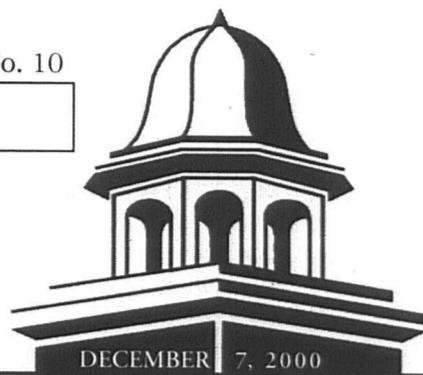


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## LET IT SNOW

Early storm an omen of bitter winter weather



Stephen Maxon

A heavy lake-effect snowstorm belted Western New York the week of Thanksgiving, bringing all westward traffic to a standstill, and stranding many students on the Houghton campus. By the time the storm had ceased, over two feet of snow had fallen, leaving the whole region under a blanket of white. The surprise storm was a shock to even native New Yorkers, leaving the community to wonder--what kind of weather lies ahead for the rest of the winter?

Interestingly enough, the Old Farmer's Almanac, published each year since 1792, and available on the Internet at [www.almanac.com](http://www.almanac.com), was not at all surprised

by the blizzard. The 2000 edition of the Almanac clearly predicted "snow showers," for November 21st, and "heavy lake snows" beginning on the 22nd. In addition, it predicted the warming spell that followed, and has eliminated all but the most stubborn pockets of snow. So, what does it predict for the rest of the season?

The Almanac says this winter will have temperatures that are slightly colder than normal, in a change from previous, milder winters. It also predicts higher than normal snowfall in the region, with heavy lake effect snows in both November and December. The coldest temperatures of the year are expected in the last half of

December, with a variable January, a mild February, and a cold March, "with a major snowstorm in the second week, and a couple more snow events in the second half of the month." And April will bring an "April Fool's snowstorm," says the Almanac, with more snow in the middle of the month, followed by the first warm weather of the spring.

In December, the Almanac predicts the first twelve days will be marked by cold temperatures and lake squalls, followed by bitter cold and snow from the 13th to the 17th. A thaw will ensue afterwards, but by Christmas Day, there should be more snow on the ground. The last few days of the year, and thus, the

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## Beloved Dean of Students announces resignation

Richard Mehring

This past week Houghton College's dean of students, Robert Danner, made the decision to retire. After twenty years of service, Dean Danner is the longest serving dean in the history of the college.

I had the opportunity to interview Dean Danner about his recent decision to retire. When I asked him what brought about his decision, his reply was "at this point, I'm looking for a different level of involvement." After taking some vacation time in August, he

plans to take a part time position with Houghton's admission office. Although this may seem quite a change in occupation for the Dean, college admissions is a field he has much past experience with. After obtaining a masters degree in student affairs from George Washington University, he was appointed Associate Director of Admissions at West Point in 1974, an office he held for five years.

In 1980 he came to Houghton to begin his career as Dean of Students, a job

he has found deeply rewarding despite some difficult challenges. According to Dean Danner, the best thing about his job is the students. "I've been here long enough to see about a third of the alumni pass through here," he said. He feels that Houghton students are of an academically talented variety, and that they create a positive atmosphere around campus. "They're a refreshing group," he says. "A cut above other college students because of their Christian commitment."

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# Community mourns students killed in accident

Stephen Maxon

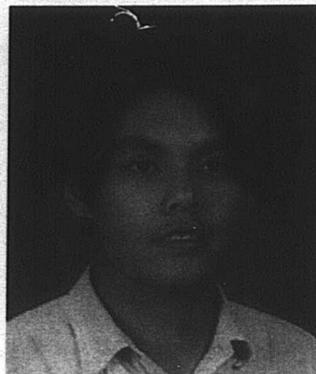
The Houghton community celebrated the lives of two former Academy students killed in a tragic car accident, at a memorial service held last Wednesday.

Wai Shun "Wilson" Chu, 20, and Karl So were killed on Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd, when the car they were traveling in was hit by a pickup truck near the campus of the Rochester Institute of Technology, where Karl was a student. Wilson was a freshman at Houghton College. A third person in the car, another RIT student, was hospitalized after the accident, while the driver of the pickup truck was in satisfactory condition.

At the memorial service, held in the Rosemary Tysinger Auditorium of

Houghton Academy, different people who had played important roles in the lives of the students shared how much the two had meant to them. Philip Stockin, headmaster of the Academy, spoke highly of both Wilson and Karl, saying that though they had graduated, their constant return visits made it like they had never left. Philip Merrill, Wilson's dorm parent, and Ben Hsu, one of their friends, also shared some anecdotes from their lives.

One of the most emotional portions of the service was the pictorial slideshow, which was shown as a piano solo was performed by Wilson and Karl's close friend, Jennifer Lee. Following that, Gary King, their basketball coach, Mamoru Miyazaki, Wilson's college roommate, and Dean Dover, a ski club chaperone, shared more poignant and entertaining stories



Karl So



Wilson Chu

about the two. Karl's father was the last to speak, and he talked lovingly about his son.

Music was provided by the Houghton Academy handbell choir - an organization Wilson was very active in - which performed one of his favorite pieces, and the Houghton Academy senior choir, which sang two very stirring songs.

In addition to the memorial service, the Office of Student Life kept a keepsake book for the family of Wai Shun Chu, where those who knew him were encouraged to write their thoughts or prayers of encouragement. Counseling is also always available from the Counseling Center for anyone who wishes.

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One of the most remarkable things Dean Danner has experienced during his years at Houghton is how little the age difference between him and the

students has affected his interaction with them. "The gap is only one of respect," he says. While the Dean has a good reputation among the student body, he feels he can maintain a presence

as an authority figure. He has had to make some hard decisions and exercise disciplinary action several times in his time here, but such action has not caused his reputation with students to suffer.

Although his experience with students at Houghton has been characterized by great joy and satisfaction, his job has not been without its trials. When he began his career at Houghton College, the student affairs department could best be described as "fragmentary," and the Dean and his staff began the slow process of building the department into a more efficiently running, cohesively organized unit. The pivotal point in this development came in 1993 when the college hosted the Association of Christians and Student Development for a week-long seminar devoted to maintaining a well organized college student affairs program from a Christian perspective.

"[Hosting the seminar] signed the seal of good housekeeping for us," he said.

Over the past twenty years, Houghton College has been blessed with Dean Danner's love for and desire to identify with students.

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millennium, are predicted to be mild, with flurries.

Though the reliability of long-term forecasts like this one is often questioned by scientists and weathermen, the Old Farmer's Almanac did manage to predict this most recent storm - almost a year in advance. If there's any validity to its methods, Houghton students and faculty might need to prepare for a cold and snowy winter, with no long-lasting relief in sight until the middle of April. Though this may not be the best weather for traveling, it does beautify the campus, provide many leisure opportunities, and remind us all of the wonder of God's creation.

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## Despite delays, coffee shop opens to "sweet" reviews

Bethany Schwartz

With the extensive remodeling complete, the Houghton branch of the Wellsville based coffee and chocolate shop Sweet Attitudes opened last weekend. Located directly across the street from the BP on Route 19, the shop had planned to open its doors on Friday, December 1, however, some of the machines were not ready to be used at that time, so the restaurant delayed the opening until Saturday, when they were open from 10 am to 5 pm, a slight change from the original 9 am target. The regular business hours, 7 am to 12 am, went into effect Monday, and according to owner Rita Geoppner, should be consistent from now on.

Since the shop is still in the early stages of operation, the menu is abbreviated, but Geoppner is confident that as time progresses more items things will become available. Along with its



The new shop boasts its Yuletide finest

trademark homemade chocolates, the restaurant also sells bagels, scones, and hot drinks such as hot chocolate, cappuchino, latte, espresso, regular coffee, and soft drinks. The homemade chocolates are also available boxed as gifts, as are numerous other craft items on

display.

Rita Geoppner, the store owner, began making her chocolates in the basement of her home in Wellsville, NY several years ago. After three years, she decided to expand to a store in Wellsville. Coffee was added to the menu, and the subsequent

three years yielded a devoted, loyal customer base, including Houghton Dean Bob Danner, who urged Geoppner to open a branch in Houghton. This plan came to fruition when the Flower Basket, occupants of the building now housing Sweet Attitudes, moved their store to Belfast. The final piece to the puzzle came when the Willard J. Houghton Foundation bought the space and began offering it to potential renters.

Geoppner and Karen Russell, store manager, envision Sweet Attitudes as a cozy student hangout, whether for dates, studying, or simply for relaxation after class. The shop is equipped with network jacks, and Russell and Geoppner are encouraging students in displaying artwork or performing there, and they want the store to be available for art shows and students' musical performances.

## Proposed townhouse expansion moves ahead

Charlie Farnham

The record number of freshmen this year has resulted in questions for next year. One of these questions is that of housing. Administration has been working hard to eliminate the much-talked about triples in South Hall next year. In order to do this, they have proposed building an additional seven to nine townhouses.

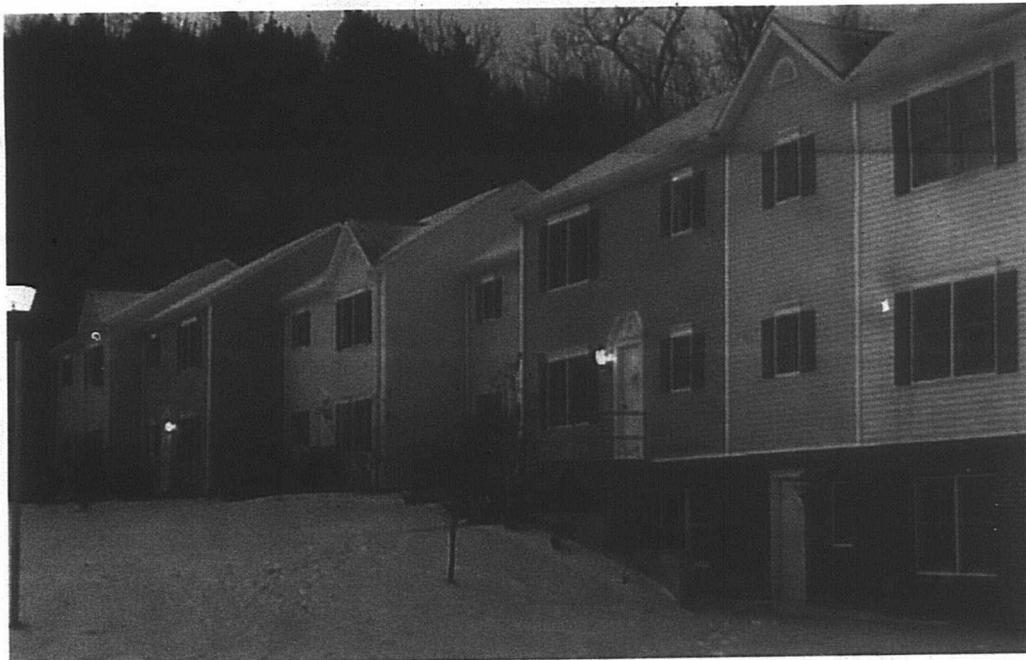
Vice President of Finance, Jeffery Spear, said the current proposal consists of nine townhouses to be built onto the existing Randall and Leonard Townhouses. There would be four townhouses added to Randall and five more built on to Leonard.

The changes to Randall would include two townhouses built on to both sides. The two added on the parking lot side would face the parking lot. There would also be two added towards the South Hall side.

Spear has proposed constructing a pathway and bridge to connect with Jockey Street.

The Leonard renovations would be a little more extensive. First, there would be five new townhouses built onto the far side of the existing ones, facing towards Route 19. The proposed plan would eliminate the existing parking lot, replacing it with green space. The parking lot would then be moved beyond the new townhouse at the far side.

The number of students housed in each townhouse would remain at seven to eight. Spear noted that the price of singles would more than likely be raised in order to encourage more doubles in the townhouses. He



The new townhouses will likely be added to the Leonard St. site

also noted that the prices of singles in other colleges and universities are differentially bigger than they are here.

According to Spear, construction should begin in April of next year. He noted that this would be a slight inconvenience for the last month for students next semester. But the advantage of starting this early is that they will be finished on time. Spear would like to avoid what happened when the last townhouses were built: Spear and his wife moved in furniture the day that students were arriving. The new townhouses will contain network and telephone hookups as in the other townhouses.

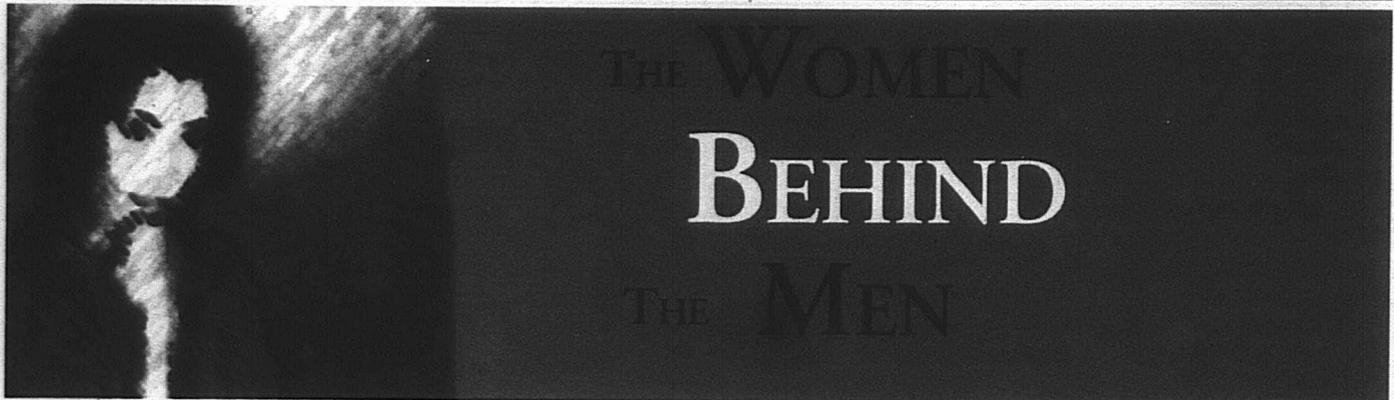
Denise Bakerrink, Director of Residence Life, stated that not

much will change with the Community Living Option (CLO). The CLO process will still be the same, with incoming seniors and juniors being able to apply for permission to live within the Houghton community. The process, she said, will not be made available for incoming sophomores. Most likely, as usual, the townhouses will be full of juniors and a few seniors.

The addition of seven to nine townhouses will decrease the number of juniors and seniors in the residential halls, making it less crowded for sophomores and incoming freshmen next year. If admissions accepts a class as big as this year's freshman class, then Spear said

his goal is to make accommodations as comfortable as possible. His goal is to provide the housing for everyone in order to make them comfortable where they are staying. Funding for the construction is paid for by the Willard J. Houghton foundation, which then will lease the townhouses back to the college. Additional money is made available through the rent of students.


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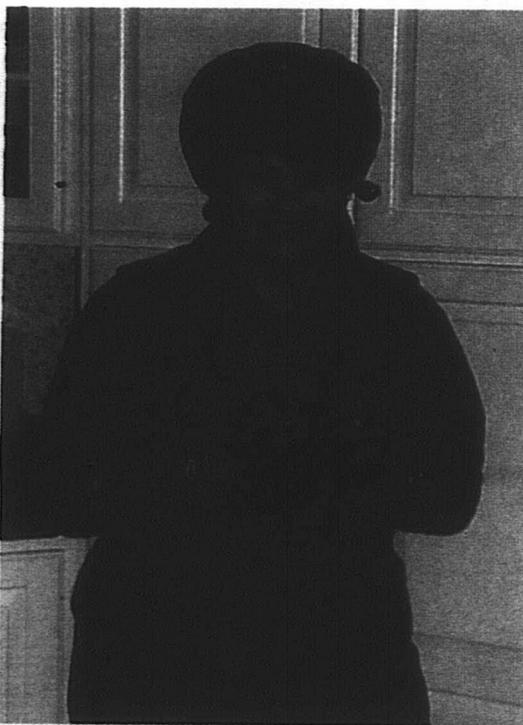
## Rosalyn Danner

Maria Behrns

She was a junior at Wheaton when she noticed him in the College Concert Band: Rosalyn was immediately attracted to Bob's ability to lead people. Always an introvert, she was shy around this man who was Wheaton's first-ever tuba major. Furthermore, she knew that he was engaged. Apparently, however, this couple we now know as Bob and Rosalyn Danner (or maybe as Dean Danner and Mrs. Danner) were meant to be together. After he broke off his engagement, they went on their first date, to Wheaton's Homecoming Artist Series Concert. That was in October. By June, they were married. With a laugh, Mrs. Danner admits, "I don't know if I'd recommend that today. My father always said that you should know someone for at least four seasons before you married him."

Knowing each other for only three seasons before they tied the knot, Bob and Rosalyn just missed her father's quota. But today, neither has any regrets. They spent the first 20 years of their marriage in military assignments, during

which they were stationed in Italy for 3 years. As a Colonel's wife, Mrs. Danner was expected



to dutifully entertain, and her responsibilities as the wife of a military official—most significantly, their constant need to relocate—prevented her from pursuing the nursing career she

working toward. But, she remains confident that "an education is never wasted." Her nursing studies and experiences thoroughly prepared her for the constant demands—often health-related—of caring for four children.

In 1981, Colonel Danner applied for a position with the

Houghton College Residence Life, and although he never expected to receive the offer, he was certainly pleased to accept it. Moving his family to Houghton, he subsequently changed his title from "Colonel Danner" to "Dean Danner." Rosalyn, in particular, was excited about the move to

Houghton, as she had grown up in Allegany County, first in Belmont, and later in Wellsville, where she had attended high school. For Dean Danner, the transition from the military to

"was an easy one," as he had worked for some time at West Point's Admission Office. His Master's Degree in Educational Administration further prepared him for his new career responsibilities.

Although occupied with resettling in Houghton, with three of the four Danner children still living at home (the oldest was attending engineering school), and with supporting her husband in his new job, Mrs. Danner still managed to enroll as an art student at Houghton, successfully completing her Art B.A. in 1984. And in 1988, their lives became increasingly detailed when she was asked to volunteer as coordinator of the college's art gallery, a position that has expanded considerably.

Although the demands placed on a Colonel's wife are extremely different from the expectations of a Dean's wife, Mrs. Danner continues to see her role as one of encouragement and support. "My husband genuinely loves people," she says with a smile, "and for that reason, he is great at what he does: disciplining and loving students." But often, she has served as a "listening ear for him," and she has "tried to be friends with the very likable people Bob has selected for his staff—he seems to have a good ability to pick talented staff." Overall, Mrs. Danner feels like she

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## Joyce Chamberlain

Joyce Chamberlain met the future Houghton College President, Daniel Chamberlain, her freshman year at Upland College, which is located in Southern California. They became acquainted through

involvement in the school social committee and began their dating relationship in December of that year. Two and a half years later, during the summer before President Chamberlain's senior year of college, they married.

As stated by Mrs. Chamberlain, the years that followed "were very busy years." While attending the University of Oregon and music school, Mrs. Chamberlain gave birth to three boys. After the birth of the three children, Mrs. Chamberlain returned to school at Los Angeles State, where she pursued a degree in Elementary Education. Before Mrs. Chamberlain completed her

education, she and Dr. Chamberlain added two more children to their family. Mrs. Chamberlain said that student teaching while mothering five children was difficult, but she also said, "going back to school was probably the best thing for me." She added, "Doing other things besides family was healthy for me."

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### In Question: What woman has influenced your life the most?



"My teammate"

Michelle Taylor (Senior)



"Beth Gibson, my second mother from home"

Manda Groth (Senior)

# Janine Spear



**Maria Behrns**

After meeting at Houghton during the 70's, Jeff and Janine Spear were married in 1981, after her graduation as a Music major. Although Janine gave private cello and violin lessons for a short time after their wedding, she says that her "primary career goal was to be a mom and wife." And in 1983, her desire was realized, as their first of three children was born.

As a recent Houghton

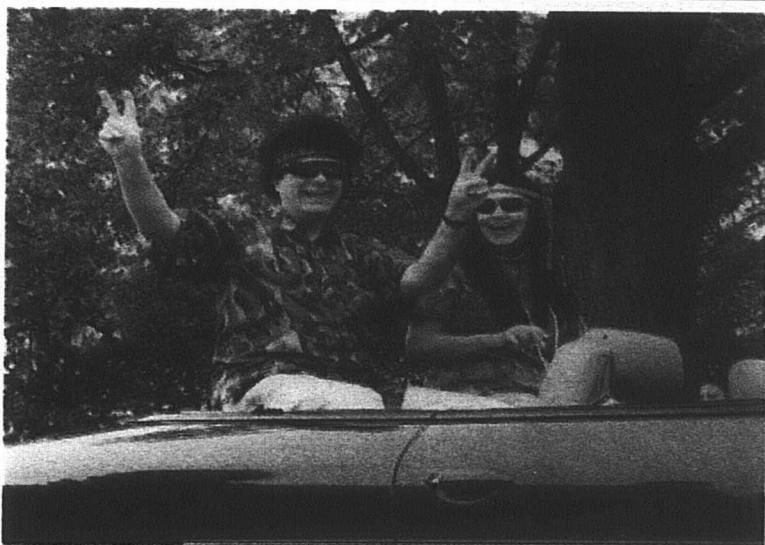
graduate with a Business major, Jeff was busily involved in developing his career. As such, it became important for them to, as Janine puts it, "have someone to hold down the fort at home." Aside from some temporary bookkeeping and house cleaning jobs, Janine successfully managed to be a "stay-at-home" mom for 15 years, until she began working as an assistant in the College's Phys. Ed. Center.

To explain the "mutually supportive" nature of her marriage, Janine refers to how the winter of 1986 was a pivotal time for the Spear family. The time had come in her husband's career in which, unless he accepted a new position that would demand at least 60 hours of his time each week, he would remain at the managerial position. The couple discussed what this might mean for their family: would Janine support Jeff in his decision, making "excuses" about his absence for the children who would certainly notice it? Or would she have a hard time supporting him in his new job, turning into a "nagging" wife? For Janine, the decision was clear: she had to support her husband, maintaining their teamwork.

This philosophy has continued to influence Janine's interaction with her husband and family. Although the Spears lived in Houghton during 1989-1991 as Jeff taught accounting, his current position as Vice President for Finance has brought some unique challenges to the home. Inevitably, any person in the administrative world can become, at some time or another, the object of criticism, and when financial decisions are involved, the potential for animosity runs even

higher. Janine admits that, as a result, recent life has often been made difficult, as "people who are satisfied often keep quiet while the dissatisfied vocal minority does not." It has sometimes been a challenge for Janine to build relationships because of her husband's professional relationships, and she often wishes that people could have more faith that the college administration looks for God's guidance in their decisions. Janine thankfully remarks, "Jeff seems to handle it well, and so if we as a family watch his model, it helps."

Overall, Janine assures that her family is "very happy that [they're] here; we have no designs on leaving, but we're here as long as the Lord leads." She remains faithful to what she feels her calling is as Jeff Spear's wife: she is "supportive of his work," she tries "to be an encouragement to him, and [she's] glad to be a little bit in the public eye." She is grateful that her extroverted husband has "brought her out of her shell a lot." As Janine supports Jeff, the favor is returned. "Not a day goes by without him telling me that he appreciates me, or that he appreciates something I do," she says with a smile.



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The Chamberlain family relocated to Albany, which Mrs. Chamberlain described as "culture shock." Mrs. Chamberlain was able to complete her education and begin her teaching career in Albany. Because of significant family responsibilities, she worked as a

substitute teacher until the family relocated to Pennsylvania, where Dr. Chamberlain took a position as the Academic Dean.

In Pennsylvania, Mrs. Chamberlain taught Elementary School for eight years, never neglecting her responsibilities to

her husband and seven children. After she gained significant teaching experience in Pennsylvania, Dr. Chamberlain was offered the Presidency of Houghton College. By this time, many of the Chamberlain children were grown so Mrs. Chamberlain had the freedom to develop hobbies. Mrs. Chamberlain used her teaching expertise to help student teachers hone their skills by working as a student teacher supervisor with the Houghton College Education Department.

Mrs. Chamberlain has enjoyed her life as the President's wife. She said the best part of her position is getting to know the many people who she meets at the college. According to Mrs. Chamberlain, "The people make the difference."

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"is a part of his team." Her biggest role as Dean Danner's wife, however, has been to "lift him up, supporting him, first of all, in prayer-for wisdom, for sustenance."

Apparently, the support goes both ways. Mrs. Danner is adamant when she says that her husband has always "allowed [her] to develop [her] own gifts. He has been very supportive and encouraging." He helps her with her responsibilities as coordinator of the art gallery, and certainly encourages her to have fun, also. When the weather cooperates, Dean Danner can certainly be seen riding one of his famous bikes around campus, but he is working to convince his wife to share in his hobby. "He's trying to encourage me to ride a recumbent bike," explains Mrs. Danner with a smile. "And I'm considering it!"



**"My Great Grandmother"**

Cyndi Bell "Sophomore"



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From the Desk

Glenn McCarty  
Editor in Chief

## Stargazing: An Advent Meditation

*"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy"-Mathew 2:10*

In the traditional Christmas story, we are told, the wise men from the East saw a star and followed it across the desert to the land of Israel where they were lead to the baby Jesus as he lay in the manger. This series of relatively simple events belies a whole bevy of questions: What kind of

a star would make philosophers (the modern equivalent of the magi) trek far from home just to see its origin? What did they hope to accomplish? When they did get to Nazareth and only found a baby, were they disappointed? Even in the least bit?

At first glance, the journey of the magi seems a very peculiar occurrence, but when you stop to think about it... is it really that unusual? I recently received in the mail the "People of the Year"

edition of Rolling Stone magazine. The featured artists were the boy band the Backstreet Boys. In the article, the Boys depict their fans as insatiable, and oftentimes obsessed. For the Boys' recent MTV television special, five thousand fans, most of them adolescent females, showed up outside the New York studios in temperatures well below freezing just to be in the presence of their heroes. Never mind that most of them would never get a chance to see any of the Boys; it was enough that they were there. This sort of adulation is not new-throughout the television era, American culture has always been fascinated with celebrities, a trend growing to epidemic proportions in the last decade with movies like The Truman Show and Ed TV, both of which examined in detail the everyday lives of celebrities. To me, The MTV incident seems an almost religious demonstration of modern day "stargazing." The only difference between this event

and the quest of the Magi is its object-the Magi were seeking who they believed was to be the Messiah; the modern day music fan is seeking vicarious fulfillment through another human being whom they have never actually met. This difference to me is quite striking, however, for it is indicative of a culture looking to things of this earth for fulfillment... and looking no further. By its very nature, the term "stargazing" implies looking up, at something higher than the one doing the gazing. Thus, the modern version of stargazing is a very dangerous pastime. Putting our faith in those who are human is a little like asking someone who is a child themselves to bring another child into the world-a potentially damaging proposition. In the season of advent, we are reminded of the true wisdom found in gazing at the stars, not those here on earth, but like the Magi, at the real stars that they may lead us towards the Messiah.

## Letter to the Editor

## In Praise of a Marvelous Team

For the record, I have never in my life seen a team gel and peak at such an appropriate time or up their performance to a higher level of play quite like the Houghton Women's Volleyball team at this year's Conference and Regional Championships. This team was all heart! They willed to play their very best and then some. Each member gave above 100% in spirit and effort. It was a

thing of beauty to watch. They were definitely the most athletic and most deserving TEAM in both tournaments. Others had the records, the all-stars, the big names, the stats, and the accolades ... Houghton had the best TEAM! The keys to their success: 1) They gave 100% plus... walking off the court with no effort spared. 2) They played as a team. 3) They willed to win. 4) They played for God's glory!

You had to be there at Rochester and Houghton to see bodies and arms flying in all directions with nearly unbelievable blocks, digs, pancakes, saves, kills and aces and yes even my most disliked moves, dinks! They came with the accompanying bruises, cuts, scrapes, burns, and aches. It was not poetry in motion... it was energy, heart, will, sacrifice, and effort in motion.

This unsuspecting group worthily represents Houghton at national level playoffs this year. I simply want to express our

congratulations to the coach and the whole team. Thanks to the fans that supported them. Thanks to all dozen players and the supporting cast for hours of unnoticed practice and sacrifice. Thanks to the team for showing what it takes to represent Houghton Highlander excellence! And thanks Linda for giving your ol' dad four great years of college volleyball thrills.

Best of everything at nationals... maybe you can cheer up Palm Beach!  
A proud fan and father,  
Papa Shea

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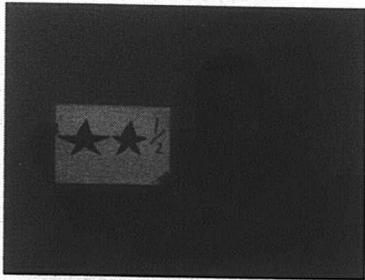
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A look at the intersection of faith and art

## Jeans on Movies

### How the Grinch Stole My Money



Jennifer Adams

Over Thanksgiving break I couldn't take it, my curiosity and pressure coming from the media were both too much for me to handle so I had to do it. That weekend I headed in the company of a few friends to the local movie theatre excited to see Jim Carrey in "The Grinch". Yes, I did pay for this movie and yes, I would like at least \$3 of my \$6.50 admission back.

I grew up a Dr. Seuss fan and shared my literary childhood with

Horton, The Lorax, the infamous Cat-in-the-Hat and of course the Grinch. Rhyming words, whether real or invented for the poetry of the book, and brightly colored bubble pictures filled my young brain with so much creative stimuli that add a packet of Pop Rocks to the mix and my head would have exploded! Watching TV as a kid in the 80's, everyone my age looked forward to December when all the cartoon and Claymation Christmas movies would air. This was the territory of the Grinch! That song ("You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch, your heart is like a hole..."), the expressions on his mean-green face, and of course, his poor dog Max were among my favorite things about this animated delight.

Stretching out a 26-minute cartoon produced in 1966 to the hour and a half-long taste of the

## arthouse

millennium gets a little tricky. Director Ron Howard had to change the plot, and in doing so a lot of the true spirit is lost. The majority of people are probably familiar with Dr. Seuss' tale, whether it be the book or the cartoon movie. You realize soon into this movie that what you're seeing isn't it, and it is in fact Ron Howard's (the director of this operation) version instead. The original premise is as follows; Mr. Grinch (Carrey), whose heart is two sizes too small, sneaks into Whoville disguised as Santa Claus and steals all of their toys. This movie puts that story in the last 40 minutes, with a full hour of new material before it, introducing the Who's, the Grinch, and how they all relate to each other.

Adorable infant Cindy-Lou Who from the book and cartoon has grown up into an inquisitive 6 year old and random members of Whoville, such as the mayor and his girlfriend who likes to wear cleavage exposing Spandex outfits now have starring roles in this holiday story.

## Houghton Star

Another odd thing is how Jim Carrey's Grinch voice sounded like a cross between the imitation of Sean Connery-doing-celebrity-Jeopardy on SNL and Austin Powers. For quite a while, I found myself humbugging that Hollywood had once again ruined a classic. Carrey ruined the "You're a Mean One" song by showing us all something we already knew that yes, he can do many different comical voices that sound nothing like his own. The song was not the place to expose us to this though, you can change a lot of things from the cartoon to the big screen and nearly get away with it Mr. Howard and Mr. Carrey, but when you mess with the song, that is stepping way over the line of good creative license-ship. Some things should just remain unchanged.

Overall, it was a little better than average due to the Tim Burton-esque make-up and scenery, but, if you want to see this event, either wait until it comes out on video or better yet, rent the original animated version which tells the tale in the way I think Dr. Seuss would have wanted it to be told.

### Women's Basketball continued

will be called on to step in immediately. And she should be up to the challenge. With her quickness, ball-handling skills and excellent range, Beardsley can play at the point or the shooting guard. And senior Sarah Bridges (5-7, Winchester, Va.), who came into preseason in the best shape of her career, is ready to provide depth at the two and three spots.

The team has a challenging start to its season, with five of the first eight games on the road against NCAA Division I and II opponents. They open at the Gannon University Tournament - which includes defending NCAA II champion Northern Kentucky. The following week, the team is on the road against NCAA I Binghamton University, then travels to NCAA II Mercyhurst College. Former conference-rival St. Vincent College is also on the schedule, as is the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, the all-time winningest Division II women's program.

"This is one of the stronger

schedules we've ever played," says Lord. "But these games will do nothing but help us prepare for our conference schedule."

That schedule includes always tough matchups with Roberts Wesleyan, Daemen, Mt. Aloysius, and Carlow, as well as newcomer University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Though their eyes are set on another conference title and a return trip to nationals, coach Lord and his Lady Highlanders are keeping stat sheets and game results in their proper places.

"There's more to success in our season than winning basketball games," says Lord. "What we do is ministry. We want to continue in that area, and if we do - whether we make it back to nationals or not - we'll consider ourselves successful."

## Weaver runs All-American race in national meet

### Staff reports

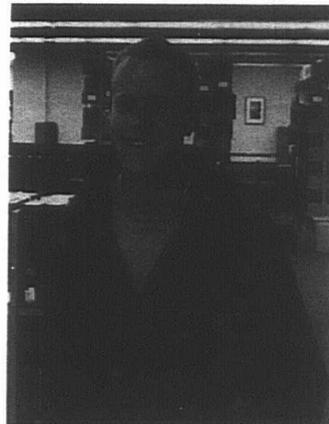
The Cross Country season came to an end in fine fashion as two Houghton runners earned All-American status at the NAIA national meet held November 18th in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Despite the bitter weather conditions--temperatures below freezing and a brisk wind-- the Houghton runners proved they were up to the challenge. Men's runner, senior Pat Weaver, finished 18th out of 245 runners in a time of 26:00 to earn NAIA All-American honors. He is only the second Houghton male runner ever to earn that honor, and his placing is the best finish ever for a Houghton male runner.

In the women's race, Sarah Kidd finished 106th (out of

248) in a time of 20:16.

Senior co-captain Eunice Thompson earned NAIA All-America Scholar Athlete honors.



All-American Pat Weaver

The adventures of **CLUELESS GUY** in Meal Plan Land

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# Highlander SPORTS

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November 17- December 6

## Highlander hoops looking up after shaky start

Men drop two heartbreakers despite strong front court play; Lady Highlanders capture first victories and tourny crown

Aaron Mack

The Highlander Men's basketball team opened up their home season hosting the Golden Gaels of Queen's University, who were 1-6 in CIAU play. The Highlanders came out in the first half on fire, hitting shots from everywhere. They turned this enthusiastic start into a 10 point half-time lead.

In the second half of the game, Houghton could not maintain the lead and it slowly slipped away. Despite 24 points from Justin Pauley and 19 from Jeremy Gorham, the Highlanders could not fight off a persistent Gaels attack. In the end, 2 points were

the margin of defeat as Houghton fell 66-64.

The Highlanders faced a very talented and athletic Vikings team on Saturday night in the last game of the Houghton College Classic. Coming off the narrow defeat on Friday night, the Highlanders came out slowly, but hung in well with the high-flying visitors.

The first half was the Jeremy Gorham show; he put in a virtual clinic for the very appreciative Nielsen Nuts. Gorham was hot from the get go and paced the Highlander offence and was also crucial on the boards. The Highlanders made a late run to chase the Vikings to the locker

room at the half, only down by a basket.

The second half was a back and forth affair, each team trading runs. In the end, 29 points from Gorham, 20 from Pauley, and a solid double-double from Senior Jeremy Martin (11 pts, 15 rebs). In the end, Houghton was unable to complete the comeback and dropped another heartbreaker, 77-74.

Jeremy Gorham and Justin Pauley were named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Lady Highlanders as they got their first win of the season in the opening game of the Houghton College Classic as four players scored in double figures. Wendy Ivey and Angela Layne each poured in 15 points, and the

Highlanders out-rebounded the Vikings 57-34. Lesley Swanson paced the team with 9 rebounds, as Houghton turned a 39-21 halftime lead into a 70-54 win.

Angela Layne continued her strong play by leading the Highlanders with 20 points off the bench. Lesley Swanson led all starters with 14 points. The Highlanders again showed superiority on the glass, out-rebounding Mohawk 54-32. Layne led with 14 boards, 6 offensive and 8 defensive. The women led 39-26 at the half and finished off Mohawk 75-50 in the end.

Angela Layne, Leslie Swanson, and Wendy Ivey were named to the All-Tournament Team.

## Highlander Basketball Season Preview

### Women's Basketball

Staff Reports

Coming off the program's second-ever trip to the NAIA National Tournament, expectations were high heading into the 1999-2000 season. The Lady Highlanders even secured a No. 19 ranking in the NAIA Preseason Poll. However, the team came out of the blocks slowly. With its top-three point guards missing due to two-sport athlete conflicts, the team lost its first two games - to nationally ranked Spring Arbor and Walsh University - and was 3-4 heading into Christmas break.

But the break seemed to be the perfect remedy for the team's woes, as the Lady

Highlanders went 15-2 over the next 17 games, captured their second-straight Northeast Atlantic Conference title, and earned a return trip to the NAIA National Tournament. The Lady Highlanders dropped a 76-64 decision to a much larger, more physical St. Ambrose team at nationals and closed the season with an 18-7 record.

After being outmuscled by St. Ambrose, the Lady Highlanders made a commitment to improve their strength, and head coach Skip Lord says he sees the results of rigorous off-season and preseason workouts. Increased strength is a definite plus, but if the team is to

challenge for a third-straight NAC title in 2000-2001 and make noise at nationals, Lord says there are two other keys. "Aside from maintaining our gains in the weight room, we need to continue to develop a tight team bond, and we need to continue our strong defensive focus. If we do those things, I think we will be ready to play with anybody."

Part of developing that team bond is replacing four important members of the Lady Highlanders' family over the past four years: Janelle Tombs - a Second-Team All-NAC selection last season - Libby Shaw, Krista Newell, and Mel Slupecki.

The team was also dealt an unfortunate blow in preseason when two-year junior starter Alicia Campbell (Greene, N.Y.)

went down with a season-ending knee injury. Her quickness, creative play, and outside shooting will be missed.

Providing the on-court leadership will be senior co-captain Wendy Ivey (5-10, Hodgdon, Maine). The three-year starter averaged 11.2 points and a team-high 7.8 rebounds last season, and she should surpass 1,000 career points early in the campaign. Joining Ivey in the backcourt will be 5-10 junior Sarah Tooley (Wooster, Ohio). Tooley, who sees the floor well and is an excellent passer, is ready to step into a more prominent role.

With the loss of Campbell, freshman JoAnna Beardsley (5-6, Fillmore, N.Y.)

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Tonight @ Le Moyne  
College, 8:00 pm  
Saturday vs. Baptist  
Bible College, 3:00 pm

Junior Varsity:  
Next game: January 18 @  
JCC- Olean, 6:00 pm

### Men's Basketball (0-6):

Friday @ RIT  
Tournament, 6/8 pm  
Saturday @ RIT  
Tournament, 1/3 pm

Junior Varsity:  
Tonight vs. Elmira  
College, 6:00 pm

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