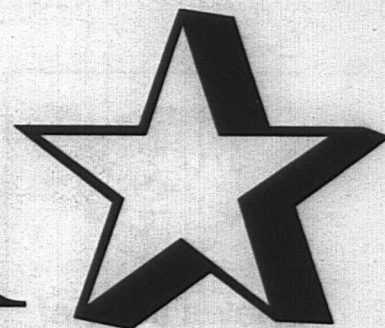


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LOCAL EVENTS

- Jan. 25:
*Theater, C, "Rip Van Winkle," noon, Eisenhart Aud, RMSC, \$8, 271-4320.
- Jan. 26:
*Choral vespers and organ recital, 4:30 p.m., Downtown United Presbyterian Church, Rochester, FREE. 325-4000.
- Feb. 1:
*The Royal Winnipeg Ballet, 8 p.m., SPAC, \$19.50 - \$33.50.
- Feb. 2:
*A capella jazz, "The Real Group," 7 p.m., NCAC, \$25, 389-2170.
- *Theater, "Through the Eyes of a Friend: the Story of Anne Frank," 7 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 689-8844.
- Feb. 3-5:
*Theater, "Through the Eyes of a Friend: the Story of Anne Frank," 7 p.m., Rockwell Hall Aud., BSAC, \$8, 878-3005.
- Feb. 8:
*Mazowsze, 8 p.m., SPAC, \$21.50 - \$30.50.
- Feb. 12:
*Corpus Christi Church Choir, 7:30 p.m., SM, \$8, 454-7639.

KEY:
BSAC = Buffalo State College Performing Arts Center, Buffalo
NCAC = Nazareth College Arts Center, Rochester
RMSC = Rochester Museum & Science Center, Rochester
SM = Strong Museum, Rochester
SPAC = Shea's Performing Arts Center, Buffalo

QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

"Dear God, did you mean for a giraffe to look like that or was that an accident?"
-- from *Children's Letters to God*

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Greer Gives a Challenge

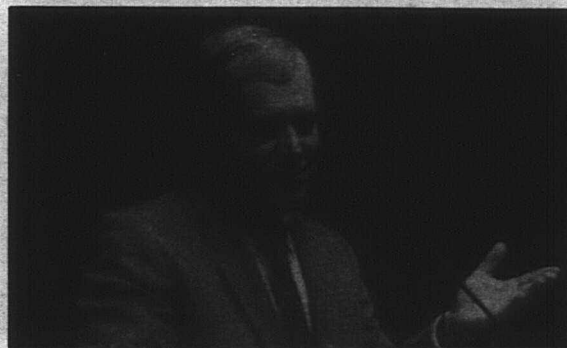
Adria C. Willett

Houghton alumnus Keith Greer was the key speaker during Houghton's bi-annual Christian Life Emphasis Week (CLEW), Jan. 12 - 17. Greer, class of 1967, discussed portions of the book of Daniel.

During three student chapels and four evening services for the community, Greer used an analogy comparing Daniel's life to Christian life and faith today. He also met with students and spoke in chapels at Houghton Academy.

Greer challenged students to stand firm on the Word, spending more time in it, and using it to draw lines against compromise. "God may have done some things in kids' hearts, things that will last," he said.

In coming back to Houghton, Greer re-visited "stones of



remembrance," places where he made a commitment before God. Greer graduated from Houghton Academy, then continued his studies at the college. He earned his master's in divinity from Gordon Conwell Seminary.

Currently, Greer pastors the Conservative Congregational Community Church in Carlisle, Mass. His decision to enter

pastoral ministry was an eight-year process of circumstances and experiences coalescing and urging him forward.

Greer and his wife, Bonnie, have four children. They volunteered during the summer at Camp Brookwoods, a Christian retreat center and camp in New Hampshire, where they have a program similar to Houghton's Highlander program.

Renovations Continue

Liz Nies

Despite predictions that they would be completed by the end of Christmas break, Campus Center rec room renovations are still in progress. Much to the disappointment and frustration of many faculty members and students, it seems we will be waiting a few more weeks for the return to offices, ping-pong games, and Big Al's.

According to the "Campus Center rec room renovation progress" checklist located outside of the Student Development Office, there are numerous items still awaiting completion.

As of January 20, 1997, these include: lighting, tile, the TV area, furniture arrival, ceiling, floor boards, deli case, and computer jacks.

According to Matt Webb of the Campus Activities Board, the most time consuming of these items is the completion of the floor. This is because it calls for treatments such as cleanings that require days at a time to set. This alone could take up to two weeks but has already been started. Once the floor is completed, student organizations will be allowed to

move back into their new office spaces. The furniture for the basement is expected to arrive at the end of the month. After all of the finishing touches have been added to the offices and Big Al's, the Snack Shop will reopen to students and faculty. The estimated time of total completion is the beginning of February, or if all goes very well, perhaps sooner.

Any who have peeked in know it certainly looks good and will be a facelift to the basement of the Campus Center.

Senate Report:

The S.G.A. would like to welcome you to a new semester! We anticipate that it will be exciting and fruitful. As an organization, we have established goals we hope to achieve in order to better the Houghton community. To keep us accountable, we want to share some of our objectives with you.

One of our main objectives this semester is to improve WJSL's service to Houghton students. We will be exploring possibilities by talking with the organization's workers, managers, and most importantly you, the listening audience.

Another goal is to search out new ways that we can help improve our college and our community. We believe firmly that there is no sense criticizing something unless you are willing to offer ideas and help out in the solution.

One of our final goals at this time is to take a look at the Judiciary Policy and Committee. Our hope is to ensure that students receive the most equitable judiciary system possible.

Well, from all of us here, again, welcome back. If you have any questions, stop by the S.G.A. office and talk to us. We are here for you!

Two Seniors Exhibit Art

Tara Smalley

On Jan. 17, the chapel gallery had the privilege of hosting an opening for two senior art exhibits. The featured artists were Kyle Stevenson with "Persons in Paint," and Faith Taylor with "The Image of the Unmade Bed."

There was a great turnout for their opening, which was appreciated by both artists and their families.

Kyle Stevenson's work focused on oil painted portraits but included some of his prints as well. It was a nice representation of his developing career as an artist. Featured in the gallery is a summary from

Kyle's thesis and I highly recommend it to those who have not already read it.

Kyle mentioned the difference in his works from his first semester and his last. "My earlier works included a lot of technical exercises in trying to get decent likenesses, with concentrating on brushstrokes and color, etc. Later on when I started to get the hang of it and creating meaning, I started to play with moods and forming simpler background color. I have loosened up a lot since my earlier portraits."

Faith Taylor's work was focused on oil paintings of



beddings with the missing figure. Her style of painting is very clean, and she draws the viewer into the scene with her detail. She uses a sense of light-

ing that brings her subject to life and makes it come out towards the viewer. Faith's pieces were very intriguing.



News in Brief

Jim Roberts

(New York) Governor Pataki plans to save Roswell Park Cancer Center by making it a non-profit organization and adding \$70 million to its budget.

(United States) Seldane is going to be taken off the market by the FDA because of possible fatal heart problems when taken with other drugs.

(Israel) Israel has agreed to give back control of almost all of the city of Hebron to Palestine although Israel's Science Minister resigned over the agreement.

(California) The first legal marijuana clubs in sixty years have been opened in California thanks to Proposition 125 which effectively legalizes the drug (for medical use only).

(World) Apple Computer Inc. lost \$120 million last quarter and likely won't make profit until December. The company lost \$69 million during the same period in 1995.

(United States) A private investigator and a photo lab employee have been arrested for selling crime scene photos of JonBenet Ramsey to the tabloid The Globe.

(California) The Oakland school board has changed its controversial "ebonics" policy to say that the language is not genetically based.

(Canada) Canadian businessman Maurice Strong has been appointed to lead a reform of the United Nations.

Michelle Wingfield

In 1980, Professor Jacobson, chair of the science department, began Celebration, a Sunday evening of worship, sharing, and prayer, for families of science faculty and a few college students. Now led by Rob and Wendy Jacobson, the group has grown to hundreds of college students. The focus remains on seeking an intimate relationship with Christ in an informal time of worship.

Within three years of its beginning, Celebration exploded with growth and moved from the stage of Presser Hall to Wesley Chapel, room four. Rob remembers when the group in

room four (many of whom were athletes) had reached 80. He got a song request from an open window and realized students were sitting in the window-wells outside.

Celebration then moved to Fancher's Woolsey hall. They got a sound system after Rob broke guitar strings in an effort to play loud enough to reach the students sitting on the hallway stairs. After five years, the group moved to its current location in the church's gymnasium, which has accommodated up to 350 students.

As Wendy explains, "We

never tried to increase in size...[it] just happened." Celebration has changed from an evening of informal requests, sharing, and prayer among close friends. The Jacobsons still desire to create an atmosphere for the Holy Spirit to work freely, where people feel like part of the worship, not the audience. Although they do not prepare a schedule of songs, the Jacobsons now lead the group for the sake of continuity and have added a time for scripture reading.

Rob recalls his father's passion to "learn to love each other in the college environ-

ment which demands we look out for ourselves." He points to 1 Corinthians 14 as a model of powerful ministry in the body of Christ. The Jacobsons emphasize an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, not the performance focus of legalistic Christianity from which many Houghton students come. "The love of the Father and knowing Him is so much more than we ever thought possible," Wendy says.

The Jacobsons, whose ministry as worship leaders and song writers is supported by individuals, say their current priorities are shepherding their family and involvement in Bible study and accountability groups.

Houghton Students Fail To Wash Hands

Tricia Enos

How important is it to wash your hands anyway? According to Houghton College students it is not a priority in their lives at all. In an experiment done here on the Houghton campus, the results are startling. Of 270 students watched, only 185 washed their hands after having used the restroom. The results broken down further: out of 120 males, only 37 washed their hands and of 150 females, only 85 washed their hands.

Besides the fact that these statistics are surprising, why be alarmed? Everyday activities, such as petting a dog, or sorting money leave unwanted germs on your hands. Infectious organisms such as bacteria, vi-

ruses, parasites, yeasts and fungi that are invisible to the naked eye lurk everywhere. These micro organisms may be present in blood, other bodily fluids and secretions. If these materials come in contact with your skin-ESPECIALLY YOUR HANDS- you are at risk of infection.

New England's Journal of Medicine's "Health News" reports results from an experiment on 305 elementary school children. A group of nurses visited this school to teach the students how to properly wash their hands. Half of the 305 students were made to wash their hands at least four times daily and the other were left to

their own devices. After seven weeks, the students forced to wash their hands four times a day missed fewer days of school, while the other students had more colds, coughs, and gastrointestinal problems.

In Health Magazine a doctor reports, "Even a couple of hours at the movies is pretty safe, assuming you stay three or four seats away from anyone who's not covering up and you wash your hands before putting them near your eyes or nose." Maybe Mom was right when she said to wash your hands.

Tips for proper hand washing:

1 Wet your hands under

lots of running water. WHY? This carries away contaminants.

2 Lather your hands and wrists with soap. Although the soap and water do not kill germs, they do loosen the skin oils and deposits that harbor germs.

3 Thoroughly rinse your hands in running water. Point fingers downward. WHY? That way running off water will not travel up your arms to bring new germs.

4 When you are at home, dry your hands with a clean cloth or paper towel. Don't dry off with a used towel. WHY? It may return germs right back to your clean hands. When you are in a public place, a clean hot-air hand dryer is best, but clean paper towels will do.

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STUDENTS HEAD TO VERMONT TO SKI

Jill Knutelski

On Jan. 1, 26 Houghton students made their way to slopes of Smuggler's Notch in northern Vermont for five days of skiing and snowboarding. Even though this five day, four night adventure was organized by junior Andy Thelander for Houghton students, it was not sponsored by the college.

Skiers and snowboarders were left disappointed with the icy conditions and 50 percent closure of the resort's three mountains. As the week progressed and the anticipated snow fell as rain and ice, the conditions worsened.

Although the week was not an ideal time to ski and board, students still enjoyed themselves making the most of the slopes, relaxing in the jacuzzi, and snuggling up by the fire.

Tax Clinic To Help Community

Houghton accounting students will help area residents prepare individual income tax forms starting Feb. 1. The tax clinic, called Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, is free and open to the public.

This annual clinic is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of

Business and Economics. Associate Professor of Accounting Rhea Reed will supervise.

The clinic will be held Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon in room 316 of the Academic Building on the Houghton campus. For more information, contact Reed at 567-9638.

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CAB Movies Examined

Jonathan Heller

The movies shown by the Campus Activities Board (CAB) are some of the main social events on campus. However, most students do not know that selecting and editing these movies can be a controversial and time-consuming process. Greg Bayse, who heads the CAB movie committee, explained what goes on behind the scenes in the movie selection process.

Initially, the committee selects movies from a distributor's catalogue and sets up a schedule so the movies do not conflict with other college activities. Bayse said that they try to select high quality movies that anyone can enjoy. All the movies must undergo approval by the movie review committee. This semester's lineup of movies will include varied hits like *Evita*, *Daylight*, and *101 Dalmations* subject to approval.

In the past, the committee has received complaints about the quality of the movies shown, and Bayse welcomes any suggestions or ideas. Sitting on the committee has given him a different perspective on the issue. "We do our best to show movies that will please everyone," he said, "but we shouldn't show movies that we couldn't take Christ to see."

The committee evaluates the movies for violence, explicit scenes, and language. Instead of setting strict limits for each of these categories, they analyze the tone of the movies. Bayse went on to explain how

editing changes his perspective on a movie. As he put it, "You do not realize what is in a movie until you look for the bad parts. It is easy to watch a movie and tune out all the language, but when you have to edit those words, you really notice them."

Even so, the standards have loosened since the days when the committee had to find movies without any swearing. Bayse feels that the committee's movie standards are important because the community looks at these movies as a "reflection of what the college holds dear."

In the 18th century most colleges were founded as evangelical institutions. Of these Houghton was one of the few that maintained the traditional moral standards. These standards were designed to set Houghton apart from the secular world, and standards for movies are a part of this tradition.

The committee members try to uphold these college standards, but they also select movies for their artistic value. According to Bayse, some people questioned the decision to show *Evita* because Madonna starred in the movie. The committee eventually decided that the artist's personal life should not overshadow the artistic value of a movie. Bayse said he realizes that each movie selected will not please everyone. He said, "We do our best," and he hopes that everyone will find something they enjoy at some point during the semester.

Find Jobs on Internet

Career Development Center

The Internet is a potentially powerful tool for locating job opportunities, especially for those of us who are cloistered in rural Allegany County. The World Wide Web offers literally thousands of employment sites, some that charge a fee and some that offer services for free, all that claim to be worth your time in terms of searching for employment. Wading through these sites and determining which ones are actually worth looking up and spending time on is a daunting task. The CDC has set out to do some of this leg work for you by checking out these sites and relating information to you about the nature and potential value of each for different career interests.

This month we will review and summarize three sites that we found to be most helpful in terms of spending your time utilizing them. The first of these sites is America's Job Bank (<http://www.ajb.dni.us>). As mentioned last month, Internet job search services have a tendency to be top heavy with jobs dealing the computer technology. America's Job Bank offers a fairly diverse array of jobs in a wide variety of locations. America's Job Bank is sponsored by the public employment service and is FREE to anyone able to get onto the World Wide Web. This service links together, through technology, the 1,800 state employment service offices. This culmination of job opportunities

results in a data base of over 250,000 jobs across the United States. The source of the job listings for this site allows it to be one of the most diverse employment sites in terms of array of opportunities in all kinds of occupations. Over 90 percent of the listings are in the private sector, with between five and ten percent representing government jobs.

Occupation and location are the two criteria used to search the Job Bank's data base and nearly all of the occupations we fed it yielded a good number of opportunities in a variety of locations.

Career Path (<http://www.careerpath.com>) is another site that is perhaps the most helpful and comprehensive we have come across thus far. It is one of the most popular sites on the Internet with more than 3.5 million searches conducted each month. Career Path's data base consists of 25 major U.S. newspapers and it is also FREE. The searcher may select any number, or all, of the newspapers listed including the New York and L.A. Times, The Boston Globe, the Chicago Tribune, etc. Career Path will then search through the want ads of these newspapers, which are updated daily, and return with jobs that match the occupation(s) that you select from the list provided. The searches we did all turned up a significant number

of jobs for each of the occupations searched.

The final review for this month is on "Cool Works" (<http://www.colworks.com/showme/>) which is a site specializing in summer employment at resorts, national parks, and other adventure based locations. The majority of jobs listed are for such things as work in the national parks, cruise ships etc. A couple of interesting opportunities were for Christian Ministry in the National Parks and opportunities for work on a cruise line operating out of Alaska.

Students interested in summer employment should also mark their calendars for the CDC's summer employment day on Feb. 6, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the dining hall. The CDC will be hosting about 40 camps and organizations who hire students for summer jobs.

As always we want to encourage students to visit our office located in the campus center and take advantage of the services that we offer. If you find that perfect job opportunity on one of these sites for which you wish to reply, you will want to prepare a professional looking resume and practice for potential interviews that may follow. In some cases you might also want to start a placement file to house letters of recommendation. Please come in to the CDC and we will be glad to help you in your job search process.

Urbana 96

Amanda Carr

In 1946, 575 students from all over the U.S. and Canada gathered in Toronto for a "Convention for Missionary Advance." These students wanted to learn how God wanted to use them to reach people for Him.

Fifty years later, on Dec. 27, 1996, nearly 20,000 people from around the world, mainly college students, gathered at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for Urbana '96. These students, as well as the pastors, missionaries and others who attended the conference, took part in what turned out to be, for many, a life-changing experience.

For five long, exhausting days, I joined nearly 20,000 other people in learning about God's love for the world, and how we could be used by God to reach people, both on our campuses and around the world. The '96 conference theme was "YOU ARE MY WIT-

NESSES." The morning Bible studies and expositions were centered around passages in Acts which deal with the "job" and of applications of what witnessing involved.

We heard from speakers such as Elizabeth Eliot, T.V. Thomas, and George Verwer. We heard some of their experiences on the mission field, and how God blessed them and their ministries. Special events planned during the evening general sessions included a Concert of Prayer on Saturday, extended worship time Sunday, and a communion service on Tuesday, New Year's Eve.

One of the areas focused on during Urbana was how we can be witnesses on our campuses. This was the only area where I had any complaints. They gave wonderful information on how to be a witness on the campus - if you go to a secular school. They really did not give many

suggestions for those of us who are on Christian campuses. Now, I know that there are non-Christians here at Houghton, and at just about every Christian college across the country. However, it is much harder to find those who are not Christians in this type of environment. What can we do here at Houghton to reach those who don't know Christ? Well, as another Urbana delegate from Houghton explains, we need to be encouraging everyone. We need to ask questions about our classmates' lives, and what direction those lives are taking. We need to pray for each other. We need to let Christ show through our lives and let people see the joy He brings.

Okay, now for the more personal answers to the questions people always ask someone after attending a conference like Urbana. First of all, I had an AWESOME time. God's pres-

ence was strong throughout the conference. I began to see how powerful God really is. I saw the first obvious miracle that I'd ever seen. T.V. Thomas, the speaker at one of the general sessions, began his talk, which he also had given at the '93 conference. He started losing his voice, and as he went on, it kept getting worse. We found out later this same thing happened in '93. It was obvious there was "someone" who did not want us to hear this talk. Finally, Dan Harrison (the director of Urbana '96) got up on the stage and prayed with T.V. and all of us in the audience. When T.V. began to speak again, you could not tell he had just been having problems with his voice. If you don't believe me, just ask anybody who went. If you still don't believe it, I can show you my videotape. It was so powerful.

T.V. Thomas' experience

was not the only "miraculous" occurrence of the conference. Over the course of the week, 180 people committed their lives to Christ for the first time. This came as a shock to me, because I assumed everyone at Urbana was a Christian. However, it was a thrill to hear that so many people were touched by God for the first time during that week.

As a result of no cafeteria lunch on Sunday and an offering taken on Monday, nearly \$300,000 was raised for hunger relief. God's power was so evident throughout that week.

If you want to know more about what the experience of Urbana was like, find someone who went, whether in '96 or past years. I'm sure any of us would love to answer any questions you might have. If you're interested in going to an Urbana conference, the next conference is Dec. 27-31, 1999.

The Vagrant Within

Matthew Essery

Warnings against having an underdeveloped and blunted conscience echo throughout America's evangelical subculture, but there is another extreme which is just as dangerous to a healthy Christian mindset and is not often discussed.

Far too often and far too quickly, avoidance of sin becomes the focus of a Christian's life. This phenomenon reduces Christianity to a system of rules, a list of do-nots which often hinder the expression of love, that element which is supposed to let others know we are Christians. This mindset and deep seated fear of being too weak, or making a mistake cultivates attitudes of inaction, overarching guilt, and paranoia.

In reaction to the desire to keep consciences clear of scarring and deformation from the abuses of television, movies, alternative music, Bill Clinton, new age philosophies, drugs, video games, sex, and materialism, Christians are encouraged to stay as far away from these things as possible, as if proximity to evil is just as unacceptable as sinning. We are told that the worst thing we could possibly do is make a mistake; to trip and fall, or, in the words of Keith Green, "I would rather die than hurt God." Most of us would say that his sentiment is admirable, but if this thought leads to inaction when it is right to act, then we have failed, for as it says in James, "Anyone then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." When we know the homosexual and don't visit in order to stay socially pure, we have sinned. Sinning to avoid what we think may lead to a "larger sin" is ludicrous. It is the responsibility of Christians (who live on the same Earth as those who are not Christians) to be able to love others (which means getting close) and yet not fall into sin themselves. Weakness should not be

coddled, but actions should be taken so that our weaknesses and failures can grow into strengths.

When Christianity is viewed primarily as a set of rules to keep, then a feeling of overarching guilt will be perpetually present. This is because we are not perfect and can never measure up to perfection. According to Romans 3:20, this divine law exists to show that no one is righteous. If avoidance of sin is all there is, then we will be drastically disappointed when we find that we cannot avoid it.

If the desire to avoid sin (like some kind of asteroids video game) is forefront in our minds then an attitude of paranoia may be spawned. We turn our heads looking out for sin because we know it's going to get us. Voices shout in our heads, "Suspect everyone! You cannot trust a soul! Bill Clinton is really out to destroy the American Republic! Telephone companies measure time in different ways than real clocks do and charge exorbitant prices! Be paranoid! The lions and the coliseums are around the bend! The end of the world is at hand!" Hold on for just a minute.

The greatest commandment is not, "DO NOT SIN." Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

If you're wondering how to do this, I Corinthians 13 outlines love well. You've read it before perhaps, but one more time wouldn't hurt. "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

Her Coin: Seeking Community

L. J. Arenson

In her journal *An Unexpected Life*, Etty Hillesum wrote: "Life may be brimming over with experiences, but somewhere, deep inside, all of us carry a vast and fruitful loneliness wherever we go." I find that we resist acknowledging our loneliness and certainly shrink from embracing it—how could loneliness ever be fruitful? Our culture tends to be both highly individualistic and highly romantic. We simultaneously desire intimacy and spurn community. Those who sense their isolation and seek intimacy find that we have few culturally encouraged avenues left in our culture. Our definition of intimacy has narrowed significantly to an almost exclusively sexual understanding—close same-sex friendships, for example, are slightly suspect. The common African sight of men strolling down the street holding hands is startling to American eyes, who see almost all physical intimacy as sexual. One of the only widespread forms of community we still recognize is the nuclear family. Anything else is radical.

With our decline in regard for alternative forms of community and our definition of intimacy reduced to sexuality, we are left in somewhat of a cultural bind. The result of all this deprivation is that an enormous amount of expectations are placed on romantic relationships. In sacred and secular

circles alike, we perpetuate the myth of the Romantic Other, that one woman or man who, once met, will meet all of our desires for companionship and intimacy. We ask and expect more of another human being than most individuals can reasonably be asked. If most people enter into marriage with the unrealistic utopia of complete fulfillment through their spouse, then it is hardly surprising that so many marriages fail—perhaps the high divorce rate in America reveals that we are asking too much. Any relationship needs grace, in the broadest sense of the word: space for inadequacies, room for failure, and a willingness to forgive. It is extremely difficult to extend grace to someone who is solely responsible for our happiness. As far as deep and fruitful loneliness goes, we find it extremely difficult to not demand utter and complete knowledge of another—we have little comprehension of deep holy spaces, of the essential space around the soul of every human being. If we crave intimacy, we are less likely to have respect for one another—need weighs down love.

Is the nuclear family a sufficient source of community? A lot of emphasis has been placed in Christian circles in recent years upon the deterioration and need for preservation of the traditional family. The belief seems to be that preserv-

ing the nuclear family will preserve Christian practice—the Christian family becomes an island of value, an example to a morally lax society. It is essential to recognize that the structure of the nuclear family was a modern development, not a passage in the Ten Commandments. As society changes, family structures change. The much touted "traditional family" structure, although functional, may not be the ideal it is presently described as by various factions. Returning to our needs for community, I suggest that perhaps the breakdown of the nuclear family is partially due to a lack in its sufficiency to meet human needs. Too many expectations have been placed upon the family unit as well as the romantic pair. The traditional family has the capacity for the alienation of its members—particularly for mothers who spend most of their time in the home, with only their children for company.

I would not contend that our ideas of family or marriage, are "bad," merely insufficient. Perhaps the saving grace we need is a renewal of our search for community as we grapple with the world and culture in which we live. Our times are full of splintered and shattered ideals. Picking up those pieces requires more than two sets of hands. Living courageously in our times means daring to seek out and live in community.

Editorial: Sovereign Suffering

Adria Willett

A few weeks ago in Celebration, several people asked for prayer of healing for friends and family that suffer from cancer. During the prayer time, one person in particular prayed against sickness, saying all sickness is from the enemy. She gave the example of a father: A father would not give his child a snake, right? Therefore, she reasoned, God would not give cancer to his children. I have been struggling with this issue along with issues brought up in CLEW and my Job class.

During CLEW, Keith Greer addressed a similar issue which I think applies. Preaching from Daniel 1, he noted that God had a part in leading the Israelites into exile (Daniel 1:2). Why would God do that to his children? God could very well have delivered them from the hands of their enemies, but he chose not to. Greer proposed that God had a plan and a purpose in it all. God is sovereign; he knows what he is doing. He says to Job, "Would you discredit my justice?" (Job 40:8).

In his discussion of the fiery furnace story (Daniel 3), Greer addressed God's deliverance. God was able to (and did) deliver Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They said boldly, "The God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O

king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods... (Daniel 3:17-18)." They were willing to face the king's anger whether or not God delivered them, because they had faith that what God did was best.

Yes, God is powerful beyond comprehension. He delivered Isaac from being sacrificed. He gave water to Ishmael and promised to make him a nation. He protected David from Saul countless times. Paul escaped from prison by the aid of an angel. We know, by reading the Bible, that God is mighty, and he does deliver his children.

But not always. Look at John the Baptist, Stephen, the prophets, Abel, and Jesus. What about our times of suffering? God is just as able to deliver us from sickness and sorrow as he was able to rescue Daniel from the lions. However, I think God has his purpose in allowing suffering. Greer noted that we learn things in the house of suffering. Job asserted, "But he knows the way that I take, and when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold (Job 23:10)." "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith

develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything (James 1:2-4)."

Even if God decides not to deliver us from persecution, from the tribesman's spear, or from sickness, we have confidence in his power and in his wisdom. Trusting in God does not mean understanding his purposes. We still have faith in God's timing, in his provision, and in his promises.

This does not mean we do not suffer in the midst of sorrow, sickness, and pain. It does not mean preaching cheerfulness to the hurting. For God gives us grace in our time of need and suffering. God knows our pain. "Does he who implanted the ear not hear? Does he who formed the eye not see? (Ps 94:9)" Through tears we will sing of our God's love, his comfort, and his wisdom. In faith we look forward to the blessed hope of the coming of Christ. We endure hardship as discipline (Heb. 12:7). We have faith that God knows what He is doing, things too wonderful for us to know (Job 42:3). His ways are not our ways. Through it all, we give glory to God and say with Job, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised (Job 1:21)."

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Wild Ride #7

DATE: September 3, 1991

RACETRACK: Turfway Park, Florence KY

MOUNT: Aljibba

JOCKEY: James Bruin

On a hot day, cold water can hit the spot. Aljibba, a 4-year-old colt, had just won the feature race at Turfway Park on a hot Sunday afternoon. To quickly cool the horse down, the handlers douse him with a bucket of cold water. Aljibba exhibits his obvious appreciation as jockey Jamie Bruin looks on with a matching smile.

The lifestyle of a jockey is also centered around a bucket. While race fans are pouring over the Daily Racing Form, eating a hot dog, and otherwise waiting for the next race, a jockey must weigh out and quickly return to the jockeys quarters to prepare for the next race. His locker is often a cubicle, complete with his tack, personal items, and the all important bucket of water. Time does not permit a shower between races. A jockey washes his face and hands in the bucket and dons the proper silks for the next race.

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Risking Your Life on the Slope

Dave Barry

Here's a fun winter vacation idea: Why not go skiing?

If you answered, "Because I don't want to spend the next two years in a full-body cast," then I have good news: Thanks to modern, high-tech ski equipment originally developed for use by U.S. astronauts, 72 percent of all skiers are able to walk with assistance in less than 10 months!

Yes, things have really changed since the early days of skiing, a sport that traces its origins back to 16th-century Switzerland, where, according to legend, a man named Hans lived with his family on top of a mountain. One day Hans' daughter became very ill, and his wife, Bernice, told him to go down to the village immediately and fetch the doctor. Hans, knowing that it would take him hours to walk down to the mountain, noticed two loose barrel staves that happened to be lying around, and suddenly an idea struck him. Using some leather thongs that also happened to be lying around, he attached the staves to his feet, grabble two poles that also happened to be

lying around, aimed the staves down the mountain and gave a shove. Within a matter of seconds, nothing had happened.

"Hans, you moron," explained Bernice. "It's July. There's no snow."

And so Hans had to walk manually down the mountain to get the doctor, who cured the little girl in five minutes by threatening her with leeches. But this incident got Hans to things, and the next day he started tinkering with some chairs and huge steel towers and powerful motors and several thousand feet of cable that happened to be lying around. By dusk he was finished.

"Look, Bernice!" he said. "A person can ride all the way up the mountain on chairs dangling precariously from this cable!"

"If you think I'm getting on that," said Bernice, "you're crazy."

"I'm not talking about US," said Hans. "We'll stay safely on the ground and collect large sums of money."

And thus the modern ski industry was born. Today there

are thousands of ski areas, and as of 8 a.m. today every single one of them had excellent skiing conditions, as measured by the Official Ski Area Rating System, in which each area objectively rates its own conditions on a standardized scale that ranges from the highest possible ranking, Extremely Superb (defined as "snow or at least cold mud clearly visible in places") all the way down to the lowest ranking, Very Good (defined as "this ski resort is located in Puerto Rico").

Because different skiers have different abilities, ski resorts offer a variety of slopes, which are color-coded according to degree of difficulty, as follows:

GREEN -- steep

BLUE -- steep

BLACK -- steep

If you're a beginner, you want to avoid the steeper slopes. I would rule out Colorado altogether. One time I went skiing at the swank Colorado resort of Aspen, and the ski slope here turned out to be basically a cliff. Not coincidentally, Aspen is the home of a world-class knee-injury clinic. It's located right

at the base of the mountain; the surgeons just stand around the operating room, scalpels in hand, chatting about golf, and every few minutes there's a scream, and a new patient comes crashing through the roof.

Of course, to reach that level of expertise, you'll need to take lessons. Most ski areas have ski schools, where an instructor will assign you to a class of students who are of approximately the same age, skill level, an athletic ability as you, except that they are all secretly members of the Olympic slalom team. You'll see what I mean: The instructor will get you all up on top of the mountain, then say, "Follow me!" and start skiing sedately down, making graceful turns, totally under control. Your classmates, after exchanging the secret Olympic wink, will follow the instructor, making it appear as though they have never done anything like this before. Some will even fall down, but they'll get right up again as though it's no big deal.

You'll think, "How hard can

this be?" So you'll push off, and within seconds you'll be going so fast that your ski outfit will burst into flames from friction with the atmosphere. You'll hurtle straight down the hill, a human comet, penetrating the ski lodge directly through the wall, rocketing past the wise veterans who have elected to spend their ski vacations indoors, and coming to a violent halt in the cafeteria when you slam into the salad bar with such force that surgeons will later find individual chickpeas embedded two inches into your forehead. As you're lying there, face-down in the vinaigrette, you'll hear, from way up on the mountain, hearty Olympic laughter, plus your instructor's voice advising you: "NEXT TIME, KEEP YOUR KNEES BENT!" They encourage this because it makes you go faster.

The important thing to remember is not to be discouraged. Remember: Everybody falls at first. The real winners pick themselves up, dust themselves off, and signal for the cocktail waitperson. Remember to keep your elbow bent.

Social Commentary

Dave Johnson

It's Saturday afternoon. After somehow finding spare time from my usual weekend activities (sleeping, breathing slowly, etc.), I plop myself in front of the TV. Skillfully using the remote, I spin through various channels, surfing past bass fishing shows, wildlife documentaries showing the (ecch) mating rituals of sea-otters, and "full-contact chess" on ESPN2. Suddenly I come across a bizarre phenomenon that plagues the airwaves — infomercials.

The history of infomercials is nothing less than fascinating. The Aztecs, an advanced tribe of South American Indians, were the first to utilize the concept of the infomercial. After conquering a neighboring tribe, the Aztecs enslaved the women and children, brutally executed the men, and set fire to the cattle. Then, they would sacrifice goats to one of their pagan gods... wait, no... my mistake. The Aztecs had nothing to do with infomercials.

In the 20th century, infomercials are used to sell everything from reasonably sharp knives to amazing appliances that can thaw food in a matter of weeks. It seems that the vendors of these amazing products are usually short, balding British men with ugly ties. I am not quite sure why this is. Perhaps the manufacturers

would have us believe that a guy with a British accent is obviously more intelligent because he has a British accent and intelligent people would never miss the opportunity to purchase a combination blender/juicer/cow prod for 12 easy payments of \$29.95 plus shipping and handling.

My personal favorite infomercial has to be the "car-finish episode." (Can you really call them episodes? They're more like "tribulations.") These idiots bring out a brand-new sports car and rub some of this "miracle" car-finish on the hood. The audience, jaws dropped and eyes fixated on the car's hood, feigning mesmerization (these people look like animatronic puppets from Disney, programmed to applaud), look as if they were witnessing the second coming. The hood is then assaulted with a variety of heinous tests; intense cold, semi-automatic gunfire, napalm, John Tesh, etc.. Though the entire car was annihilated, the remaining piece of smoldering hood still had that showroom shine.

Another version of the infomercial is its shorter, younger sibling the "\$19.95 commercial." I'm sure you've seen them before. I refer to these atrocities as "\$19.95 commercials" because everything

advertised, no matter what, is priced at \$19.95. You could buy two nuclear warheads for ten dollars a piece from these advertisements (of course that's a bad example; you could get them for the same price in south central L.A.; just ask for Pedro).

These commercials often sell music compendiums. These collections usually have titles like: "Summer Fun," "Lots of Lovin'," "Lots of Fun," "Summer Lovin'," "Fun Summer Lovin'," "Lots Fun of Lovin' Summer," and "Fun Fun Summer Lovin' Fun Summer of Lovin' of Fun," and are available on 2CD's, 6LP's, 10AA's and 13 MK's.

Immediately following these commercials is the infamous blue screen that asks you to order by credit card or send a check or money order to an address like 25 Grand Central Station. I'm sorry but when I think of the bustling business complexes of Grand Central Station the image of drunken old men selling celebrity toe-nail clippings come to mind. These infomercials prey on the gullibility of goons who have nothing better to do than shell out good money for useless junk. Every sane person knows that the stuff they sell never works. I mean, for crying out loud, it's been six days and my pork steaks still haven't thawed out yet.



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Editor's Mail Bag

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To the editors and Houghton readership:

Where are the women professors on campus? Hiding? Lost? Or simply not present? In a school where over 60 percent of the student population is female, we are seemingly lacking correlating numbers in our faculty representation. It is an odd phenomenon. We're told to strive towards the highest goal. We're told that there are no limits to what can be accomplished. But where are the mentors to push us on towards those higher goals?

I am not denying self-initiative in my plea for strong mentors. I realize that my intrinsic motivation is utmost in significance. I am not denying that Houghton has extraordinary faculty resources which I may take advantage of. On the contrary, the female and male professors on our campus are one of Houghton's greatest assets. Which is why it is so dissatisfying to have a shortage of women professors on campus.

I need, we need, strong

women mentors in all the fields: theology, philosophy, communications, physics, history, and the list continues. We need women who have struggled to reach the top, and to have careers in a field dominated by men. I don't want women here because they are women. Rather, I want women staff who are determined, passionate, and brilliant. The women on staff now are this way; is it so devastatingly difficult to find more of them?

Perhaps it is our own passivity, as students, which has dissolved this issue into mere chit chat. If we were truly concerned then there would be true resolution, not simple attempts. We complain and moan to ourselves about the lack of resources at Houghton, but action always seems a distant possibility. If we are going to gripe, let us at least cry into the ears of those who will take action. Write letters. Petition. Just don't let this issue fade into superficial conversation.

Sincerely,
Sarah Phillips

To the editors and Houghton community,

In the Dec. 13 issue of the *Star* there appeared a letter to the editors by Bob Price. The ireful letter execrates the *Star* for printing material supporting homosexuals and abortion.

There are obviously limits to free speech on a Christian college campus. Editors often must make critical decisions about what is appropriate to print in a Christian paper.

The *Star* must provide objective news as well as a forum for dialectic discussion and debate on crucial issues. It is only through healthy argumentation between both sides of an issue that truth is discovered. Price has in fact contributed to this polemic. If he truly felt that "what certain individuals 'feel' is not important," then he would not have written such an austere letter. If all "feelings," or better stated, opinions, were excluded from the paper, then Price's letter would not have been printed.

What is it Price fears? Does he fear the presence of this "propaganda," which I personally

agree is quite anti-Christian, will automatically convince the Houghton community that homosexuality and abortions are moral and Christ-like lifestyles and actions? Price pretentiously assumes his fellow students are not as smart as he is, cannot discern right from wrong, and formulate their own judgments. He is afraid of propaganda unless it's his style of propaganda.

It is critical to our development as Christians to debate the issues affecting us. Our own opinions are either strengthened or changed through this process. This is not Price's comfortable and isolated haven where his views are never questioned. His opinions must be tried and evaluated before we as individuals can accept them.

While there are obvious limits to free speech at Houghton College, ambivalence must be the superior goal for the *Star*. Adria and Dale have done a wonderful job providing both impartial news and freedom to express "feelings" and "propaganda."

Sincerely,
Aaron Noll

Dear Junior Class,
Thank you for sponsoring a Junior/Senior activity. It was a good time of fellowship and fun for both classes. I would also like to thank the Junior Cabinet for the time and hard work that they put into the social. It was well attended and

appeared to be enjoyed by everyone. The Senior Class will be sponsoring a Junior/Senior activity (keep your eyes open for signs pertaining to the activity), in February or March. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Laura Wenger

To the editors and to whom it applies:

Greetings. As of late there has been a proliferation of articles in this paper about homosexuality. There has also been the slight undercurrent, it seems, of lowering the standard required of "Christians" and those who claim the name of Christ, in the name of love and non-judgmentalism. This is good and great, but beware that in the process one does not throw out discernment along with the undesired leaven of the Pharisee. There also have been a number of neat literary reactions. Some have been honourable and Godly, some have been perhaps less so. I write this letter not to take a side against another but to be in the middle of both.

I am not quite sure about the validity of the church's crusade against personal sins of the world. We are to judge those within the church and the Lord will judge those outside in the world (1 Cor. 5: 9-13; verses 9-11 are for context). Judgment begins in the house of God. I think the church should concern itself more with the serving of the church to godliness with our gifts, speaking the word to the world, loving one another in the body and not being divided, but one and also serving

mankind, such as mentioned in Matt. 25:34-44.

The other side are those who have not come to the Lord in humility and submission in love to receive His mercy and love and cleansing. I have no mention of minor individual sins, not that any sin is minor, but that we, the bride, call them and say, "Come. Come to God through the Lord, drink, and be not thirsty any more. Taste and see that the Lord is good and that he is worthy to be followed and to forsake all sinful ways."

The last group in this situation might be those who would, in the spirit of this age, welcome sin into the Church and call it good. They, at least, do not call a brother/sister from sin to the holy living required of us imperfect humans in Jesus. All this is done in the name of love. Love. Yes, by all means do so and do not judge in the negative way those in Messiah, but do not allow anyone in Jesus to condone sin in their lives.

When it comes to the issue of homosexuality, may I be allowed to speak a word. The Bible says a little about that specifically, and immorality a lot. Suffer me to add my two cents to the issue. I will not give scripture. I will give personal experience. At age 11, I accepted and chose, yes chose, to

be gay. I was not bothered with it except in the fear of others finding out.

At age 16, I came to Jesus and gave Him my life. I asked about this problem and received an answer in my spirit that conformed to what scripture had said all along. I did not automatically give it up. I did not fully want to. I still clung to it while wanting to follow God. For the past 4.5 years, the Lord has taught me much about faith, love, sin, commitment and other things through this struggle. I did not fully relinquish it until the year 1996.

Does the Evil One and my flesh still tempt me? Yes of course, at times. Do I follow it? Unfortunately at rare times I do, to my discredit. But it is my firm conclusion after many, many thoughts and prayers that one cannot safely and with a clear conscience accept as/for oneself and condone the state of sin, the actions of sin, the desire off/to sin in the heart and also at the same time be living the victorious life and the joyful life in Messiah Jesus and retain full communion with the Father. This is said not in the spirit of superiority or as an attack, but (I hope) in the spirit of wisdom and caring.

Your brother and servant,
jon richard makay

To the editors and Houghton holy rollers:

Words are useless. Especially sentences. They don't stand for anything. How could they explain how I feel?

Is the Bible a yellow-brick road that leads to heaven or merely a collection of words? Check out Romans 2. Doers of the law, not hearers, will be justified. One may not possess the law, but it may still be written on his heart. God, revealing himself not just to a select few, endowed every human being with a conscience, that he might be capable of doing the law. What's my point?

Jesus said, "No man comes to the Father except through me." But He never limited the channel of God's grace to adherents of a particular religion, but rather to those who adhere to a specific state of mind. Christ made a once-for-all sacrifice that covers all those who instinctively do what the law requires. Granted, biblical Christianity may be the best way to heaven [benefits: a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit], but it is by no means the only

way. I can, in fact, think of many other paths that potentially lead to the Emerald City that we call heaven: Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, humanism, to name a few. Sorry, Pharisaism is not among them.

Non-Christians may not know Christ personally, but they might still believe in Him, or rather, in their need for the function that He performed. They acknowledge that they are sinners and strive towards an ideal which they know they cannot attain in this life, one that we cannot attain -- perfection. Whether they worship God, Allah, many gods, or the god within, all of these concepts are essentially different appellations for the same God whom you (presumably) and I worship. Did Jesus not say, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets"?

We do, as Christians, have a mandate to show Christ to others. Jesus made this clear in the Great Commission. There are people out there, of all faiths,

who are earnestly seeking salvation, who know that they need a Redeemer, a Savior, but have not found Him. Because we have been blessed with the knowledge that Christ is the Redeemer we must make an all-out effort to give those who seek the Redeemer the comfort that He does exist. If we do not reach them in time, however, or fail to convince them that our Christ is the Redeemer, I presume that they will still be admitted into the presence of God. Why should they be held accountable for our incompetence?

Afraid that God will take his toll, we're so worried about saving other souls [and we should be], but we must not forget to save our own. We should reach out to others and reach into ourselves. We should not bring judgment on others lest we, in so doing, bring judgment on ourselves. Let us cast bread, not stones.

All that you've ever learned, try to forget. I'll never explain again.

In Christ (but no better than those who are not),
Hester Prynne
(a.k.a. Jason Sika)

To the editors and readers:

I was shocked when I read the letter apparently written by a homosexual student on campus, not by the fact that homosexuals exist at Houghton -- I don't think that should come as a surprise to anyone -- but rather by one of the claims made by the author. However, before I address that issue, please know that I am not claiming perfection in myself, I do not perceive myself to be above homosexuals, and I will not throw out a bunch of scripture intended to make all homosexuals "think about what you are doing."

The author of the letter in question set forth the following claim: "Some of us are strong Christians, some are struggling and finding new beliefs..." What shocked me about this statement is the contradiction in my mind between the terms Christian and homosexual. While I DO believe one can be both homosexual and Christian, I do NOT believe that in such a situation one could EVER be in a right relationship with God. We are not alive on this earth for the purpose of self-gratification, which is what homosexuality entails. We were, however, placed on this earth for the purpose of serving and pleasing the Lord, with the task given to us by Him to go into all the earth and multiply. Obviously, the fulfillment of this task requires a male and a female, just as He created us in the beginning. Homosexuality does not allow for the completion of this task, and I believe it is, as I said before, for the sole purpose of self-gratification. (I do recognize the fact that heterosexuality can also be used toward the same end.)

You may have heard the statement, "God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve." As crude as it may sound, this statement does hold true. Before the fall there was one man and one woman. Doesn't it spark something in your mind to know that homosexuality came into being only AFTER the fall, upon the entrance of SIN into the world?

You may be a Christian, and you may also be a homosexual, but as long as you continue in your homosexuality you can NEVER be in a right relationship with God simply because His will has never included and will never include homosexuality.

Marisa Rennie

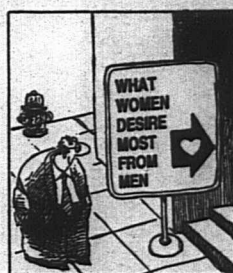
In the last issue of the Star, a letter to the editor by Bob Price was mistakenly printed. It was written as a personal note to the editors. Our apologies.

Attention:

All students interested in running for next year's Star officer positions should submit their statements of candidacy to CAC no later than the end of February.

HOW TO TELL YOURSELF EVEN MORE OUT OF IT THAN YOU THOUGHT...

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Kathie's Cooking Corner

This week's recipe is white chili, a wonderful soup recipe which comes from Sarah Marcum in Career Development. This is an all-afternoon soup which fills your house with a delightful aroma.

To make this soup, you will need:

- 1 bag navy beans
- 8 - 10 c. chicken broth (swanson)
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 tsp. oregano
- 2 tsp. cumin
- 1 - 2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cayenne pepper (leave out if you don't like spicy stuff)
- several stalks of celery, chopped
- 1 or 2 carrots, grated
- 2 tbsp. fresh cilantro, chopped

- 1 c. sour cream
- 1 c. cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 lime (optional)
- 1 c. chilies, chopped and drained

If you wish, you may add 1 - 4 c. chopped chicken. (Saute along with vegetables.)

This soup needs to be started the night before by soaking the beans in a pot of water (8 hrs. or so). Drain.

In a big skillet and with cooking oil, saute onions, celery, garlic, carrots, and spices over medium heat. When the vegetables look transparent and a little golden, put in a soup pot. Add drained beans and chicken broth and cook on low 2 - 3 hours. Check and stir occasionally. Taste and see if the beans are soft. You may need more salt. Season salt would be good

to use now if you have it.

About 15 minutes before you are ready to serve, add sour cream and cheddar cheese. Stir until blended. DO NOT let the soup boil or it may curdle.

Even an experienced cook doesn't always season food correctly when putting together a recipe. Before serving, it is very important to taste what you have prepared and see if it suits you. If it's bland, add salt.

For this soup, the final addition before serving is fresh lime juice. Squeeze a wedge of lime directly into the soup. This clarifies the flavor and gives the soup a gourmet touch.

This hearty chili is a tasty and filling soup for freezing winter days. Serve with a fresh crusty bread, such as sourdough. Enjoy a superb meal!

Minding Your Call (A CDC Event)

Sharon Givler

Six years after completing a baccalaureate degree, I found myself waitressing for the first time in my life. I loved it! In a way that I'm sure only made sense to me, a former communications/drama major, my work was a chance to be "on stage." Assisted by a cast of regulars and "never-seen-them-before" customers, I acted and directed scenes of real life drama and comedy in a small family-style restaurant. Career-wise, this experience was not a step up the ladder, but then not everything worthwhile can be gained by moving up.

Prior to waitressing, I had worked in two different settings - one as a college admissions counselor/recruiter, the other as a Director of Christian Education for a United Methodist Church. My college major/minor prepared me well for the public relations, programming, administrative, and leadership

development work involved in these positions, but I was not equipped to do the personal counseling that came with these jobs. I needed and wanted to return to school, but first I wanted a time-out. That's where the waitressing came in. In addition to providing great income and keeping me from having to borrow money, waitressing also provided an opportunity for me to see my strengths and skills at work in a setting that was unfamiliar to me.

Interestingly, it was through this waitressing position that I began to get a firm hold on my career direction, as distinguished from job direction. While working hard at being a good waitress, I also found that within the context of my work (and lunch breaks) I was assisting and guiding coworkers with problems of both a personal and

work nature. These people had a lot of decisions to make, especially the college students who worked there, and I became known as the resident counselor/waitress. When I finally did enter graduate school in counselor education it was with the clear understanding that no matter what job I held or what level of education I attained, my vocation would always be about helping people make decisions.

MINDING YOUR CALL: Developing Vision and Skill for Choosing Vocation and Finding Employment is the theme of this year's career conference sponsored by the Career development Center, March 6-10 and 14-15. The conference, designed to help you make important life decisions, includes:

* A breakfast series, Career Men and Women of the Bible, led by Houghton's senior ad-

ministrators.

* Two lectures presented by Lee Hardy, Ph.D., professor of philosophy at Calvin College, on topics from his book, *The Fabric of This World: Inquiries Into Calling, Career Choice, and the Design of Human Work*.

* Career Strategies for Students with GPA's Under 4.0, a formal dinner evening with Herb Knoll, a senior vice president of a major corporation and a nationally recognized speaker. He is also the father of Houghton junior, Lauren Knoll.

* Finding and Doing the Work You Love!, a half day workshop led by Jim Vorberger, president of Career Directions Seminars of Hamburg, NY.

* Growing Leaders, a retreat workshop for women presented by the Center for Christian Women in Leadership.

* A host of specialized workshops conducted by Houghton

faculty and professional administrators on topics of resume writing, interviewing, graduate school, job searching on the Net, etc. Also, workshops for seniors especially who may need some after-Houghton advice on budgeting, renting an and leasing agreements, insurance plans, employee benefits, etc. will be included.

Throughout the spring semester the STAR will feature articles on vocation and work written by Houghton faculty, alumni, and students, as well as interviews with several of the key speakers for the conference. The publication will also be your chief source of information on the career conference including costs, dates/times of the special events and workshops, and the registration procedures.

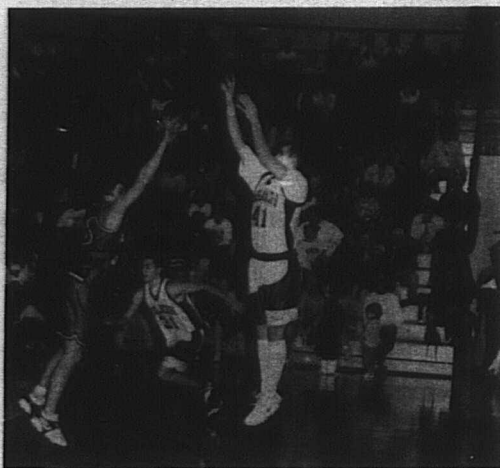
Make plans now to clear your calendar to attend the events of MINDING YOUR CALL.

Bittersweet Revenge

Josh Daniels

The Houghton College men's basketball team played a double header this past weekend taking on St. Vincent College and Point Park in Pittsburgh.

In Friday's game verse St. Vincent, the Highlanders sought revenge in their loss to St. Vincent a week ago on their homecourt. According to Sammy "Handles" Albert, the point guard on the men's team, "we gave up some crucial rebounds and missed key freethrows to give St. Vincent the edge." St. Vincent also hit twelve three-point baskets to injure Houghton's retaliation efforts. Coming into Friday's matchup, St. Vincent was 10-1 and #1 in the conference. Talking to Coach Barry, the team changed their strategy of defense to counterattack the three pointers. "We wanted to change those three-pointers in



Thomas Kersis shoots the three in a recent game against Mt. Vernon Nazarene

two point shots by playing tight defense on the perimeter. This seemed to work for Houghton in their Saturday matchup keeping the perimeter shooters to only thirty-four points compared to fifty-five points in the first matchup. With the absence of starting point guard Dwayne Washington, Houghton

had to step up their offense as well. Micheal Brundige took the lead and carried his team with twenty-three points and nine rebounds. Houghton came away with the victory in a 64-62 defeat.

Unfortunately Saturday's game versus Point Park was much different. "They just

outplayed us. I don't know if our team was tired or not from the night before, but I don't want that to be the excuse," commented Coach Barry on the squad's meager effort. Two other factors that overwhelmed Houghton College were point guard, Damon Wade, and 6-7 center, Halsel. Damon scored twenty-eight points while Halsel scored thirty-nine points and had eighteen rebounds. Halsel leads the nation in rebounds, and both players are potential professional players according to Coach Barry. These two players led Point Park in destroying Houghton 109-85.

Even though Houghton was destroyed Micheal Brundige had another terrific scoring night putting in thirty-four points for the Highlanders. These thirty-four points put Micheal over the 1,000 point barrier giving him 1,015 career points.

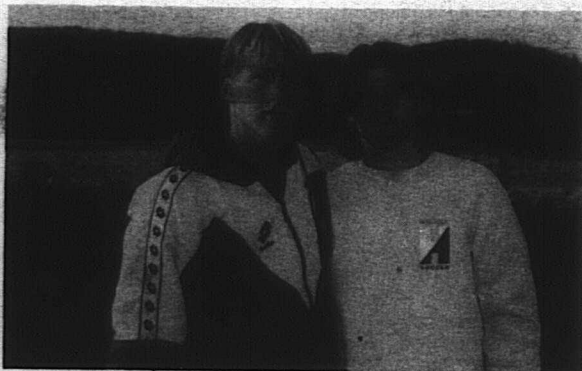
Continuing the Dream

Josh Daniels

The starting goalie for Houghton men's soccer team, David Dixon, recently signed a one year contract with the Charlotte Eagles.

David began to play soccer when he was five years old, but only began playing goalie when he was a junior in high school. This natural athletic ability helped David succeed at this position and colleges began to take notice. In his senior year in high school at Dubois, Pennsylvania, where he also grew up, college coaches began to take notice. David heard from Central Connecticut, Penn State, Gordon College, as well as Houghton college. In his visit to Houghton College, the influential decision came from the attitude of the other players for Houghton. David felt welcome and a warmth that he did not feel at the other schools. Another influence came from David's best friend's parents, who attended Houghton.

From David's first year at Houghton he has started in goal for the varsity squad. He has proved to be the backbone of Houghton's defense, recording one amazing save after the other. David expressed that he has learned much from the three coaches he has had in his career for the Highlanders. Each coach were three different coaches with three different personalities. Coach Burke, in his last year before retirement, was more like a father than a coach. When Coach Peter Fuller came to Houghton, a former Houghton graduate and professional



Dave (left) with long time friend and teammate Greg Hill.

player, he was a coach as well as a good friend to David. "We were sad to see him go when he left," expressed David. When Coach Hornbrook came he brought a different coaching style and regimen.

David admired the other players as well. Two players who influenced him most were Jamie Wellington and K.J. Hill. Both of these players graduated in David's sophomore year, but they gave David tremendous leadership and advice on and off the field. Jamie played forward for Houghton leading the offense and broke many Houghton records becoming the all-time leading scorer for Houghton. K.J. Hill led the defense for the Houghton squad; very few opponents could dribble their way past K.J. With these three players leading the team they were a force to be reckoned with. In K.J.'s and Jamie's last year the team made it to David's first national tournament.

Jamie and K.J. now are both assistant coaches for the Uni-

versity of Mobile in Alabama, under former Houghton coach Peter Fuller. Jamie has played professional soccer for the New Orleans Riverboat gamblers, and K.J. has played with the Charlotte Eagles.

Through these excellent friendships and coaching, David has improved his ability in the goal becoming more and more of a force every year. He has recorded numerous shutouts and tremendous saves sacrificing his body for the benefit of the team. This sacrifice has helped Houghton to two more national tournaments since his sophomore year.

David has enjoyed his years at Houghton and wouldn't have traded that experience for anything. He feels he has played with some of the best players as well as competed and stopped those players from scoring on him. David plans to continue playing against top rate players resulting from his recent signing with the Charlotte Eagles of the U.S.I.S.L. This is a Christian professional

soccer program in Charlotte, North Carolina that asked David to play for them in a one year contract deal. David has had contact with this program before in previous years. The Eagles have soccer camps all over the nation and David ran the programs in his hometown area. David has also practiced and played with the players when he was down in North Carolina. The former coach of the Eagles, Brian Davidson was a former player at Houghton College. David's contract is only for a year, but he plans to spend many years with this Christian organization. Charlotte is a great team that is making their mark in the U.S.I.S.L. They went all the way to the championship game last season.

David has had a tremendous career with Houghton receiving numerous awards. Three times he made it to the All-Conference team. Two times he was elected to the Northeast Region All-Region team. Two times he was an honorably mentioned All-American. Last but not least he received a spot on the All-New York State NSCAA and Umbro All-star team. "I would not give up my experience here at Houghton for anything. I have played with the best and I have competed against the best in three national tournaments, and will continue my dream with the Charlotte Eagles." David is thankful for his career at Houghton and he feels he has been blessed by friends and coaches, and especially God.

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