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BY ROSA GERBER  
STAR STAFF WRITER

## North Korea refuses nuclear inspections

A newspaper editorial published Saturday said North Korea will not bend to international requests for nuclear weapons inspections. The ruling party daily Rodong Sinmun said, "The DPRK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) would have already met the same miserable fate as Iraq's had it compromised its revolutionary principle and accepted the demand for 'nuclear inspection' and disarmament. The DPRK has nothing to fear on Earth as it has the world's most viable army-based policy and a powerful means for self-defense."

These remarks from Pyongyang came one day after United States Secretary of State Colin Powell said a "bold initiative," such as the one President Nixon planned for China in the 1970s, was an option. He emphasized the "bold initiative" will only be an option after multilateral discussions found a solution to the North Korean crisis. The U.S. wants other nations in the area, particularly China, Japan, and South Korea, to participate in peace talks, while North Korea insists on bilateral talks with the U.S.

The North Korean army announced early this week that it would not participate in the weekly meetings at a joint security area between North and South Korea. Pyongyang also threatened to end its commitments to the 1953 Korean War armistice because the U.S. has been moving its troops around the region. North Korea called the annual joint military exercises between South Korea and the U.S. a "grave situation."

Both North Korea and the U.S. have increased their military movements in recent weeks. The U.S. sent signals to North Korea that it was not distracted by the war with Iraq by deploying bombers to Guam.

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## SGA elections disputed: votes from off-campus Miami program lost, chad inspection scheduled

BY BETHANY SCHWARTZ  
STAR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Despite prior belief that the Student Government Association election was decided weeks ago, new evidence suggests that some of the votes were miscounted.

"Apparently some of the ballots from the Houghton in Miami-Dade program were too confusing," lamented elections coordinator Matt Preston. "We're going to have to start over and do a re-count. Hopefully this won't mean that we actually have to do a re-vote."

Current SGA members are working with Matthew Webb and Elizabeth Sartor to attempt to fix the situation. Webb and Sartor organized a team of students and community members to assist in the counting of the votes.

"This is a very serious situation," commented Webb as he counted.

Brian Glenney, who was the runner-up

in the presidential election, shouted random numbers at sporadic intervals to distract the counters. Security officer Ray Parlett was forced to restrain

for comment.

SGA President Toby Cushing claimed that the misunderstanding of the ballots was not due to the incompetence of the Student Government. "Who knows what they do down there in Miami?" he said. "For all we know, they had the elections on the beach!"

Fortunately for Houghton College, Cushing's brother Jeb resides in Miami and was able to oversee the mailing of the questioned ballots to the main campus in Houghton, NY. "Hopefully this won't hinder Toby's entrance into law school or his upcoming marriage," Jeb Cushing commented. "He doesn't want a thing like this on his record. He may never be elected again!"

Cushing's fiancée refused to comment.

For news on the status of the elections, refer to the Houghton College web page or email Charles Bressler with the subject, "Request for breaking news updates."

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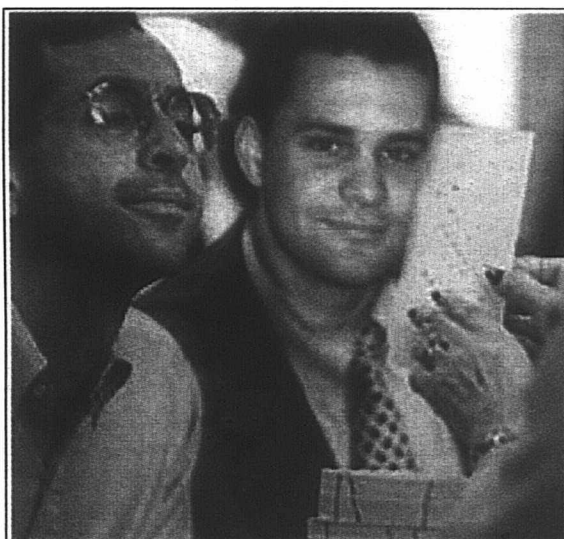


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Current SGA President Toby Cushing helps his brother Jeb in the recount of the presidential votes. Jeb Cushing is part of the Houghton in Miami-Dade Program.

Glenney with masking tape.

President-elect Danielle Luckey was busy posting more signs in case of a new vote and could not be reached

## Gasoline prices at Citgo become huge sacrifice

BY HUGH R. WEEVIL  
STAR GUEST WRITER

Due to the war in the Middle East, gasoline prices are rising to anatomical levels. The Citgo in Houghton has also been affected by these changes.

Despite outrage from Houghton students and professors, the Citgo owners have refused to lower the gas prices.

Station owner Willard Houghton said, "They just keep raising the oil prices. We don't know what else to do."

School physician Dr. David Brubaker has been busy ordering many prosthetics for his multiplying patients. College class sizes are diminishing rapidly as students and professors alike are forced to spend unplanned time in the health center.

"My patience level is increasing every day," Brubaker said.

Professors have been talking to academic dean Ronald Oakerson about what to do about the affect the gas prices are having on the students, but so far no conclusion has been made. The adminis-

tration claims that it is not feeling panicked yet, but some of the professors have expressed disagreement.

English professor Dr. Charles Bressler. "What a hoot!"

Although Houghton residents have expressed concern about the gasoline situation, governmental officials are untroubled.

In a recent phone interview, United States President George W. Bush also placed the blame for the situation on the war. "This is our new idea for a draft," he said. "Most of the premium gasoline is purchased by the Baby Boomers, who have firstborn children in the 18-27 age bracket."

Houghton students and professors are planning to picket the gas stations in Fillmore and Houghton. Evangelicals for Social Action is organizing the event.

"We're making signs that say, 'War shouldn't cause lack of limbs,'" said senior Regina Rinaldo. "This is just too much."

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"Students without arms can't write in my class anymore!" exclaimed

### Suicide bomber injures 49 in Israel

At least 49 people were injured in the northern town of Netanya, Israel, as a suicide bomb exploded in a busy cafe. Five people were injured seriously. Among the injured were ten Israeli soldiers.

The Israeli government called the act "another indication the Palestinian terror campaign against Israeli civilians continues. Terrorists continue to make every effort to strike at Israelis in the heart of our cities. Israel will take whatever measures are necessary to prevent such attacks from occurring against us."

The Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the bombing, announcing that the attack was "a gift to the Iraqi people from Palestine." The group also said it sent a force, a "kamikaze brigade," to fight in Iraq.

The U.S. State Department has declared the Palestinian Islamic Jihad a terrorist organization, a rebellious group devoted to destroying Israel and creating an Islamic Palestinian state. Officials claimed the group urged Palestinians to fight against coalition forces in Iraq and Israeli civilians to demonstrate unity with the Iraqi people. Iraqi television praised the Islamic Jihad's action.

The Palestinian Authority immediately condemned the bombing and reiterated its commitment to peace in the Middle East.

### Hussein has nuclear-proof bunker

The Associated Press reported an interview with Karl Esser, a consultant of a German-led group of companies who constructed a nuclear shelter for Saddam Hussein in the early 1980s. The group built the bunker under Hussein's presidential palace to be nuclear-proof and to withstand standard bombing.

Esser, who helped design the shelter, said, "I don't believe that the bombs the Americans have will be enough."

Meant to withstand a nuclear blast 650 feet away as powerful as the bomb dropped at Hiroshima, the bunker can also withstand temperature over 570 degrees Fahrenheit. According to Esser, "It's very, very difficult to crack unless you hit it directly with a small atomic bomb. Normally such bunkers can only be taken by ground troops."

Esser claimed he planned the majority of the bunker, organized the delivery of equipment, and confirmed the shelter met Western military standards.

## Houghton to add rodeo program in fall 2003

BY JOSH MILLER  
STAR STAFF WRITER

After many months of secret deliberation, Houghton College's Board of Trustees announced that the school will be offering rodeo courses during the 2003-2004 school year. To accommodate this program, the college plans to expand the Equestrian Center, adding another set of stalls for steers and constructing a state-of-the-art rodeo ring. The Board has also already hired Roy Clark, former host of the hit TV series "Hee Haw," as chair of the Rodeo Department. Clark will be teaching classes in steer riding, steer roping, and barrel racing.

A rodeo clowning class will also be offered, instructed by Houghton music professor Dr. Ben King. When asked to comment on this new development, Dr. King said, "It's not Houghton in Texas, but it's a start. And I get to wear big floppy shoes."

This new addition resulted from a desire among Houghton's administration to recruit more students from Kentucky. After realizing that Houghton only has one student from this state and that this student has been the epitome of a servant scholar, Dr.

Chamberlain and the Trustees were ashamed of their lackadaisical efforts to tap the smart, loving, and talented pool of students from this gem of the South. (They became particularly embarrassed when they noticed that Houghton has five students from South Dakota, which is well known to be a useless state.) In light of

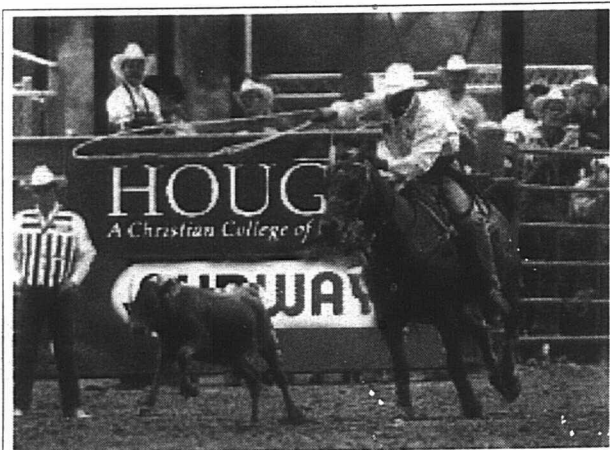
another lecture series in which Dr. Paul Young would tour schools, explaining how Houghton's integrative studies requirements could improve one's dating life. This idea was also nixed due to the fact that no one will ever be excited about taking integrative studies courses, no matter what Dr. Young says.

Finally, Dr. David Tilley presented the possibility of developing a rodeo program. At first, his proposal surprised the Board, but they eventually noticed the wisdom of this southerner's insight and approved his plan. "Throughout my years of college work, I've always wanted to watch students hog-tie bucking broncos," Tilley said. "Now I'll get my chance."

Along with the addition of rodeo courses in the fall of 2003 and spring of 2004, some of Houghton's professors are developing Mayterm courses that will allow other disciplines to make use of this

new resource. Current possibilities include a bullfighting class taught by Prof. Hernandez (which could count for P.E., Spanish, or Intercultural Studies credit) and reenactment of Old Testament sacrifices, which will be instructed by Dr. Schultz.

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FILE PHOTO

Dr. Ben King takes a few practice swings in the Equestrian Center. A new rodeo ring will be constructed during the summer months.

this dilemma, Dr. Chamberlain wanted to tour Kentucky high schools himself, personally encouraging students to come to Houghton with his informative lectures about the college and his personal life experience. While the Board appreciated his suggestion, they believed his speaking might be "too intellectually advanced" for high school students, even the brilliant minds of Kentucky. Matt Webb proposed

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

a weekly profile by Greg On

**Full Name:** The Letter "D"  
**Age:** I can't count, so I don't know  
**Alma Mater:** ABCU  
**Hometown:** Alphabet  
**Current town:** Sesame Street  
**Current Position:** In between C and E  
**Previous Position:** Guest-starred in pre-k courses  
**Marital status:** I'm a single dad, my son's name is little "d"  
**How did you hear about Houghton College for the very first time?** Someone sent me a letter  
**Favorite building on campus:** The Citgo  
**Favorite Muppet movie:** Dark Crystal; it's not a "Muppet" movie but it's made by Jim Henson.  
**Favorite sport:** Dodge Ball  
**Favorite pro team:** Dolphins  
**Favorite intramural sport:** That little triangle.  
**Favorite band:** Tenacious D  
**Favorite classical composer:** Bach  
**Instruments played:** Well, although I never played an instrument, I am very musically inclined being that I am the musical note right in the middle of everything. a,b,c,D,e,f,g.  
**Favorite movie:** *Dark Man*  
**Favorite TV show:** *CSI*, of course  
**Favorite book:** *Dante's Inferno*  
**Name any 3 Alfred Hitchcock movies:** in alphabetical order *Birds*, *Psycho* and *Vertigo*  
**Where do you want to go today?** I would like to go to Quick Print, so I could make an army of replicants to deteriform the Earth. Just kidding, it would really be the Army of Darkness  
**Do You Yahoo!?** of course  
**Favorite Fruit:** anything with mango  
**Do you actually read the STAR?** No, but today's Getting to Know you was brought to you by the letters D and d and the numbers 4, 1, 03.





## Highlander Sport Association revives phon-a-thon for Fund

BY JULIE PALMER  
STAR STAFF WRITER

For the last couple of weeks the Houghton Fund has been running comics in the Star about the importance of giving to this fund. The Houghton Fund is not going to refurbish the chapel or get new weight lifting equipment for the gym, instead it serves to meet the day-to-day needs of the college. Although we all think that paying almost \$23,000 a year to go to college is an astronomical number, we rarely think about all of the things that this tuition pays for: the payroll for faculty and staff, the heating bill, water, maintaining facilities such as dorms and townhouses, and many others. Tuition actually only covers 88% of the operating budget of the college, and the difference is raised by the advancement office every year.

For many years, one month out of each semester was donated to phon-a-thon. During this month the advancement office hired student workers to call from the admissions calling room in Fancher. They called alumni, parents, and friends of the college to raise money for the Houghton Fund. Due to an ongoing evolution in the

advancement office phon-a-thon has been drastically altered this year. Most of the fundraising for the Houghton Fund has been outsourced to a telemarketing firm in Rochester. This is much more cost effective. However, many of our givers enjoy the opportu-



FILE PHOTO  
Highlander Sport Association coordinator Robin Ha is enthusiastic about the opportunity for another phoning event. Ha works in the Advancement office.

nity to talk to a student. Because of this Advancement has retained a few of its employees to call givers to say, "Thank you." The student workers all

call alumni with reunions this year as well as completing some other small projects during the course of the semester.

The only remnant of the phon-a-thon that is left is Highlander Sport Association calling, which will be

done from the 7th to the 12th of April. This calling will be done in the phoning room by paid student workers. The HSA calls are to people who normally contribute to Houghton Athletics, or who participated in athletics during their time at Houghton. Some of this calling will be done by regular student employees, but the advancement office hopes that most of it will be done by students who participate in athletics. This year they have divided the cards into sports so that those who

play basketball will call alumni who played basketball, etc. Coordinator Robin Ha said, "having student athletes call helps to make a connection with the alumni, and raising money is all about making that connection." The money that the HSA raises will go towards covering the normal costs of athletics that is built into the budget. Currently they are short money to meet the general athletic budget.

The advancement office is looking for student callers for HSA calling. They will be calling every evening and Saturday afternoon during the second week in April. Coach Hornibrook encourages, "The phon-a-thon is a great way for our current athletes and staff to show their support for our Highlanders Athletic program as a whole. It gives us a chance to communicate with former athletes and current donors about all the great things that our programs are doing, both in competition and in the communities we serve. Being involved in phon-a-thon is a great way to say thank you to our donors for all they are doing to help as well."

Anyone who is interested in HSA calling should contact Robin Ha  
Editor's Note: This is true.

## Opera workshop prepares to perform

BY JENNIFER NERONI  
STAR STAFF WRITER

The Opera Workshop will put on its spring production on April 3-5. This year, two different one-act shows will be performed: *The Producer* and *Princess Ida*.

*The Producer*, by Mozart, is a comedy about two rival divas of completely opposite personality who are asked to perform for the same opera company. When they both arrive, the Producer is faced with multiple dilemmas. How will he keep them apart? Who will sing the lead role? Add a surprise visit of a friend from the past who reveals their true identities and all chaos breaks loose!

*Princess Ida* is a light opera by Gilbert and Sullivan. The princess Ida has gone on a quest to band all women with her maiden throng to abjure tyrannic man. To accomplish this task, she has begun a girls' school where 100 beautiful maidens are secluded and taught that man is no more than ape, among other things. There is a twist in the plot when Ida's betrothed from the age of

one and his faithful friends appear at the school dressed as women, fooling the princess into believing that they are three new students. Will the Princess discover their scheme? Will her quest to sequester all of woman-kind for eternity actually be successful? Will the prince win back his princess?

The shows are full of laughter,

fun, suspense, and dancing! You won't want to miss this year's opera productions. Tickets are on sale during lunch and dinner. Ticket prices are \$4 for students and \$6 for non-

### Top Ten Reasons to come see the Opera (by Sarah Keely):

1. a singing cowboy
2. his pet horse
3. tap dancing
4. little (and cute) ballerinas from the Alleluia School of Dance
5. high notes that could shatter glass
6. a school with a girl/boy ratio of 18:0
7. evolutionary theories even Darwin would cringe at
8. cat fights (several of them)
9. Houghton students drinking and dancing
10. Ben Askins in a dress

students. The shows are directed by Marc Lewis, Shirley Close, and Jean Reigles. Principle roles are played by Ruben Bocanegra Thiel, Sarah Keely, Selina Duroy, Jordan Markwood, Ryan Englebrecht, Julie Charlton, Jennifer Neroni, Erin Scudder, Chuck Seaman, Matt AuYeung, Don Schuessler, and Amy Rogers.

Editor's Note: This is true.

## First appeal comes before Spiritual Life chapel committee

BY CHRISTOPHER STANLEY  
STAR STAFF WRITER

The first appeal of a decision by the Chapel Music Subcommittee was made to the Spiritual Life Committee this past Thursday. The appellate group, The African Gospel Choir led by Jason Lee, was originally rejected by the subcommittee because of their audition earlier in the week. They appealed the decision to the Spiritual Life Committee, and in an emergency session held in Presser Hall Thursday morning, were approved based on a new audition.

The process concerning performance in chapel begins with a person or group showing up at a mass audition time scheduled by the Chapel Music Subcommittee. The members of the committee are Dr. King, Dr. Congdon, Katie Munger, and two elected students. This year Erik Ireland and Nicole Barnett are serving on the subcommittee. In the event a group is scheduled to perform in chapel but hasn't auditioned yet, it contacts Dr. Lewis, who schedules a special audition time.

During the audition, each member of the subcommittee takes his or her own notes on how a group performs and then they communicate with each other to reach a consensus on the auditioning group. One member told me that the only question that she looks at is "Does this performance have sufficient musical integrity that it will not be a distraction to worship?"

A couple of examples of distractions would be if a person or group hesitates during singing and/or clearly doesn't know the music that well; and secondly, if they are clearly singing or playing out of tune. She noted that, "if a group or individual performs with confidence (i.e. without hesitations), and with good intonation, then I usually vote yes."

However, if the consensus is "no," that decision can be appealed to the Spiritual Life Committee. The way the appeal works is that the person or group in question, in this case the African Gospel Choir, would sing or play a sample of their music for the committee; the members of the committee would then discuss the matter with a few members of the Music Subcommittee; the subcommittee would then leave and a vote is taken.

There are nine members on the Spiritual Life Committee, and they range from the Associate VP of Christian Life (Dr. Lewis) to the SGA Chaplain to a non-voting student representative. The appeal is seen more as a second chance than a challenge to the authority of the Music Subcommittee.

Jason Lee, director of the African Gospel Choir said, "I'm glad they gave us a second chance. (The appeals process) went well." The group's performance in chapel recently also went well.

Editor's Note: This is true.

# International Banquet provides cuisine and culture for all

BY LIZ SANDS  
STAR STAFF WRITER

What was the best thing about the International Banquet this year? Three not-so-randomly selected Houghton students who attended the ISA-sponsored event answered unanimously, "the food!" But, extraordinary as the student-prepared international cuisine was, the evening would not have been complete without the pre-banquet international marketplace, the international entertainment, and the international bazaar atmosphere. Yes, "international" the evening certainly was.

In case you happened to walk through the campus center between 5 and 7 p.m. on Saturday night, you wandered straight into an international marketplace, complete with bartering salespeople (and customers!), booths of artifacts and souvenirs from different countries, and costumes of many cultures. Whether you wanted to purchase jewelry, drink a cup of chai, or get your name painted (for free!) in Chinese, you could do all three in our very own campus center. All campus and community members were welcome to come and experience the international marketplace, with or without a banquet ticket.

A beggar ambled through the crowd, tugging on coats and asking banquet-goers for contributions. The disguised Peter Amos, who oversees the International Student Association, added to the marketplace atmosphere. The presence of Amos as a homeless person was appreciated by many students, including Christine Armstrong, a junior Intercultural Studies major, who "felt jolted out of [her] comfort zone" because "you don't see that kind of thing at Houghton typically," but "it is a very

real part of the international experience." She was reminded of her semester in London and how easy it is to not see the homeless as real persons.

The International Bazaar, this year's theme for the banquet, began at 7:30 in the cafeteria. Guests were welcomed-and protected-by two Masai warriors at the bottom of the steps and an array of international decorations upstairs, including pineapples, cantaloupes, and honeydew melons on each table. Appetizers of spring rolls and ramen salad were the

candy over Italian trivia, and laughing together about Olga's Russian tidbits. The cultural dances, like "Las Sevillanas" from Spain and the Brazilian "Feijao de Corda" were especially interesting to watch, according to senior Elementary Education major Laura Hess, who noted how dancing is "such an important part of culture." The evening was a great opportunity "to enjoy and appreciate the beauty" of other cultures. The whirlwind cultural tour took place in the guise of a deceased missionary's journal entries, a journal

Thai chicken, Japanese curry, African ground nut sauce, Laotian chicken, Laotian noodles, and lots and lots of rice! Christine's vote for the best part of the meal was the Thai chicken and the amazing rice, while Laura Hess's favorite course was dessert! Sticky rice with fruit, especially the mangoes, reminded Hess of her semester student teaching in Honduras.

The hours of work that went into the food preparation were much appreciated, and the cuisine was applauded more than once throughout the evening. To conclude the meal, Michelle Mosher announced that the guest at each table whose birthday was closest to Saturday night could take home the pineapple! The International Bazaar's grand finale was a "Vote of Thanks" by Peter Amos, giving us as an audience an opportunity to express thanks for a fun night and full stomachs.

The international banquet "gives us a chance to celebrate other cultures and helps the Houghton community to keep an internationally-minded perspective," says Ursula Brush, a senior double major in Physics and Spanish who participated in "Las Sevillanas," a Spanish dance she learned last semester in Sevilla, Spain. "And it's fun to eat foods from all over the world," she adds. If you missed the international banquet this year, watch next spring for the annual event once again. You just might get a free pineapple to go.

One dollar from each International Bazaar ticket is being donated to the church in Iraq. If you would like to donate any money to this fund, please send checks to the ISA as soon as possible, and one check will be written from the ISA to the church in Iraq.

*Editor's Note: This is true.*



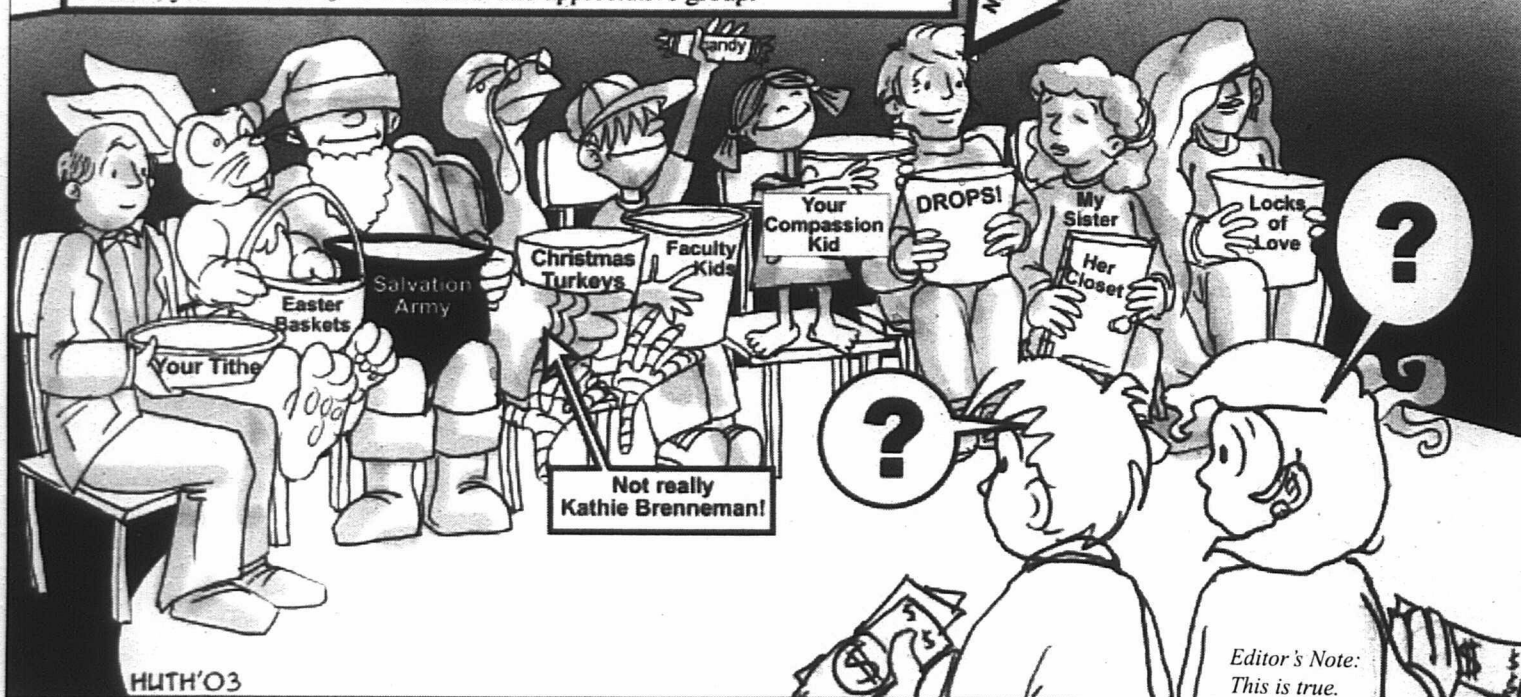
first course of a long-awaited meal. After welcomes by emcee Jonathan Wise and ISA President Michelle Mosher and a prayer by Dr. Andy Gallman, chair of the Foreign Language and Linguistics department, the festivities began. Guests were escorted around the globe, learning songs in Portuguese, watching dances of Brazil and Spain and a modern dance from the USA, listening to the Korean National Anthem and songs from the Caribbean, competing for

discovered by his wife and granddaughter as they sort through his things. By introducing each individual cultural experience, this skit helped to tie each piece together into an ongoing story.

The buffet dinner itself, served during a pause in the middle of the series of cultural experiences, was made by our fellow students. The "eclectic," according to Christine Armstrong, array of foods illustrated the international flair of the evening:

## We'd Like To Be On Your List

Houghton students have big hearts, it's never been more prevalent in your actions towards the community in, around and beyond Houghton. By making a gift to The Houghton Fund through the Drop in the Bucket Challenge: Every Drop Counts, you've added us to a thankful and appreciative group.



*Editor's Note:  
This is true.*



## New parking lot to be built under quad

BY SHELLEY DOOLEY  
STAR MANAGING EDITOR

Security will hand out fewer parking tickets starting in the fall of 2004 due to the construction of a new parking garage. Students living in the flats and townhouses are excited about the new garage because it will save them from having to walk up the hill to campus in sub-zero temperatures.

"We're really excited about this new garage," said officer Paul Cronk. "It will give us the opportunity to spend more time in the office playing solitaire...I mean, doing other important work."

The future 10,000 square-foot structure will be located underneath the quad. The garage will be part of a major underground tunnel system that will save students from slipping on ice in the winter and cut down on snowplowing on campus. There will be several entrances for the garage, including one off Route 19 by Jockey Street, one at Subway, one at the gym, and one under the Campus Center. Cars will tunnel under campus until they reach the structure. Parking permits will be available for both students and faculty for \$90 per semester. Heated elevators and bathrooms will be placed on each floor. In order to make sure that Houghton continues to be one of the most wired campuses in the United States, internet hook-ups will be

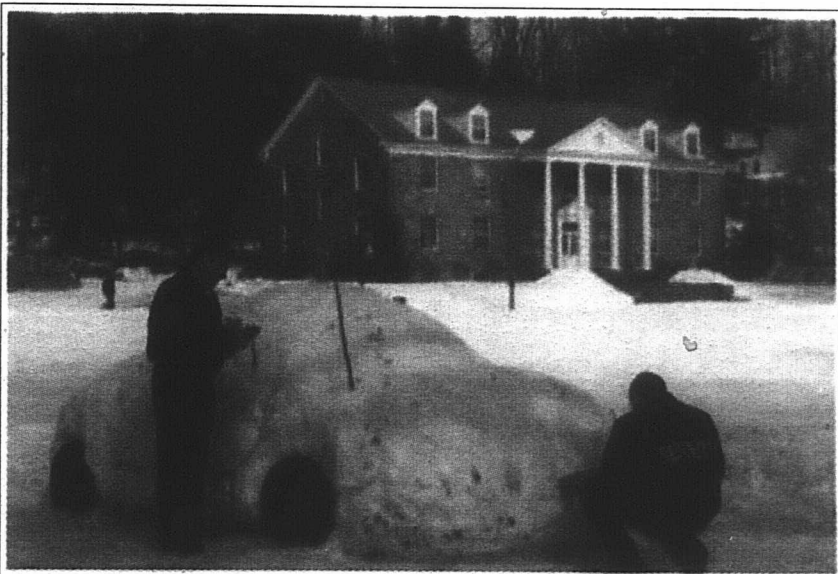
available at each parking space.

The tunnel system that will accompany the garage will stretch underneath each building on campus, with direct access from the buildings to the tunnels. The heated tunnels will also have bathrooms and couches.

Java 101 will expand its business with stands at the gym, at the flats,

to slippery ice.

The quad will still exist and the top level of the garage will hold an indoor ice rink. The rink will run all year and will rent both skates and hockey sticks, although raising sticks to shoot will still be prohibited. The cement roof of the garage will be covered in dirt and planted with



Security officers Ray Parlett and Paul Cronk hope to cut down on parking tickets after the construction of the new underground parking lot.

under the science building, and near South Hall. The stands will not only offer refreshment but will be built around booths similar to those in Big Al's with internet access.

In addition to cutting down on parking problems, the administration hopes that the tunnel system and garage will cut down on the number of student-led lawsuits each winter due

grass.

Funding for the structure is from the "Drop in the Bucket" campaign. Faculty and students are encouraged to donate all their loose change to the "Drop in the Bucket" campaign in order to further advance the campus.

*Editor's Note: None of the events related in this article are remotely factual.*

## Sing your praise to the judge

Worship song sweatshop uncovered in Christian university

BY D. R. ZAIUS  
STAR CORRESPONDANT

(AP) - FBI agents made a startling discovery Saturday when they busted a suspected sweatshop in an unnamed Christian university. Instead of the expected clothes manufacturing sweatshop, they found a praise and worship song sweatshop in the basement of the Ministry Center at the college. The sting came after months of FBI investigation. Several university leaders were arrested in connection with the sweatshop, including the college president, dean of students, and public relations director.

Ten writers had been crammed into a small 20' x 20' room and chained to small wooden desks. Forced to write songs 20 hours a day in the dimly-lit room, the writers were emancipated and barely able to stand upright. One



Student worship writers were monitored by college officials through this radio control room.

writer, who only referred to himself as "Number Five," related his story.

"I don't remember anything before I came here. The first thing I remember was being chained to this desk by The Great Worship Leader. I've been here ever since. That was ten, twenty years ago? They fed us oatmeal and gave us one chocolate chip for every song we wrote. If the song was really good, they would let us sleep an extra hour. Some of the songs I wrote were *I Love You, Lord; Lord, I Love You; Lord, You I Love, and Love You, I Do, Lord.*"

The FBI is currently investigating other leads that point to similar circumstances at other schools.

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## Ready for Monday signs to tour with Marilyn Manson

BY ROBERT ZIMMERMAN  
(AKA "BOB DYLAN")  
STAR STAFF WRITER

In a shocking turn of events, anti-christ superstar Marilyn Manson requested that Houghton band Ready for Monday join him on his upcoming album tour.

"We are excited about this opportunity," said guitarist Chuck Gibson. "Hopefully the new tour will give us the opportunity to reach a lot of different audiences that we might not have otherwise had."

Manson had worked with David Bancroft and Gibson to close the deal, agreeing to join Ready for Monday when they sang, "Something Happened to Me." Instead of killing animals on stage, Manson and Ready for Monday plan to pop balloons filled with water.

Manson was campaigning against Christians in North Africa

and could not be reached for comment.

To see Ready for Monday perform with Marilyn Manson, be sure to check out both groups' websites. Manson is currently working on posting downloadable

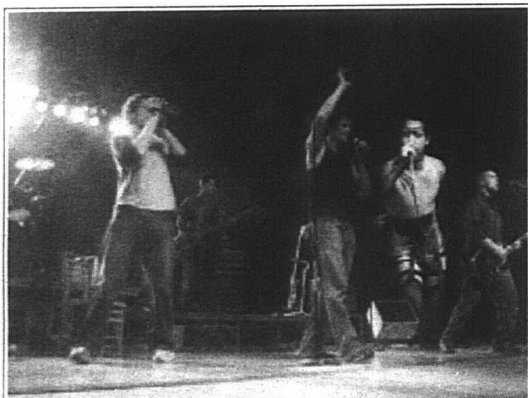


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Ready for Monday rehearses with their new hero, Marilyn Manson. Manson agreed to perform in RFM's "Something Happened to Me."

MP3s specifically for Houghton students. Also, they will be playing together in the final chapel service of the 2003 spring semester at Houghton College.

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## Singer Tara Leigh Cobble performs at CAB coffeehouse

BY AARON BOYNTON  
STAR STAFF WRITER

Singer/songwriter Tara Leigh Cobble performed Friday at a coffeehouse put on by the Campus Activities Board. A crowd of about 175 showed up to see Cobble and the opening band, The Winnipeg Jets, featuring Houghton students Tim Reardon and Josh Ballard. The Winnipeg Jets brought an eclectic sound to the stage, highlighted by Reardon's proficient guitar playing and emotional vocals. The band's set was cut short by one song because of technical difficulties. Overall, The Winnipeg Jets were a crowd pleaser and were well appreciated by the audience.

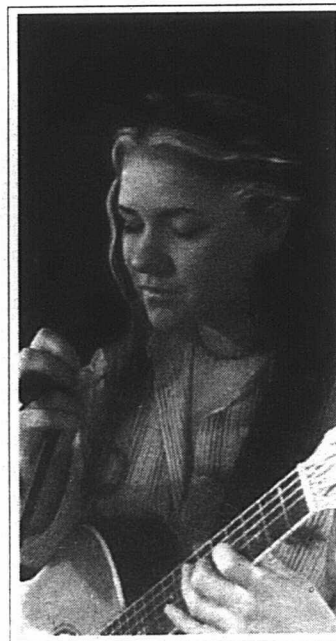
Cobble amazed the crowd with her passionate lyrics, unique sense of humor, and folk-rock music. Her

music beams with her love for God and her knack for having a good time. Cobble told stories in between her songs, which included tales of man-haters, trees, and how she loves Houghton so much. One of the best

songs of the night was "Winter's Ending," a tale of Cobble's best friend Ann, a professed man-hater, who ended up falling in love with Dan after months of denying her feelings for him. God works in many different ways and that is one of the amazing things he works out. The climax of Cobble's set was a medley of Jeff Buckley's "Hallelujah" and Amy Grant's "Thy Word," in which the crowd was

urged to sing along. Cobble capped off the night with the title track of her new album *Home Sweet Road*. The crowd showed much appreciation for the night and the performers received many complements.

*Editor's Note: This is true.*



## Spring Writing Festival

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**Robert Siegel** is the author of seven books of poetry and fiction. He has taught at Dartmouth, Princeton, and Goethe University in Frankfurt. He is married to teacher Anne Hill Siegel and lives and writes on the coast of Maine.



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**Jeanne Murray Walker** is both a poet and a playwright. She is Professor of English at the University of Delaware and lives with her husband Dan Larkin and their family in Philadelphia. Her play, "The Queen's Two Bodies," will be presented Friday.



### Schedule of Events:

#### Thursday, April 10

**1:15 p.m.** - "The Art of Fantasy," R. Siegel  
**3:15 p.m.** - Readings: K. LaCelle-Peterson, L. Mills Woolsey  
**8:00 p.m.** - Poetry Reading: Robert Siegel (reception following)

#### Friday, April 11

**10:00 a.m.** - "So You Want to Write a Play?" J. Murray Walker  
**1:15 p.m.** - Poetry Reading: Jeanne Murray Walker  
**2:30 p.m.** - "Writing in Multiple Genres," Conversation with Walker, Siegel, Leax  
**3:45 p.m.** - Readings: Writers' Workshop students  
**8:00 p.m.** - Readers' Theatre: "The Queen's Two Bodies" by J. Murray Walker

All events are free and open to the public and will be held in the Group Study Room of the Willard J. Houghton Library with the exception of the Readers' Theater production, which is scheduled for Presser Hall.



## and I quote...

QUIPS HEARD ON CAMPUS

"In fact, it instructs us to drink alcohol sometimes."

-Dr. Nan Hussey, talking to a student in the Campus Center-

"I want to see the hootiness of life!"

-Dr. Charles Bressler-

"Common sense isn't good...for mathematicians."

-Dr. David Perkins-

"Yeah, I definitely like to worry about things *long* before they happen."

-heard in response to a potential April Fools' gag at Paddle Sports-

"What gives you the right to wash my linens??"

-Ryan Alo, after his roommate washed his sheets and blankets for him-

"This keeps getting tenser and tenser!"

-Dr. Mark Yuly in mechanics class-

"This is a scriptural thing, so it's probably okay."

-Dr. Kristina LaCelle-Peterson-

"Don't tell Bee that I'm letting the dog pee on the *Star*!"

-Julin Young, roommate of *Star* editor Bethany Schwartz-

"I feel like if I stay down there too long, I might spontaneously start to make out with someone!"

-Matt Moran, explaining why he doesn't like to spend excessive amounts of time in the corner of Big Al's-

People all over campus say funny, random things! Sometimes they say serious things, too... Either way, the *Star* would love to print any quotes that you hear, so please email them to [star@houghton.edu](mailto:star@houghton.edu)!

## EDITORIAL

I knew he'd be famous Shelley Dooley

I always knew I'd be famous, or at least married to someone whose name is recognized around the world. That's why it made so much sense for me to say "yes" when Bernardo Normandy asked me to marry him this past weekend while visiting Houghton.

I met Bernardo when I was sixteen working in The Ark Christian Bookstore in Newnan, Georgia. He was in the early stages of his career and played at our midnight gladness sale. We hung out for a while when he was there and exchanged phone numbers and addresses before he left. I admired him as a person and it was like having another older brother. Each time he came through town we met for coffee or lunch. I voiced my high school girl frustrations over guys, grades and parents while he shared his struggles between choosing a life on the road or a life at home. He taught me how to kayak on the Nantahala River and later encouraged me to brave the rapids of the Ocoee. When I graduated from high school he played at my graduation party and he just naturally became a part of our family. I'll never forget the afternoon I arrived home last June and he was playing video games with my brothers and eating my mom's homemade chocolate chip cookies.

Throughout college we've kept up a loose friendship. He's just one of those people that I knew would be there if I needed to talk and it was always easy to pick things up where we left off. When I announced my engagement in the fall of 2001, he was one of the first to congratulate me and promised to play at my wedding. This past year though, something was a little different. He helped me through some rough times through both his music and encouragement. Our friendship deepened. I went to see him play last December to surprise him. We continued to kindle a companionship and were there to walk each other through difficult places in our lives. As Bernardo's career has blossomed over the years he's had a series of girlfriends and understandably so. I'd honestly never thought about the idea that I would one day be Bebo Norman's wife. But...God has funny ways of bringing people together.

This past weekend Bebo played at Houghton. I arrived a little late to the concert still dressed in the sari that my roommate lent to me for the International Banquet. As I listened to his soulful words, I was excited that my friend had come to Houghton and that I'd get to see and talk to him again. It was awesome to watch him "be real" with the crowd. From an admittance to not having showered in a few days to hair that talked to the crowd when he took off his hat I laughed as my friend oozed his talent all over the stage. His soulful voice connected with the crowd as he shared his doubts and fears with his audience, humorous anecdotes about getting his nails done and his girlfriend who was at a hockey game while he was on tour. When the show ended, I walked back stage to say hello (still dressed in my sari.) His manager Phil hurried me to find him since Bebo had to rush to Buffalo because of an early flight. As I walked over to his Chaco-saddled feet his face broke into a smile and he asked what on earth I was wearing. We talked for a few minutes and I asked about his girlfriend. His face fell and he said, "Shelley, I was talking about you." I laughed and reminded him that I know nothing about hockey. Since I'm so wonderful with words I looked at him and said, "uh...me?" We talked for a few more minutes and he walked over to his guitar case and pulled out his custom made instrument. He played me a song and in the song he asked me to marry him. Dumbfounded I stared at him. He stopped playing, reached into his pocket and pulled out a ring. I said yes.

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## NAIA reports men's basketball team won conference championship

Every other AMC team used ineligible players

BY FLORA N. FAUNA  
STAR SPORTS WRITER

NAIA officials contacted Houghton athletic director Skip Lord this weekend to inform him that the men's basketball team has been named conference champions due to ineligible players on every other AMC team.

"I didn't really understand what he was saying," Lord told reporters. "but I don't really care! As long as we won!"

According to the NAIA, other teams falsified information on their players' records so that the boys would be able to play. Chairperson Cuzco D. Goat said, "It recently came to our attention that some interesting developments were taking place on every team but Houghton's. We did

some investigating and discovered that the Houghton Highlanders really are the conference champs."

Senior basketball players Jeremy Gorham, Jeremy Thomas, and Dan Crandall and others are especially thrilled about their title.

"We never really thought this would happen to us!" Gorham said excitedly.

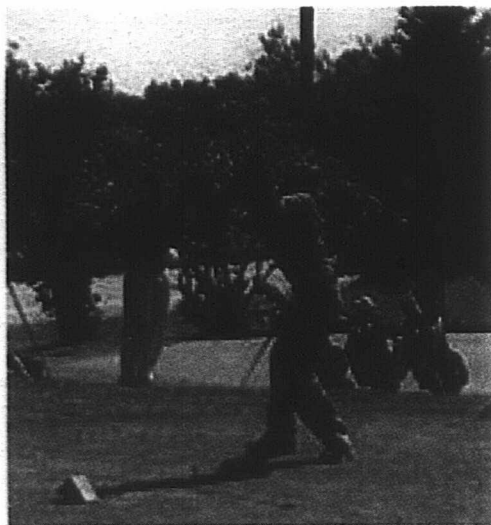
"We always thought we'd have a chance to come out on top!" added Crandall.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams are planning huge parties at the new Family Affair in Fillmore to celebrate the victory. According to assistant Cindy Lastoria, President Chamberlain has even agreed to be on hand for the bash.

*Editor's Note: None of the events related in this article are remotely factual.*



**HIGHLANDER** athlete of the week



Theo Rockize  
golfer

Sophomore Theo Rockize scored two holes-in-one during the golf tournament at Roberts Wesleyan last Saturday. This feat places Rockize among Houghton's top golfers. This is especially interesting since Houghton doesn't have a golf team, and no one knows how he won the tournament because there was no tournament. Oh well. At least Houghton beat Roberts in something.

## Shaq signs with Houghton Highlanders

BY DWIGHT YOEIS  
STAR STAFF WRITER

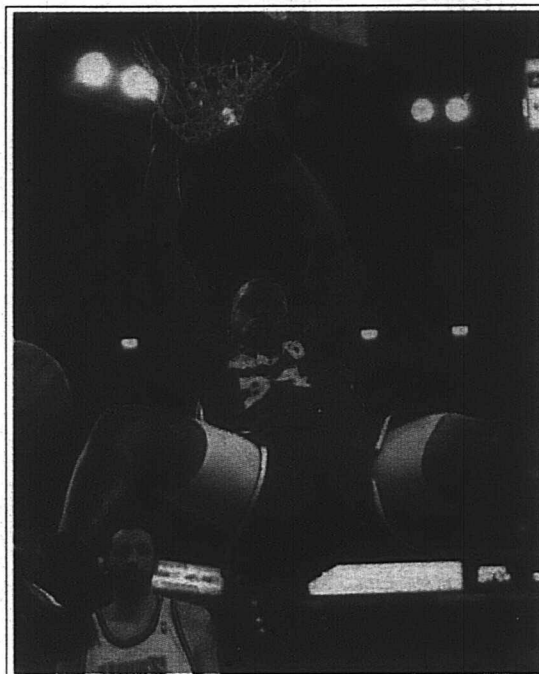
Shaquille O'Neal, 26, the valued Lakers center and two-time NBA MVP has signed a national letter of intent to play for the Houghton College Highlanders next year.

Shaq has faced many obstacles in his quest to become a Highlander—the most momentous being his "professional" status and multi-million dollar endorsement contracts with Nestle, Reebok, Burger King, etc.

Coach Brad Zarges however has worked through this problem with the NAIA and is pleased to have Shaq joining the squad for next year. Shaquille comes from a very strong basketball tradition and will definitely be an impact player both on and off the court.

Along with his playing background, Shaq brings a history of community service in a rural setting. He has participated in the NBA sponsored "reading is Fundamental" campaign being taught to read. Shaquille "loves being read to by those kids, they can read and talk real good."

Both the Highlanders and O'Neal should be blessed by Shaq's signing. According to Zarges, "Shaq should be a huge draw for us and we expect to see significant improvement over our 6-15 record this year." Shaq is very pleased to be coming to Houghton. "Where else can I become a scholar-



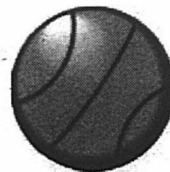
FILE PHOTO

Two-time NBA MVP Shaquille O'Neal has signed a letter of intent to play for the Highlanders next year. O'Neal, pictured above, is excited about the opportunity.

servant in a tradition of academic excellence in a beautiful setting only 75 miles from Buffalo and 65 miles from Rochester."

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## March Madness



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