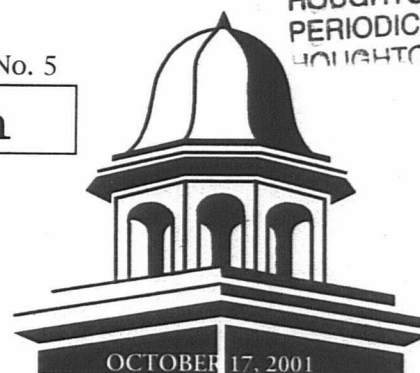


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## 'Altared' program proves healthy marriages exist

Alice Ball

On Thursday October 11, 2001, the Counseling Center presented the Houghton College community with "Altared Relationships: A Celebration of Marriage from Hollywood to Houghton." This program began with a Dating Game skit headed up by host Mike Lastoria and was made quite humorous by participating students, Sarah Bruce, Jennifer Stanley, Brett Sherman, Stephen Leader, and finally fish-net stocking-clad Hannah Vickner who claimed her kind of man must know how to "hot-wire a car" and wear "leather lots of leather." From there the program took a more serious turn as Nancy Murphy directed a panel of five married Houghton couples through a series of questions posed by their eager audience. The panel consisted of Kathie and Bruce Brenneman, Dick and Lillian Fuller, Lori and David Huth, Stephen and Linda Woolsey, and Patty and Dane Slaughter. The lengths of the marriages ranged from 51 to 8 years, providing a wide spectrum of experiences, ideas and wisdom to be shared. Questions involved serious topics such as staying committed when the novelty wears off and whether or not marriage was intimidating based on the high percentages of broken families. More humorous questions included "Who wears the pants in this relationship?" and of course the



inevitable blush-worthy question of "How do you keep yourselves interested sexually?" The panelists discussed this myriad of questions for close to an hour and half. The program finished with a montage of six film clips, prepared by Ted Murphy, varying from the exotic, playful World of Apu to the loved and familiar It's a Wonderful Life.

Several highlights in the evening that bear mentioning include Bruce Brenneman's statement that it was Kathie's "voice and the smile behind it" over the phone that helped make him aware she was the one. Another highlight was Lori Huth describing how "hard it was to be a good and loving wife even when

I didn't feel like it," followed by Dave's reaction to her beautiful honesty. "I've never heard her say that before" and it made him, "fall in love with her all over again." But to get away from the idealistic parts of these love stories, I feel we must realize that successful marriages such as were represented Thursday night seem by far the minority in our day and age. My eagerness to attend this forum circled around the growing cynicism and lost hope that have gradually eased their way into my existence, chanting that there is no such thing as a successful marriage. Coming from a family of divorce and having been exposed to the evil pain of adultery more than I care to remember, finding a sense of trust in the institution of marriage has been difficult.

How can a happy, healthy marriage exist in a world where people seem bent upon hurting each other? Looking at these five couples, however, even though they are by far the minority, I realized (and this was a major realization!) that they do exist. "Love is a choice," the panelists seemed to agree. In the words of Stephen Woolsey, "It's the dailyness of the commitment . . . it's the waking up every morning and choosing the same person." The fragments of beauty evident in that statement and throughout the program encourage a holding fast to hope that this joy in true commitment could be possible for me and perhaps . . . for everyone.

## Alumni Association holds first meeting

Susanna Rosenbaum

Did you know that once you have been a full-time student at Houghton College for a year, you are by definition a member of the Houghton College Alumni Association? The Alumni Board has recently undergone major structural changes in an attempt to effectively reach more Houghton alumni. In the past, the board attempted to elect members representing different decades. At their recent meeting over Homecoming weekend, they implemented a new regional approach. The recently appointed board members now represent the alumni in their geographic region (New England, southeastern states, etc.) rather than the alumni who graduated near them. While all regions in the United States are now represented, the board is still searching for a Canadian/International

alumnus to serve. Regular Alumni Board elections will resume in the spring.

Another goal of the board's reorganization is to delegate more responsibility to board committees, with the idea that small committees will accomplish more between the two annual board meetings. When the entire board assembles in March and at Homecoming, there will be more progress reports and less discussion.

One of the Alumni Association's more visible attempts to reach out to alumni was the tent set up on the quad during Homecoming, where alumni could report address changes, get a cup of coffee, sign up for a Houghton College credit card, or take advantage of the message board. Alumni

Board President Sharon Brautigam ('78) has noticed that most alumni who attend Homecoming are recent graduates. "We want to make Homecoming more attractive to older alumni," she explains.

In addition to serving those who have already graduated, the Alumni Association continues to be actively involved with current students. Over the past couple of years, the Association has sponsored coffee houses, sent students Valentine candy, and has continued its tradition of awarding scholarships to Houghton students who are the children and grandchildren of alumni. The Alumni Association welcomes input from students and encourages them to direct suggestions to James Arthur, Director of Alumni Relations, in Fancher Hall.

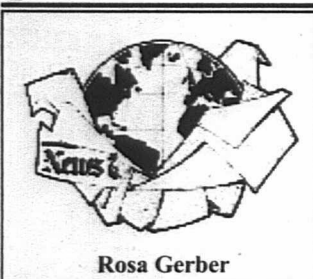
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Rosa Gerber

### America's New War

Saturday, after a week of attacks, President George W. Bush said that the first phase of the United States and British air strikes on Afghanistan were successful and most of their main targets have been destroyed. The attacks have pounded the cities of Kandahar, Jalalabad, capital Kabul, and surrounding villages relentlessly for days, as United States and British troops target Taliban strongholds and military headquarters. Although the cities have suffered major damages, officials report that verifying the extent of that damage and possible casualties at the time was nearly impossible.

In response to the list of suspected terrorists and supporters sent out by the United States, the Gulf Cooperation

Council immediately froze all the assets of these suspected individuals and groups and their supporters.

The Taliban supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar called on all Muslims to take sides in what he claims to be a holy war. "You, the Muslims of the world, who are watching with your own eyes live pictures of atrocities on your Muslim brothers, and you don't make a move? Are some of you on the side of the infidels, or are you with us?" Omar demanded. According to Anti-Taliban sources in Iran, more than 4,000 men have previously been fighting on the side of the Taliban have now joined the Northern Alliance forces in Jozajan, a northern Afghan province.

Anti-United State demonstrations turned violent in Pakistan and Afghanistan have killed and injured several over the last few weeks. In Nigeria, one of the most violent protests killed hundreds of people on Saturday.

The United States has issued a warning to its citizens about opening suspicious mail after several cases of anthrax were reported. A

letter to NBC in New York City tested positive for anthrax and affected two employees. Another letter contaminated with anthrax arrived at a Microsoft office in Reno, Nevada. California and

Florida are also investigating cases of possible anthrax exposure. Last week, an office employee from Florida died from anthrax on his computer. Officials state that not enough evidence has been gathered to link these anthrax cases to terrorism. The FBI has issued, however, a general warning to United States citizens that an increased risk of attack on the United States exists after the strikes against Afghanistan. The al Qaeda, a terrorist organization of Osama bin Laden, has threatened President Bush, as



(AP PHOTO)

well as British and Israeli leaders, saying their "blood will be avenged."

### Bus Crash Kills Three

Near Omaha, Nebraska, a school bus carrying 31 people went through a bridge guardrail and crashed into a gully on Saturday. The bus was returning to Seward High School after a band competition when the vehicle crashed. Two students and a mother of a band member were killed, and more than twenty were injured, some critically. The cause of the accident is unknown.

## Make my life more difficult...please!

Joshua Ziefle

As many of you know, I'm the Student Government President here at Houghton College. What many of you may not know is that I'm single, available, and enjoy long walks on the beach...wait—I'm sorry, that's the wrong column. How embarrassing. Anyway, my point here is that without the Student Body, I'd be out of a job. I guess in some strange way, you could say that all of you are my bosses (a fascinating thought, and one which in some cases fills me with no small amount of fear).

Some of you who know me see that I've been fairly busy this semester balancing schoolwork, social engagements,



Student Government activities, and sleep, even though sleep always wins out whether I want it to or not. It's kind of pesky that way. But all in all, I don't think I've been busy enough yet doing the things that it's my job to do. Your Student

Government Association is here to be the voice of the students, but often it seems that I get to hear few of your voices as I pass my time as President. So I'd like to encourage each of you to stop in and chat with me or any member of the SGA about what you think is good at Houghton, what you think really stinks, how you feel St. Louis's chances are at a Super Bowl victory, or anything else you feel is important. After all, how else will I know what to say to a Trustee when she asks me what the students think about a certain issue? (Normally I make up completely false and imaginative tales, but that's really beside the point, now isn't it?)

Though I am able to discern general opinions and thoughts that circulate amongst our student population, the one-on-one contact and dialogue which each of you can provide is invaluable as I seek to discharge my duties. Plus, we've got candy in the office, which means you can fill your mouth with sugary goodness each time you come to visit. So if you have a minute, come down to see us. We'll be glad to listen and see how we can help, unless you want to replace all of the professors with orangutans or large cumquats....I'm sorry pal, that's just not going to happen. See you soon!!

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## President's advisory board meets

Christopher Stanley

The President's Advisory Board was established soon after President Chamberlain filled the position, and focuses on a "whole range of things." Such topics include reviewing admissions and giving counsel on marketing, student recruiting, and facilities. The main focus of this past meeting was the Campaign for the Liberal Arts, and President Chamberlain said that a campus announcement would be made sometime in February. Although there has been much growth on campus, there are pressures on facilities such as housing. Part of what the Advisory Board is looking at is how the events of the world are affecting the campus. For instance, they examine how the downward-spiraling Nasdaq is affecting alumni support and how a change will affect the campus.

The Advisory Board met over a period of two days and began with a report by President Chamberlain on the events of the world and how they relate to higher education. The meeting continued with a discussion of the prospect

student screening process, and a joint presentation by the President and Mr. Larry Johnson about the direction of the Campaign for the Liberal Arts. The Board also discussed the Maguire Research Project which Houghton College cooperates in and is sponsored by the Counsel of Christian Colleges and Universities. Houghton is one of about a hundred and fifty colleges from around the world that is involved in this group, and the main question addressed by the Counsel is "Why do people come or not come to Christian colleges?"

Another discussion occurred concerning facilities and how to make them more sufficient to the current student population. The Board focused at this point on what the college needs to attract students and also how to serve them well while they're here. For instance, the growing student population will require that more living quarters be built, which is something that the Advisory Board looked at.

The final discussion topic

was centered around the US News and World Report ratings. President Chamberlain described this as "a frustrating issue" because the magazine made what the President calls "a fairly dramatic change" in the way they report their data. In the past, the magazine listed the top one hundred or top one hundred fifty national Liberal Arts colleges. This year, they slightly changed the definition of a "Liberal Arts" college and listed only the top fifty. President Chamberlain said that because of this change, Houghton College was not listed under the national list in the magazine, but that it was on US News and World Report's website in the third quartile. He also said that Houghton was one of the few Christian colleges to be listed on the national list, and that no Christian Liberal Arts college was ranked about the third quartile. The President said that there were several criteria that the magazine uses, but the one that weighs most heavily is reputation. Christian colleges come at a disadvantage in

this area and that colleges like Wheaton and Houghton either equal or excel beyond colleges above them academically. He said it's mostly secular colleges that are ranking in the national list and so he sees this as a "systematic bias." He said that some colleges will say directly that "you can't be a high quality institution and have a faith commitment because you don't have an open search for truth, yet these people already come with biases that I think foreclose them to many more options." Unfortunately, when the average person reads the articles in the US News and World Report, they take it as "hard data," and don't read any of the fine print or the subscripts on the page. They don't realize that the numbers mean very different things on the regional lists than they do on the national one, and Houghton along with other Christian Colleges did well on the regional lists.

## The Christian response to current activities

Jason Dolon

In light of the activities in the past month and the need for understanding of what it means to us, a forum and chapel took place last week to address the question of what the Christians response should be to the activities of our government and of the terrorists that have attacked our country. Planning and implementing these events, the Student Government Association (SGA) under the spiritual leadership of chaplain Scott Wilkins, took on the responsibility of bringing an answer to the students and community of Houghton.

### The Forum:

The hope of the forum and was not to arrive at one clear and flawless answer but to offer information to allow the community to form their own personal position as Christians in this ever changing world. When asked what Scott hoped to gain by holding the forum he responded, "I hope to open the populous eyes to the fact that there can be more than one Christian response. And that we as a generation who have not seen war may learn from those who have."

The forum was held in Schaller Hall on Tuesday October 9, 2001 at 7:30pm. The members of the panel were Connie Finney, Richard Eckley, Kristina LaCelle-Peterson and Paul Shea. Each gave a short introduction of himself or herself and informed the audience on his/her personal positions as men

and women in Christ. After the introduction a time a questions and answers followed.

Connie Finney spoke of pacifism and why she believes that there are other ways to come by peace that are not militant in nature. Richard Eckley made it clear that war and matters of such are complex and that Christians need to be in the public arenas talking about these issues. Kristen LaCelle-Peterson added things that we as Christians need not do. She said that we are not to blindly follow our leaders and that we the people are the only ones who can destroy our own ideas. Following blindly is not a democracy, and that dissent in wartime is not treason and need not be seen that way. We still need to ask the tough questions about our government and the situation as a whole. LaCelle-Peterson also shared that we need not confuse patriotism and faith. Saying that as Christians our highest loyalty is to our faith and citizenship of Christ Kingdom. Paul Shea began by talking about how suffering goes on around the world and maybe now we Americans can feel how others have felt for a long time. He said we should weep with the world for those who suffer and tears of repentance for wrongs we do. And finally Shea advised that we walk with Jesus to find our response. He also reminded us that we should not make generalities about Muslims.

He shared experiences saying that many Muslims are peace-loving people.

The one theme that spoke to me was the theme that we Americans need to put aside the idea that God is always on our side. We need to stop thinking that as Americans we can do no wrong and God will "rubber stamp" our actions. That is why we need to come up with a response and ideas of what we think. These are issues that will not go away and cannot be pushed under the rug. We as Christians need to know where we stand and why we stand there.

### The Chapel:

The following day, October 10, 2001, more information was offered to the students and community on the issues at hand. Speaking from experience, Molly Little a class of 97 Houghton College graduate brought a different perspective then had been heard before. She had lived in Afghanistan for ten years growing up, while her parents worked with the people there. Only three days before the events of September 11th, she flew home after a year and a half of working with refugees and children in Coble Afghanistan. Molly shared her experiences in what she calls a wounded country, a country where people are losing families and many humans are broken. She urged us to see the

people behind all the rhetoric, and put a lot of things in perspective for us, students at a Christian college far removed from dangers of this sort. Walking through Coble is like walking through a graveyard she shared and she told of how nearly five million people are the verge of starvation. Speaking about the Taliban, Molly told of men who do not work for religious ideals but for power, and that they do not represent the people as a whole. She said that in her time there she was rarely met with anti-American sentiment.

As one of those students who have not been exposed to this sort of hard times and near death living conditions I found Molly's words sobering and informative. I think that as we come to grips with what are Christian response should be we need to remember that God showed mercy to all of humanity and the least we can do is show mercy and love to those we do not know and will most likely never understand. This past week and these two events on our campus have given me a lot to think about. I find myself going back to the advice of Dr. Shea and walking to a response with Christ, for He is the only one that can teach us what a true Christian's response should be.

# fall foliage fun

*ways to have some autumn fun!*

## Adventure race at Moiran State Park

Liz Hornor

"Just remember, the pain means nothing." It was with these comforting words from Tim Trezise that Emily Thomas set out on an adventure last weekend. She, along with Mark Mullert, Matt Halulko, Julia Jacob, Ben Askins, and Ryan Thompson had all signed up to participate in an adventure race at Moiran State Park in Butler, PA on October 7. The crazy thing about the race was that the competitors did not

know how long it was or what they had to do. They knew it would involve kayaking, running, and mountain biking as well as some special adventure challenges similar to a low ropes course event scattered throughout the race. At a meeting the night before the race they joined 300 teams divided into four divisions: coed, all male, all female, and master coed. Mark, Matt, and Emily formed team "In God We Trust" and Ben, Julia, and Ryan formed team "Oh Crap." The gathered teams learned that the race would consist of 1.2 miles of kayaking, followed by 3 miles of running on pavement and trails, next was an 11 mile mountain bike ride, followed by another 3 mile run for a total of 18.2 miles. After hearing about the race, these



Matt Halulko, Nora Jacobs, Emily Thomas, Mark Mullert, Ben Askins, Julia Jacobs, Ben Dominguez, Steve Nystrom, Ryan Thompson, Charlie Clark

adventurers did not jump back in their cars and drive home, as some of us would have done, they instead rested up and started psyching up for the race.

Race day was cold (remember the first snow at Houghton?). Nevertheless, the adventurers jumped into the race beginning with a difficult kayak race. The competitors had to battle wind, cold, cramping muscles, unwieldy inflatable kayaks, and other competitors. When they finished, they dashed back to the "transition area," got on some dry clothes, gulped down some Goo and water, and set off on the three mile run. Finishing that, they got to the mountain

biking part. Team "In God We Trust" liked this part the best, according to Emily, and they were able to make up some time even though the trails were congested with racers. When they finished that portion, they had raced 15.2 miles; then some special challenges were thrown in. These involved activities like taking the front tire off each teammate's bike and getting all the tires and the people up and over a net and ladder construction, getting everyone up and over a wall—you get the idea. If that wasn't enough, they still had to run three more miles. The first place team finished in 2 hrs 45 min. Team "In God We Trust" had the goal of finishing in the top 25 teams

and they met their goal finishing 21st in a time of 3 hrs 9 min. Team "Oh Crap" had a goal of finishing in 4 hours and they crossed the line, holding hands, in 4:01:35 in 70th place.

The race was an exhausting and stretching experience, but looking back, everyone was glad to have done it. The race provided an opportunity to work as a team in a dynamic way. For example, team "In God We Trust" used the word "applesauce" as a way to keep the team together and Emily appreciated the difference between her

team and the way other coed teams were acting. Ben Askins said of the day, "I personally thought it was a blast and I'm addicted. I'll have to do it again soon." Ryan Thompson enthused, "The part of the race I enjoyed the most was that it really focused on team dynamics...we were there to have fun and I look forward to trying to get more teams to go from Houghton next year." Mark Mullert summed it up, "I had the best time of my life."

### In Question:

What do you do for fun in the fall?



"I like to 'beef up' for Winter."

Laura (Freshman)



"What do I have to do?"

Dave (Sophomore)



## Corn Maze in Belmont

Brooke Rader

Have you recently found yourself and your friends looking for something to do on the weekends? If so, then you should check out the haunted corn maze. It's just what it sounds like - a maze in a cornfield! I went with a couple friends to check it out, and we all thought it was definitely worth it. A haunted house being set outside seemed to add to the atmosphere, and effects of being scary and spooky. This is the first year that the corn maze has been open, and they are expecting a pretty big crowd this season. The

maze that we went to is located in Belmont on route 19, Carmens Sundae drive, and will be open on Fridays and Saturdays 7-10pm for the next two weekends. (There is another corn maze in the town of Leicester.) Admission is \$5.00 per person. They also have a hayride that runs on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4pm. If you are looking to add some excitement to your weekends, or need a study break we would all recommend the haunted corn maze. So, get your friends together and be ready to laugh, scream and just have a good time.



Carmen's Sundae Drive in Belmont, NY



The corn maze



A spooky scene in the midst of the corn

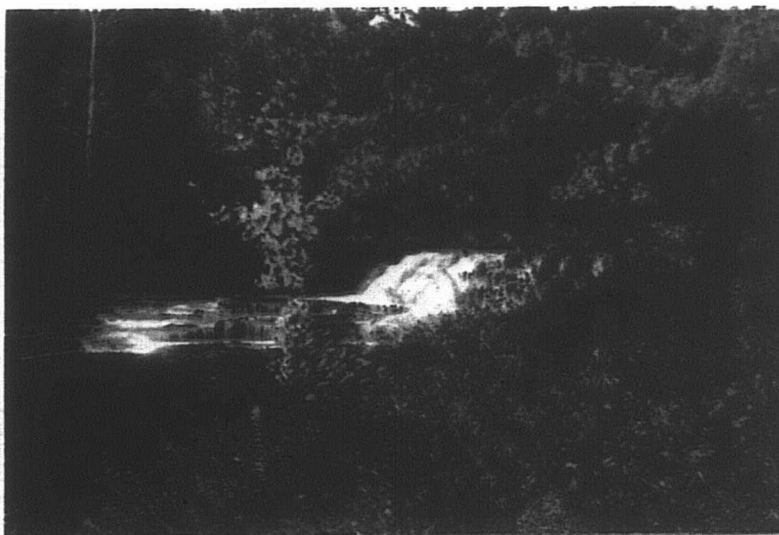
## The joys of Letchworth in October

Bethany Schwartz

About three weeks ago when the leaves started turning colors and before that nasty cold spell, my fingers started itching to get out and take some pictures at Letchworth State Park. It was perfect outside, and I hadn't been to Letchworth in what felt like forever. I live only a few miles from Letchworth (which is about 15 minutes from Houghton on Route 19), so my parents often take our pop-up camper to the park to camp for a weekend. Last year I spent one of my most relaxing weekends hiking around the park, sleeping in my camper, and writing papers while sitting amongst the changing trees.

This year, with my new obsession with photography, I wanted to get to Letchworth before the leaves all fell off the trees so I could take pictures. Unfortunately, I haven't gotten there yet, but I'm planning to go as soon as October break starts. It's a wonderful place to go if you want to relax, have a picnic, throw a football around, or do artistic things. I've always wanted to drive down to the Middle Falls (there's three sets of falls - the Low, Middle, and High) and write a description of the spray flying out from the cascading water. (I'm a writer, I can't help it.) But now maybe I will take some pictures to go along with my description...not because I can't accurately describe it (although that might be the case), but because I've discovered I love photography.

I would encourage you to get a bunch of friends and go to Letchworth after we get back from break. Snow shouldn't be falling yet (I cross my fingers as I say that), and it'll still be good weather for a good game of football and a picnic. We all need some time away from Houghton and some time away from good old Pioneer food. But whatever you do, don't go walk or lie on the railroad tracks that cross High Falls. They say it's illegal.



"I like to read the Star"

Colin (Freshman)

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"Ier liker toer raker ther  
leaveser ander stander  
beneather ther harvester  
mooner."

Sharon Rabon (Freshman)

# arthouse

A look at the intersection of faith and art

## Encountering entertainment on home video

Regina Rinaldo

Sitting with my cup of popcorn in one hand and the remote control in the other, I get comfortable in the recliner for a night in front of the television screen. It was a cool evening and I decided that renting a movie would be a lazy way to spend my time. Let something else entertain me. However, I soon realized that Spike Lee's satire would not be light entertainment. His film, *Bamboozled*, opened for me a slew of questions about society and how it reacts to entertainment. It gave insight into African-American culture and its varying sub-cultures, and reiterated for me the ability film has to powerfully convey ideas.

In the film *Bamboozled*, the main character, an upper middle class African-American male, is a writer for a large television network. His boss, a white male obsessed with black culture, asks him to write a new show that will reach the "true"



African American, not the middle class family Cosby-style show. So this writer, a bit perturbed by his boss's request, digs deep into American history and discovers the long lost entertainment of Blackface. Thinking this idea would be a flop, insuring a loss of his job (his only escape from this monopoly called entertainment) he pitches the pilot with great enthusiasm. His plan backfires and he is left to witness the

consequences of the show's surprise success.

A quick glance at *Blackface in America* will take us all the back to the 1800's. Blackface began in the mind of Thomas D. Rice, a white American male, and was carried out by him in the 1830's when he created the Negro character of Jim Crow. The stage was set for the next century as the stereotypical black male was cast. America jumped the bandwagon, embracing this obvious slander and racism of an entire group of people. About 50 years later when film was introduced to the world, an African American had no choice but to portray the character as it was perceived.

Through film and television we can be introduced to a false reality, or we may be faced with the harsh truth. This film had a deep impact on my view of the media and its portrayal of certain aspects of culture. As a young

white American female, I watched a story unfold that explained parts of African American culture in a unique way. I could not grasp the intent of each message Lee was trying to convey, but seeing the message presented through the medium of film allowed me to creatively react and respond to its effect on my view of a particular area of American culture. Furthermore, because Lee's film is a satire, many of his characters are exaggerated, allowing the viewer to be more boldly confronted with the topic of the film. Lee's film style: the cinematography, the writing; all add to the cultural experience, which is one of the purposes of a film.

My lazy evening turned into 2 hours of schooling in a time of American history long forgotten as well as an intense cultural experience through film.

The film is rated R for harsh language and some violence.

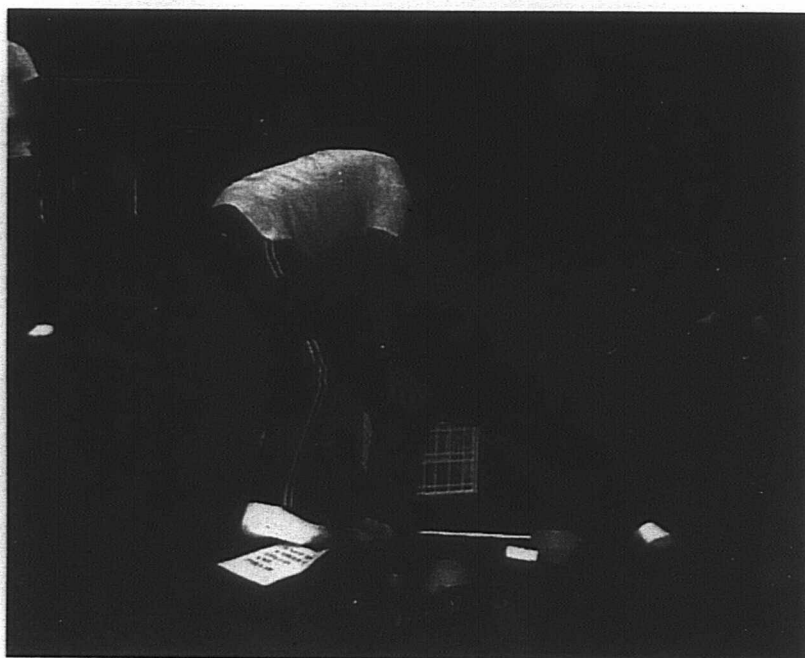
## Shakespeare players to perform Merchant of Venice

Jonathon Winters

Under the first-time direction of B.J. Haas, the Houghton College Shakespeare Players are currently rehearsing for *The Merchant of Venice*, one of William Shakespeare's most beloved and intriguing comedies. This play is scheduled for performances on November 30 and December 1 in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall.

Audiences have come to expect a great deal of passion and professionalism from the Shakespeare Players. Last semester's masterful rendition of *King Lear*, for instance, garnered seemingly universal praise. Commented one club member, "I think we really raised the bar with *King Lear*. I mean, the other plays were good and all, but the intensity and technical difficulty of *Lear* was just awesome. Each member of that cast really brought something unique to the play as a whole. I think after all the, you know, seriousness of *Lear*, it will be nice to do a comedy."

*The Merchant of Venice*,



however, contains an intensity and passion of its own, especially within the character of Shylock, a Jewish money-lender and the play's antagonist, played by Mike Farrow. It has been said that Shakespeare endowed Shylock with all of the depth and vitality of his greatest characters. Director BJ Haas related his love-affair with this play by commenting on Shylock's character and the play in general. "The *Merchant of Venice* is definitely Shakespeare's most

ambiguous play," said Haas. "It is full of controversy over what exactly Shakespeare was getting at making the villain a Jew. Was he an anti-Semite, or not? No one knows for sure. It's also very strange to have such controversy in such a fun play. It is technically a romantic comedy, but it has suffered for periods in history by being banned from schools as anti-Semitic. It's quite a show!" Because of all this controversy and ambiguity, many Shakespeare fans

are left wondering exactly how Haas and the Players will choose to interpret Shylock and the play's other characters.

The majority of this semester's cast and crew are first or second year students. These young thespians have a lot to live up to after the success of *King Lear*, as well as last year's *Henry V: A Night at the Boar's Head*. If anyone still doubted the legitimacy and vitality of this club before last year, all doubt was put to rest after these two superb performances. Club treasurer Dan Yarrington offered the following to sum up the status of the club: "The Houghton College Shakespeare Players continues to flourish and grow, welcoming a host of new members and readying their upcoming production, *The Merchant of Venice*."

### oops!

The Star wishes to apologize to Becky Williams, who wrote last week's article on the Houghton College play. The Star misreported that the article was written by Samantha Myers.



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## Visions

thoughts by Liz Bence

What are you talking about? Visions? I have a hard enough time seeing my alarm clock in the morning. Who do you think I am, anyway, Ezekiel or something? Okay, so maybe the word vision is a little ambiguous. Let me clarify. I'm talking about what Webster's Dictionary defines as "a vivid, imaginative conception or anticipation."

When you think vision, you don't necessarily have to think on the plane of Martin Luther King Jr. or Malcolm X. Maybe your vision is to never have to take an eight o'clock class ever again, and melt that alarm clock. Or maybe you want to become the first woman president of the United States (in which case you have my full support!), or perhaps you want to minister to the Kikuyu tribe in Kenya. Everyone is different. However, if your vision entails Christian ministry of any sort, whether it be witnessing to your coworkers here in the United States, converting Muslim women through friendship evangelism in Saudi Arabia, or alleviating suffering in areas of natural disaster, then attending New Vision Week (think CLEW with a missions twist) events is a must. Held from October 29th to November 2nd, (don't worry about forgetting - you'll see the signs!), this event brings together over 40 missionaries from over 25 missions organizations, all of whom taking a week of their time to come to Houghton and share their lives and

experiences with people like YOU.

The two main speakers for the week, Adrian Jacobs (who is purported to come prepared with Native American drumming and dancing) and Don Bray (Director of Wesleyan World Missions), will alternate speaking in chapels and evening services, as well as making themselves available for students to talk to during the week. Both will direct their messages towards the theme for the week, "Dancing to a different drumbeat: God's call across cultures."

Also vital to the week (and I'm not just biased because I'm organizing them) are the seminars, held in the NAB on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Topics for the panel-style, discussion-oriented seminars include Discerning God's Call, Short Term Missions, Holistic Ministry, Contextualization, Cultural Sensitivity, Cross-cultural Ministry in the US, and topical seminars based on places such as Africa and Asia, and ministries such as education and medicine.

So whatever your vision, as long as it includes ministering to others in the name of Christ, bring yourself, your friends, and even your alarm clock if you must, and prepare to have your vision deepened at New Vision Week.

## Profile: Dr. Rohe

Samantha Myers

"We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are fully inspired of God and inerrant in the original writings, and that they are of supreme and final authority for faith and practice."

Anyone recognize this? For those of you (like me) who don't, it is the first of Houghton College's Doctrinal Statements. It is also one of the things that awed Dr. Rohe about Houghton College. He feels that Houghton is "God's perfect match" for him. Being strong in sciences, having a Physics major, having a commitment to missions, and being in a rural setting are some of the things that Dr. Rohe finds

## Life is like a bean burrito



by  
Pineapple  
Jack

Life is like a bean burrito... except that instead of being filled with refried beans, it is filled with mysteries. In the Houghton cafeteria, one can find both burritos and mysteries. For instance, what is a "ribbet?" Why would anyone want to barbeque one? They are rather tasty, but to eat a food that is named after the guttural utterances of an amphibian is quite beyond me. To avoid controversy, let us leave the kitchen and enter the dining hall.

There are, in the dining hall, many many tables. Groups of people generally sit in the same area, sometimes the same table, meal after meal. I'd wager that some people even sit at the same table that their Houghton alumni parents sat at back in the 60's and 70's (when bell-bottoms roamed the Earth and Connie Finney's hairstyle was the norm). Perhaps one day my own son will inherit the family table and will carry on the tradition. This brings me to my

next point... Clowns and mimes are frightening.

I have been a clown. I admit it. I was young and impressionable. I have likewise participated in mimes (though never wearing black and never with that corpse-white face). You may be asking yourself why I am afraid of these two species of actors. I would say in response that talking to oneself is an indication of criminal insanity. I would also say that I associate clowns with that fateful day back in the early 90's when, as a clown, I suffered with a high fever and had to have a pie thrown in my face. Ever since then, clowns make my knees and my bladder lose their fortitude. So to the clowns in our midst, for my sake, for my bladder's sake, please do not try to pull three feet of colored handkerchief out of my ear ever again.

So, as I was saying.... um.... something about a burrito. Oh yeah, I like burritos... and Dexter's Laboratory is a darn cool cartoon!

positive about Houghton. Because of our location, though, Dr. Rohe can find one down side to Houghton. That is that



there is no Aldi's store in town. The last aspect of Houghton that Dr. Rohe likes is that it is geographically close to where he grew up on his family's dairy

farm.

Speaking of where he grew up, he is from Syracuse, NY. There he attended Onondaga Central High School and graduated in 1973. Between high school and college he did several jobs, two of which included construction work and garbage hauler. Then he attended the University of Rochester, getting a BA in Math and a BS in Physics. He graduated in 1978 and moved on to MIT, where he got his Ph.D. in Physics. Many life-changing things happened at MIT for Dr. Rohe, one of which was becoming a Christian and the second of which was meeting his future wife, Vivian, who was also an MIT graduate student at the time. After MIT, Dr. Rohe

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### NEW VISION WEEK SCHEDULE:

#### Monday:

11am: Chapel - Adrian Jacobs  
7pm service - Adrian Jacobs

#### Tuesday:

11am: seminars  
7pm: service - Adrian Jacobs

#### Wednesday:

11am: Chapel - Don Bray  
7pm: evening service - Don Bray

#### Thursday:

11am: seminars  
7pm: coffeehouse

#### Friday:

11am: Chapel - Don Bray

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I don't know the first thing about relationships. All my years of serial monogamy have left me cynical."

—Senior Rich McNamee on dating—

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# Highlander SPORTS

For complete game scores and statistics, visit  
[www.houghton.edu/news/athletics](http://www.houghton.edu/news/athletics)

October 10 - 17

## Sports Scores:

### Men's Soccer

Houghton 1  
Tiffin 2

Houghton 2  
Urbana 0

### Women's Soccer

Houghton 1  
Tiffin 2

Houghton 5  
Urbana 0

### Field Hockey

Houghton 3  
Mercyhurst 1

### Cross Country results:

men --  
team: 13th

women --  
team: 9th

## Teams work hard at Albany meet

Liz Hornor

Saturday, October 13, 4:30 am, most of the Houghton community was in bed or perhaps neglecting their sleep schedule in favor of all night socializing as the Highlander cross-country team set off for an invitational in Albany. The team's first test of skill came on the bus in the form of attempting to find a sleep inducing position while trying not to kick anyone else in the head. At around 9:30 the team arrived in Albany where the weather was warm.

The men ran at 11:00 and the women ran at 12:00. Racing against teams that they were unaccustomed to competing with, the men gave several strong individual showings. Chris Buell placed 36th out of 191 runners and



achieved a personal record of 27:34. Tim Cook also had a personal record coming in 42nd at a time of 27:46. James Franklin got a pr of 31:36 as did Matt Dickerson at 32:36. The men's team placed 13th out of 17 teams.

Whether it was the course, the weather, or just an "off day" for everyone, the women's team did not run as well as they had hoped. The team finished 9th out of 15 teams; however, there were not any personal records. Kim Sayre led the team coming in 34th with a time of 20:41 followed by Liz Hornor, Emily Munro, Katy Sykes and Kristen Pillsbury. Coach Smalley was encouraged by the hard work and effort that the teams put into the races even if it did not show as much in the results. The Highlanders are looking forward to the Christian College Invitational at Baptist Bible College this weekend.

## Dr. Rohe, from page 7

received his MA in Theology from Columbia Bible Seminary and Cincinnati Bible Seminary.

Next Dr. Rohe spent three years in Indonesia where he worked at a Christian college. When he returned to the States, he was a professor of Medical Physics at the University of Cincinnati for seven years and then at Mt. Vernon for this is Dr. Rohe's first year at Houghton. He teaches Introductory Physics and labs, Astronomy labs, and Physics Project labs. When he came to Houghton, he was given the choice of labs or lectures; he chose labs because he enjoys interacting with students and labs give him more of an opportunity for such.

Dr. Rohe entered into the Physics arena when he was not yet a Christian. In fact, he was an atheist and believed that the universe was all that existed. The purest way for him to study his god, the universe, was to pursue a

career in Physics. Looking back, he feels that, if he had been a Christian at the time, he might have pursued a more practical aspect of Physics, something like engineering. And then he might have gone on to seminary. When asked who he felt was the person he looked up to, his mentor, or his model, Dr. Rohe's answer was, "Jesus!" Other than Jesus, he feels that Dr. Gleason Archer, a Biblical "scholar-of-scholars", has been a model or mentor. Though Dr. Rohe has never met him, he looks up to Gleason through his writings and has never found anything in Gleason's writings that he disagrees with. Just as Dr. Rohe has someone to influence him, he has people that he influences. These include, mainly, his seven children. He feels that it is a privilege, but also a responsibility to be the greatest influence in the lives of Hannah (17), Daniel (15), JoAnne (13), Keren (9), Sarah (6),

Susanna (4), and Timothy (1). Though he and his wife, Vivian are the biggest influence in their children's lives, there are returns. One thing he loves about having a family is the attention he receives when he goes home. He is grateful for his best friend of 19 years, which is his wife Vivian.

Dr. Rohe's future plans are to, "keep walking by faith and to stay in Christ." He hopes that God will keep him here at Houghton for the long-term. And although retirement is not on the horizon yet, in retirement he would like to continue short-term mission outreaches to Indonesia and the Muslim world using various "appropriate technologies".

We wish to welcome Dr. Rohe to Houghton College and hope that he finds his time here, whether it be deemed long-term or short-term, to be rewarding!

## Tiffin comes from behind to defeat men in soccer

Bethany Schwartz

Houghton posted a well played but disappointing loss to Tiffin University on October 12th, losing 2-1. Houghton scored a goal in the first minute, but Tiffin battled back to tie the game in the 34th minute on a crossing pass from Ali Lukungu that Chris Chase put in the back of the net. Chase then broke the tie in the 62nd minute on another sensational pass from Lukungu to give the Dragons the lead. Tiffin's defense then clamped down to secure the win.

The Highlanders won their game against Urbana University on October 13th. Scorers were David Bancroft and Eddie Acker.

## Highlander Sports Week

### Volleyball

Friday, 7:00 pm  
Cedarville College - Away

Saturday, 11:00 am/1:30 pm  
Cedarville College - Away

### Men's Soccer

Friday 1:00 pm  
U of Rio Grande - Home

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Malone College - Home

### Women's Soccer

Saturday, 3:00 pm  
Malone College - Home

Cross Country  
Saturday, 11:00 am/Noon  
NE Christina College Invitational - Away

### Field Hockey

Thursday, 3:00 pm  
E. Stroudsburg U - Away

Saturday, 11:30 am  
Bloomsburg U of PA - Home