks are planned to attach 11 new parts to the Hubble.

**Puerto Rico** - Thirty-four Cuban athletes defected at the recent Central American and Caribbean Games.

**U.S.A.** - The Brady Bill was signed in Washington, requiring a five-day wait before buying a handgun.

Watch for the  
December 12 Russian  
election results.

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## ISA coffeehouse provides European experience

Michael Evans

More than four hundred students left their studies for a vacation in Europe last Thursday. They sipped international flavored coffee and ate snacks served in French, Spanish, and German cafes by waitresses speaking appropriate languages. Music was provided by several student instrumentalists, including violinist Jennifer Knox, who said, "It smelled good because of the coffee."

The three cafes were, in reality, sections of the cafeteria colorfully transformed for a studybreak sponsored by The International Student Association and CAB.

Igor Verenich, who organized the event with ISA president Gladys Middy said there were more people than expected and extra tables had to be brought into the cafes to accommodate. Furthermore, two of the coffee makers broke during the evening causing the understaffed to have to work even harder.

Patrons visited "das deutsche cafe," "el cafe espanol," or "le cafe francais" and ordered international coffee and food from menus printed in appropriate languages. Each national cafe was distinguished by large paper flag awnings, similar to the canvas ones in European cafes. Knox, a sophomore, said, "I thought they did a good job decorating."

The German menu offered three holiday cakes including "Schwarzwalderkirschtorte" (black forest cherry cake) and a choice of three coffees such as "hazelnub kaffee." In the French cafe a person could order "les baguettes" (french bread), "les croissants" or "le fromage brie" (brie cheese) with "le cafe espresso." Spanish Christmas cookies called "galletas" and mocha or "crema irlandese cafe" were available under the red and yellow flag.

The authentic foods were purchased with CAB money at Tops International, a cultural food store in Buffalo. Pioneer provided other snacks and drinks including creamy punch and nachos.

Nozomi Park played the piano. Michael Balassone played the saxophone with pianist Aron Cole. Knox, Leah Kipp, and Megan McFarland played violins, entertaining students for the cultural evening. ISA secretary Heidi Shea said, "We were just hoping people would enjoy a classy atmosphere and being exposed to the different languages."

Shea said the studybreak was organized, in part, to help raise student awareness of The International Student Association. She said one of the goals of the ISA is to expose the richness of different cultures represented on campus.

Verenich said there are

about fifty international students on campus and many more students who are Americans, but were raised in other countries, such as missionary kids. Of the ISA he said, "It's for everybody associated with or who wants to have experience with other cultures. Everyone is welcome."

Verenich, the previous ISA president, explained that the main focus of the group is communication with incoming international students. "Some of them find it hard to adjust to American culture, especially in a small rural community. Many are used to densely populated areas."

German professor Gudy Stevenson serves as advisor to the group and mentor to many of Houghton's international students.

Middy is currently putting together a booklet to assist new students with their transition into American culture and college life. The group tries to address the needs and issues these students face such as transportation to stores, hayrides, and get-togethers at professor's houses.

An international dinner is currently being planned for next semester. There will be cultural dancing, music and foods from areas of Asia, Africa and Europe. Last week's studybreak went so well that the ISA is considering sponsoring a similar event for the future.

## Report:

Senate meetings: November 8  
& November 30

Doug Smith

After their November 8 meeting, the Student Development Council sent back to Senate the proposed amendments to the constitution. SDC asked Senate to make some revisions that included voting procedures. Some senators made suggestions. Nothing can be acted upon until March 1994.

The Attendance Policy ad hoc committee collected student signatures for a petition and is expected to send a letter to the Academic Dean in response to the recent decision to change the policy. Senators working on the petition were pleased with the overall response from the student body. Senate advisor Dr. Benedict, suggested that, in addition to the letter and petition, Senate should send their own attendance policy recommendations to the Dean.

Tuesday, November 30 marked the final meeting of the semester for Student Senate. Senator Dan Dominguez, chairman of the Attendance Policy Ad hoc Committee, stated that as of November 30, he had only received 6 petitions from senators. Senate President Romero expressed an urgency to get the petitions in as soon as possible.

The special projects fund has a total of \$2,834 for academic year 1993-94 to allocate to various groups. Requests from the different campus groups will be circulated to senators for them to look over before voting takes place next semester.

January 11, 25; February 8, 22; March 8, 22; and April 5 and 19 are the scheduled dates for Senate meetings for the Spring Semester.

## Congratulations to our December graduates

Angela Fulkroad

Some Houghton students, by taking Mayterm, summer classes, and managing their schedules accordingly, are able to graduate in seven semesters. However, others, due to adding a second major or taking additional classes, graduate in nine semesters. This December, forty students will say "good-bye" to Houghton College and start a new life. When asked what he will

miss most about Houghton, December graduate Steve Hughes said "The whole structure of college, and my friends. Each individual plays a family relationship; our coach [Men's soccer coach Douglas Burke] plays the role of a father figure, and my friends play the roles of brothers and sisters. I'll also miss the structure of college life. There are not a lot of responsibilities. You are responsible only for yourself."

The best is wished to the following December graduates: Julia K. Allen, Tricia M. Atkinson, Sandra C. Brown, Zachary W. Bryan, Neil C. Bullock, Melody J. Clendaniel, Stephen R. Crowell, Andrew M. Doell, Dietline Fabian, John T. Graham, Amy J. Hayes, Amy S. Hodak, William K. Howard, Stephen Hughes, Jennifer L. Jordan, Jennifer L. Knight, Scott C. Laird, Brenda E. Lee, Heather C. Massey,

Douglas K. Mbire, Rebecca M. McClelland, Daniel A. Milbrandt, Sherrie L. Morrell, Robert P. Nanfelt, Matthew W. Noonan, Karyn L. Offenbacker, Claire E. Robson, Joanne Baber Ross, Robert A. Scharf, Stephen P. Seeling, Douglas W. Smith, Hilary Trouwborst, Sonja M. Varricchione, Tracy L. Vincent, Marci A. Warriner, Melody L. Winder, Edgar Washburn and Igar Verenich.

## Slacker's Club helps relieve college stress

Linda Betzold

The Slacker's Club? Who and what is that, you may ask. Surely a group of students dedicated to the alleviation of stress in any form cannot be dedicated to the ambitious principles endorsed by Houghton College. How can this be? I posit that the Slacker's Club is an important addition to not only East Hall, but the Houghton College campus, and perhaps all institutions of higher learning. As the dreaded Final Four approaches, the Slacker's Club combats appalling results of stress such as despair, ulcers, burnout, and indigestion.

After an interview with co-founder and co-president Annie Webster, I was so moved by the nature and thought-provoking juxtaposition of apathy and concern that I am hoping to begin a Lambein chapter of the club. After all, their main motto is "Because we Care," and the alma mater dubbed the "Slacker's song" is Phil Collins' "I Don't Care Anymore."

Perhaps the most poignant expression of the Slacker's Club attitude is the side-by-side support group for those who can't handle the pressure of slacking off, called "Slacker's Anonymous."

Roommates Stacie On, an Elementary Ed major, and Annie Webster, an Educational Ministries and Bible major with a Youth emphasis, originated the Slacker's Club. One evening after a euchre game, Annie coined the name "The Slacker's Club," and with her roommate, Stacie, spent the evening making and putting up the Slacker's Club description sheet and sign-up. So far, students from all major dorms here and even a house or two have joined the Slacker's ranks. From as far away as Ohio State and Columbia Green Community College, slackers are uniting under Stacie and Annie's guidance. Majors from Psychology to Recreation are represented in the Slacker's Club.

"Annie rests a lot," Slacker's Club member Jen

Watson explained. When I interviewed Annie as she was lying in her bed waiting to go and "slack" in Rochester for the weekend, "...between euchre games," Annie finished.

Perhaps the single most important requirement of all slackers is the official slacker minute. Every night at 10:07, all slackers "drop everything and slack" in harmony with the Slacker's Club precepts.

The other main events of the Slacker's Club are Hat days and Euchre games. Euchre games are generally a nightly event in either East Hall Lounge or a Slacker's room, the usuals being East Hall residents Emily Paris, Rebecca Schell, Luzma Droz and co-president Annie Webster. Member Jen Watson makes an occasional appearance at the games, and J.P. Windsor and Kei Koyoma have recently become more involved as well.

Hat Days are for "showerless" days, Annie explained. A Hat Week for Final Four is the Slacker's Club reaction to that week of frantic exam cramming and paper writing. "Put a hat on your greasy little head and go to your exam," Annie smiled in the interview by way of description.

Annie, Stacie, and all Slackers are looking for requests to begin a Shen and South contingent even though there has not been an official Slacker's Club meeting. Annie: "We might get around to it sometime." A description of the Slacker's Club according to the sign outside Annie and Stacie's door on Second New includes a .02 GPA, loud music (no Kenny G), an advisory to wear sweat pants, nightly euchre games, and a special welcome for all bad hair days.

All interested parties remember that membership is free and the first 5,000 members "don't need to show up for the first meeting." The sagacity in recognizing one's student-borne need for recreation and diversion may prove to be advantageous as the most stressful part of the semester strikes shortly. Slackers Unite!

## Prank Week '93?

If you had walked into the chapel Monday morning, you would have been greeted with quite a sight. A banner hung from the catwalk announcing, "Welcome to prank week '93."

As a display of this, all of the stage chairs had been piled up in a large pyramid, and

every single hymnal had been taken from its place and stacked on the stage. In addition, the chalk board from Presser Hall sat on stage bearing the message, "Merry Christmas." Many of the custodial personnel spent their morning righting the situation.

## National Christian Multicultural Student Leadership Conference

Crystal Holley

On Thursday afternoon, November 11, three Houghton students and one staff member left from the front of the campus center with a group of students from Roberts Wesleyan College. With anticipation we started our trip to Messiah College for the fourth annual National Christian Multicultural Student Leadership Conference. The Houghton students that attended the conference; Maggie Davis, Feei-Dih Wu, and Crystal Holley were accompanied by Carolyn Pouncy a staff counselor and multicultural advisor at Houghton.

The theme of the conference this year was "A Time to Run, A Time to Stand." This theme was developed through a presentation given by Lisa Espinelli-Chinn, who conducts seminars and workshops nationwide on cross-cultural transition for international students. She gave the underlying message of the conference, being: what should we do with our "cairos moments," our opportune time? She demonstrated that our cairos moments are not our moments to shine, but God's moment to shine through us. Therefore, cairos moments are our time to stand up and

confront the ignorance and prejudice faced by all, with communication, patience, and God's love. She also showed that every person is multicultural. We have our ethnic culture, home culture, school culture, gender culture, etc. We have many cultures from which to define ourselves and many things to contribute to others in the world.

While at the conference, we became acquainted with students from other Christian colleges that attended. Schools represented were Asbury, Wheaton, Greenville, Biola, Eastern, Geneva, Nyack, and Juanita College. We attended daily worship services, various workshops, and a coffeehouse & T-shirt exchange. We were also able to attend a gospel celebration featuring Messiah's gospel choir, United Voices of Praise.

Throughout the conference, we heard from several speakers and engaged in group discussions. Topics discussed included the understanding of self-awareness and multiculturalism, campus unity, racial and cultural reconciliation, intraracial and interracial relationships, and the place that each participating college campus has

reached concerning issues.

Most Christian college campuses have a low, but increasing, number of students of color. The number of faculty or staff members of color is also low, with usually one or two such members. These Christian campuses lack multicultural awareness throughout the student population. The insensitivity of student bodies and the lack of awareness is what inspires this conference in its hope to encourage students to teach, heal, and guide each other into deeper relations with others and God.

Those who attended this conference found it an inspiration to become enthusiastic about working to increase understanding and awareness on our individual campuses. The most important thing that we were shown is that, we are children of God and one in Christ (Gal. 3:26, 280), and we are what we are by the grace of God (1 Cor. 15:10).

Students are encouraged to acknowledge the need to develop and support a multicultural organization on Houghton's campus. Reexamine your awareness and appreciation for the diversity God has created within our campus environment, become an effective advocate of better communication with each other, and if you would like to make this a part of your agenda for 1994, please contact Carolyn Pouncy.

## The Lanthorn seeking submissions, staff

The staff of *The Lanthorn*, Houghton's literary publication, is now accepting student submissions of poetry and prose for possible publication in the '93/94 issue.

Please submit typed work (we don't want to misread your writing), with your name and box number to *The Lanthorn*, Box #387. Send your submission soon; our goal is to have *The Lanthorn* back from the printer sometime in March.

Also, *The Lanthorn* is looking to expand its staff. Willing readers and those with knowledge in graphic layout, please apply to *The Lanthorn*, Box 387.

Thank you! With your interest and support, we can insure that this year's publication of *The Lanthorn* is a fine one!

## ACO sponsors successful annual Christmas party

Lenore Kasoff

On Saturday, December 4, A.C.O. held its annual Christmas party. This party is A.C.O.'s biggest of the year - an event that both children and A.C.O. members look forward to. Saturday's party in the campus center recreation room was a big success. According to Aura Cafengiu, A.C.O. president, "We had the biggest turnout I have ever seen at an A.C.O. party." There were 150 people there, so it was no small affair! The ages of the children ranged from a 7-month old baby to 16 year-olds. From 9:30 am to 1 pm, the kids enjoyed a variety of activities, such as tag, craft making (candy cane reindeer and Christmas cards), and a story, "The Polar Express," read by senior Dave Hooper. Also, in the "North Pole," Carleton

Campbell dressed as Santa and gave presents to all of the children. To add to the fun, Drew White led Christmas songs. Later, Matt and Betsy Webb led devotions, and had the children act out the Christmas story. A wonderful turkey dinner was served, provided by Big Al.

The party was not only great fun for the children, but was also rewarding to those who helped put it together. "It was great to see Christ shown to the children by meeting their physical needs, with the presents and food," Cafengiu said. "It was really neat to see the smiles on the kids' faces!" A.C.O. wishes to extend thanks to all who helped make the party a success, including students, and community members.

## Employment in the field of Education

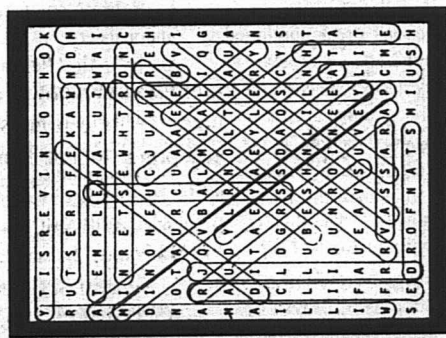
**Esther Carpenter**

If you are an education major you are probably concerned about the availability of jobs in the teaching profession. The job market is tight these days, but the U.S. Labor Department expects a 15% growth in elementary teaching positions and a 20% growth in secondary teaching positions by the end of the decade. The NEA predicts a shortage of 800,000 teachers in the next five years, especially in the Western and Southern United States. Teachers of English, Math, Science, Special Education, Library Science, Computer Science, Bilingual Education, and Speech Pathology Instructors will be in special demand. The market is improving due to several factors: Large numbers of teachers are of retiring age, a shortage exists in the number of specialized teachers available, and many baby boomers are of childbearing age, causing an influx of school-aged children into the system.

The turn of the century may seem like the distant future, especially if you are graduating soon. You are most likely more concerned about the present job market than the job market in ten years. The Career Development Center houses several resources for the would-be-teacher. The ASCUS Annual may be the most vital resource for educators. This yearly publication gives advice on writing resumes and cover letters, supplies information on

teaching overseas and perfecting your interviewing skills, and provides statistics on the supply and demand of teachers in specific areas of education in certain sections of the country. The CDC also publishes a booklet containing several sample interview questions for potential teachers. The National Educators Employment Review details specific job openings throughout the country in the field of education. Although this publication may not supply you with an actual job, it will give you a feel for what types of teaching jobs are available and what types of qualifications employers expect.

Several agencies exist which are able to supply you with information about your job search in education. Recruiting New Teachers, Inc., is a clearinghouse which provides a referral service and information on certification, state requirements, financial aid, and opportunities for minority group members. Write to: Recruiting New Teachers, Inc., 385 Concord Ave., Suite 100, Belmont, MA 02178-9804. You may also be interested in NEA's job kit which includes information about teaching, interviews, resumes, and a list of state education departments. Write to: NEA, 1201 16th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. For those hoping to teach in a private school, jobs in independent schools are listed by Independent Educational Services, 20 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08542.



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## Country of the Week: The Global Community

**Wm. Mann**

Anyone who has attended Houghton for more than a semester has learned about revisionist history, especially in favor of minority groups. The least desired perspective these days is from middle class whites, despite the fact that this viewpoint fills our tabloids and informs us about the dramatically changing world. As we quickly enter the age of global community, shaped by computer technology and rapid transportation, it is good to keep an old proverb in mind: When elephants fight, the grass underneath them gets crushed.

The elephants these days are the Group of Seven (G-7) and the grass is the host of Third World nations trying to find a place in the new world order. A case in point is the numerous complaints making headlines these days prior to the December 15th Uruguay Round of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). Of the 116 nations involved in the talks, France, Canada, and the U.S. are being heard to the neglect of the majority nations from the South.

French farmers are blockading roads and demonstrating at EuroDisney for fear that they may lose their agricultural subsidies, a demand of the U.S., before reaching final agreements at GATT. France, in turn, feels threatened by American desires to include movie and television in the new agreement. They and other European countries feel that this is an intrusion on their culture and with Jurassic Park playing at seven of every ten French theatres recently they may have cause for concern. Entertainment is the second largest U.S. export product.

Meanwhile, the U.S. is concerned about anti-dumping policies (countries selling products into America for less than locally available). Director General of GATT Mr. Sutherland said, "At this point the anti-dumping question is as crucial as agriculture."

Canada is equally concerned about anti-dumping, yet for different reasons. If smaller American businesses complain about Canadian competition they could contend that these are anti-dumping violations. Complaints against Canadian durum wheat prices (used for pasta) by U.S. farmers are already making the news.

The recent Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC), which met in Seattle, suggests that Canada could always consider other markets for its export trade. This 15-member summit included such

strong economic nations as China, Japan, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. President Clinton flew to this meeting only the morning after his hard fought NAFTA passed in Congress, an agreement which is still not fully liked by newly elected Prime Minister Jean Cretien. While still a member of the Opposition, Cretien had voted against NAFTA and now that he and his Liberal Party are in power there is a new opinion floating in Canada.

This does not mean that Canada can overlook its need for the U.S. market. They are the weakest of the G-7 nations and are therefore dependent on the U.S. and European economies for stability. Yet it does suggest that there are more factors in this emerging world economy and the changing rules can allow for any number of unexpected changes.

The fundamental reason for the changing rules is the demise of the Cold War. The East-West tension smoothed over trade policies but now that the Eastern Wall has fallen, many domestic and foreign policies are blurred. The ongoing Bosnian, Somalian, and Haitian fiascoes are proof that few people know how to respond in a global environment. President Bill Clinton is reiterating his campaign platform these days, contending that "economic security has to be the foundation for national security" — hence, his push on NAFTA, his attendance at APEC, and the constant negotiating toward GATT.

In fact, GATT is the final adhesive to this new world order. Begun in 1948 "to expand the world economy by eliminating trade barriers," there have been seven successful rounds. Yet the Uruguay Round has been floundering since it began in 1986. It is three years past its deadline, and despite dumping \$200 billion yearly in the slugging European economy, no one is jumping to conclude talks.

Trading blocs like the European Union, NAFTA, and the Pacific Rim are weary of losing economic power in the long run and therefore want well constructed safeguards. The U.S. is already arguing about "intellectual property" (you heard the debate when Letterman left NBC for CBS), suggesting that they may face \$600 billion in lost revenue over the next ten years due to patent and licensing violations. There is already a "priority watch" list of known violators which includes Argentina (no new patent protection laws since 1864), India (refusing to

pass laws protecting U.S. patent and trademark holders), Brazil, Indonesia, and China. The list also includes such nations as Germany, France, and Japan.

It is the Third World nations which contend that stronger economic nations are strangling them under the pretense of patent protection. India has a more permissive approach toward patents in order to encourage technological gains and adaptations. In fact, the South sees the North's efforts to "construct a more restrictive system as simply increasing the monopolistic power of the multi-nationals." The chief critics such as Brazil and India are also the leading spokesmen for the Third World.

Another complaint by developing countries is America's insistence on including services like banking, insurance, and telecommunications under the GATT umbrella. This would invite foreign control over key parts of national economies, suggest one Hindu newspaper, especially as the North dominates this service sector. Where weaker countries are strongest, labor-intensive manufacturing and the export of unskilled labor, is the very area where global markets are the most restricted.

Mention should also be made of the recent lineup of Eastern countries seeking enrollment in NATO. With the collapse of the former Soviet Union, many border European countries desire participation/protection under the NATO pact, yet the most that is being offered is participation. Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary, already admitted to NATO, have no guarantee for their own national security, yet even the U.N. Security Council can offer assurance to countries, as Bosnia, Somalia, and Haiti have proven.

There are two bottom lines to the emerging global constructs. First, as much as agreements and unions are erasing national borders, there is a primary concern for "jobs at home." The NAFTA debates are enough to convince us of the "what's in it for us" policy, even if corporations have lost all sight of national loyalties. Secondly, the elephants who are presently fighting must remember that with a quarter of the world's population already consuming an unsustainable 80 percent of global production, with 800 million people in abject poverty and over 1 billion illiterates globally, it's time people began to think about the grass.

## Women's basketball starts year with optimistic 3-3

Michael Maloney

After three weeks of competition, the women's basketball team stands with an encouraging 3-3 record. The Lady Highlanders opened up with five games on the road against some of the toughest teams they'll see all season. Because of this challenging start to the year, Coach Skip Lord is optimistic about their 3-3 performance.

Lord explains, "We have divided our season into three phases. The first phase is very tough, and it goes to January 9. During this time we hope to come together as a team and learn the system. We have a young team that needs to gel and bond. I will be trying different things to see what works and what doesn't work." By the end of this experimental period, Lord hopes to be 6-6. After that the schedule lightens up a bit, and he hopes that the team will be a cohesive unit on their way to a 15-win season.

"Eight of the 12 games in our first phase are reaches for our young team. They would have been reaches for last year's team even, and they were the best team we've had at Houghton," Lord says.

The season opener came on the road against Daemen on November 17. HC started

poorly against a team that they expected to beat. At halftime, they were down 29-37. The second half they picked things up a notch as they outscored their opponents 38-24 for a 67-61 victory.

Senior forward Steph Plummer and junior guard Aimee Bence scored 22 points apiece in the win.

Houghton next met Messiah College in the first round of Messiah's own tournament. They lost 66-78 despite double-figure scoring from Bence, Plummer, sophomore guard Missy Niedzielski, and freshman forward April Stone. HC beat Stockton 70-59 in the consolation game behind 20 points from junior guard Lynn Jensen and 18-point performance from Bence.

The Lady Highlanders faced the number one team in the nation in NCAA Division III on November 23. St. John Fisher has been a basketball powerhouse for years. Houghton played them close in the first half, and they were down by only six at halftime, but Fisher outscored them 42-20 in the second half to win 84-56.

"We are just not ready to play at that high level for a whole game," says Lord. "We can play at a high level in

sprints, but we have to gradually work that out through an entire game. If we played them in February it would be a different game." Bence led Houghton with 14 points, followed by 13 from Plummer.

Another strong opponent on the road waited for the women on December 1. This time it was Mercyhurst, and they defeated HC by a score of 87-65. "It was tough to play two difficult back-to-back games like that," Lord says. "But we didn't play that poorly. We did shoot well. We shot almost 45% from the field, almost 50% from three-point range, and 85% from the line. If you shoot that well and lose, you must be playing a good team."

Mercyhurst broke open a close game with a 20-2 run at the end of the first half. "We played in spurts again," says Lord.

Houghton brought their record back up to .500 against Roberts Wesleyan on December 4. After being down by two at halftime, HC rallied to a 75-62 victory. "We started out sloppy, but after we relaxed, things came together," Lord explains. Niedzielski tallied 17 points behind four three-pointers, Bence added 16, and freshman center Abbey Kennedy had 14.

## Men's basketball works to iron out some rough spots

Michael Maloney

Coach Donn Bennice's Highlanders have struggled with inconsistency in the first weeks of the season. They have faced a handful of tough teams already in compiling a 2-5 record, and six of their seven games have been on the road.

Houghton opened their season against D'Youville on November 13. Junior forward Andrew Gustafson and senior forward Scott Fasick combined for 57 points in a 99-86 victory. Gustafson had 30, while Fasick added 27.

HC next met a strong Mt. Vernon squad on the 16th. Gustafson's 22 points just wasn't enough as they lost 75-103. Freshman forward David Schnake pitched in 19 in the losing effort.

Houghton traveled to the St. Vincent tournament next, continuing their string of road games. In the first round they met yet another powerhouse team in Clarion. Most did not give HC much of a chance against such a formidable opponent, but the men held their own even though they lost 72-86. Gustafson again led the team in scoring with 23 points, and sophomore center Jud Odell followed with 15. Bennice claims that the Clarion matchup is unquestionably the best game that they have played all year.

In the consolation game of the St. Vincent tournament, HC spanked Cincinnati Bible 92-56. Gustafson scored 23, sophomore point guard Jason Weyforth had 17, and Fasick had 16 in the mauling.

The road streak continued as the Highlanders journeyed to St. John Fisher on November 23. This game against a nationally ranked NCAA Division III school would prove to be their most difficult. They lost big. The final score: 120-67.

"The game was not really as bad as the score," says Bennice. "We played our freshmen a lot. We played them about 15 minutes. We were beat soundly, but it wasn't quite as bad as it sounds. When we are losing by 20 with ten minutes to go I don't believe in keeping the starters in to keep within 15. You should give your younger players a chance to play then."

Houghton faced Elmira on

December 1, making this the sixth away game in a row to open up the season. Elmira is ranked 11th nationally in the NCAA Division III polls, and they have a potential All-American on their squad. They proved their ranking against the Highlanders, too, as they defeated them 106-86.

Gustafson had 23 points, and Weyforth and Odell contributed 15 apiece. "The Elmira game was very physical with a lot of fouls. We just didn't handle the pressure well," says Bennice.

The home season opener finally came on December 4 against an impressive Roberts Wesleyan team. Roberts boasted a transfer from Division I Virginia Commonwealth in the 6'8" forward Alvin Mobley. Mobley was also a former standout at Franklin High School in Rochester. "Roberts surprised me," Bennice says. "They have one of the best teams that they've had in ten years."

The Highlanders played inconsistently in a 99-67 loss to Roberts. Says Bennice, "We had stretches where we played well. We just can not maintain consistency. Every half we have about five minutes where we're terrible. We need to be consistent over 40 minutes. We also had 32 turnovers, and you're not going to beat anybody with 32 turnovers."

Fasick led all scorers in the game as he tallied a tough 28 points against a strong front line.

Bennice points to the team's inconsistency as the main problem thus far this year. He says that every one has played well at times, and that is encouraging, but not many have maintained that level of play. "Andy Gustafson has been consistent, but he is the only one," he says.

"This is a very young team. Scott is the only player that has played a lot of varsity ball in the past. The big question is how soon we will develop."

After seven games, Gustafson is the team's leading scorer with 18.4 points per game. Fasick is averaging 17.0 ppg, and Weyforth is third with 13.0 ppg. Fasick, Gustafson, and Odell are the three leading rebounders for Houghton.

## Cross Country finishes at Nationals for fourth year

Doug Gillham

Both the men's and women's cross country teams completed their most successful season in terms of their win loss record, in Houghton College history, with a trip to Nationals on November 20th. For the men it was their fourth trip in as many years to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside for the NAIA meet, while for the women it was their second trip in three years.

Naomi Castellani and Amy Chamberlain finished together as they led the women's team to a 22nd place finish, the best that a Highlander cross country team has ever placed at the national level. Chamberlain's race was particularly incredible for it was only her third cross country race in her life. Heather George, Trisha

Demperio, Leslie Roberts, Janelle Chapin, and Mim Grooms also ran strong races in support of the team. The race was won by the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington, for the second year in a row.

Unfortunately, the men's 38th place did not reflect their potential demonstrated earlier in the season. Several injuries and the flu kept two of the top five from even competing, and prevented several others from running to the best of their ability.

Lee Thurber was undaunted by the high level of competition as he led the team in his first trip to the national meet. His brother Tim was second on the team as he ended his four year career as a Highlander with one of his fastest times.

Jason Wiens, Alan Belford, Mark Munro, and Eric Runion also ran well in support of the Thurber brothers.

Lubbock Christian University (Texas) came into the championship having defeated every #1 ranked collegiate team in the nation. They successfully defended their title (for the third year in a row), making them the best cross country team in the nation at any level. James Bungei won the individual title in the 8K race for the fourth year in a row, tying the meet record with a time of 23:37.

Congratulations to Coach Bob Smalley as he was recognized at the national awards ceremony for having been voted "Coach of the Year," in Area 8 for both the men's and women's teams.

## Support men's basketball as they face St. Vincent College, Saturday, Dec. 11, 3:00 pm.

## Women's V-ball finishes season district champs

**Eric Stroom**

For the first time in Houghton women's volleyball history, the team has won an NAIA District championship. The team fought through the season for this goal and then lost in the first round of Regionals.

Last season saw the women go 26-6 but fall short of the district title. This year's team was able to get the job done by beating Westminster College for the championship. The season was marked by personal accomplishments. Senior co-captain Julie Claypool received her second Scholar Athlete Award for the district. Julie and senior co-captain Sheri Lankford were named to the all-district second team, and sophomore Becca Pifer received all-district honorable mention.

Unfortunately, the Lady Highlanders' post-season did not continue much longer after Districts. In the first round of the Regionals they faced West Virginia Wesleyan and lost in straight sets. Coach Lord said later that their opponent was the best volleyball team he had ever seen while coaching at HC.

The women did their best to continue their season. Lankford had twelve kills. Freshman Allysia Hanson had seven blocks and ten digs. Freshman April Stone had nine digs.

Coach Lord was very pleased with the Lady Highlanders' performance. He commented, "We came into the

season with very high hopes, and we went farther than any other Houghton women's volleyball team ever."

Lord pointed out that two-thirds of the way into the season the team had only one loss, but then suffered a number of injuries and illnesses. Through the next two weeks the women lost four matches and ended up getting third seed in the District tournament. Coach Lord said, "At this point we set some goals and really came together as a team, winning when it mattered."

One sad note for the team is the losses of senior co-captains Julie Claypool and Sheri Lankford. Through their four years on the team, Houghton has gone 99-22, and the team owes a lot to their leadership and skill. Julie commented, "It's hard for me to reach the end of my career. It isn't so bad, though, because winning Districts this year is a big step in the right direction and I got to be a part of it." The coaching staff nominated Julie for Academic All-American at the end of the season.

As Coach Lord pointed out, this was a great season for the team. Houghton used to be in a Christian athletic coalition but once the move to the NAIA, no women's volleyball team was ever able to win Districts. This represents a major success for the program, but also puts big expectations on next season.

## B.F. Skinner: "The Idols of the Schools"

Shared by the Psychology Club

As we move closer and closer to the end of this semester, the Psychology Club would like to share with you this article written in a book by B.F. Skinner, "The Idols of the Schools." Let us pray earnestly that tests and grades will not become our idol, but let us be faithful to our talents and give the glory to God.

Merry Christmas from the cabinet of the Psychology Club:

"Effective instructional practices threaten the conception of teaching as a form of maieutics. If we suppose that the student is to 'exercise his rational powers,' to 'develop his mind,' or to learn through 'intuition or insight,' then it may indeed be true that the teacher cannot teach but can only help the student learn. But these goals can be restated in terms of explicit changes in behavior, and effective methods of instruction can then be designed.

"In his famous four idols, Francis Bacon formulated some of the reasons why men arrive at false ideas. He might have added two special Idols of the School which affect those who want to improve teaching. The Idol of the Good Teacher is the belief that what a good teacher can do, any teacher can do. Some teachers are, of course, unusually effective. They are naturally interesting people, who make things interesting to their students. They are skillful

in handling students, as they are skillful in handling people in general. They can formulate facts and principles and communicate them to others in effective ways. Possibly their skills and talents will someday be better understood and successfully imparted to new teachers. At the moment, however, they are true exceptions. The fact that a method proves successful in their hands does not mean that it will solve important problems in education.

"The Idol of the Good Student is the belief that what a good student can learn, any student can learn. Because they have superior ability or have been exposed to fortunate early environments, some students learn without being taught. It is quite possible that they learn more effectively when they are not taught. Possibly we shall someday produce more of them. At the moment, however, the fact that a method works with good students does not mean that it will work with all. It is possible that we shall progress more rapidly toward effective education by leaving the good teacher and the good student out of account altogether. They will not suffer, because they do not need our help. We may then devote ourselves to the discovery of practices which are appropriate to the remaining - what? - ninety-five percent of teachers and

students.

"The Idols of the School explain some of the breathless excitement with which educational theorists return again and again to a few standard solutions. Perhaps we should regard them as merely two special cases of a more general source of error, the belief that personal experience in the classroom is the primary source of pedagogical wisdom. It is actually very difficult for teachers to profit from experience. They almost never learn about their long-term successes or failures, and their short-term effects are not easily traced to the practices from which they presumably arose. Few teachers have time to reflect on such matters, and traditional educational research has given them little help. A much more effective kind of research is now becoming possible. Teaching may be defined as an arrangement of contingencies of reinforcement under which behavior changes. Relevant contingencies can be most successfully analyzed in studying the behavior of one student at a time under carefully controlled conditions. Few educators are aware of the extent to which human behavior is being examined in arrangements of this sort, but a true technology of teaching is imminent. It is beginning to suggest effective alternatives to the aversive practices which have caused so much trouble."

## Still time to register for URBANA 93

**News Release**

There is still room for people who wish to attend the URBANA 93 Student Mission Convention, though the event is filling, organizers say.

As of Nov. 19, 15,000 people have registered for URBANA 93, sponsored by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, to be held Dec. 27-31, 1993, at the University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign.

According to URBANA 93 Director Dan Harrison, current registration totals are greater than those of other previous conventions at a comparable time, conventions that eventually filled. But because it has not filled yet, Harrison says InterVarsity will begin to accept registrations from high school seniors who wish to attend.

He asks supports of URBANA to continue to pray that God would draw the people He wants to the convention. "Especially pray for those students who will be coming home for Thanksgiving and making decisions with their families about attending URBANA 93," he says. He urges pastors and other missions-minded people, "Don't let this opportunity to send students to URBANA pass."

Registration brochures and more information is available by calling the URBANA 93 Hotline: (608) 274-7995.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, an interdenominational campus ministry, has 750 chapters on both secular and Christian college campuses in the United States.

## Research awards available to faculty members

**News Release**

College and university faculty members with research interests in health physics-related technical areas may apply for the U.S. Department of Energy's 1994 Health Physics Faculty Research Award (HPFRA) Program.

Sponsored by DOE's Office of Environment, Safety and Health, the program is open to all full-time faculty appointments at accredited colleges and universities in the United States. The HPFRA Program is designed primarily to increase the number of faculty members conducting research in health physics, and secondly, to improve the quality of health physics education.

Awards for the 1994-1995 academic year will be up to \$50,000. Awardees are eligible for two additional renewals, for a total of three years. Travel funds may also be available on a limited basis, for trips to and

from a collaborating DOE facility, to technical conferences and meetings, and to an annual program workshop.

Administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education in Oak Ridge, Tenn., the HPFRA Program supports research in health physics areas related to the DOE mission, with particular interest in radiation safety and protection.

Program participants must maintain their full-time faculty appointment status and must conduct their research at their home institutions. In addition, they must collaborate with a DOE contractor or approved facility and must submit annual and final reports.

The application deadline for the 1994-1995 HPFRA Program is Feb. 28, 1994. Awards will be announced in June 1994. For more information or for application materials, contact Leila Gosslee, Health Physics Faculty

Research Award Program, Science/Engineering Education Division, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, P.O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37831-0117, (615) 576-1078.

## Staff Openings

The *Star* staff would like to announce that there will be several positions available next semester. There will be a column opening that we would like to fill based on a debate format. To apply we are asking that you submit a 300-350 word argument (liberal or conservative) on one of the following issues: Health Care, NAFTA

We would ask that your essays be submitted to the *Star* by the end of the semester, December 17. Please include your name, box # and ext. Intracampus box 378

# Contributions to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On a recent visit to the Houghton Campus with a group of high school students from the church I pastor, our teens experienced the "bitter" and the "sweet" of Houghton College. They traveled to Houghton excited about being able to participate in the Wesleyan Youth Northeast Area TNT (talent) competition. Aside from nearly hitting a cow in the middle of the road a few miles from the campus, our trip had gone smoothly.

Upon arriving at Houghton and a quick visit to the student center, we went to the Admissions Office where a three o'clock appointment for a campus tour had been prearranged. The receptionist in Admissions knew nothing of our tour and a subsequent phone call determined that no campus tours would be given until 4:30 that afternoon. The fact that I had arranged an appointment seemingly meant little. Incidentally, we did eventually get the tour after I "made some noise." I am not particularly proud of such, but I am even more disappointed that such actions would be necessary.

I recognize the possibility of mistakes and oversights; however, I would hope that we would go out of our way as a College to accommodate prospective students. At Trustee Board meetings, reports are presented and goals adopted to increase Houghton's student population over the

next few years. To achieve these goals we will have to aggressively and systematically recruit high school students and receive them with warm welcomes whenever they visit the campus. The matter-of-fact way in which we were received seemed to be contrary to our vision.

The second "bitter" incident happened in the cafeteria at lunch time when a Houghton student tossed a banana peel on the table where our young women were seated. If it had been accidental there should have been an immediate apology and such actions reflect poor etiquette and have no place on any campus, much less a Christian college.

The two negative incidents on the campus were overshadowed by the Houghton students who hosted our young women in East Hall and Lambein. They welcomed them from the moment they entered the Halls. The Halloween party at East Hall was a great ice-breaker and the students who organized it are to be commended. The special meal rates and lodging provided for the TNT participants were certainly appreciated. Members of the Houghton community, Dr. Gus and Louise Prinsell and Dr. Dan and Claudia Kauffman, who hosted our adults were wonderful.

All in all our group left snowy Houghton with the "sweet" because of the overall hospitality that was extended. It is my desire to see Houghton

promoted as a warm, friendly environment for all people. I commend the students, faculty and administrators who actively advocate sensitization and appreciation.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Donavon W. Shoemaker,  
Trustee

Dear Editor,

This is not a response to Joel Tom Tate's column, nor a response to a response to his column, nor a response to a response to a response to his column. Personally, every time I see the word "conservative" in the *Star*, I wish Jen Garrison was still here. However, this letter's purpose is to address a far more important matter... COWMAN!!!

Ever since "Cowman" appeared in the *Star*, he has been complained about by students throughout the campus. No matter what the various reasons are for this, the fact is that Cowman is one of the only representatives of individual talent on this campus. Adam Own is not afraid to share some of his fun with others. I am not someone who sits on my hands for a week waiting for the *Star* to come out so I can read "Cowman," but it is a very enjoyable addition to what is sometimes a very disappointing paper. So until Toro the Bullbot becomes the AutoMatador, make mine Cowman!

Bill Garrett

Season's Greetings. This fall semester has been a challenging one within CAB. Despite the problems of manpower (or lack thereof), incorrect information, last minute changes, meetings, last minute preparation, the activities of CAB have been great successes. These activities would not have been successful without committed people behind them. I'd like to take a few minutes to recognize the people responsible for this semester's activities. I'd also like to publicly thank them for all their hard work, time, and thought.

To Carrie Sturtevant and Joan MacDonald for a wonderful Homecoming weekend. Nate Brown coordinated the Karaoke Studybreak, which was an evening of fun, music, and folly. Matt Dominguez, Andy Hobson, and Co. put on a tremendous Wall-Climbing party. Brad Marolf and Yvonne Wood oversaw and managed the DeGarmo and Key concert. The ISA, under the direction of Gladys Middy and Igor Verenich, hosted a lovely evening at the International Coffee House, sponsored by CAB. Big Al and Pioneer foods were also a great help support for the Coffee House. Josh Schlemmer and Yvonne Wood took care of all the movie scheduling, Betsy Webb and Joel Tom Tate reviewed them and Allan Shea was responsible for overseeing the technical aspects. I thank and

appreciate all of these people for what they have contributed to this semester.

This semester has been busy with work and fun. CAB is looking forward to next semester and your participation in and support for future activities.

Have a very safe and Happy Holiday. Remember - the greatest gift this holiday and always is the unending faith and salvation from Jesus Christ. He is truly the reason for the season!

Respectfully serving you,  
Lori Sears  
V.P. Student Senate

Life is a mysterious play, where actors' performances are deeply truthful or cunningly deceptive;

Life is full of happiness, but also full of sadness;

Life is a source of uncertain choices, some are rewarding to you but frustrating to others;

Life is an opportunity to be kind and caring, but also selfish and mean;

Life is a bridge to joyful and stressful relationships;

Life is a highway to God, as well as a temptation to Evil;

Life is a mysterious play, search the right mystery of life.  
Ricardo E. Romero

## Good News of Conservative Thought

I've decided that I won't be writing for the *Star* again next semester. It wasn't a difficult decision and it mostly had to do with time constraints and such. But there were many aspects of the experience which alone would discourage me from writing again.

I resent the people who allowed their prejudices to get me all wrong. I resent those who deliberately misconstrued the contents of my column, who chose to believe, regardless of the truth, that I am a reactionary, that I hate liberals, and that I would like for everyone here to agree with me on everything. I resent those whose determined ignorance would not forgive me for being a conservative or free me from their stereotype of conservatives. I resent the person on the board of trustees who told me on one of his infrequent visits to the campus that he felt that I've been guilty of misrepresenting the intellectual and political climate at Houghton

and accused me of believing that there's no place for liberals here. In fact, I resent everyone who has patronized me and expressed a condescending disappointment in me.

On the other hand, I regret all of the hasty generalizations I've made, every time I painted the picture with a very broad

brush. I regret every time that I didn't thoroughly research a

column. I regret every time I perpetuated a stereotype and every time I took a potshot. Each expression of an embarrassing bitterness is a reason for regret. I regret all the times I inadvertently offended people and all the people I offended on purpose. I regret the fact that so many people are disappointed in me and the fact that I almost always fit the same stereotypes that I want to be free of.

And somewhere in there,

along with all the resentment and regret, there's a lot of gratitude. I'm grateful to everyone who encouraged me, for everyone who forgave me. I'm grateful to the *Star* for printing my column. I'm grateful for the people who do not hold my column against me.

But I want to make it clear

that I do not resent those who disagreed with my column for other than personal

reasons, the people who simply disagreed with my point of view. I only respect those people. I didn't resent the people who spoke to me privately about problems they had with my column instead of writing letters to the editor. I respect those people.

I do not regret writing the column. I learned from it and if anyone else learned anything from it as well, then it was certainly worthwhile. Thanks for listening.



JOEL TOM  
TATE

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# "Take Five"

SOMETIMES A GREAT NOTION

Advent may strike us as an odd time to discuss marriage, of all things; yet it has an appropriateness to my way of thinking that makes it more than relevant. Marriage is often on the minds of college students, and the approach of Christmas only seems to enhance those concerns.

I was 21 and had just finished my junior year of college when I got married. My wife was 20, nine months younger. We finished college together, on time, with higher GPAs our senior year than for either sophomore or junior years. This Christmas, twenty-five years after proposing, I have no second thoughts about getting married so young. I not only *like* being married and *recommend* it, but more than that, *I cannot imagine life without it.*

Marriage and college, however, don't necessarily mix, particularly 1) if you have no money, 2) if you "have to" get married, 3) if you don't know each other very well, 4) if the stress of college is difficult for you to handle, and/or 5) if your parents oppose your marriage to this partner. These conditions might easily overwhelm a young marriage — particularly in our culture, in our time, with our tendency to avoid responsibilities while demanding rights. In this climate, with these stresses, marriages are bound to fail.

If there are so many pressures working against marriage, what is the *ingredient* that holds marriages together? Why do so many more marriages crumble today than did, say, fifty years ago? Are the pressures *greater* today? Has it simply become too easy for a previously compliant woman to throw the bum out?

It might be foolish to suggest that one factor weighs more than others; but it seems clear from my vantage point that the modern sensibility has forsaken one essential ingredient for successful marriage in favor of short term concerns like good looks and sex appeal.

My point is that marriage has to be based on more than animal attraction and more than likemindedness, however attractive those things might be. The quick dissolution of most Hollywood marriages ought to have demonstrated clearly how unstable a marriage based on passion can be. Marriage is more than a simple commitment to another person, essential as that is. Marriage has to be based on a firm

commitment to the *idea* of marriage as well as to a person. That is why wedding vows generally shoot beyond immediate circumstances. Phrases like "sickness and health," "for better for worse," "for richer for poorer," "till death" ought to sober us to the long range concerns beyond ceremony and celebration. But the idea of marriage is more than making vows. It has to be: lots of us make promises we don't keep.

So what exactly is the *idea* of marriage? The idea of marriage is a philosophy, a way

of imagining; it is a life metaphor. We as humans need something that transcends the immediate to give meaning to what we do; we need the transcendent *especially* when — as happens in the best of marriages — we get tired or bored or discouraged. Or tempted.

To illustrate, consider sex for a moment — a valued part of marriage. Procreation, the creativity of sexual love, gives the sex act a serious, "transcendent" meaning whether every act will produce a child or not. Without this transcendent meaning, that is, when sex or sexual pleasure is an end in itself, sex can become drug-like, feeding on itself, demanding newer, bigger thrills. Pleasure for its own sake seldom satisfies. Without transcendent meaning it really doesn't matter whether sex is monogamous or promiscuous, heterosexual or homosexual, fulfilling for both partners or the exclusive domain of one. Without its transcendent meaning it does not even matter that sex is an *adult* activity.

Communion is another example of a physical act with transcendent meaning, with metaphoric implications. It really is not important that the elements literally become the body and blood of Christ for communion to have deep significance. What is important is that the elements *remind* us *strongly* of Christ's sacrifice, that they help us recognize the cost of our sinfulness, that they let us understand the nature of God's good Grace, that they signify the future wedding feast of the Lamb.

The idea of marriage works the same way. The Bible compares marriage to Christ and the Church. Paul calls it a mystery, and so it is. In marriage as in our examples, the metaphor informs or

The recent proposals regarding the future location of the new townhouses next year has left me in a cynical mood. Knowing full well the present problems with off-campus housing, I haven't much faith in these future plans.

For one thing, these new townhouses are supposed to be completed during the summer, meaning a speedy, prefabrication project. That's the beauty of modern architecture — it's fast, efficient, and will look very appealing for the first few years or so. Taking into consideration the way in which students treat housing now, I wonder if these townhouses will meet long term needs. Bedford house was one of the first houses on campus to be built, and just this year it had finally come down. Who's to say if the townhouses will last half as long.

Aside from structural needs, we come to the most important issue, location. For all of you who attended the forum last Friday, you already know that three locations have been proposed thus far. One location discussed would be to construct the townhouse units at the present location of Hazlett and Leonard Houghton houses. This would involve the definite destruction of Leonard Houghton and most likely Hazlett soon after. Here are two houses that may be aging, but still have some years of use left. To take down these houses seems to be as one friend of mine put it, "the old take three steps forward and one step back" theory. The college is trying to increase the

*clarifies* rather than *negates* the physical reality. To think of marriage in terms of Christ and the Church should develop and underscore our notion of commitment, faithfulness, love, respect, submission. We don't just imagine Christ as the center of our lives, we begin to evaluate, to reconsider, to change in a process Romans calls being "transformed."

In this Advent season, the idea of marriage, the idea of Christ and His bride takes on added significance in this: when Jesus came to earth as an infant, His coming was a token, an earnest. Among all the things we know His Incarnation to be, we know it foremost as His proposal of marriage.

number of students, thus more housing space is needed. There is the potential to gain up to 70 housing spots, but to destroy the two stone houses of Hazlett and Leonard Houghton, only 50 spots are gained. It seems like a minor point, but 20 spaces is still quite significant.

There are also issues of campus safety in the proposed location mentioned above. Neighbors are concerned about the increased traffic new townhouses would bring. There are some living nearby

that have young children that may see increased traffic a threat to their child's safety. Another concern which has never really been an active issue until now, has been student safety along the path from Willard Avenue to Leonard Drive, a common means to get to Mobil. Presently the path is dimly lit, posing obvious threats to those who choose to walk alone.

Other locations have been proposed such as along route 19, and behind the art building. Once again, neighbors do not seem to welcome student housing around them. But at least if townhouses were put along 19, it would look really classy — at least for a couple of years. Concerned for the appearance of the townhouses in the future, one person present at the forum welcomed the idea of putting the units behind the art building. Even though it would be a bit crowded, at least nobody has to see what they look like a

decade later. Also, visitors will see the practicality of on-campus housing, but would have to take a defensive driving course if they want to drive to the location, since out of 70 students, I'm sure a few would have cars.

As you can see, there is no perfect solution. No matter where the townhouses go, someone will get upset. I think they should be put right in the middle of the quad, that way everyone is unhappy. At least they are accessible, and

security is a few steps away.

Contrary to my written remarks, these

concerns are not what frustrate me the most. Compromises can always be reached if everyone gives a little. What upsets me is the extreme apathy exhibited by the students in which the proposals affect. It was upsetting to see that out of the entire campus, only two students were present at the forum (advertised in the Scoop) to at least hear the plans the committee was willing to share and to hear concerns about. Students, *you* are the reason Houghton College exists. You have a right to question and raise concerns if you disagree with something. But if you don't care to make a difference and don't care what decisions are made without your knowing, I wish you a happy, sheltered four years.

By the way, Merry Christmas. Enjoy your break to the fullest, and see you next semester.



ARON  
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Every year, your heart pumps  
2,625,000 pints of blood.

Surely, you can spare a few.



Give blood again. It will be felt for a lifetime.



Have a Merry  
Christmas and a safe  
holiday season!

# Cow Man Adam Owen



## Erich Asperschlago

DUE TO BOREDOM, NOAH TOOK TO WRITING NOVELS, AND IS GENERALLY CREDITED WITH THE INVENTION OF SEVERAL FAMOUS LITERARY CLICHÉS



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