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Editor Removed Due to Lack of Chapel Attendance

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Dan Perrine was removed from his position as Editor-in-Chief of the STAR at the end of last year after only one month on the job. Perrine was ratified as Editor-in-Chief last April with 213 yeas and 71 nays.

During finals week in May, Perrine received a letter from Student Life notifying him that he was on disciplinary probation due to his faulty chapel attendance record for the previous three semesters. The letter also stated that he had lost his privilege to be Editor-in-Chief.

Perrine argues that there was more to his removal than his lack of attendance to chapels, even going as far as to suggest a hidden agenda in the members of the Judiciary Committee who were responsible for his removal.

"I'm a liberal progressive. There are people here who don't like that," Perrine said.

Last year Perrine authored a column protesting mandatory chapel attendance and was an advocate of a seminar series on homosexuality and Christianity, which would include gay alumni of Houghton College as guest speakers.

"I have definitely locked horns with the administration a few times," Perrine said.

When he received the letter stating that he was on disciplinary probation and would have to forfeit his position as editor, Perrine claims it came as quite a surprise.

"In the past, no one ever enforced the two-thirds chapel attendance rule," Perrine said. Perrine admitted that the rule had always been the same, but argued that since students were rarely punished for bending the rules, he did not take seriously the warnings. He claims to have seen "many friends" who had not met their chapel quota graduate without repercussions.

According to Dean of Students Denise Bakerink, every student falling behind in their two-thirds attendance receives a letter part way through the each semester alerting them they need to catch up, and warning them of the consequences if they do not. This means Dan Perrine would have received three letters in all.

"I feel that my chapel attendance was only part of the issue. I'm sure the fact that I've been openly critical of the administration in my articles and on the STAR online discussion forum, had some influence in their decision," Perrine said.

Dean Bakerink says that students who fail to meet the chapel requirement lose their right to run for office no matter who they are.

"When a student is placed on disciplinary probation, he or she loses the privilege to represent the college in a leadership position," Bakerink said.

Losing a leadership position is, in fact, not as severe a punishment that Perrine could have received. Missing the chapel requirement for three semesters can result in suspension or expulsion from the college. Potential consequences listed in the Community Responsibilities statement are: loss of open house privileges, loss of townhouse or apartment privileges and loss of the privilege to participate in sports, plays or musical groups. And rounding off the list, as Dan Perrine found out, the privilege to represent the college in any official capacity or to serve in any elected or appointed student leadership position.

The Daily Grind – Grinding on in Spite of Setbacks

JOSH MILLER
STAFF WRITER

After being a hot topic of discussion and occasional debate within the Houghton community last semester, the plans for Houghton's new coffeehouse, the Daily Grind, received the approval of the Senate only to be delayed by inadequate finances which kept the coffeehouse from being completed until a week into the fall semester and forced those in charge to scale back on the coffeehouse's furnishings.

Many of these financial difficulties stemmed from a gross underestimate of construction costs by the project's student planning committee. "Once the project got transitioned from student hands to Steve Peck, who began working out the logistics, they realized that amount of money would basically only cover construction," SGA President Marisa Roach said. Originally, the committee had designated \$12,500 of the \$55,000 in the project's budget to go towards construction, brickwork, and lighting. In actuality, these three things ended up costing close to \$40,000. According to Vice President of Finance Jeff Spear, this faulty estimate was "not based on solid professional research," but was probably the product of the committee's desire to "make it [the coffeehouse] happen as quickly as we could."

The chairperson of the student committee, Laura Pasiaka, also acknowledges that its initial plans were idealistic. "The design plans that the committee came up with was more like a wish list than anything else," said Pasiaka. "Everyone on the committee was aware that we could not afford everything that we wished to see in the space."

Elevator and Daily Grind oust office space

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For those students still confused as to what is going on in the campus center where temporary walls have been made out of plywood, here is an important news bulletin. An elevator is being put in on the street side of the building to make the Campus Center more handicap-accessible.

Every year the government requires the college to do a certain amount of renovations in order to improve the campus, making it a safer and friendlier environment for those with disabilities.

The elevator is a project that has been planned for a while, and construction began in June in hopes that it would be completed by August. Needless to say it is now behind schedule, hence the loud drilling reverberating through the campus center at seemingly inconvenient times. Although the noise may be distracting, it is important to note that those conducting the construction have tried their best to work at times when they believe the least number of students are impacted.



In the end, Spear put Peck in charge of the budget; telling him, "Whatever you've got to do to make it work, make it work." After footing the initial \$40,000 bill for basic construction, Peck spent the rest of the summer trying to cut costs to keep the Daily Grind under the \$55,000 mark. Instead of springing for ceramic tile for the floor, he opted for vinyl flooring, which cost \$4,000—half of the projected expense. He also had to nix some items, including TVs

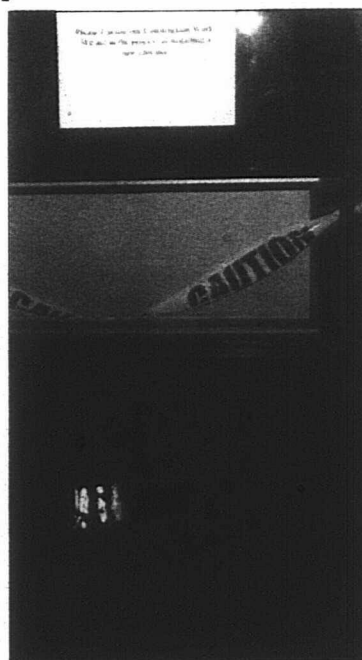
and sofas, as well as sound equipment and stage lighting. For concerts, the Daily Grind will have to use spotlighting and the Voice's sound system instead of its own equipment. "In order to make it a coffeehouse, we had to get the shell first," said Peck. "The \$40,000 was for the shell. What money we had left was the lipstick and rouge. We didn't buy Avon; we bought K-Mart brand." Still, Spear believes that "people are getting value for the money. Unfortunately

they're not getting what they thought they were going to get, but that's because this was not designed with any input from facilities."

Volunteer labor also helped Peck keep things within budget. Pasiaka and Aileen McCallum spearheaded a crew of Houghton community members—including Ben Hughes, Kyle Nagy, and Matt Preston—who painted the coffeehouse walls, which saved about \$3,000. While this was cost-efficient, Peck acknowledges that it was one of the primary causes for the delayed completion of the coffeehouse. "We couldn't put the floor in until the walls were ready...and we had to wait to put in the counters and serving area." Maintenance also pitched in as "in-house labor," which helped keep costs down.

In spite of all these penny-pinching efforts, the \$55,000 budget proved to be too small, so the college pitched in another \$5,000 to keep the project going, expanding the coffeehouse's funds to \$60,000. But even this has not been enough. The current estimated cost of the Daily Grind is \$62,170, though Peck says the final number may be slightly smaller.

In retrospect, Spear said, "I think it's a great project...But the lesson we have to learn is it's not a bad idea to run projects like this by the folks who are going to be doing the job versus trying to estimate it" without adequate research.



Also, since the project is already behind schedule, the maintenance department is trying to have all the construction completed as soon as possible. According

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MacBeth Ascends Throne of Student Life

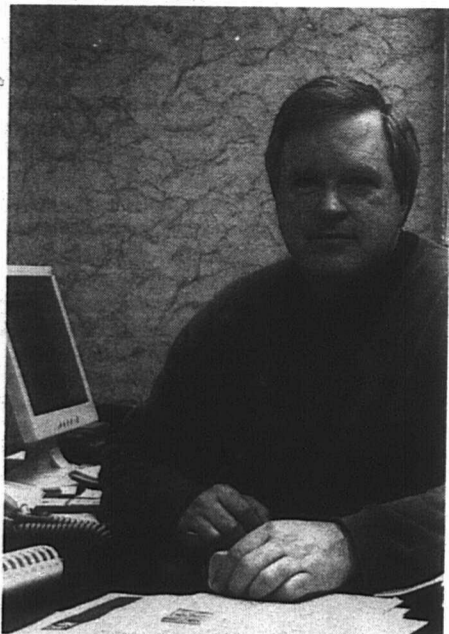
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The Office of Student Life, which oversees various areas such as residential life, campus security, and student activities, has recently obtained a new leader. The Vice President of Student Life is now Wayne MacBeth, a 1975 Houghton College graduate.

MacBeth has served in various positions during his time here at Houghton: Director of Student Activities, Director of Admissions, Vice President for Development, and Vice President for Enrollment Management are just a sampling of the responsibilities he has shouldered. Outside of Houghton College, he has been involved in ministry as an executive pastor of Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church, and in missions with his wife through the organization of Wesleyan World Missions (now Global Partners) at their Indiana headquarters and in Australia.

MacBeth says that he is "excited about the opportunity" his new position affords him in aiding the all-around growth of students. As Vice President of Student Life, he is able to play a role in helping students develop academically and spiritually, to mature as people during their time here. The two main goals he has at the onset of this school year are encouraging students to become a part of any religious group on campus and obtaining greater exposure for Houghton.

MacBeth believes it is crucial for students to become involved with any prayer group, accountability group, bible study, etc., that they can, as the small-group setting is beneficial for the well-being



of their spiritual lives. Secondly, he is in charge of the Houghton Higher Ground committee, whose goal is to increase public awareness of Houghton College through the use of radio, the internet, special public events, and other avenues. Prospective students who would do well here, pastors and guidance counselors in contact with high school students, and the general public overall will hear about Houghton more often. Rochester and Buffalo are of particular interest, as many students attending high schools there have little to no information about Houghton.

MacBeth's favorite place to be in the world is Melbourne, Australia, a city that he says is "beautiful and cosmopolitan," with a vibrant culture and atmosphere. He resides in Buffalo, with his wife Bonnie and his two children, Scott, a high school junior, and Christy, a sophomore here at our very own Houghton College.

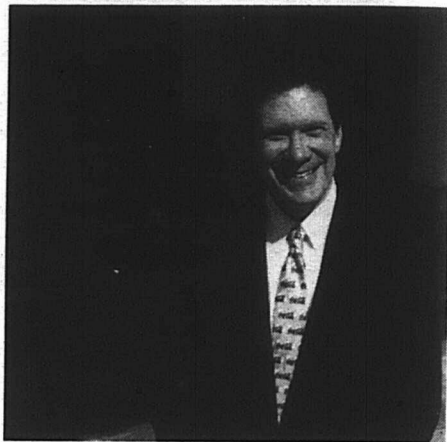
CAREER PATHWAYS

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"So, what are you going to do after you graduate?" This question, whether posed by parents, relatives, church people, or other well-meaning and/or meddling friends, tends to strike terror into the hearts of college students. It can be difficult to find the time to even think about the topic amidst papers, tests, and reading assignments. Wouldn't it be nice if you didn't have to worry about getting a job? Well, unless you are independently wealthy or engaged to one of Bill Gates' children, chances are you will eventually be tossing your resumé into the job market.

The fine staff at the Houghton Star has graciously agreed (after some serious groveling on my part) to give me space in upcoming issues to discuss career-related topics which will be of interest and relevance to all students, particularly those closer to the job-search process. In future columns we'll look at the job market, graduate school admission, writing a resumé, networking, and employment trends related to college graduates. Hoping to avoid a career in the wonderful world of fast food? Be sure and check out this column in future issues of the STAR.

Good news for the Class of '05: The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) is reporting that after several years of losses or flat salary offers, the college Class of 2004 enjoyed the benefits of a better economy as starting salary offers to many disciplines rose over 2003 levels. Even better news is that NACE's employers are forecasting a 13.1% increase in hiring of college graduates in 2004-05 as compared to 2003-04. These are early and hopeful indicators that the hiring slump of the past four years may be ending. However it is important to note



that the job market remains competitive. 2005 graduates should begin their job searches early and cast a wide net for job possibilities. Future columns will explore how to do just that. If you have questions about your career plans, please stop by and visit the Career Services Office. You may also benefit from checking out our website: <http://campus.houghton.edu/orgs/career/> and our partner, www.monstertrak.com, and select Houghton College from the drop down menu of choices.

Have a question or topic of interest for future Career Pathways columns? E-mail it to timothy.nichols@houghton.edu

P.A.C.E. Quality Questioned by Faculty

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Houghton College's Program for Accelerating College Education (P.A.C.E.) has received criticisms recently from Houghton College faculty who question its standards and quality.

The PACE program allows students twenty-five years and older who have completed at least sixty-four college credits to obtain a BS in Management by attending a four-hour class one evening each week for sixteen months. The program, which was established in 1991, has expanded to six or seven campuses: four at the West Seneca campus, one in Olean, New York at the Cattaraugus County Campus of Jamestown Community College, one at the JCC campus in Jamestown, and one every other year at either the Genesee Community College Dansville Campus or at the community college's Arcade Campus.

Daryl Stevenson, a professor of psychology at Houghton's main

campus and an instructor in P.A.C.E. since its beginning, sees this program as not only an academic endeavor, but also as a "natural outcrop of our mission" at Houghton College.

Many of the students that participate in P.A.C.E. are not Christians, and in fact, are not required to sign the "Responsibilities of Community Life" that full-time students who study at Houghton must sign. Therefore, Stevenson hopes that

the contact these students have with Christian professors will influence them both academically and spiritually.

Stevenson, who has taught forty-seven cohorts thus far, also cites the P.A.C.E. students' motivation as an aspect that makes the program especially worthwhile. He finds it extremely refreshing to instruct students who are interested in learning and who have already had enough experiences to know the importance of education. By making a college education convenient and fast for these busy people, P.A.C.E. allows non-traditional age students

to gain a degree while they carry on their daily responsibilities.

Others, however, find P.A.C.E. to sacrifice the quality of a college education in the name of earning a degree. Richard Perkins, a professor of Sociology and a former P.A.C.E. instructor, believes that the academic standards are too low for a college program. He cited examples of students who could not even put a paper together but who were soon to earn a degree through the P.A.C.E. program.

Daryl Stevenson acknowledges that there is a very small percentage of students in the program who match this description, but he is not willing to "chuck the whole program" because of one or two students who perform unsatisfactorily.

In the future, Stevenson believes that the initial screening of students will be more rigorous, although he sees his P.A.C.E. students as just as strong as traditional Houghton College students. Furthermore, Stevenson hopes that the program will expand through advertising, naturally making it more selective.

Richard Perkins and others also feel that the number of contact hours with a professor is too low for a quality education. Perkins believes that Houghton College is competing with other non-traditional age programs for the easiest and quickest degrees and that much of the quality of the education is lost in this competition.

Stevenson argues that the expectations of P.A.C.E. graduates are every bit as rigorous in thinking and writing as the classes at Houghton's main campus, but Perkins thinks that the program can be compared to "buying a degree" in the case of some students.

Construction CONTINUED

to Wayne Macbeth, the Vice President for Student Life at Houghton, it is anticipated that the elevator will be operational by the end of October or early November.

The real controversy from this project, however, is not the elevator itself but the side effects of its construction. The space where the elevator has now been installed in the basement of the Campus Center is the area where student association offices were located. The office space has already decreased with the construction of the Daily Grind, and now with the elevator the student associations are strapped for space. The majority of the clubs will be sharing offices, but the administration has been working on solutions to alleviate the problems this might cause. Two conference rooms have been put in where there once were offices, and these can be signed out and reserved by any club for any time.

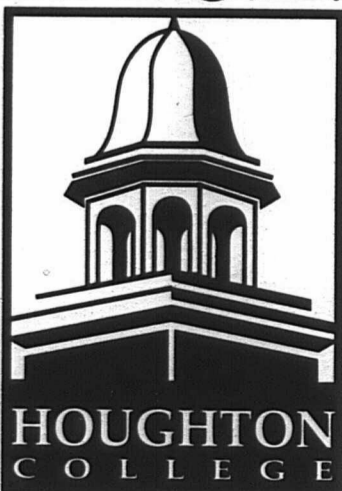
There has also been serious discussion of moving the computers in the room by the post office up to the counters in the quad side of the lounge. That room would then be made into a joint home for commuter students and the ISA (International Students Association).

It has also been mentioned that the Daily Grind and Big Al's are spaces that can be used by these organizations for meeting and other gatherings. Unfortunately the clubs are still left with only a small amount of space to share, and as Marisa Roach, president of the SGA said, "the elevator simply increased the space problems we already had."

The fact remains that it does need to be constructed to satisfy federal law. The problem stems from an issue that no one can do anything about, which is when the building was originally constructed there were no provisions made for a non-service elevator.

While the problems caused by the elevator may seem unfair, the placement of it would have caused major problems anywhere it was put in the campus center. As Mr. Macbeth said of the whole project and the resulting problems and solutions, given the restrictions, "It's not a perfect idea, but it's the best that can be done."

P.A.C.E.



WEEKLY NEWS BLURBS

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STAFF WRITER

Sudan: Ethnic cleansing in Darfur. The city of Darfur, Sudan, continues to be the center of what can be called nothing less than ethnic cleansing. The fighting there has killed more than 50,000 people and left another 1.4 million displaced, fleeing for their lives. The conflict began in February, 2003 due to rebellion against the Sudanese government led by two rebel groups from Darfur's Black African population. In response, the Government armed and encouraged roving Arab militias, known as Janjaweed, to put down the rebellion. Despite violence, rape, burning of villages, and other atrocities the worldwide community has been slow to take any action. Last week the African Union announced that 3,000 - 5,000 troops would be sent to the Darfur regions to control violence and monitor the situation, while the U.N. threatened Sudan with sanctions if the violence continues.
<http://www.nytimes.com/2004/09/24/international/africa/24sudan.html>

Why vote for Bush? Why vote for Kerry? Unlike many polls released throughout this year's Presidential election campaign a poll released September 21 asked why people are voting for either Bush or Kerry, going beyond a simple measure of which candidate is most popular. The poll, released by Gallup News Agency, asked open ended questions to find out the top one or two reasons people are voting for their favored candidate. Among those who support Bush, the most common response was that he is "doing a good job" (27%), followed by Bush's position towards war, terrorism, and national security (21%), his leadership quality (20%), and his moral and religious values (20%). Among those who support Kerry, the most common response was dissatisfaction with Bush (18%), Kerry's position on war, security, and terrorism (13%), Kerry's agenda (11%), and favor for the Democratic Party (11%).
<http://gallup.com/poll/content/default.aspx?ci=13096>

Indonesia: Presidential Elections in the world's most populous Muslim nation. Millions of Indonesians are turning out to vote in an election to remove the current President, Megawati Sukarnoputri, and elect Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono the opposing frontrunner. Since the former dictator Suharto was ousted six years ago the country has been through turbulent times, including separatist uprisings, three presidents, and major terrorist bombings. Voters hope the new president will bring stability and security, as well as control rampant corruption and lower the 40% unemployment rate. The outcome of the election will be announced October 5.
<http://www.csmonitor.com/2004/0924/p08s03-comv.html>

Haitians hit hard by storms. The devastating aftermath of tropical storm Jeanne continues to plague the population of Gonaives, Haiti, the country's third largest city. After shin deep flooding devastated the city, leaving an estimated 250,000 people homeless, conditions continue to worsen. City officials, along with the help of many aid organizations such as the UN, Oxfam, and CARE, are challenged by the fact that there is no clean water, no electricity, and limited communication. It is estimated that more than 1,000 people have died as a result of the flooding, with at least 1,000 more still unaccounted. However, without clean water and adequate sanitation officials fear that water born diseases such as cholera will soon affect the hungry and homeless survivors.
<http://www.nytimes.com/2004/09/24/international/americas/24haiti.html>

Genetically modified species in suburbia. A new study to be published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences found that the genes of a new genetically modified grass can spread up to 13 miles. The grass, a new strain of creeping bent grass, is resistant to herbicides such as roundup. If it wins approval by the US Department of Agriculture it would be the first non-agricultural crop to be approved in the United States, and would most likely be marketed towards golf courses. However, even the Department of Agriculture is hesitant to approve the new grass because of its potentially widespread environmental impact. The crop has the potential to cross pollinate with twelve other species, spreading resistance to herbicides to other grasses, as well as other potential and unforeseen effects.
<http://www.nytimes.com/2004/09/21/business/21grass.html>

Top ten changes in Houghton you didn't see ...

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STAFF WRITER

10. Turkey Bake changes its name to the more scientifically correct turkey-hotdog-quiche-taco meat-jello-leftover bake
9. Instead of new computers the freshmen received Etch-a-Sketches with typewriters (which are marginally faster)
8. New Major: Heresy-pros and cons
7. "Ring by Spring" gets upgraded to "Ring by Now!"
6. No jump roping gets added on to the no dancing policy (co-ed hopscotch is banned as well)
5. The new 78-meal plan becomes mandatory for freshmen
4. Literature professors admit that the Highlander is actually a type of mushroom
3. The famous article "Where have all the men gone?" becomes an East Hall rally cry
2. ROTC trainees are asked to "rough up" scan-n-scrammers for chapel on sight
1. Certain teachers are asked not to communicate with the incoming perspectives (list will be updated monthly)

Kathie's Corner

Local events, restaurants, and recipes for students

KATHIE BRENNEMAN
RESIDENT "MOM"

Let me introduce myself. I work in the Info Center and my husband, Bruce, teaches POW and theater. We love cooking and have catered over the years we've lived in Houghton. If you have any cooking questions, please get in touch with us, either by emailing or phone. We'll try and help.

Fried egg sandwiches.....these were a Sunday night staple at the Brenneman house when I first met Bruce. You can make the simplest fried egg sandwich or dress it up and make a gourmet treat. From just a fried egg on toast, we've moved on to make Mexican egg sandwiches and Greek egg sandwiches.

Sauté onions, over medium heat, if you like onions, in a bit of olive oil until they reach perfection---lightly browned and transparent. Never rush onions by turning up the heat because this will burn the edges. Using 1 egg per person, mix the eggs with a fork adding a tsp of milk for each egg, and a shake of salt and pepper. Pour over the sautéed onions. When the eggs become rather solid, cut and flip over. Then cover with grated Mexican cheese and a lid until the cheese melts. Have your

favorite bread toasted and top with the egg and cheese. Add some sliced jalapeno peppers, salsa and mayo, even French's flavored chipotle mayo. Sometimes we also add bacon and if I have it, chopped fresh cilantro. Yummy.

Now to make this Greek, add chopped fresh spinach to the egg mixture, fresh mushrooms and chopped pimento. Top with cheddar and feta cheese, fresh sliced tomatoes and mayo.

Some other additions are pepperoni, provolone cheese, ham, roasted red peppers, pepper jack cheese, lettuce....let your imagination go. Instead of toast, try a flour or corn tortilla. If you don't like cold plain tortillas, try heating olive oil in a small skillet and popping a tortilla in the skillet. Very quickly the tortilla will brown and puff up. Turn it and brown the other side, draining on a paper towel. Then use it as the basis for the egg combination. I'm sure that you will come up with more ideas that I haven't thought about.

Make one of these delicious combinations and enjoy healthful happy eating. Have fun.



Dear Dr. Brittain,

Beginning next week Dr. Brittain, our beloved Dean of the Chapel, will be replacing Chris Austin as The Star's advice columnist. He will be answering real problems and questions that we the students have every week, and to begin his column Dr. Brittain needs letters to answer.

Have a problem or a question that you want answered with the wisdom, humor, and unique flavor of Dr. Brittain? Write to The Star at star@houghton.edu. Letters should be no longer than 250 words.

Quotes from Around Campus

"If you don't like Billy Graham, you're evil."
- Dr. Eckley

"If they don't have Sierra Mist in heaven, I ain't going."
- Dr. Tyson

"I wish I could teach myself to walk into Hallmark and just hurl."
- Dr. Walters

"I already give the grades out when I look at the class roster, and throughout the class I try to justify the grade given. It's a very Calvinist model."
- Dr. Eckley

"This is the year the cell phone has infested Houghton."
- Dr. Meilaender

"When I saw John Wesley's grave I couldn't stop weeping...because I didn't realize he was dead."
- Dr. Eckley

Have you heard any crazy or funny quotes around campus? Email them to The Star at star@houghton.edu.

MOVIES

with Adam & Pete

Adam's Review – Grade: C-

Julianne Moore is a very talented actress, the kind that has enough skill and screen presence to make you want to see whatever movie she is in simply because she is in it. This year however has started reversing this trend with the film *Laws of Attraction*, a dismal excuse for a romantic comedy that came out earlier this year, and now with this film, *The Forgotten*.

Moore plays Telly Paretta, a grieving mother struggling to cope with the loss of her eight year-old son. When her memories and mementos of him begin to disappear and husband and friends begin to claim she never had a son, she embarks on a mission to prove her son's existence and her own sanity.

This is a very good premise for a movie, and is the very reason I wanted to go to this film, but, there is not much else I can say about the plot because, with its many twists and turns, if anything else was revealed then the entire plot of the film would be exposed. This is my biggest problem with the film: if I gave away any more of the plot, you would not want to see this film.

That being said, the film was still mildly entertaining, all of the credit for which should go to director Joseph Ruben. Ruben knows how to use the camera in subtle, yet stylish ways. It is as if the camera takes on different roles throughout the film as it changes positions and tracks of fluency. It seems apparent that this film did not have a large budget, but I enjoyed what Ruben does with his simple sets and quick special effects. Ruben also does a brilliant job of creating sporadic sequences of tension that will authentically make you jump. The gift of a real filmmaker is making something totally predictable still uniquely enjoyable. With *The Forgotten*, director Joseph Ruben has created a unique blend of science fiction and supernatural thriller that has a feel similar to the classic horrors of the 1950's and any M. Night Shyamalan film.

Nevertheless, the humanitarian theme around which the plot revolves is quite weak and insufficient for the payoff at the end. There are awkward scenes where it seems screenwriter Gerald Di Pego does not seem to know how people hold conversations over the phones in the real world, and places where the audience was probably not intended to laugh, but does. Actor Dominic West, who plays the father and who finds himself in the same search for his child as Julianne Moore's character, plays out scenes of extreme emotion with the amateur skills of bad stage actor.

Put it all together and you have a film with a very good premise that gives you good reason for going to the theatre but gives you little to be appreciative about when leaving. Joseph Ruben does what he can in the directors chair to instill the movie with twists and chills but in the end, *The Forgotten*, is just barely recommendable when it comes out on DVD.



Peter's Review – Grade: B-

I hold *The Forgotten* on a higher pedestal than Adam does because it is an entertaining film with many positive qualities. Accompanying those positives were a few obvious poor traits that, while unable to be ignored, do not overshadow the many redeeming values of this movie. It is difficult to go into too much detail with the film because even the slightest information about the plot would give the entire film away as Adam stated above.

The cast included veteran actors Julianne Moore and Gary Sinise along with "no-namer" Dominic West. Moore was great in the role but I found her character mildly annoying. The constant repetition of one key line was a distracting to say the least. Gary Sinise is one of my favorite actors. The role in which Sinise was cast did not allow him to be very creative but he still was quite good in his role. I feel bad transitioning Gary Sinise to Dominic West. These actors are on two completely different planes in regards to their acting skills. In one of his first significant roles West did not show us much to look forward to. Especially in scenes that required a lot of emotion, West looks very flat and fake. You would think that acting along side Moore for the majority of the film would compel West to up his game. Moore did not do him any favors. The consistently good Moore just made the low acting ability of West more apparent. If he did give us his best, he is not in for a long acting career.

This film deliberately employs three different genres. Giving them away would ruin the film. The genres are introduced and concluded in such a way that you are not really sure where the film is taking you until it is half over. Once you finally discover where the movie is going, the premise is unexpected and unique. I did like the overarching premise but in comparison, the focus or humanitarian theme was quite weak.

I call the film entertaining because of the action that builds throughout and the multiple startling scenes that had most of the theatre jumping out of their seats. I do not call this a great film because of one important fault. It is shallow. After watching this film there is not much to think about. There is no deeper meaning to the plot nor any profound statements. Basically, what you see is what you get.

I am not at all calling this a bad movie. Despite the flaws, I rather liked it. Going into the film I was expecting more depth but I was very entertained. As soon as you even see a hint of slowness in the movie BAM! another startling scene comes and draws you right back into the story. Overall, *The Forgotten* was pretty good and worth checking out.

The New and Improved Movie Page

By Adam Kline

As you can now probably tell, the responsibilities of the resident movie critic at The Houghton Star have expanded significantly. Thanks to the support of our new Editor-in-Chief, Elliott Tait, we will be writing our weekly review on the most popular movie to be released in theatres as well as additional pieces. Peter and I know that as students living in Houghton it is hard to keep on top of what is new in the movie world and so we will do our best to help you out. We now have a permanent legend that explains the grading system we use when reviewing films, and we have a Coming Soon section which will highlight what movies are being released in theatres and on DVD in the coming week, this section will be updated weekly. We will also be providing weekly articles covering a plethora of topics such as: what's worth renting on DVD, the best places to rent DVD's, the best theatres to go to, and most notably, what movies are worth taking out of the library. In addition, at some point in the near future we will be holding a movie trivia contest where the top prize will be screening a film with Peter and me, and dinner to talk about the film afterwards, all for free. So keep your thumb on the movie section of The Houghton Star this year, because you will never know what you will read.

The Grading System

- A+ = Perfect, no complaints
- A/A - = Great movie, worth owning
- B +/- = Good movie, worth seeing
- C +/- = Disappointing but has redeemable aspects
- D +/- = Bad movie, not worth the money
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MOVIES

with Adam & Pete

Adam's Review – Grade: C-

Julianne Moore is a very talented actress, the kind that has enough skill and screen presence to make you want to see whatever movie she is in simply because she is in it. This year however has started reversing this trend with the film *Laws of Attraction*, a dismal excuse for a romantic comedy that came out earlier this year, and now with this film, *The Forgotten*.

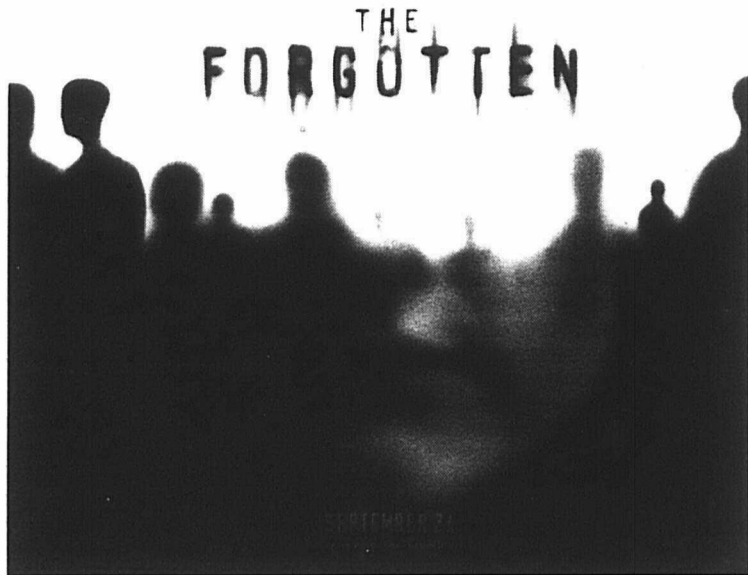
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This is a very good premise for a movie, and is the very reason I wanted to go to this film, but, there is not much else I can say about the plot because, with its many twists and turns, if anything else was revealed then the entire plot of the film would be exposed. This is my biggest problem with the film: if I gave away any more of the plot, you would not want to see this film.

That being said, the film was still mildly entertaining, all of the credit for which should go to director Joseph Ruben. Ruben knows how to use the camera in subtle, yet stylish ways. It is as if the camera takes on different roles throughout the film as it changes positions and tracks of fluency. It seems apparent that this film did not have a large budget, but I enjoyed what Ruben does with his simple sets and quick special effects. Ruben also does a brilliant job of creating sporadic sequences of tension that will authentically make you jump. The gift of a real filmmaker is making something totally predictable still uniquely enjoyable. With *The Forgotten*, director Joseph Ruben has created a unique blend of science fiction and supernatural thriller that has a feel similar to the classic horrors of the 1950's and any M. Night Shyamalan film.

Nevertheless, the humanitarian theme around which the plot revolves is quite weak and insufficient for the payoff at the end. There are awkward scenes where it seems screenwriter Gerald Di Pego does not seem to know how people hold conversations over the phones in the real world, and places where the audience was probably not intended to laugh, but does. Actor Dominic West, who plays the father and who finds himself in the same search for his child as Julianne Moore's character, plays out scenes of extreme emotion with the amateur skills of bad stage actor.

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Peter's Review – Grade: B-

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The New and Improved Movie Page

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Choosing where to begin when listing the problems with the Bush administration is a difficult task. Does one discuss how he's undone decades of environmental protection legislation, generally to the benefit of corporate interests? (<http://www.nrdc.org/bushrecord/>) Should I comment on how dozens of Nobel laureates have taken the unprecedented step of condemning this administration for twisting scientific research to fit its ideology? (http://www.ucsusa.org/global_environment/rsi/index.cfm) Or perhaps make mention of how numerous CIA agents are coming forward saying they were pressured to come up with evidence that Iraq had WMD's, even before September 11? As I said, there are a lot of things to attack Bush on. For the sake of brevity, however, I'll try and narrow my focus to what I feel are two key issues.

First off, there's what finally tipped the scale for me personally – over the summer, the Bush administration began toying with plans to invade Iran, and soon. (Notice how these plans have died out just prior to the election). Now, let's talk about Iran for a moment: yes, Iran has a fundamentalist Muslim government. Yes, to say that Iran and the US haven't always seen eye to eye would be an understatement. However, Iran also has a very advanced progressive movement that is increasing the pressure for a more tolerant, democratic government with each passing year. There's a good chance that in the not-too-distant-future Iran will become one of the first Middle Eastern states to voluntarily embrace a liberal style of governance, in what could quickly become a domino effect across the entire region. A US invasion to uphold Bush's "Axis of Evil" publicity slogan would be the fastest way to kill this movement. An outside threat from a country whose leader has used the c-word ("crusade") repeatedly would solidify support behind the current government and engender bitterness against everything Western, including human rights and democracy. We, the first modern democracy, would be responsible for killing

a struggling nation's hope for democracy. Doesn't this strike you as the antithesis of every ideal our nation purports to stand for? This is, of course, without even discussing how difficult it would be for our military, already admittedly overstretched, to mount an invasion of Iran.

Second is an issue I think should be of even more concern: the Bush administration's attempts to justify torturing human beings for information. We aren't just talking Abu Ghraib here. Ever since the Afghanistan invasion in 2001, the Bush administration has, at all levels, consistently tried to frame human rights in regard to torture as a legal question rather than a moral one. The Justice Department has repeatedly tried to exploit loopholes in the definition of "enemy combatant" to allow the denial of Geneva Convention rights to those captured in anti-terrorism operations. They've also tried to redefine torture to a certain degree and type of pain and suffering: so maybe we can't drive bamboo under their fingernails, but can we humiliate and degrade them? Deny them basic necessities like food, water, and sleep? Deliberately mock their religion? The reason international torture treaties lack these specifics to their definitions are because they aren't addressing a legal question, but a moral one. Torturing another human being is not the same as speeding; it's not wrong just because the law says it is, it's wrong because it's a violation of fundamental human rights. Inflicting pain and suffering on helpless human beings is a reprehensible, unjustifiable act, and those who do it must be brought to justice for crimes against humanity. The US was instrumental in seeing these treaties enacted; now, our government is trying to weasel its way out of them. As Americans and as human beings, we shouldn't just be outraged; we should be calling for war crimes investigations on a massive scale. Furthermore, as Christians, we should be furious that a President who professes to be a follower of Jesus Christ is at the very least allowing, and most likely encouraging, his administration to pursue this course of action. I would strongly encourage anyone who plans on voting Bush because he "upholds Christian morals" to seriously consider whether the Christian ethic just might, contrary to current popular belief, encompass a whole lot more than opposition to gay marriage and embryonic stem cell research.

As I previously stated, these arguments are just two parts of the massive case that can be built against the Bush administration. Had I the volume of a book to expound on them, I'd surely do so, but space is of the essence here. I've laid out what I think are two key reasons why Bush should not be re-elected this fall. Quite frankly, I think they're grievous enough concerns that anyone who offers something, anything better than four more years of these practices would be better than Bush. And that's why I'm voting for John Kerry.

Why I Support George W. Bush: The rebuttal

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Four years ago I supported Bush merely because he wasn't Al Gore, as Dan Perrine fondly claims he is now doing for Kerry. But this time around I support George W. Bush wholeheartedly and believe anyone who really allows their faith to influence their politics (not to be confused with those who spout pious platitudes in order to confuse well-meaning but politically ignorant Christians) will do the same.

Dan claims that what tipped the balance for him was Bush's consideration of invasion of Iran. Although I have followed the political landscape quite closely over the summer, I have never heard anyone discussing an invasion of Iran. If anyone was, it could not have been too seriously. The last time I remember Iran being discussed at all, the administration was considering whether or not to provide military and economic aid to pro-democratic revolutionaries in Iran. Those who claim that Iran left to itself, refusing to submit to arbitration much as pre-war Iraq did, will become a peaceful, democratic nation are deluding themselves. Do I support an invasion of Iran? I am not entirely sure. Personally, I would be more in favor of supporting a revolution, although no doubt people of Dan's stripe would dislike that as well.

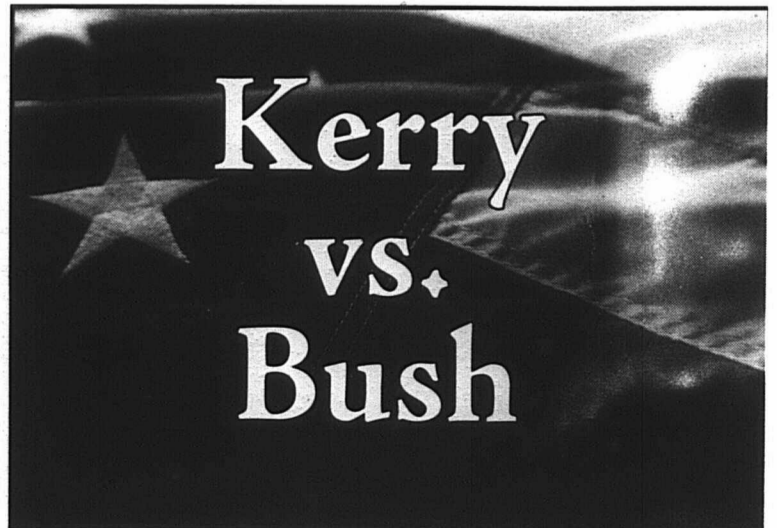
The second issue Dan raises is that of torture. He claims that the administration is pushing the limits of what can be done to prisoners in order to extract information from them. No doubt he, like many others, want prisoners to be reclined in easy chairs and fed sweets with soldiers standing by, hats in hand, to ask them, please, when you're quite finished, may we know about the weapons you have? The only form of torture according to these people should be: "See this candy bar, Mohammed? If you tell me where the weapons are, I'll give it to you." But this simply is not feasible. The only thing these people understand is horrendous physical agony. And I challenge anyone to enlist in the military, go over where this human debris is shooting at you and killing your friends, and upon having them fall into your hands, see if you want to roll out the red carpet. Furthermore, the Abu Ghraib prison abuse, which we had plastered on newspaper headlines for way longer than it merited, was found out and dealt with... by the US armed forces, not by some pick-a-ninny reporter wanting to win a Nobel Peace Prize.

And while we're at it, anyone who cherishes integrity at all will see any attempt to make a case for Kerry crumble away. We know now that his campaign sent a man to CBS to forge documents attacking the President's military service. We have heard how one reporter is following a story that at least one of Kerry's citations is

forged. He has lied repeatedly about what happened in Vietnam, and several American POW's remember his testimony before the Senate being aired to them while being tortured by the Viet Cong. Most Vietnam vets don't remember ever committing the atrocities Kerry says he himself committed. Is it advisable to vote for someone who has actually admitted to killing babies and burning villages as opposed to someone who may have inadvertently allowed torture to take place? Voting for someone other than Bush based on torture might make sense, but it would not make sense to vote for Kerry instead.

Dan Perrine is very clever in casting doubt on Bush by citing web pages employed by extreme leftwing groups in order to blacken the mark of his presidency. But one claim he makes he does not back up in such a way, and that is that CIA agents were "pressured" into claiming Iraq had WMD's prior to the war. This is simply because it is not true. No CIA agents have made that claim. In fact, most have gone out of their way to say they were not pressured. The intelligence of both the previous Bush and the Clinton administrations have made those same claims. Bill and Hill both claimed Saddam was a threat who was developing WMD's. Where is the forthcoming apology from them? Angrily demanding an explanation after the fact is like exhuming Harry Truman to stand trial for dropping the atomic bomb. It is not fair to use what we know now in judging the Bush presidency. The question is, what did Bush know then? Subsequent documents may prove that Iraq did not have stockpiles of WMD's just as subsequent proof accrued that Japan may have surrendered without the atomic bomb. But neither Bush nor Truman knew this. You make your decision based on what you know at the time.

The problem is, many Christians don't want their faith to influence their politics. Over here in Britain, people are more concerned about minimum wage and socialist health care than about anything else; therefore they all like John Kerry for being supposedly "more Christian" on these issues. But the fact remains: the Bible says nothing about any of these issues while it has a great deal to say about sodomy (not "gay marriage" which is a contradiction in terms) and about playing God with people's lives (whether through infanticide or through "making man after our own image"). Therefore, these issues should be at the forefront of what Christians look for in a leader. I don't know about the average Houghton student, but I am sick and tired of having to hold my nose and vote for politicians who claim some kind of faith (in what they never say) and then ignore crystalline scriptural teaching in favor of some vague Marxist monologue that sounds like maybe it came from Ecclesiastes. This Fall I am voting for Bush, and I will vote enthusiastically, unhesitatingly, and in fact, proudly. I encourage all registered Christians to join me.



Informing Ourselves

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The statistics are already against us. In October of last year The Gallup Organization polled 400 "young adults" (ages 18-29), chosen at random, regarding their view of the news and voting. A measly 13% said they paid "close attention" to the news.

The Higher Education Research Institute has conducted a similar poll, of UCLA first year students for almost 40 years. At the beginning of its study in 1966, 60.3% of all first year students "valued keeping up with politics." In 2003 a mere 33.9% viewed "keeping up to date on political affairs" as something important.

The statistics are already against us. But Houghton is supposed to be out of the mainstream. As students, we have signed a contract to live by a list of standards much higher than those set by the MTV generation. We are obligated to attend chapel services. And as described in the Houghton Mission Statement, we are uniquely "Christ-centered" and are preparing "to lead and labor as scholar-servants in a changing world."

One would think that Houghton would be an exception to these statistics. But we are not.

If you are reading this article around a group of people, at lunch for example, conduct a test that I myself frequently conduct. Ask those around you what is going on in the news. Better yet, ask them when they last read/watched the news. In a group of six or seven people you might find one person who has informed him/herself in the last week.

Houghton students, UCLA students, and two-thirds of our generation are out of the loop - at least the loop that has actual worth. By this I mean that most young adults choose to inform themselves of things like movies, sports, and entertainment, things that are important as far as hobbies are concerned. But in no way does updated knowledge in these areas equal the value that comes from constantly informing oneself regarding what his/her legislature, president, governor, court system, and nation is doing.

As a disturbing example of this point, I would wager that more people on our campus knew about Britney Spears' fake wedding to Kevin Federline than the beheading of American civilians held hostage in Iraq last week.

But, you may ask, why should you inform yourself? What makes "the news" so valuable?

First of all it is our duty as citizens who are eligible to vote to keep tabs on those who represent us. Regardless of how dirty or corrupt you find politicians to be, they are in office because of us. In a democratic-republic such as ours their power is derived from us.

Apathy kills democracy. You may recognize this phrase from a high school Civics class as it is often quoted by political scientists. Apathy kills democracy because democracy exists at the will of the people and derives its power from the people. In our democratic-republic this power is given to the government by way of the vote. Regardless of how dirty or corrupt you find politicians to be they are in office because of us.

Instead of going off on a tangent about the importance of voting, I wish to drive home the importance of an informed vote.

We elect men and women to represent us and serve as our voice in the many different areas of government on the national and local levels. They are in their positions because of us, and if they want to keep their positions they must correctly represent our views. It is thus our responsibility to know what our

representatives are doing in their respective positions and inform them of our views regarding certain issues.

The simplest way to let our representatives know our opinions (and by "representatives" I mean local reps, state legislators, governors, Congressmen, Senators, and the President himself) is by reelecting him/her or by electing a new representative. But how are we to know if the current representative is supporting our interests and thus deserving of representing us again? I bet most of us ask Mommy and Daddy who they are going to vote for, or simply default to the member of the party our family has traditionally supported.

The more proactive way to inform our representatives where we stand on certain issues is through direct communication with them or their offices. Often times simply voting for another candidate during the next election is too late - legislation that we do not support has been passed, businesses that we need have been closed, and restrictions that are unfair have been set.

This is precisely why we must inform ourselves as to what our representatives are doing or preparing to do. We can prevent politicians from voting in a manner that is not in our best interests before any harm is done. As citizens we need to be more proactive and not reactive.

If we do not participate in the manners presented, the representatives are not representing us but instead are representing themselves or a group of wealthy businessmen or some other special interest group. This invalidates, "kills" our democratic-republic. This also may lead to the corruption of those in power because there is no accountability by the public.

Jesus wasn't "political" and we never see Jesus "informing" himself, so why should I?

These are two false presumptions. Just because Jesus did not speak of tax cuts or join the Jewish Reform Party does not mean he was not political. John Stott in Human Rights and Human Wrongs points out that "politics," in the broader sense of the word, means the life and people of the polity or "polis." Seen in this light, Jesus was very political, teaching the people, meeting their every need, contradicting social and religious norms and replacing them with those of his Father - and he encouraged his followers to do the same.

This brings me to my concluding argument. Christianity is a lifestyle of active loving and active service to others. Those in power have the capability and the responsibility to love and serve the greatest amount of people. As citizens and as Christians we can inform our representatives of what we think is the best way to love and serve others with our vote and with our voice.

How can Christians, specifically the scholar-servants of Houghton College "lead and labor...in a changing world" if we have no idea what is going on in that changing world? How can we meet the needs of those of whose needs we are ignorant? How are we to love those who need love most when we do not know who they are and where they live?

With the internet and cable television at our disposal we can no longer use the "Houghton bubble" as an excuse.

The statistics are against us. Let's change them.

Houghton College Homecoming 2004
"Pipes and Plaid: The Highlander Tradition"
October 1-2, 2004

Friday, October 1, 2004

- 9:00 a.m. Departmental Receptions (by declared major)
- 10:00 Founder's Day Convocation - WC
- 12:00 noon Founder's Day Luncheon* - DH - SE
- 3:30 Fitness Center Ribbon Cutting - NPE
- 6:00 Heritage/Founders Dinner* - DH - SE
- Campus Store Fashion Show - CC - L
- 7:00 Coronation - CC - L
- 7:00 Field Hockey - Houghton vs. Slippery Rock - AAC
- Alumni Volleyball Game - NPE
- College Choir Alumni Rehearsal - CFA - RC
- College Choir & Chamber Singers Concert - WC
- 10:00 "The Daily Grind" Ribbon Cutting - CC - LL

* By invitation

Saturday, October 2, 2004

- 8:30 a.m. Houghton College Alumni Association Annual Meeting - DH - SE
- 9:00 Equestrian - Dressage Competition - EC
- 9:30 Highlander Sports Association Reception - NPE
- 11:00 Grand Parade
- Volleyball - Houghton vs. Point Park - NPE
- Alumni vs. JV Men Soccer Game - NPE
- 12:00 noon Family Picnic - Pipes and Drums Concert of the Quad
- Equestrian - Cross-Country Competition - EC
- 1:00 Soccer - Houghton JV Women vs. Niagara - AAC
- Soccer - Houghton Women vs. Notre Dame College - AAC
- Volleyball - Point Park vs. Ursuline - NPE
- Field Hockey - Houghton vs. Seton Hill - AAC
- Organ Activities Registration - WC Foyer
- 1:30 Organ Masterclass with James Higdon - WC
- 3:00 Soccer - Houghton Men vs. Rio Grande - AAC
- Volleyball - Houghton vs. Ursuline - NPE
- Equestrian - Stadium Jumping Competition - EC
- 3:30 "A New Organ for the Houghton Community" presentation by James Louder - organ builder CFA Rm. 300
- 4:45 Buffet reception for alumni and community organizers with James Louder - CFA Atrium
- 6:00 Alumni Pizza and Wings in "The Daily Grind" - CC - LL
- 7:00 Student Banquet - DH
- Organ Recital by James Higdon - WC
- 9:30 "SPOT" - WC

The Ortlip Art Gallery will be open throughout the weekend until 10 p.m. with a display of recent abstract paintings by Ted Murphy, Houghton College Professor of Art.

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Men's Soccer Houghton 1, Roberts 4

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The stands filled well before the game and Houghton players were received with loud applause, and shouts of anticipation. Despite Houghton optimism, however, the Men's Soccer team was unable to defeat Roberts Wesleyan College.

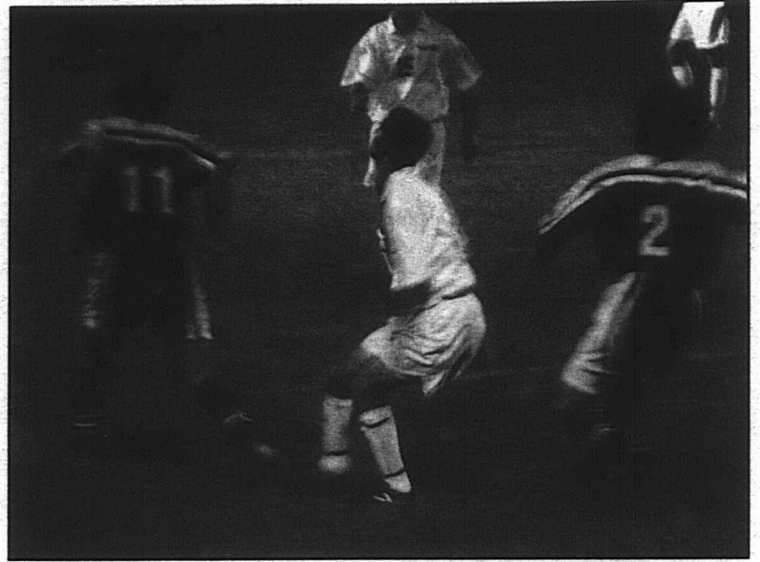
For many this game was long awaited, as a heated rivalry was sure to be at its climax. It was commented by the Head Coach of Roberts, Greg Gidman, that the game had that "pre-war Braveheart feel." Both teams were determined to go out and do their best, and fans were prepared to lose their voices for their team. For many there was "no place [they would] rather be than Houghton..." as Gidman further stated.

Roberts lead the game in shots 7 to 4, and were first to score as the first half wound down. It was in the 43rd minute that Linos Sinkala, who received the ball from Dennis Idrissa, drove the ball up to

the left goal post and back into the net. The Raiders came into the second half to score in the 62nd minute as a result of a foul against Houghton - Jesse Johnson crossed the ball to Idrissa who then headed the ball into the net.

The Raiders came back to score again in the 82nd minute as Mark Howlett received a "volley at the top of the box [and found] the lower left corner of the net" as Houghton Head Coach Matt Webb described it. This was not the last time we heard the scream of Roberts fans as later in the 87th minute Jason Bays went down the field on a breakaway and scored. The last and final goal, however, belonged to the Highlanders as Andy Walton maneuvered around the Raiders defense and crossed the ball which then rebounded off of the keeper's hands and to Tyler Haggerty who was there to score, and so ended the Raiders hope for a shut-out, and set the final score of 4-1.

Many noted-fans and teams alike, that this rivalry is not an ordinary 'in-your-face' competition. Tim Schmitt the proud father of Raider no. 2 noted that throughout the game there were many "hands extended" portraying the brotherly rivalry that exists between the teams.



Coach Webb described this as both teams having "a great deal of respect for each other" and that "[they] are committed not only to performing well on the field as soccer players but also striving to glorify Christ in our play, [and this] helps to foster

what has become a healthy rivalry, rather than a hostile one."

This was shown after the game as both teams gathered in the center of Burke Field to pray, ending the game in what Coach Gidman called "the right way" in which a well fought battle was concluded.

Men's Soccer Houghton 2, Gannon 1 (2OT)

KRISTEN NIEMI
SPORTS WRITER

It was a tight game in which a goal from Tyler Cook in the second period of overtime gave Houghton the 2-1 victory over Gannon University.

Gannon lead the game with 11 shots on goal to Houghton's 6. Houghton Coach Matt Webb remarked that "although they had more shots, many of their shots came from well outside the 18 yard box and if those are the kinds of shots that we give up, I have all the confidence in our goalkeeper to keep it out of the net." Steve Cox, Houghton goalkeeper, had 10 vital saves throughout the game. Gannon goalkeeper Matt Angelo had 4.

It was Houghton who first scored in the 57th minute. The goal was a result of a foul which gave Houghton an indirect kick just outside Gannon's 18 yard box. Ernie

Walton touched the ball to restart play and John Ames kicked it right into the upper left corner of the goal.

In the 67th minute of play Gannon tied the game as Robin Drastig headed in a ball off of a corner kick from Adam Maduri, sending the game in to extra minutes.

It was not until the second period of overtime that either team found the back of the net. Tyler Cook with 6:35 remaining on the clock was able to connect on a pass from Ernie Walton, sending the ball just under the cross bar.

Gannon stated that the game was "disappointing because [our team] lost our concentration." The game winning goal was thought to be "icing on the cake" as Tyler Cook commented, which made the overall triumph one sweet treat.



Game of the Week:

Men's Soccer vs. Rio Grande University
Homecoming: Sat., Oct. 3, 2004

Homecoming Saturday will be an exciting day of athletics, the highlight of which should be the men's soccer game against Rio Grande University at 3pm on Burke Field. Rio is the defending NAIA National champion, currently ranked #1 in the latest NAIA national poll, and carries a perfect 7-0 record. The Highlanders are excited about the challenge, however, and after starting the year 0-3, have gone 3-1-2 in their last six games.

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