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THE World OUT there

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North Korea Claims Success in Nuclear Program

On Oct. 2nd, North Korea announced that it had reprocessed thousands of spent fuel rods into plutonium, thereby achieving "nuclear deterrence." The North Korean government maintains that the U.S. is planning a pre-emptive strike and has repeatedly demanded that the U.S. sign a non-aggression pact.

This development suggests that North Korea is achieving success in its nuclear weapons program and could now produce nuclear bombs. U.S. officials emphasize that North Korea's claims cannot be independently verified, though the Bush administration and international community have expressed concern over the possibility of North Korean nuclear armaments.

A year ago, the U.S. publicly revealed that North Korea possessed an advanced nuclear weapons program—a direct violation of a 1994 agreement between the two nations and international nuclear safeguards. North Korea responded by expelling U.N. inspectors, withdrawing from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and reactivating its Yongbyon nuclear facility. So far, multilateral diplomacy, including an August summit in Beijing, has not produced any significant progress towards resolving the crisis.

The fuel rods in question were sealed by international inspectors under the 1994 agreement. U.S. officials fear that the rods could be used to develop up to a dozen nuclear bombs, and some experts even suggest that North Korea has already built one or two crude nuclear bombs.

[For more information about the nuclear standoff, go to: <http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2003/nkorea/>.]

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Homecoming Events Entertain Campus

BY LAURA KVAMME
STAR STAFF WRITER

Beautiful dresses, sports games, floats, hilarious performances, and a lot of freezing rain. What do they all have in common? Each one played a unique role in Homecoming Weekend 2003.

The fun-filled weekend began by giving students of various majors a chance to mingle at the department receptions with fellow undergraduates and faculty who share the same academic interests.

Following the reception on Friday, many students, faculty, family, and friends filled the Wesley Chapel for the Founder's Day Convocation. Guest speaker Dr. Shirley Mullen, Doctor of Humane Letters, delivered a very warm-hearted and witty speech for the occasion. Giving inspiration to her audience to "dream big," she gratefully received the Honorary Degree award presented by Carlton D. Fisher, Dean of Academic Administration.

Later that evening, the campus center was the "place to be" as it held the annual Campus Store Fashion Show. New clothing apparel was displayed, as well as an interesting mix of models sporting them.

Due to rain and extremely cold temperatures, the Coronation was also held in the Campus Center that night. Thankfully, Godspeed lit up the Center by delivering a beautiful presentation of praise and worship songs before and after the presentations. During the ceremony, the men's and women's volleyball and soccer teams, and their respective captains, were recognized. The teams have a very promising year ahead of them, due to the tremendous amount of talent and determination evident in these players. Spicing up the evening with a little comic relief and his attention-grabbing style, Mike Zale hosted that night's ceremony. The king, queen, and members of the 2003 Homecoming court were recognized as follows: Freshman class court—Chris Scott and Sarah Bishop; Sophomore class court—Joel Howard and Amy Rodgers; and Junior class prince and princess—Josh Hazelton and Beth Adams. Thunderous applause burst

from the audience when Pete Hutchinson and Catherine Mihm were announced King and Queen of the Senior Class, concluding the ceremony. Congratulations to all the winners!

Bundled in winter-ready apparel and shielding umbrellas, students, faculty and family lined the streets of the Houghton campus on Saturday to catch a glimpse of the annual Homecoming parade. Class floats, different organizations, and representatives of various activities brought the much-needed ray of sunshine to this dreary Homecoming

spot" despite the frigid temperatures, as the men's varsity soccer team took on Daemen College, crushing them in a blowout game of 9-0. The women's soccer team had a similar turnout as they defeated Milligan 1-0.

Transforming from the routine "worn-out-college-student" look, Houghton students sparkled in their stunning attire for the formal dinner banquet Saturday night. Sarah Mingle graced the evening by providing sweet tunes with her engaging piano performance. After the outstanding dinners

were served, the winners of the float competition were announced: the freshman took fourth place, while the sophomores came in third. The first and second place winners were separated by a mere five points, but in the end the winner of the competition was the junior class of 2005. Congratulations, Juniors!

To top off Homecoming Weekend 2003, the annual Spot show was held in the Wesley Chapel following the banquet. Students crowded shoulder-to-shoulder waiting for the doors to open, then stampeded into the chapel—anxiously awaiting what this year's show would bring. Delivering an overall "Saturday Night Live" approach, the performers of Spot had the

audience roaring with laughter for hours. A special thanks should also be mentioned for the sensational musical entertainment given by the Sons of Pitches (S.O.P.). To learn more about the band, you can visit their website at www.sop5.com

To everyone who participated in the weekend activities, we applaud you. Houghton College was truly blessed to have had such an amazing Homecoming Weekend this year.

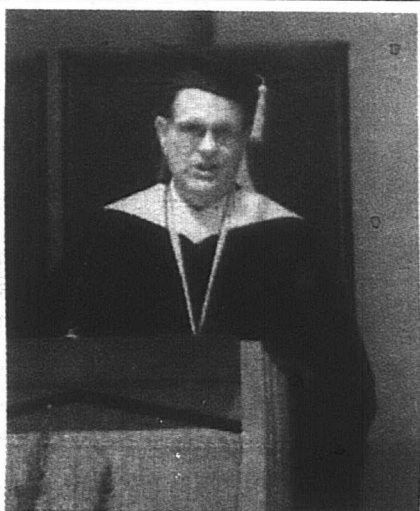


PHOTO BY NATHAN BOYD
Dr. Chamberlain welcomes everyone to the 2003 Founder's Day Convocation.

day. The theme of the weekend, "When we were kids" was clearly represented in each of the class floats, as well as in the people of all ages diving for candy showered upon them by the parade participants. A special thanks goes out to everyone who dedicated their time and energy into making this parade successful and entertaining, despite the weather.

The various Equestrian, volleyball, basketball, and soccer teams entertained crowds throughout Saturday in a proud display of talent. Later that afternoon, Burke Field proved to be the "happening



PHOTO BY NATHAN BOYD
Faculty and Student Representatives from each department shared the stage for the entirety of the Convocation service.

From world news, page 1

Key Report on Iraq WMD Search Released

Last Thursday, the top U.S. weapons inspector reported that no weapons of mass destruction (WMD) have been found in Iraq. The interim report added to the controversy concerning President Bush's justification of the U.S.-led war against Iraq. His administration adamantly insists that the war against Iraq was merited, contending that evidence cited in the WMD report demonstrates that Saddam was a threat to the world.

David Kay, who oversees the CIA-led WMD search group, briefed congressional committees to elaborate on the team's official report. Interpretations of the report have varied widely. The Bush administration has emphasized what Kay's team actually found, while the President's critics, including ranking Democrats, have utilized the report to argue that Iraq was not an imminent threat.

Despite the lack of finding outright WMD, Kay's team uncovered evidence that Saddam was clearly in violation of U.N. restrictions with his various weapons programs. Such evidence, Kay explained, indicates that Iraq had the intention of developing WMD. According to the report, Iraq was developing banned long-range missiles, hiding biological and chemical activity, and restarting its rudimentary nuclear program. The report also revealed that Iraq had high-level interaction with North Korea concerning missile technology, thus linking these two members of Bush's "axis of evil."

Theories abound over the current lack of WMD within Iraq. On Friday, Kay himself offered four major possibilities: (1) Saddam possessed WMD, but concealed them well; (2) Saddam possessed WMD and shipped them out of Iraq as the U.S.-led war approached; (3) he never possessed WMD, but acted and spoke like he did; or (4) he was misled by his own scientists to believe that he possessed non-existent WMD.

In his testimony before Congress, Kay stated that his 1,400-member team needs 6-9 additional months to finish its work in Iraq. The Bush administration has reportedly requested \$600 million from Congress towards that end.

[Transcript of Kay's congressional testimony available at: http://www.cia.gov/cia/public_affairs/speeches/2003/david_kay_10022003.html.]

Convocation Speaker Shirley Mullen Honored

BY MARISSA ALBRECHT
STAR STAFF WRITER

Students, faculty and alumni rearranged their morning schedules this past Friday in order to attend Houghton's annual Founders' Day Convocation, in which, as President Chamberlain said, they took time to "remember our founders with gratitude as well as look forward to the future."

The College Choir, conducted by Dr. Brandon Johnson, performed two pieces for the ceremony. Their outstanding performance set the mood for the convocation with the combination of the professionalism of their first song and the excitement of their second. They left the audience in awe, President Chamberlain "beaming with pride," and Shirley Mullen grateful for such an astounding introduction.

During the convocation, Shirley Mullen was the recipient of an honorary doctorate of humane letters. She graduated from Houghton in 1976 with a major in History and a minor in Philosophy. She then went on to Santa Barbara, California, where she has been teaching courses in

Hume Society, and the Conference on Faith and History.

Mullen also contributed to the convocation by addressing the students and alumni with her message on "A Thorough Education for Fixing up the World." She celebrated the history of her and her fellow alums' alma mater, and encouraged current students by reminding them, "You hold the heritage of this college in your hands." She also reminisced on the state of the world when Willard Houghton started the school back in 1883, and provoked quite a few "knowing laughs" when she mentioned Willard's goal to "establish a school twenty miles away from any known sin." She encouraged her audience to appreciate Houghton's heritage, vision and the founding principles of the college. Even though, according to Mullen, Houghton is a small educational town "without even a stoplight



PHOTO BY NATHAN BOYD

Dr. Daniel Chamberlain, president of the college, proudly applauds guest speaker Dr. Shirley Mullen on her acceptance of an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters during the Convocation Service Friday morning.

various fields such as English History, European History, and Philosophy of History since 1984. Before her work at Westmont, she served as a teaching assistant at the University of Minnesota and an instructor of history at Bethel College. She is also a three-time recipient of the Westmont Outstanding Teacher Award, as well as a member of such organizations as the American Historical Association, the

to our name," its students are being taught to think independently and not just "fit into the mold of this world" when they graduate.

At the conclusion of the Founder's Day Convocation, everyone left knowing that even after 120 years, Houghton College is still going strong.

Top Ten Signs You Have the Wrong Roommate.

BY SARAH KUZIOMKO
STAR STAFF WRITER

10. Every morning they tell you they hate you.
9. Has his mother over every open house.
8. They insist on waking you up every morning at 3 am to do the Macarena.
7. She has reoccurring outbreaks of lice.
6. Leaves in the middle of the night; comes back covered in blood.
5. You could handle her 'rents moving into the dorm, but there is just no room for grandpa and grandma.
4. Hasn't done his laundry in a year and a half.
3. He sharpens his machete every night while wearing that silly grin and wishing you sweet dreams.
2. The Fabio wallpaper has come onto your side of the room.
1. Hanson music, all day-all night.

Israel Retaliates for Recent Suicide Bombing

On Oct. 4th, an Islamic Jihad suicide bomber killed 19 and wounded dozens at a Haifa restaurant. The attack comprised one of the most destructive suicide bombings of the past three years of Israeli-Palestinian bloodshed. Besides razing several houses connected to Palestinian militants, Israel responded by attacking an alleged Islamic Jihad base in Syria on Sunday.

The Israeli air strike against the suspected training camp may be the first Israeli attack on Syrian territory since the 1973 war that pitted Syria and Egypt against Israel. In response, the U.N. Security Council was expected to convene an emergency session to address Israel's unexpected aggression.

[For more on the continuing conflict between Israel and Palestine, see <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/world/issues/mideastpeace/>]

Pope Nearing Death?

Last Thursday, a top cardinal asserted that Pope John Paul II was "approaching the last days and months of his life." The public statement by Austrian Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn reignited debate over the aging pope's health and speculation about his successor.

The Pope, age 83, has seemed visibly weaker and has struggled to express himself clearly in recent appearances. He suffers from Parkinson's disease, arthritis, and general exhaustion due to his demanding duties.

The Vatican declined to officially respond to the cardinal's comments, though some top Church officials contend that the Pope is not nearly as frail as some are claiming.

Chicago Chamber Musicians Begin Artist Series

BY JEN NERONI
STAR STAFF WRITER

The 2003/2004 Houghton College Artist Series kicked off this past Friday evening with an impeccable performance by The Chicago Chamber Musicians. The small group, composed of a string quartet with occasional accompaniment by a French horn, filled Wesley Chapel with the music of Haydn, Mozart, Arnold Cook, and Antonin Dvorak.

The evening began with the last quartet composed by Franz Josef Haydn, the "String Quartet in F Major." This piece showed the string quartet's quality of expression and

tremendous musicality. It featured beautiful violin solos by first violinist Jasmine Lin, as well as a rich cello solo by Marina Hoover, accompanied by the other two members of the quartet-violinist Joseph Genualdi and violist Rami Solomonow.

The next piece, Mozart's "Quintet for Horn and Strings in E^b Major," featured Gail Williams on French horn. Williams, a native of Rushford, played with excellent control and blended aptly with the rest of the ensemble. In his program notes, Dr. Galloway called this piece "a work of great charm, blending cheerfulness and intimacy," and it lived up to his description.

Before the intermission, the Chamber Musicians inserted Arnold Cook's "Arioso and Scherzo." The piece was a wonderful addition to the program and the performance was a powerful and exciting one, in which the group sounded more like a full orchestra than a small chamber ensemble. This piece also featured Williams on horn. It was a great contrast to the Mozart and showed the players' versatility as musicians.

The last piece of the evening was by Bohemian composer, Antonin Dvorak. Dvorak's "String Quartet in F Major," his "American" Quartet, was perhaps the most thrilling part of the evening. The energy and command of

the performers on this final piece made it absolutely beautiful.

Overall, the Chicago Chamber Musicians gave an immaculate performance. Their fluidity and clarity of sound placed them in a class above most musicians.

The next Artist Series will be held on Thursday, November 6th at 8:00 in Wesley Chapel. The world-renowned Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir under the direction of director Paul Hillier will be performing.

Fuller Named Senior Fellow by CCCU

BY MATT AU YEUNG
STAR STAFF WRITER

For his dedication and commitment in his student recruitment and enrollment research, the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) has honored Tim Fuller, vice president of enrollment management at Houghton College, with the title "Senior Fellow"—an honor given to individuals who've gone beyond expectation in providing service for the CCCU.

Being appointed as a Senior Fellow, according to Fuller, is a rare occurrence. "At any given moment, there are perhaps four to five Senior Fellows out there in the entire CCCU community, an organization that's composed of about 160 institutions worldwide," he said. "It's certainly not something that the CCCU gives out on a daily basis."

His research revolves around a concept known as the "admission funnel," a symbolic device used to further understanding of all the factors involved in the admission process. Beginning with the pool of prospec-

tive students, the funnel provides a realistic number of students who would actually consider Houghton as their college of choice and eventually enroll at Houghton College. By comparing yield rates between CCCU member colleges, it provides the schools with appropriate benchmarks to strive for. "It gives schools a better sense of where to improve upon, and how to spend their resources wisely," Fuller explains. "Intuition informed by a few facts" is what this survey strives to accomplish.

Aside from his research work for the CCCU, as Vice President of Enrollment Management, Fuller is also responsible for a wide variety of tasks, including overseeing the admission process, managing the student financial services, working with church relations, and strategic management and planning. However, the task he enjoys the most is interacting with students and parents. "It's something I love to do. I began my career here as a counselor answering any questions that they may have, and also getting to know them on a more personal level. Though the nature and

responsibilities of my work has changed over the years, interacting with parents and students continues to be my passion."

Fuller, who received a bachelor's degree in history at Houghton and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Buffalo, has worked in enrollment at Houghton for the past 23 years. He has a wife, Carol, and three children: Rebecca, Daniel, and Jonathan.

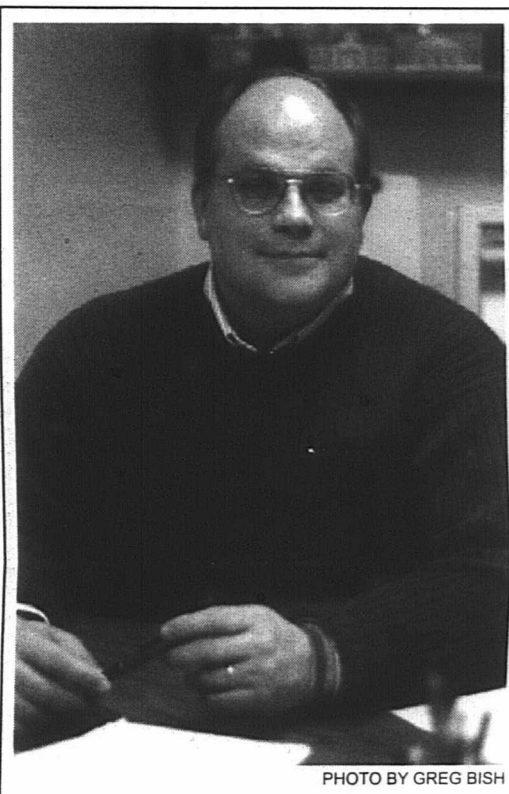


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Dr. Hijleh Receives Ninth ASCAP Award

BY JOSH MILLER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dr. Mark Hijleh, Houghton professor of music theory, composition and conducting as well as the director of Houghton's Philharmonia, recently snagged yet another award from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) for his compositions. This is the ninth time that the ASCAP honored Hijleh for his unique musical arrangements. His recent works include "...so loved..." for solo viola, "Winter Nocturne" for flute and guitar, and the full orchestral piece "O Ignis Spiritus," which won the 2002 National Association of Teachers of Singing Vocal Composition Award.

In response to his most recent award, Hijleh said, "I am deeply grateful for the chance to write new music and hear it performed for the glory of God. It is important that the work of living Christian composers...be made known to our wider culture."

Dr. Hijleh has attempted to live up to this goal through his works. His "Through a Glass Darkly," "Silent Night" and "Fantasia on 'Holy Manna'" were each published by Zimbrel Press; and his "Organ Symphony" premiered in Europe during the summer of 2001.

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Homecoming 2003

"WHEN WE WERE KIDS"



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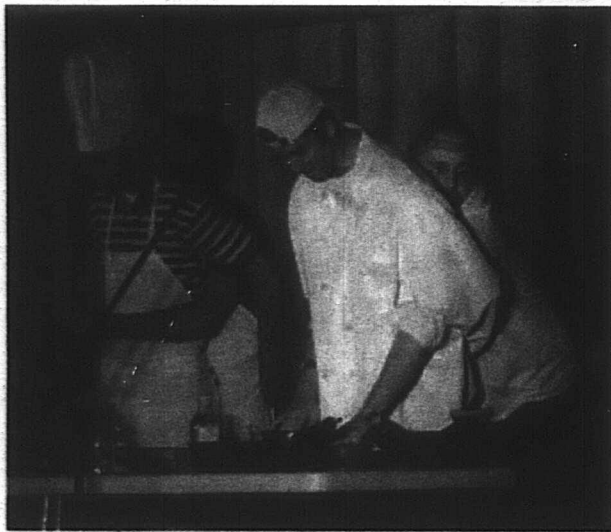
The Ithaca, NY based vocal group S.O.P. entertained the Spot crowd with four pitch-perfect numbers.

The campus dining hall was taken over by streamers and balloons for the annual Homecoming banquet.

Senior Luke Prime, as mr. mint, smiles into his mitten during the Homecoming parade.

The Freshman class float was built to resemble a backyard play area complete with cardboard pirate ship.

Lending helping hands, Matt Rudd and Pete Hutchinson attempt to mix up a cake or two.



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Clockwise from top left:

Dr. Chamberlain takes time out on Saturday to enjoy the men's soccer game with the Shen Bloc.

Member of the senior class, complete with Candyland costume, participate in their class skit.

During Spot scene changes, the audience was entertained by renditions of popular songs by a four-piece band.

The men's soccer team had plenty of shots on goal Saturday. This shot was wide left, but many found the back of the net before the game was over.

The junior class readies themselves to begin their class skit during the soggy Homecoming Day parade.

The Sophomore class employed real children on their float in order to more accurately convey the weekend's theme.

A STAR WRITER'S RESPONSE TO WHERE HAVE ALL THE MEN GONE?

by D. Elliott Tait

The previous editorial piece written by my colleague demands a polite and fair rebuttal from those it insulted: every single male on campus and every female who realizes the assumptions Ms. Raether was making about all women. I will attempt to address these low blows in order to provide an alternative opinion in this current debate.

The purpose of Ms. Raether's article was to shame the "guys" on campus to the point of evoking an urgent response from them. She acknowledges the sensitive nature of men and their manhood and takes advantage of this, issuing the ultimatum that in order to be a "man," a "guy" must ask a woman out. By this logic, my 10 year old cousin-who cannot even use a urinal-is a "man" because he recently asked the girl he likes to his house to play one afternoon.

Ms. Raether states that asking women out is one of our cultural responsibilities, which I agree with. Her statement, however, is incomplete in that this specific responsibility must be tempered by the other responsibilities we have as men. For example, we have the responsibility not to lead girls on, to treat them as rare jewels, and to generally respect women and their emotions.

More importantly, we have responsibilities to ourselves: to protect our own emotions, integrity and reputation, and to act with discretion, knowing the proper time and place to fulfill our responsibilities. Ms. Raether disregards men's self interests as a result of her own self interests.

Taking women out on lunch dates and paying their way-what one might call "casual dating"-brings into question many of these responsibilities and forces men to decide how they define the relative terms "leading girls on" and "respect" for women. Since men at Houghton generally have high standards based on biblical influences, our definitions of terms such as the ones above tend to be more righteous and godly, and may very well be the reason that women are not asked out as much as Ms. Raether would like.

The real victims of this piece are women themselves. The underlying assumption Ms. Raether makes is that women are desperate. In her survey, Ms. Raether showed an overwhelming 88% of Houghton women would go on an all-expenses-paid date with one of their male friends. Thus, any given male on campus has almost a 9 in 10 chance of scoring a date.

Thank you, Ms. Raether. The single men on campus now have scientific proof to back why we do not ask many women out.

Men love women who are hard to get. We love the challenge, the struggle, the quest for the damsel in distress high atop the tower protected by that fire-breathing dragon. Men want to work for their things of value in all aspects of life; the harder the job, the more valuable the prize.

If my damsel is going to climb down the tower, snuff out the dragon, and wait outside my gate for me to ask her out, she has weakened her value. Thus, if I am almost assured a date with any single girl on campus, the first steps of the challenge are skipped, and the girl loses an opportunity to add value to herself.

Ms. Raether was successful in her own quest to appeal to the sensitive topics of manliness and responsibility, therefore ensuing controversy. This editorial cannot address all of her piece's problems, nor is that my intention. Defending the honor of single men and women on campus in the same manner in which they were attacked, is.

Quotable Quotes

"You might proof-text me out of my salvation!"

-**Jess Spear** (Class of '05) refusing to answer a question posed by the SGA Chaplain

"Check this out. This guy is so impressed with the Christians that he changes his last name to Martyr. I mean, is this guy asking to be killed or what? It's like changing your last name to Kennedy and then running for President."

-**Dr. John Tyson** on Justin Martyr

"Time is different from culture to culture. We'll have a whole hour on that."

-**Dr. Jon Arensen**

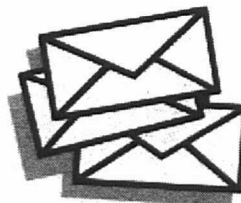
"My cereal is a nudist colony!"

-**Tim Boland** (Class of '05) in the midst of an intense theological discussion

"God made the world from scratch...He's the first Betty Crocker."

-**Dr. Charles E. Bressler**

Have you overheard a student, professor, or staff member say something witty or funny on campus recently? The Star would love to take that quote out of context for the enjoyment of the campus! If you have quotes or quips, send them, along with the name of who said them, to the Houghton Star through CPO 378 or at star@houghton.edu.



Letterbox

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A Note from the Editor:

Thanks to all who submitted a letter concerning Misty Raether's editorial, "Where Have All the Men Gone?" Unfortunately, due to the STAR's spatial limitations, not every letter could be printed. In the selection process I chose those that seemed to represent diverse but common viewpoints of the student body that also did not personally attack the editorial's author. Once again, thanks for your submissions.

-Josh Miller, editor-in-chief

I have to say that I've been disappointed with the quality of some of the editorials printed in the *Star* this semester. I realize that the *Star* represents a variety of interests and voices, and respect that. However, a certain level of quality, integrity, and mature thought would be appreciated. I found the article "Where Have All the Men Gone?" in last week's *Star* particularly thoughtless. I think that most of the men and women here will agree that Houghton College's environment makes ascertaining and fulfilling our respective gender roles particularly difficult. Not only the ratio, but the pressures of a religion that encourages marriage while it discourages casual dating, further complicate the situation. Can we really blame men for not asking women out to lunch when to do so would link their names together forever in the collective Houghton consciousness as prospective marriage partners? Lunch can be a dangerous thing for those of us not entirely sure of God's whole plan for our futures. Frankly, I feel sorry for men for whom such casual decisions can have such a long-lasting impact.

The article quoted a female student who urged, "Be a man and make the first move, like God planned it." I find that kind of statement demeaning to men, women, and Christianity. As far as I know, there is no clear precedent in the Bible for dating, much less any instance where God instructs men to "make the first move." The Bible pictures marriage as a beautiful, intimate friendship in which the partners (equally, I believe), help each other and submit to one another. But nowhere does God lay out a blueprint for how that relationship should start.

So give the men a break. Be friends with them (with no ulterior motives). Learn from each other. If you want to go out to lunch and they're not asking, ask them. (I didn't take a survey, but I have a hunch most would say "yes.") Show them how strong and intelligent and opinionated and beautiful and passionate and fun we daughters of God can be. And men, if dating is not what God wants for you right now, we respect that. You're not responsible for the insecurities of dateless women. If you don't want to go to Homecoming, don't. Asking women out doesn't make you more "manly." We appreciate your friendship and presence on campus.

-Stephanie Pocock

We would like to apologize to the Houghton men. We feel that our quotes have been taken out of context. We did mean what we said, but to many of you it came across the wrong way. Please let us explain ourselves.

Too many "guys," not enough "men"? We believe that there are men on campus, but the typical gentleman seems to be fading away. What happened to the values that our parents taught us about relationships? Just because it's the 21st century doesn't mean we should forget the values of the past and the values God tells us to uphold.

Another point that we want to make is that we do not agree that everyone needs to date, like the article seemed to express. God does not call everyone to date. There are different seasons in our lives where God calls us to more important things. Our focus is on God and His calling in our lives.

I, Emily, would like to clarify where I am coming from with my quoted statement. After reflecting on it and the article as a whole, I can see how people could have taken it many different ways. The wording of my statement was improper, which made its meaning unclear.

Let me explain what I was trying to say. In Ephesians chapter 5 it talks about how the man is the head of the home and its leader. This is the perspective that I was coming from. The man needs to be the one to lead, to take the first steps in a relationship. Now, don't get me wrong; the entire responsibility does not lie fully on the guy alone. Both people have responsibilities in a relationship. Also when I had made the statement about there being a fear of asking a girl out, I perceive this as a normal, natural fear. And, as Jennifer and I stated above, not everyone is meant to date.

I, Jennifer, also feel that I was misunderstood in the last article. The author changed one of the words in my statement without consulting me first. The word "boy" should have been put into my statement; it should have been guy, because that's the word I used in the rest of my quote. Anyways, my statement was meant to be a joke. I've heard it many times around campus and thought it was humorous, considering the girl-to-guy ratio on campus. By saying "feel free to break the impression that we've been given," I meant that guys should just do simple gentlemanly things around campus. This would be something like holding the door for a girl, or if you see a female struggling with something offer to give her a hand. The little things leave a big impression. As times change, these small gestures seem to be disappearing. Don't get me wrong though; there are gentlemen at Houghton who are presently doing these things and it is greatly appreciated.

In conclusion we truly never meant to offend anyone and if we have, we sincerely apologize. We hope that you now understand where we are coming from. God brings things about for reasons, so I hope that everyone has learned something from this controversy.

-Emily Whitney and Jennifer Knapp

AUSTIN TIME

The Advice/Chris-Says-What-He-Wants-to Column

BY CHRISTOPHER AUSTIN
INSPIRED STAFF WRITER

This Week's Topic:

ANNOYING THE MANYBODYS

If you can't annoy somebody, there is little point in writing - Kingsley Amis

I am taking a brief spot out of my column to inform you that my CPO box is still 17. That means it hasn't changed and you still can send your questions to me there. This is an advice column, and I can't very well give advice if no one asks for it. So let's not be that apathetic student sitting in the campus center reading this paper and not doing anything about it. Instead, be the vigorous student, full of life, who has a question burning, no, searing his mind like a hot frying pan. The only way to soothe that frying pan wound is to send in your question.

Today's column is going to be entirely focused on a quote I found online while looking for other quotes to write a paper with (because everyone knows you must be a great writer if you start an essay with a quote). It is the quote above. Why write if you can't annoy someone? I know that being irritating is the sole reason I find stamina to put out a column each and every week. But I am not the only one who adheres to this theory. Another admirable writer is the freshmen who put out last week's editorial, entitled "Where have all the men gone?" I figured it would be easy to jump onto the backlash bandwagon, so that is what I am doing and tough luck for you if you think it's low.

Misty Raether has successfully achieved the goal of Amis' quote. She annoyed somebody. In fact, one could even say she annoyed many somebodies, which could be combined to form the word manybodys if you so desired to combine those two words into a compound word. I happen to have procured privileged *Star* information reporting there have been at least a half-dozen replies to her editorial in a matter of days, and almost all of them were negative.

However, if you do not desire to always annoy your readers, then listen up. I think a big part of the annoyance were the quotes by other people. Here is some good advice: If you do not want your face to be scorned and ridiculed by the people who you thought were friendly and nice, then do not allow things to slip out of your mouth that have the chance of being printed in a low-budget college newspaper. I think that Professor Bradshaw was guilty in making this mistake with his quote "...too many guys on campus, not enough men." That is a bad quote to fall into the hands of a gutsy freshman writer. Same with Whitney's quote; she seems to think God planned men asking women out. Sure, that could be a funny thing to say during a boring lunch conversation (because it is intended to be funny, not a belief), but not something you want people reading and then getting enraged at. Once it is in print, people tend to think that this is your final word on the issue. Of course, this isn't always the case, but more often than not writing is seen as concrete.

Nevertheless, whether I agree with Misty or not is trivial. I just enjoyed her subject because so much controversy was pent up in that little column. Key word of the day is manybodys. Even though it is not a real word similar to verminate, I like manybodys because it rolls off the tongue like ice cream. Say it. Manybodys. Mmm, just like ice cream.

TECH CORNER

by DAN PERRINE

Cleaning House

I'm very much opposed to the idea of spending money if I can find any way to not do so. This holds especially true when it comes to software. Ninety percent of the time, if someone tries to sell you software to do something, you can find free software that does the job just as well, and generally better. However, on rare occasions, there's a program that's worth your money. So, whilst we continue to wait for the network to begin performing better than my first Internet Service Provider that was run out of some guy's garage in a town best known for its goat farming, I'm going to advise you all to go and buy Norton Systemworks.

The Norton Systemworks suite is easily the best \$60 you will ever spend on your computer. First off, it includes Norton Antivirus, which is in my opinion the best antiviral software on the market. The only downside is that you do have to pay extra to get updated virus definition files, but the \$15 you'll spend on that is easily worth avoiding the hassle of losing valuable files to malicious viruses. Another great feature of Systemworks is Cleansweep, which lets you, with one click, clear out old files from your Recycle Bin, Temporary Internet Files, and other places they tend to accumulate. I've often recovered several gigabytes of disk space with this utility.

Easily my favorite part of Systemworks is Winddoctor. This invaluable utility can repair common problems that occur in the Windows operating system. Many of these are background issues that you'd probably never notice, but Winddoctor has repaired serious system errors for me on several occasions. Another little gem in the suite is Speed Disk, which not only defragments your hard drives, but rearranges data on them according to how often it's used. This will let you load stuff you use all the time, such as music and games, much faster. Finally, Diskdoctor can repair errors on both hard drives and floppy disks, which will protect you from losing valuable data and having to buy expensive new hardware.

These are just the major components of Systemworks. There are a few other utilities that come in handy on rare occasions. Systemworks can be purchased at any vendor of software or office supplies for around \$60, or you can find it cheaper online. Be sure to get the versions appropriate for your version of Windows. Questions or comments, email me at daniel.perrine@houghton.edu.

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Homecoming Athletic Contests Boost Highlander Pride

BY AARON BOYNTON
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The cold, rainy weather during Homecoming weekend did not deter the Highlander athletic teams from taking on their featured opponents. The women's soccer team braved the elements to defeat Tennessee-based Milligan College 1-0. Senior Johanna Berryman netted the only goal of the match. This win gives the team a 2-0 record in American Midwest Conference play, and an overall record of 9-1.

The men's soccer team, behind goals by Tim Haffey and Mike Wheelhouse, defeated AMC foe Daemen College 9-0. This keeps the Highlanders undefeated since September, and improves their record to 9-1-

1. Houghton is now ranked 23rd in the NAIA Men's Soccer Top 25.

Houghton's field hockey team remained undefeated on the season with a 2-1 overtime victory over Juniata College of Pennsylvania. This was the last regular season home game for the team as they will play the rest of their games on the road until their post-season tournament in late October.

The volleyball team lost their match to Walsh 3-0 on Saturday in the Neilsen Center. This has been a rebuilding year for the Lady Highlanders, whose their record now stands at 6-10.

Keep up on the status of the various sports teams on the sports webpage, <http://www.houghton.edu/sports/>



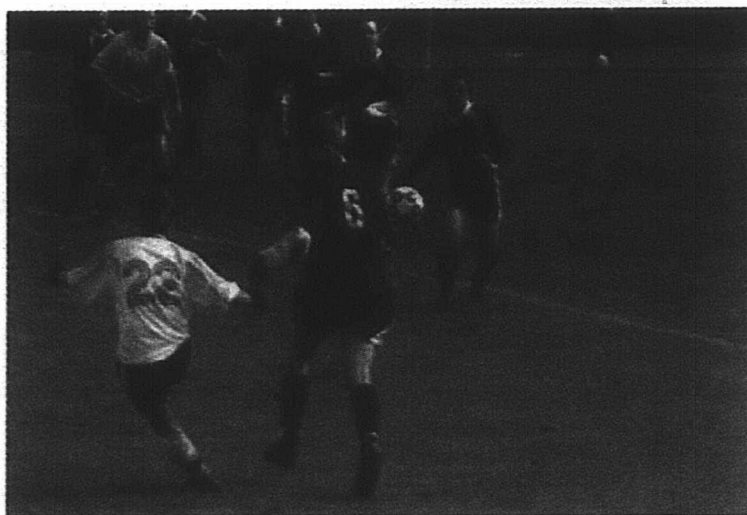
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HIGHLANDER athlete of the week



Kelly Mazzeo
field hockey

Mazzeo, a sophomore forward from Braddock, N.J., has won the award for the second time this season after scoring two goals to lead the Highlanders to two wins on the week. Both of her goals were gamewinners in overtime. She scored in the 88th minute to give Houghton a 1-0 OT win over Geneseo on Tuesday and then scored in the 81st-minute to push Houghton past Juniata, 2-1, on Saturday at Homecoming. Mazzeo leads the Highlanders with 12 goals on the season.



MLB Playoffs: On to Round Two

BY JOSH MILLER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After losing the first two games of their series, the Boston Red Sox won three straight against the Oakland A's, clinching the final spot in the second round of MLB postseason play. They will face the New York Yankees, who beat the Minnesota Twins 3 to 1 in their best-of-five series. As those two veteran clubs square off to fight for the American League Crown, two teams with younger blood will play each other to determine the National League's representative in the World

Series. The Chicago Cubs—who upset the Atlanta Braves, taking their best-of-five series 3 to 2—will take on the Florida Marlins, who were also first round underdogs. They earned their second round spot by winning their series with the San Francisco Giants 3 to 1.

Regardless of which two teams make it over the final hurdle and into the World Series, the final showdown will be a clash between old and new—the seasoned veterans of the American League against the young hopefuls of the National League.

HIGHLANDER SCORES

FIELD HOCKEY

Tues., 30 GENESE0 W 1-0
Sat., 4 JUNIATA W 2-1 (OT)

CROSS COUNTRY

October 4
Geneseo Invitational

WOMEN: 12 of 18

Top Finisher:
Katy Sykes, 19th (24:36)

MEN: 11 of 18

Top Finisher:
Chris Buell, 12th (26:57)

MEN'S SOCCER

Tues., 30 LE MOYNE W 5-4
Sat., 4 DAEMON W 9-0

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sat., 4 MILLIGAN W 1-0

VOLLEYBALL

Tues., 30 DAEMON L 3-0
Sat., 4 WALSH L 3-