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THE World OUT there

BY ROSA GERBER
STAR STAFF WRITER

U.N. approves resolution, Iraq to respond

The United Nations Security Council approved 15-0 the resolution, drafted by the United States, to allow inspectors into Iraq to search for weapons of mass destruction. Iraqi officials have remained silent on the issue, but Arab diplomats expected Iraq to comply with the resolution after a meeting of the 22-member Arab League in Cairo, Egypt. The Iraqi parliament has called an emergency session to study the resolution and prepare a decision. The deadline for Iraq's decision is November 15.

Iraq has seven days to accept the resolution and 30 days to announce any chemical, biological, or nuclear programs, according to the strict timeline of the resolution. Inspector officials said inspectors would be in Iraq within 10 days, would have 45 days to begin work, and must report to the council on Iraq's performance within 60 days. Inspectors would have "unconditional and unrestricted access" to all sites, including compounds from which Iraqi officials have barred surprise inspections.

If Iraq rejects the resolution, U.S. officials said they have developed a Pentagon plan for more than 200,000 troops to quickly invade Iraq and surround Baghdad. "The resolution presents the Iraqi regime with a test, a final test," said President George W. Bush. The U.S. plan assumed Saddam Hussein would have fallen from power before the invasion began.

While Iraqi officials had not commented on the resolution, Iraqi news agencies reported criticism of the U.S. and the resolution: "Despite that the Resolution 1441 adopted by the Security Council is bad and unjust, the leadership of Iraq is studying it calmly and will take the necessary decision in the next

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Equestrian Center receives eight new horses

BY CHRISTOPHER STANLEY
STAR STAFF WRITER

The Equestrian Center at Houghton College has recently been blessed with donations of eight new horses.

Donors have given hundreds of horses since the Center's inception in 1984. Many horses have come and gone, and new stalls have had to be built to accommodate the ever-expanding program.

With the recent donation of many new show and lesson horses, equestrian instructor Joanne Young is excited to receive such blessings. The new horses are valued at a combined total of \$145,000 and bring a variety of talents and abilities to the program.

The newcomers to the barn include "Oh Canada," a 5'7" Westfalen gelding who was winning as a show hunter; "Willie," an 11-year old gray Thoroughbred; "Pierre," who hails from France, was trained in dressage there, and when he came to the states, he was trained as a show hunter and fared well in that arena also.

His fair market value is the highest of all new horses at \$60,000. "PJ" is a refined Thoroughbred-and-Clydesdale; "Button" is an Arabian mare who is described by Young as very calm and thoughtful.

"She's referred to as 'bombproof' out on the trail, meaning that you would practically have to set off a bomb to make her do

something silly or act frightened," said Young.

"Buster Brown" and "Austin," two ponies, are the newest additions to the barn. "Austin likes to think he's the Black Stallion," said Young, "because he likes to flirt with the girls." She went on

Houghton College, we would have about 250-300 horses." A plan to lease out Justin is in the works, while purchase offers have also been made to the college. One horse in particular named Bob is a very popular horse to many buyers; however, Young was



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER STANLEY
Because of the influx of new horses to the Equestrian Center, some older horses may be on their way out.

to comment that both ponies show quite a bit of promise in jumping.

With new horses coming into the barn, there may not be enough room for all of the College's horses. "There is a possibility [that some horses might be on their way out] because if we kept every horse that has been donated to

quick to note that she would be "lynched by the college riding community" were she to sell him. Many other names have surfaced from students, but there have been no final decisions yet as to which horse will go.

Junior clarinetist invited to play with master class

BY EMILY SCHWARTZ
STAR STAFF WRITER

On Friday, November 1, a Houghton College student participated in a master class taught by world-renowned clarinetist David Shifrin. Elena Dunegan, a junior music performance major from Clymer, Pennsylvania, was one of six college and high school students to perform in this event. The class took place at Kleinhan's Music Hall in Buffalo.

Dunegan was chosen to participate in this class after an application and admission process, and was then selected by a committee. The class was structured in a way that each of the six students performed a piece in front of a live audience, including David Shifrin, the instructor. Shifrin commented on the students' performances and then gave some constructive criticism to help them become better clarinetists. Shifrin also demonstrated on the instrument and an-

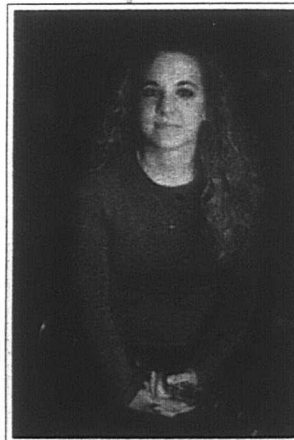
swered audience questions.

David Shifrin is a professor of music at Yale University, as well as the Artistic Director of Chamber Music Northwest in Portland, Oregon. He has toured extensively throughout the United States and has appeared on national TV on Live from Lincoln Center. Shifrin is best known for his performance of the original version of the Mozart Clarinet Concerto on a special basset clarinet.

Dunegan played a piece by the French composer Darius Milhaud, called Duo Concertante for clarinet and piano. She will also be performing this at her junior recital on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m.

This talented junior began playing the clarinet in 4th grade when she was nine years old. At this point her future is still up in the air, but ideally she would like to get into a training orchestra. Dunegan says, "Ultimately, I want to go

where God wants me because He knows what's best, and even if I try as hard as I can to make the plans that I have for myself work, they won't. So we will see where He leads."



Junior Elena Dunegan.

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few days." Newspapers also commended the world community for pursuing the situation through diplomatic means and not complying with the U.S. attempts to wage war on Iraq. "The international community has become conscious that if America is able to achieve its plots against Iraq, there will be repercussions... and that the whole world will come under the domination of the United States, ruling it as it wishes," said one newspaper.

Hundreds of thousands of people held a peaceful protest again U.S. action in Iraq, as well as trade globalization, in Florence, Italy. Police estimated that 450,000 from across Europe participated in the demonstration, while organizers claimed the crowd bypassed 800,000.

Buffalo links to Yemen killings

A Yemeni-American man, identified as Ahmed Hijazi, who was killed in a CIA airstrike in Yemen had been linked to the Lackawanna 6, suspected members of the al Qaeda network. In September, officials raided the Lackawanna area and arrested the six Yemeni-Americans allegedly involved. All six pleaded innocent to any involvement with al Qaeda.

A CIA Predator drone aircraft fired a missile at a car transporting Qaed Salim Sinan al-Harethi, al Qaeda's chief operative in Yemen. Hijazi and four non-Americans, all identified as al Qaeda workers, were with him. Al-Harethi was the target of the strike.

The killing of Hijazi, a U.S. citizen, poses a threat to the CIA as it conducts a massive, secret attempt to find and kill al Qaeda members in the war on terrorism. The mission of the CIA is to collect information on foreigners, specifically those threatening national security, and act according to the president's direction. The CIA is restricted from gathering information on Americans and working inside the U.S. Although the CIA did not comment on the strike, they were operating under "a wide-ranging directive by President Bush allowing the CIA to pursue al Qaeda operatives worldwide."

Officials had not disclosed Hijazi's exact links to the Buffalo cell.

Malvo admits to pulling trigger in sniper cases

During a seven-hour interrogation, John Lee Malvo admitted to being the

HelpDesk Lite offers easy after-hours tech support

BY BETHANY SCHWARTZ
STAR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"You can go to the store and buy light yogurt; HelpDesk Lite is sort of like that. Less fat!" said Nate Probert, HelpDesk consultant.

HelpDesk Lite is an extension of the HelpDesk and is open every Sunday through Thursday from 8 - 10 p.m.

"Basically there's everything we do during the day except for hardware [problems]," said Probert.

Student workers Michelle Butler, Josh Lees, Carla Mellinger, and Sarah Krchmar operate HelpDesk Lite, which is located in the Telephone Services office in the basement of the Campus Center. Students, faculty, and staff members needing computer assistance can either visit the office or call the regular HelpDesk phone number, extension 3490.

When Houghton College first began

its ETI program in 1997 and issued laptops to every student, several students and faculty members suggested that the HelpDesk hours be extended. Probert and Seth Taylor, the senior HelpDesk technician, began to brainstorm ways to provide more services.

"It was fun to figure out how to do it,"

administered earlier this year, HelpDesk Lite receives calls only every other night.

Probert theorized that as students become more computer-savvy, the need for the HelpDesk Lite will decrease.

"Lately the number of calls the HelpDesk gets has decreased," he said, "but the questions seem to be getting harder."

"We've got a pretty good staff [at HelpDesk Lite]," he added. The student workers are experienced and qualified to help those with questions.

Taylor and Probert fear that if traffic to the HelpDesk Lite does not increase in the next month, the service will no longer be offered next semester. "We want people to use it if they have the need," Taylor said, "but we don't want to do it if it isn't necessary."

If anyone has any comments on HelpDesk Lite or ways that the HelpDesk could be expanded to better serve students, faculty, or staff, please email helpdesk@houghton.edu.

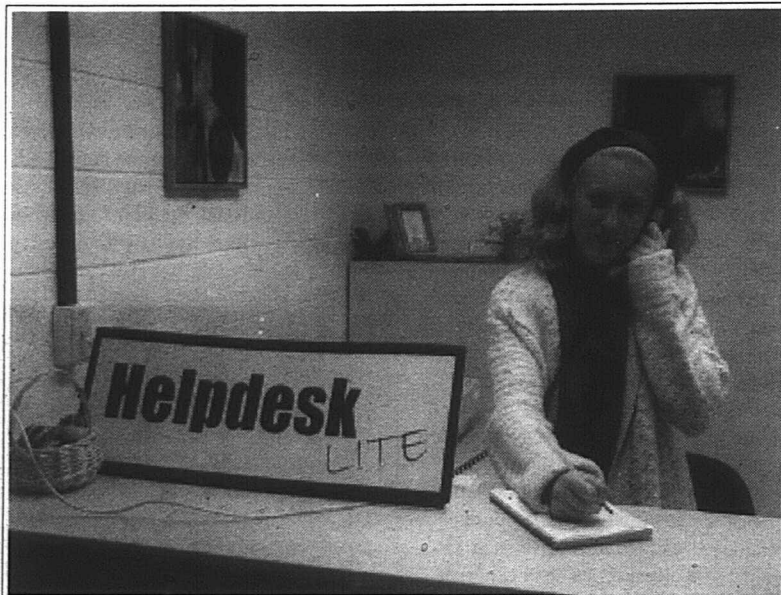


PHOTO BY BRIAN QUINONES

Senior Carla Mellinger answers the phone at the HelpDesk Lite. HelpDesk Lite is open on Sunday - Thursday from 8 - 10 p.m. in the basement of the Campus Center.

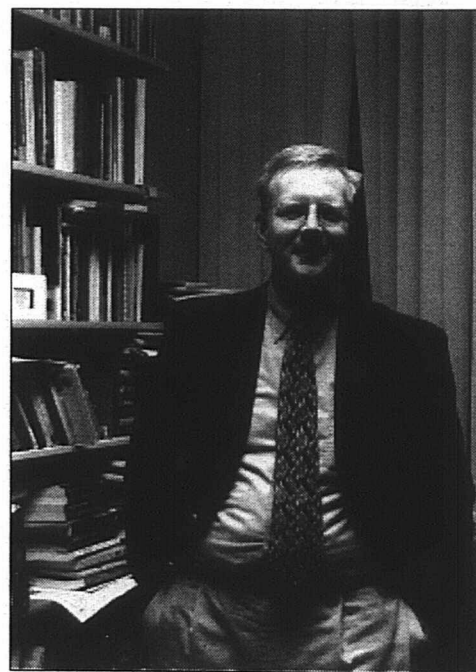
Taylor stated.

"We were really excited about it at first," Probert said, but the need for such services seems to have diminished. According to a survey that Probert and Taylor

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

a weekly profile by Greg On

Full Name: Mark LaCelle-Peterson
Age: 42
Alma Mater: University of Minnesota (BA and MA) and Harvard University Graduate School of Education (EdM and EdD)
Hometown: Gaylord, Minnesota
Current town: Houghton
Current Position: Associate Professor of Education
Previous Position: Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Teacher Education at Roberts Wesleyan
Family status: Married to Kristina (14 years) with two amazing children: Nathaniel (6) and Linnea (4)
How did you hear about Houghton College for the very first time? I first heard about Houghton when I met Kristina (as in "you graduated from where?")
Favorite Bible text: the gospel according to Luke.
Favorite musician: It's a toss-up between Van Morrison and Bruce Cockburn
Favorite classical composer: Bach
Instruments played: trumpet, guitar (neither publicly)
Favorite movie: *Casablanca*—the last good movie ever made.
Favorite TV Show: I pretty much boycott TV. (Try it some decade—you'll be amazed at all the other things you can fit into your life!)
Favorite book: Anything by Paulo Freire
Where do you want to go today? Stockholm
Favorite Fruit: Apples
Do you actually read the STAR? Yes—most weeks



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Students take time to serve Buffalo inner-city kids

BY JENNIFER NERONI
STAR STAFF WRITER

Every Saturday, a group of Houghton students make a trek to the King Center on the east side of Buffalo. These Houghton students go to read to the members of the Royal Readers Book Club, a group of children who attend the King Center Charter School. These children are primarily African American; many of whom come from broken homes and most of whom qualify for free or reduced priced lunches.

The Houghton students who take part in this Saturday activity tutor the children at the school in reading. They help children pick books that are appropriate for their reading level and then give them the amount of help that they need. For example, the children who aren't able to read yet themselves are read to. Beginning readers are assisted with the words that they don't know and helped with reading comprehension, often taking turns reading with their tutor. Even though the most fluent readers like to read on their own, some of them even like to be read to as well.

The program runs on Saturdays from 10:30 - 12:00. Each Saturday has a theme picked by Amy Gingrich, the book club's coordinator. Past themes include Halloween, animal

books, Native American books, and books that make you laugh. She chooses books that go along with the theme and those are the books that the children choose from that day. After about 45 minutes of reading, they have a craft time related to the topic, and the children are allowed to play on the playground across the street. They also have a snack time before their parents come to pick them up.

Any Houghton students who are interested in taking part in these Saturday activities are welcome to. Most of the students who currently are involved with the program signed up at the activities fair or with Amy Gingrich after she spoke in chapel. Members of Dr. Woolsey's children's literature class also receive credit for taking part in the read aloud. The best way for people to get involved now is by e-mailing Jennifer Cool. She sends an e-mail out every week and students simply reply to her e-mail so that she knows how much transportation to arrange for that week.

"It's a really rewarding experience. It's not the idea that we should be serving that brings people back week after week. It's the children themselves," said Cool.

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triggerman in some of the killings that terrorized the Washington, D.C., area. The 17-year-old has been charged with capital murder in the case. Malvo told investigators that he and John Allen Muhammad, 41, carefully planned and scouted out the shootings. Behaving as soldiers, one person acted as the lookout and the other as the shooter, using two-way radios to communicate. Malvo explained that if traffic or other conditions were not adequate, they did not shoot. The two moved around to create confusion and watched the news coverage of their shootings.

Malvo and Muhammad were charged with capital murder in the three-week shooting spree in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. The pair was also accused of shootings in

Alabama, Georgia, and Louisiana, bringing the total to 19 people shot, 13 killed. Officials are investigating two other cases.

Muhammad refused to cooperate with police as they tried to interview him.

Republicans take control of government

For the first time, a Republican president did not lose House seats in a midterm election. President Bush's party took control of the Senate and retained power in the House of Representatives on Tuesday. Bush campaigned hard for Republicans across the country for two weeks before the election. With more Republicans in office, Bush expects to be able to push more of his own legislation through Congress. Officials reported higher-than-normal voting turnout in most states and no major problems with polling sites.

Christmas gift drive turns into class competitions

BY JULIE PALMER
STAR STAFF WRITER

Christmas is the time of year that sparks feelings of good will, peace to men, and often greed in America. Yet it is also a time of year when those who are without feel the sting more poignantly because the parents often cannot give to their children what they would like. Many organizations such as Samaritan Purse and the Salvation Army specialize in giving gifts to children in need at the holiday season, but there is no such organization in Allegany County.

Last year Kathie Brenneman and Emily Munro helped to organize a program to collect money to buy gifts for children in need in Allegany county. Brenneman contacted Janette Kaiser at Allegany County Social Services to ask if she could produce a list of kids in the area who would not otherwise receive Christmas presents and what they would want. Brenneman initiated this effort after she saw how successful the Thanksgiving turkey program was.

Kaiser contacted the families of children at Allegany County Protective Services and got a list of things that the kids might want. She then assigned each child a number and gave Brenneman a list of the gifts along with the number. Brenneman and Munro collected money in the Info Center, raising around \$700. They took this money to Wal-Mart and bought the gifts. Students gathered in the Info Center to help wrap the gifts, which were all delivered to Protective Services to bring

joy to needy kids across the county at Christmas time.

This year the program is being run a little bit differently. The sophomore class has been looking for a charity to contribute to. They recently wrote into their constitution a clause stating that they will give 10% of their money each semester to charity. This is a way of tithing with the money that they have been given.

Students are encouraged to contribute...each day there will be a running tally of each class's rank.

This semester class president David Steele contacted Kathy Brenneman about finding a local charity. Brenneman suggested that they help with the Christmas gift program; however, when Steele learned the magnitude of the program he knew that it was too big for his class to handle alone. He contacted the other class presidents with the idea that all the classes might participate in this program. However, classes are not being asked to contribute from their budgets but in the form of a class competition.

This competition, which is being sponsored by the sophomore class, will take place in the Info Center. Starting this week there will be boxes in the Info Center differentiated by class. Students are encouraged to drop their change or dollar bills in their class box. Each day there will be a running tally of the class rank. Steele said that the sophomores hope to spark the spirit of competi-

tion in students to get them to contribute. Beside bragging rights there will be a small prize for the class that wins.

This competition is not all fun and games but about giving to an area that has so little. Steele said that his class chose this particular ministry because "it would be negligent to help people halfway around the world when people down the street are in need."

He also stressed that in the Great Commission Jesus instructs his disciples to first witness to the neighboring areas and then to the uttermost parts of the earth. There are many ministries that help people around the world but not very many that help people in this area.

This is a wonderful way for students to get involved not only in their class activities but also in making a difference in the Christmases and perhaps the lives of children in Allegany County. The sophomores are not asking students to make a commitment to giving or to go without in order help, but they are instead asking for anyone to give the change that is sitting around or any extra money he or she has.

"These families in our county that receive the gifts are not just a charity cause—they are real people who are valuable and have much to offer. The Christmas project is unique in that we purchase gifts for individual children as their parents ask—and we are able to put a real name on each gift tag. It's not a very big contribution, but it is a start to making connections with people in this community outside of our campus," said Munro.

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SECURITY: CODE HUMOR



by Jennifer Neroni

KLEENEX AND CATS

One night about fifteen years ago, security guard Ray Parlett (who worked nights then) was making his rounds around the campus. This particular night, as he was passing through the East Hall parking lot, he encountered a cat...a very unordinary cat.

For some reason a tissue box with a chicken bone in it had been placed in the parking lot. This box was probably someone's trash that hadn't properly been disposed of. The tissue box was the short, flat, rectangular kind that has the plastic over the opening with the little slit in it to pull the tissues out of. This particular cat—a black one—had attempted to retrieve the chicken bone from the tissue box, but in the process had gotten its head stuck in the box and was

unable to free itself. The plastic around the opening of the box kept the box tightly secured around the poor



animal's neck, making the cat trapped and essentially blind...ensnared inside the box.

East Hall at this time had railroad ties throughout the parking lot to indicate parking spaces. When Ray came upon the cat, he found it stuck in the

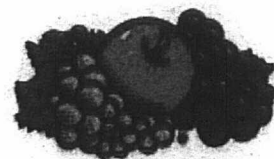
box, running around between the railroad ties trying to get out. Like in a video game, it would run in one direction until it bumped into a railroad tie. Then it would go in another direction until it bumped into another tie and so on, almost like a pinball game. Back and forth, back and forth, the poor cat went... boing... boing... boing.

Ray called over another Houghton employee he saw nearby and had him come take a look. The two of them were doubled over in hysterics over this helpless black cat, imprisoned inside the tissue box. Finally they helped the cat out and removed the box from its head. The unfortunate cat stood dazed for about 30 seconds after it was finally released before running off, never to be seen again.

A PERSONAL PACKAGE

In the past the security office was the clearing house for UPS packages. People would bring their packages to that office to be sent out, and one of the jobs of the person working there was to inquire as to where to bill the shipping charges: personally to the individual or some sort of student account.

One day a very conservative woman came into the office. She was dressed very neatly and stately, and was probably in her 50's or 60's. This



FRUIT & LOOM.

very proper woman had brought a package to be shipped. The supervisor who was taking the information on the package was asking the standard questions in preparation to send it out. When he asked the woman if this was something personal she was sending (rather than for an account), her face suddenly turned bright red and she literally stepped back. The unnerved woman told him that it was and left as soon as she could. The officer discovered the root of her embarrassment when he saw that the package was addressed to "Fruit of the Loom."

"DON'T DO WHAT??"

Before he became head of security, Ray Parlett worked nights on security. One night the custodian for the library told him to be careful because people had been having problems with the elevator and to only push one button at a time if he did go in the elevator. Ray, like most people may have done, had to give into his curiosity. When he got in the elevator that night he proceeded to press the button for the basement and the second floor at the same time. When he did that, the elevator began to go up and down. It would go up and stop, but the doors wouldn't open. Then it would go down, stop, and the doors wouldn't open. The radios that they had then didn't have the ability to actually make contact with people. They only alerted the security guard when the phone rang in the office, so Ray had no way of contacting anybody and would have been stuck in the elevator for hours if he hadn't been able to eventually get the elevator to turn off and pry the elevator doors open. The moral of the story: be wary of pushing more than one button in the library elevator the next time you're in it!



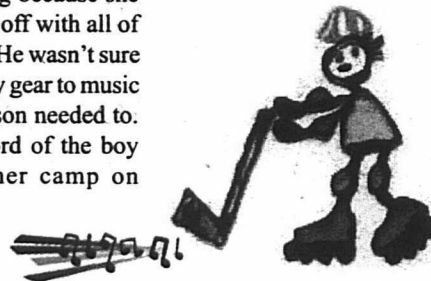
CONFERENCES AND CAMPS

During the summers Houghton is frequented with various conferences and camps. There are usually a number of them every weekend. About three years ago, there was one weekend when there were actually no conferences going on. Security guard Ray Parlett happened to be out in front of the Campus Center when a couple drove up in a car looking for a certain conference that they were to be attending that day. Ray proceeded to tell them that there were no conferences on campus that weekend, but they insisted that Houghton was where they were supposed to be. It turned out that these people were actually looking for the West Seneca campus... where they had already been earlier that day.



Another summer, a woman called the security office asking where her son would be staying during Pat Kavanaugh's music camp. Pat Kavanaugh is a very well-known musician who was putting on a camp for musicians at Houghton that weekend. Ray went through the records for that particular camp, but couldn't find the name of the woman's son anywhere on the list. The woman told him that it was really important for her her son was staying because she where to drop him off with all of This puzzled Ray. He wasn't sure would bring hockey gear to music obviously this person needed to. absolutely no record of the boy camp or any other camp on week at all! A the woman called time to tell Ray been wrong. It

there was another Pat Kavanaugh: a hockey player from Buffalo. This Pat Kavanaugh was putting on a hockey camp for kids at the Houghton West Seneca campus that week. It would have been really humorous if the poor boy had shown up for music camp with a bunch of hockey gear!



to know where needed to know his hockey gear why somebody camp, but There was at the music campus that little later on back again, this that she had turned out that

Holiday Happenings

CREATING HOLIDAY TRADITIONS THAT BRING THE FAMILY TOGETHER

(NAPSA)- Traditions can be a fun way to celebrate holidays with family and friends. They can help add a feeling of love and togetherness to any seasonal gathering.

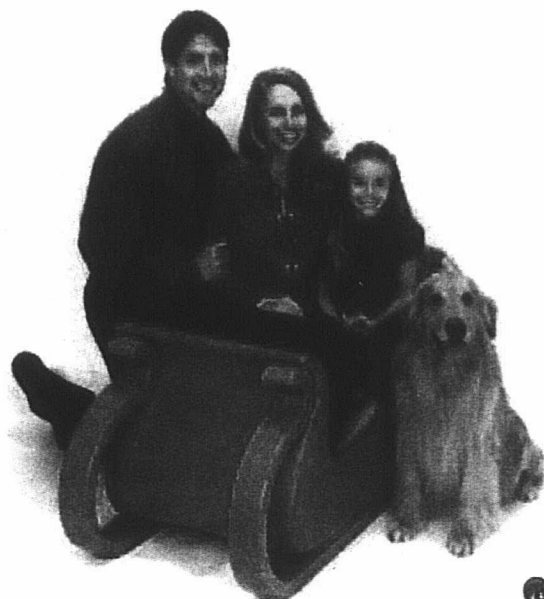
Fortunately, it is easy to start a treasured tradition that is enjoyed for years to come. These are some ideas for creating your own yearly holiday happenings:

- Try taking the whole family to the lot to help choose a great tree. Because it is a tree to be enjoyed by all, everyone should take part in the tree selection. Remember to bring along a camera or video recorder to capture the fun moments on film.

- Start an ornament exchange by giving each family member a special ornament each year. Remember to label each ornament with the year it was given. Try exchanging them while decorating the tree. Brew some hot cider or chocolate and take the time to enjoy each other's company while swapping holiday keepsakes.

- Take holiday portraits. Professional portrait studios, such as The Picture People, can help create lifetime memories with family portraits. The Picture People also has fun props (like oversized snowmen and gingerbread men and a sleigh you can sit in), colorful backdrops and photographers who are experts at getting smiles on young faces.

- Give in to the gift-opening urge by allowing each family member to open one present on Christmas Eve. This can help bring everyone together for a



few special relaxing moments before the excitement of Christmas morning.

- Bring holiday cheer to the neighborhood with a round of joyful caroling. The voices may not be ready for Broadway, but the neighbors will probably still appreciate the effort.

- For tasty holiday fun, bring hungry kids (and adults) into the kitchen to construct gingerbread houses. Key ingredients include empty milk boxes, graham crackers, icing, an assortment of candies and, of course, creativity.

- Put on a holiday music CD and gather loved ones together to create homemade tree ornaments and decorations, like popcorn, paper or dried cranberry chains.

- Take a holiday light tour to check out neighborhood decorations. Pile your family into the car at night and drive around town looking for homes with the best lights and displays, or walk around the block and check out displays closer to home.

Remember, traditions do not have to be limited to families. They can be created with friends, roommates, couples, classmates or even pets.

The best traditions never lose their fun and excitement.

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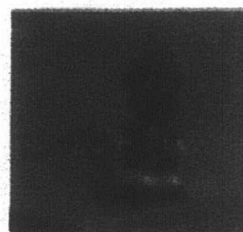
ways to get a reputation among professors

by Greg On

10. Write essays attempting to relate anything with Final Fantasy 10
9. Refer to your male profs as "Miss Know-it-all"
8. Answer every question with a long-winded story that really has nothing to do with anything
7. Try to start "the wave" at least once per class
6. Answer every question in Yoda-speak
5. Constantly sing "Time is Ticking Away" during the last five minutes of class
4. Duct tape the overhead projector down facing the wrong way
3. Mention various professors by name in a public forum multiple times
2. Sit in the front row, fall asleep, and snore loudly
1. Wake up and ask for coffee

IN QUESTION

Does your family have any special holiday traditions?



"We exchange names for stockings and each fill a stocking for each other."

Tim Boland,
sophomore



"Every Thanksgiving my male cousins put on my sisters' and my old play clothes and dress up like girls."

Ashley Baker,
sophomore



"My mom picks out a new Christmas kid's book every year and we read it together."

Kris Buch, senior



"On Christmas Eve we watch *It's A Wonderful Life* together."

Brad Clodfelter,
junior

Defensive soccer players stand out just as much as the offense

BY REBECCA WILLIAMS
STAR STAFF WRITER

They do not score many goals or tally numerous assists, but this season the four defensive players on the Houghton College women's soccer team, senior Liz Jacobson (outside left defender) and juniors Meg McMonagle (outside right defender), Jill Gabel (central back defender), and Joanna Beardsley (central front defender), have worked hard to create an effective defense, and their effort is worth much recognition. These four hard-working defensive players assisted their team in winning the last twelve games of the season and the American Midwest Conference-North Championship, as well as finishing the season ranked #15 in the country in the NAIA and #1 in our region.

Since September 28, the four had nine straight shutouts. All in all, during the regular season, the defen-



PHOTO BY BETHANY SCHWARTZ

Soccer defenders Jill Gabel, Liz Jacobson, JoAnna Beardsley, and Meg McMonagle.

sive players and goalie Becca Fuller allowed only ten goals to be scored

against Houghton, while the team scored a total of seventy-six goals

against their opponents.

During the off season and practices, the four women, who love the challenge of playing defense, learned to work together as a unit; they each had to know how the others play, so that during the games they could predict what the other defensive players would do with and without the ball. Coach Lewis taught them a very conservative defensive system that enabled them to work effectively against other teams. In games they had to be able to react quickly against the opposing team's offensive strikers, often in one-on-one situations, so the four were constantly talking to and covering for each other to ensure the other teams did not get a chance to shoot on goal.

On behalf of her three defensive teammates, Liz Jacobson explains that the defensive players' teammates

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Turning back the clock: the Elms CD review

BY JIMMY PINKERTON
STAR STAFF WRITER

The Elms are back with their sophomore recording, "Truth, Soul, Rock & Roll," hoping to have much success and avoid that sophomore slump that happens to many bands. However, The Elms have suffered that sophomore jinx and are back to prove that they know how to rock. Bands like The Rolling Stones, The Who, The Black Crowes, and The Beatles have definitely influenced the Elms, not only by the name style, but also musically as it is obvious on the album. "Speaking in Tongues," the first single, starts with a guitar lick that would make any fan of true rock and roll glow. This track sets the

tune for the rest of the album.

"Truth, Soul, Rock & Roll" shows how much The Elms have matured since their first album, displaying a more solid, full sound, combined with Owen Thomas's soulful vocals. This album is unlike most that you find in Christian music today. Someone, not familiar with The Elms, could think that they are a secular band just by the music. That is what the Elms are trying to do here: catch people's attention with the music with the hope that they get the message about Jesus Christ through the lyrics. Secular artist Peter Frampton heard The Elms's songs and asked the guys to come on tour with him. If you don't know who Peter Frampton is, ask your parents. Owen Thomas, younger brother Christopher,

Thom Daugherty,

and Keith Miller provide a jolt of good old rock and roll into a music scene that has been overcome by boy-bands, wannabe divas, and run of the mill rap-rock bands. Christians need to have more albums like "Truth, Soul, Rock and Roll" to show where much of today's music came from. This is an excellent album and is worth the \$11.99 that it costs. For more

information on The Elms and their music, check out www.theelms.net.



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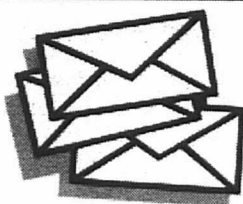


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"make [their] job much easier. Our midfielders work very hard to win the ball, as well as move the ball up field so our strikers can score the goals. The entire team works very well together; we are close friends and have great unity both on and off the field. That definitely has helped add to the success of our team. This is clearly the best team we have fielded in my four years of playing Houghton soccer!"

Highlights of their season have been the nine straight shutouts, key wins in Chicago against Trinity International and St. Xavier, and winning the North half of the American Midwest Conference. The defensive players look forward to the post season Regional Tournament at the end of this month, where they hope to qualify for the National Tournament in St. Louis, Missouri.



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EDITORIAL

An American in London

Susanna Rosenbaum

Perhaps trick-or-treating in one's early twenties is not on the recommended list, but who (especially among college students on shoe-string budgets) can resist acquiring some free candy? After fashioning a few bed-sheets into togas and winding some ivy vines (pinched from an obliging garden wall) around our heads, we 'Romans' were all set to divide and conquer...the neighborhood at least.

We had just overcome the giddiness of our first success when we came upon three costumed schoolgirls and their mums leaving the house in front of us. "Mummy, they're American!!!" The herald was a lightly freckled eight-year old girl in pink striped tights and glittering orange horns. (Apparently our costumes were not the masterful disguises we had imagined them to be, or was it our 'accents'?) That one exclamation was all the introduction needed, for the littlest one, who had rightly pegged us as, yes, Americans, began to ply us earnestly with her questions.

"Do you like Britney Spears?" she inquired with wide upturned eyes. Always happy to debunk the myth that Americans adore the pop culture they so expertly export, I admitted that I rather preferred Beethoven to Britney. She was not in the least put off. "I like him too. I play the piano, you know." Our conversation briefly turned to classical music as the two middle school girls joined in, explaining that they, too, played the piano. But we were soon redirected to a topic of more 'general interest'. "Do you know Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen?" asked the freckled sprite.

I have been in London for nearly two months now and have—in general—been warmly received. But this was the first time my citizenship had instantaneously won me god-like worship. Despite my inferior connections (I am not personally acquainted with the Olsen twins), I immediately became an idol to this little girl. After ringing a doorbell, she would provide residents with a superior incentive to throw open their doors to us, proclaiming with D-Day jubilation, "The Americans are here!" (In an effort to be less conspicuous, we suggested that she refer to us by costume rather than nationality—if she had to introduce us at all. A minute later she rang the doorbell and shouted her new entreaty, "The Roman-Americans are here!")

This child's blind adoration was a striking contrast to the political digs from other newly made acquaintances. "Do you like George W. Bush?" was one of the first questions thrown at me in the pub by my fellow choristers. Later in that same conversation, I was asked, "Does Donald Rumsfeld actually have a brain?" Brits have a keen dislike for the crescendo of war speak coming from the White House and, in my experience, they don't shy away from discussing international relations/Iraq with the voting American in their midst.

It is a strange thing to look at my country, the Super Power, through new eyes. The views on America from 'this side of the pond' are perhaps as multifaceted as U.S. foreign policy and as numerous as American pop stars.

Later in our trick-or-treating, our merry band was the target of a drive-by egging. We taller students, walking on the outside edge of the sidewalk, took the flying yolk and the girls were unscathed. So, what shapes people's view of Americans? Maybe it has something to do with how they like Britney Spears and whether they see Americans as the egg blockers or the egg launchers.

EDITORIAL

Caring for each other's burdens Shelley Dooley

The other night at dinner a friend of mine asked how I was doing: the traditional question that we ask to be polite. I quickly replied, "I'm alright, how are you?" He stopped, put his fork down and said, "No Shelley, how are you *really*?"

It's easy in our everyday lives to get caught up in the "how are you?" game. We've all played it. We see an acquaintance, ask how they are, and keep on moving while their response lingers in the air. They mutter one of the following words, "fine, good, alright" and quickly retort "how are you?" before the distance between the two of you is too great. I'm bored with this game. No one ever wins, but both people lose. You don't really find out how the other person is doing.

In my education class we are reading a book entitled *The Challenge to Care in Schools*. The book focuses on the need for caring teachers to produce caring students. The author suggests that, to do this, we practice engrossment within our conversations. Instead of just hearing what people say, we need to recognize what they are saying and respond to them.

Every person wants to be cared for. No matter how old or young or how outgoing or shy, there is a burning desire in all of our beings to know that someone cares. As Christians we are called to "carry each other's burdens and in this way we will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2) By caring for each other we are picking up the burdens of our friends and carrying them.

My mom used to always tell me that many hands make light work. As we practice actively caring for one another we will share our burdens and the load we carry will be lightened significantly. Every single day I am constantly amazed at the people God has brought into my life to care for me.

And the caring actions haven't been enormous works, but little things that let me know people are thinking and praying for me. A card in my mail box. A special treat. An email with encouraging words. Prayers. A smile. A hug. A listening ear.

Hmm...a listening ear. It goes back to the "how are you game." People on campus are hurting and hungry to know that someone cares about them. It might be the girl down the hall who rarely leaves her room. It might be the guy sitting at dinner by himself. It might be the person you are sitting near while reading this. It might be the girl who sits next to you in class or the guy who scans his card right behind you in chapel. Or even the most outspoken, "together" person you see. If we aren't truly listening for their hurt, how will they know we care?

They won't.

One of the greatest commandments in the Bible is to "love your neighbor as yourself," but how can we love if we don't take the time to care about the hurting friend as well as the happy one?

We can't.

At Houghton we have an amazing opportunity to build relationships with many different kinds of people. We have the chance to share so much with Christian brothers and sisters who can help to lighten our loads. People we can see each day if we want. When will we have this chance again to be surrounded by fellow Christians from our professors to our classmates? Once we graduate and leave this place we might end up in an enormous city or another country. Wouldn't it be a great loss for those around us and ourselves if we didn't care for the people right here on campus?

There are so many times to simply show someone we care. And it doesn't have to be something huge.

A card in a mail box. A special treat. An email with encouraging words. Prayers. A smile. A hug. A listening ear.

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Bump, Set, Spike: women's volleyball season wrap-up

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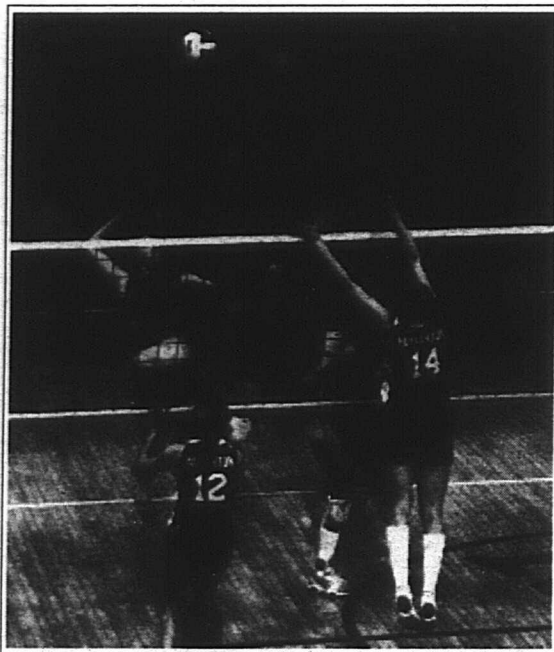
After losing six seniors and picking up five freshmen and a junior over the summer, the 2002 Houghton College women's volleyball team was a very different team at the start of the season than at the end. Having lost much of its height and experience, Coach Nancy Cole had a lot of restructuring to do. So far, the results have been

positive and the team has proven itself. They are currently 3rd in their division and in 31 regular season games, the team has 18 wins and 13 losses.

Led by seventh-year coaching veteran, Cole (who had the added challenge of balancing life with a young baby at home) and assistant coach, senior Mike Ellis, the team finished its regular season strong on

Saturday, November 9, 2002. The remaining games involve conference qualifying games on Friday, November 15 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. at Damon College. Regional qualifying games are on November 22 and 23 and then Nationals on Wednesday, November 27 victory permitting.

Despite the great change in the off-season, it seems as if the team is a stronger and a more tightly knit group this season. Co-captains senior Amanda Buczek and sophomore Kirsten Nelson (American Midwest Conference volleyball Player of the Week twice now) have done a great job of leading the team and providing direction. The team has developed a great dynamic and really gelled together. Buczek commented, "Even



though there are only six girls on the court at a time, all of the team members, even those on the bench, play a crucial part in the chemistry of the team." In this way, the team has greatly succeeded in living out this year's motto, "All for one and one for all."

Cross Country ends season at regional championships

BY LIZ HORNOR
STAR SPORTS WRITER

The Highlander Cross Country team completed its season at the American Midwest Conference regional championships held at Roberts Wesleyan College on November 9. The Houghton men's and women's teams were hoping that all of their hard work and discipline would pay off in a tangible way at regionals but they came away with disappointment. Both teams put their best effort on the line against such tough competitors as Cedarville, Malone, Rio Grande and Roberts Wesleyan, but their races did not turn out the way they had hoped.

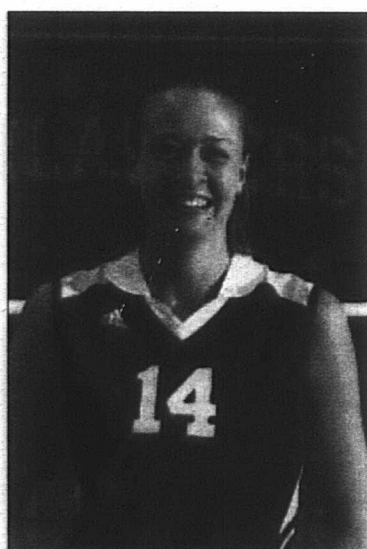
In the women's 5K race all of the times seemed to be slow. The overall winner of the race, from Cedarville, ran a time of 18:47, which is not exceptionally fast, and there were only 16 runners who went under 20 minutes. For Houghton, Mary Gibson led the team with an 18th place finish (out of 154 runners) and a time of 20:06. Emily Munro was next with a 34th place finish and a time of 20:54. Liz Hornor (47th), Erin Lawlis (53rd), Katy Sykes (62nd), Becca Cole (77th), and Jen Dougherty (81st) completed the top seven. Three women had race personal records: Melinda Pollock ran 23:45, Karyana Keely ran 25:44, and Jody Ostroski ran 27:05. As a team, the women finished 7th out of 12 teams. Cedarville University (ranked 2nd in the NAIA) won the championship race.

For the men's 8K race, the Houghton team also competed in a tough field and did not do as well as they had hoped to. Gabe Whittaker

led the team with a 24th place finish and a personal record time of 27:12. Chris Buell finished second for Houghton and 27th overall with a time of 27:27. Dave Austin finished 48th with a personal best time of 28:29. Tim Cook (60th), Warren Waybright (67th), Shamari LaCour (75th), and DJ Merriam (80th) completed the top seven finishers for Houghton. The men's team finished 7th out of 12 teams. Malone College, ranked 7th in the NAIA, won the regional championship race.

Although both teams were disappointed with how the season ended, many positive things happened during the season. The team became a close-knit group through all of the practices and races. They also learned how to push themselves and increase intensity in workouts. Although this year may be looked back upon as another building year, the members of the team have the satisfaction of knowing that they gave a complete effort. The athletes now have a few weeks off before some of them begin training for track. For several team members, this was their last season of cross-country. There were three seniors on the women's team: Erin Lawlis, Melinda Pollock, and Liz Hornor. The men's team had seven seniors: Tim Cook, Eric Martens, DJ Merriam, Steve Leader, Gabe Whittaker, Matt Dickerson, and Mark Mullert. Several other runners will be student teaching or doing other programs so they will not be running. The team will have to continue next season to build from the good base that they established this year.

HIGHLANDER athlete of the week



Kirsten Nelson
middle blocker, volleyball

For the second-straight week and third time this season, Kirsten Nelson has been named the American Midwest Conference volleyball Player of the Week. Nelson, a 5-foot-10 sophomore, recorded 16 kills and a .343 attack percentage in a 3-0 win over Carlow College and then tallied 19 kills and a .531 attack percentage in a straight-sets win over Notre Dame College (Ohio). Nelson leads the Highlanders with 457 kills (4.00 per game), a .330 kill percentage, and 152 total blocks. She is second on the team with 275 digs.



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The 2002 Houghton cross country team. The team completed the 2002 season on Saturday at Roberts Wesleyan. Ten seniors will be graduating this year and others will be student teaching, so the team hopes to continue to grow stronger.

HIGHLANDER SCORES

Cross Country - 11/9 Roberts Wesleyan Invitational

Women's soccer

11/9 Houghton 4, Dominican 0

Men's soccer

11/9 Houghton 1, Tiffin 2

Volleyball

11/9 Houghton 3, Notre Dame 0

11/9 Houghton 3, Carlow 0

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Erin Lawlis (21:26)
Katy Sykes (21:46)