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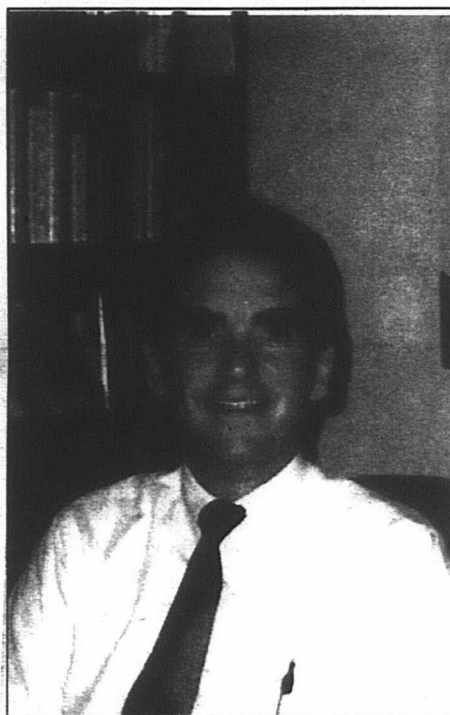
## Dean Mannoia Departs!

Academic Vice President to Become President at Greenville College

*Tammi Krikorian and Dionne Miller*

Last week, James A. Mannoia, Academic Vice President and Dean, announced that he will most likely be leaving Houghton in January to fulfill the position of President at Greenville College, a Free Methodist Liberal Arts school in Missouri. This decision will be made official on October 3, when the board of trustees at Greenville make the final vote. While at Houghton for six years, Dean Mannoia's role has been to hire, fire, and evaluate faculty, and supervise records, the library, and various committees. In addition, he helped establish the integrative studies program, Educational Technology Initiative, the honor's program in London, Houghton in Tanzania, and the Pace program, among others.

Dean Mannoia did not look for this position in Greenville, rather they contacted him. Mannoia was ordained as a clergyman in the Free Methodist Church, creating strong ties with the denomination. Both Mannoia's father and sister graduated from Greenville, and in the early 70's he did his first teaching there. He actually met his wife while teaching on the campus.



*photo by Holly Glanzman*

*Our boy-a Mannoia*

## Construction Off-Track

*Rebecca Jang Dhari*

The long awaited completion of the all-weather surface track has been delayed for two weeks, but there is light shining at the end of the tunnel. The laying of the track has been under way since the beginning of the summer. Although construction has been following on schedule, a few days of heavy rain over the summer did cause a few setbacks.

As you may have noticed, black top has been laid, but the all-weather rubbery surface has not been completed yet. It will take a two-week period for the track to seal properly.

At first this setback might seem like another in the long list of inconveniences in our current construction project, but in the words of Coach Lord, "It was a minor miracle" the way everything has worked out.

In this specific two week period only one home game had to be rescheduled, a women's soccer game. Without any difficulty, the team will be able to play at Fillmore High School. Coach Lord believes our construction project has built and deepened many relationships within the communities of Rushford and Fillmore.

## Administrators Retreat

Meetings at West Seneca Campus

*Emily Beach*

Early last Monday morning, school administrators left Houghton to spend two days on retreat at West Seneca Campus. The administrative retreat, usually organized twice annually, is meant to be a time of college business studied in the context of healthy fellowship.

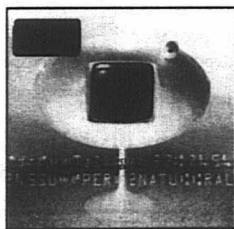
Four weeks ago, in his State of the College Address, President Chamberlain said, "Organizations transform themselves about as frequently and rapidly as large boulders do. People transform, and from such evolution organizational structures are reshaped." The retreat provides administrators the opportunity to relate to each other as people by meeting outside the context of everyday campus life. "We learn to like each other as individuals," said President Chamberlain of the retreat, and the result is what he calls "team building."

Along with typical considerations like housing and budget, the administrative team addressed the need to make the school more oriented toward the students. Tim Fuller, Vice President for Enrollment, explained that students take classes on campus, they attend meals and worship on campus, they live on campus in every sense of the word, and yet school office hours do not coincide with students' schedules. Namely, the offices are not open during lunch hours, the only time of day some students are free to visit. President Chamberlain would like to do some reorganizing to make these services more available for students and outside constituencies.

When asked what he thought about the retreat, Tim Fuller said, with a bit of a smile, "I think it could have been a day longer." The administration tackled an entire agenda consisting of over forty issues. Fuller says, however, that the real effectiveness of the retreat will become evident further down the road.

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# EDITORIAL

## Letter from the Editor

David Johnson

I'm going to tell you about the most fascinating person I know. Before I do, I would like it duly noted I said *fascinating*, not commendable. He is my boss at the meat counter I work at over the summer and he is not a nice person.

In fact, this guy is easily one of the top five most clueless human beings on the face of the Earth. And this is why he fascinates me. He just cruises along in his own little solar system, operating under the impression he his, without a doubt, the coolest dude that ever lived.

For example, when his vacation week rolled around, he was telling everyone about his plans; how he was going to take his vacation pay, go to the race-track and submerge himself in a veritable utopia of cigarette smoke and trifectas.

Well, unfortunately his plans hit an unseen speed bump when he lost all of his money in a card game the night before. Did it faze him? Nope.

He honestly believes he can do it all on his own—thinks he can handle this whole "existence" thing without anybody's help. Besides the fact he appears to have the mental capacity of a sports bottle, I have no idea how to explain why he hasn't opened his eyes one morning and realized: "I have no idea what the heck I'm doing."

As much as I hate to admit

it I can draw parallels between my life and his. No, I never lost a brand-new Corvette in a poker game as he had, but there was a time I thought I could cruise along in life all by myself.

A time way too not long ago. Invincibility is a dangerous thing. As soon as you start feeling it—look out. God has ways of snapping his fingers in front of your eyes.

When I was in junior high school, I knew I needed God. There were mornings I was physically ill due to the fear of another day at the hands of the school's merciless. Getting picked on has a way of making one feel smaller than anything, leading me to embrace the person bigger than anything—Him.

Yet as I grew older and taller, got my hair-cut and invested in glasses smaller than safety goggles, I began to feel a tinge of invincibility, masked as confidence. I reached the point where I thought I could talk my way out of anything and walked around with an air of "Yeah, that's right, it's me Dave." I was manning the helm of my life and ice-burbs were straight ahead.

Recently, God brought me to my knees. I was in a situation that pierced my heart and opened my soul to the realization: "I can not do this myself." If the wheel of our life isn't in the hands of our Master, then we will crash and burn. And how we will burn.

It hurt being on my knees at first. Man, did it hurt. That is until the understanding set in—in the presence of God there can be no other position.

It doesn't hurt anymore.

## Thorns and Thistles: Rodham and Gommorah

John Osae-Kwapong

"Kristoni" is the word for Christian in my local Ghanaian dialect. When literally translated it means 'this is the Christ.' I sometimes struggle with the thought of being a 'Kristoni' because irrespective of my human imperfections and occasional fall from grace to grass, my life should exemplify a Christ-like attitude. When I was a member of the Seekers Christian Fellowship in New York City somebody remarked that today's Christians are quicker to show you the road to Hell than the road to salvation. It is not easy to escape criticism as a 'Kristoni,' however, our worst critics sometimes turn out to be our best friends and thus my conviction that criticism does offer some food for thought.

The Bill Clinton scandal continues to grieve my heart. As a politician, because it turns politics and politicians into a laughing stock and deepens political cynicism. Most important, however, is my identity as a Christian living to witness a political scandal of such grave nature and struggling with what my reaction should be. Constantly I ask myself "What would Christ have done?"

My memory goes back to the biblical story of the woman caught in an adulterous affair. With a stone wielding mob ready to send her to death, Jesus asks that the innocent among them should cast the

first stone. As they leave, humbled, Jesus does not convict her but sends her away in peace added a warning "go and sin no more." Jesus never condoned wrongdoing but was always ready to forgive and love the sinner. Bill Clinton's behavior is reprehensible and indefensible but how should the 'Kristoni' treat him? This is the time to travel the extra mile and distinguish Christian attitude from a secular one.

The Christian Coalition's meeting on Friday and Saturday was characterized by criticism, condemnation and ridicule to such an extent that Bill Clinton and his wife were referred to as Rodham and Gommorah. I find this to be very disappointing in that there is no difference between the way Jay Leno on his Late Night show treats the President and the way the Christian Coalition treats Bill Clinton. There was little talk of forgiveness and not even a single moment of prayer for the First family and the nation as a whole. Bill Clinton has brought this all upon himself, some argue, but when our political leaders fumble it affects the whole nation. I wish the Christian Coalition had ended two days of fury with a solemn prayer.

During the TV program, Common Ground, on Sunday, Harold Fisher had this to say "Bill Clinton might have lost our respect and trust and nobody can tell what the end will be like. However we will never have the chance to decide whether to vote for him again or not, but we always have the chance to do one thing for him and that is to pray for him and his family." Food for thought.

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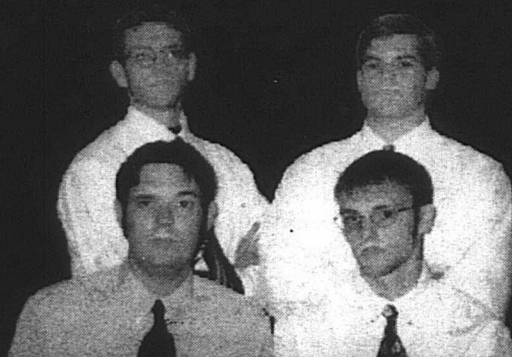
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# Keeping the Campus Comely

Ward Mesick

Many people on campus have undoubtedly noticed some changes to the campus grounds, other than the new music building and the new parking lot. Changes such as the fence now lining the walkway to the gym and Shen, and the flowers that have begun to spring up around campus. This is largely the work of Tom Machamer. He is currently contracted by the college to keep the campus in aesthetic order for the approach of Homecoming weekend. After talking with him for just a few minutes, you begin to realize that we have only seen the beginning to what he would like to do.

One of his dreams is to place a fountain where the flagpole now stands. He says the job would only

take a couple of weeks and would be very inexpensive. The fountain bowl would be the old dish from WJSL. Machamer would also like to be able to do some mulching and reshred all around the NAB. Another one of his dreams would be to build several trails behind Fancher Hall, all of which would

currently on campus, near East Hall. The entire path would be filled with flowers along the forest trails.

Once the old music building is torn down, Machamer would also like to take the bricks and build another small gazebo somewhere on campus, just to

keep the history of the building going. He also expresses his desire for Houghton to keep up with the ground work required.

"It is important that they keep up with it, because I was able to do a lot of work and get it set right, but soon signs of neglect will start showing up again if more work isn't done," Machamer says. Machamer would like the college to contract him next semester so that he can take on that job, but he stresses the

importance of the job getting done, with or without him.



photo by Emily Beach

Campus Center flowers make Houghton beautiful.

## Mannoia Departs Cont.

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Leaving Houghton has brought Dean Mannoia mixed feelings. Although he "has always felt a loyalty" to the Methodist church, he expressed how much the Lord has blessed him here at Houghton. He and his family have seen many beautiful years here. Recently, Dean Mannoia has felt a release from the calling of the Lord to work here. Many of the projects he started have been left in the hands of qualified individuals that he has full confidence in. He expressed an interest and love for the students here. As a senior class advisor, he attended the class retreat this fall. He was reminded again of how much fun the students are here and how much he will miss them. Although we regret to see him leave as he has accomplished so much here, we wish him success in his new position.



## A Prayer Note

Tammi Krikorian and Dionne Miller

At the Houghton Wesleyan Church, on Sunday September 13, it was announced that Jimmy Johnson has been diagnosed with abdominal cancer. Johnson was the 1997 fall semester C.L.E.W. speaker. Although this year's freshmen are not familiar with him, the upperclassmen recall what an impact he had on our campus, encouraging students to deepen their commitments to Christ. Last year's freshmen class was impacted enough to ask Jimmy Johnson to be their honorary class chaplain, a request which he accepted.

Because of various circulatory conditions he already suffers from, doctors can do little to treat the cancer. Let us continue to remember him and his family in our prayers during this time.

The following is an address to which students can send cards or letters of encouragement and support:

Jimmy Johnson  
Box 70520  
Tuscaloosa, AL  
35407

## STAR Contest Winning Entry!

Last issue we offered up the first STAR contest. We gave all and sundry the chance to write and send to us movie scenarios wherein an eighteen-wheeled car transport truck drives off a cliff. As promised, we will now print the winning entry, sent to us by Professor of Math, David Perkins. Congratulations!

Ray, Houghton's own advice columnist, hitchhikes across country to Portland, Oregon, where his great aunt is on her deathbed. Late one night, Ray accepts a ride through Wyoming with a man driving an eighteen-wheeled car-transport truck.

Tossing his plastic shopping bag of hoagies onto the seat, Ray hauls himself into the

cab, commenting favorably on the Lexuses. "It's Lexi," the driver says, aloofly. Ray shrugs, tips his hat down, and falls asleep.

Hours later, as the horizon gradually lightens, Ray awakens suddenly to the sound of mayonnaise being licked from an upper lip. Horrified, he sees the last inches of a hoagie about to slip into the truck driver's mouth. With no regard for mountain driving safety, Ray lunges.



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# The STAR Report: M

**Editor's Note:** I can hear your thoughts right now: "Great, more Clinton drivel." To say the media has been saturated to the breaking point with scandal-talk and vivid descriptions of dress blemishes is indeed an understatement. So why are we joining the Clinton circus? Our country is facing a crisis. I

believe we are coming face-to-face with ourselves as a nation—our values, morals and standards. For us to ignore this event, would be wrong. I apologize if you're all "scandaled" out, but we feel it is our job, no matter if we're on a bandwagon or not, to address the current "Greatest Show on Earth."

## A Call for Forgiveness

Michael Jordan

"If my repentance is both genuine and sustained, and if I can maintain both a broken spirit and a strong heart, then good can come of this for me and my family. The children of this country can learn in a profound way that integrity is important and selfishness is wrong, but God can change us and make us strong at the broken places."

—Bill Clinton

These words, if they are to be believed, can bring a joyous end to a long and sad debacle. However, many

Christians, including most of Houghton community, are unwilling to believe Bill Clinton's testimony. Why?

At first glance, the arguments against believing Clinton are overwhelming. We think of his past confes-

sions and failures, as one affair was denied and then confessed, then another started, denied and confessed in a seemingly endless string. We evangelicals smirked with pride at our Dole/Kemp bumper stickers as the president's morality came under siege and was found wanting. And look at all the dirt we've found!! He can't be trusted; he has sinned, and in doing so has violated our trust and God's.

But there's a problem.

So have we. We have violated God's trust again and again. We repent and repeat our sins. We are

unable to totally defeat our human sinful nature.

So, what does this have to do with Bill Clinton? We owe it to him and to God to believe that his penitence is real. Imagine what would happen in this community if, every time anyone sinned, we said, "Well, it's obvious you're not really sorry, so we won't forgive you. We've forgiven you before; and every time we've forgiven you, you've gone out and sinned again, haven't you? As a matter of fact, we've decided that we'll poke malicious fun at you and say

you're doomed to always be a sinner." What would happen then? We would never forgive anyone for anything!

When the American public cries, "How many times shall we forgive this man?" it is nearly impossible not to hear the voice of

Christ through the Scripture, "Seventy times seven." There is no way we can miss Him saying, "He who is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone."

In short, forgive Bill Clinton if you wish to be forgiven for your own foibles. Never have we had an American resident come to grips with his sinfulness with a penitent spirit before. Why should we spend this time debating whether or not his public testimony is sincere? Praise God for Clinton's recognition of Him as the Supreme Being and his desire to be healed.

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## The Clinton Crossfire

Travis York

In the past several months, Americans have been forced to consider the morality of its leadership figure. Our President was facing a scandal involving subordinate female colleagues. When Paula Jones came forth with her story, the media painted a poor image of Miss Jones while defending the nation's President. When others came forth with similar stories, they were considered as nothing more than unimportant women hoping to jump the fast train to infamy.

The president issued a statement under oath that he did not have sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky. Then a critical piece of evidence emerged—a

dress Lewinsky claimed bore Presidential DNA. It was sent to a crime lab, and verified. The President, now considered to have committed perjury, was in trouble. He issued a statement prior to testifying before the grand jury, admitting to have had inappropriate relations with Ms. Lewinsky. Soon after this bombshell announcement, another announcement was released: the president had authorized the

retaliation on Islamic terrorism by bombing a Sudanese medical facility. Many Americans observed this seemingly necessary attack as nothing less than diversionary tactics.

After Clinton's admission of "inappropriate relations", feminists were quick to excuse him, claiming all men were unfaithful. While this may reflect much of society, I would like to think that some of us, especially as Christians, would take offense to that.

I spoke with a foreign student about the issue facing our President. He said that many

countries are "laughing at America" and calling Clinton the "hormonally charged president." Other countries see the missile attack as nothing more than an event to redirect U.S. opinion polls.

Another student remarked that other countries "see morality in the U.S. as a joke." We should indeed find this troubling, for being a nation that labels itself as Christian, our integrity depends on honesty.

Will the hasty decisions to launch missiles result in retribution from angry nations? We pray it doesn't. Can a nation stand firm with leadership that lies below a reasonable standard of morality? Probably not.

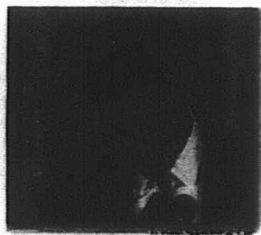
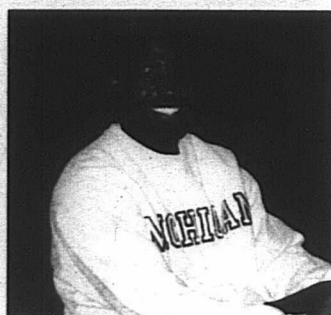


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Bethany Evans  
--Senior

"The decline of morality in our society is a foreshadowing of our inevitable destruction in the future."



Jason Whing  
--Senior

"American morals are on the decline, except in small communities, where there is a stronger sense of solidarity and morals seem to be stable."

photos by Holly Glanzman



# : Morality in America

## What Are the Standards?

Kevin MacDonald

You read about it every time you pick up a newspaper or magazine. You hear about it every time you turn on the radio. You see it every time you turn on the TV. The daily news reveals that the United States is a nation full of hurting, confused, lonely people. People searching desperately for answers in an age that offers none. America is a nation caught in the midst of myriad problems. Below is a brief synopsis of some of them.

**DRUG ABUSE:** According to data from a national survey on drug abuse, 77 million Americans age 12 or older (37% of the population) reported use of an illicit drug at least once in their lifetime. 12% reported use of a drug within the past year, and 6% reported use of a drug within the past month.

Taking drugs has consequences: estimates indicate there were 433,493 drug-related episodes in hospital emergency rooms nationwide in 1992, a 10% increase from 393,968 in 1991. A total of 7,532 deaths related to drug abuse were reported in 1992 by medical examiners in 38 metropolitan areas.

In 1991, 49% of all State prison inmates reported that they were under the influence of drugs or alcohol or both at the time they committed the offense for which they were currently sentenced.

**UNDERAGE DRINKING:** Slightly more than 1 in 4 (26%) eighth grade students report drinking in the last month. Slightly more than 1 in 6 (16%) eighth grade students report "binge drinking" in the last month. About 1 in 10 (10%) eighth grade students report being drunk in the last month. About 1 in

4 (22%) eighth grade students report drinking monthly. About 1 in 14 (7%) sixth grade students report drinking monthly. About 1 in 2 (46%) twelfth grade students report drinking monthly.

**SUICIDE:** In recent years, suicides among young people nationwide have increased dramatically. Each year in the U.S., thousands of teenagers commit suicide. Suicide is the third leading cause of death for people from 15 to 24 years old, and the sixth leading cause of death for people from age 5 to 14. In fact, in the U.S. each year there are more suicides than there are homicides. Statistics show that more than 13 of every 100,000

Guttmacher Institute, eighty-nine percent of abortions performed in the U.S. occur during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

Overall, 82 percent of abortions are performed on unmarried women, including those never-married, separated, divorced or widowed. Adolescents account for less than one third of abortions performed annually; women over 20 account for 69%. In 1994-95, 33 percent of women aborting (married and unmarried) were aged 20-24, 21 percent were aged 25-29, and 20 percent were 30 or over. There is good news, however; abortion rates are decreasing nationally for women in their teen years.

*"It is estimated that every 26 seconds another adolescent becomes pregnant, and that every 56 seconds another adolescent gives birth."*

teenagers took their life in 1990, and that number is growing every year. Estimates are that 500,000 young people ages 15 to 25 try to commit suicide every year; and 5,000 of them succeed. For those that don't succeed, there's an 80% chance that they will try to kill themselves again.

**ABORTION:** Statistics indicate that there have been over 35 million abortions in the U.S. since 1973, and since then the number of abortions per year has increased. It is estimated that there were about 1,300,000 abortions last year alone. In the U.S. in 1992, 26 of every 1,000 women aged 15 to 44 had an abortion.

According to the Alan

**TEEN PREGNANCY:** Since the early 1990's, adolescent pregnancy rates have been slowly declining. Nevertheless, teen pregnancy continues to be a problem in America. It is estimated that every 26 seconds another adolescent becomes pregnant, and that every 56 seconds another adolescent gives birth. In the U.S. in 1995, there were 12,242 babies born to mothers under age fifteen. The total number of births by mothers under age twenty was 512,115.

Unfortunately, half of unwanted pregnancies don't end in birth. When young, unmarried women unintentionally become pregnant, 50% resort to abortion. White adolescents or those from a higher economic status are more likely

to abort their babies, while young women of a lower socio-economic status often give birth and then must shoulder the responsibility of caring for the newborns.

Half of young women who have a baby become pregnant again within two years of the baby's birth. In 1996, 22 percent of all births to women ages 15 to 19 in the US were repeat births (a second birth or higher). Studies also show that the children of adolescent mothers are at increased risk of being a teen parent themselves.

**BROKEN HOMES:** The American family institution is suffering tremendously. In America today, over 50% of marriages end in divorce. As a result of the high divorce rate and the large number of out-of-wedlock births, 39% of children under the age of 18 live apart from their biological fathers. The results of so many children who live without a father are discouraging. It's suggested that children from fatherless homes are 5 times more likely to commit suicide, 32 times more likely to run away, 20 times more likely to have behavior disorders, 14 times more likely to commit rape, 9 times more likely to drop out of school, and 20 times more likely to end up in prison.

From these statistics and facts it is obvious that America needs help. But the answer is simple: the United States needs to turn back to God. And each of us has a part to play if that is ever going to happen: in Matthew 5, verses 14 through 16, Jesus tells us, "You are the light of the world...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." If this nation is ever going to turn back to God, we've got to show them how. Let's start doing our job.



Jennifer Farley  
--Senior

"It is what you would expect from a society that has turned their backs on God."

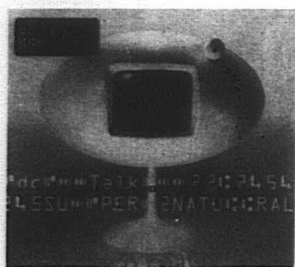


Mark Paliani  
--Sophomore

"Morals are absent from our society because of a slew of relativism and no absolute truth, making all 'morals' correct, leaving us with nothing."

## dc Talk Gets "Supernatural"

Tim Graffam



dc Talk is a group characterized by evolution. *Supernatural*, dc Talk's fifth full-length album, seems to fit well as the next logical step for the trio, both creatively and spiritually.

dc Talk is probably the most successful Christian music group of the nineties, with numerous Dove awards, three Grammy awards, one gold album and two platinum albums. Much of their success can be attributed to the fact that their music appeals to a very broad audience. With *Supernatural*, the group continues to broaden their audience, continuing the push into the secular market that began with their 1995 release, *Jesus Freak*.

The musical and creative change between *Supernatural* and *Jesus Freak* is a lot more subtle than the obvious growth and maturing experienced between 1990's *Nu Thang*, 1992's *Free At Last*, and *Jesus Freak*. One distinction from past albums is a greater contribution from group members Michael Tate and Kevin Max (formerly Kevin Smith). Most of the writing was done by

Toby McKeehan alone on past albums. "This is the first record we've ever written together," says Tate, "so that makes it more of a collective vision than ever before." On *Supernatural*, Tate and Max are more vocally prominent than on any previous release.

*Supernatural* contains a mix of edgy guitars and pop melodies the trio first explored on *Jesus Freak*. It starts out fast, but gets a little dry toward the middle. Songs such as "Wanna Be Loved," "Consume me," "Godsend," and "The Truth" are more mellow songs reminiscent of "Between You And Me." "Into Jesus," the first single released to Christian radio, combines light guitars with a catchy chorus. The first song to hit secular radio is "My Friend (So Long)," a crunchy number dealing with the band's stardom. Songs such as "Killing Me," "Dive," and "Fearless" have more of a bite as well, yet maintain a distinct pop flavor. That aspect has become a dc Talk trademark. The album closes very strong, with the finest songs on the CD, "Since I Met You," "Supernatural," and "Red Letters."

*Supernatural* is a fine album. It is obvious to me the three years dc Talk took since *Jesus Freak* were well spent. It is an album that gains greater appreciation with every listening. A well thought-out and carefully crafted piece, it reaffirms dc Talk's creative prowess and immense talent that got them where they are today.

## You Can Bank On It

Liana Weirich

Next to the Information Center in the Campus Center stands Community Bank, N.A. After I chatted with Branch Supervisor, David B. Fleming, he explained several benefits the bank has to offer.

First, any student can have a FREE account with no minimal balance required. "Who wouldn't want something that is free," Mr. Fleming says with excitement. "I have a free account at Community Bank and it's great. They treat me like I am royalty," praises second-semester sophomore Sarah Paulson. Mr. Fleming does suggest that one opens an account with at least \$20. "We are willing to work with the students. I have children in college and I understand the student's needs and concerns," states Mr. Fleming.

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Tim Trezise	9/23
George Wells (R)	9/24
Jane Buteyn	9/28
Dolores Gadevsky	9/28
Laurinda Wallace	9/28
Michael Walters	9/28

drawn against Community Bank, or have an account at Community Bank. Otherwise, there is a \$10 check-cashing fee for all other checks. "You can avoid this \$10 fee if you open an account. It's free, so it will not cost you a thing. We really have a great deal for the students," Mr. Fleming includes. Last year, since the bank just opened the \$10 fee was not installed. This year the rules have been tweaked.

"The bank is a business and we need to run as one," he adds.

Mr. Fleming and staff love working here with Houghton College students and are willing to answer any and all questions you may have. Bank hours are Monday-Thursday 9-4pm and Friday 9-5pm. "We have opened 741 accounts here in a little less than 8 months. That is really exciting for us. We look forward to opening more and meeting each of you. The students here are great to work for" Mr. Fleming concludes.

## Spotlight on Staff: "Big Al" Rehn

Liana Weirich

**Name:** Alan "Big Al" Rehn  
**Position:** Overseer of Pioneer food service at Houghton  
**Likes:** Ice sculptures and the servers for Line 1  
**Dislikes:** Hungry students

"Big Al", as he is affectionately referred to by all, is one of the hardest working persons ever to grace this campus. He's in the type of position where he receives all of the grumbling and little of the credit, yet he still maintains one of the nicest dispositions in the galaxy. Perhaps the next time we want to complain about the lack of ice cream cones, instead we could give Al a pat on the back and a vote of encouragement.

### Vital Information:

—Loves the curry bar, smothered chicken, prime rib and lobster tail.  
—Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio.  
—Has worked at Houghton since 1982, loving every minute of it:

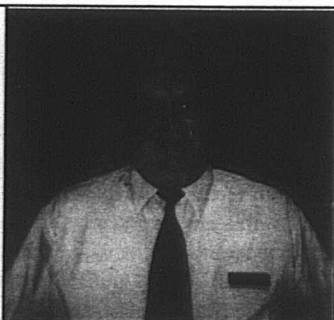


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"The kids are great, you really make our job easier."

—Once lost 16 pans of lasagna when a rack tipped over in the elevator (*Editor's Note: Well they say Italian food is on the rise*)

—Hopes to travel to Hawaii with his wife, Janet, someday.

—Dad was a wholesale butcher (*Editor's Note: He brought home the bacon, I'm assuming. Okay, I'll stop*)

—Collects O-Gage model trains, model cars and airplanes.

—An avid gardener

—Trying to cook the food a bit spicier this year. "We want to give the students a wide variety of good food."

## The Lord of the Manor

Coach Lord takes new position

Ward Mesick

This year, Coach Lord will take the job of Assistant Vice President for Conferences and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics. The former director, Bruce Brenneman, has decided that he would like to go back to teaching full time and helping with the theatre program.

Coach Lord says the school looked at the conference program and decided it would fit better under student life. The change would allow more interaction between the conference program and residence life as well as continuing the excellent work Brenneman has done with the summer sports camps at Houghton.

The college hopes the changes will attract even more kids to the summer camps, many of who could be prospective students. This will give them the opportunity to get a feel for the sports program at Houghton. Coach Lord also said the program would hopefully attract people who might be able

to provide financial support to the college.

"At first glance, it looks like it would cost more to do this, because I now have a small staff that will work with me, but we have made some changes which will let each of us work less, and actually save the school some resources," Lord said.

He now has an assistant director, Peter Amos, a marketing and promotions person, Dwight Hornbrook, and a secretary. Coach Lord will continue with all of his previous jobs as well. The only change will be with the hiring of an associate coach, Jennifer Amos, to help with the executive side of coaching. This will free up more of Coach Lord's time for his new job.

Lord is excited about the changes and says he hopes he can just continue to build on the great base Bruce Brenneman started and he looks forward to the changes that will be implemented because he is sure the program will gain much out of the new restructuring.



# LIGHTER SIDE

## Minor Car Accident in Houghton

from Wire Reports

Friday, September 18 1998, will be a day not soon forgotten in the annals of Houghton infamy. At approximately 8:50 a.m., an unknown driver lost control of the wheel, sending her vehicle careening off the road. When the dust cleared, and the chaos was restored to order, it was time for class.

Many amazed onlookers, jaws dropped in complete fascination, gathered around the accident site, letting their senses absorb the scene of destruction.

Beth Homan was one of the first on the scene.

"I was frightened," She says, tears starting to well up at the memory. "It was...so awful."

"Oh, the horror!" Michael Tindall says, as he remembers the staggering sight.

"Millions of insects must have been crushed. The carnage..." The carnage, indeed.



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### Car takes unexpected detour

Often we feel we are invincible to such excruciatingly painful traumatic experiences. Unfortunately, it just isn't so. We can all fall prey to bad, bad, bad, really bad things. Like pestilence,

war and famine. And nuclear meltdowns and forest fires. Tornadoes and mudslides are bad

along with home burglary, tidal waves, plane hijacks and rabid raccoons. Vampires are bad, too. Oh, and really mean dentists. What else is bad? Amputation mistakes are bad. So are polar bears.

Houghton take this as a lesson. We have no idea what can happen on this little expedition we call living. Unseen circumstances

show their faces when we least expect it. But we have to move on. Trudge and trudge until we finally complete the safari of life. Termites are bad, too.

## Top Ten Signs You've Got the Wrong Roommate

Stephen Maxon

10. Endless e-mail messages with the subject "DIE ROOMMATE DIE."
9. Constantly gnawing on raw meat.
8. Demands you refer to him as "Thor."
7. He bought one book from the bookstore: "Where's Waldo."
6. Always parking his motorcycle on your bed.
5. Getting harder to step over his massive collection of used dental floss.
4. You awake early one morning to find him standing over your bed, giggling maniacally
3. Has his mother over every Open House night
2. Instead of bathing, he licks himself like a cat
1. Three words: Power Rangers suit

## The Imaginary Invalid Comes to Houghton

Jeremy Atwell

*The Imaginary Invalid* by Moliere, will hit the stage on November 12. The play centers on a hypochondriac who complains about having a million non-existent sicknesses and huge medical bills. In his mind, if he gets his daughter to marry a doctor, he can receive free medical care. He selects a double-Latin-talking fool without discussing it with his

daughter who is already in love with someone else. The clever maid reveals the doctor and his father as imposters and proves that his second wife loves his money, not him. As a result, truth and love triumph and troubles, real and imaginary, are relieved through laughter.

When asked why he chose this play, director Bruce

Brenneman stressed the fact that *The Imaginary Invalid* is a classical comedy, which is a change from plays performed in the past. He noted that this play would provide a fun evening of laughter and unique, enjoyable wardrobe.

*The Imaginary Invalid* will be appearing in Houghton at 8:00pm on November 12, 13, and 14 with a 2:00pm showing on the 14. Tickets go on sale on Monday, November 9, and cost \$3 for students and \$5 for nonstudents. The performances will be held in the Tysinger Auditorium of Houghton Academy. Please come and support your classmates and friends performing in this play. It will be a great, stress-relieving break from your studies!

### The Imaginary Invalid Cast of Characters

Monsieur Argan	Andy Crowley
Toinette	Shelly Forsythe
Angelica	Amanda Young
Beline	Christy Yeaton
Monsieur Bonnefoy	Luke Mazurak
Cleante	Colin Beers
Dr. Diaforus	Avery Munger
Dr. T. Diaforous	Peter Muehsam
Louise	Gina Pizziconi
Monsieur Beralde	Joshua Ziefle
The Apothecary	Sergio Mazza
Dr. Purgon	Mark Vanderhaar

## Small Talk of the Week

Truk 'n' Nad

(Actual conversations between Houghton students. Names have been changed.)

Joe: "Hey, did you ever have those 'monkeys in a barrel'?"

Rolf: "Sure, didn't everyone?"

Bobo: "Yes, monkeys, of course."

Joe: "They were fun."

Rolf: "You know, people always say that something is as fun as a barrel of monkeys, but man, I don't think a barrel of monkeys would be fun at all."

Joe: "How do you figure?"

Rolf: "Look, think about it, if you get a whole bunch of monkeys together, stack 'em on top of each other and throw 'em in a barrel, there's bound to be trouble."

Bobo: "What makes you think you know monkeys so well?"

Joe: "Yeah, I don't see them fighting."

Rolf: "What? These are wild animals; they have no room at all except to scratch and bite each other, I mean, that barrel's filled to the brim!"

Joe: "What kind of monkeys are we talking about? Are we talking about big Congo monkeys or little Johnny Carson monkeys?"

Rolf: "Little Johnny Carson monkeys, but it doesn't matter what you put in that barrel, they're still gonna go Mike Tyson on each other."

Bobo: "Well, I'm no expert, but there's only one way to find out."

## Ask Ray: Houghton's Own Advice Columnist



Send your questions and half a hoagie to:

Ray c/o  
The STAR Box #378

Q: Dear Ray,  
I'm passing a painful kidney stone. Some nights I wake up, screaming in agony. How can I ease the pain?  
Misery in Mt. Morris

A: Dear Misery,  
Sit back, close your eyes, and imagine you're eating the best hoagie in the world!

Ray

# SPORTS

## Houghton Sports: Week in Review

### Fall Sports Score Box

#### Men's Soccer (6-2)

Friday 9/18  
Houghton: 3, Bethel: 1

Saturday 9/19  
Houghton: 3, Judson: 5

#### Women's Soccer (6-0)

Tuesday 9/15  
Houghton: 2, Alfred U: 1

Saturday 9/19  
Houghton: 1, Georgian Court: 0

#### Field Hockey (6-0)

Tuesday 9/15  
Houghton: 10, Mercyhurst: 0

Saturday 9/19  
Houghton: 3, Slippery Rock: 2 OT

#### Women's Volleyball (10-0)

Tuesday 9/15  
Houghton: 3, Roberts: 0

Saturday 9/19  
Houghton: 3, Seton Hill: 0

### Intramural Sports (as of 9/20)

#### Men's Soccer

Jumbalaya	1-1
Nyati Men	1-1
Porteuse's Toi's	0-1
Kwik-e-Mart Bandits II	1-1
Rustic Lasagna	1-1
Tongue	0-1

#### Women's Volleyball

Barenaked Men	0-2
Golden Spinach	1-0
Play Away	1-0
The Wonder Women	1-0
BST6 & Co.	0-1
The Fighting Irish	0-1
Rainy Day Women	1-0
Just A Girl	1-0
The Secret Weapon	0-1
153 Untorn	1-1

#### Men's Volleyball

(no games played as of 9/20)

#### Co-ed Softball

(no games played as of 9/20)

David Johnson

#### Men's Soccer

The Men's soccer team thumped Bethel College, 3-1 on September 18, jacking their record to 6-1. David Bancroft punched in his first career Highlander goal. Jeff Vaughn and Todd Bradley each contributed a goal a piece in the effort. Tim Mayhle scooped up the win in the net.

Unfortunately, things didn't go as smoothly against Judson College. The Highlanders lost 5-3, despite Jeremy John's 2-goal outing. Stetson Knight also chipped in a goal in the losing cause. With the loss, the Highlanders drop to 6-2. The Highlanders play their next game at home, September 26, at 7 p.m., the first game under the lights on the new field.

#### Women's Soccer

The Lady Highlanders clawed past Georgian Court College on September 19, 1-0, improving their record to 6-0. Jen Hartenstine scored the lone goal in the affair, assisted by Jen Mattison.

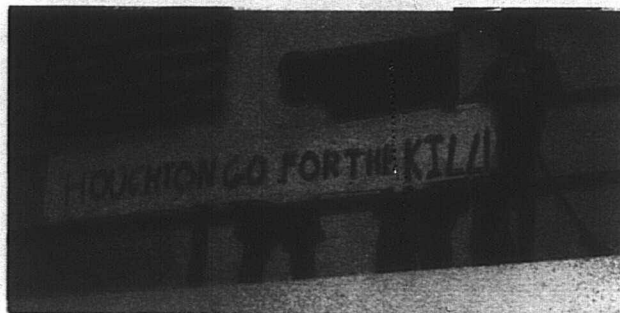


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Suzie Ellis protected the net with 6 saves. The Lady Highlanders' next game is against Elmira college on September 24.

#### Volleyball

The Women's volleyball team slapped around Seton Hill College in straight sets on

September 19, bumping their record to an impressive 10-0. Linda Shea had 9 kills and 20 digs, Amie Fells offered five blocks and 19 digs and Allison Chubb logged in 36 setting assists in the buttkicking. The next game for the Lady Highlanders is at home, September 22, at 7 p.m., against the University of Pitt-Bradford.

#### Field Hockey

The field hockey team was in usual form, sliding past Slippery Rock University, 3-2, in an overtime nail-biter. Judy Johnson and Susan VenTresca each drilled in a goal, with Laura Chevalier popping in the game-winner. The Lady Highlanders remain undefeated at 6-0. Their next game Tuesday, September 22, at 4 p.m. against the University of Rochester.

## The Queen of Defense Player Profile: Linda Peric

Judy Johnson

Meet Linda Peric, the capital "D" in the Houghton field hockey team's defense. Known as "Lu" by her teammates, she is an amazing fullback/sweeper. Her undeniable contribution to the field hockey

team begins with her influence and leadership as team captain. On the field Linda is like a wall, always winning the ball and sending a solid pass to start the offense. Linda has compiled some incredible stats while at Houghton, especially for a center back/midfielder. She has put 20 goals in the net to date, and assisted on eight.

Linda is an all-around athlete, whose favorite sport is actually rugby. She started playing both hockey and rugby in high school on Prince Edward Island, Canada. Linda is also the team jester and can always elicit a laugh with a funny story or expression.

Linda comes to Houghton from Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, a rural close-knit community based on farming and fishing. Houghton was the first Christian college she had ever heard of, and when she found she

could play field hockey in the States, she jumped at the opportunity. She is a pre-physical therapy major, with an athletic training minor. One of the things she likes the most about Houghton, is the small size of her classes and



photo courtesy of Judy Johnson

the way the professors can integrate Christianity into the courses. Linda plans to attend graduate school and earn her Masters degree in physical therapy. Someday she would like to have her own physical therapy clinic, or

perhaps coach rugby.

One of the strongest influences in Linda's life has been her mother, who raised her in a strong Christian household. She instilled into Linda the importance of reading the Bible, praying, and making her relationship with the Lord the first priority in her life. Coach Donna Hornibrook has been an essential part of Linda's development as a field hockey player. "She is one of the best coaches in North America and her own experience helps you as a player to reach your potential," Linda commented. "She is extremely knowledgeable and is a great role model for the team."

As Linda reflects back on her years at Houghton, she sees the field hockey team as one of the best parts of her college experience. "Being a part of a team is one of the greatest experiences ever," says Linda. "But what makes that experience the best is playing on a team where you also share a Christian bond with your teammates." See Linda in action on Houghton's new field October 7, as the Highlanders take on SUNY Geneseo at 4:00 p.m.