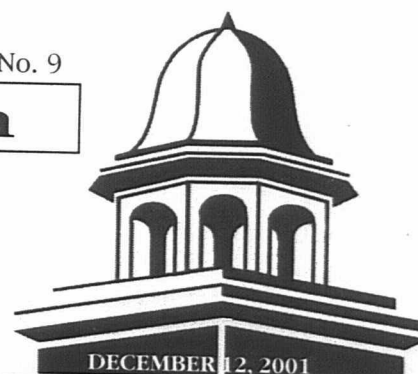


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## Eric Alcott to fill void as advancement vice president in Johnson's place

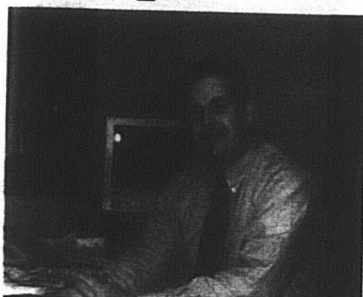


photo by Brian Quinones  
by Samantha Myers  
Staff writer

Eric Alcott describes himself as patient, experienced at listening to others, and ready for action (when it's needed). What he most enjoys is, "helping others achieve their dreams and aspirations." All of these qualities (perhaps even more in the patience department) are good qualities to have as the Vice President of Advancement, Mr. Alcott's position. His responsibilities include the Annual Fund, major gifts as well as deferred gifts, alumni relations,

public relations and advancement services. Currently the department's priority is The Campaign for Christian Liberal Arts at Houghton College. Among his many tasks, his favorite is visiting with alumni and friends associated with Houghton. He takes pleasure in being able to listen to the fascinating stories of these wonderful people. Mr. Alcott's previous jobs were also related to development, otherwise known as fund-raising, and advancement work. These jobs included Senior Director of Development at Houghton College, Director of Development at the University of Buffalo, and Assistant to the President at Erie Community College.

Mr. Alcott states that he feels privileged to work at Houghton, for he has known of it for many years. He came to know it through his wife's parents who both are Houghton graduates, as well as the

Houghton graduates that attend his church, Randall Baptist (in Williamsville), and the church retreats held at Houghton. Williamsville has been Mr. Alcott's hometown for 21 years. His childhood hometown was Chicago, Illinois. His undergraduate studies were done at Valparaiso University in Indiana, and he majored in business administration and political science. At the University of Buffalo he earned his masters in higher education administration. One of Mr. Alcott's past-times is reading biographies. This past summer he read a John Adams' biography. An "eternal quest" for Mr. Alcott is to, "hit at a golf ball straight."

We would like to congratulate Mr. Alcott on his new position as VP of Advancement, and hope that he reaches all his goals in life (including that golf swing).

## The Messiah

by Jennifer Neroni  
Staff writer

On Sunday, December 16, 2001, Wesley Chapel will resonate with the glorious harmonies and melodies of Handel's *Messiah*. Conducted by Dr. Mark Hijleh, the Houghton College Choral Union and Philharmonia will perform the Christmas portion of the *Messiah*. The three choirs and Philharmonia, prepared by Dr. Bruce Brown, Kelly Hijleh, Dr. Mark Hijleh and Dr. Jean Reigles, have been working diligently all semester to prepare the work. The Choral Union consists of the Chapel Choir, College Choir, and Women's Choir, and includes various community members as well.

*The Messiah*, written by George Frideric Handel, is a baroque biblical oratorio (a musical composition for solo singers, chorus, and instruments, usually dramatic, based on biblical text or religious subject) and is based on texts from both the New and Old Testaments of the Bible. It celebrates the life and being of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This portion of the *Messiah* will feature not only choral works such as "And the Glory," and probably the most famous, "Hallelujah Chorus," but also various recitatives and arias performed by Houghton students. The soloists, who were chosen by audition, are Anna Martin, Alicia Atwater, Brandon Danner, Erin Scudder, Kelly Conkey, Sarah Keely, Sharon Neff, and alumnus Jeff Thompson. The work will feature Dr. Judy Congdon on the organ.

Please come at 6:30 on Sunday evening (it may be wise to arrive early, as seats will fill quickly), December 16th, to Wesley Chapel for what will be a splendid performance. Be assured that this is a Christmas spectacular you won't want to miss!

## Madrigal dinners: a seasonal delight

by Mindela Shaeffer  
Guest writer

This past weekend, the Houghton College Music Department presented the 36th Annual Madrigals Dinner under the direction of Dr. Reigles with three stellar performances by the Chamber Singers. The evening began with a Wassail and Hors D'oeuvres reception in the Campus Center. At the beckoning of a trumpet fanfare and note of welcome, the guests moved upstairs into a world of medieval castles and were greeted by a company of 16 Chambers Singers, who had been practicing intensively since the beginning of the semester.

The guests were served

especially prepared food and entertained with a variety of songs, including the traditional "Pastime with Good Company." The Chamber Singers, students of Houghton College, performed as medieval characters dressed in costume to match. Ryan Alo and Sarah Baker welcomed their guests as King and Queen, while James Franklin served as the Lord of Misrule. The Chamber Singers performed several madrigals, such as "Fyer, Fyer" and "Come Away, Sweet Love." Much to the crowd's pleasure, the Queen called for the Boar's Head, which Sir Ryan Englebrecht carried out on a platter, while the rest of the Chamber Singers sang the "Boar's Head Carol." While the guests enjoyed their meal, the Chamber

Singers mingled, serenading tables with Christmas carols and hymns.

The serving of the flaming figgy pudding, along with the singing of traditional favorites, such as the "Twelve Days of Christmas" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," were some of the highlights of the evening. The dinner entertainment turned then to celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ with "O Little Town of Bethlehem," among others. As the fun-filled evening drew to a close, the King invited the guests to join the court of Chamber Singers in "O Come All Ye Faithful." The Madrigal dinner was a wonderful time of medieval entertainment and fellowship in celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Rosa Gerber

## Taliban Falls



Late last week, the last Taliban stronghold of Kandahar collapsed to opposition fighters and U.S. troops. U.S. commander Gen. Tommy Franks warned that conditions in Afghanistan were "unstable, chaotic and dangerous." U.S. officials also announced that the locations of Osama bin Laden and the Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar remained unknown, but troops have been searching and bombing the Tora Bora cave complex extensively.

Franks said the United States would need a few days to accurately assess the situation in Afghanistan. U.S. troops were trying to prevent the escape of fleeing Taliban fighters from Kandahar with airplane and

helicopter strikes and direct ground fire. Officials could not comment if U.S. Marines would enter the city to help restore control and order.

Harmid Karzai, Afghanistan's newly selected temporary leader,

announced last Friday that the "Taliban authority is effectively finished." He also stated his support of the United States' effort to bring Omar to justice. He declared Omar a fugitive, as the Taliban chief had failed to denounce terrorism. Omar had appointed two leaders, Gul Agha Sherzai and Mullah Maulvi Naqibullah, control of Kandahar, but the two leaders have not been able to share power and have accused the other of protecting and hiding Omar. Making this situation more difficult, Sherzai's officials took control of the Kandahar airport, while Naqibullah's forces captured the city's military and administrative buildings.

In pursuit of bin Laden, U.S.

warplanes continued to bomb the Tora Bora cave complex, while the opposition groups started a cave-by-cave search for the terrorist suspect. In the 1980s, the labyrinth of underground caves was built to fight the Soviet Union. Searchers report no sign of bin Laden, while U.S. troops remain on high alert after near attacks by Taliban supporters.

An al-Qaeda suspect, who was arrested in Bombay, India, last month, made shocking confessions as he admitted that bin Laden was planning suicide attacks, like the attack on America, in Australia, Great Britain and India. Officials announced that they are skeptical about the unidentified man's claims, but check ups report that he trained to fly plane in both Australia and Great Britain, which bare striking similarity to the incidents of September 11.

Arafat criticizes United States as violence continues

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat accused America as having pro-Israel bias in an interview last weekend. He was angry that the United States had not condemn the strikes led by the Israel in response to the recent suicide bombs that killed twenty-five people last weekend. Israeli helicopters, bought with money from the U.S., targeted Palestinian military intelligence headquarters and other governmental buildings.

In an effort to crush the latest violence, the U.S. diplomat Anthony Zinni planned to meet with top Israeli and Palestinian security officials. The U.S. put increased pressure on Arafat to arrest militants suspected of involvement in the suicide bombings, among other attacks.

## There's No Place Like Home



by Joshua Ziefle  
Columnist

I had the chance to spend some time at Walldorf House last week. What's so interesting about that, you say? Well then, I guess you've never been there... Walldorf is the last of a dying breed, a herald of days past with myriad tales both untold and some better left that way-and I wouldn't change it for the world. Not to cast any doubt on the character of the current residents, that is, for though I don't know all of them extremely well, I can say that they are quite an amazing and wonderful group of women standing in the best traditions of our fine school (with, among other things, an amazing propensity for keeping baked goods around the house available for visiting SGA Presidents to sample!).

I took the grand tour of the premises that evening, and for a not-so-quite grown up kid who still loves to explore dark basements and rambling hallways in hopes of finding ever-elusive secret passages, Walldorf does not disappoint. Besides, there's a certain part of me that enjoys exploring the old haunts of my father (that's right-in years past,

guys lived in Walldorf, then known as "The Walldorf Zoo," and a certain William Ziefle was known to be among that strange menagerie.) As I have come to learn, the house has always had its share of problems-in my father's day, it was icicles hanging from the ceiling on particularly cold days; today it is a strategically placed sheet of cardboard holding back a horde of bees that has taken residence in the attic; tomorrow it could be any manner of household idiosyncrasies simultaneously annoying and comical.

Spartan? Perhaps, but by no means unpleasant. For in our age of cookie cutter rooms and residence hall monotony, this magical house on Route 19 stands as testimony to a tradition unequaled. But sadly, these days may soon be no more-talk is currently going forth to shut down this place of residence at the end of the school year. I've now come to realize that this would be a supremely unfortunate move for both the students and the college. Without Walldorf, we simply lose another tangible part of what it is to be Houghton-something we can ill afford. So let's contact those in charge of such things, speak our minds, and purpose in our hearts to keep this one lasting piece of college heritage continuing on so that future generations can partake in this singular embassy of tradition and pride.

**Do you want to send a Christmas greeting to someone without buying a Christmas card? Put a message to your friends in next week's STAR. Just email us a 20-word or less message or drop it off by SUNDAY DECEMBER 16th.**

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# arthouse

A look at the intersection of faith and art

## Movie review: *Oceans eleven*: \*\*1/2 (out of four)



by Jonathon Winters  
Staff writer

Ocean's 11, starring just about everybody, is the newest film from acclaimed director Steven Soderbergh. It is slick, stylish, and, ultimately, too cool for its own good. Despite the valiant efforts of a cadre of Hollywood's finest, the film somehow ends up heartless and purposeless except as a glorified display of expensive fashion, high technology, and pretty faces.

George Clooney plays Danny Ocean, the lead role in the picture. In the opening scene, Ocean sits in

front of a parole board, promising that he has paid his debt to society. Apparently they buy it, despite his obvious lack of remorse, because the next thing we know, Ocean is gallivanting around the country, gathering a crew of eleven talented thieves, played by Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, etc. etc., in order to carry out his plan of knocking off three Las Vegas casinos in a single night. Then, well, then they do it. After the gathering of the motley crew, a la Armageddon, the plan proceeds just as one might expect. Sure there are a few difficulties to overcome, such as the most elaborate vault ever constructed, guards armed with uzis, motion detecting lasers, and cameras everywhere. Watching these complications be overcome through such exotic methods as the detonating of a "pinch," which creates an electro-magnetic pulse powerful enough to wipe out all the electricity in Las Vegas for 30 seconds, is a genuine treat. But the outcome is never in any real doubt.

Movie stars are movie stars for a reason. They can act, and they can act well. Ocean's 11 seems

designed to prove that, in order to ascend to the realm of superstardom, one must not only be talented, one must be cool. It is, after all, a remake of an old film starring the Rat Pack, who defined cool. Jay Carr of the Boston Globe said of the original, "Its principles seemed so busy being cool that they couldn't seem to muster much interest in making a movie." This is not quite true of the remake, but neither is it far off.

On the most superficial of levels, Ocean's 11 is a success. I was told to be sure that I wrote in my review that this is a fun movie, and if you see it, you will enjoy it. Very well. This is a movie that is full of witty dialog, moments of suspense, a clever climax, and a powerful score. That said, this is also a film that is woefully lacking in character development. The larger than life actors play larger than life characters that never manage to connect with the audience. The only thing we end up learning about Danny Ocean as the story progresses is that his motivation is revenge and jealousy, rather than greed. It seems that

Ocean's ex-wife Tess, played by Julia Roberts, left Ocean for the filthily rich owner of the three casinos. As for the eleven co-conspirators, most provide little more than comic relief.

Star power alone is just not enough to carry an entire movie. Under the flashy veneer of Ocean's 11 lies the simple premise that crime is cool. This is not a moral judgment of the director or writers of the film. It is a critique of a movie that is fun to watch, but pointless at its core - one which asks us to root for bad people who are stealing from a person who is supposedly worse because he cares too much about his money. To be fair, these are ethical distinctions the film never even attempts to make. It simply assumes that audiences will want George Clooney and Brad Pitt to win simply because of the way they carry themselves. Surely someone who looks so good deserves the girl and the loot, right?

*Ocean's 11 is rated PG-13 for strong language and sexuality*

## Thoughts on a movie: "Affairs with Harry Potter"



by Alice Ball  
Staff writer

It was three years ago, around Christmas time that I first heard the phrase "Harry Potter" mentioned. Sitting in writing class, I remember Dr. Charles Bressler whimsically stating that he had indeed read Harry Potter and, contrary to controversy, he thought it was quite good. On his recommendation, I picked up a copy of the first book and read it over Christmas break. I immediately became a die-hard fan, and have since devoured the entire series, fighting with my younger brother over the one copy!

Understandably, it was with eager anticipation that I approached the movie theatre, that Saturday of opening weekend. Could the movie possibly capture the vivid pictures I still see floating through my imagination? The three car loads of Houghton friends joined me in a long line of impatient children and adults waiting for those theater doors to open. They opened. The mad rush of popcorn smells and little feet clambered past in hopes of finding good seats. One commonality bonded the mass of people. We were caught by the Harry Potter hype.

If I could pick a favorite part from the movie to exemplify why you should see it, it would most likely be the magnificent Quidditch match. Quidditch, a sport played on broomsticks at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, is bound to take your breath away. The players zoom to and fro on their broomsticks in a flurry of excitement and visual splendor. I was so excited at the game's finish that I wanted to cheer out loud (and did a bit!). It is difficult, however, to separate a single part from the movie. In entirety it kept incredibly close to the book. My fear in approaching the theater involved the movie doing just the

opposite. Surprisingly, however, director Chris Columbus gives us a dazzlingly close-kept rendition of J.K. Rowling's first book. Columbus's record includes such slap-stick comedies as Home Alone and Mrs. Doubtfire. With that in mind, I worried that he would turn Harry Potter into a similar fiasco. On the contrary, the 2 1/2 hour movie definitely captured the essence of Harry's magical experience. Also, I greatly appreciated the skills of the child actors, on whom much of the movies weight lay. Daniel Radcliffe in particular, gave a convincing portrayal of young Harry himself. In reading critical reviews, the most common complaints have been that the movie sticks too closely to the book, as though afraid of leaving some fan's favorite part out. That is a complaint I will always be glad to hear, and I'm sure many will agree with me considering the upcoming Lord of the

Rings film. In its first weekend "Harry Potter" reportedly brought in 93.7 million dollars, beating any and all preceding box-office records for a first weekend gross. To date "Potter" has pulled in at least 220.1 million dollars in North America alone. Whether or not you choose to ignore the "Harry hype," it goes without saying he has had a great impact on our society.

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# Local churches: the ins and outs of Sunday services



Gospel Fellowship in Belmont, NY.

by Jennifer Neroni  
Staff writer

You may or may not have noticed, but we have a fairly diverse population on this campus. We see this not only ethnically, but also when it comes to worship practices and our individual Christian beliefs. Thankfully, there is also a vast amount of diverse churches in this area, from good old Houghton Wesleyan, to Episcopal, to Charismatic. No matter what your style of worship, there is a church for you!

## Belfast Free Methodist

The Belfast Free Methodist church is about a fifteen-minute drive south of route 19. It is a Free Methodist church, which is newly pastored by Bob Makcmer. The church averages about 45 attendees without college students. With college students though, there are approximately 70!

The worship at Belfast is rather conservative in many respects. Musically speaking, they do a mixture of both choruses and hymns. During the service, there is a children's sermon, and then a sermon geared towards everybody else. The preaching at this church is the central focus. There is also Sunday School for all ages. You'll find a very homey atmosphere at Belfast. The people take the time to get to know you and will remember you from week to week. College students are also encouraged to participate often and in various ways. For example, there is nursery available and opportunities to volunteer as a nursery worker. There are also several Houghton students who are involved in leading worship on a

regular basis.

One additional bonus you'll find at Belfast is a wonderful grandfatherly man named Harold, who really loves the college students. He always remembers

their names and encourages them all to get involved.

Some Houghton students who attend Belfast are Gabriel Whittaker, Timothy Cook, Carolyn Cook, Laura Hess, Rebekah Johnson, Cameron Boyd, DJ Merriam, Sarah Wester, Missy Troutman, David Thompson, Eric Martens, Holly Sayre, Chris Mancuso, Kim Sayre, and others. If you'd like to visit this church, you may want to get in touch with one of these people about the possibility of carpooling, or for more information on the church. Sunday School at Belfast starts at 9:45, and the worship service at 10:45.

## Higgins Wesleyan Church

Higgins Wesleyan Church is a Wesleyan church pastored by Houghton's own Dr. Walters. It is located about fifteen-minutes from Houghton campus, on Higgins Creek Rd. in Freedom. Their one service begins at 11 o'clock every Sunday.

The church has a congregation of approximately 100 people. This includes many Houghton students as well as community members. The church is usually packed full because of all the college students. There is Sunday School for children, but not currently for college students. Also, if you're one who likes to get involved with the nursery, there are opportunities for that as well.

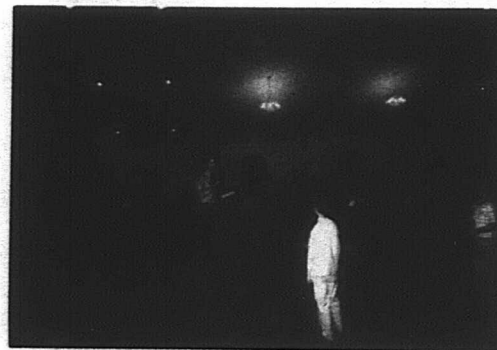
Higgins uses a mixture of hymns along with more modern praise and worship choruses in their services. They have a piano, organ, acoustic guitar, and trumpet. Dr. Walters' wife sings and plays the piano, and Dr. Walters himself does the preaching. Sometimes they also have guest speakers

The congregation at Higgins is

very faithful and friendly as well as welcoming.

Their love for God is very obvious. One person said that it seems like the people who go there are always looking for ways to apply scripture to their lives. Dr. Walters is always a challenging speaker and isn't afraid to ruffle some feathers when he feels the need to. It's always personal though. People who attend Higgins always walk away challenged to improve their walk with God, but also knowing that God is doing a work in them. There is an emphasis on walking with God, not just walking to follow God.

Some Houghton students who attend weekly are Jesse Partrick, Andrea Hendy, Joy Brautigam, Adam Sullivan, Josh Lees, Sonya Marthai, Magdolene KeladaSedra, John Rowley, Barry King, and the Galloway family, as well as many others. Carpooling takes place every week!



Youth rally in January '99 at Gospel Fellowship.

## Gospel Fellowship

Gospel Fellowship is a Non-denominational, Pentecostal church. It is located approximately twenty-minutes south of Houghton on route 19 in Belmont, on Hood Rd. The church is led by Pastor Patrick Lyons and has a congregation of about 60 people. The worship at Gospel Fellowship is contemporary. They sing mostly praise and worship choruses. The church is open to and encourages the gifts of the Spirit. There is a freedom for people to express themselves during worship much like you would experience at Koinonia.

There is opportunity to volunteer for the nursery and in other areas, so if you'd like a place to serve, you'd be very welcome. They have Sunday School which begins at 9:45, followed by the

worship service at 10:30. There is a youth group that meets on Saturday evenings for people who may be interested in being involved in that area. The church is still quite young and growing. In the near future, there will be opportunities for college students to have a meal after the services so that they don't have to rush back to campus for lunch.

Gospel Fellowship is a fairly young church. It began only 12 years ago. It is a small church with a strong sense of community. The people are very loving and friendly, and have a strong dedication to God. There is a lot of involvement also with other churches in the community and in outreach ministries.

Pastor Lyons challenges the congregation to not be religious or set in their ways, but rather to be flexible to what God is doing, yet at the same time, not back down from the biblical standards that

God expects and upholds for Christians.

Some Houghton students who attend are Karen Jennings, Chris Buell, Christen Baker, and Ryan Smith. If you're looking for a ride, talk to one of them and hopefully they'll be able to set you up with something.

## Wellsville Presbyterian Church

The Wellsville Presbyterian Church is a PCA member church located on route 19 approximately thirty-five miles south of Houghton. Pastored by Rev. Kenneth Thompson, the church presents messages with a strong biblical basis and offers many opportunities for fellowship including a pre-service adult Sunday school and a home cooked meal following the service. There is only one service, held at 11:00, and attendance rarely exceeds forty. Service style is traditional (three hymns, assorted praise choruses accompanied on the piano, scripture reading, and a related sermon), but the smallness of the congregation allows for a

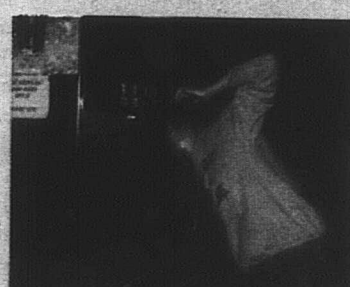
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## In Question: What's the weirdest Christmas present you've ever gotten?



"A plunger."

Rich Mehring (senior)



"A beeswax icon of St. George."

Joy Newcomb (sophomore)



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dynamic and personal worship experience.

Pastor Thompson's love for the congregation manifests itself in his unending efforts to include new worshippers and maintain his commitment to the needs of those in regular attendance. In addition, he has, in recent years, begun a fellowship for students at Houghton, meeting on the first and third Sundays of each month in the trustees' dining room at 6:00p.m. Any student desiring the company of this fellowship is welcome to come. Currently, the group is reading and discussing the John Piper book *Desiring God*.

The small size of the congregation at Wellsville "Pres" creates a close-knit community. Drawing believers from surrounding areas as well as townspeople, the membership includes individuals from all walks of life with the common goal of worship. To draw students into the community, the congregation has lately instituted an "adoption" program in which families in the church take into their fold a student or group of students.

Wellsville Presbyterian Church is a unique place of worship, featuring a strong community spirit that welcomes and never resists newcomers. Houghton students who attend are Bethany Brooks, Richard Mehring, Nate Thompson, and Hiram Ring, among others.

If none of these churches suit your style, there is still a number of others in the area. Whether you're Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Mennonite, Episcopalian, Catholic, Reformed, Pentecostal, Charismatic, Non-denominational, Wesleyan, or anything else, there is a church for you! Check out the list of area churches posted with this article. For more information or answers to questions, contact the Info Center! It is very important for us as believers to be connected with the Body of Christ. So be encouraged! If you don't yet have a church body that you're fellowshiping with weekly, find one! "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching." -Hebrews 10:25

## What other churches can you choose? Check them out!



### Houghton Area Churches:

Assembly of God  
Riverside Assembly of God, Wellsville 593-4431  
New Hope Assembly of God, Fillmore

### Baptist:

Baptist Tabernacle, SBC, Belmont 268-7336  
Black Creek Baptist, Black Creek 968-2727  
Central Baptist, between Black Creek & Belfast  
Faith Baptist, Stannards  
First Baptist, Andover  
First Baptist, Angelica 466-7644  
First Baptist Hughes and Chapel, Belfast 365-2726  
First Baptist, Belmont 268-5520  
First Baptist, Castile 493-2341  
First Baptist, Cuba 968-1531  
First Baptist of Hume, Hume  
First Day Baptist, Richburg 928-2400  
Friendship Bible Baptist, Friendship 937-7158  
Rushford Baptist, Rushford 437-2902  
West Clarksville Baptist, West Clarksville 986-1742

### Seventh Day Baptist

Alfred Seventh Day Baptist, Alfred (607) 587-9430  
Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist, Alfred Station (607) 587-9176  
Seventh Day Baptist, Little Genesee 928-1271  
Seventh Day Baptist, Richburg 928-1885

### Christian Missionary Alliance

Christian and Missionary Alliance, Andover 478-8843  
\*Christian and Missionary Alliance, Fanklinville 676-3314  
Christian and Missionary Alliance Gospel Chapel, Whitesville (607) 356-3255  
Christina and Missionary Alliance, Wellsville 593-5882

### Episcopal Church

Christ Episcopal Church, Cuba 968-2163  
Episcopal Church of Our Savior, Bolivar 968-2163  
St. Andrews Episcopal Mission, Friendship  
St. John's Episcopal, Wellsville, 593-5592  
St. Paul's Episcopal, Angelica 968-2163  
St. Phillip's Episcopal, Belmont 268-5295, ext. 411

### Free Methodist Church

Free Methodist, Belfast 365-2919

### Friends Church (Quaker)

Alfred Friends Meeting for Worship, Alfred

### Lutheran Church

St. Paul's Lutheran, Allen  
Trinity Lutheran, Wellsville 593-3311

### Mennonite

Yorks Corners Mennonite, Wellsville 593-3287

### Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian, Andover  
Cuba Presbyterian, Cuba 968-3774  
Cuba Presbyterian, Wellsville 593-5069

### Roman Catholic

Blessed Sacrament, Andover  
Immaculate Conception, Wellsville 593-4834  
Our Lady of Angels, Cuba 968-2885  
Sacred Heart, Angelica  
Sacred Heart, Friendship 973-2871  
St. Brendan's, Almond (607) 276-5304  
St. John's of the Cross, Whitesville  
St. Joseph's, Scio  
St. Jude's Chapel, Alfred (607) 587-9411  
St. Mark's, Rushford 437-5332  
St. Mary's, Belmont 268-7272  
St. Mary's, Bolivar 928-1024  
St. Patrick's, Belfast 365-2215  
St. Patrick's, 567-2282

### Seventh Day Adventist

Seventh Day Adventist, Wellsville 593-1637

### United Methodist

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Caneadea United Methodist, Caneadea 365-8213  
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United Church of Belmont (Presbyt. & United Methodist)  
United Methodist, Cuba 968-1041  
United Methodist, Shongo

### The Wesleyan Church

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Brookside Wesleyan, Wellsville 593-3607  
Fillmore Wesleyan, Fillmore 567-8814  
Hallsport Community Wesleyan, Wellsville 593-3910  
Higgins Creek Wesleyan 567-8454  
Houghton Wesleyan 567-2264  
North Park Wesleyan, Cuba 968-2347

### Other Congregations

Angelica Bible Church, Angelica 365-2250  
Assembly of Christians, Alfred  
Birdsall Community Church, Angelica 966-7924  
Christ Church, Cuba 968-2163  
Christian Temple Disciples of Christ 593-3370  
Church of Christ, Allentown  
Church of Christ in Christian Union, Wellsville 593-6807  
Church of Christ in Christian Union, Wellsville 593-2075  
Church of God in Christ, Friendship  
Church of the Good Shepherd, Cuba 968-2393  
Community Christian Church, Wellsville 593-3308  
Faith Bible Church, Little Genesee 928-1856  
First Congregational church (United Church of Christ), Wellsville 593-5015  
Gospel Fellowship Church, Belmont 268-5674  
Independence Gospel Fellowship, Independence  
Ischua Union Church, Ischua  
Nile Community Church, Friendship 937-3990  
Open Bible Fellowship Church, Bolivar 928-1757  
Pike Community Church, Pike  
Scio Church of Christ, Scio  
The Salvation Army, Wellsville 593-2640  
Union University, Alfred  
United Church of Friendship, Friendship 973-7951  
Wellsville Bible Church, Wellsville  
Wellsville Church of Christ, Wellsville  
Wellsville Full Gospel, Wellsville 593-5136  
Word of Faith Fellowship, Alfred



"A can of lentils."

Mark Mann (sophomore)  
(and Nate Rigby)



"I actually did get a piece of coal."

Brett Sherwood (sophomore)

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by Bethany Schwartz

### Confessions of a hypochondriac



"I think I'm going to throw up," my roommate mumbled in the middle of the night last year. She spent the rest of the dreadful night running from our room to the bathroom, and I lay on the other side of the room with my eyes wide open, unable to sleep.

This past week one of my housemates had the same type of experience that my poor roommate had last semester.

"Is someone sick?" one of the girls in my house asked me as I was pouring water into my mug for hot chocolate one morning.

"Uhhh...I don't know. Not that I know of. Why?"

"I thought I heard someone throwing up last night," she answered, looking around the living room for any signs of disturbance.

"Really??" The water glugged unnoticed into my mug as I stared at her in horror. "Now we're all going to get sick!"

I am a hypochondriac. Not a huge one, of course - I mean, I don't think I am dying - but whenever someone around me gets sick, I get terrified that I will get sick, too. Last year when my roommate was throwing up I had the same reaction that I did this week to my housemate's illness: I wander around wondering if I'm going to get sick. I really have no reason to be sick - I'm not often in my townhouse and don't hang out with this girl very much. But I'm still wondering.

"Does my stomach hurt?" I ask myself. "Am I dizzy?" I ponder. "Do I feel normal?" "Why am I not hungry?"

Before long I begin to convince myself that I am going to come down with the same thing that my housemate had, which causes me to worry even more.

"You're being stupid," my roommate informed me the other day when I told her of the fears I had last year and those that are plaguing me now.

"I can't help it!" I defended myself. "How do I know that I'm not going to get sick? What if I do? How will I know that I'm sick? How will I-"

She cut me off. "Look, you're NOT going to get sick. You didn't get sick last year when I was. So stop worrying about it."

It didn't help very much to have her say that. Hearing her words didn't make me stop

worrying. Why should I stop worrying? What I needed was someone to sit me down and say, "Hello, don't you know that God is in charge here? He created you, He's not going to let something happen to you that you can't handle with His help. He doesn't expect you to be able to do everything alone. He'll give you the strength if you ask for it. Sure, you're going to get tired. You're going to get worn out. You're even going to get sick once in a while. It's not the end of the world; it's not evil. But if you're trusting that God will see you through, He will give you the strength that you need. He'll help you rise above your problems, your struggles, even your sicknesses. But it's only through Him. He'll keep you going and not get weary-if you lean on Him."

It's only through Him that I can do these things. I can tell myself, "I'm not going to get sick," a thousand times and not believe it. I can try to convince myself that I'm fine, but the nagging doubt is always in the back of my mind. It's only when I turn myself over to God and admit that I'm weak, admit that I need His help that I will be able to have

peace. Peace in who He is, peace in my place in His plan, peace that He will give me the strength that I need no matter what happens.

My worries aren't isolated to my hypochondriac tendencies. Finals are coming up, and I find myself even more anxious about these tests that are looming close and closer than about my "impending" illness. Not only that, but I am expected to produce a newspaper that is uplifting and glorifying to God. I have to finish assignments, projects, and paper revisions. Each day new things pop up in my life that I must deal with-some unexpected, some foreseen. Yet I must not worry. I must submit each and every issue to the Lord because He is the everlasting God, the Creator of all, the strength in my time of weakness.

Through all of this, I pray, "Give your strength to me, the weary one, O Lord. Increase the power of this weak child to trust in Your unfailing love and power. Help me to lean on You even when I feel I cannot go on; teach me ever so much more about Your strength and faithfulness to me. Help me hope in You to renew my strength." And I know that He will.

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## TOP TEN...

ways you know your toilets have issues



by the girls of Randall #5

**10** you have the Houghton maintenance office on speed dial

**9** when the plumbers enter your house, they joke about "job security"

**8** you and the plumbers are on a first-name basis

**7** after you flush a toilet, you run out of the bathroom...just in case

**6** you use the bathrooms in every other building on campus so you don't have to use yours

**5** the maintenance department asks you to keep a log of how much toilet paper you use...to try to figure out what's causing all the blockage

**4** you come back from class one day and your toilet is sitting on your front lawn

**3** when the townhouse next door sees you coming they hide their plungers

**2** one of your weekly chores is "who calls maintenance this week?"

**1** the maintenance men tell you not to flush cardboard toilet paper tubes or eye-drop bottles

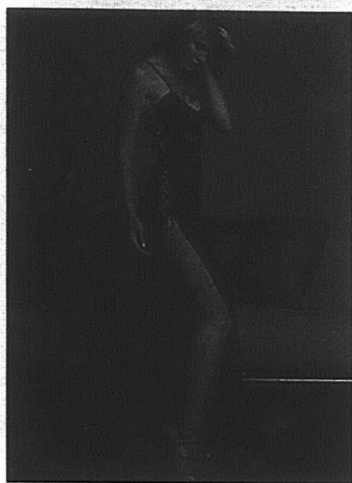
### QUIP OF THE WEEK

quip (kwip) n. a clever or witty remark or saying, usually made on the spur of the moment. "Fall is my favorite season in Los Angeles: all the birds changing color and falling from the trees." -David Leberman

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# The unfading beauty: a message to women



by **Jillian Gibbs**  
Guest writer

Modesty. The word suggests a level of humility, even of prestige. In general, it appears honorable to be modest regarding one's attitude and lifestyle. I think we would all agree that modesty is a respectable, praiseworthy expression. However, when modesty is referenced to women, I see the worth of the word diminish in quality and importance.

I turn on my TV. Commercials seem almost worse than the programs. Victoria's Secret dominates, influencing all other ads. Women in their bras and

underwear have seized my screen all for the sake of advertisement. And modesty is embarrassing.

I wander through the mall. I feel the enticing arms of main-line shops pulling me, deceiving me with their scantily-clad models. Gap. Abercrombie and Fitch. Frederick's of Hollywood. And modesty is pretend.

I wait in line at the grocery store and cover magazines' scream appeal. Women are conveyed as desire. And modesty is obscured.

My eyes scan the halls of even my residence building, as supermodels are tacked suggestively to the walls. Beautiful women are exposed. Skin is left bare. Their smiles imply a "be like me" persona. And modesty is blasphemy.

I walk the paths of this beautiful campus, a gift from God, and I am astonished that you gorgeous women have taken the supermodels' advice. "Expose yourselves," they have said. "This is how you make yourself attractive." And you listen. I, too, have fallen prey at times. Modesty lives on the wayside.

I listen to the hearts of women who cry out for acceptance. I've

heard the words, "I feel un-pretty." What happened to the prestige, humility, and praiseworthiness of modesty? Modesty is now "un-pretty." And women are not the only ones who suffer.

I can only imagine the effects on men concerning the immodesty of women? what the short skirts, the tight shirts, and the bare skin do. Modesty is not only in the clothing but in the heart. Women, are we aware of what we are doing to our brothers? To ourselves?

Sure, the TV tells us it is okay. Sure, the magazines picture it for us. And of course our malls set the unapologetic example. But what does Scripture say?

Speaking to women, I Peter 3:3 says, "Your beauty should not come from outward adornment. Instead it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight."

Unfading beauty, the beauty found through God. Truly it comes down to who we are trying to please and who we are looking toward for our beauty and worth.

Our beauty, women, is from God alone. We should not be

concerned with lovely compliments from others, though they can be healthy. We cannot derive our worth from others' opinion of us. Our beauty is not just from outward adornment; the real beauty is a gentle and quiet spirit.

My heart is heavy because I feel the ignorance of modesty growing. Women, you are beautiful in the Lord because He is the maker of all beauty. He knows our hearts. Modesty does not mean rigidity or inflexibility. It does not mean boring or un-pretty. But modesty is what its original definition actually tries to reduce: it is praiseworthy. It is freeing. And it means pleasing God and Him alone.

Search yourselves, women. Go to the One who has made you beautiful. Decide that you will find your compliments in the Lord, not the "be like me" supermodel. Your inner beauty will shine forth, emanating your attractiveness.

Be modest. You will find that not only are you helping your brothers, but more importantly, you'll be honoring the One who is worthy of all the praise.

## Letter from the editor : apology for offensive quotes

This past week the Star printed an article in which we highlighted one of our Spanish professors, Granada Hernandez. From my own personal experience, almost every student on campus has heard of her or has come in contact with her in some way or another, which is why we chose to print such a large article on this unique woman. Included with the article were some quotes, some of which could be classified as of a questionable nature. My intention in including these quotes was not to demote the quality of Granada's character or Christianity, but simply to highlight her eccentricity and cultural background (she is from the Dominican Republic). In doing so I realize that some students, faculty, or administrators may have been offended, and for this I am sorry. I believe that the writer of the article did a masterful job of portraying Granada's character as it truly is - funny, tender-hearted, fun, and one that follows after God. Nothing was intended to make Granada look bad. Through a series of circumstances, the paper's faculty advisor did not have an opportunity to screen this, and I take full responsibility for that. I believed that because I know Granada personally and interpret these quotes in the context of her person, others reading the quotes would assume this as well. I admit that I

am still learning in this process of printing a newspaper, and because of this I am liable to make some mistakes. Perhaps these quotes were not something that I should have printed; at any rate, I do want to point out that the Star does not condone the use of such language and would not print it simply for the sake of printing it. What I did not realize fully was the difference between the spoken word and the written word. Because Granada is from a country where English is not the native language, at times the meaning of her expressions differs from the way we would use the words in America. This results in a humorous quote to those who hear it, such as those that were printed in the paper last week. I hope that you will understand that the Star meant no degradation of Granada in printing these quotes, and we apologize to anyone who has been offended by what we have printed.

In Christ,  
Bethany Schwartz, editor

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## Houghton mime team gears up for worship

by **Rebecca Williams**  
Staff writer

For several years the Houghton mime team, which is comprised of about twenty children and adults, has come together with the purpose of reaching souls for Christ. The goal of the team is to share the gospel message with those in need of the Savior and to teach important principles of Christian living through the expression of mime. The mimes not only feel that their ministry is an outreach, but that it's an outlet for their own worship. Miming is their way of giving back to God and glorifying His name.

Because of a growing interest for involvement in the ministry, the mime team has been quite busy training new members. Every Tuesday evening for an hour and a half, the team gets together to practice. Kaiulani Holmquist, a sophomore who has been a member of the mime team for the past two years, is excited about the team's growth. She not only enjoys being able to help the new members learn the choreography, but also the ability to relate to the new freshmen and sophomores involved and encourage them in their studies and daily walks of life. The mime team employs different

choreography for each performance. Some choreography that they use has been passed on throughout the years, other mime teams have shared their choreography, and the team's members have also created some. The team does mimes both silently and to Christian contemporary music.



Soon the Houghton mime team will be going to the nursing home to minister to the elderly residing there. The mime team has already ministered at a retreat at Camp Asbury and at Houghton Wesleyan Church. They are considering going on a mission trip next semester, but plans for that are still being worked on. The team's ministry has been a blessing to those who have already had the opportunity to witness it, and the group is working hard to ensure that many more people will be able to share with them in their heartfelt worship.

# Highlander SPORTS

December 11 - 17



## Sports Scores:

### Men's Basketball

December 4---  
Houghton 49  
Daemen College 66

December 8---  
Houghton 60  
Tiffin University 66

### Women's Basketball

December 4---  
Houghton 81  
Daemen College 73

December 8---  
Houghton 73  
Tiffin University 62

### Records:

Varsity men 2 - 4  
Varsity women 4 - 2  
JV men 3 - 3  
JV women 3 - 2

## Indoor track prepares to spring into new season

by Liz Hornor  
Sports writer

The indoor track team has sprung into action! Sprinters, jumpers, hurdlers, vaulters, throwers and distance runners have begun practicing for the season which begins with the first meet at Fredonia College on January 19. Coach Smalley (throwers, vaulters, distance) and Coach Kragbø (sprinters, jumpers, hurdlers) are

working hard to prepare the team for the upcoming season. Some of the goals they have are sending at least 10 athletes to Nationals, continuing to break school records—17 records were broken in indoor track last season—and having a team that is pleasing to the Lord. Coach Smalley expects to see this team break many pole vaulting, relay and sprint records. One of the largest track and field teams in years, this season's squad is filled

with many new faces, including a sizeable representation from the men's and women's soccer teams. Though the team seems to be in good shape, the athletes will have to work hard and be careful in order to stay injury and illness-free. Since Houghton does not have an indoor track, there will not be any home meets, but the team is looking forward to the two outdoor track and field home meets later in the spring. Go Highlanders!

## Men's basketball drops third straight game

Staff reports

The Highlanders lost their third-straight AMC contest, 66-49, to Daemen College at home. Justin Pauley led the Highlanders in scoring for the fifth time this season with 19 points. He also pulled down six rebounds to lead the team.

Daemen jumped ahead 7-0 in the first five minutes, but Houghton used a 10-0 run over a two minute span to take a 10-7 lead with 13:21 remaining in the first half. Daemen led by three at the half and led by no more than six until six minutes into the second stanza. Then they slowly started to pull away, pushing the lead to as

many as 19 with under a minute remaining.

Houghton struggled from the field, connecting on just 39 percent of its shots, while Daemen hit for 51 percent.

Adam Zoeller added eight points and Jeremy Thomas chipped in with six.

## Ladies slam their third win of season against Daemen

Staff reports



JoAnna Beardsley, Sarah Tooley, and Amanda Sweeney take their defensive positions against Daemen College. photo by Bethany Schwartz

After two rough road losses, the Highlanders were hoping a game in front of the home fans would propel them to their first AMC win. The friendly confines of the Nielsen Center did

the trick, as the Highlanders knocked off the Daemen College Warriors, 81-73. The game was a classic between the two rivals who always seem to play down to the wire. Daemen won both games last year, 62-59 and 56-55.

Neither team could take much of an edge early on. Though Daemen jumped out to a 7-2 lead in the game's first three minutes,

three-straight buckets by the Highlanders gave the hosts a one-point lead.

With the score tied at 20 with 11:42 remaining in the half, the Highlanders got a much-needed lift from a freshman off the bench. Michelle Kiger scored 13 points, including three 3-pointers, over a six-minute span, to spark a 13-6 Houghton run and give the Highlanders the lead for good. Houghton led by three (43-39) at the half after hitting 56 percent of its shots from the field.

The Highlanders opened up the second stanza on a 7-2 run to go up by nine (50-41), before Daemen countered with a 9-3 run to get back within three (53-50). But Kiger killed any changes of a Warrior comeback with back-to-back three pointers to push the lead back to nine.

The Highlanders led by as many as 12, and Daemen would get no closer than five down the stretch.

Kiger finished with a game- and career-high 24 points on 7-for-11 shooting, including a 5-for-7 performance from behind the arc, in just 21 minutes of action. She also pulled down five rebounds. Angela Layne produced another solid effort with 20 points, eight rebounds and three steals, while Sarah Tooley did a little bit of everything, tallying 15 points, eight rebounds, and six assists. Morgan Sasse and JoAnna Beardsley added seven points apiece. Beardsley dished out five assists.

The Highlanders shot 50 percent from the field while holding Daemen to 38 percent shooting.

## Highlander SportsWeek

### Men's varsity basketball

Saturday, December 15  
2 p.m. - Home  
Notre Dame College of Ohio

### Men's JV basketball

Wednesday, December 12  
8 p.m. - Home  
Alfred State

### Women's varsity basketball

Wednesday, December 12  
6 p.m. - Home  
Alfred State

### Women's JV basketball

Saturday, December 15  
4 p.m. - Home  
Seton Hill College