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BY ROSA GERBER
STAR STAFF WRITER

Sniper alert issued after six deaths

After a series of seemingly random shootings, police urged residents near the Washington, DC, area to be wary of any suspicious individuals and report any unusual activity. During a 16-hour period from Wednesday night to Thursday morning, five people were shot and killed in Montgomery County, Maryland. The sixth shooting came Thursday night in Washington, DC, and a woman in Fredericksburg, Virginia, was listed in stable condition after being shot Friday afternoon.

After examining bullets from three of the first shootings, the one in Washington, and the one in Virginia, officials concluded matching results and assumed the killings were linked. They also believed the bullet fragments from the other shootings were from the same weapon, but the remnants were too damaged to verify this supposition.

Authorities have issued a watch for a white van with two men, one believed to be the driver and one believed to be the sniper. Each victim appeared to have been randomly chosen and was shot only once.

U.S. suspicion of Iraq's weapon capabilities grows

U.S. intelligence agencies reported that Iraq could have nuclear weapons within the decade and are meanwhile building their supplies of chemical and biological weapons. The Bush administration's main concern is the possibility of nuclear war.

Claiming compliance with U.N. resolutions since the Persian Gulf War, 1990-1991, Iraq insists it had destroyed all its weapons.

The report released by U.S. intelligence agencies said Hussein has not been able to carry out his nuclear

BY JENNIFER NERONI
STAR STAFF WRITER

The announcement publicizing the Campaign for Christian Liberal Arts at Houghton College was made on Friday during the Founders' Day Convocation chapel service.

This announcement, made by President Daniel Chamberlain, kicks off the public phase of Houghton's largest ever fundraising campaign. The campaign began in 1999 and will be completed in 2006.

The Christian liberal arts are meant to provide a broad, firm foundation so students are equipped to serve effectively wherever life takes them. The purpose for this campaign is to ensure that the Christian liberal arts survive and flourish so that both students and alumni can serve our needy world as Christian scholar-servants.

The campaign is intended to raise \$48 million for the school during its seven years. Over \$8 million will go towards operating support. Houghton College is doing fine financially at the present time, but with increasing costs and unstable economic circumstances, the cost to operate the school is increasing. This \$8.5 million would help

to increase financial aid and scholarships, as well as other various operating costs the school has.

Ten million dollars of the \$48 million will go towards facilities support. This amount will be divided into four main projects: renovations to

academic program support, and technology support. It is said that a college that is financially strong should have an endowment five times its annual budget. This would mean a \$125 million endowment for a school the size of Houghton. Houghton's

endowment is in desperate need for increase at the moment and the last \$30 million will be devoted to the increase of the endowment.

Twenty-seven million dollars has already been committed to the Campaign for Liberal Arts since its beginning in 1999. Part of that is the \$15 million that was given to

PHOTO BY NEIL COWLEY

Board of Trustees president Ian Lennox gave a short speech during the Founders' Day Convocation. President Chamberlain and Dean Oakerson presented Lennox with an honorary degree. Chamberlain went on to announce the Campaign for Christian Liberal Arts at Houghton.

Wesley Chapel, renovations and technological upgrades for the Paine Science Center, the construction of a new structure dedicated solely to the visual arts, and a modern fitness center that would occupy what is currently the Stevens Art Studios.

The other \$30 million of the \$48 million will go toward the school's endowment. The endowment is a sum of money that is set aside to generate income for the college. This in turn provides scholarships, faculty support,

the purpose of beginning the Masters of Music program that will begin accepting students in the fall.

When speaking of the provision and faithfulness of God concerning the campaign, President Chamberlain said, "We celebrate the great things he has done, and anticipate the wonders to come." For more information about the Campaign for Christian Liberal Arts at Houghton College, contact the Advancement Office.

Ortlip Art Gallery manager receives award

Roselyn Danner, manager of the Ortlip Art Gallery at Houghton College, is the 14th recipient of the President's Advisory Board Award.

Kevin Knowlton, chair of the board, presented Danner with the award at the Heritage and Founders' Fellowship luncheon at the college Friday, Oct. 4.

Recipients are selected due to their firm commitment to Christ and the advancement of His kingdom; their significant contributions to Houghton College through time, talents and resources; and their active and continuing interest in Houghton College.

Danner, a native of Wellsville, N.Y., came to Houghton in 1981 when her husband, Bob, was named Houghton College vice president for student life. During her 21

years in the community she has contributed her time and talents generously. Many of these contributions are reflected in a comment she made to Bob recently, when he asked her: "What would you like people to say about your work at Houghton College?" Her response? "She tried to make your world more beautiful."

Danner has done much to make Houghton College more beautiful. She is a long-time member of the college's Building and Grounds Committee, contributing insights and good advice, particularly pertaining to the decor and color schemes of many campus buildings. She has served on the planning committee for the Center for the Arts

and currently serves on the Chapel Restoration Committee.

Her most visible work revolves around her 15 years of managing what is now known as the Ortlip Art Gallery in the Center for the Arts. In this capacity she works with gallery shows from initial recruitment to tearing down afterwards. She began this work as a volunteer, and even though she now receives modest compensation to perform these duties, her clear motivation to create a beautiful gallery series comes from her combined love of art and Houghton College. She is also the overseer and curator of the college art collection.

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plan because he has not been able to obtain uranium or plutonium to use in the weapons. If Iraq were to obtain premade materials, Hussein could have nuclear weapons within a year; otherwise, Iraq must make its own. Officials claim that several shipments of high-strength aluminum tubes that could be used to carry such chemicals have been stopped. A minority of intelligence analysts, however, asserted the tubes were used for conventional weapons, not for nuclear purposes. The report said that, despite U.S. bombing and U.N. inspections and sanctions, Iraq had increased its ability to produce chemical and biological agents.

After the report was released, Sen. Richard Durbin said some information remained classified that could weaken the administration's case against Iraq.

"The United States does not desire military conflict because we know the awful nature of war. The danger to America from the Iraqi regime is grave and growing," President Bush said.

Congress continued its debate over authorizing military force against Iraq if needed to deal with Iraq and its suspected mass destruction weapons. Meanwhile, U.N. Security Council continued their discussion of the new resolution terms that Iraq must disarm or deal with the consequences.

Seven youths charged with murder

On Thursday, after considering witness reports and the youth's statements, prosecutors charged seven boys, ages 13 to 16, as adults with first-degree reckless homicide in the death of Charlie Young, Jr., 36. A 10-year-old was charged as a juvenile with second-degree reckless homicide because prosecutors did not believe he understood the possible consequences of his actions. At least eight others could face charges.

Police reports said that Young threatened the youths with some kind of knife after they threw an egg at him. Young then punched one boy in the mouth, knocking out a tooth, before they ganged up and attacked him. The mob pursued Young, brutally beating him on the front porch of a home where he tried to escape them. They beat him with sticks, shovels, and other crude weapons. Young died Tuesday after being taken off life support.

Chemistry student wins national award

BY ROSA GERBER
STAR STAFF WRITER

Senior chemistry major Nathan Hnatiuk earned a Student Award to attend the 2002 Eastern Analytical Symposium and Exposition (EAS), to be held November 18-21 in Somerset, New Jersey.

Hnatiuk won the award through research he and a group of students did to solve water problems in service to the Houghton community during their senior seminar class last spring. Answering chemical questions about plumbing, photography, and papermaking, Hnatiuk helped lead the group in studying metal corrosion, the results of using hard water with photographic chemicals and the effectiveness of chlorine filters.

Only six students in the nation were selected from among many qualified applicants for the award, which distinguishes "scientific promise in undergraduate chemistry majors" in the field of Analytical Chemistry.

Hnatiuk and the other students worked closely with the community members to specifically describe the

problems. They then performed laboratory research, studied chemical literature, and offered oral and written presentations of the results to the community members.

"The seminar gave us a chance to be creative and think for ourselves using all the

chemistry we had learned so far," Hnatiuk said.

One example of the experiment was that the group analyzed paper made

at the Stevens Art Studio. The paper turned orange and the color could not be removed with bleach. The group discovered iron

build-up in the water heater, increasing the concentration of iron already in the Houghton community water. Students were using hot water to make paper, which added more iron and red coloring, and the bleach kept the red in the paper, instead of removing it.

Dr. Irmgard Howard and Hnatiuk concluded that people living in areas with hard water, especially high in iron, should drain their hot water tanks regularly to prevent build-up of materials such as hydrated rust. Howard also cautioned that not all filters removing "hardness" from the water will remove iron from water.

The EAS provides awards to both researchers and six undergraduate students. The student awards are given based on professor recommendation, which Dr. Howard wrote for Hnatiuk. The award includes an all-expenses-paid trip to the symposium, in which professional analytical chemists discuss and exchange information about the latest developments in the field, and a recognition plaque. Hnatiuk will be presented with the plaque at a luncheon during the event.

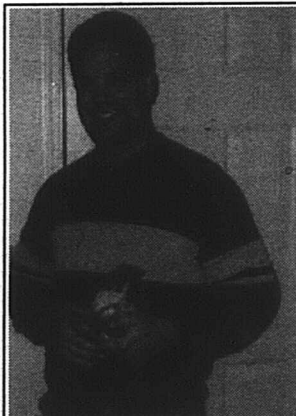


PHOTO BY BRIAN QUINONES
Chemistry major Nate Hnatiuk recently won a prestigious award for his senior seminar project.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

a weekly profile by Greg On

Full Name: Nan Marie Hussey

Age: 45

Alma Mater: BA - Hope College (1981)

MA - University of WA (1992)

Ph.D. - University of Washington (1999)

Hometown: Wenatchee, WA (born & raised)

Seattle, WA (last 19 years)

Current town: Houghton, NY!!!

Current Position: assistant professor of Spanish and German

Previous Position: adjunct professor of Spanish

Marital status: Single

How did you hear about Houghton College for the very first time? Through the Modern Language Association's Job Information list

Favorite building on campus: Fancher

Favorite Indiana Jones movie: *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (Harrison Ford AND Karen Allen!!!)

How could it not be my favorite?)

Favorite movie with the German language in it: *Mephisto*

Favorite sport: Ice skating/gymnastics (tie) with some interest in tennis and baseball

Favorite pro team: Seattle Mariners

Involved in any Houghton activities/clubs/organizations? Which? I've attended one "Needlenight" for stitchers at my church & just learned about the existence of a Stamp Collectors' Club

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 2:13-15

Favorite band: R.E.M.

Favorite classical composer: Beethoven

Instruments played: Piano, guitar, tambourine (all three badly)

Favorite movie: *Lord of the Rings*

Favorite TV Show: I haven't watched TV in over 20 years. As a teenager I liked "The Mod Squad" and "Star Trek" and as an undergrad I liked "M.A.S.H."

Favorite book: in German? Max Frisch's *Tagebuch: 1966-1971*. In Spanish? Luisa Josefina Hernandez's *Almeida Danzon*. In English? Ursula K. LeGuin's *The Left Hand of Darkness*

Name any three of the Seven Dwarfs: Doc, Sneezy, Grumpy

Where do you want to go today? Back to Mexico, to see the Copper Canyon (la Barranca del Cobre), spend some time in Morelia, revisit Oaxaca, dawdle in Guadalajara

Favorite dinner food: baked salmon, with broccoli and mashed potatoes

In all the movies I've seen, Germans seem to like to yell "schnell" and "mach schnell" during car chases and the like. What does that mean, exactly, and how does it relate to us today? "Schnell" means "quickly" or "fast" and "Mach Schnell" means "hurry up!" which is what you'd better do if you're late for class. Germans are PUNCTUAL!



Students take leader interest in Boulder

BY JULIE PALMER
STAR STAFF WRITER

Can you imagine being a graduating senior with out a yearbook? Lack of leadership in the Boulder has been a problem at the beginning of the last two school years, and this year is no exception.

Several weeks after the beginning of the semester, seniors Lauren Zysk and Katie Baker have taken over the job of senior editors of the Boulder.

Zysk said that as soon as she

produce the yearbook but it is up to the editors to come up with a theme and the pictures. This year's theme in progress is "To the greater glory of God" or "Ad majoram di Gloria." The editors hope to embellish this with quotes from church fathers, verses and poems. They also hope to have a section of Houghton "through the seasons."

Zysk says that the new staff hopes to have a classy yearbook this year and wants to refine the layout so that it will look even better and help

students treasure their memories of Houghton College.

The editors say that they have layout under control but they do need help with pictures. In order to



PHOTO BY BRIAN QUINONES

Boulder editors Lauren Zysk and Katie Baker at the Boulder office. Until recently the Boulder had no editors for 2002-03.

heard that there wasn't going to be a yearbook she ran into the Info Center to find out whom she needed to contact in order to become the editor. Zysk and Baker are assisted by Jenny Kaye and Emily Frey as business manager and photo editor. This year's yearbook staff hopes to train underclassmen who can take over the editors positions in the future.

The yearbook budget is pre-approved by the SGA but the editors also have to be approved. The Boulder owns all of the equipment needed to

make this yearbook something that everyone will enjoy, everyone needs to contribute pictures. Cameras and film are available in the Boulder office for people to check out if they are going to be doing an activity that they would like to take pictures of. If students would rather contribute their own pictures, they can put their full name and home address on the back of the photo and the photos will be returned after production is finished.

The new editors need everyone's help to produce a quality yearbook.

Chamberlain essay featured in new book

An essay by Houghton College President Daniel Chamberlain has been included in the book, *College Faith: 150 Christian Leaders and Educators*

Share Faith Stories from Their Student Days.

The book, released in July by Andrews University Press, contains short personal testimonies and essays about faith

lessons the writers learned while they were students in higher education.

In *College Faith*, Chamberlain—now in his 27th year as Houghton's president—recounts how God dramatically preserved his life during a car accident at the exact time that his parents felt impressed to pray urgently for his safety.

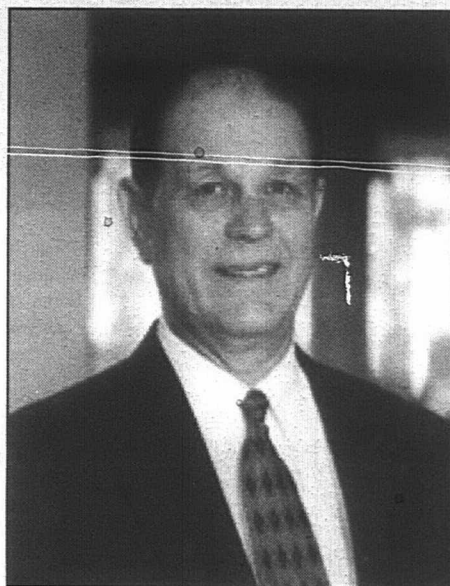
More than 40,000 copies of the book were sold to Christian colleges and bookstores in the first 12 weeks after the book's release.

"We published this book because we believe administrators, teachers, staff, and students

will be inspired by the simple faith stories people have to tell," said Ronald Knott, director of Andrews University Press.

"Higher education is the time

when many people make formative faith decisions for good or ill. We think people ought to read simple but powerful stories like those told by Chamberlain."



Besides Chamberlain, other writers for the book include the presidents of more than 60 Christian colleges, universities, theological seminaries, and Christian ministries. Among them are Bill Bright, founder and president of Campus Crusade for Christ; Alec Hill, president of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship; the presidents of Baylor University and Pepperdine University, and many others.

College Faith is available in Christian bookstores and online at the Andrews University Press website, found at [www.andrews.edu/universitypress.com](http://www.andrews.edu/universitypress).

Review: Burlap to Cashmere pulls off mostly pleasing show

BY NOEL HABASHY
STAR STAFF WRITER

Hailing from New York City, Burlap to Cashmere visited Houghton College on Thursday, October 3. The concert from the fairly well-recognized Christian group was the kickoff to Homecoming and Family Weekend festivities. A crowd of approximately 600 people entered Wesley Chapel for the event, less than organizers had hoped for, but still a good turnout. The concert, organized and sponsored by CAB and Houghton College Radio (no longer WJSL), received a very positive response from the audience.

Combining numerous musical styles including rock, Mediterranean, and classical guitar, Burlap to Cashmere (aka B2C) has spawned their own unique flavor. They have also made a name for themselves in the Christian music industry with their entry into the scene and release of two recordings, "Anybody Out There?" and "Live at the Bitter End." Since these releases the band gained great

popularity in the scene, even gaining some exposure in secular markets. But amidst their growth, the band also went through some turmoil.

reunited, but with many changes. With the lead singer gone and several new faces, the band still offered promise for the great music that they

had before. It was a changed B2C that came to visit Houghton College.

Opening for B2C was the group Skyland. With the lead singer from Burlap to Cashmere playing bass, the four-man group displayed their folk-rock style. The result was an appealing

mere put on an overall great show with a few quirks. During the second song the show was stopped by the lead singer to adjust the volume of the keyboards—a rather unprofessional action that surprised the crowd. He justified it by telling how they hadn't slept in 24 hours and had just been recording in New York City. A second disappointment of the night was the absence of a callback (encore). At the end of the show the band walked off, and despite the cheers of the crowd, refused to return for another song. This was a definite disappointment to the crowd.

Aside from those flaws, the show was a success. The group of extremely talented musicians put on a good show with many of their fan favorites. The highlight of the show was the jam session in the middle of the song "Basic Instructions."

The exceptional abilities of this group shone through, especially in the talent of the lead guitarist and drummer. On the whole it was a fun concert.



PHOTO BY JAMES THOMAS

Opening for Burlap to Cashmere was Skyland.

In July 2000 Burlap to Cashmere announced that it would be breaking up. Not long afterwards the band

sound to get the crowd pumped up for the main event.

The four men of Burlap to Cash-

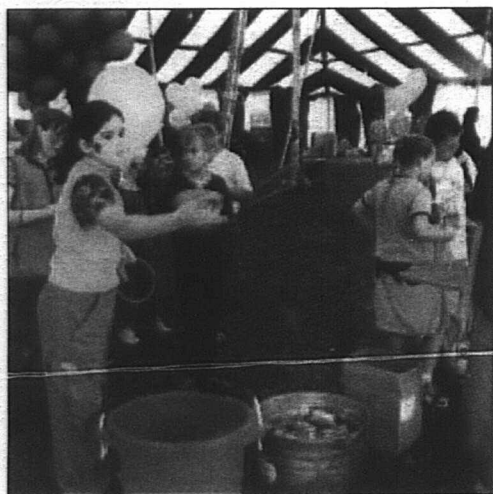
carnival...

PHOTO BY BETHANY SCHWARTZ
The "Ring-a-Drink" was a popular activity for youngsters.



PHOTO BY BETHANY SCHWARTZ
Shelley Dooley and her fish Shadrach at the "Students of Tomorrow" carnival. Each student organization volunteered to run a booth during the carnival.

parade...

PHOTO BY BRIAN QUINONES
The senior float came in third place after the judging. (The freshman float won first place, followed by the sophomore float, the senior float, and the junior float.)

sports...

PHOTO BY BRIAN QUINONES
JoAnna Beardsley (5) takes a corner kick against Notre Dame of Ohio.

Homecoming 2002 Bridging the Generations memories

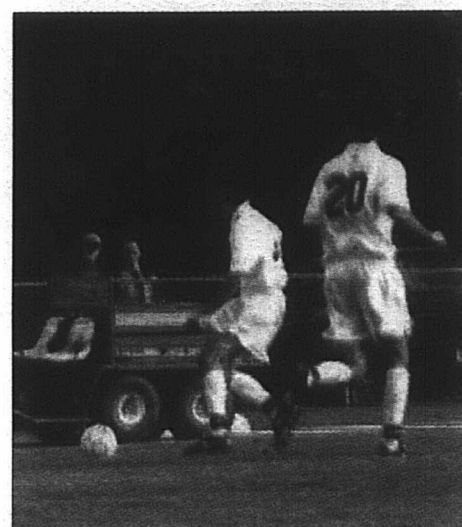


PHOTO BY BRIAN QUINONES
Rusty Knight (20) waits for a pass from his teammate during the guys' game against Malone.



PHOTO BY JAMES THOMAS
Homecoming Queen and King Jenny Kaye and Aaron Benedict.

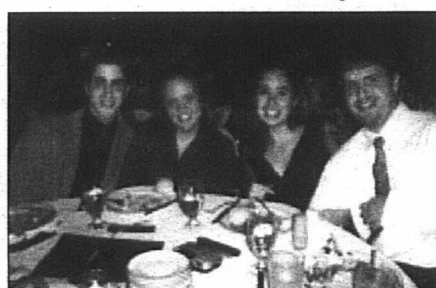


PHOTO BY BECKY COTE
Seniors Richard Liantonio, Aimee Fox, Laura Tolley, and Ben Wells enjoyed the banquet.

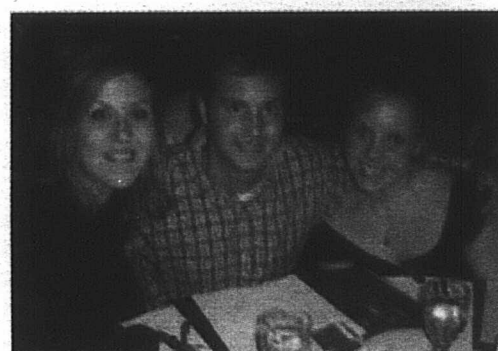
banquet...

PHOTO BY MINDY ALBRECHT
Houghton alumni Ellie Albrecht, Tom Forsberg, and Erin Stenton came back for the banquet.



PHOTO BY JAMES THOMAS
An inside view of the 1500+ people who crammed into the tent for the banquet.



PHOTO BY JAMES THOMAS
Homecoming Court Jenny Kaye, Aaron Benedict, Christina McClelland, Caleb Howard, Danielle Luckey, Blair McDonald, Mary Gibson, and Paul Shaffner.

spot...



Katie Bowman and Emily Kinney performed a musical of the Tootsie Roll song.



Dr. David Tilley, VP of Student Life, joined Jeremy Bullinger, Dave Hough, Tim Cook, and Gabe Whittaker on the stage to sing with a true southern twang.



Dan Crandall was one of the team members defeated in the Houghton wrestling ring.



Jeff Babajtis sang his own "FYI Song," declaring that FYI is wonderful, and was joined by Matt Webb.



The difference between freshmen and sophomores is pretty obvious...as evident in the girls' outfits.



Senior Chuck Seaman led his band in a rendition of *Bohemian Rhapsody*.

SPOT PHOTOS BY BRIAN QUINONES

...and a good time was had by all

BY ARGIE JANDREW
STAR CONTRIBUTOR

With the combined Family Weekend and Homecoming, things were quite eventful around campus on Friday and Saturday.

Friday's events were highlighted by the Founders' Day convocation, a "Students of Tomorrow" carnival, and the coronation of the Homecoming court. The court consisted of freshmen Mary Gibson and Paul Shaffner, sophomores Blair MacDonald and Danielle Luckey, juniors Caleb Howard and Christina McClelland and seniors Jenny Kaye and Aaron Benedict.

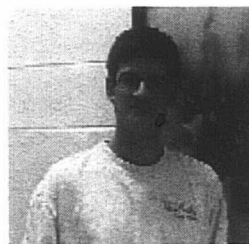
Saturday afternoon began with the Homecoming parade. Included in the parade were the freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior floats (the freshmen float won), along with the dorm councils of East hall, Lambein, and Shen. Students involved in the equestrian program, miming, and local ambulance and fire companies also marched. The parade drew in many students and their families, faculty, and members of the community. It was a very eventful day, followed by a banquet in the evening.

Despite the chilly weather, many students

and families dressed in their formal wear and came to the quad to celebrate at the "Bridging the Generations" banquet. So many people turned out for the banquet that extra tables had to be set up outside the tent.

The banquet was a great time to celebrate Homecoming with families and friends, and a time to remember the foundation of the college and think about the ever-changing, improving future of Houghton. Following the banquet was student SPOT, which offered a unique variety of student talent and provided many laughs. Once again, there was a large crowd that turned out for this event; the seats were full, the aisles, overflowing.

Juniors Liz Wilson and Ryan Alo were the students responsible for pulling together such a huge event.



Top Ten Things I Realized at SPOT

by Greg On

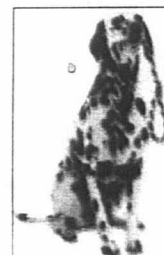
10. This was the first Homecoming I've had where it didn't snow at least one night.
9. The Class of 2004 can't build a float to save our lives - two years in a row!
8. Beauty can be found anywhere, even in 80s commercials.
7. Sophomores are weird.
6. Freshmen are weirder.
5. Dr. Tilley really knows how to rock, Dixie-style.
4. I'm still glad I didn't have to repeat FYI.
3. Wrestling can be wholesome, quality entertainment.
2. *Bohemian Rhapsody* never gets old.
1. Girls are WEIRD.

IN QUESTION

YOU TELL US...

email star@houghton.edu with your opinions or go to <http://campus.houghton.edu/orgs/star> and click on "In Question"

What was your favorite SPOT skit? (Results in next issue.)



What do you think of the Shen Bloc? Is it just a crazy bunch of shirtless guys in kilts?

Was the 3-in-1 Homecoming weekend a success? Should this type of combination be repeated?



BY MELANIE MARCIANO
STAR STAFF WRITER

This album's meaning can be found in the name: it is

generation has lessened the image of God. We do not think about him in the highest terms of who he actually is. I hope that the di will intrigue them to lo

like to call it soft rock pop. They have a very peaceful sound with deep themes and slow melodies, and not a lot of hard drums or fast beats. I think they want to use the rock to appeal to teens, which may be stretching themselves

I enjoyed this album, but I think that LaRue needs to stick to what they are good at and not try to become something in order to appeal to different groups of listeners. Teens still may enjoy them even though they are not hard. This group's sound already appeals to many age groups.

Bottom line: encouraging, easy listening



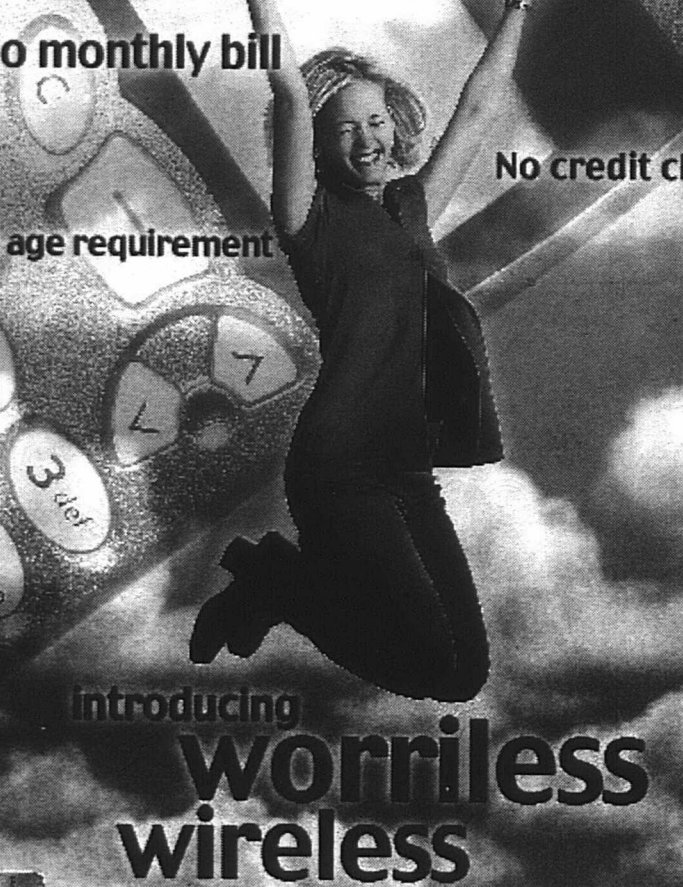
I would expect LaRue's songs to be played on Top 40s, popular stations or

to be something that they just are not. One of the songs on *Reaching*, "Lift Up," starts

BY KATHIE BRENNEMAN
STAR GUEST WRITER

The pasta section was our choice. Five selections are features, again with the thoughtfully added option of half or whole orders, priced accordingly. All of us chose

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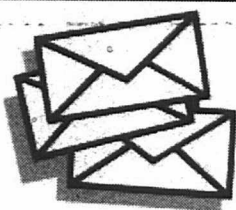
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Cuzco Appreciates Houghton

Dear Houghton community,

Thank you for letting me participate in "Homecoming Weekend." I really enjoyed being able to run for King, be a part of the fair, and even have a spot in the parade. The support I received from everyone really made my week-end! I want to give special thanks to the Star, the Office of Student

Life, the senior class, and everyone else who helped out in my campaign. I hope you all enjoyed "Bridging the Generations (and Species)." My cheers to the "Campaign for Christian Liberal Arts!" Houghton's a great place to be.

- Cuzco the goat

(content translated from the ancient language of the goats to English by Phil Hassey)

Editorial: Maybe Later

Mom had said that he needed help with the garbage. Okay. "You can do this," I said to myself as I pulled up to the curb. He was already in the garage as I walked up the driveway. "He won't be expecting me," I realized, and the strange fear inside of me seemed to increase.

Grandad didn't seem surprised as he greeted me.

"I just stopped by to take your trash to the curb," I explained. He seemed to be having difficulty moving around, as he showed me the garbage cans. I looked at him again. He was so thin. Grandad, always a little dapper in that old-fashioned way, with his plaid pants and bow ties. Now his clothes seemed to

hang from his thin frame. His mouth seemed half frozen, and the purple veins on his arm stuck

out noticeably. I took the first load out to the curb and came back. He had found a plastic chair and managed to slide into it.

I stood above him as we began to talk. "What year are you at Houghton?" he asked, in that hesitating voice, pronouncing the school with a 'W.' "I'll be damned," he said after I replied that this was my third year. "You just get older and older," he marveled, then paused with a wry smile, "and I just get sicker and sicker."

I took another load to the curb. "How does anyone handle getting old?" I wondered. I heard a voice inside me. "Share Christ with him." The knot in my stomach tightened. Grandad and I had never been like that. I decided to wait and see what would happen. Maybe God would open up a door.

Our small talk continued as I came back into the garage. He seemed to be on a

reminiscing kick, thinking back to his World War II days and his missed opportunity to enter law school. The garbage was at the curb now. I could leave anytime. "I'll stay and listen for a little while," I thought. "This is blessing him."

"You read the paper, right?" he was asking. "Take the *New York Times* with you."

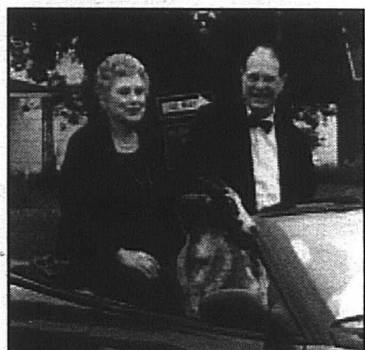
"Sure," I responded, as he shuffled over to the corner, wishing he would just sit down.

After a few more minutes, he must have seen my restlessness. "Well, I won't keep you any longer," he said. "Tell your Granny and I when we can come down to your school. We'll take you and your friends out to Ted's Hot Dogs."

I smiled and shook his hand. A sudden impulse ran through me to pull up a chair next to him, to tell him that I had nothing more important than to listen to him. It passed as quickly as it had come, and I smiled again and said goodbye. Ten minutes later I was home, had dropped the *Times* in the recycling box, and was surfing the internet.

His hip surgery was the next week, and Grandad didn't respond very well to the anesthesia. Mom said he went a little crazy, swore like a sailor, and threw his wedding ring across the room. She wasn't too sure that he wanted to live anymore. Our conversation in the garage came back to me with sudden clarity. Maybe next time ... maybe next time I wouldn't wait.

-Matt Moran '04



EDITORIAL

A Touching Proposal by Bethany Schwartz

Editor's note (that's me): Managing editor Shelley Dooley had a rough and busy week, so I volunteered to write her column this week.

Every day when I walk into my apartment I know that my roommates will drop whatever they are doing and run to greet me. Every time. Guaranteed.

It isn't just that they love me or they're wonderful friends—which they are—but that they have to get up. We have a new "law."

According to an unidentified source (actually, I just don't remember where it came from), people begin to feel an emotional loss if they don't get at least seven hugs a day. Seven hugs?!? You cry in disbelief. That's a lot! No kidding. I don't get ANY hugs unless I specifically ask for them—at least, I didn't as of last week.

Whenever one of my roommates (or should I say flatmates?) enters our apartment, whichever of us is already in the house has to hug that person. We want to help each other reach our daily quota of hugs—and feel loved. Because it really does help.

So when Shelley came into the office on Monday telling me about her rotten day, my first response was to feel sorry for her. There's nothing I can do to help, I thought.

But there was.

I jumped up from my chair and threw my arms around her.

I don't know if she felt any better—probably not—but at least I helped her get her quota of hugs for the day. At least she knew that I cared enough to get up and show her. At least she knew she was loved.

So I have a suggestion. I'd like to propose that the college begin enforcing a rule like the one that my apartment has created—we need to increase the hugging on campus!

(I'm not talking about the kind of "hugging" that takes place in dark corners of the campus center lounge, but good, wholesome, encouraging hugging.)

Imagine if I walked into my nutrition exam on Friday and Dr. Schwert greeted me with a big "Team Nutrition" bear hug. Not only would I do better on the test, but most likely I would have an all-around better day. With three classes a day, if all of the professors hugged the students as they walked into class, everyone would reach the daily quota in no time! What if, instead of just standing up, we all stood up and hugged each other when the organ played in chapel? And instead of swiping our cards to go up to the dining hall, we could hug the cafeteria workers. We could stop thinking of them as Nazis and start thinking of them as friends. And most importantly, when we truly needed to feel encouraged, we could be certain that someone would be on hand to give us a hug. Just like I did for Shelley.

I'm glad that I was able to be there to hug Shelley, even if it didn't make her troubles go away or lift the burdens from her heart. I'm glad that I can jump up and hug my roommates whenever they walk into our apartment. And I'm glad I can be assured of getting at least three hugs every day.

We may get a little silly and carried away at apartment 106, but we have a lot of fun. And at least we care enough about each other to show it.

Stop caring what people think and fling your arms around someone. You never know how you may brighten their day.

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Highlanders sweep Homecoming matches

BY AARON BOYNTON
STAR SPORTS WRITER

Saturday with a score of 8-0. The ladies dominated the game on both

The Highlanders started the weekend off as the volleyball team faced St. Vincent College on Friday night. Houghton played a hard-fought match and came out with a 3-2 victory.

On Saturday, the volleyball team won both of its matches, defeating Point Park and Ursuline 3-0 and 3-1, respectively. The Highlanders are now 10-9 and play their next home match against Roberts Wesleyan on October 16 at 7 p.m.

The women's soccer team obliterated Notre Dame College of Ohio on

ends of the field, giving Notre Dame no chance whatsoever. The Lady

Highlanders are now 4-1-3 with their next home game on Friday, October 12 against AMC foe St. Vincent. Houghton plays Roberts Wesleyan on Tuesday October 15.

The Houghton men defeated AMC opponent Malone College on Saturday with a 1-0 shutout. It was a tough battle all the way to the final horn. The guys improve to 3-2-1 with the win. They have three road games coming up, with a lot of travel included. The

College. Over October break Houghton squares off against Covenant College and Berry College in Georgia.

The field hockey match on Saturday was cancelled at the request of the opposing team.

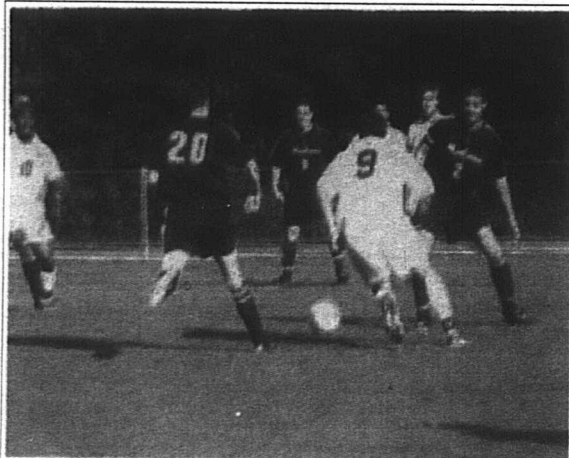


PHOTO BY BRIAN QUINONES
Trevor Eby (9) passes the ball to Elvis Langa (10) during the men's 1-0 Homecoming victory over Malone College.



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Dana Sell (12) waits as the Notre Dame keeper runs after the ball.

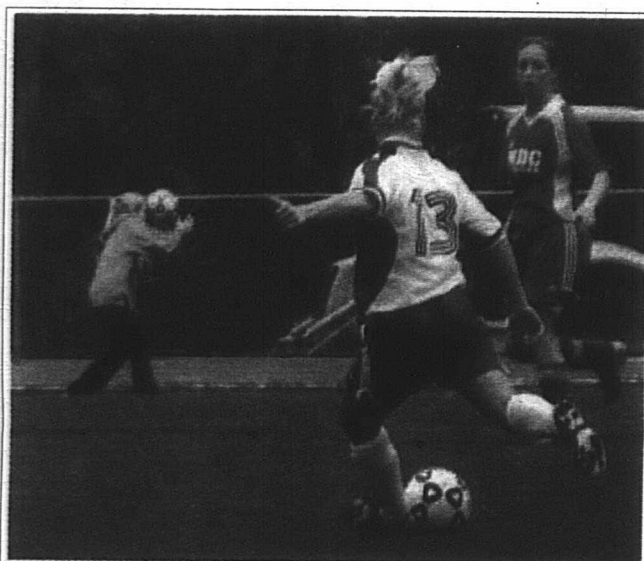
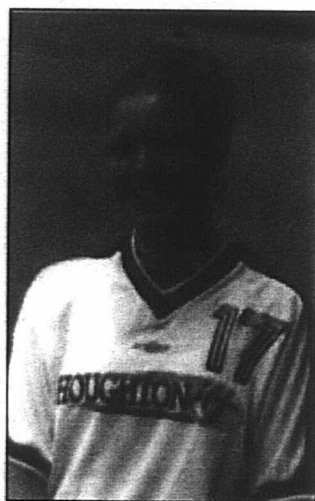


PHOTO BY BRIAN QUINONES
Cassandra Mills (13) winds up for a shot against Notre Dame on Saturday.

HIGHLANDER athlete of the week



Hannah Toth
forward, soccer

Junior Hannah Toth had three goals and two assists in the Highlanders' 8-0 Homecoming win over Notre Dame College of Ohio on Saturday.

Toth, from Victor, N.Y., leads the team in goals.

Cross Country teams run exceptional races

BY LIZ HORNOR
STAR SPORTS WRITER

At the SUNY Geneseo Invitational held in Letchworth State Park the Highlander cross-country team reaped the rewards of hard practicing. They also had the benefit of having a number of family members and friends on hand to cheer.

The women faced a new challenge in that they all raced a 6K instead of a 5K for the first time in their running careers. All the girls ran personal records since it was the first time racing that distance, but there were also

some standout performances. Mary Gibson flew to a 12th place finish out of 131 runners with a time of 23:39. Emily Munro was also in the top 30, finishing 27th with a time of 24:47. Liz Hornor (24:56), Erin Lawlis (25:00), and Katy Sykes (25:47) were also in the top 5 for Houghton. The women all had strong races and

learned that they did in fact have the strength to run an extra 1000 meters. The team as a whole finished 5th out of 15 teams.

The men's team also had a phenomenal race. There were a total of 13 personal records out of the 16 men. Chris Buell led the team as he raced to an 11th place finish out of 154 runners. He ran a personal best of 26:20. Gabe Whittaker finished 29th and second for Houghton with a

personal record time of 27:10. Tim Cook, Shamari LaCour (28:28 pr), and Warren Waybright (28:59) were also in the top 5 for Houghton. Next on the personal record list were Dave Austin (29:01), DJ Merriam (29:08), Chris Mancuso (29:21), Nick Ruiz (30:24),

Eric Martens (30:54), Mark Mullert (31:04), Steve Leader (31:36), Matt Dickerson (31:53), Chris Austin (32:08), and Chris Moore (32:49). The men's team finished 8th out of 15 teams in a strong field. Both teams are eager to see what will happen at their next race at Roberts Wesleyan on October 19.



PHOTO BY NICK RUIZ
Mary Gibson sprints during the Homecoming meet. Gibson placed 12 out of 131 runners.

HIGHLANDER SCORES

Women's soccer

9/28 Houghton 5, Geneva 3
10/5 Houghton 8, Notre Dame 0

Men's soccer

10/1 Houghton 1, Notre Dame 2
10/5 Houghton 1, Malone 0

Volleyball

10/1 Houghton 1, Daemen 3
10/4 Houghton 3, St. Vincent 2
10/5 Houghton 3, Point Park 0
10/5 Houghton 3, Ursuline 1

Field Hockey

10/1 Houghton 2, Brockport 0