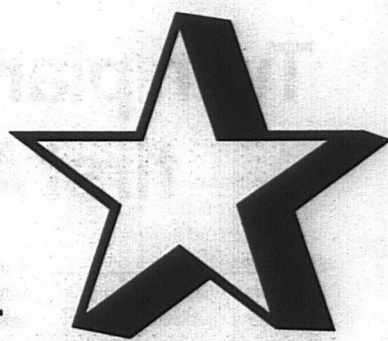


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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Wm. Mann

India - The largest earthquake to hit India in the last 50 years is estimated to leave as many as 30,000 people dead and many more maimed and injured. The quake, registering 6.4, struck southeast of Bombay in the region of Killari.

Russia - Soviet hard-liners continue to hold up inside parliament two weeks now after Yeltsin's dismantling of parliament and calling for December elections. The 100-300 lawmakers say there will be no compromise as long as Yeltsin remains president.

Bosnia - Bosnia is still unable to come to terms after 18 months of ethnic war. The latest proposal is to divide the former Yugoslavia into 3 ministates, but Bosnian Serbs contend that eastern Bosnia is essential for their existence. This is the captured territory which the Bosnian Muslims' are fighting to recover.

New York - President Clinton recently addressed the United Nations as it reopened for its fall session. The President said that the "U.N. simply cannot become engaged in every one of the world's conflicts." This perhaps is in response to the \$400 million U.S. bill for peacekeeping operations and another \$400 million in unpaid dues which are owing to the U.N.

Washington - Both the House of Representatives and the Senate have passed resolutions that limit the U.S.'s involvement in Somalia. The president told the U.N. that he wants only to carry out emergency operations and not routine patrols and convoys.

Venezuela - A gas line explosion killed at least 51 people during heavy morning traffic on a busy Venezuelan highway. Another 30 were seriously injured when the pipeline exploded, accidentally puncturing 60 workmen.

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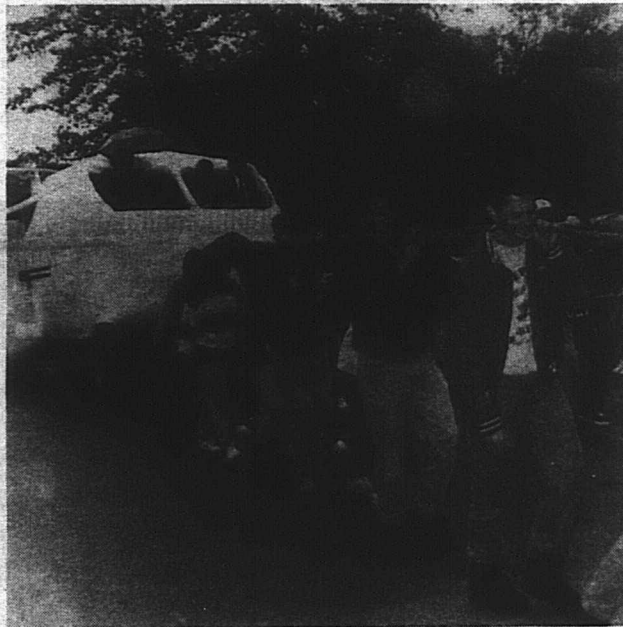
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Rain on the Homecoming Parade doesn't dampen spirits

Angela Fulkroad

Homecoming weekend at Houghton would not be complete without the traditional parade of class floats and the coronation of the Homecoming King and Queen. On Saturday, October 2nd, at 10 a.m., members of the freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior classes paraded the floats that they labored upon the entire week, in front of the student body. The coronation of Homecoming Queen and King

The Senior class float won second place in the competition



took place in the Wesley Chapel at 11:30 a.m., following the parade.

Each class braved the rain to present their class floats and spirit to alumni, faculty, family, friends, and fellow students. The floats correlated to this year's Homecoming Jazz theme. The freshman class float, which received Fourth place was entitled "Jazz up Your Life with Sports." Members of the freshman class who participated carried

pompons and were costumed as athletes. The Third place winners were the sophomores. The sophomores worked with the theme "Jazz up Your Life with Art" and entitled their float "Living Art." The float consisted of mimes and a skit about an artist frustrated when his subjects rearranged themselves while he was sketching their portrait. Heidi Fast, a member of the sophomore class and Homecoming Float

Committee enjoyed working on the float because of the time she was able to spend with her classmates. "Working on the float brings unity to the class and I was able to spend time with people that I never had the chance to get to know before last weekend. It was enjoyable to see the float completed on Homecoming day."

The senior class took Second place with their float entitled "Jazz up Your Life with Travel." The senior float was designed by Glen Seland and was centered around the theme of international travel. The main attraction of the float was an airplane, but the float also featured a train, and Italian gondola, a

Chinese rickshaw, Canadian backpackers, a Mexican motorcycle gang, and Israeli camel and Arabian terrorists who were defeated by Austrian musclemen "Hans" and "Frans." The junior class of 1995 won the First place trophy with their float entitled "Jazz up Your Life with Music." The float featured the history of music starting with the classical era, moving to the roaring twenties with a showgirl dancer, the 1950's with class members portraying teenagers at a rock-n-roll sock hop, the 1970's with Sonny and Cher, and the 1990's with the newly popular country line dancing craze. The skit was completed with a Harry Connick Jr. clone lip synching "It Had to be You," to incorporate the universal music of jazz into the float.

The ROTC colorguard, local Pioneer Girls and Boy Scout troops also participated in the parade.

After the parade the Homecoming court was announced and the King and Queen were crowned during the coronation ceremony in Wesley Chapel. Mike Ockrin, a junior class court representa-

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Founder's Day Chapel honors those in the medical field

Linda Betzold

Founder's Day Chapel this year, on Friday, October 1, emphasized the Biology Department of Houghton College. All of the honorary degrees went to doctors in the medical field. The main address was presented by Dr. Frederick Shannon of the H. C. Science Department.

Peppered with jokes, puns, and witticisms, Dr. Shannon's speech kept everyone's attention. In drawing comparisons between Houghton College and the Israelites of Moses' day, Dr. Shannon subtly challenged the audience. He presented Houghton as a place of labor, a place to flee from (Egypt), a time of passage and wandering between important points in life (the

Sinai Desert), and the land flowing with milk and honey and all manner of benefits (Canaan). The response was a standing ovation.

After Dr. Shannon's address, Salal Huber and Lisa Terrell, co-editors of this year's *Boulder*, presented the 1993 *Boulder* to President Chamberlain. They also announced the dedication of the 1993 *Boulder* to the late Dr. Anne Whiting who passed away in July. Dr. Whiting's mother accepted the *Boulder*.

The honorary degrees went to Dr. Diane Komp, Dr. Gustave Prinsell, and Dr. Frederick Shannon.

Dr. Diane Komp, a professor of pediatrics at Yale University, has written numerous books and articles in

medical journals, many in German. She has been quoted in *Life* magazine on her work with children dying of cancer, spoken on national broadcasts and is currently residing in Connecticut after a sabbatical in Germany. She was awarded the doctor of Humane Letters.

The next to receive an honorary degree, Dr. Gustave Prinsell, accepted the Doctor of Science degree. He has been a doctor in Houghton, Allegany County, and Sierra Leone, West Africa, among other places. Dr. Prinsell's four sons, who were present at the Founder's Day Chapel, presented their parents with the Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Prinsell Scholarship. The scholarship will be based on a student's prospective career in the medical missionary field.

The third and last to receive an honorary degree was Dr. Frederick Shannon. He holds the record for years as the Academic Dean (twelve years), and has been at Houghton a total of 35 years. Dr. Diane Komp was quoted as saying "There was no boredom in a Shannon class." Dr. Shannon was presented with a Doctorate of Pedagogy.

Dr. Judy Congdon pleased the audience with the organ processional, recessional, and appropriate interludes during Dr. Shannon's address. The chapel Choir, directed by Dr. Bruce Brown and accompanied by Tracy Puhala, performed two pieces before Dr. Shannon's speech "Houghton College: Egypt, Sinai, or Canaan?"

Twin pianists featured in first Artist Series

Eric Stroom

Several times a year, Houghton experiences a burst of culture known as the Artist Series. These concerts and plays are sponsored by the Houghton College Artist Series Committee, and this year's feature emphasis is ensembles. This means everything from duo-pianists to full choirs and orchestras. According to the committee, the purpose of these events is to "challenge your thought and widen your artistic horizons."

The first concert of this season featured duo-pianists Richard and John Contiguglia. Born identical twins, the Contiguglias first played the piano together at the age of five. After graduating from Yale College and the Yale Graduate School of Music with honors, both became students of eminent British pianist Dame Myra Hess. These brothers have played with a number of major orchestras including the Cleveland Orchestra, the National Symphony, the Baltimore Symphony, the Atlanta Symphony, the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra, and the Rotterdam Philharmonic.

Many works for duo-pianists have not been discovered or widely played, and the

Contiguglias have made it an integral part of their careers to bring these lesser known pieces to public notice. For example, in 1986, the Contiguglias gave the word premier of the unpublished *Grosses Konzerstück* on Mendelssohn's *Song Without Words*, 152 years after the work was written. To give dimension to the popularity of this duo, one of the first performances of this newly discovered piece was at Lincoln Center in New York City, a concert hall typically associated with the world's finest musicians.

The Houghton concert saw a large turnout from the community and student body. A number of students in attendance were happy about the choice of the Artist Series Committee. Freshman Danielle Falco commented, "I really love classical piano and this is a great opportunity to hear really professional musicians." Her date, sophomore Jeremiah Frink added, "I think it's great that the college supports these activities because by living in Houghton, it's not easy to get out to a concert like this." After the concert, students outside spoke about the evening as being very enjoyable, especially the encore duet of *Jesu, Joy of Man's*

Desiring, a popular work.

The four works in the concert were *Concerto in C Major, BMV 1061*, by Johann Sebastian Bach, *Variations on a Theme of Haydn, Op. 56b*, by Johannes Brahms, *Recuerdos*, by William Bolcom, and *Fantasy on George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess"*, by Percy Grainger. The brothers then returned for two encores. The Grainger piece is a personal favorite of the Contiguglias. As children, they appeared in a concert with the composer and were called upon to deliver renditions of Grainger's two-piano works and chamber music for a National Public Radio broadcast in 1982 celebrating his centennial birthday.

This is the fourth concert that the Contiguglias have done at Houghton and judging by the reaction of the audience it was a great kickoff for the 1993-94 Artist Series season. Sophomore Brad Logue pointed out after the concert, "It's great that Houghton has these opportunities for students to broaden their horizons."

Clearly the Artist Series is fulfilling its purpose in the Houghton community.

Big Al receives PACE award

Heather Dale

"On this day, set aside to honor the founders whose efforts made Houghton possible, it is also most fitting that we speak words of praise regarding one who continues the grand tradition of devoted and superior service.

"Today, I ask you to join me in saluting one of Houghton's gentle giants — "gentle" because that is a key dimension of his personal makeup, and "giant" because of the larger than life role he has elected to play for this college and this community: Al Rehn, Mister Thumbs-Up.

"Al is a man of the people: his presence as an unofficial, but highly effective ambassador of Houghton, has had a most positive impact on prospective students, community members, and on alumni and college friends."

The President's Advisory Council on Excellence, a group of 25 volunteer experts from all fields, meets twice yearly. Each Founder's Day this group awards the PACE Excellence

Award. At the Founder's Day Luncheon, Friday, October 1, Herman Osterhus, chairman of PACE, delivered this year's award to the Director of Food Service, Al Rehn.

The recipient of this award is chosen on the basis of that individuals level of commitment and loyal service to the Houghton community. PACE was established in 1978 with the purpose of rewarding individuals not usually appreciated.

Along with this honor "Big Al" received a vase made by faculty member Gary Baxter.

Of the award, Rehn had this to say, "I want to thank everyone for the PACE award. I never thought I would ever receive such an honor. There are so many outstanding people in the Houghton community. I just do not have the words to say how much this means to me. Working with the students, faculty, and staff for the past eleven years has been an inspiration and blessing many times over. Thanks, everyone, for your love and friendship."

Country of the Week: Japan

Lenore Kosoff

Japan is nowadays considered America's most important trading rival. The new Japanese government is led by Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, who was elected this summer. This past week, on September 27th, Hosokawa met with President Bill Clinton at the United Nations building in New York City. In general, how do Americans feel about Japan? According to a September 21-2nd poll taken by *USA Today*, "nearly 2 out of 3 Americans follow political news from Japan closely." In other words, Americans like Japan, but just don't know much about it. They are uninformed in matters such as the Japanese economy, government, etc.

Recently, Japan has made headlines. While at the United Nations last week, Prime Minister Hosokawa addressed the General Assembly. He pledged \$200 million in aid to bolster the peace agreement between Israel and the PLO. Aid would include medical

assistance, food assistance, and perhaps education.

Also, Japan has announced it will break an old "taboo" and import rice. Why? The island nation is now facing its worst rice harvest in years, after this summer's wet, cool weather. For decades, Japan has banned nearly all imports on rice, preferring to be self-sufficient. However, they must now begin "emergency imports." This news was confirmed on September 29 by Hosokawa. He did not disclose many details, except the amount of rice to be imported. Approximately 40,000 tons of rice for use in processed foods and crackers, and about 600,000 tons for other eating purposes. Suppliers of these imports would include Thailand and the United States.

Finally, some news concerning Japan's economy. It is a well-known fact that the cost of living in Japan is very high; prices are way up. According to an October 4 *Business Week* article, some of that may be changing. "For the first time in recent memory, Japanese

consumers and companies may be tasting the fruits of cheap imports." Prices for imported goods have fallen "across the board." For example, beef prices are down 9% and whiskey is down 22%, computer prices 24%. Will this "price-slashing" trend continue? Experts predict that this is very likely. Indeed, this is good news for Japanese shoppers. They "can only hope that the 'chorus' continues."

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East Hall sponsors a gender forum

Robin Scherer

On Tuesday, October 12th at 8 p.m., the East Hall RAs will host "How I See It," a program discussing the differing perceptions of women and men on friendship and dating, communication, and commitment. Dr. Paul Young and female faculty member will facilitate the six member panel discussion which will take place in East Hall Lounge.

One reason the East Hall staff is interested in doing a program on male/female relationships is because there are many serious couples on campus. And while the majority of students may not be dating, it is something on everyone's mind at some point. As Deb Elliott, Resident Director of East Hall and advisor to the six member committee states, "These [friendship/dating] issues apply to everyone — we're relational beings." One RA wants to discuss differences in perceptions of friendships between men and women.

When asked her opinion about dating on the Houghton College campus, Deb Elliott said, "I think Houghton Students should spend more time developing good friendships instead of leaping into more serious relations. Students don't spend enough time exploring their options. They look for strong commitments out of which the only way is often to go through a fairly traumatic "break-up."

Each person has his or her own opinion on the subject of dating. When asked "Could/should a woman ask a man out?" most people responded in a similar way, regardless of gender. Eighty percent of males surveyed think it is all right; one male junior answered "Absolutely; it doesn't matter." A male visitor thought it was okay, "but not accepted."

Eighty-four percent of females thought it acceptable for a woman to ask a man out, and sixty percent said they have. A female sophomore stated, "I've done it before and

it doesn't bother me." Another student, a female junior replied, "Why not? I've never asked a guy, but I would. If it was for fun or friendship it would be easier than if I liked him."

Several male Houghton students when asked the question, "Who pays on a date?" responded in a similar manner to this male visitor from Messiah College, "[They should] split it or the guy pays, even if the girl asks. One male transfer junior replied, "The man always pays."

Attitudes of women surveyed were not as rigid as those of the men. A female first year student, when asked who should pay replied, "Dutch, or whoever has money." This response was typical of 86% of women surveyed. A married female staff member said, "I think it's implied that if a friend asks me out for dinner, the person extending the invitation pays."

Refreshments will follow the Tuesday evening program.

Homecoming activities began with the Junior-Senior football game and the Jazz Festival study break. The game was played in perfect football weather, barely warm enough for most. However, many students showed up to cheer on their favorites. Freshmen and sophomores weren't permitted to play, but instead were encouraged to participate by cheering.

Support for the junior class was not in vain. The outcome, as predicted by many juniors was a final score of 7-0.

While the game was in progress, the homecoming committee was busy preparing for the study break. Many hours went in to preparations to make this Homecoming geared more towards students. Money previously spent on jerseys for professors was spent on student luxuries, such as Ben & Jerry's ice cream.

Entrance to the study break was held for 20 minutes, while the sound crew did final microphone checks and performers warmed up. That was not the end of the wait. Lines for Coca-Cola and ice cream lasted for more than half an hour.

The Master of Ceremonies,

Jon McCarthy announced performers with a personal touch that will be remembered.

4Score performed a cappella jazz, barbershop, and oldies. They won over the crowd with Coney Island Baby in their second set. Kevin Macguire performed for a good part of the evening. As a pianist, he performed well with fellow musician Michael Ballassone. He sang with Ross Clark, as well as on his own. An unplanned serenade to his girlfriend created "ooohs" and "ahhs" throughout the crowd. The jazz band performed their first concert of the year to an audience that was thrilled with their on stage antics.

Michael Ballassone and Aron Cole were the highlighted act for the evening. Their performance was beautifully subtle, yet striking. *Doodlin'*, their first piece, impressed, while their second, *The Wedding Song*, captured every hear at the event. Many also swooned to *Forever in Love*, which Ballassone also played.

The evening was deemed a huge success, due to a turnout of over 300 students. The audience, as well as the artists, enjoyed the evening immensely.

Weather

Doug Gillham

What ever happened to autumn? The wind, rain, cold, and predicted snow of last week were more typical of November than the end of September or the beginning of October.

The week got off to a rather warm, but wet start. Unfortunately, the warm temperatures were short lived and the rains were not. The unseasonably cold air crossing over the relatively warm water of Lake Erie provided the area with the infamous 'lake effect' for the next several days.

However, our weather was quite tranquil compared to some other parts of the Western New York. Wind gusts as high as 63 mph caused property damage, sank two boats in Buffalo's Small Boat Harbor and drove two barges around in Dunkirk. Numerous Harbor and drove two barges around in Dunkirk. Numerous water-spouts were sighted over Lake Erie, and strong thunderstorms dumped a coating of hail on

several Buffalo communities.

As if this was all not enough, the word snow also crept into some of the local weather forecasts. Fortunately the prediction was not realized. Though there was a bit of frozen precipitation on Thursday morning, it was in the form of sleet and graupel (a soft form of hail) rather than flakes of snow.

The sky cleared Thursday night, allowing the temperature to plunge to record low values throughout the Northeast. The town of Angelica, less than 15 miles south of Houghton, reported a temperature of 22 degrees early Friday morning.

The weather for Homecoming was not any better, though it was probably fitting for the returning alumni who remember Houghton as always being cold and wet.

There is some truth to the rumors that Houghton winters are long, but the weather of the last few weeks really has been unusual. The normal high for the last week in September is in

the upper 60's. The predicted snow was about a month ahead of schedule.

The amount of rain that we have received over the past few weeks was abnormally high. Unfortunately, if you need lots of sun to keep your spirits high, the news is not good. Sunshine is rare in Houghton during the fall and early winter months.

However, this lack of sunshine is not exclusive to Houghton. September through early February is the 'unstable season' in the Great Lakes region. Heat energy is stored in the lakes during the spring and summer. It is then released during the fall and winter, fueling the development of rain showers and snow squalls for areas downwind from the lakes.

Fortunately, just as there are exceptions to the norm on the negative side of things, there are also exceptions on the positive side. As long as the forecast holds true, Houghton should be enjoying unseasonably warm, sunny weather by press time.

Grants from foundation support Houghton College Teacher Education Program

As the technology available to teachers becomes more sophisticated, so does the need for college such as Houghton to train teacher education students to use and feel comfortable with it. On September 23rd Houghton College received \$50,000 from the Margaret L. Wendt Foundation and the first of two checks to total \$87,000 from NYNEX Corporation to fund a Macintosh-based multimedia lab which will provide hands-on experience for teacher education students as well as other Houghton students, Houghton faculty, and area public school teachers.

The lab equipment includes a Quadra 800, zap-shot camera, color scanner and video camera. Among other things the six workstations, which include video and CD ROM elements, can be used to develop multimedia presentations and video assessment portfolios. The Margaret L.

Wendt Foundation grant will fund the purchase of the equipment while the NYNEX grant will fund staffing and operations for two years.

Representing NYNEX Corporation at the ceremony were Michael G. McGown, director of community relations and economic development at New York Telephone in Buffalo and Kim Hayden, staff manager/corporate contributions at NYNEX in New York City. Representing the Margaret L. Wendt Foundation was Dr. Ralph Loew, a trustee of the Buffalo-based foundation. At the presentation, Houghton's president, Dr. Daniel R. Chamberlain, said, "This lab will enable our education students to be leaders in the century to come. Today's ceremony brings to a formal conclusion what has been a dream for a long time." Both the Wendt Foundation and NYNEX have supported previous Houghton projects.

Houghton Philharmonia begins 80th concert season

The Houghton College Philharmonia Orchestra inaugurates its 1993-94 concert series Friday night, October 8, 1993, at 8:00 P.M. in Wesley Chapel on the campus of Houghton College. Maestro Steven Bird, Conductor and Music Director, will lead the orchestra in Johannes Brahms'

"Symphony no. 2 in D major", Georges Bizet's "L'Arlesienne Suite" and Mikhail Glinka's "Overture to Russlan and Ludmilla".

This program marks the beginning of the orchestra's 80th season of free concerts open to the community. In December, Philharmonia will

join forces with the Alfred University Orchestra, Julie Evens, Conductor and Music Director, to present a pair of joint concerts on both campuses. In February of 1994, student winners of the Philharmonia Biennial Concerto Competition will be featured.

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Men's Soccer 3-1 for the week

Michael Maloney

The Highlanders split a couple of home games last week as they dominated an outclassed St. John Fisher team and lost to a tough Belhaven squad in a last-second heart-breaker on Homecoming.

On Wednesday Houghton faced Fisher, a team that had upset them last season. "We were nervous going into the game knowing that they beat us last year," says senior forward Dan Dominguez. "We knew that we had to play well."

And that's just what HC did in the first half, if not in the second. "The first half may have been our best half this year," Dominguez claims. He put in the first goal at the 12:14 mark off a Jamie Wellington assist. Bob Schwaner followed with an unassisted goal at the 30:56 mark, and Wellington finished things off with a rifle kick to score four minutes later.

The men did not play as strong in the second half. Perhaps they were already thinking ahead to the big Belhaven match up on Saturday. Nevertheless, they played well enough to hang on to win 3-0, taking their record to 7-0-1.

Following the Fisher victory, all eyes turned towards the Homecoming game against Belhaven. The Mississippi team, which is coached by a former Highlander, went into the game ranked seventh in the national NAIA poll. They were also last year's National champions. HC knew that if they could defeat this team they would undoubtedly move up from their number eleven ranking in the national poll.

The large Homecoming crowd witnessed some quality soccer as the two NAIA powerhouses clashed on the rain-drenched, muddy field.

In the opening minutes of the game Houghton was unimpressive. Belhaven's offense dominated, and the play seldom reached into the opponent's territory. In the first half, HC was outshot 14-2.

But by the end of the first half, Houghton appeared to be picking things up a notch. At the intermission the game was scoreless.

Belhaven opened the second half with a goal at the 3:07 mark, but Dan Dominguez answered with a Wellington-

assisted score less than a minute later. The play was even for the rest of the second half, and the score remained tied at one a piece.

It looked as if regulation would end tied, but with just thirty seconds remaining, HC's defense was called for a handball about 20 yards from their own goal. Belhaven's Chris Laird then gunned the direct kick past a wall of Houghton defenders into the left corner of the goal. It was over.

Senior midfielder Eric Webb had these words concerning the loss: "We're disappointed about losing, but the game showed that we can play with anyone in the nation."

Many outstanding individual performances helped to comprise a solid team effort against the defending NAIA champs. "Kyle Stevenson was stellar," says junior defender KJ Hill. Stevenson played the role of defensive specialist. It was his job to shut down Sheldon Bennett, last year's NAIA player of the year.

"Against Judson, Kyle stopped their top player, and we thought we'd try it against Belhaven, too," Hill explains. Stevenson so successfully stopped Bennett that the Belhaven star was pulled from the game in the second half.

Perhaps the best Homecoming performance came from freshman goalie, Dave Dixon. Dixon was strong all game, but was especially tough in the first fifteen minutes when Belhaven's offense dominated. He ended up with ten saves on the day.

In other soccer news, Dan Dominguez broke the school's career scoring record on September 17 against LaRoche College. Dan says: "I had no idea. I had forgotten about the record, and they didn't tell me that I broke it until the next night in Ponderosa. It was a bit of a shock, but I was pretty excited. And I got a free steak, so I was happy."

Dave Dominguez keeps the ball in bounds



Field hockey team fairs well at tournament

Jom Thompson

Not many people at Houghton know an awful lot about the field hockey team. In fact, if asked, not many would even know about the Philadelphia College of Bible Tournament the Lady Highlanders attended September 17 and 18.

There were four colleges at the tournament; Houghton, Gordon College, Eastern College, and the Philadelphia College of Bible. When Houghton played Gordon College, the team defeated their opposition 1-0, with the HC goal scored by Rachel Lang, and an excellent showing by Houghton's goalie, Jen Todd.

Facing the Philadelphia College of Bible, our women won again, 1-0, with the goal scored by Karen Reichenbach. It was no surprise to anyone

when Houghton also defeated their third opponent; Eastern College, 2-0, with Houghton goals scored by Reichenbach and Rachel Lang.

Karen Reichenbach, a

Rachel Lang plays at home.



valuable team player for Houghton, attributes their extraordinary performance at the Philadelphia College of Bible to "playing very well together as a team."

Two Houghton College players were given awards at the tournament. Jen Todd was given the Most Valuable Defensive player award, and Rachel Lang was named Most Offensive Player.

On Tuesday, the Lady Highlanders took to the field against Mansfield College. The rain kept away prospective spectators. Although Houghton played a tough game, Mansfield defeated the Highlanders, 2-0.

Come out and support the Lady Highlanders at their next home game against Brockport on Friday, October 8, at 4 PM.

Cross Country has first home meet in years

Jason Wiens

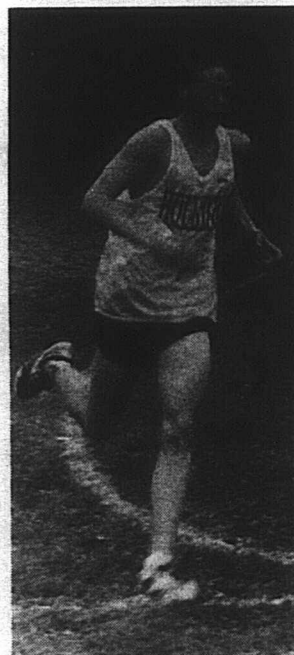
The rain did not dampen the Houghton runner's spirits this weekend. A couple of teams cancelled at the last minute to leave only two full teams, Geneva and Houghton; competing for the team title, with runners from Keuka and Pitt-Bradford running individually to break up the field.

The women used the home course to their advantage, placing four runners in the top six. Naomi Castellani came up with a huge 38 second victory over teammate Heather George. The waterlogged course was far from conducive to fast times as Castellani's winning time shows. It was almost 2 minutes off her regular pace. Tricia Demperio was close behind George in 3rd and Leslie Roberts finished 6th. Janelle Chapin and Shelly Rosser also completed the difficult course. The women's team pulled off an easy 10 point victory in this dual meet against Geneva.

The men fared slightly poorer this weekend, for the

team lost in a close one point decision. For a time the word "tie" even buzzed in the air. Many were having deja vu of last year's District 18 championships when Houghton and Geneva tied for the championship and the ticket to Nationals. This was not the case, however, and Houghton men had to settle for a close second place. Jason Wiens won his first collegiate race in a close battle against Geneva's top man. Wiens built a 10 second lead in the last mile. Their times were also close to 3 minutes off regular pace and upon investigation, the course was found to be 400 meters longer than the regular 5 miles. Lee Thurber had another fine race placing third, while Kenley Perry and Tim Thurber finished 7th and 8th, respectively. Alan Belford was 14th to round out the top 5 for men. Eric Runion was close behind and Thad Krikorian finished strong once again.

The men are looking for Nathan Howes, Mark Munro, and Doug Gillham to return to the course soon, all three



Lee Thurber placed third at meet.

nursing injuries over the past few weeks. The women are awaiting the return of Amy Chamberlain, who is recuperating from sickness. Houghton hopes to again compete for the District 18 crown.

Women's Volleyball

Houghton went 5-0 for the week in volleyball action. Wins came over Fredonia State and Alfred U. on Wednesday (2-0) before returning to NAIA play. On Friday, the Lady Highlanders swept Seton Hill 3-0 and repeated with another sweep of LaRoche on Saturday. Sheri Lankford had a strong

week including 6 kills on Saturday. Erin Sheehy and Julie Claypool combined for 27 assists in the LaRoche win. The team will travel to Westminster and Geneva for Friday and Saturday matches. Check the next issue of the STAR for a more in-depth look at volleyball.

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Women's soccer team split Homecoming games

Eric Stream

Included in the highlights of Homecoming Weekend are the soccer games, and this year the Lady Highlanders didn't fail to measure up to expectations. Friday afternoon saw the team decimate Spring Arbor College; and friends, family, and alumni watched the girls play a great game in a loss to a tough Geneseo State Saturday morning.

Coming into Friday, Houghton was 3-3 and on the heels of two consecutive victories against Elmira and Wells Colleges. At 4:00 P.M. the Lady Highlanders took the field against Spring Arbor. It didn't take long for Houghton to get on the board as Heidi Gugler headed in a goal off a Tanya Trezise corner kick just a couple of minutes into the game. Houghton scored four more times in the half with two more by Gugler, one by Lesley Nichols, and one by Rachel

Jones. Hibbard and Gardiner both had assists.

The second period saw Heidi Gugler pick up right where she left off as she scored her fourth goal of the day. Danielle Phillips finished the Houghton scoring with the seventh goal. Spring Arbor picked up one goal with 14 minutes left to play in the game, but otherwise were forced to play almost constant defense. Transfer sophomore Cindy Whitehouse did an excellent job in goal, effectively shutting down any scoring attempts by Spring Arbor and helping the Lady Highlanders to their fourth win by the score of 7-1.

Homecoming Saturday dawned very wet and very cold. A good-sized crowd braved the weather to watch Houghton take the field against an excellent team from SUNY Geneseo. From the beginning it looked like a tough game for

the Lady Highlanders as they were forced into a defensive posture. Cindy Whitehouse again played a great game, and the defense was strong. Unfortunately, two goals were scored by Geneseo as the game progressed under a steady blanket of cold rain. The final score of 2-0, however, did not mean a psychological defeat for the team. Junior Tanya Trezise stated after the game, "We played the best that we could and had fun. We did very well against a really good team."

The Lady Highlanders' 4-4 record does not reveal their steady improvement. Four of the five leading scorers are freshmen, a great sign for a developing team. They have won three of the last four games and are looking forward to more. To a fan on the sidelines, teamwork is clearly improving, and the Lady Highlander winning spirit is obvious.

Economic Input

"Get a Job!"

Isn't this a bit too early to be thinking about jobs for the spring? Perhaps not for graduating seniors. October is an important time for them as they make plans for the coming year. Will it be the job market or graduate school? Since many graduate institutions require that students take GRE's, GMAT's, and LSAT's in the Fall, preliminary decisions about the job market must also be made now.

Come May, graduates with diploma in hand will begin to sense the pressure from family and friends to "get a job." With inadequate forethought, the pressure will be that much greater. Entering the job market is like many other pursuits — an early start gives a clear advantage. Seniors who haven't given the market a thought should begin to do so. Here are some ideas to make your job search more fruitful: **Prepare a resume.** Get started now summarizing honestly your previous work and study experience. Last-minute resumes are usually poorly done because you need help from several others to write and edit it properly. A bad resume says the wrong things about you, such as: "I can't write or edit; I am not organized; I don't care what my work looks like." Visit the Career Development Office; they can help in this and other areas of the job search.

Have a great senior year. Study, read, write, think, and compute your very best in this final year. Nothing is sadder than seeing students who goofed off through four years of college floundering in the job market. Realize now that the job market does measure college performance and does reward hard-working, serious students with excellent job opportunities. A great senior-year GPA can overcome a multitude of freshman and sophomore-year D's and F's.

Value your liberal arts training. Don't ignore further developing your skills in writing, literature, logic, mathematics, sciences, and other general education areas. You may think they are irrelevant but your first

interview may be with a boss who loves English poetry or who simply expects clear thinking and well-written memos and letters from you. Or a future promotion may depend on understanding linear programming, statistical analysis, or biochemistry.

Evaluate Yourself. "Making a lot of money" is a poor goal for the job entrant because money is a poor substitute for job satisfaction. What are you able to do; what do you enjoy?

Control Your Expectations. You may think you are worth \$45,000, a year but don't let unrealistic expectations cause you to reject an otherwise excellent first job offer. In a tough job market, getting a starting job at \$18,000 or even \$12,000 is better than not getting any job at \$45,000.

Think long term. It is said that, during the Depression, physics professors who had been laid off by large universities decided to teach and research for free. By the time the Depression was finished, they were well on their way to a career doing what they really liked. Make your decisions with a 40-year horizon in mind.

Don't fret "poor Christmas sales". You can worry to death over the business cycle and its effects on your job prospects. Be flexible. If a disastrous economy closes doors in your preferred career, take a brief detour in another field. You may like it better. Or use lemons to make lemonade and go on to graduate school now. If you have graduate work in your plans, a bad economy is a good time to study (assuming you will actually study — they expect that in most graduate schools). Since one of the highest cost of going to school is foregone wages, a bad job market means the cost of continuing education is greatly reduced.

Trust God. Trust Him for the major details like the business cycle and be doing your part to prepare broadly and thoroughly. "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths."

Job outlook for students questionnabile

The Christmas shopping season, an indicator of economic and employment prospects in the U.S. for the coming year, will be affected negatively this quarter by budget-conscious consumers. According to the most recent *Business Week*, Barnard's Retailing Consulting Group predicts only a 3.5 percent increase in sales this year compared to 7.2 percent last year. The story attributes the modest growth to consumer concern with "the prospect of higher taxes, increased health-care costs, and a lackluster economy."

Normally at Christmas time, retailers hire large numbers of part-time workers, many of them students, to operate cash registers and help customers. Since retailers have been cautious about over-stocking their inventories, they may also be cautious about hiring too many helpers.

Job seekers may find more opportunities at discount stores and Sears than at specialty stores such as The Gap, The Limited, and Ann Taylor. According to *Business Week*, "Consumers have become more budget-conscious than fashion-conscious," meaning shoppers search for lower prices. Sears is moving toward the discounters in its approach to pricing and product selection and, during times of fear or slowly growing income, consumers shop discount stores rather than more-expensive

specialty shops. Toy stores and department stores that stock toys will certainly need extra sales help if they realize a predicted 15% jump in "combined toy and video-game sales."

How will the Christmas shopping season affect employment prospects for senior graduates next spring? Any dramatic change from this slow-growth scenario could make seasonal sales itself a casual factor in hiring, rather than just an indicator. A disastrous Christmas season, leaving retailers with huge unsold inventories or lower incomes would certainly affect next year's job prospects. Stung by a bad year, retailers may curtail future orders from factories that would then have to lay off workers. This could probably have its greatest job-market impact around mid 1994 when seniors are searching the market. A better-than-predicted shopping season would cause retailers to order more stock and factories to keep on their workers, thus improving the labor market outlook.

However, if Christmas sales merely grow slowly, as predicted, then labor market conditions will remain uncertain for next year. The current slow pace of economic recovery from the 1990-91 recession has been marked by continued layoffs in large bellwether firms and very slow growth in employment. Unlike

past recoveries, this one has seen a long delay in rehires because companies are giving more overtime rather than taking on new workers. Slow growth in Christmas sales would merely continue this trend.

The economy gives little clue to future direction for employment. Initial claims for unemployment insurance last week are down 21.7 percent from a year ago after jumping several weeks ago. And while auto production is down 10.3 percent, truck output is up 19.8 percent compared with last year at this time. The unemployment rate nationwide currently hovers around 6.7%, though the rate in New York is expected to be higher than that for some time.

If predictions of slowly growing sales hold, then other changes will be required to cause any dramatic shift in the rate of hiring. The 1993 tax increase could be such a factor as it begins to take purchasing power away from wealthy consumers, leading to a cycle of layoffs in industries who make goods and services for those in the high tax brackets. A failing European economy could also decrease hiring, working through U.S. export industries. On the other hand, low interest rates could finally give a boost to housing and durable goods industries. As this works its way through the economy, general hiring would get a boost.

Good News of Conservative Thought

President Clinton and his friends are ideological warriors. They have an agenda for this nation. Things like taxes, health care, and gays in the military are only symptoms. This agenda is purely ideological, entirely concerned with changing the hearts and minds of the American people. We have to stop asking questions about how things will effect our wallets and start questioning just how far they will go to promote their ideology. And just how far we should let things go.

What concerns me is that it's becoming evident that the Clinton camp has chosen the nation's children as a battleground on which to fight their ideological fight. It's a clever tactic because they act in the name of children, and that's a difficult thing to oppose.

Keep in mind that Hillary Rodham Clinton and many others in the administration, such as Marian Wright Edelman, have been leaders of the Children's Defense Fund. But instead of cataloging the excesses of this so-called "advocacy" group let me just share with you what I believe to be fundamentally wrong with their goals.

A good example to discuss is H.R. Clinton's ardent desire

to vaccinate every child in America. Most of the arguments advanced against the plan so far have been economic, and that's unfortunate. While the price would certainly be high, it's not the cost that makes this plan wrong. And something like this is hard to argue against because on the surface it seems so noble.

But what H.R. Clinton wants to do is essentially put the government in the charge of the child's health. Up until now, the health of the child has been the responsibility of the parent. H.R. Clinton would like the child's health to be the responsibility of the government now, and that's an intrusion into the state that we must not stand for.

To this objection she would say "What about the thousands of children whose parents don't have them vaccinated?"

And to that I would say two things. First of all, if your concern is specifically those children who are not immunized why don't you immunize specifically those children? Why should you make government interfere in all of the families that take care of

themselves unless your motives go beyond mere vaccination?

There are some parents who neglect to prepare nutritious meals for their children and that does not mean that the state should start doing the cooking for every child in America.

And secondly, I would say that those parents who do not vaccinate their children have a right not to do so. That's a hard thing to say but it's true. There are certain rights that no one should exercise but that no one should take away either. I

have an absolute right to insult and offend any one I choose. I

shouldn't be offensive ever under any circumstances: there's simply no excuse for it. But neither do I need an excuse. If government prohibited me from insulting people or from offending them, that would be a violation of my right to free speech. Sometimes we have to swallow the things we find distasteful for the sake of the greater good.

And in closing, let me just say always be wary of any one who believes that children have every right imaginable except for the right to be born.



JOEL TOM
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Michel Evans' article on September 30, "Movie Review Committee revised".

There are now only two people deciding campus movies. Somehow these two are to represent the views of the entire campus. It wouldn't really matter who these representatives were because how can two accurately express the views of an entire campus? Last year, as a member of the Film Review Committee, I remember that we were constantly reminded of our positions as representatives of students, faculty, staff, admin-

istration and other community members. When the committee of last year felt that we couldn't always do this then how can this year's? The members of this "new" committee are Betsy Webb of the Student Development Office, and student Joel Tom Tate, no faculty or staff members are represented. And neither of these two are directly elected by the students. Students, these movies are being paid for by you, out of your Student Activity fee for your entertainment. Think about this, and please, if you have an opinion, Express it!

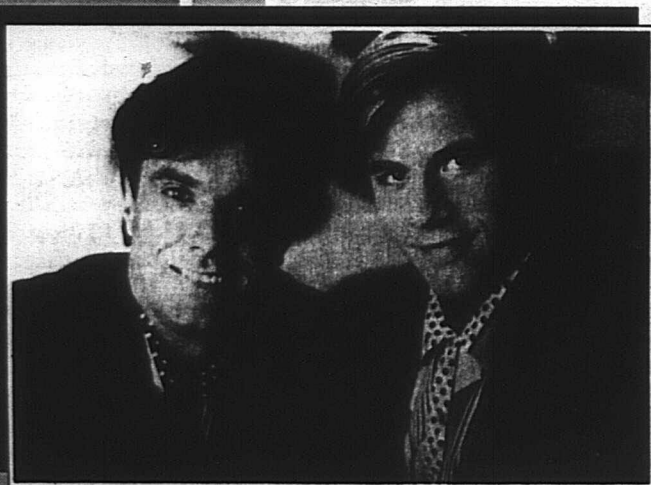
Elaine Armstrong

Homecoming parade

ive was both surprised and excited when he found out that he was chosen for the Homecoming court. "I felt honored, because the title could have been given to anybody in my class," says Ockrin. There were two representatives, one male, one female, from the freshmen, sophomore, and junior classes. Kirk Schillinger and Bridget Tompson represented the freshmen class; Jim Meyers and Juliana Schmidt represented the sophomore

class, and Mike Ockrin and Sherri Kline represented the junior class. The senior class selected six class members, three male, three female, to represent the class of 1994. The student body then chose the King and Queen from the six representatives. James Karcanes, Leigh Meyers, David Francis, Kristi Tennant, Drew White and Robin Scherer were members of the senior court. Drew White and Kristi Tennant were crowned as the 1993 Homecoming King and Queen.

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"Take Five"

Malcolm X

About four years ago, a senior asked several of his professors for a list of ten books that might help him continue his education during the years immediately after graduation. These were to be "great books" lists of a kind from a student well known for his zeal in his faith and studies; I was both flattered by his request and intrigued by what titles and authors might be included.

Last summer I came across my list buried somewhere for safe keeping.

Despite my resolve to keep it handy, it has buried itself again. Titles from the list escape me as well, except that I remember encouraging him to read his Bible, no doubt an unnecessary admonition. In spite of these blanks in my memory, one book that is sure to be prominent on any list I drew up is The Autobiography of Malcolm X.

I first read The Autobiography as a 60's era college student, in the midst of our powerful civil rights struggle. Malcolm X was not exactly a popular figure in white America; he was seen as an "agitator," a hate monger. It was commonly felt even in the late 60's that his 1963 assassination was more than deserved.

Nevertheless, the book opened worlds for me that I would otherwise have never imagined and it taught me some lessons that are as potent today as they were then. First among these lessons is that racism is a human tragedy. Its victims, sadly, are just ordinary people. "Segregation," "integration," "equal opportunity," "oppression" — all those "civil rights" terms had been just words, just ideas for argument. Malcolm's account of his tragic childhood gave those words, forever, for me, a human face.

Second, I learned that by definition racism is not a given act or word of one individual or another, however much those behaviors might be racist. Racism, rather, transcends individual hatreds to form systematic and systemic barriers to community. In plainer terms, racism is a way of life that blunts opportunity, that denies freedom, and that routinely humiliates one group of people and no another. Its chief ally is ignorance; its chief characteristic is arrogance.

Third, I learned that hatred harbored gradually corrupts the hater. By this process the racist is as much a victim as the one he hates. Malcolm found himself in jail, angry and bitter, a junky — a victim of the hate-and-hate-back environment he knew so well.

Fourth, I discovered that even the toughest criminal mind can be transformed given sufficient motivation. Malcolm's account of his conversion to Islam and subsequent reconstructed life is

inspiring. In a Christian sense, his transformation was incomplete; at the core of his

being remained an intense hatred of whites. Nevertheless, he emerged from jail articulate, educated, determined, focused, and clean; and the narrative of that reconstruction is immensely instructive.

Finally, I learned why Christianity is often seen as a tool of racism and is, consequently, often rejected, especially by African Americans. It doesn't take much effort to connect the crimes of white "Christians" against African slaves and their offspring or to discover patterns, if not plots, in these racial crimes. Slavery itself, constitutional stipulations that slaves are fractionally human, attempts to Christianize slaves, legalization of segregation, denial of economic and educational opportunities — all may be viewed, understandable, as systematic oppression.

That Malcolm X should have made a popular recovery last year, thanks in part to Spike Lee and his movie project, is interesting but not surprising given the rise of racial violence in the '90's. But it is the book I want to recommend, not the movie. Careful readers will have no trouble distinguishing what ought to be taken to heart from what shouldn't. To illustrate, take Elijah Mohammed's teaching that all white folks are devils. Even before Malcolm X disenchanted with Elijah Mohammed and his race theories late in the book, this one is not terribly persuasive.

The truth is, as the story of Malcolm's chaotic teen years so amply demonstrates, the Devil is not limited by skin color. The Devil will wear the skin of *anyone* who chooses bigotry, hatred and race violence to solve the world's problems.



JAMES A. ZOLLER

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Spotless Traditions

One of Houghton's greatest attributes is that of a strong sense of tradition. Homecoming is probably one of the most prominent example of the traditional Houghton way, characterized by the usual sporting events, parades, and various other activities. It is a time for alumni to briefly reunite for a weekend to reminisce on the best times of their lives, while current students are creating memories of their own.

this year it was decided that one such tradition should be eliminated. Upperclassmen and alumni may be wondering what happened to the annual Homecoming Spot that usually followed the Saturday night movie, also absent. The Homecoming Spot could be best explained as a balanced combination between comedy, live music performance and other miscellaneous talent, sometimes on the spur of the moment. Now it seems that the only spontaneity left is the weather, but even that is getting predictable.

The cancellation of the Homecoming Spot had not been decided without reason. Some of the alumni had expressed that the traditional Saturday night talent show had become more of a student activity than something for everyone. Each alumnus I talked to seemed to tell me a different story, showing their disappointment with regards to the absence of what would have been a fine evening of entertainment.

However, a greater reason lies behind the absence of the Spot this past Homecoming weekend. In previous years, some students have used the stage as a means to vent out their frustrations against the administration, sometimes referring to specific person.

Usually after the damage had been done, the Spot coordinator would receive a note of complaint and a reprimand for what they were supposedly responsible for allowing to happen. The funny thing is the Spot coordinator was not aware of what was going to happen because the act in question was unknowingly changed after it had already been screened and approved for performance.

As a result, nobody would step forward to assume responsibility this year for the possibility of history repeating itself, thus no Homecoming Spot. This is understandable to a degree, but the biggest incidences of insubordination on stage did not occur that recently, as well as the fact that most students that were involved are no longer here. I certainly don't condone publicly humiliating community members and general disrespect, but I also disagree with using past behavior as a guideline for calling off a much enjoyed event.

There is no doubt that the Homecoming Spot is intended to entertain a diverse audience, but it seems that there exists a feeling of near-paranoia toward any hint of turning it into a public forum, as the current trend has seemed to be. It would not be in anyone's best interests to change the Spot into a political arena, but if relevant issues are brought forth in a sensitive, loving, and gentle way; yet at the same time maintaining their entertainment value, can this be so wrong? I'm not saying that we should turn Spots into a mixture of Saturday Night Live meets Rush Limbaugh on 20/20, but it may give alumni some

general idea about what has been happening on campus, and what types of issues may be surfacing in comparison to when the alumni were students.

I am by no means suggesting that this is the way things ought to be. Ideally, what has been and should be is determined by the Spot coordinator according to the best interests of the community. With this in mind the problem has not been with the Spot coordinator, but

with students spontaneously changing their acts without the coordinator

knowing until after the damage has been done. The blame, therefore should not fall on the shoulders of the coordinator, but the student or students that caused the problem.

It seems that there exists a certain mentality that communication has to be hierarchical, a chain of command. The fault in that system lies in tacking the blame on the entire group, namely the group's leader, smearing his or her own reputation, while those that actually are guilty are not dealt with as they should. Maybe it's time the bad apples were removed before the bushel spoiled.

It is quite unfortunate that a well-intentioned tradition, such as Homecoming Spot, be done away with because somebody had to ruin it for everybody. It is kind of like the teacher in elementary school that makes a class of twenty write "I will not talk in class" seventy-five times just because two or three people couldn't keep their mouths shut. But if punishing the entire group for the sake of a few deters the problem, then let justice prevail.



ARON KIMMERLY

Top Ten excuses students give for not taking an exam the Monday after Homecoming:

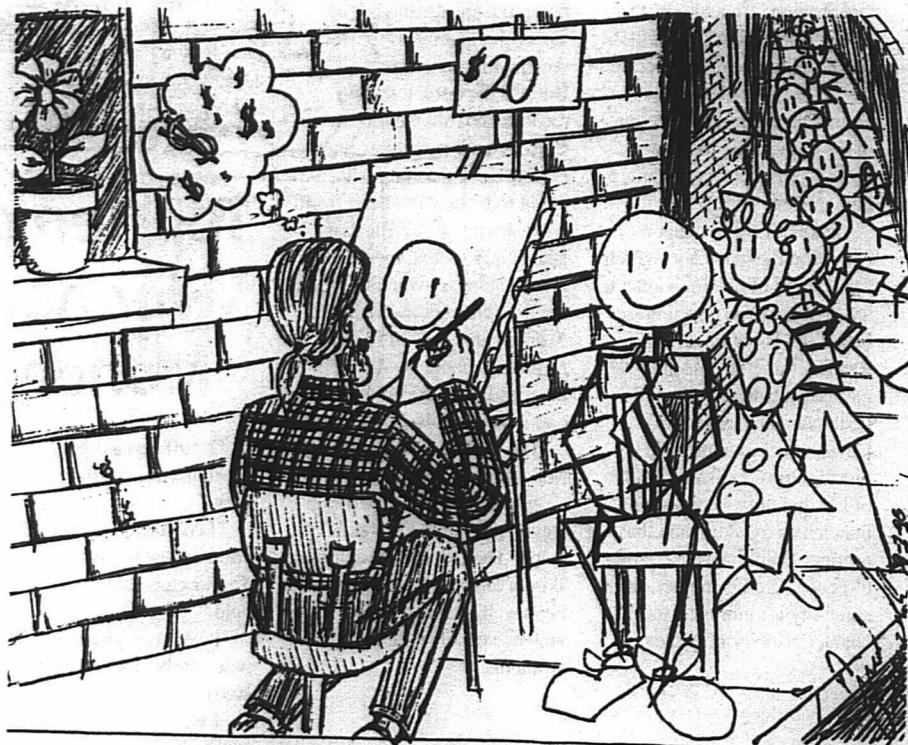
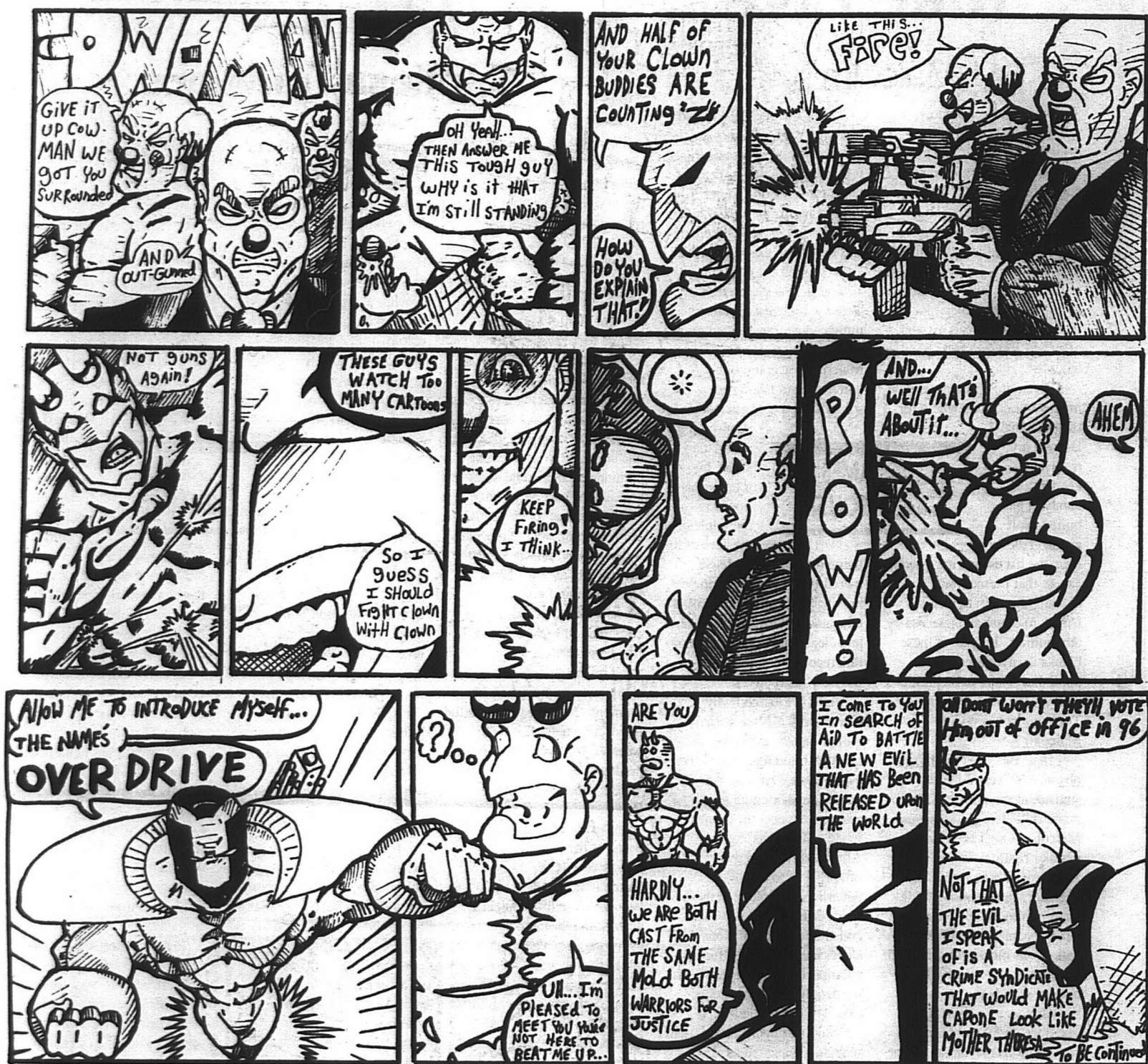
10. "I suffered extreme ropeburn from pulling a float."
9. "I contracted pneumonia cheering for the Women's Soccer game in the rain and cold."
8. "I was so engrossed in the new yearbooks I forgot to study."
7. "I was suckered into going to the Women's Volleyball game to help break national attendance records."
6. "I suffered from smoke inhalation at the bonfire Friday night."
5. Severe depression caused by the serving size of Ben and Jerry's at the studybreak."
4. "I got lost in the woods trying to watch the cross-country race (I was found in

3. "I waited on the quad all day Sunday for all-school picnic."
2. "I spent the weekend in the hospital after being run over by the freshman float."
1. Exam? What exam?



HEATHER DALE

Cow Man Adam Owen



AN AMATEUR CARICATURIST'S DREAM