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## THE world OUT there

BY ROSA GERBER  
STAR STAFF WRITER

### Russia proposes peace plan in North Korea

The Russian Foreign Ministry said Sunday that Russia delivered a plan to North Korea in an attempt to resolve North Korea's withdrawal from the international nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty of 1994. If North Korea refreezes its nuclear program, economic and humanitarian would return for North Korea. A spokesman for South Korea President-elect Roh Moo-hyun said he considers the plan "very positive."

The Russian proposal includes "a constructive bilateral and multi-lateral dialogue" between North Korea and the United States. The Bush administration stated they would participate in a dialogue with North Korea about halting its nuclear program, but they will not negotiate returning economic aid in exchange for freezing the nuclear program.

North Korea restarted its nuclear program because the United States did not fulfill its agreement to provide North Korea with light water nuclear reactors. After the United States halted heavy fuel oil shipments, North Korea claimed the need to restart its Yongbyon nuclear reactor for power. The United States stopped shipments after U.S. officials said North Korea confessed to work developing enriched uranium for its nuclear program, which North Korea denied. North Korea then announced its withdrawal from the Non-Proliferation Treaty and threatened to abandon its suspension on testing missiles.

### Thousands gather throughout the world to protest war

Opposing the possible war with Iraq, an estimated 200,000 people gathered in Washington, D.C. recently. The group Act Now to Stop War and End Racism (AN-

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## 'Fantastic' Woolsey contributes to literature book

BY JOSH MILLER  
STAR STAFF WRITER

Many Houghton students know Dr. Daniel Woolsey as a mild-mannered professor of literature and education. Little do they know that outside the office, Woolsey walks the lands of Middle Earth and frequents the magical world of Narnia... Not literally, but Woolsey is quite a fantasy buff, especially when it comes to children's literature. Recently he contributed a chapter on children's fantasy literature for the book *Adventuring with Books: A Booklist for Pre-K to Grade 6*, which includes Woolsey's commentary on recent publications of fantasy for children as well as a list of 40 well-crafted works of children's fantasy published in the last three years.

This was an ideal project for Woolsey, who sees great potential in the children's fantasy genre—both in encouraging children to read and teaching them valuable life lessons. Children can easily engage in fantasy because "it offers the strange fascination with another world," Woolsey explains. He also notes that kids can identify with many aspects of fantasy literature. "Fantasy tends to be optimistic and hopeful, and kids are optimistic and hopeful... They're always looking ahead."

Children often empathize with fantasy heroes as well, who, according to Woolsey, are usually either children themselves or child-like in manner. Woolsey cites Frodo from *Lord of the Rings* as an example. "Frodo's not a child, but he's like a child in that he's not a very powerful person, he

doesn't have a great deal of status, and he relies on the guidance of Gandalf like a child might rely on a parent's guidance."

In the midst of these mystical stories of otherness and child-like heroes, Woolsey asserts that "the writer is most

These elements of truth and otherworldliness found in fantasy draw adults to this genre as well. "Fantasy is rooted in our dreams, our wishes," Woolsey explains. In the midst of its created wonderland, fantasy "allows us to think deeply



PHOTO BY BETHANY SCHWARTZ  
Dr. Daniel Woolsey has recently contributed a chapter on children's fantasy literature to *Adventuring with Books*. Woolsey is a professor of education.

able to talk seriously about human life as it is lived and ought to be lived." While children read these works, they learn about "making choices, the importance of loyalty and devotion to friends and a cause, [and] the conflict between good and evil."

about how we should live." However, Woolsey warns against attempting to read Christian truths into fantasy, particularly works by Christian authors, such as Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* and C.S. Lewis' *The*

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## McCallum enjoys waking up sleepy students with Java

BY JENNIFER NERONI  
STAR STAFF WRITER

If you have a class in the Academic Building in the mornings, you have probably noticed the coffee cart that's there every day. It's called Java 101, and it's a small business run by Aileen McCallum. Aileen is not a student here, but her husband, Rod is. She graduated from Point Loma Nazarene in San Diego in 2000 and is originally from Oregon.

Aileen and her husband got the idea to start a coffee business when they received the e-mail announcing Sweet Attitude's closing (the former coffee shop where Subway now resides) over the summer. They spent a lot of the summer doing research and setting up the business. Aileen worked at a coffee shop in high school, so she had some prior knowledge of the business. Some friends of theirs from church helped them come up with the name,

"Java 101". They had wanted a name that wasn't too trendy, but still cool, and this seemed to fit.

Java 101 is open Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. They serve a number of hot drinks (perfect to keep you warm in this cold, winter weather): regular coffee, espresso drinks, cappuccinos, lattes, mochas, chai, hot chocolate, steamers, tea, as well as many flavorings that can be added to coffee, hot chocolate, or any

espresso drink. There's almond,

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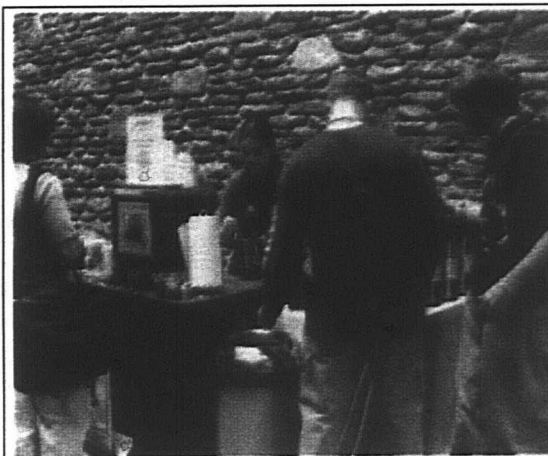


PHOTO BY BETHANY SCHWARTZ  
Aileen McCallum serves coffees, teas, and other hot beverages at Java 101, the coffee stand open in the Academic Building every weekday morning.

## THE world OUT there

SWER) organized rallies in Washington, D.C. and San Francisco, which drew people from 45 states.

British Parliament member Jeremy Corbyn attended the rally in Washington and stated, "In Britain there is enormous opposition to this war. This is a war with no support, no public recognition for it, and I think the leaders, particularly President Bush and Prime Minister [Tony] Blair, are going to have to recognize they're on their own on this one."

In Washington, protestors staged a demonstration mocking the United Nations inspections of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Some marchers wore costumes of world leaders and carried signs saying, "No blood for oil" and "Act now, stop war and racism."

In San Francisco, protestors marched throughout the city demanding peace.

Police reported no violence, confrontations, or attempts to block or occupy law enforcement facilities.

Protestors also gathered in Tokyo, Japan, Rawalpindi, Pakistan, Moscow, Russian, and Cairo, Egypt, in opposition to war.

### Blix criticizes Iraqi cooperation with inspectors

The United States continued to insist that Iraq has been harboring weapons of mass destruction, as chief United Nations weapons inspector Hans Blix said, "Iraq has not cooperated sufficiently with the United Nations weapons inspectors, and we will impress the seriousness of the situation to them." Blix said Iraq did not answer many questions about its weapons program in its December 7 document.

U.N. inspectors returned Saturday to an ammunition storage area near Baghdad where they discovered 16 empty 122 mm chemical warheads on Thursday. Eleven of the warheads had never been loaded with chemicals, and inspectors planned further testing to determine if the any of the sixteen had indeed been loaded.

Iraqi officials accused the United Nations of using the discovery to justify war, led by the United States.

Blix claimed the discovery was "not something so important" because the missiles were empty, but President Bush said the missiles were "troubling and serious" and a sign that

Iraq was not disarming. Iraq insisted that it has cooperated fully with U.N. inspectors.

### Australia declares state of emergency as fire continues to blaze

Australia announced it was in a state of emergency Saturday as a fire blazed through Canberra, aided by high temperatures and powerful winds. A yearlong drought has plagued the area, drying out the undergrowth.

The fire destroyed an estimated 388 homes, forcing thousands of people to flee the flames. Chief minister of the Australian Capital Territory John Stanhope said he expected damages to rise above hundreds of millions of dollars. Officials also believe the fire destroyed the historic Stromlo Observatory outside the city. Stanhope stated, "It is the most devastating bush-fire experience that any community in Australia has ever suffered."

Police reported two deaths caused by the fire. Over 50 people were treated for smoke inhalation and burns.

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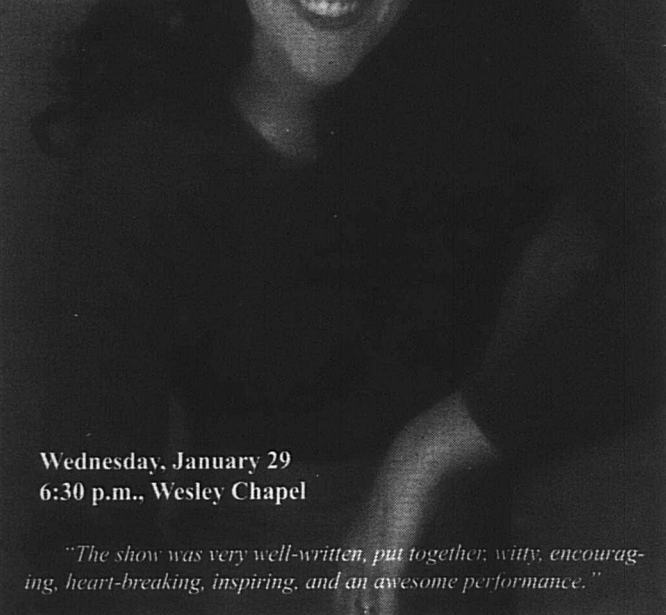
caramel, hazelnut, English toffee, Irish crème, crème de menthe, peppermint, raspberry, vanilla, coconut, and three sugar-free flavors: vanilla, Irish creme, and chocolate. Drinks can also be made with soy or skim milk.

As far as prices go, Java 101 is significantly cheaper than other coffee shops such as Starbucks. For example, at one coffee shop that she visited, Aileen said that espresso shots were \$2 a piece. Here they are \$1. She says that they want to keep the prices low for the students. For this reason, they offer different specials. There's a Special of the Week every week, which is usually some kind of flavored mocha or latte. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a. m. - 12:00 p. m. are Happy Hour.

During this hour, customers can get 25 percent off any drink. There are also drink cards. Every time you buy a drink, you can get your card stamped, and after nine drinks, you get the tenth free. Coffee can be ordered by the pound if it is desired. A 1/2-lb is \$5, and 1-lb is \$10. Gift certificates are also available.

Aileen says that the business has been a lot of work, but it's going very well. They had taken out a loan initially to buy equipment, so right now they are paying that back, but are also making a profit. She says that if business keeps it up, they'll definitely be around for a while. Aileen wants people to keep coming. She says that she loves making drinks for people and waking them up.

## Lisa Barnett in "Hand2Mouth," a drama on her struggle with bulimia



Wednesday, January 29  
6:30 p.m., Wesley Chapel

"The show was very well-written, put together, witty, encouraging, heart-breaking, inspiring, and an awesome performance."

### Java 101 Price List

	Small	Large
Coffee	\$0.75	\$1.00
Chai	\$2.25	\$2.75
Steamers	\$1.00	\$1.50
Hot chocolate	\$1.00	\$1.50
Tea	\$1.00	\$1.25
Mocha	\$2.25	\$2.75
Latte	\$2.00	\$2.50
Cappuccino	\$2.00	\$2.50

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

a weekly profile by Greg On

**Full name:** Samuel Ayodele Olarewaju

**Age:** 48

**Alma mater:** Houghton College

**Hometown/current town:** Badi, Kwara State, Nigeria

**Current Position:** Visiting professor of Bible

**Previous Position:** Academic Dean - ECWA Theological Seminary, Jos, Nigeria

**Marital Status:** married to Funmi, and together we have 3 children

**Source of last name:** from the Yoruba of Nigeria

**When did you first hear about Houghton?** From one of my missionary teachers in Nigeria who was a graduate of Houghton - Joyce Flint.

**Favorite building on campus:** Fancher!

**Favorite sport:** soccer

**Favorite Bible verse:** Matt. 6:33 Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and...

**Favorite Classical Composer:** Johann Sebastian Bach

**Where to go today:** it's too cold, I'll rather stay indoors!

**Favorite dessert:** apple pie

**Does God have a sense of humor?** Yes, God has the greatest sense of humor!

**Do you actually read the STAR?** I read Star once in a while, when there's breathing space





## Career Services offers aid to seniors as graduation draws near

BY JULIE PALMER  
STAR STAFF WRITER

The Career Services Office, located on the main floor of the Campus Center is one of the frequently overlooked jewels of Houghton College. The staff in the office are employed solely to help students in their searches for jobs, graduate schools, and college majors. They help students answer vital questions like, "what can be done with my major?" and "how much can someone in this field expect to make?" They also have many resources geared toward helping students decide on a path for their future.

Many of the services offered in the Career Services Office are geared toward helping seniors; however, there are also a few services of which undergraduates should be aware. For those still searching for a major, the office offers the Myers Briggs test and the Focus II test. These tests assess skills and interests in order to suggest possible fields of study and careers. The Focus II test is available on the Houghton College website under "Career Services Office." In order to use this test online it is necessary to call the Career Services Office and register.

Many other resources are available on the website. This vast array of information includes listings of perspec-

tive employers that are hiring under "Job Bulletin." These mostly consist of jobs in education and Christian ministries as well as jobs in

to graduate school which gives information about all of the graduate schools in the United States, the Occupational Handbook which gives

Career Services Office and in the stand outside their office. Tim Nichols is available for individual counseling, resume drafting and mock interviews.

You may not be able to come back to Houghton next year and use your card to go up to the cafeteria, but you can call us and use us as a resource for the rest of your life," said Nichols.

All of their services minus placement filing are available for free. Placement filing is available at a fee of \$25. This is a unique service provided for the rest of your life once you subscribe. A placement file is a folder which contains copies of your activities, classes and recommendations from Houghton professors. It is available for potential employers who are looking for references. At the bottom of the resume you put contact Houghton College Career Services for references and the employer will receive a copy of the file if they ask for it. This is especially useful for employers who are looking for confidential recommendations.

Career Services is a service for all students, especially seniors who are preparing for the future. Houghton has a very high success rate for employed students after graduation. In 1999, 78.5 percent of students found employment in their desired field after graduation, and there is a 47 percent average over the last five years of students attending graduate school within two years of graduation. Much of this success is due to the staff in the Career Services Office.

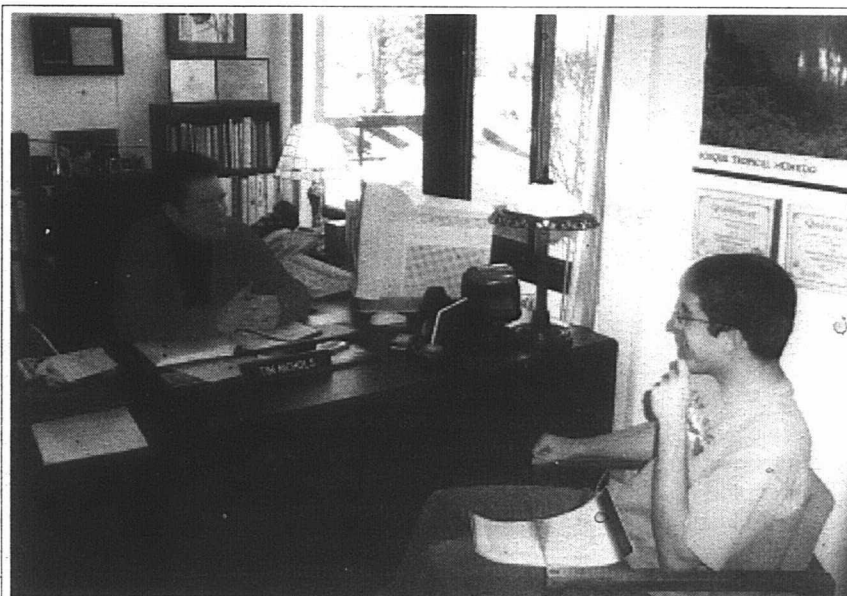


PHOTO BY BRIAN QUINONES

Director of Career Development Tim Nichols meets with a student in the Career Services Office. Nichols and Eva Hillman are always available to assist students and alumni.

fields such as business in western New York. In order to do a broad job search there are links to other job banks. Houghton subscribes to Monstertrack.com and E-recruiting for the use of the students.

The Career Services Office also has a library of reference material about jobs, resumes, interviews and graduate school at their office. Some of the most popular include the Peterson's Guide

information about different job fields including training needed, job outlook and earnings, and The Gallery of Best Resumes which has examples of different kinds of resumes. They also have salary surveys that give those preparing for an interview an idea of what is a good starting salary. There are handouts on many popular topics like resume writing, interview writing and graduate school planning available both in the

He even suggests that students can email him their resume and he will look it over and make suggestions by email.

Nichols and the other Career Services staff stress that they want students to come in and ask for help, not just look at the website. The office is there for the students and alumni. This means that even after graduation the Career Services Office is a resource for job hunting.

"This is a lifetime service.

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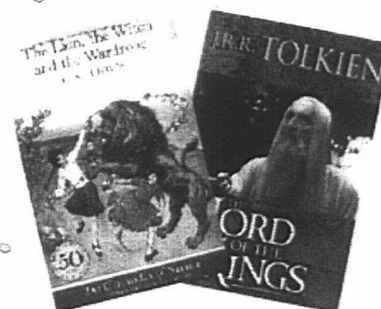
*Chronicles of Narnia.* "We don't go to fantasy stories to learn theology; we go to the Bible to learn theology." Instead, he encourages Christian readers to approach these works and others like them realizing that their stories "are also drawn from myth and folklore, so there

are other ideas there." Claiming that these tales are allegories is "an oversimplification." While Woolsey does recognize that certain aspects of these stories—like Aslan's sacrificial death on the stone table in Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*—yield themselves to Christian interpretations, that is not the only possible interpretation.

The pagan influences within their works allow for "multiple interpretations to be derived."

Therefore, Woolsey exhorts readers to let fantasy be fantasy. Don't expect it to teach Scriptural truths; that's the Bible's job, he says. Instead, be content to enjoy the adventures of the Fellowship and the exploits of Lucy

and her siblings, appreciating the truth that is there and the literary beauty of the works.



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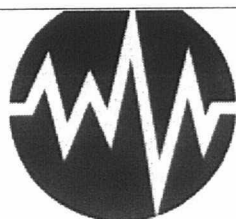
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# LIFELINE

Do you want to dig deeper into the Word of God?

Small group Bible studies may be the answer! Join Lifeline today!

Lifeline is a series of student-led Bible studies hosted in the homes of professors and community members. This semester we are continuing to study the book of Ephesians.

Look for sign-up tables during meals in the Campus Center or in the chapel before CLEW services.

Questions? Email Pastor Todd Leach at [tleach@hwchurch.org](mailto:tleach@hwchurch.org)

## How to beat those Houghton winter (or anywhere else) blues

BY CHRISTOPHER STANLEY  
AND JESSICA ROCKWELL  
STAR STAFF WRITERS

Many people think that there's nothing to do at Houghton, especially during the wintertime. Those people are decidedly wrong. During the next few months, there is a plethora of activities that college students and community members can take part in. For instance, the nearby ski resorts are both affordable and easy to get to. More about those later on...

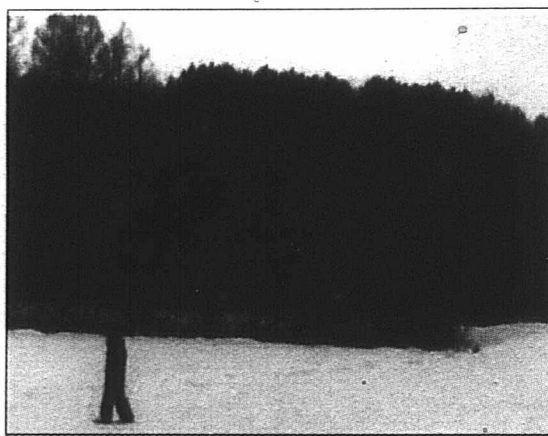
If you haven't noticed already, there's a new skating rink on the quad right here in Houghton; we also have our very own skiing spots. The skating rink just recently opened, and many students have begun to play ice hockey or simply skate around to enjoy themselves. The ski hill by the athletic fields is already open for business, and it's easy and

affordable to rent the equipment from the gym office in the Nielsen Center. Unfortunately, the Nielsen Center does not yet supply ice skates for student rental. There are many hills around campus and the surrounding community, but the main one with the ski lift is the most frequented. Students use this hill for skiing as well as snowboarding. Sledding is prohibited on the ski hill, but other places are free game for the kid in

you. Others can go cross-country skiing, and participate in snow-shoeing on nearby cross-country

trails in the woods just behind the ski lift.

Some other winter activity sites include nearby Letchworth State Park where students are able to go cross-country skiing as well as tubing and snow-shoeing.



Similar to Houghton, Letchworth has trails that are available to bold cross-country skiers who

want to view nature while in nature. These activities are also at a low cost, if not free. Another place to visit is the Higgins Hill, located next to Higgins Wesleyan Church.

Farther away from the college for the die-hard snow-people is O'Deas in Olean. Unlike Letchworth, where you have to climb the hill, this resort tows adventurers up the hill...once at the top, you can begin your tubing adventure.

Finally, other local ski resorts include Swain, near Canaserega (a town which boasts a Sweet Attitudes) and Holiday Valley, in Ellicottville, which is a more expensive outing for the average college student. More information about any of these activities can be found in the Info Center; weather conditions are available on [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com).



### The Advice/Chris-Says-What-He-Wants-to Column: Hear it from Dr. Love

by Chris Austin

It is that time again, the time for the writings of columnists just trying to make it in this world. Hard times, busy times, you all know how it is. The break is over and though I am writing this only a week into the semester, it feels like it could have been a month. To my surprise, the column has generated yet another letter of inquiry, bringing the grand total to two letters. Unfortunately, because I did get a question in the mail, I cannot spend a long time bashing the "Christmas music" that was blared from Fancher during December. You undoubtedly remember the jarring discord that was Silent Night, just one of the many awful attempts of turning good Christmas music into bell tower musicals. It appears we may now move on to yet another holiday, that of the oh-so-fun Valentine's Day.

Dear Chris,

Should Valentine's Day be for guys too? If so, what should girls give them as a gift?  
- Confused Cupid

Well, Cupid, this is indeed a tough question. I am admittedly not an expert in this field. Therefore, you will have to bear with me. Furthermore, I have taken the liberty of assuming that you do in fact like the guy you are buying gifts for. So if this is not the case, well, pretend it is.

It appears that Valentine's day is more of a woman's holiday, to be sure. But secretly deep down I think many a young lad would wish that a girl would show them some appreciation through a small token. I mean hey, it is flattering to be liked. However, there are rules that need to be put in place for such an undertaking. For example:

- 1) Tokens should be small. Nothing bigger than a baseball I would say.
- 2) Gifts that would be for a girl are out of the question. No flowers. No chocolates. No nail polish. Non-feminine is crucial.
- 3) Do not buy something that would suggest you are desperate. As in something expensive, or a card that says "I love you and see myself dying of old age in a rocking chair beside you." Hopefully there are no cards out there that say that, because they would make no money.

This is not an exhaustive list by any means, mind you. They are just a few simple tips from a guy who knows absolutely nothing about this subject. With that being said, if you want to have any chance with this boy, you will probably take my article and burn it, leaving the ashes in the middle of the quad for all to see as an example of a literary injustice to a given subject. My apologies go out to the poor soul whose article is on the backside of mine.

The most obvious message of today's column is to take it easy. Maybe a nice Valentine's Day card, or a brownie with a bow on it. Make it simple. Because I don't want a follow up letter saying, "Dear Chris. Why did you ruin my chances at finding a spouse here at Houghton? - Enraged Cupid." This would not look good for the popular image I am trying to maintain.

At any rate, please forgive me if this article was not as serious as you may have anticipated. I guess it's just not my style. But, do remember this issue's key words: simple, non-feminine, CPO 17 (notice how my cpo box is there again - that's because everyone must keep forgetting it and mailing their questions to the wrong address).

## EDITORIAL

### Winter Wonderland by Bethany Schwartz

Driving to class doesn't hold much appeal for me anymore. I used to drive only when I was late; it got me to class a lot quicker. But now that I have to scrape snow off my car every time I want to go somewhere, driving to campus takes me an extra five minutes instead of shaving off some time.

Ordinarily I like winter—at least, for the first few weeks. Out come the Christmas songs and the decorations, and the snow makes it feel like the "most wonderful time of the year."

As for me, I'm sick of walking in this winter wonderland. As time goes on the infatuation phase has passed and I'm ready for the snow to melt, the birds to start singing, and leaves to begin popping out on the trees.

Is it spring yet?

Then I ask myself, where has my sense of wonder gone?

During break I had to drive to work at 6 a.m., not exactly my idea of wonderful. Not to mention the snow...and that one morning, I backed my car into a snow-drift in my own driveway and had to spend an extra half hour shoveling it out. But that same morning, as I drove late to work amidst falling snow, I was even able to see its beauty.

As it rose, the sun gently covered my world in a blue haze. If you've ever been outside in the snow during the early parts of the morning, you know what I mean; even the snowflakes and dilapidated barns appeared blue. One beautiful and intricate, the other, an eyesore. But both could be made special in the light of the sun.

Strong, weak, ugly, falling apart, intricate—the light from the Sun can make each beautiful. It is only in His light that we can shine, as Shelley says, like stars.

Don't lose heart when it seems that winter—or a particular season of your life—is going on and on for what seems like forever. Don't forget to look for the beauty which could not exist at any other time—and the beauty that is made evident in you.

Yeah, winter seems interminable sometimes. Yeah, maybe it was -13 degrees in Fillmore the other night, and there seems to be no hope of the temperature rising. But we still walk in God's wonderland, whether it is winter or not. And soon, very soon, the spring will come.



## EDITORIAL

### Shining Like a Star!

by Shelley Dooley

"All right, everyone, I want you to do five 'I'm a stars.' " My group looked up at me wondering what a star was. "It's like this, guys." I crouched down on the ground and jumped high into the air, stretching out my arms and legs in a star-like position while shouting, "I'm a star." Laughing, my participants joined in on the fun. In the middle of the woods with five-day-old-dirt caked onto our faces, we were the most unlikely set of stars you ever saw.

When I was younger I longed to float across the stage like a prima ballerina. I wanted to be a star. Someone that people looked up to and thought was special—someone who could dazzle audiences across the world with grace, talent, and athleticism. But I'm not a ballerina. Far from it, I might add. In fact, I rarely put on my pointe shoes anymore and grace is not my middle name. Thirteen years of ballet classes and still, I'm not a "star."

In ninth grade I started running track. I practiced hard and raced hard. I won a few races and lost a few more. I thought I would achieve my fame through running and I suppose on some level I did. I was that runner with the red braided hair and really white legs. But I wasn't a "star."

When I entered Houghton I wanted to flourish in the writing department. I was determined to publish my first book by the time I graduated. I would find my fame in the literary world. Needless to say, I haven't published a book. I haven't even submitted anything to a publisher. My name isn't on the best seller list in the newspaper and I can't walk into Borders and look up my name. I'm not a famous author.

I'm not a famous ballerina. I'm not an Olympic caliber athlete. I'm not published. I'm not a "star."

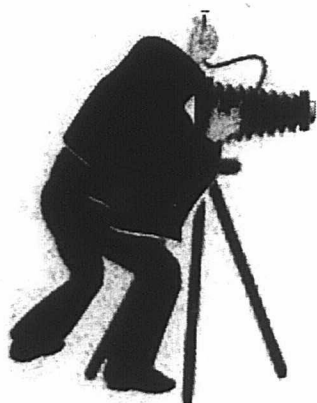
But I can be. I doubt that I'll ever achieve world-wide renown. With my dancing days over, my running days sporadic and my writing more of a hobby than a career, my fame isn't something that can be measured by man. Instead, I can shine like a star for Christ. Both like a literal star that is in the sky and the status of an earthly star.

From movie stars to athletes to authors to musicians nearly every one achieved their stardom by dedicating long hours of practice to their respective careers. In order to reach their level of expertise, each famous person we see today most likely had to sacrifice something to reach their position. You don't often hear of an Olympic athlete winning the 100m dash without ever running before. You don't often hear of distinguished musicians who immediately reached advanced levels without ever picking up an instrument. You don't often read books by authors who never received a rejection letter from a publisher. You don't often see an actor who never had to play a minor role. In the same way that the famous section of the world can't reach their goals without hard work, we as Christians can't expect to gain spiritual stardom without dedicating our lives to reach it.

And we're even given a set of instructions on how to shine like stars for Christ.

In Philippians 2:14-16 Paul states that we are to "do everything without complaining or arguing so that we may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation in which we shine like stars in the universe as we hold out the word of life."

Each time we complain, each time we argue, we are tarnishing our spiritual stars. And I want my star to shine as brightly as possible. As we continue to move through our lives we'll be thrust into many crooked and depraved situations. No matter how hard the circumstances or how much work it takes to smile, we should all strive to shine like stars. This past summer as my participants jumped up in the air, most of them knew that we as their leaders were there to help them, to love them, and to work with them. As Christians we have a God who is so willing to help us, to love us, and to work with us. If my participants were willing to make the effort to shine like stars for us, their leaders, even though they were tired, hungry, and yes...even a little smelly, I would hope that I am willing to make the effort to shine like a star for my God who is the most extraordinary leader I will ever encounter. It will take work, it will take practice, it will take time reading His instruction book, but with practice and dedication each person can all shout to the world that he or she is "a star!"



If like to take pictures, you should join the STAR! We need photographers who can take pictures on a regular basis with our high-quality digital cameras. Come to one of our Monday night meetings at 7 p.m. or email [star@houghton.edu](mailto:star@houghton.edu) today!

## Top Ten

### My New Year's Resolutions

by Greg On

10. DO have more fun in the cafeteria
9. DON'T peg Mrs. Chamberlain with a wad of bread in the cafeteria
8. DO play more Ultimate Frisbee
7. DON'T play more basketball - trust me, I'm doing everyone a favor
6. DO get more sleep
5. DON'T get more sleep in classes
4. DO see the Matrix sequels, despite the dumb names
3. DON'T see "Legally Blonde Too" or "Dumb and Dumber"
2. DO get a shot in the goal in indoor soccer
1. DON'T get a shot in the groin in indoor soccer

What's so important about this Wednesday and Thursday night?

## Auditions for The Importance of Being Earnest!

Wednesday 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday 8 - 9:30 p.m.  
in the Rosemary Tysinger Auditorium at Houghton Academy

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## Review: the heart wins when it comes to *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*

BY J.A. PRUFROCK  
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"Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers"

Drama, Adventure, Fantasy  
PG-13

Starring: Elijah Wood,  
Ian McKellan, Viggo Mortensen  
Released: Dec. 18, 2002  
3 hrs.

"Do you remember the best stories Mr. Frodo? The ones that really mattered? They were full of darkness and danger and you didn't want to know what happened. But in the end you realize that it's a passing thing and a new day will come. Those are the stories that stayed with you and meant something. The folks in those stories kept going. They held onto something."

"What are we hanging onto, Sam?"

"That there is some good in this world, Mr. Frodo, and it's worth fighting for."

It's not easy being a nerd; sure, you might think it's simple. But what do you do when, like Aragorn on the shores of the Anduin, with orcs carrying Merry and Pippin off to torment westward, and Frodo and Sam headed east into evil Mordor, your heart is torn and there is no simple resolution? I say this because people keep asking me, "How'd you like the movie?"

It really was THE movie; I watched Peter Jackson's adaptation of J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* three times over Christmas break, as well as rereading both *The Two Towers* and *The Return of the King* and *The Silmarillion* and *The Complete Atlas of Middle Earth*, just to ensure accuracy for the long, lamp-lit debates with friends and family. Tolkien is serious stuff in my circles.

In the end, like Aragorn, I chose to follow my heart. Even though

the purist in me cries in anguish, "Heresy!" at the liberties that Peter Jackson took in drastically altering Tolkien's plotline, I still grin and my eyes unfocus. My heart wins out: I still think that Peter Jackson is a storytelling genius. The movie's opening scene alone, Gandalf's titanic struggle with the Balrog, is worth the price of admission. The end, with Sam's simple words of encouragement, is beautiful and deep, filled with truth that will stay with you long after the movie is over. And in between these two, Jackson takes you on the journey of a lifetime. The interaction between Frodo, Sam, and the incredibly voice-acted and computer-generated Gollum is an excellently conceived dance between lightheartedness and tragic struggle. The valiant king of Rohan and Aragorn struggle to lead their people against overwhelming masses of evil orcs in a heroic last stand. Legolas and Gimli develop a fast friendship and annihilate several small armies of orcs. Vast multitudes locked in battle, beautiful backgrounds and scenery, touching moments, profound words, brilliant special effects, and comic relief form a river that will sweep you out of this world and into the land of Middle-Earth. I didn't realize how tense I was getting during this movie until my brother tried to pry a box of candy from my clawed hands, imperiling his life.

In short, Peter Jackson delivers a masterpiece, supported by incredible, yet natural special effects and an extremely talented cast, each portraying a believable character with a story to tell. And each of these stories flows seamlessly with the others, forming a grand theme of perseverance and hope in the face of despair. Go see this movie. It is simply a powerfully good story, a story that inspires and encourages. And then read the book. Because as good as the movie is, the book is even better. Besides, the little nagging purist in my brain insists: Faramir and Treebeard really are good guys; give 'em a chance.



## If you can, catch *Catch Me If You Can*

BY MELANIE MARCIANO  
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"Catch Me if You Can"

Drama, Adventure  
PG-13

Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio,  
Tom Hanks, Christopher Walken  
Released: Dec. 25, 2002  
2 hrs. 20 min.

I had so much fun watching *Catch Me if You Can* over break. Tom Hanks and Leonardo DiCaprio make this fun-loving film a classic with just the right balance of depth and fun. The excitement of the movie is constant with fake identities, chases, escapes, risks, and an awesome get-rich-quick scheme that seems too unbelievable to be based on the true story of con man Frank Abagnale, Jr.

DiCaprio makes a dramatic comeback to the big screen after sinking with the *Titanic*. He plays a quick-thinking teenager who cleverly steals millions of dollars by feigning his dream careers and receiving all the benefits. Tom Hanks portrays an

FBI agent on the Abagnale case who becomes intrigued by Frank, which fuels his chase with suspense and secret admiration.

Abagnale charms each person he meets into a daze. Living in the 1960's, Abagnale takes inspiration from actors on TV like James Bond and draws the attention of all eyes in the room. Despite being incredibly rich and surrounded by important people, he is forced to be lonely with his fortune and the secret of how he obtained it. His parents' divorce initiates isolation and the need to establish a better life for himself on his own.

Director Steven Spielberg allows the viewer to fall in love with each character, from their faults to their heroic stunts. *Catch Me if You Can* leaves you happy and eager to pursue the occupation you've always thought impossible...or at least stop by the costume shop.

Scale: 1-5

score: 5

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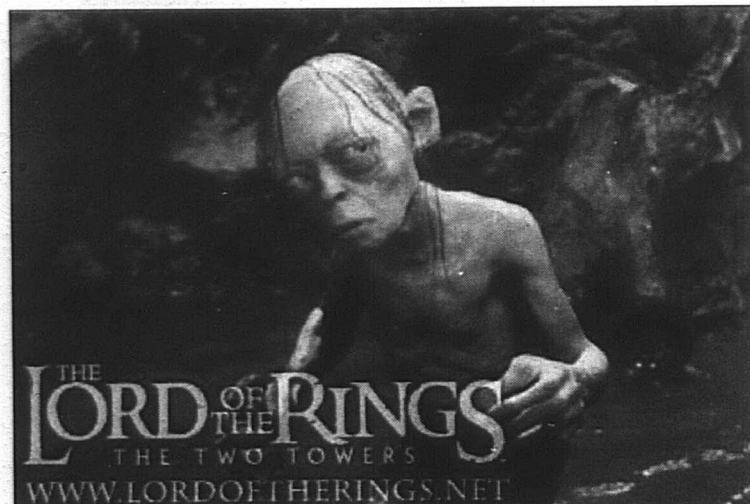
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### Antiwar propaganda just that—propaganda

First, I would like to say that while I am usually excited to see Christians trying to take an active role in political and social issues, I am bitterly disappointed with ESA's support for the antiwar demonstration postulated by the group A.N.S.W.E.R. and their attempt to influence us to join it as is evidenced by their putting up the posters (both on their bulletin board and in the art building). While I would like nothing better than to avoid war, there are times when it is the only way. I find it interesting that this group (A.N.S.W.E.R.), in fact the entire antiwar movement, was nowhere to be found in 1999 when Clinton sent our troops to fight in Kosovo and started an air-battle over Baghdad. His reasons for both conflicts were exactly the same as President Bush's—Slobodan Milosevic was an evil man who needed to be taken out, and our interests were at stake in Iraq. There was some protest here and there (mostly from congressmen who wanted better reasons for attacking another country) but no organized resistance like this, at least none that made the news. Why the difference? They're obviously not antiwar, since they don't object to randomly attacking other countries. They claim that they oppose this war because Bush is fighting for oil, but since Clinton's justification for the air raids was that our "interests" were threatened, and not even that in Kosovo, I don't think this is a valid reason.

This antiwar march,

scheduled for sentimental reasons on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday (he was, I might add, a communist sympathizer), will not make for peace in Iraq or anywhere else. People have the right to dissent from the government and they have the right to protest. But the attitudes of hostility so often expressed in these antiwar demonstrations and the fact that while they claim to be dispelling "the hype," their whole position is based on hyped-up predictions about the estimated cost of the "war" tends to fuel the fire. Our nation ends up fighting two wars.

There's a better way to do it. Real peace will not come in a fallen world, except by the direct intervention of the Almighty God. Fellow Christians, we need to pray for our country and its leaders, for the people of Iraq, and yes, even for Saddam Hussein. "Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live'" (Ezekiel 33:11, NIV). It is not too late for God to move in this situation. He is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and with His birth the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests" (Luke 2:14). But this peace was not an artificial, manmade thing (in fact God makes it quite clear what He thinks of people who say, "peace, peace" when there is no peace; Jeremiah 6:14, 8:11), but instead the real product bestowed by a God who, as ESA quite correctly states in their purpose, loves us and wants us to be at peace (Isaiah 57:11). Those who would see peace would be

better advised to pour their energy into prayer, and, if I may add, preaching the gospel. Only when the world accepts the lordship of the Prince of Peace, will real, lasting peace come. I hope you will join me in this sort of "March for Peace."

-Adam Carman '06

### Thank you for making a difference

This is a love letter to Houghton College students. No, not a romantic love letter. Sorry, those of you who were hoping for romance here. This is a love letter of appreciation to all of you wonderful students who contributed so generously to the November turkey fund and to the December Christmas gift fund. The combined amount of money raised was an amazing \$2,905.80. The Senior class won the competition with one single donation the

last week of school of \$385. With the total sum of money, we purchased 60 turkeys and 110 Christmas presents. Thank you to all who helped wrap and write tags. A special thank you to Jordan Markwood for all the wrapping paper; special thanks to Emily Munro, David Steele, Lindsay Kucewicz, Angela Consolo and Phyllis Gaerte. Thanks to Jeanette Kaiser of Allegany County Child Assistance Program in Belmont.

In all the years I've been at Houghton (and Tim Nichols would say "a lot"), I've never seen a more generous and caring student body. Some of the thanks goes to the Student Government for their support. Credit goes to the class cabinets who voted to help out, as well as dorm floors and RA's. But so much thanks goes to those who emptied change jars or collected money from family and friends, or even dipped into personal savings—

ordinary students who are so extra-ordinary in their kindness and in obeying Jesus' command that we who have share generously with those who don't have. I wish you all could see the smiling happy faces or occasionally the grateful, tear-filled eyes of those who receive.

None of us do this to get accolades from people, but humbly, carrying out God's plan that we are His hands and feet to those who have needs. Thank you to each person, student, staff, faculty or administrator who contributed. May you always have eyes that compassionately see needs and help out. To quote Martin Luther King, "Don't ask 'what will it cost me if I help?' but 'what will it cost them if I don't help?'"

Thank you for making a difference.

-Kathie Brenneman  
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Some of the Christmas gifts purchased with the money raised this December.

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## Men's basketball aiming high

BY AARON BOYNTON  
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The Houghton Highlander men's basketball team is improving. After two losses last week-end to Elmira and Geneva Colleges, the team looks to turn things around with upcoming games against Tiffin University and a home contest against rival Roberts Wesleyan on January 28th. The Highlanders have had to play this season without starting power forward Justin Pauley who under-

went surgery to repair his meniscus in December. Pauley was one of the leading scorers on the team before going down.

Houghton is still battling night in and night out, not letting any team run over them. Led by juniors Jason Lee, Seth Raper and sophomore Adam Zoeller, the Highlander men will look to finish the season strong and come out with their first winning record since the 1991-1992 season.

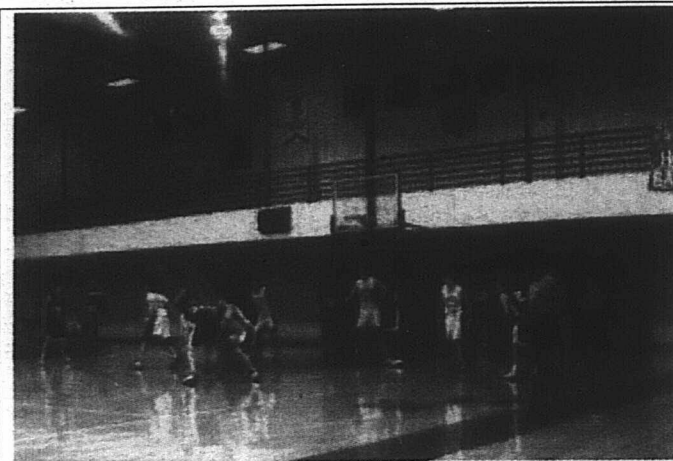


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The Highlanders worked hard on defense during Thursday's loss to Elmira.

## Women Highlanders getting into gear

BY AARON BOYNTON  
STAR SPORTS WRITER

After a slow start to the 2002-2003 season, the women's varsity basketball team has really started to heat things up. The Highlanders, led by seniors Alicia Mucher, Angela Layne, Amanda Sweeney, and Katie Packard, have won five out of their last seven contests to improve to a record of 8 wins and 6 losses. The Highlanders play

Carlow College twice in the upcoming week with rival Roberts Wesleyan College in between. Houghton is currently one and two games ahead of their next two opponents, respectively, in the their division. Come out on the 28th to cheer both the women's and men's basketball teams as they aim to have a double knockout of Roberts Wesleyan.



PHOTO BY BETHANY SCHWARTZ

Junior Matt Meabon (25) attempts to move the ball to a teammate during Thursday's game against Elmira. Meabon and the Highlanders scored a disappointing loss, falling short by only four points.

## Mucher goes over 1,000 career points

Alicia Mucher went over the 1,000-point mark for her career with 20 points in a season-opening win over Pitt-Bradford in November, becoming one of only a handful of Highlander players to break that barrier. If she keeps up her current scoring pace she could challenge the top mark of 1,580 by season's end.

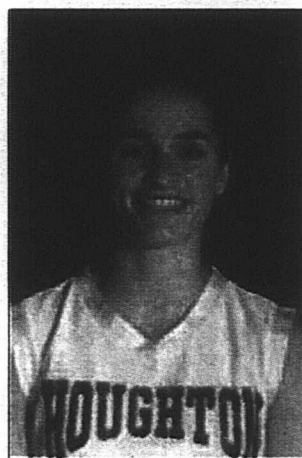
The 5-7 guard is also on pace to finish her career with over 500 rebounds, 300 assists, 300 steals, and 150 three pointers.

Mucher's career highlights include guiding the Highlanders to back-to-back NAIA National Tournaments and a combined 42-13 record during her first two seasons, earning All-Northeast Atlantic Conference second team honors

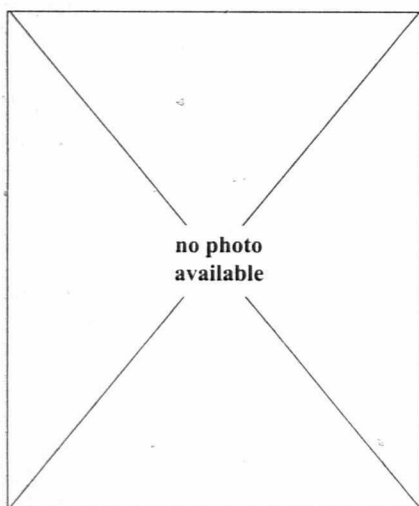
both years. She was also a member of the Highlanders soccer team that advanced to the NAIA National Tournament in 1999.

But her career hasn't been without its challenges. She has had to overcome an ACL injury to both knees, the second of which caused her to miss her junior season in which the team made their third-straight trip to Nationals. Though the injury slowed her for the first-half of last season, she was recovered enough to lead the team in scoring (15.3) and hit 45 three-pointers. She earned All-American Mideast Conference honorable mention honors.

She is third on the team in scoring (14.8 points), leads the team in assists, steals, field goal percentage, and three pointers.



## HIGHLANDER athlete of the week



Peter Wheatley  
track and field

Sophomore Peter Wheatley, a member of the track and field team, set two school records at the Fredonia State Indoor Early Open on Saturday. He broke the long jump record with a jump of 21' 1 and 3/4" and then broke the triple jump record with a leap of 42' 10 and 1/4". It was the first time in his career he had attempted the triple jump in competition.

## HIGHLANDER SCORES

### Women's basketball

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1/16 Houghton 65, Seton Hill 61  
1/18 Houghton 69, Geneva 61

### Men's basketball

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