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## College Razzes Berry?

### Men's Basketball Shakeup Upsets Players

Danner: "My toughest personnel decision ever."

Stephen Maxon

As almost everyone knows by now, last month marked a time of intense transition for the Houghton men's basketball team. Coach Greg Berry, in the middle of his fifth year with the program, was relieved of his head coaching responsibilities for the spring semester, and women's basketball coach Skip Lord took over the team on an interim basis. In the process of writing this article, I wished to do more than simply echo the things we already knew. I sought to discover the reasons behind the decision, clear up some questions I had about the situation, and find out the reactions of some of those most deeply affected - the young men on the team.

Dean Danner was the man who made the eventual decision to replace Coach Berry, so he was a logical place to start. From the beginning, he stressed that this decision was, by far, the toughest personnel decision he's faced in his eighteen years at Houghton. He explained that he has great admiration for Coach Berry as a person and that

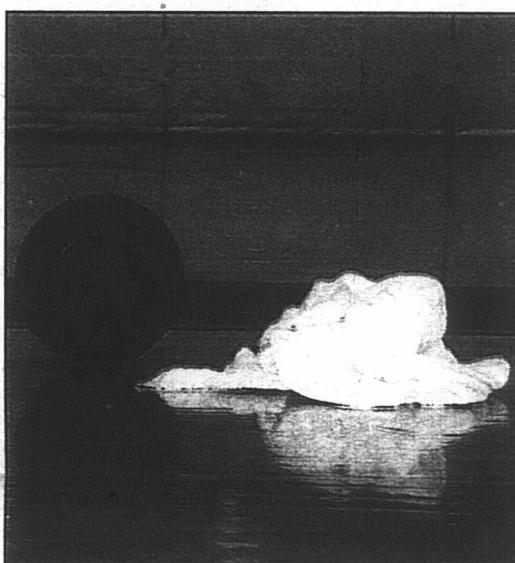


photo by David Johnson

Berry always excelled in his ministry to the Houghton community. So why was the decision made to replace him as coach? In evaluating coaches, he said, the college goes by a 5-year timeframe, marked by certain objectives.

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## Music Building Update

Lindsay Ackerman

Since the beginning of its construction, Houghton students have been watching the progress of the New Fine Arts Center. In its earliest stages, the new music building seemed that it would never be more than an enormous hole behind East Hall, but since that time, many changes have occurred.

Currently, the builders are working on various aspects of the construction. The most noticeable change is the closing off of the exterior of the building. In addition, the roofers have been working as steadily as the weather will permit and are making great strides in completing the roof. The floors are almost finished, and many skilled workmen have been labor-

ing to install electrical, plumbing, and heating systems. The workers are looking forward to starting to lay blocks in the basement section early this week.

The committee overseeing the building process has been meeting to decide on the color scheme for the interior of the Fine Arts Center and to make some minor changes with the general construction plans.

In spite of the blustery weather, the workers have been able to work almost every day. At this point, there have been no major setbacks and the building is still scheduled to open at its original date, August 1999. Providing that construction continues at an efficient pace, music majors will be enjoying the Fine Arts Center in time for the fall semester.

## WJSL Evolves

Ward Mesick

WJSL will be selling its frequency to WXXI at the end of this year. The classical station will take over the frequency and WJSL will begin to function as a college station operating in the area from Fillmore to Belfast.

Along with the changes in frequency, there are also a few proposed changes in the clocks and programming. The managers at WJSL are currently considering starting a 3:00 - 5:00 shift in the afternoon during the week, hoping to catch students while they're waiting for dinner and studying. There could also be a shortening of the evening shifts which now run from 8:00 to 12:00. The new evening clocks would run from 9:00 to 11:00 and would play newer and more progressive music.

The managers at WJSL see this as an exciting time for the station because the students will be completely responsible for what happens to WJSL. The production and all concerns will fall onto students' shoulders. In short, the future of WJSL is now up to the students of Houghton College.

## Fire Destroys Local Home

Tammi Krikorian and Dionne Miller

On Friday, January 15, 1999, a chimney fire occurred in the home of Dan and Brenda Jackling and their seven children, destroying their entire home. Their house was located off County Route 3 (Centerville Rd.) in Fillmore. Currently, the family is staying with neighbors and may move into an apartment soon.

A community shower will be held at the Fillmore Fire Hall on Sunday, February 3, from 2-5 p.m. Because their house was destroyed they are in need of everything, which includes clothing and bathroom, kitchen, bed, and baking supplies.

The American Red Cross has been of great assistance at this time. Jackie Bailey, the Red Cross Disaster Chair in Fillmore, said they are hoping to give the Jacklings most of what they lost through the community shower. She can be contacted at 567-8214. More contact people include Sharon Czarnecki at 567-8128 and Fran Smith at 567-2563.

If you would like to drop contributions off prior to Sunday, please do this at the Houghton church.

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# EDITORIAL

## Letter from the Editor

David Johnson

I'm wondering if the following is going to sound familiar to any of you out there. While I was home over break, several friends from high school called and invited me out. I didn't really want to go, but I felt, "Hey these guys are my friends, I might as well." Well, twenty minutes later I found myself in a bar sitting with my high school chums—and I hated it. I was out of there in record time but not before realizing: "I've changed—and no one else has."

That was a stinky revelation. I discovered I had absolutely zero in common with my old friends of yesteryear. While many of them told of fantastic adventures in boozing, partying and womanizing, I meekly sat on my thumbs, grinned and looked for my chance to tell someone about my pigs. And this was four years after I was sitting in the school lunchroom throwing chicken nuggets at the same people.

I sure hope this doesn't sound like a prideful, haughty treatment of my hometown reunions. All I'm saying is: We are different from the world—and that ain't easy.

When someone tells me of the story how he got so smashed he threw up in his best friend's car, what do I say? "Vomit, huh? Neato." I have no stories of a drunken me walking

around, making suggestive comments to lamps. The grain is real tough to go against sometimes.

At Houghton it's a lot easier. Our little biosphere frowns on such activity, so any conversation pertaining to intoxication or any other vices is nearly extinct. And some of us would love to pull the veil of innocence over eyes and tell ourselves: "I live in a perfect utopia, I live in a perfect utopia." Well, not true.

And then you have the people at the other end of the spectrum, fully armed to quote scripture and make a person feel so convicted they want to join a group of tract-

farming monks and nuns.

And I'm not talking about just drinking. I'm talking about the whole ball of wax; the stuff a person does, a "Christian" does, that makes him undistinguishable from the rest of the world—stuff we know is wrong.

Now I know we all make mistakes. Some of us major in that category (Dave grimaces), but if we keep making them and *not* pull ourselves up by our bootstraps then *how* are we different from the rest of the world?

Look, we all have our pitfalls. Some are deeper and harder to get out of than others. In fact, we may not want to get out of some of them. But when you're in your deepest one (and I'm talking to myself here, too), ask yourselves this: "Do I really want to be different, or is this darkness too comfortable?"

No one ever said this job was going to be easy.

## Letter to the Editor: 'Why Diversity'

John Osae-Kwapong

I clearly remember the pain and disappointment of my friends back in my former school in New York city as I told them of my intentions to leave the school after just one semester. My reasons were simple—academically it was not challenging and to complicate matters we sat on a racial time bomb.

One of the interesting things I found out was that my friends told me race, ethnic and cultural tensions were even worse in the part of the country where I was deciding to transfer. I called Houghton College the next day and asked my admissions counselor to describe for me race relations at Houghton. We spoke for the next two hours and had a very informative and fruitful discussion about race relations and academics at Houghton College and beyond.

Two years have passed since I have been at Houghton and true to the words of my admissions counselor, the kind of racial tension I was worried about in my former school is non-existent at Houghton College. As this is the case, it becomes ironic when I have been a champion for the cause of promoting and encouraging diversity at Houghton College. As I advance in my years at Houghton and interact with different people, I grow with a deeper understanding of what diversity is all about.

It is rather unfortunate that diversity has come to be seen as an issue between white Caucasians

and African-Americans. And so, whenever the issue of diversity begins to shape our national discourse, it is always centered on how these two groups can be reconciled with one another after years of bitterness and divisions. To make matters worse, the issue has been so muddled in our national politics that nobody wants to engage one another in any dialogue on it. There are some who brand it as a minority issue and so leave it to the minorities to talk about it for when the talk is exhausted so will the issue. That can be well understood for shall we engage in a dialogue that will polarize our society rather than bring us together?

Diversity goes well beyond those boundaries for there is that important dimension to diversity where we learn how to deal with people who are different from us especially when the dynamics of our society is gradually changing in its composition. At Houghton we can safely keep our silences over the issue. But there is a greater world beyond Houghton College where it is almost next to impossible to keep our silences. Must we therefore not begin to slowly break the culture of silence and begin a dialogue shaped by the Christian principles we adhere to and begin to answer the question "Who is my neighbor?" Must we not begin to concern ourselves with the world beyond Houghton and bring a greater understanding to the issue of diversity while we are here? Must we not take time out to reflect on such issues as part of our education at Houghton? Food for thought.

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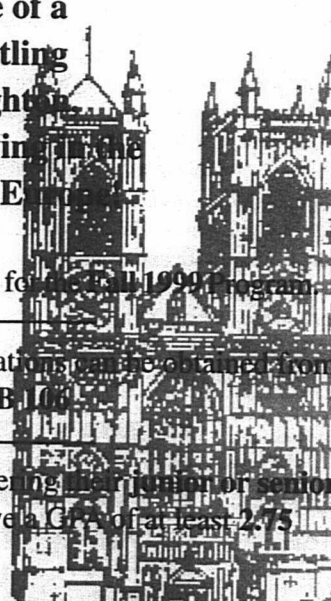
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## Berry Cont. (from page 1)

Winning is not necessarily the paramount goal of our sports teams, but we cannot afford the demoralizing effects of being a perennial doormat - and in the 35 games prior to Berry's departure, Houghton's men had won only three. The conclusion: the team seemed unable to meet its objectives under Berry's leadership; this led to his removal. "Given what we thought then, and what I have seen since, I feel that this was the right decision to make," said Dean Danner. However, he is very disappointed that Coach Berry chose not to serve out the remainder of his contract as a faculty member.

When I first spoke to some of the players on the team, they mentioned an incident involving senior and last year's leading scorer Todd Kleitz as a possible cause of Coach Berry's dismissal. I posed this question to Dean Danner, and he responded with a categorical no. He and Athletic Director Lord had been discussing the future of the team since last March, he said. The Kleitz incident only served to make the decision harder, because it gave the impression that Berry was forced out by Todd - and this couldn't be further from the truth, according to Danner. It was no

## A Message From CAB

Thomas Scriven

Presser Hall provided Houghton students yet again with live entertainment by local talent Friday night. Thank you all who participated and attended this first coffeehouse of the semester. CAB would also like to state its gratitude for the many who came out, relaxed and enjoyed free pizza and wings and music at Big AL's. The welcome-back party was a great way to start out the semester. Lastly, CAB would like to officially announce several upcoming events. Sunday, January 31, we will host a Superbowl Party with free refreshments. Look for further details posted around campus. And on March 4<sup>th</sup>, CAB will presents Caedmon's Call, live in Wesley Chapel. To end the semester, bands from around the area will duke it out in the second annual Battle of the Bands on April 24<sup>th</sup>. To get involved in any of these events, please, call ext. 213.

longer an issue.

After receiving the point of view of the man behind the decision, I spoke with three of the players on the team to find out what they thought about the situation. In the interest of getting their honest opinion, I have allowed them to remain anonymous. They pointed out several positives. "We're in the best shape ever, better shape than anyone we play," they said, "and the team plays much more cohesively." All three had great respect for Coach Lord and preferred his "no-nonsense" coaching style. However, they were very displeased with the handling of Coach Berry's dismissal and feel that the current atmosphere is very unstable.

"If they were thinking about this for a while," said one player, "why didn't they let anyone on the team know? It makes no sense to me." The players were angry that they were not told of the decision until well afterward and disappointed that they didn't get a chance to talk to Coach Berry before he left. "It's frustrating as a player that they were so secretive. Why didn't they come to someone on the team and talk to us?" Without word from the college about the program's future, many are concerned about weak recruiting, and at least one of this year's starters is seriously considering a transfer. "Coach Lord is a good guy, but he's really not our coach," said one player. In the end, they believe that it was time for a change, but they should have been involved in the process - and they want the college to make a decision about the team's future as soon as possible.

The team seems to be playing better in the past few games - going 3-5 under Lord. If the questions concerning the future of the team can be overcome, Houghton may have a men's basketball renaissance to look forward to.

## Tragedy Strikes Nichols Family

To some people, Saturday, January 25, 1999 may not mean much. Perhaps it was just another day of heavy sleeping and light studying. But to the Nichols family it was something much, much more. That was the day they suffered a tremendous loss.

As it was residence life carousel day, Tim had to supervise, logging in a full day's work in the NAB. At noon, Tim drove to Hume to pick up some pizza for his fatigued RA staff. Twenty minutes later, he arrived with several boxes of Italian pies, his children and a video cassette. That video?—Chitty-chitty-bang-bang.

Tim brought the kids to room 331 and set up the movie. His kids settled in and instantly became engulfed in the Disney classic.

Two hours later, Tim returned from his RA meeting in time to catch the tail end (or tailpipe) of Chitty-chitty-bang-bang. As the end credits rolled, Tim walked to the TV/VCR, a contraption if you recall, that is suspended from the ceiling, and hit the eject button.

Without warning, the VCR expelled the video, which promptly slid out and, before Tim could react, fell to the floor with a sickening CRACK. Broken. In essence, what once was a beloved family film has been transformed to plastic doorstop rated G.

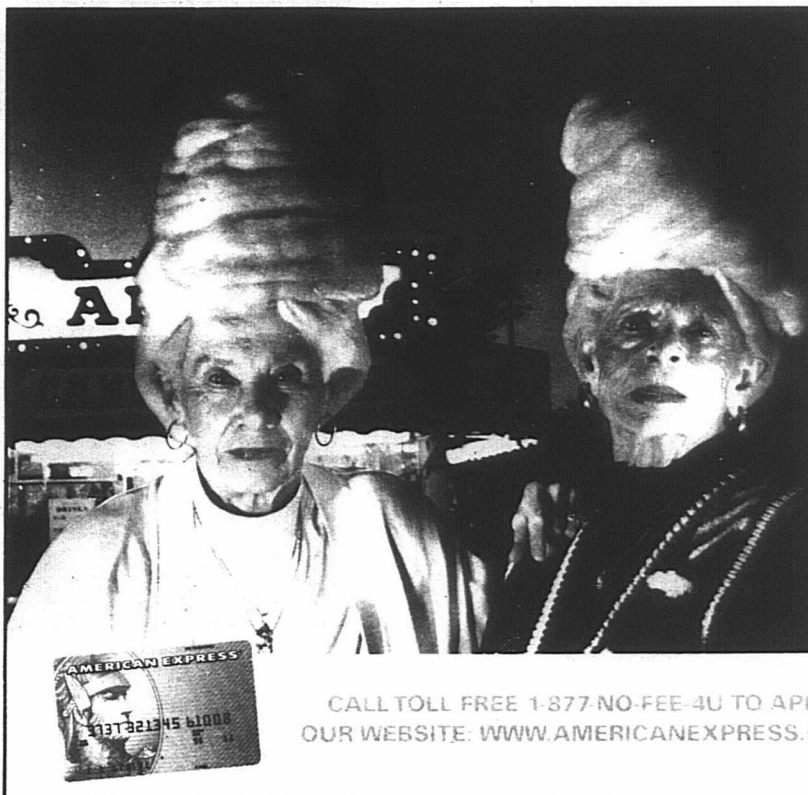
"That tape was brand new," laments Nichols. "It cost \$13.95." Fourteen dollars. Gone. All of this because of a badly placed VCR angled at an inappropriate degree. How many more video tapes have to suffer this fate before the college takes action? Please keep the Nichols family in your prayers.

## 'To Kill a Mockingbird'

March 18-20

### Cast list

Atticus.....	Michael Jordan
Calpurnia.....	Cheryl Morgan
Miss Maudie.....	Megan Mead
Miss Stephanie.....	Michelle Wingfield
Mrs. Dubose.....	Emilie Lamoureux
Boo Radley/Mr. Gilmer.....	Brett Eddy
Heck Tate.....	Gabriel Demaggio
Scout.....	Taylor Bennett
Jem.....	Andrew Gaerte
Dill.....	Will Airhart
Judge Taylor/Mr. Cunningham.....	Brian King
Rev. Sykes.....	Lawarran Dukes
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# Out of Houghton--

## Eyes Wide Open

Lisa Bush

One of the reasons why I decided to go to Houghton was the fact that student teachers are allowed to do part of their student teaching overseas. Last semester I had the opportunity to do my student teaching in Rubio, Venezuela at Christiansen Academy, a small missionary school. While I was there I taught Life Science, Physical Science, and Algebra to seventh through ninth graders, and I also volunteered at a Venezuelan Christian school to teach English to thirty-three third graders. I had a great time living in a different culture. I made many great friends and learned so many new things like how to shop in the market, cook Venezuelan dishes, speak Spanish a little better, and live without water for days at a time. It was neat to see the different plants, reptiles and insects (and also a little scary as I almost walked through a spider web with the biggest spider I have ever seen that was not in a cage!)

The students at the school were great and seemed like angels compared to my students at my first placement in Wellsville. Since Christiansen Academy is a boarding school the teachers see the students during meals, classes, sports events, social hour, and afterschool and weekend activities. For this reason the teachers are also the students' friends and surrogate parents. One of the things that impressed me the most about the school was how much the teachers and other staff members cared about each student's physical, spiritual, and social needs. This

was seen as the teachers and administrators would meet for prayer and devotions everyday before school started. Each day they would pray for two students and their families or staff members.

The school also makes a point to reach out to the community. They do this by offering Bible based English classes for

a devotional at the end. Many people have come to know the Lord through these outreaches. The students also divide up into different ministry teams on Sunday and go to various parts of the city, presenting Bible stories and leading the kids in songs and games. They also give the kids vitamins, worm medicine, food, and clothes.

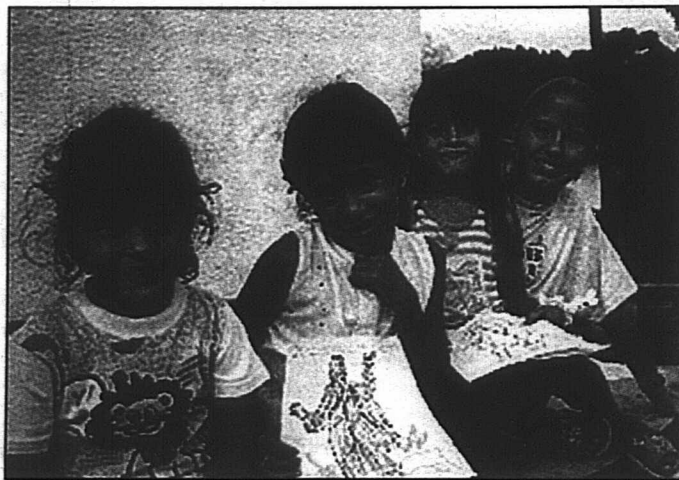


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This picture's worth a thousand words

When I look back on my college years I am sure that my time in Venezuela will be one of my fondest memories. My time in Venezuela definitely changed the way I look at life. Life was simpler down there, and I really liked it. I never thought I would get excited over the sound of water coming from a faucet, but it really is a blessing. We have so much

here. I hope wherever I live during my life I will never forget to be thankful for all that I have.

## Lean on Me

Mandy Baldwin

*"As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ... Be strong and very courageous. ... Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."*

God spoke these words to Joshua right after the death of Moses and before he led the Israelites into the promise land. God used them to encourage Joshua over 2,000 years ago, and God used them in my life while I was in Spain.

My name is Mandy Baldwin, and for those who don't know me, I am a senior here at Houghton College majoring in Educational Ministries. I just spent last semester in Barcelona, Spain doing my Ed. Min. internship. I worked with The International Church of Barcelona, and Youth For Christ. I worked with the international youth on Wednesday nights leading their youth program and during the days worked in the YFC office planning and helping organize different activities like camps and retreats.

To say that God worked in my life while I was in Spain would

be an understatement. God didn't work in my life—He changed my life. Leaving my family and friends and going to a place where I didn't know anybody was the hardest thing I have ever done. There were many lonely days, sitting in my apartment wondering how fast I could get home. I lived with a single woman who volunteered with YFC, but she went and visited her sister the first week I was there so I was alone in the apartment. I knew the American missionaries who work with YFC in Spain, but they were so busy that I didn't get to see them except when I went into the office.

During that first week, God showed me that I can rely on nothing but Him. I can't depend on friends, family or a housemate

I had known for only one day. It's like that quote: "You don't know that Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have." God really made that evident in my life. And when I did finally break down and turn towards Him, He gave me a peace and joy that I had never known. There were still a lot of long lonely days. But I also learned that until I make God Lord of my life, no matter what I do I will never be happy or complete.

Ever since I was a little girl I wanted to be a missionary. And for three months I was. It was the most exciting and difficult time of my life. Ask me and I would love to share with you more of what I did and how God worked in my life.

Question of the Week: "Where would you like to study abroad?"



**"The Amazon River during flood season, so I could live in the trees and study insects."**

--Kadrin Getman  
(Freshman)



**"Anywhere in Australia."**

--Tarah Boeve  
(Sophomore)

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# n-- Not Out of Mind

## City of Angels

Michelle Waton

Leaving Houghton and moving to the city of Los Angeles was a big decision. But when I walked out of the LAX Airport, and saw the clear blue sky, I knew that it was the right one. From late August to early December, I was involved in the Los Angeles Film Studies Program, consisting of an internship in the film industry and classes dealing with filmmaking, producing, screenwriting, and how the Christian faith fits in with all of it. While Houghton was experiencing earthquakes and snow flurries, I was hobnobbing with stars in sunny California. All right, maybe

that's a bit of an exaggeration, but I did work for George Clooney.

I worked for Maysville Pictures, which is George Clooney's production company. I went into the job not expecting to see much of George, but to my surprise, he was the first person I met on the day of my interview. As you can imagine, I was a bit excited. Maysville Pictures is located on the Warner Brothers Studio lot, so at lunch I would frequently run into celebrities including Mark-Paul Gosselaar (Zack Morris), Clint Eastwood, Courtney Cox, Noah Wyle, and so on.

Better than all the celebrity run-ins I had, however, were the friendships that I made. There

were thirty-six of us out there from all over the country, and the experiences we had were priceless. From watching the celebrities get out of their limos at the Emmys, to hanging out in Priscilla's Coffee Shop, we had an incredible time together.

So, everybody asks me if I'm glad to be back. Well, I'll be honest; Houghton isn't exactly the metropolis that Los Angeles is, although Centerville is looking more like Rodeo Drive everyday. It's just as exciting to see old friends after four months as it is to

see George Clooney everyday. So, it is good to be back, but I'll never regret leaving. And whether it's in Los Angeles, England, or Africa, I believe that every student should study abroad because it's almost guaranteed to be an experience of a lifetime.

### Los Angeles vs. Houghton

-Bob's Big Boy	-Big Al's
-The Derby (a swing club)	-A church basement in Rochester
-Rodeo Drive	-Centerville Road
-K-ROCK	-WJSL
-Spago	-Ned's Diner
-Mann's Chinese Theatre	-Carmike Cinema
-George Clooney	-Zach Odell
-The Emmy Awards	-Big Al's Farewell Chapel

## Reflections Upon Returning from Abroad

Jason Poole

I've been thinking about how, in one article, to articulate my Houghton-in-London experience. Do I sum it up with generalizations and broad principles that I have learned, or do I tell one story out of scores that will somehow capture the essence of the experience? It is not an easy task. However, after much deliberation, last night I decided. I think I'll write about Houghton.

Have you ever come out of Big Al's at night and noticed how beautiful the mist looks as it reflects off the lights around the quad? Have you ever looked, I mean really *looked*, at the stars? They are breathtaking here! Have you ever thought about how lucky you are to live daily surrounded by the incredible natural beauty in which Houghton is so comfortably and quietly settled?

Well, neither have I. At least not to the extent that I have since I have come back from Europe. Don't get me wrong- I loved

it there; if it hadn't been for the fact that I really missed my family after being gone for so long, I



photo courtesy of Jason Poole

Jason and couple of Dutch friends having a "gouda" old time

could have stayed indefinitely.

What I *did* see was amazing- cathedrals in England, castles in Wales, mountains in Scotland, sheep (and sheep and more sheep) in Ireland, miles of vineyards in France- and that's just the beginning. I tasted some of the best water, the best cheese, and the best sweets that I've ever tasted in my life. I learned a lot, too. I found myself realizing that the way I thought was the best way wasn't universally believed to be such. I have to admit that I was humbled. My senses were aflame the whole time- I was like a huge human sponge, soaking up everything I came in contact with.

I thought that I would be

restless here- I know a lot of my fellow Houghton-in-Londoners are. But I've been surprisingly content- more so than I was before I left. Why? I wondered. After some reflection I began to be aware that I was still in "sponge mode." I was noticing things I hadn't stopped to notice before- sights, sounds, sensations. I was beginning to *presume* less, and attempting to *understand* more. There is so much about life for me to yet discover *here*, a truth I consistently underestimate. It's nice, for a change, not to just endure but to be able to *embrace* my time here. I am looking forward to many revelations this semester and next year.

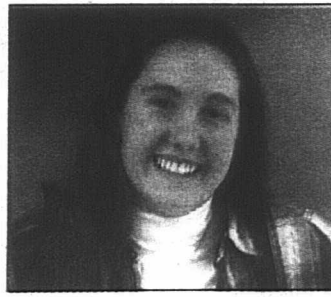
My advice to all of you is this: GO. If you get a chance to experience what I did, *jump at it*- do not let it pass you by. The world is so much bigger than the one in which you and I live- and it is an exciting one.

Nevertheless, always keep your eyes, ears, and nose open- epiphanies are quick and elusive, and only the most alert are able to catch them. But if you're looking- they're *here*.



--Jeremy Bardof (Freshman)

"New Zealand because the people have high moral standards."



--Kristin Coffan (Sophomore)

"Israel, to do the Holy Land thing."

## Houghton Welcomes Russian Visitors

During the first three weeks of Spring Semester, Houghton College has been hosting three Russian college students and a Russian economics educator. The guests are sponsored by Houghton's Department of Business and Economics, the Academic Dean's Office, and the Hoselton Chair of Private Enterprise and Ethics. Former Academic Dean James Mannoia agreed that the benefit to Houghton of such is that it contributes to diversity on campus.

The students are visiting as a cooperative venture between Houghton College and the State University Higher School of Economics in Perm, Russia. Perm is an industrial city of over 1 million people, located on an 18<sup>th</sup> century copper-mining site on the west slope of the Ural Mountains and on the east and west banks of the Kama River. Perm is 21 hours east of Moscow by train.

In October, Houghton

Professors Robert Black and Susan Hice travelled with Jeannie Vining, a marketing executive for Mobil Oil Company, to Perm. Professor Black was invited to the Economics School for a week of lectures in the history of economic thought. At the end of the visit, the deputy director of the school, Valeri Arkipov, asked about the possibility of having Russian students visit Houghton College. Professor Black agreed to seek the cooperation needed at Houghton to bring the students aboard.

The result of this cooperation is that three economics students, Elena Vilisova, Alexander Karmazin,

and Denis Koshurnikov have been attending classes in marketing, management, psychology, American government, and constitutional law. The students arrived in the U.S. at the beginning of the semester and will leave on

by the coordination of Susan Hice and the sponsorship of Doris Nielsen. Valeri and Doris will cooperate to open a summer camp for Russian youth in Perm in 1999. Mrs. Nielsen and her husband, Ken Nielsen, plan to travel with former

Houghton recreation majors to help establish the camp, including building and operating a ropes course.

Professor Hice has also arranged for Zina Vilisova and Andrei Myasnikov to visit factories in the Jamestown area. Zina and Andrei are Russian business consultants in Perm and are here to gain valuable experience for use in their work with businesses that are converting from public to private ownership.

The students are also visiting Jamestown for several factory tours. The Russian guests are all visiting Houghton on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, and will participate in an interview and talk-back session at 4 pm in AB 123. This informative session, sponsored by the Hoselton Chair and the Business and Economics Department, is open to the public.

For the last three days of their trip, Professor Black, Professor Hice, and her husband Neal will travel with the Russian visitors to Washington, D.C. for sightseeing.



photo courtesy of Prof. Black

Alex, Denis and Valeri thinking: Great...more snow

January 31<sup>st</sup>. During their visit, they have seen Niagara Falls and Letchworth State Park and have 'shopped' several area malls.

Valeri Padey, an economics educator in Perm, is also now visiting Houghton. Valeri and Ms. Vining share a common interest and participation in the Junior Achievement economics education program for youth in the U.S., Russia, and around the world. Ms. Vining visited the Junior Achievement programs that Valeri administers in the Perm region. Valeri's trip to the U.S. was made possible

## Spotlight on Staff:

### Katya Kariuk

Liana Weirich

The girls of East Hall are happy to have Katya Kariuk as their RD (Resident Director) this year. Katya graduated from Houghton in 1997 with a major in Outdoor Recreation and minors in Environmental Studies and Psychology. In the middle of her college career, she decided to take a bit of time off and travel to Russia to do missions for nine and one-half months. At this time, Katya was also "kidnapped" in order to go visit her family in the Ukraine. "My father is Ukrainian and I wanted to visit my relatives. This was very scary for me. I had to pretend I was someone's wife in order to get into the country."

Katya is glad to have the opportunity to be the RD of East. "I never thought I would be doing this, but through a lot of prayer, I was basically prayed into this position. I just want to go wherever the Lord wants me to go. He knows best."

Loving to travel, Katya has seen a lot as she traveled from Washington (state) to NY via a



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Greyhound bus. In her spare time she enjoys nature, doing outdoor sports, and swing dancing. While she was a student at Houghton she was a FYI leader and a Highlander leader as well. Now, she takes part in intramural sports, plays practical jokes on her RA's, and is part of a Mennonite fellowship group here on campus.

Katya, whose home is Webster, NY, is the oldest of 4 children who dreams of visiting Ireland someday. For now, she keeps a mannequin head on top of her microwave and has been known to eat slugs for small amounts of money. "I like an adventure, so I'm usually up to about anything." The girls of East are delighted to know her.

## Houghton Dishes Out; Students Take It

Oliver Gingrich

During the middle of last semester, school administrators and residents of Houghton Heights townhouse #2 clashed over the issue of installing satellite television. The administration's position required that the students immediately remove the dish and discontinue the service, but because of the lost investment this caused, the students were dissatisfied and brought the issue before the Student Senate for discussion and recommendation. After discussing the issue, the Senate wrote a letter to the administrators and the Student Life Counsel advising some form of compensation for the students' lost investment, due to the unclear rules and the nature of their contract with the satellite provider.

Over break, Dean Danner reimbursed the students a portion of the money they lost. Both the students and the administration seemed satisfied with the compromise, according to Tim Nichols, the Director of Residence Life,

and he says the immediate issue has been put to rest, although the decision to not allow satellite dishes remains firm.

However, the incident brought several issues to light, and the Student Life Council is now looking at solutions for some of them. First, proposals are circulating which would set up a different appeals process for students who have disagreements with the administration regarding administrative decisions not applicable to the Judicial Committee. Secondly, the committee is looking into the feasibility of getting satellite television for all dorms and townhouses, instead of the current cable service, which some consider inadequate.

In retrospect, Nichols, who was involved in the decision-making process regarding the dish, seemed anxious to put the incident behind him, although he said that he was impressed by the way the Senate involved itself. He concludes, "I'll be sad if there are lingering hard feelings, but my preference would be that something good comes out of it."

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# LIGHTER SIDE

## The Southside Files

Greetings, faithful STAR readers,

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Southside Jim. I transferred from Pitt University and am very excited to be here at Houghton with all of you. My long-time friend David Johnson approached me and asked if I could write a column for the STAR. I jumped at the opportunity!

But first, a little background on myself. I was born and raised in Westmoreland, a backwater town several miles from Utica, New York. Every day, after school, I would visit my Uncle Buzz, a wise, yet sometimes odd, man who lived in the woods and panned for zinc. He taught me many things about life, most of which eludes me for the moment.

Anyway, at the age of 18, all graduated from school. I found myself confused, alone and penniless. So, like many people, I chose to go down the route of street-fighting for money. For three years I flourished and accumulated mass amounts of wealth and respect. But something was missing. Much to the puzzlement of my fans and bookies I went to college to finish my education and fell in love with writing.

And here I am today, surrounded by a loving environment and writing for a newspaper with a readership of at least 30 people! I hope you enjoy my column!

Southside Jim

One of the most vivid memories I have from elementary school is lunchtime. The ring of the bell signifying lunch was as welcome a sound to the ears of children as any tune Michael Jackson could belt out. It represented a temporary freedom from the Fascism of colonial American history and long division forced upon our little minds.

So we would line up and file down to the cafeteria, some of us clutching either paper bags with a jelly stain beginning to take form at the bottom, a lunch pail with the recent mutant cartoon hero stenciled prominently on the front or a handful of silver coins used to purchase a choice entrée the Board of Health recommended.

Myself, I was a paper-bag kind of guy. Every day it would be the same: a peanut-butter and jelly sandwich. I'm telling you, the mere thought of that sandwich—that magic between two slices of white American—was enough to drive me crazy.

But, unfortunately, we humans lose the taste for things eventually and the old PB&J fell out of favor with me. I'm not quite sure why. I think it was the fact that after several hours of lying dormant in my lunch-bag the jelly would soak the bread, creating an unrecognizable, soggy mass, masons use to lay bricks with. And so, I turned to the hot lunch.

I have a weird school lunch story. One day I was merrily drinking my white milk through my straw, when without warning, suction ceased. So I sucked and sucked until my cheeks had completely imploded and my

face turned the color of a convertible, when suddenly the blockage went up my straw and into my mouth. The culprit—a piece of macaroni. In my sealed container! Perhaps I ordered Sicilian milk or something. Either way it was quite disgusting and I couldn't drink milk for awhile, until I got real sick of eating Captain Crunch in tap water.

And boy, some of those hot lunches were bizarre in and of themselves. There was the meat and potatoes special, where the potatoes tasted less like potatoes and more like liquefied packing material and the meat was neither beef nor pork nor chicken nor anything from an animal indigenous to Earth.

Then there was the "turkey on a stick." Hmm. My guess is the School Board figured they could bread anything and put it on a stick and serve it at lunch:

**Janitor:** Sir, I finished stripping all that asbestos from the third floor. What would you like me to do with it?

**Superintendent:** Let's bread it, put it on a stick and serve it at lunch!

**Janitor:** I like mops.

And so it was, day in and day out. Lunch came and went for years and years until we moved up the scholastic food chain. From unidentifiable meat and potatoes to unidentifiable meat and French fries to the high school cheeseburger with a half-life of 5,000 years, lunch always stood for the same thing—an oasis.

My stomach's grumbling. Gotta go.

## CD Review: All Star United International Anthems for the Human Race

Tim Graffam

After the release of their self-titled debut, All Star United solidified their position as a quintessential Christian power-pop ensemble. All Star returns with *International Anthems for the Human Race*, complete with a cornucopia of pop hooks and riffs teamed with Ian Eskelin's inspired and deftly clever song writing abilities.

With its pop-punk sound, the opening song "Welcome To Our Big Rock Show" made me think I had put a Ghoti Hook or MxPx disc in by accident. Punk-haters fear not, as the song is the only one of its kind on the disc. Songs such as "Popular Americans," "International Anthem," and "Worldwide Socialites Unite" are replete with a kind of hip, understated sarcasm fans may remember in the songs "La La Land" and "Smash Hit" on their debut. "Worldwide Socialites Unite" is one of the finer songs on the CD, with an upbeat, Beach Boys meet Oasis, sound and some interesting puns and word play such as "Let's keep the 'lite' in social / Let's keep the social light..."

All Star's greatest strength is definitely the songwriting abilities of front man Ian Eskelin. Take a look at some of the song titles on the album: "I Need You Now," "Everything Will Be Alright," "Superstar," and "Put Your Arms Around Me." It would be difficult to come up with a more clichéd series of titles, yet Eskelin manages to give the songs a new feel with a fresh twist on what would appear to be tired, old material. Eskelin spends a lot of time writing about society today and its obsession with the media, celebrities, and popularity. He balances the CD well with songs concerning his relationship with the Lord.

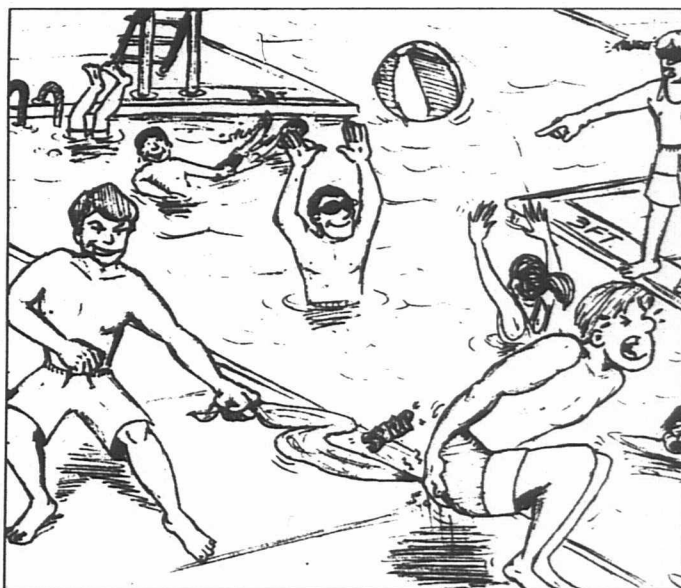
All Star has also added a few new sounds to their repertoire. "Popular Americans" and "Everything Will Be Alright" bounce along with horn lines as catchy as any of today's coolest ska bands. Also, songs such as "Superstar" and "Big Rock Show," among others, contain some interesting keyboard sounds that contribute heavily to the whole power-pop feel of the album.

All Star United's debut album had me hooked after the first listening. *International Anthems* took a few listens to really get me into it, but now it has really caught on. All Star has a tendency to write tunes that are nearly impossible stop humming. What's nice is that they're the kind of songs you don't mind having lodged in your head.



WISH YOU WERE HERE...

ERIC ASPERSCHLAGER



As a boy, Indiana Jones was a poolside terror

# SPORTS

## Houghton Sports Week in Review

### Winter Sports Score Box

#### Men's Basketball (4-14)

Saturday 1/23  
Houghton: 52, Alfred: 79

#### Women's Basketball (11-5)

Saturday 1/23  
Houghton: 79, Alfred: 44

#### Intramural Sports as of 1/25

#### Men's Indoor Soccer

Amos	2-6
Acid Reflex	7-1
Dagoretti Speedsters	4-4
The "Fresh" Men	3-5
FC Cervantes	7-3
Mac's Rack	1-7
Pork Rinds	3-5
Quiet Riot	6-1
Red Thunder	4-4
Sound Dachsund	0-7
Venetian Streaker	7-0

#### Men's Basketball

A.C. and the Southside Bunch	2-4
All About the Ladies	1-6
California Dreams	2-3
Chicks Hate Us	3-3
Dream Team	5-2
Dogpile: The New Squad	1-5
Fury	1-5
Mo and the Pips	4-1
Serving His Excellent Name	3-3
That Team	4-1
VW Crew	6-0

#### Women's Indoor Soccer

Bakudan	4-4
Black Knights	7-0
Collision Position	4-2
Dawn Treaders	2-5
Funky Rainbow Butterflies	1-7
Hat Trick Honeys	6-1
BOB	1-7
Irma's Rump Rangers	3-5
Nabbers	5-2
Party 2 Go	6-1
Slap-In-The-Face	4-3
Women	0-6

#### Women's Basketball

Better With Our Feet	4-1
Chai Shakers	3-2
The Chosen	5-1
The Dendrites	1-4
Dribblers	2-2
Junpin' Juniors	4-2
Lam Loggers	2-6
The Mighty Mighty Puffins	6-1
The Mighty Moshika's	2-2
Tough Love	0-8

#### Men's Basketball

Houghton couldn't find a way to get past a strong defense by Alfred University in a 79-52 loss. Alfred forced the Highlanders into 26 turnovers and just 37 percent shooting from the field. Kurt Sauder led Houghton with 13 points, Todd Kleitz added 11, and Ruben Jurik and Jon Cole chipped in six each. Jurik added 10 rebounds and Cole, seven, for the Highlanders (4-14). Houghton shot just 30 percent from the field in the first half, falling behind 39-19.

#### Women's Basketball

The Lady Highlanders jumped out to a 26-0 lead and never looked back, cruising to a 79-44 win over visiting Alfred University.

Thanks to an impenetrable Houghton defense, Alfred, which started the game 0-for-16 from the field, didn't score until 6:55 remaining in the first half. Houghton held a 42-17 lead at the break.

Janelle Tombs scored all 16 of her points in the first half to lead the Lady Highlanders. Amie Fells added 10 points, Bethany Eib chipped in with a career-high nine points, and Sarah Tooley and Lesley Swanson each added eight.

Tooley added six assists and six steals, Wendy Ivey finished with seven points, six rebounds, five assists, and three steals, Alicia Campbell added six points, seven rebounds, and six assists, and Faith Winchell finished with six points and seven rebounds.

Houghton (11-5) forced 28 turnovers and held Alfred to just 27 percent shooting from the field. Houghton also held a 52-38 rebounding edge.

#### Amie Fells Scores 1,000th Point

With 10 points against Rochester Institute of Technology on Wednesday, Jan. 20, Houghton College senior forward Amie Fells surpassed 1,000 career points.

The Anderson, Calif. native is averaging nine points and seven rebounds on the season and 12 points and seven rebounds in her career. Last season Fells surpassed 500 career rebounds.

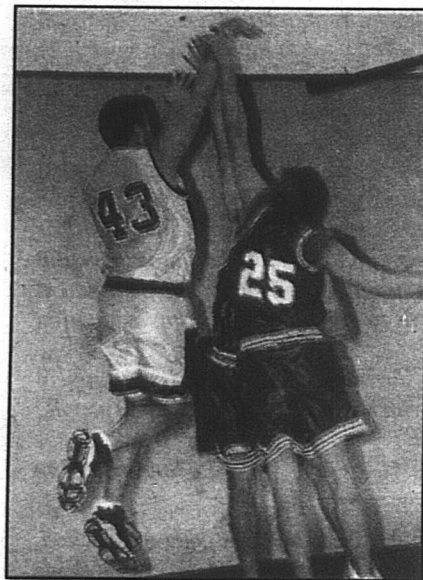


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Jesse Archer shows the doublemint twins a thing or two about a little game called...basketball

## A Dish Best Served Cole Player Profile: Jon Cole

Judy Johnson

For those whom the NBA or MLS will never be a possibility, ending one's collegiate athletic career is the sad and final chapter of a great book. Jon Cole is one of the few people who have been able to relive their college career, as he returns to the Houghton hardwood.

Jon attended Houghton and received a degree in Bible and Christian Education, while playing two years for the Highlanders basketball team. After graduation Jon worked at Youth For Christ in Wellsville for seven years. As his position became more administrative he decided to pursue his MBA at Alfred to gain more business management experience.

His wife, Nancy, is the women's volleyball coach, so Jon seized the opportunity to start his MBA course work with a full load of classes at Houghton. When Jon discovered he had one semester of eligibility left, he rejoined the men's basketball team for one last stand. Jon can't say enough about the high quality of the men's basketball team. "They are a great

bunch of guys, both spiritually and personally." He admires their work ethic,

spiritual maturity and personal depth. Initially Jon was worried that the age difference might be a barrier, but he has immensely enjoyed being a part of the team and appreciates the team's acceptance

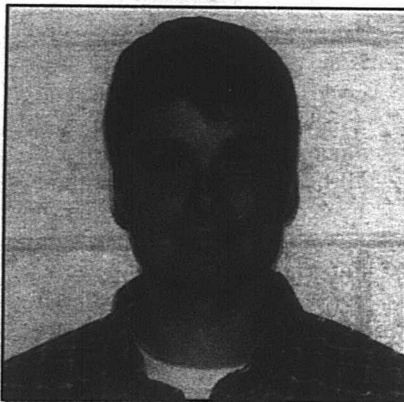


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of him. As for the on court performance of the team, the whole school is excited about the team's prospects for the rest of the season. It was evident in the game against Mohawk College that this is a new team, with a determined spirit, fiery heart and stronger legs. With Coach Lord at the helm, the team's attitude seems more positive and confident, and the extra

conditioning hasn't hurt either. Jon says "I am extremely happy to be on the court and I am loving the experience win or lose. There have been many changes in the last few weeks in the team, and the attitude is different. There is a new drive, focus and better physical stamina.

We are a different team with great possibilities." This was evident in their loss to RIT, when they refused to give up, even when losing by 15 points, and in their win over Mohawk, who they outran in the second half. Playoffs are still a possibility for the Highlanders. They are still discovering their own strength, as they become accustomed to a whole new system under Coach Lord.

Jon wants to be able to help the team in any way he can and is grateful to the guys for including him as a part of the team. His height has given the team another man to play in the paint and in his first three games Jon averaged 7.67 points and 4 boards. His play will only get better as he improves his conditioning and keeps out of foul trouble. Jon loves basketball, and he is just happy that he has the chance to add a sequel to his playing career.