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## Plane Crash Claims Lives of Five

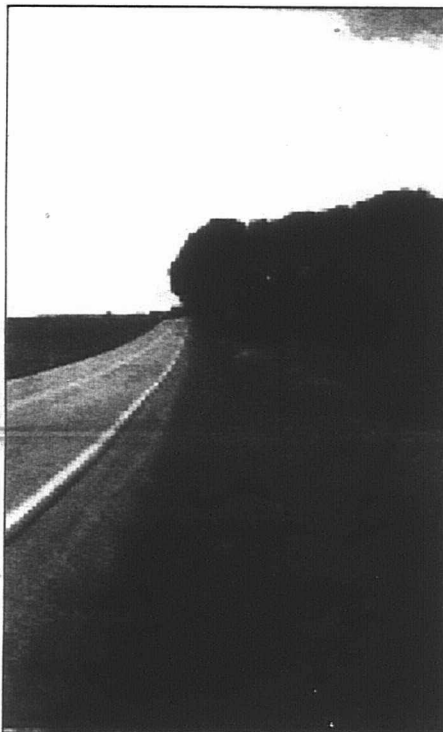
### Tragedy in Centerville

Ward Mesick

A six-seat Piper Malibu crashed early Monday morning, September 7, near county Road 3 in Centerville, killing four adults and one child. Martha K. Maggs, 40, David W. Maggs, 43, and Andrew Maggs, 9 of Lockport, Ill. were one of two families traveling together. The other was Kenneth Proctor, 43, and Patricia Proctor, 42, of Oak Lawn Ill.

Officials say the single engine plane was coming from Manchester, New Hampshire and heading to Griffith, Indiana when it dropped off of radar without any reports of trouble. The plane apparently began to come apart in the air and left a trail of debris over a mile long as it descended to the ground. It was not until after several hours of searching that investigators were able to find the main body of the plane.

The causes of the accident and the identity of the pilot are not yet known as investigators are still trying to piece together the whole story. Witnesses report hearing the sounds of the plane falling apart and say that the plane plummeted from approximately 14,000 up. It fell into a dense area of the forest, which stalled investigators. However, firemen from several surrounding towns, including Houghton, responded and took part in the search.



County Road 3 as it enters Centerville

photo by Erich Asperschlager

## Lightning Strikes Tree

### Squirrel Population Stunned

Dr. James Wolfe

When lightning struck a pin oak (*Quercus sylvestris*) at the corner of the New Academic Building on the night of September 6, it served to remind campus residents of the harsh and sometimes violent conditions that local trees and forests can experience. The bolt left swaths of stripped-off bark from the top of

the crown to the roots. Some were speculating whether the tree would survive this injury and how it all happened.

Lightning strikes world-wide are very common and thousands happen each day. In forested areas, the tallest trees are often targets. Curiously, some species of trees seem to be

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## Area Secured!

### Campus Security Open 24 Hours

Tammi Krikorian and Dionne Miller

"The Department of Safety and Security will serve our college community by promoting:

- 1) our mutual responsibility for campus safety,
- 2) protection of campus property,
- 3) program to prevent crime,
- 4) enforcement of college policies and the law,
- 5) program of communication with the community, and
- 6) coordinated plan to assist with emergencies."

This is the Missions Statement in effect as of September 1, 1998 for Houghton College's Campus Safety and Security Department.

1998 is the first year the department has instituted a twenty-four hour security system. The staff includes four full time people; Ray Parlett, Dennis Stack, Less Fox, and Tom Miriam. This revised program has eliminated the gaps in last year's security, thus increasing availability for students. The security office has also moved from the Luckey Building to the Campus Center making student access more convenient.

Why does Houghton need twenty-four hour security? When asked what prompted this year's changes, Ray Parlett, director of security, said it was more of a preventative measure than a reactionary one. Although there have been a few reports of women approached while jogging late at night (*Editor's Note: No comment*), Parlett says, "Essentially my opinion is on our campus you can pretty much control your safety." A campus wide evaluation last fall including students, faculty, and staff asked open-ended questions concerning changes in security. Without exception, a twenty-four hour security program prompted the most concern and was the most discussed topic.

The process for reaching security is to dial extension 333, connecting you to a recording and the option either to leave a message or to transfer the call to the officer on duty. Messages are checked every 10-15 minutes. Future plans for security include student helpers to aid the security officer in the 10-2 a.m. shift.

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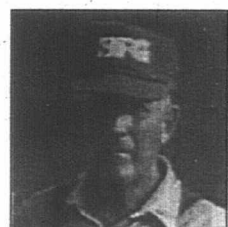
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# EDITORIAL

## Letter from the Editor

David Johnson

A couple of years ago Napoli's, an Italian bakery, stood a couple of blocks away from our house. The owner of the bakery was a 50-year-old woman, who, incidentally, was hairier than a full-grown Kodiak bear. From her shoulders down existed a fabulous pelt of "Italian rainforest," likely driving the furriest of professional wrestlers crazy with envy.



But that bakery had the best hard-crust in the city. So, you can imagine my surprise when a friend informed me of the bread-making process at Napoli's. Apparently this woman mixed the bread dough with her bare arm.

Truly, you cannot judge a book by its cover. Often the outside is deceiving of what is happening on the inside. People are like that. Some are masters at projecting a visage of strength and confidence when in reality it is only chaos.

This past summer found me working with a 15 year-old kid who exuded an "averagedopey-teenager" look when, in reality, underneath he was in emotional Hell. One night, he approached me, saying he needed to talk.

What transpired on that cool summer evening was the most grueling, intense conversation I have ever had. I was broadsided from the information he gave to me about

himself; about his drinking, smoking, suicidal tendencies, self-mutilation and home life, drenched in apathy from his parents.

I spent the next four hours trying my best to answer his questions; about relationships, life and God. Throughout our discourse we hit constant roadblocks, dead ends, U-turns and detours. Finally, at two in the morning, he got on his knees and made a commitment to God.

Yet, as the summer rolled we still encountered difficulties. Often I asked myself: "Why me? Why do I have to put up with all this grief?" Pride was rearing its ugly head; and the selfish side of

me wished for accolades. After all, baseball players who hit more than 61 homeruns in a season receive unending acclaim. If you can clone a sheep, you're on the cover of *Newsweek*.

Often, we as Christians fight the good fight unnoticed. Well, guess what. Tough darts. It's part of the job description. God isn't in the business of making nice little plaques or giving out gift certificates to the *Bon-Ton*. He'll give us our reward in due time.

Many people wear masks, disguises to cover up the turmoil going on inside. What the world sees may be something totally different from what God sees. And if God can use an ungrateful punk like myself to help one person—to alleviate some of the emotional monsoon tearing up a confused teenager—then the last thing I should be looking for is a pat on the back.

What I need to look for is the next challenge.

## Thorns and Thistles: Shadows While on Bended Knees

John Osae-Kwapong

The institution of politics sometimes takes the form of a theatre bedeviled with drama. The unfolding drama could be a tragedy, comedy or a combination of the two. However it is safe to say that there is always something to be learnt from the theatre. September 9, 1998 at exactly 4pm, a five hundred page report from the Office of The Independent Counsel was safely delivered to the House of Representatives. In the report lies the fate of Bill Clinton's presidency. Was this a photo opportunity for the news media, warning signals to Clinton that the hour has come, a Ken Starr victory in having found credible and substantial evidence of criminal wrong doing by the President or just another drama in the political theatre? You be the judge.

House Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde remarked: "No one looks forward to this traumatic journey that we are about to enter." Ironically, during the Nixon Watergate scandal, Clinton, in the now defunct Arkansas Gazette remarked: "I think it

is plain that the president should resign and spare the country the agony of impeachment and removal procedure." House Speaker Newt Gingrich expressed the painful and costly nature of an impeachment procedure and said, "A single human mistake is not

enough to impeach the President." Whatever the case, the report has finally arrived and must be dealt with. Hopefully it will be a free and fair bipartisan process to steer the troubled political ship to still waters. At the end of the day, all Americans should be able to say, "We did the right and most expedient thing for this great country of ours."

Reflecting over this investigation brings to mind an aspect of Liberian culture; looking at one's shadow while on bended knees. This is an act of soul searching and peering into the future in an attempt to answer the question: "Where do I go from here?" Setting aside all political affiliations and prejudices, this is a solemn moment for all Americans to look at their shadows while on bended knees and ask themselves: "Where do we go from here?"

Days of a constitutional crisis often face the American people. Crisis in and of itself is not a bad thing. It sometimes helps us realize

where we have gone wrong. For instance, what has happened to the moral dimension of the American presidency re-echoed by Senator Trent Lott? What is of primary importance to the average American voter; a charismatic and "good" President with a doubtful character or a

man of character and integrity who will need every American's support in running the country? What constitutes high crimes and misdemeanors as grounds for impeachment? A thousand and one lessons are to be learnt by all the players in the great drama.



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## Jeff Spear-Heading Advancement

### Houghton Shopping Center in the Works?

Tammi Krikorian and Dionne Miller

As far-fetched as it may sound, a shopping center in Houghton may become a reality. Jeff Spear, vice president of finance for the college, expressed his ideas concerning Houghton's business development that would provide services for students as well as for the community.

With forty minutes separating Houghton from the nearest department store, it is obvious how convenient a local facility would be. Houghton owns a considerable amount of land on Route 19, north of the new athletic fields, on which a shopping center could be constructed.

This proves an ideal location for construction, as people travel through the area during the summer months looking for a place to shop en route to Buffalo, Rochester or Olean. Also, at the start of the school year, 1200 potential consumers arrive in town.

Jeff Spear is presently seeking the attention of a small department store or Wal-Mart branch to come to Houghton. A grocery store is less likely because Houghton is a "dry" town and alcohol is a major contributor to a grocer's economic success.

If we can successfully

### A Note From the Wilderness

Doris Nielsen

The lean-to's and ropes course areas are used as a local outreach tool by the Wilderness Adventures Office. Outside groups (junior and senior high schools, churches, business professionals) schedule time to use these facilities.

The lean-to's and rope course are maintained by the folks in the Wilderness Adventures Office. On-campus groups can call and schedule a day on the course at a greatly reduced rate (paying only about 10% of what outside groups pay) or can rent one of the lean-to's in the same area.

Students, faculty or staff members are welcome to inquire of the availability of the lean-to's. Anyone wishing to use a lean-to should plan ahead and check with the Camp Closet or Wilderness Adventures Office prior to use. There is one low rental fee for evening or overnight use. For information call the Wilderness Adventures Office at 567-5191.

plant a store in Houghton, it could attract other competitors. A major corporation must feel it would be to their economic advancement to invest in Houghton. Spear stated we have consumers and employees who simply need a vendor. A meeting is being scheduled with the town planning board concerning his development plans.

In addition to this project development, other suggestions have been made by students and faculty, such as restaurants or a coffee house. What the Finance Department is looking for are ideas that will meet both student needs and community needs (*Editor's Note: How about a store totally devoted to wicker and various wicker paraphernalia? We could call it "Wicked Wicker."*). A student request should represent a good business opportunity and prove the supplier can make a profit (*Editor's Note: Never mind.*).

If the college and community feel expansion is a priority and act on that feeling we can achieve something.

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## Lightning Strikes Tree Cont.

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more susceptible than others, possibly due to chemical differences (and hence conductivity) of internal tissue.

experience a long slow decline, leading to death.

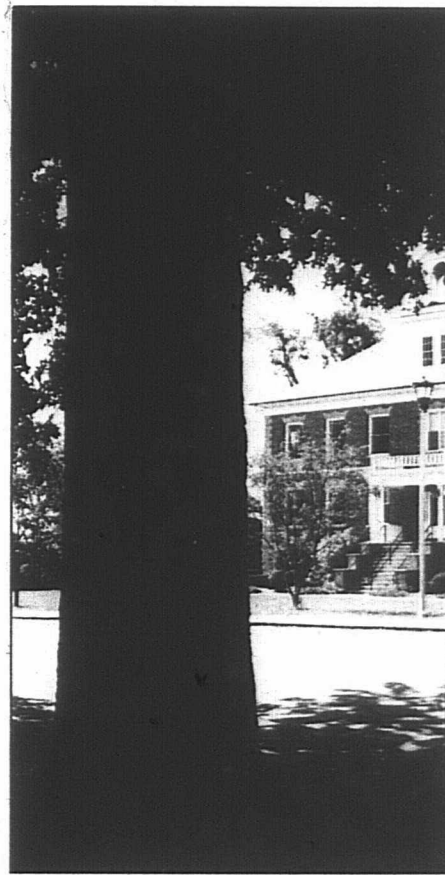
There is a silver lining to these lightning strikes for local trees

When a lightning strike occurs, the energy causes the water in the vascular cells (xylem and phloem tissue below the outer bark) to suddenly boil and be converted to steam. This leads to the explosive stripping away of the bark, usually from the top of the tree to its roots.

The stripping away of the bark can have several consequences. If the debarked areas run vertically, there may still remain strips of intact vascular tissue to allow for conduction of water and sugars and the tree will survive.

Sometimes, the debarking will follow a helical pattern, and the complete girdling of the tree will result in its death. Some strikes may result in the death of the upper portion of the tree, which frequently shows up in our local pines as a dead top and a healthy bottom portion.

Although some trees may initially survive a lightning strike, the debarked areas provide entry for pathogenic fungi and carpenter ants, and the tree will



Nature leaves her mark

photo by Emily Beach

and forests. By destroying the overlying canopy and opening up the forest floor to new growth, these events allow for seedlings to thrive and grow, eventually resulting in vigorous, healthy canopy (*Editor's Note: Nothing brings a smile to my face quicker than vigorous, healthy canopy*).

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# Christian Life Emphasis

## C.L.E.W. Overview

Melanie Hess

September 7 marked the first full week of classes of Houghton's 98-99 school year and the first Christian Life Emphasis Week (CLEW) of the school year. CLEW is a time of worship and reflection. Godspeed led in worship songs, and the class choirs provided special music, with the Freshmen class receiving a standing ovation for their performance on Thursday night. This year's speaker was Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, a North Carolinian with a soft southern accent and a strong message about Christ. Using passages from both the Old and New Testaments, Dr. Kinlaw emphasized the need

for an intimacy with Christ, while at the same time seeking to show us more about the nature of God and His Son. When asked how he thought the week had gone, Dr. Kinlaw said, "I enjoyed it. I've enjoyed the Houghton crowd. I used to think

that preaching was a one person talking to a group, but it's actually dialoguing. This group is good at dialoguing." When questioned about what he hoped was one thing students would take from this week Dr. Kinlaw replied, "The hymn 'Search Me O God.' I can't say it better than that." However, Dr. Kinlaw's

closing words to us on Thursday night said it pretty well: "[That] you'll say, 'Lord, for your glory.' That's my prayer for you." Dr. Kinlaw is at present the president of the Francis Asbury society and lives in Kentucky. He serves on many boards of directors and has studied at universities such as Princeton, Brandeis, and the University of Edinburgh. He has also taught at the university level and has contributed articles to a number of publications.



Dr. Kinlaw offers spiritual insight

photo by Tim Ashley

## Student Responses to C.L.E.W.

Denise Dumckle

**Jessica Winebrenner**  
Freshman

As with most spiritual emphasis weeks, Houghton's C.L.E.W. has managed to usher in a closeness with God for most students. Personally, Dr. Kinlaw has greatly encouraged me in my walk with my Savior. But one tendency many have, including myself, is to enter into a "spiritual high" during that particular week, but let it fade away as the year goes on. I think one unique thing about Dr. Kinlaw was he was very personal in his talks, exhibiting for us a truly Christian walk. He spoke in particular of his marriage and holds his wife in the highest respect. These factors will be remembered by the students and in doing so keep the fervent desire of closeness with God and a longing to follow His will.

**Jim Ulrich**  
Junior

I found this semester's C.L.E.W. to be as interesting and poignant as the years past. I specifically enjoyed the manner in which Dr. Kinlaw related stories from his personal life to make his message more relevant to the students. The point I found to be the most valuable was his challenge to become more intimate with God. It served as a reminder to me that before I can build strong human relationships, I have to have my relationship with God right. C.L.E.W. and Dr. Kinlaw served their purposes and reminded me to place more emphasis on my Christian life.

**Laura Chevalier**  
Sophomore

As a freshman I did not take advantage of the evening CLEW services. This year I made a point of attending and was challenged by Dr. Kinlaw's messages. His stories were engaging and his simple, yet profound, wisdom overwhelmed me at times. I came away from this week with an imminent desire to give God control of "the last thumb-nail" of my life. I also have a greater understanding of the magnitude of what it means to be Christ to others—it is the deepest level of a relationship with God. I am thankful that God was able to use Dr. Kinlaw to bless our community this week.

**Liana Weirich**  
Senior

C.L.E.W. services were great this year. Personally, I liked the fact that Dr. Kinlaw never toyed with my emotions, rather spoke to my heart. As I was discussing his messages with friends, I found that many of us are dealing with giving God full control of our lives. As Dr. Kinlaw stated, "Let's not have a fingerprint of control in our lives. If need be, let God cut the finger off to the knuckle."

In Dr. Kinlaw's message Thursday night he spoke of imitating Christ. He read from Philippians 2— not to do "all things without murmuring and complaint." I've taken it as my personal challenge to no longer say "yes, but..." to God. I have learned that it's not until you fully give that you gain the full blessing of receiving.



**Anna-Maria Davis**  
--Sophomore

"I felt, as I was listening, that God was speaking to me personally, saying 'You're not there just yet. Let go.'"



**Nate Sauder**  
--Sophomore

"It was very touching and inspirational."

photos by Tim Ashley

# Emphasis Week

## The Humility of a Great Man

Trina Frederick

I talked to a few students about their reactions to the CLEW services this week. Stetson Knight felt the message was quite well-informed. He especially enjoyed the story Dr. Kinlaw told about the first time he preached and how he was humbled by a congregation member. To Stetson, this put a lot of things in perspective. "We as Christians should all remember to do what God wants rather than what we think we should do," Stetson said.

Seniors Keely Jones and Carolyn Roy said the CLEW services influenced them especially at the start of a new semester not to get bogged down with all the potential work.

My reaction to the CLEW services was quite simple—this man is intelligent. Reading over the list of all his accomplishments, I was stunned by all his degrees and awards. I saw in the preface to one of my philosophy textbooks that the author actually thanked Dr. Kinlaw himself.

Dr. Kinlaw exemplifies humility. This man is so brilliant, yet humble enough to admit he learns more and more about God every day. Humility is saying: "No, I still don't know all of the answers." I pray I will adopt his attitude and understand that all the education in the world can't make you a better Christian.

## Faculty Response to C.L.E.W.

Bruce Brenneman

I believe the entire campus is grateful to Dr. Dennis Kinlaw and his ministry during CLEW. I have heard him speak several times before and I have always been impressed with his scholarship, intuition, insights, and most of all, his love of God's word and his ability to communicate to all age levels.

I appreciated his willingness to allow the Holy Spirit to work through him. I felt that the services were Spirit-filled and I am grateful for the students' openness to God's call and direction.

I pray that the "Christian Life Emphasis" we experienced last week will permeate the remaining weeks—and all of our lives.



Dr. Kinlaw and his main Man-noia

photo by Tim Ashley

## A Brief Look at Dr. Kinlaw

Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, president of the Francis Asbury Society and former president of Asbury College, received his A.B. degree from Asbury College in 1943 and his M.Div. degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1946. He did further graduate study at Princeton Theological Seminary and at New College, the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He received the M.A. degree from Brandeis University in 1961 and the Ph.D. degree from Brandeis in 1967. His area of concentration was in Mediterranean Studies.

Dr. Kinlaw was ordained in the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. Subsequently, he transferred to the Kentucky Conference where he has recently received retired status.

In 1959, he served for one term as a visiting professor at Seoul Theological College, Seoul, Korea. In 1963, he joined the faculty of Asbury Theological Seminary as professor of Old Testament Languages and Literature. During his tenure at the Seminary, Dr. Kinlaw also taught Old Testament History and Theology as well as Hebrew and other languages related to the Old and New Testaments.

Dr. Kinlaw left the seminary in 1968 to serve as President of Asbury College, a post he held until 1981. In 1981 he resigned from the presidency of Asbury College in order to pursue active preaching, writing and other ministry. He again served as professor of Biblical Theology at Asbury Theological Seminary in 1982-83.

On Jul 1, 1986, Dr. Kinlaw returned to the presidency of Asbury College until April of 1991; he then was elevated to the role of Chancellor, where he served for one year. He is the recipient of the honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Houghton College and Doctor of Humane Letters from Asbury College.

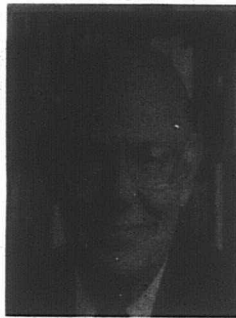
Dr. Kinlaw has contributed to a number of publications; these include commentaries on Ecclesiastes and the Song of Songs in the Wesleyan Bible Commentary, and Leviticus in the Beacon

Bible Commentary.

He has written articles for a number of magazines, journals and anthologies. These include devotional, Biblical, theological, literary and educational materials. He is the author of the book, *Preaching in the Spirit*.

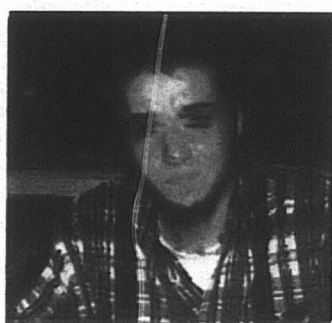
As to his family background, Dr. Kinlaw is the son of a North Carolina lawyer. He was born in Lumberton, North Carolina. He is married to Elsie Katherine Blake and they have five children.

Dr. Kinlaw's interests have been varied. A student of human culture (both religious and secular) he has a special interest in those ideas (moral, ethical, philosophical and theological) that shape our destinies. In addition to his pastoral, education and administrative duties, he has preached widely in evangelistic outreach around the globe. He has also preached or lectured on numerous college and university campuses, both Christian and secular, throughout the United States.



Mike Jordan  
--Senior

"Dr. Kinlaw has a knack for hitting you right between your spiritual eyes."



Mike Ross  
--Sophomore

"Dr. Kinlaw was an awesome speaker. I was really inspired."

# Better Safe Than Sorry

## Protecting Yourself at Houghton

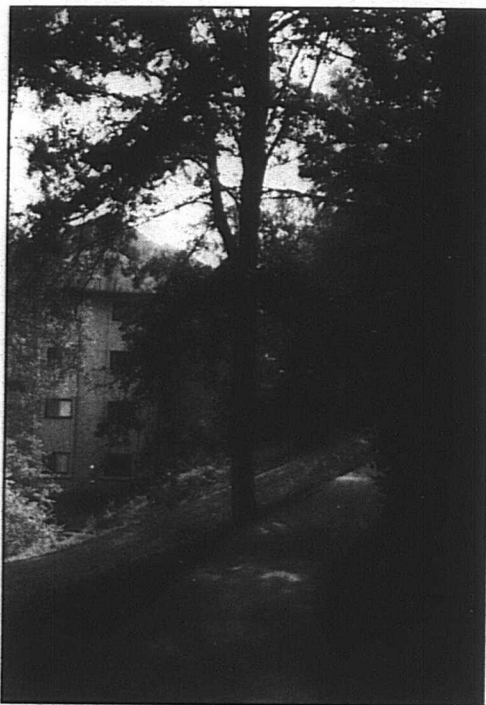
Kevin MacDonald

19 murders. 1,024 robberies. 1,161 forcible sex offenses. 15,202 burglaries. 2,110 instances of aggravated assault. 4,347 instances of motor vehicle theft. These are the results of a 1996 study of 487 colleges across the United States. The survey, which focused on crime on college campuses, was conducted by The Chronicle of Higher Education. Although the typical college campus is a fairly safe environment, the statistics above make it obvious that safety is a legitimate concern. But does Houghton really have a problem with personal safety and security?

Not really, according to Mr. Ray Parlett, director of security at Houghton. While there have been a few incidents that have caused concern, they were isolated events. In fact, the college has an excellent reputation for having little trouble with crime.

The biggest concern at Houghton is petty theft. Typi-

cally, calculators, laptop computers, bookbags, and bikes are the items most reported as stolen, although sometimes an item someone believed to have been



The often dark path down to South Hall

photo by Emily Beach

stolen was simply "borrowed" by a friend.

Staying safe at Houghton is essentially a matter of common sense. Stick to well-lit, highly traveled locations. Stay in groups when traveling late at night or in remote places. Avoid taking "shortcuts" through dark areas.

Let others know when you have to travel to an isolated building or area. There are several areas on campus that, because of the lack

of light or low visibility, could present a safety concern, such as the path from the campus center to South Hall, South Hall's parking lot and the path leading up to the art building and physical education center. The security department, working in conjunction with maintenance, plans to trim some of the trees and bushes lining these paths to create greater visibility. If, after investigation, it becomes apparent that additional lighting is needed, they will be added as necessary.

Keep track of your belongings. Don't leave valuable items lying around. Lock your dorm room and keep a padlock on your gym locker, since the vast majority of theft occurs simply because someone neglected to keep possessions secure by locking them up. Don't carry a lot of cash or credit cards with you wherever you go. Realize that for the most part, you are responsible for your own safety and the security of your belongings, so act appropriately.

Crime hasn't really been a problem here at Houghton. Just use your common sense, and you should find that your time spent here is free of any safety or security risks.

## Faculty and Staff Birthdays this Week

Thomas Kettlecamp	9/17
Doris Nielsen (R)	9/17
Roger Rozendal	9/18
Virginia Halberg	9/20
Ellen Rathjen	9/20
Dean Wittwer	9/20
Gary Baxter	9/21
Dwight Hornibrook	9/21
Michael Lastoria	9/21
Esther Smith (R)	9/21
Deanna Wonderling	9/21
Brad Wilber	9/22

## Alumni Lecturer to Visit Campus

1961 Houghton graduate Barry Ross will be on campus next week as part of the college's Alumni Lecture Series. An Old Testament scholar, Dr. Ross is a professor at Union Biblical Seminary in Pune, India, and serves as Asia Area Director for Wesleyan World Missions. His time on campus will be highlighted by a Tuesday evening (Sept 22) lecture (see campus postings for details) and Wednesday chapel address. Dr. Ross may also be involved in classroom discussions. A Houghton College religion major, Ross earned masters degrees from Asbury Theological Seminary and the University of Michigan and a doctorate in Old Testament from Drew University. He has taught at Azusa Pacific University and United Wesleyan College and, since 1972, served The Wesleyan Church in Asia.

## Spotlight on Staff:

### Shirley Jordan

Liana Weirich

**Name:** Shirley Jordan  
**Position:** Administrative Assistant in the office of Student Life  
**Likes:** Traveling to Kenya  
**Dislikes:** Paper-cuts



photo by Emily Beach

Shirley Jordan knows how to keep busy. On top of her responsibilities in the office—keeping Dean Danner's calendar, building and maintaining the office's home page, and taking care of chapel attendance records—Shirley is also a mother, grandmother, and wife.  
**Vital Information:**  
 - Went on a short-term missions trip with her husband to Kenya.  
 - If she were trapped on a desert island and could bring only three items they would be: "My granddaughter, my Bible, and

food." (Editor's Note: Tough break, Mr. Jordan)

- Would want to be a motivational speaker if she weren't working at Houghton.
- Most memorable moment: "When Tim Nichols got hold of my high school senior picture and plastered it all over the campus."
- Loves L.L. Bean
- Really enjoys her job: "I love being a helper and meeting people's needs."

## The Play's the Thing...

Tryouts this week for Fall production

Tryouts have been scheduled for the first play of the year. *The Imaginary Invalid* by French playwright Moliere will be the production for the first semester.

The play deals with a hypochondriac attempting to procure his life-long care through marrying his daughter to his physician. The farcical romp will be directed by Bruce Brenneman, assistant professor of English.

The tryouts will be held in Tysinger Auditorium in Houghton Academy, Wednesday, September 16 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Thursday from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### THE IMAGINARY INVALID

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# LIGHTER SIDE

## Farmer Stays Puft With Marshmallow Farm

Associated Press

If you were to tell Lorenzo Mayfield that he was going to be a millionaire one year ago, he would have choked on his Skoal. The Ohio-native moved up to the bright lights and fast times of Western New York in 1976.

"It's tough for me to be in such a dull place at any length of time," Mayfield says, referring to his hometown of Toledo. "And what is the antithesis of dull? Allegany County of course."

At first, the young dreamer wanted to enter the high-stakes world of podiatry, but, through careful deliberation, he realized he really hated feet. So he turned to his second love—agriculture.

"I don't know what it is. Perhaps the ability to witness the miracle of nature. Maybe a chance to give back to Earth. I also like to play in the dirt very much," Mayfield says.

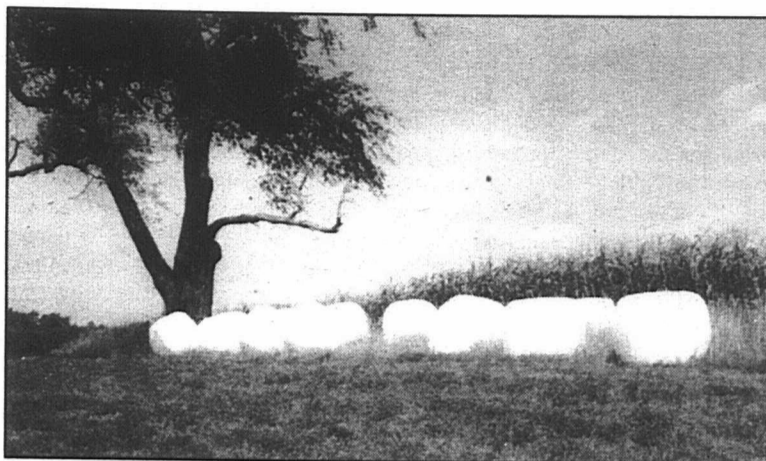
For over 20 years, Lorenzo Mayfield tilled the dry earth, eventually becoming one of the top agricultural specialists in the

area. But it wasn't until July 9, 1997 when he finally struck paydirt.

"Well, I was going to town

crop--marshmallows!

"Well, I darn near jumped out of my knickers!" Mayfield fondly recollects. With good



"Smore than your average crop

to sell an old cow of mine," Mayfield tells. "When I bumped into a strange old man, wearing purple tights and a jacket with a lemur on it. He offered me three magic seeds for my cow. Without hesitation, I accepted."

This chance encounter proved to be the turning point in Mayfield's life. Three months after planting and carefully cultivating the seeds, he awoke one day to find an exciting new

reason. These marshmallows were nearly four feet in width and length, with some weighing close to 200 pounds, the largest on record.

Mayfield's new sensation quickly caused a buzz among the locals, and instantly received world-wide exposure. Appearing on such shows as *Hard Copy*, *Jenny Jones*, and the now defunct *Mario Lopez Show* Mayfield showcased his sweet marvels to a wide-eyed nation.

Even as the success and recognition mounted up (Mayfield received "Best of Show" in the annual Fillmore fair for his array of marshmallow jams and jellies), the true icing on the cake didn't come until August of 1998.

"The people from *Lucky Charms* offered me 2 million dollars for my farm. After convincing them to throw in a one-year subscription to *Cinemax*, I accepted," Mayfield says.

So now what are the plans of America's newest success story?

"I plan to donate half of my money to the *Psychic Friends Network*, and join the Nascar circuit," Mayfield says. And so another segment of the American dream comes to a close.



Mayfield: Puft Daddy

## Top Ten Ways to Irritate Your RA

Stephen Maxon

10. "Well, you're not going to check in the closet, are you?"
9. "What do you mean I'm not allowed to raise chinchillas?"
8. "May I have this dance?"
7. "Ummm...can I borrow your toothbrush?"
6. "Ya wanna play Twister? Huh? Huh? Do ya wanna? Do ya wanna?"
5. Refer to him as "Housekeeping" and demand a fresh mint on your pillow.
4. Goose-step in her presence.
3. "Excuse me, would you mind holding my beer while I load this handgun?"
2. 3:30 a.m. The lounge. Nude yodeling.
1. "Mommy, I wet my bed..."

## STAR CONTEST!!!

Dave Johnson is a huge fan of Jerry Bruckheimer "films" (i.e. *The Rock*, *Con-Air*). It has always been Dave's dream that someday, one of these movies will include a sequence in which an eighteen-wheeled, car-transport truck (full to the brim with brand new Hondas, Saabs, Lexi etc.) careens off a cliff and explodes in a scene of gratuitous mayhem and flying automobile parts. If you can come up with a scenario where this could happen, and write it in 100 words or less, and we like it, we'll give you a FREE PIZZA and print your story. Send your entry to the STAR today! Box #378

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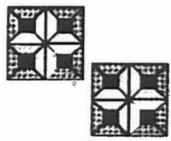
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# SPORTS

## Houghton Sports: Week in Review

### Johnson Leads Field Hockey Team to Victory

Jeremy Atwell

The field hockey team played two action-packed games last week.

Wednesday's game against Lock Haven kept spectators on the edge of their seats, resulting in a 4-2 victory for Houghton. Judy Johnson scored three of Houghton's four goals with the assistance of Kristen Dorsey for two of those goals and Susan Ventresca for one goal. Assisted by Linda Peric, Susan Ventresca scored one goal. This victory over Lock Haven leaves the field hockey team with a record of three wins and zero losses.

The field hockey team maintained their undefeated status when they beat Philadelphia College of the Bible 4-1 on Saturday. Susan Ventresca scored two goals with an assist by Judy Johnson on one of those goals. Laura Chevalier made the other two goals with an assist by Susan Ventresca on one of those goals. This win leaves the field hockey team with four wins and zero losses. Congratulations, girls!

The field hockey team plays two games this week. They play Mercyhurst College at 4:30 on Tuesday, and they play at Slippery Rock University at 2:00 on Saturday. Good luck, girls and God bless!

### Fall Sports Score Box

#### Men's Soccer (5-1)

Friday 9/11  
Houghton: 5, Cedarville: 0

Saturday 9/12  
Houghton: 3, Indiana Wesleyan: 2

#### Women's Soccer (4-0)

Saturday 9/12  
Houghton: 3, Indiana Wesleyan: 0

#### Field Hockey (4-0)

Wednesday 9/9  
Houghton: 4, Lock Haven: 2

Saturday 9/12  
Houghton: 4, PCB: 1

#### Women's Volleyball (8-0)

Saturday 9/12  
(Houghton Tournament)  
Houghton: 3, Gannon: 1

### Men's Soccer Cleans Up at Weekend Tournament

Tim Graffam

On Saturday, Houghton's men's soccer team defeated Indiana Wesleyan University 3-2 in the championship game of the Roberts Wesleyan College Invitational. Matt Brannon scored his first two goals as a Highlander, and Jeremy John scored one as well. Goalkeeper Tim Mayhle came away with the victory. Houghton also fared well in the awards category. Sanjeev Parmar was named tournament Co-MVP, Aaron Rose and Jeff Vaughn garnered all-tournament honors, and Jeremy John was awarded for his sportsmanship and excellence in play. Next stop for the Highlanders is an away game at Bethel College in Indiana on September 18th at 1:00pm

### Women's Soccer Posts Another Shut Out

Houghton's women's soccer team remained undefeated and unscored upon last Saturday by

dispensing with Indiana Wesleyan University, 3-0. Heather Shear tallied her fifth and sixth goals of the season, with Sunshine Leonard adding her fifth of the season. Suzy Ellis posted the shutout. The team is now 4-0, with four shutouts. Next on the schedule is a trip to Alfred University to continue their winning ways.

### Volleyball Team Nets Tournament Victory

Houghton's volleyball squad defeated Gannon 3-1 on Saturday to secure the Houghton Tournament championship crown for the second straight year. Linda Shea and Amie Fells gave a strong offensive showing with 18 and 12 kills respectively, while Monica Wagner stepped up on defense, with 6 blocks. Fells was named tournament MVP. Next chance for the team to improve on their 8-0 record is a home match against Roberts Wesleyan on September 15th at 7:00 p.m. Come on out and support the women as they mop the floor with rival Roberts.

### Cross Country Runs Hard at Invitational

Dan Hartmann

The men's cross country team is comprised of twelve extremely fit guys who are looking forward to a great season. Strong runners such as Joe Campana and Matt Dougherty hope to lead this year's team to the national championships. The women's team features veterans such as Christa Ruth and Tenneil Tower leading the team, with some help from freshmen recruits Kim Sapre and Amanda Miller. The girls' cross country team will be a force to be reckoned with. With the return of Coach Smalley, the hopes are high for this group of athletes.

On Saturday the 12th, the cross country team participated in the Oswego State Pat Peterson Invitational. The men ran hard and ended up tenth out of fourteen. The women gave a very strong performance, finishing third out of seventeen. Next meet for the team is at Cortland State on September 26.

## The Good Ole Boy Player Profile: Ole Andresen

Judy Johnson

Meet Houghton's new phenom, Ole Andresen. Ole (pronounced uuh-lea not o-lay) is one of Houghton's latest batch of European imports, hailing from Halden, Norway (which isn't all polar bears and ice, contrary to popular American opinion). Ole came to the States to play soccer and for a change of scenery. Playing soccer

since the age of 5, he is a tactical veteran and brings years of experience to Houghton's team.

One of the biggest differences Ole sees between Norway and Houghton is the conservative atmosphere of the college. "I have

never been anywhere with so many nice people as Houghton" says Ole. He is finding America generally more friendly but much more competitive than Europe. Ole also finds that American women are much more up front and take initiative in getting to know men (by the way...Ole is available).

An outdoor adventurer by heart, Ole loves fishing and wildlife. His favorite spot is northern Norway, a place almost untouched by man. A difficult adjustment has

been living away from the sea, out in the country here in Western New York. Ole has also had to adjust to the food. His favorite is fish- and the only fish we have here is the kind that's breaded into sticks.

Schoolwork and classes are an-

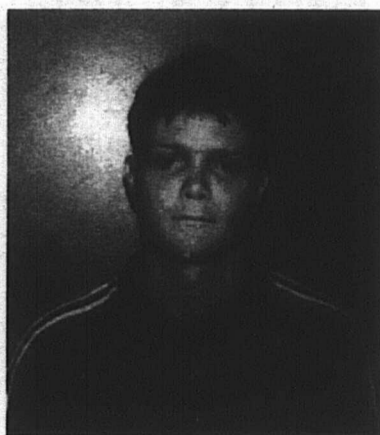


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other challenge Ole has to face. Just understanding the professor is hard enough, and then he has to catch up on the notes later. Studying also takes longer because he has to read his assignments about three times so he can fully grasp them. He is discovering Houghton students don't have any "free

time." With soccer on top of his course load, he is just trying to find time to sleep a few hours at night. This is definitely not Ole's style. He loves to have fun. His major is computer science with a minor in business. Upon graduation, his ideal job would be in the middle of nowhere by a lake; so he could work on the internet and fish all day long (*Editor's Note: Hey, mine too!*).

On the field, Ole is far from the middle of nowhere. Unfortunately, he's been struggling with injuries. A striker, Ole has been sidelined with torn ligaments in his ankle. Despite setbacks due to tendonitis, he is now about 70% healthy and is playing more minutes. American soccer has also been an adjustment. It is much more possession oriented than European-style soccer. Ole compliments his teammates as being very skilled technically and looks forward to playing with them more.

So come on out to the Houghton men's next soccer game and cheer on Ole, an all-around gentleman, a nice guy, and an amazing soccer player.