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THE world OUT there

BY ROSA GERBER  
STAR STAFF WRITER

## U.N. inspectors to return to Iraq

Saddam Hussein approved the U.N. Security Council resolution to allow weapons inspectors back into Iraq Wednesday. Chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix will lead the team to search for chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons, aided by Mohamed ElBaradei, in charge of the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency's search for nuclear weapons.

Last Sunday, the two flew to Cyprus, where the mission will be based, to organize their 25-member team. Blix's team, the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, based in New York, will search for biological and chemical weapons and long-range missiles, while ElBaradei's teams will look to see if Iraq still has a secret nuclear weapons program.

With Iraqi cooperation, Blix hopes that Iraq won't hide anything. "This is an opportunity for peace. I hope Iraq makes full use of it" so Baghdad can "come back as a full member of the international community."

The team planned to arrive in Baghdad on Monday for preliminary meetings with Hussein's government. Blix expected the initial inspections to begin Nov. 27, the first in almost four years. By Dec. 8, Iraq must reclaim their banned weapons program, and the team will begin complete inspections. Blix must report back to the U.N. Security Council within 60 days.

If Iraq does not cooperate with U.N. inspectors, the United States will likely attack.

## Amending Madrigals: final year for old tradition

Court jesters, flaming figgy pudding, regal 16th century English costumes, and Christmas carols will once again fill the Houghton College Campus Center as the college and the School of Music present the 37th Annual Madrigal Dinner performances, Thursday to Saturday, December 5-7.

But this Houghton tradition will come to

times, but we're not sure about the format for future years." A rotating schedule of celebrations, with Madrigals as part of the mix, has been discussed.

For now, Houghton is going all out for these final Madrigal performances. The college has upgraded the quality

accompanied by a royal feast of prime rib or chicken cordon bleu. The Houghton College Chamber Singers, appropriately dressed as a kingly court, will entertain the guests at their tables with processions, songs, and various antics.

This final year will provide some interesting twists to the program including more interaction between performers and guests and surprise performances by members of the School of Music.

Festivities begin each night with a reception featuring steaming, non-alcoholic wassail at 6:30 p.m., followed at 7 p.m. by dinner, topped off with flaming figgy pudding.

Tickets are \$23 and are available by calling (585) 567-9568. Students will receive special prices.

The Madrigals tradition began in 1966 when the nine members of the college Chamber Singers gathered to perform a concert of madrigals, carols, and an excerpt from "Amahl and the Night Visitors." The event has grown to entertain close to 1,000 guests each year in three

separate performances. Past programs have included jugglers, mimes, and strolling soloists. The madrigal singers have also performed benefit concerts at the King Urban Life Center in downtown Buffalo and at the United Nations in New York City.



Last year's madrigal dinners were a success, but the college has decided that this will be the last year of the tradition. Therefore, this year's celebration will have an extra special program.

an end after these final three Christmas celebrations.

"We think it's time to refresh the format," said director of public relations Doug Roorbach. "We are exploring some new ways of celebrating the season. We will continue to have good music and good

and authenticity of the decorations, with banners made by Medieval Times in Toronto and five-foot long herald trumpets.

Guests will once again experience the regal pageantry and ceremonial pomp typical of merrie old England

## Professor to Discuss Pacifism, Just-War Theory

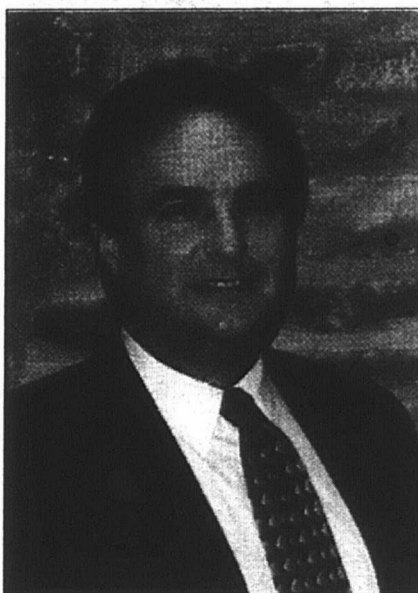
Houghton College professor of political science Dr. B. David Benedict will be presenting his research on pacifism and just-war theory in two public forums November 20-21.

His first presentation, "The Christian Roots of Pacifism and Just War: Can We Come to Any Consensus?" will be held in Wesley Chapel on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 11 a.m.

Benedict will also present on the topic "The Coming War with Saddam Hussein, January 2003: Will It Be a Just War?" in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.

Both presentations are free and open to the public.

Benedict will speak to students and faculty on the topic "Was the Persian



Gulf War a Just War?" in a Faculty Forum and during his classes on Thursday, Nov. 21.

Benedict's background includes 10 years working as a diplomat for the United States Department of State. His teaching and research include international relations theory, American foreign policy, comparative politics and area studies, focusing on Russia, Eastern Europe, East Asia, and the Middle East.

He holds a bachelor's degree in history, French, and political science from Houghton College. He earned his master's and doctorate in international relations, both from the University of Pennsylvania.

### No raise in terror alert

Sunday, Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge announced he will not raise the nationwide terror alert level to "high," although intelligence reported an increase in terror threats against the United States.

Last week, the Qatar-based Al-Jazeera, an Arabic television network, reported a three-minute audiotape from Osama bin Laden, calling al Qaeda members to arms. The network also released a six-page, unsigned statement, assumed from the al Qaeda, warning the U.S.: "stop your support for Israel against Palestinians, for Russians against the Chechens and leave us alone, or expect us in Washington and New York. Do not force us to ship you in coffins."

Ridge believed the increase in threats was due to authorities arresting more than 2,700 al Qaeda operatives throughout the world.

Also, according to Ridge, the vague nature of the threats posed a challenge to any specific U.S. response.

### Israel takes back Hebron after more violence

Two days after Palestinian gunmen killed 12 Israeli security forces and guards in the divided Hebron, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon demanded an increase in the number of troops in the area on Sunday. Israeli Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that the 1997 peace agreement he signed as prime minister to officially divide Hebron into Jewish and Palestinian sections was "cancelled" because of the Palestinian attacks.

Israeli troops reclaimed Hebron on Saturday, imposed a curfew, and arrested approximately 40 Palestinians, after 12 Israeli security guards and soldiers were murdered. The group was ambushed after being led to a dead-end alley with Jewish worshippers as a lure.

A spokesman for Sharon said that Israel's retaliation would focus on Hebron, with an increase in soldiers to crush militias. Sharon had no plans to expel Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, as many Cabinet members have demanded, including Netanyahu.

## WJH Foundation uses campus email to inform

BY JESSICA ROCKWELL  
STAR STAFF WRITER

Most of the student body only hears stories of what Houghton looked like six years ago. Driving into town one would see a dilapidated flower shop, a run-down gas station, and the Pizza Barn, which was an old building with one floor.

With that image in mind, commenting that Houghton is empty and "boring" has a new meaning. Today, entering Houghton you will find a Subway, an attractive building inside and out; the Houghton Mini-Mart and gas station; and Jockey Street, a remodeled two-story restaurant. Without the intervention of the Willard J. Houghton Foundation, these businesses would not stand where they do today.

For each building that it has purchased, the WJH Foundation acquired property that was occupied by a vacant building or rescued a failing business, all with the purpose of benefiting the Houghton community. Vice President of Finance Jeff Spear described the Foundation's intervention as a "long-term investment to create a thriving community." It is Spear's job to

promote these businesses, which is why students and faculty have found emails from him in their inboxes with advertisements for local businesses.

Many members of the student body have been frustrated at these business promotions clogging their inboxes. Houghton College does not receive any compensation for the emails that are sent on behalf of local establishments, yet Spear feels that such a use of email is appropri-

nity of local businesses, the need for paper flyers is dramatically lowered. When flyers are distributed into all student mailboxes, the trashcans in the basement of the Campus Center often end up filled with the advertisements, resulting in a lot of the wasted paper for one event. By using email, the touch of one button can delete the advertisement and prevent the mountains of paper overflowing the trashcan

onto the floor. The emails that intend to promote local businesses are tagged with a subject heading that indicate what the email will contain, making it a little easier to recognize the commercial material.

Since the WJH Foundation has begun its work to "beautify" the hamlet of Houghton, there also has also been controversy over whether or not Houghton College is trying to become more profitable. This, however, is not the case. The businesses

are not owned or operated by Houghton College, but belong to community members of the surrounding townships. The WJH Foundation is "reaching out to the broader community outside of Houghton," said Spear. The next time you become frustrated by mass emails, think of all the people who benefit from the advertisement and all the trees you are saving.

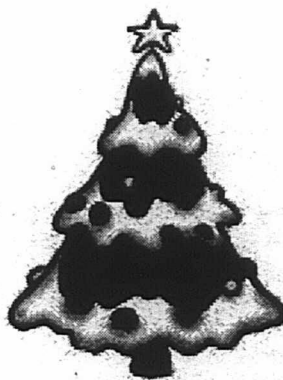
By using email to inform the commu-



PHOTO BY BRIAN QUINONES

Jockey Street, open for business, is owned by the Willard J. Houghton Foundation.

## SEND SOMEONE A HOLIDAY GREETING WITHOUT BUYING A CHRISTMAS CARD!!



Put a message for your friends in the STAR for free! We'll be printing a "Christmas tree" with messages from you on it in our last issue on December 11th. Add a message to our tree!!!

Your message (maximum 20 words): \_\_\_\_\_

Drop this form off under our door (we are located between the print center and the WJSL office), put it in our CPO box (#378), or email it to us at [star@houghton.edu](mailto:star@houghton.edu). These need to be in by **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5!!!!!!**

It's a foolproof way of sending your friends one last message before the semester ends and it's free!!

## Cooperation of Compromise: Leadership Conferences in Washington, DC.

BY SHELLEY DOOLEY  
STAR MANAGING EDITOR

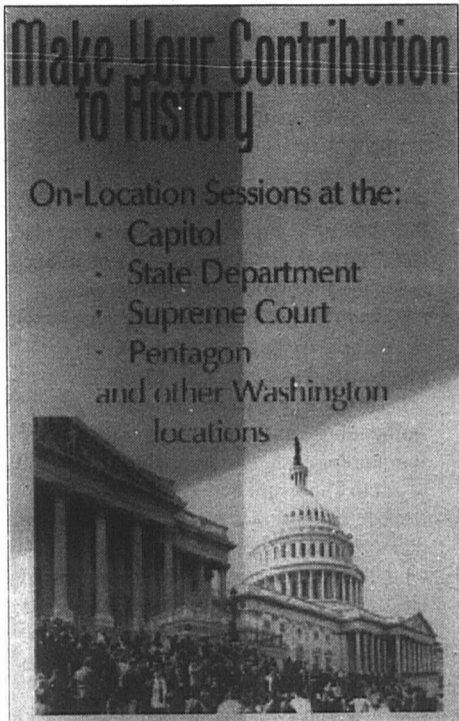
Each year Houghton students are invited to take a trip to Washington D.C. to attend the Christian Student Leadership Conference sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals. The conference is from

week, students will have the opportunity to attend sessions in the Capitol, State Department, Supreme Court, Pentagon and several other Washington locations. Speakers include Representative Tom DeLay, new House Majority Leader, Representative Mark Souder, and Dr. James Reichley, Brookings Institution. The focus of the week will be on "Making your Contribution to History: Christ-centered 'total living' in the 21st Century."

Students will be able to interact with top Christian officials in D.C. who will challenge them to be godly men and women. For Houghton students, this will be a unique chance to take a glance at Washington that may develop an interest in the American Studies Program where students can spend a semester in the nation's capitol.

The National Association of Evangelicals was first founded in 1942 to "provide 'cooperation without compromise' among Bible-believing Christians." The Governmental Affairs staff in Washington work to monitor the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government and to witness through contacts with government workers.

For more information or to receive a registration packet, contact Dr. Benedict.



January 27-31, 2003 and costs \$450. Currently there is no limit on how many students may attend from Houghton, but registration is due by December 15.

Throughout the course of the

## Climbing in a new direction

BY EMILY SCHWARTZ  
STAR STAFF WRITER

The Climbing Club, according to club president Magdolene Kelada-Sedra, is virtually on its way out.

Despite the benefits of the club, Kelada-Sedra, the coordinator of the organization, said that not much interest has been taken in the club recently. For the past two years, membership and activities have been dropping off. "I wouldn't be surprised if it were on its way out," said Kelada-Sedra.

Designed to give more opportunities to people who want to climb, the club has the climbing wall open to members on Tuesday nights in order to give climbers a chance to develop techniques and climbing skills. Club members also try to do a few outings during the year to get off campus to do some climbing in a natural setting.

Another perk of the club involves the Eastern Mountain Sport company. Occasionally this sporting goods store will have sales, and members of climbing clubs can receive discounts on store merchandise.

The climbing wall, however, will continue to be open to the campus. In fact, the supporters and operators of the wall have been busy attempting to get new mats to cover the floor during the hours that the wall is open. These mats would replace the old mattresses that serve as protection now.

Student supervisors

Shelley Dooley and Mark Mullert have appealed to the SGA Special Projects Fund for these new mats to ensure safety for all climbers using the facilities. The current mattresses, though they meet the minimum safety standards, are old, falling apart, and unattractive.

Whatever the outcome of the Climbing Club, the climbing community at Houghton is still thriving. The wall is open to all students Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Faculty, students, and community members are encouraged to come enjoy a challenging activity in a Christ-centered environment.

"The staff is more than willing to help both experienced and inexperienced individuals reach new heights," said Dooley.

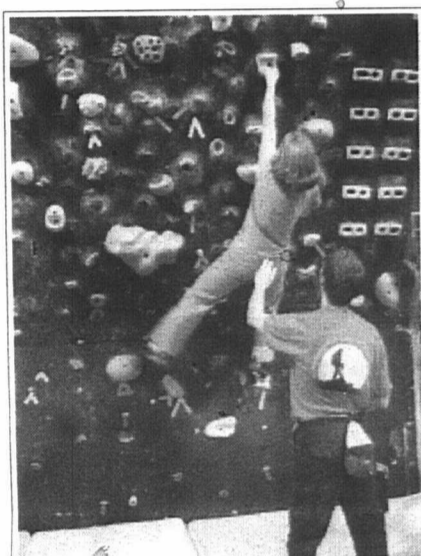


PHOTO BY MAGGIE KELADA-SEDRA  
Wall supervisor Shelley Dooley reaches for a hold while spotted by faculty advisor Scott Wight.

**Before last weekend, the only thing he'd ever burned was a CD.**

Although fire fighters do everything they can to prevent burns, more than 2.5 million burn injuries occur in North America each year. Most could be prevented.

To learn more about our "Don't Get Burned" campaign, please visit [www.IAFFBurnFund.org](http://www.IAFFBurnFund.org).

This message is brought to you by the International Association of Fire Fighters. **Harold A. Schallberger**, General President

**FIRE FIGHTERS BURN FOUNDATION**

# in memory: dr. j. kenneth boon

**P**art of my family is gone," biology professor David Schwert told his 10 a.m. nutrition class on Monday, Nov. 18. Dr. Schwert was referring to the death of his long-time friend and co-worker Dr. Ken Boon, who died of a massive heart attack on Saturday morning, Nov. 16. Dr. Boon was 62.

The college hosted a memorial service for Dr. Boon during the chapel time on Monday morning and flew the American flag at half-staff until after the funeral on Wednesday, Nov. 20. Calling hours were from 7-9 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, and from 2-4 p.m. on Tuesday at Kopler-Williams Funeral Home in Fillmore. The funeral was scheduled for 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

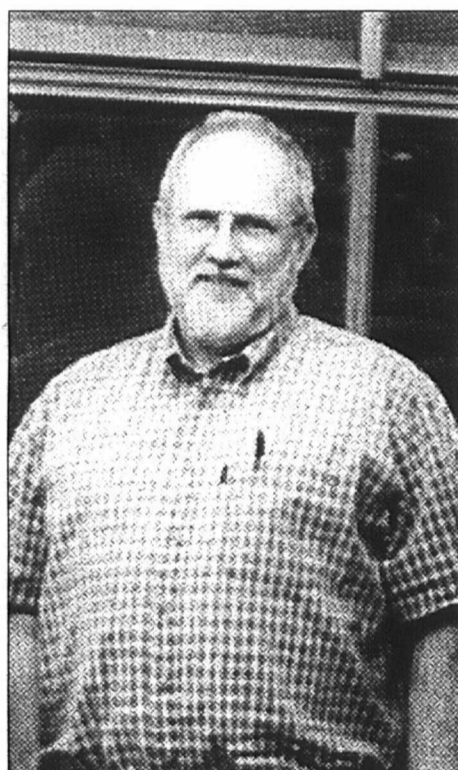
"We have lost a much-loved member of the college and community family," said college president Daniel Chamberlain. "Ken will be sorely missed. His passing has brought a deep sadness to the campus. We will continue to keep the Boon family in our prayers."

Dr. J. Kenneth Boon was born on August 1, 1940 in Johnson City, New York. After attending Union Endicott High School, he entered Houghton College, going on to become president of his class, a member of a school quartet, and a radio programmer for WJSL. He met Ruth Schober at Houghton, and the two married in 1962. When Houghton science professor Dr. Moreland became ill in 1963, Boon, who was then employed by Ideal Hospital in Endicott and taking classes at SUNY Binghamton, was asked to return to Houghton and cover Dr. Moreland's classes. Boon stayed at Houghton for two and a half years before attending Kansas State University to obtain his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. While working on his graduate certification, he also taught at a veterinary school and spent time in Germany doing research.

In 1974 Boon returned to Houghton College as a professor in the newly-created biology department. By this time he and Ruth had three children, Lois, Kyle, and Jeff. It was during this period of his life that Boon began serving in the Houghton Volunteer Fire Department; he soon became the chief of the department and started the Houghton Rescue Squad. The plans to build a new physical education center and nursing home

made the need for Houghton's own EMT service imperative; Dr. Boon had experience working in both an ambulance and the ER and was willing to offer his services. He spent countless hours memorizing Houghton and the surrounding neighborhoods to provide immediate emergency care to anyone in the area. This area of service was very important to him as he wanted to ensure that all members of the community could have immediate response to emergency calls.

Other interests of Boon's were fishing and camping, as well as flying. After a heart attack around eleven years ago, he decided to retire his pilot's license and fill his hours instead with his wife, three children, and three grandchildren. "Grandkids are fun," he once said with a twinkle in his eye.



Dr. Boon taught classes at Houghton in Animal Physiology, Immunology, Fundamentals of Biology, Vertebrate Histology, Introduction to Research Methods, and Invertebrate Biology and was the faculty advisor to many biology majors. He also served as the chair of the biology department for five years, from 1995 to 1999. Any biology student who had him as a professor knew of his love of his field, his passion for Christ, and his countless stories from ambulance calls or his days in the operating room.

"Ken Boon has been a mainstay of the biology department," said academic dean Ronald Oakerson. "He epitomized the continuity and discipline the program represents."

"His service to the department and to the college, loyal and reliable, was punctuated by many

hours spent maintaining various pieces of complicated biology equipment," said Carlton Fisher during a memorial service. "Few better examples of how leadership requires a servant's heart can be found than in the service of Ken Boon."

During the memorial service on Monday morning several of Boon's friends and colleagues spoke about this man as a teacher, fire chief, colleague, and friend. Present in the service were Ken's wife Ruth, who recently retired from her teaching position at Fillmore Central School; his daughter Lois and her husband Robb Warren, with their three children Grace, Elisa, and Julia; his son Kyle; his son Jeff and wife Andrea (Potteiger), who both graduated from Houghton College last year; and Ken's best friend Bruce Johnson with his daughter Amy.

SGA president, biology major, and member of the volunteer fire department Toby Cushing read a passage from "Breakfast for the Heart," a devotional book by Dian Komp, that Dr. Boon read to his final class on Friday afternoon. After this emotional reading, Cushing asked fellow biology major Ben Yanda to come forward with a few words.

Paul Cronk, Dr. Timothy Leonard, and Dr. David Pollock joined Cushing and Yanda in speaking about their beloved friend, peer, professor, and fire chief. The service also included a performance of the song "My Soul Has Found a Resting Place," which was sung by the FourFathers barbershop quartet that Boon had been a part of. Dr. David Tilley took Boon's place as tenor.

Students, faculty and staff members, and the Boon family remember Dr. Ken Boon with love and fondness. A gem placed in our midst to encourage, care for, and save us, he has shown his servant's heart again and again. We are grateful to have known him and we will miss him. We thank the Lord for allowing us to be a part of his life and for allowing him to be a part of ours.

(Star editor Bethany Schwartz wrote this article.)

## Teacher, advisor, friend

reflections by Emily Schwartz

As a biology major, I had Dr. Boon as my faculty advisor. I remember walking into his office for course selection, and he had to look on the sign-up sheet outside his office to "remember" who I was. Through the years, I came to realize that I needed to allow at least 20 extra minutes for our course selection meetings; he had so many stories to tell, and I loved hearing them.

Last year, Dr. Boon was my professor for Introduction to Research. Not only did he teach me about biology research, he also cared about me as a student. He encouraged me while I was struggling with organic chemistry and allowed me to turn my papers in late because he knew I was having a tough semester.

This year, I have had Dr. Boon for Immunology, as well as being a TA for our Immunology lab. I've gotten the opportunity to get to know him better, not only as a teacher, but also as a friend. I have so many memories with him, just in this past semester. I'll always remember him being late for class (invariably!), stressing because the H drive (where all his notes were) was down, or upset because he left the rabbit serum in the water bath all week and we couldn't have lab. But no matter how late he was, he always made time to read us a devotional or tell us about the thing the Lord had revealed to him that day. Even if the H drive was down and we couldn't have class, or if lab was cancelled because something went wrong, he always had a laugh and a smile.

When I was trying to decide whether or not to drop physics at the beginning of this semester, I asked Dr. Boon's advice. He told me how he had a lot of trouble with chemistry when he was in college, but he was sure I could do it if I wanted to. He followed up on it, asking me later how it had worked out with all the financial aid and everything. It made me realize once again that he really cared about ME - as a person as well as a student.

Being a lab TA for Dr. Boon was another way to see the dedicated person that he was. He would come into the science building on the weekends, or tell us to call him at home if we had questions about the lab we were preparing for. He had a pint of blood drawn specifically so our class could use it in an experiment. The other day, he let us prick his finger to bleed into a tube for another experiment (we were having trouble getting enough blood to come out of us, so he volunteered).

During our last lab, I mixed together a solution for everyone to use, but I didn't put enough of a certain dye in it. So when we ran the experiment, nothing showed up. I was so upset that I had been the cause of our lab not working, but Dr. Boon told me that he was the one who had told me what solutions to mix together and that everything would turn out fine after we let the experiment sit for two days. Guess what? It did. I wish I could have gotten a chance to tell him that he was right.



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

by Chris Austin

Just as a preface to my column, I would like to say a bit about myself. My name is Chris Austin, and I have never actually written anything for the STAR before. There have been a few times that I thought about sending in letters to the editor, but I just never got them in. Therefore, I decided I would try and go one step better - why not have my own column to spread craziness across the campus?

With that being said, I would like to introduce my advice column. Now since I am a known pessimist, and thus skeptical that anyone will ask my advice, I would like to supplement this column with my own thoughts on life. So in essence, you the reader get two columns for the price of one.

However, as you are reading this you might be thinking, "Wow, this is the greatest column ever! How can I start asking questions?" All in good time, don't jump down my throat, friends. Simply write (or type if you prefer) your questions, place them in a handy intra-campus envelope and put CPO 17 on it. That would be my mailbox, and this will keep questions anonymous, since that's what they do in other newspapers and I am just a big copycat. It would be ever so cool if you added a nifty pseudonym that I could identify your question by when I respond to it. Most importantly, feel free to ask questions on a variety of different subjects, as my expertise spans many, if not all, fields of human experience.

Accordingly, today's shortened topic will be on email. I have decided after much thought, I don't like it. I don't enjoy opening my inbox after a long day of arduous classes, and seeing a long list of bold printed titles glaring at me, waiting to be looked at. It is unsettling, but more importantly, time consuming. Just the other day I deleted some 600 emails from my inbox. It felt good. Now, I make every effort to delete things as soon as they get to me, because it feels so good to get that bold font off your screen.

Try it. I know you will feel a new sense of freedom when email is under control in your life. Another free tip - be smart, do not subscribe to automatic emails like Travelocity.com. Sure, it seems innocent at first, a friendly email here and there alerting you to the cheapest way across the planet, but then, it's email after email after email and on and on and on.

Subscriptions are death traps.

That's enough for today - if I speak too much more the higher-ups at the "Helpdesk" might wipe my email account and then I would really be in trouble because despite what I say, it can be a useful tool - in moderation.

Therefore remember the key words of the day: deathtraps, moderation, and CPO 17. These words will take you far, not only in email, but in life itself.



## Top Ten Houghton movies

by Greg On

10. College of the Apes
9. We Were Students
8. Lord of the Curly Fries
7. The Neverending Chapel
6. Gone in 6.0 Seconds: Scan and Scram
5. Beavis and Butthead Do Allegany County
4. A Beautiful Quad
3. Indiana Jones and the Fine Arts Building of Doom
2. Night of the Living Dead Squirrels
1. Dan Chamberlain: International Man of Mystery

## IN QUESTION

BY AARON BOYNTON

What do you think about the power outages?



"Woof." (a bit confused)

Chachi the cat

"To close the Info Center or not to close..."

Ryan Alo, junior



"Terrible. I lost so much business."

Pac-Man

"Power? We didn't even have electricity!"

Purple-Gold band



## Artist Series dancers leap to good reviews

BY SHELLEY DOOLEY  
STAR MANAGING EDITOR

On Saturday evening, Nov. 16, Wesley Chapel was filled with hundreds of people ready to watch the Duquesne University Tamburitians. For over two hours the talented group performed a variety of dances and songs from around the world. Brilliant costumes, humor and musical ability marked a memorable Artist Series concert.

The program consisted of dances from Croatia, Serbia, Italy, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Eastern Europe, Romania, and Ukraine. The group held the enraptured audience's attention with fast steps, whistling, juggling, and energy. From portraying a Jewish wedding to "mountain-men imitating noble eagles," each minute on stage flew by. In addition to dancing, the musical versatility of the ensemble was impressive. Instruments including the tamburitza, the Russian dombra and balalaika, the Ukrainian bandura, the Bulgarian gadulka, the Dalmatian lirica and the Hungarian

cymballum, were used in the performance as well violins, button accordions, guitars and



stringed basses.

Costumes from all over Europe added much color to the program. In each performance over 500 variations of costumed folk art are presented. The effect of the varied color was stunning and added to the musicality of each number.

The Tamburitians are a university-based performing folk ensemble in the United States and do over 80 shows per season. The performers are 36 college students from all over the U.S., Canada, and Eastern Europe. They are chosen on "the basis of outstanding talent as well as academic achievement" and are under the direction of Paul G. Stafura and Dimitar Manov.

## Slightly fishy: the Jonah movie

BY BETHANY SCHWARTZ  
STAR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I think I've seen almost all of the VeggieTales half-hour videos, so when I found out that Big Idea Productions was creating a full-length movie, I decided that I had to go see it. So this weekend I finally got out to a theater in Orchard Park that was showing Jonah: a VeggieTales movie.

About an hour and a half long, the movie features all of the famous veggie cast and one new non-vegetable character: Khalil, who is part caterpillar and part worm. "But I'm okay with that," he says.

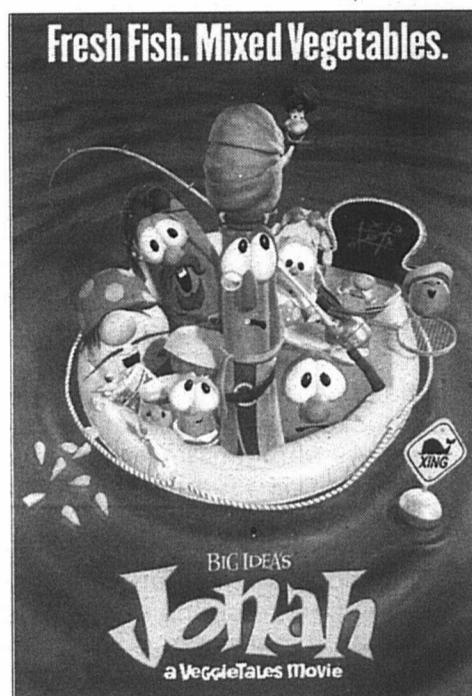
Bob the Tomato and a vanload of kids are headed for a concert by their favorite singer when the van ends up broken down and out of commission.

They discover an old, run-down seafood joint run by Philippe and Jean-Claude, the ever-so-cute French pea duo. While Bob tries to phone a tow truck, the kids encounter the Pirates Who Don't Do Anything. The group settles in to wait for help and listen to the pirates' story about a prophet named Jonah (Archibald Asparagus). When Jonah, a messenger of the Lord, received a word for the evil city Ninevah, he refused to go and set sail to Egypt with the Pirates instead. (Enter Khalil, who latches onto Jonah as his "traveling buddy.") After ending up in the belly of a whale and being spit onto the shore again, Jonah, Khalil, and Jonah's camel Reginald set out for Ninevah to finally deliver the message. The movie ends as Bob and the kids realize that one of the best gifts you can give (or get) is a second chance.

The story is one that I'd heard many times as a child, so I wasn't surprised by any of the plot. Big Idea, however, incorporated many fun

asides into the movie to help kids understand the story and to keep them entertained. (For example, the Ninevites all slapped each other with fish when they were angry.) The songs were creative and entertaining, although I imagine that the kids in the theater found them more entertaining than I did.

Big Idea is used to creating half-hour videos and it shows. The last fifteen minutes of the movie got a little slow and seemed unnecessary. Not surprisingly, the movie is another of Big Idea's attempts to get kids interested in church activities and teachings. I wished that they had ended it a bit sooner, but in spite of that, the movie was fun and entertain-



ing. I'd probably watch it again but only on video.

If you're in the mood for a fun movie to take your mind off finals or other problems, go check out Jonah. But don't go expecting to see an action film or amazing, Pixar-like movie quality. Remember, this is VeggieTales.

## Buffalo and Erie County Public Library presents two-day African storytelling celebration

Featuring original artwork exhibition from Nelson Mandela's favorite African folktales December 5 & 7

The Buffalo and Erie County Public Library (B&ECPL) and Library Foundation of Buffalo & Erie County are hosting an exhibition and events in December to celebrate African culture with emphasis on traditional storytelling and elements of literature, music and dance. The celebration is being held in conjunction with W.W. Norton & Co.'s December 5th publication of the landmark book, Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales.

Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales is a collection of 32 illustrated tales, introduced and selected by Mandela. Many of the

stories date back to the earliest days of Africa, handed down in oral form from generation to generation.

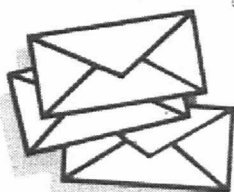
The folktales are accompanied by full-color illustrations, all specially created by contemporary African artists. Through a private grant from the Library Foundation, the B&ECPL has obtained the original collection of artwork and will exhibit it for the first time on Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Central Library along with videotaped interviews of several of the artists. The artwork will be on permanent display in the new Frank E. Merriweather Library to augment its important collections of rare materials in African and African-American

history.

Along with the exhibition's unveiling and additional entertainment, South African author and former head of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund Achmat Dangor will be the featured speaker Dec. 5. A family program will be presented on Saturday, Dec. 7 with Kasiya Makaka Phiri, a native of Zimbabwe and one of the contemporary authors in the book, as well as several local storytellers. Elements of these events will be directed by Jerry Poole, South African dramatist, who is currently in Buffalo directing a production of Athol Fugard's *The Island* and working with the Center for Arts at UB.

These activities are free and open to the public; however seating is limited. Copies of Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales and Dangor's book *Kafka's Curse* will be available for a contribution to the Library Foundation.

The exhibition of original artwork featured in Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales will be held on the Central Library's first floor and will be accompanied by a display of books by African authors. Viewing will be available during regular library hours throughout the month of the December.



## Letterbox

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### Insert Coin to Continue

It's been about two years since the last time the Star mentioned anything about the arcade games in the campus center. Funny how I am still as confused now as I was then...

The last time the Star wrote about the games was because two of them were being removed, the fighting game "Samurai Showdown" and the first person shooter "Area 51." At the time Area 51 was removed due to excessive violence and gore, and Samurai Showdown (although violent in its own right) was removed to be replaced by "Puzzle Bubble," better known as "Bust-a-Move."

I guess my initial reason for writing this was the confusion that struck me when I saw this year's return of Samurai Showdown in our game selection. I guess we could not get our hands on "Bust-a-Move" again this year, but at least it's better than having "Metal Slug," the game that stayed when "Area 51" and "Samurai Showdown" were removed. Somehow that more violent game managed to survive Houghton College scrutiny for over a year without ever being removed for its violent content. I can still hear the wails and screams from Big Al's in the corner of my mind.

I must admit that "Metal Slug" never consumed my quarters as much as the "Joker's Wild" pinball game out there! I have never felt more depressed and elated by one game in my whole life! Ever so often the flippers wouldn't work and I got to watch the ball sail away into the abyss of my soon-to-be

empty pocket. There was the simple joy of winning a free game every so often, a rarity that I do not get to enjoy anywhere else but here. Until coming to Houghton I thought a free game is what they gave you when you paid the machine another quarter. Yet alas, here the free game is just a cruel joke the pinball machine likes to play on you whenever the flippers are broken.

And FINALLY my point, or whatever disjointed mess I can get across. I know Houghton has to try to temper and balance what kind of games are options in order to respect our Christian community as a whole.

### Fighting Games

So here is what we have. "Samurai Showdown" and "Real Bout Fatal Fury" are owned by Neo Geo/SNK. This company has always been a rival to Capcom's Street Fighter series; that is why there is more violence in a SNK fighting game at times than a Capcom...but do not fear: SNK went out of business this past summer so any new options from there are rather limited. But Capcom is still cranking out hit-fighting games with less violence than the 7 year-old SNK games we have. Might I suggest any of the newer "Capcom vs. Marvel" games where you play as classic Capcom characters or Marvel comic book characters?

### Pinball Games

The "Joker's Wild" game we currently have is made by a company called Williams, the parent company of Midway. Both companies are responsible for some of the

best games in any genre. So finding a Williams pinball game of the same vintage as ours shouldn't be a problem; the company has been making pinball games since before I was alive.

### First Person Shooters

Well, nowadays the first person shooters are a lot more bloody than anyone would like. There are games like "Time Crisis" where there isn't blood squirting everywhere, but I believe there may be a problem watching kids shoot at people, simulated or other wise. Does that mean the First Person shooter is a void subject?... No, not at all. Games like "Point Blank" where you're aiming at moving targets like birds and boats still do exist. Speaking of birds, why not Nintendo's "DUCK HUNT!"

### Classics

This brings me to the classics, the origins of modern day arcades. We want a fighter with less violence: Capcom's original Street Fighter II. Pinball games keep acting up? How about the Nintendo original "Marble Madness" or "Pinball." We can't get our hands on "Bust-a-Move," but the characters in that game were in another game called "Bubble Bobble." Still need a puzzle game? There is no other time-honored classic better than "TETRIS."

I know that Houghton College has standards that they must uphold. Rather than just complaining about what is wrong with the Campus Center arcade games, I just thought I would give some other healthy solutions.

-Brian Quinones, '03

## EDITORIAL

### Who are you, Neighbor? Shelley Dooley

When I was sitting in class the other day, my professor brought up the fact that even though we attend a small Christian college, we don't know everyone we see. In fact, he mentioned that we don't even know all of the people in our classes. At first, I didn't think anything of this idea, but then I looked around the room and realized I could only name a handful of my fellow students. I brushed the statement aside and went on thinking about something else. The next day, however, I went to lunch.

As a freshman and sophomore, going to lunch was never a big deal. I would go right after chapel with a group of friends and never lacked someone with whom to sit. As a junior I switched to a five-meal plan and ate all of my lunches in my townhouse. This year, I'm still on the five-meal plan but my schedule doesn't always allow me to take the walk down to my apartment. Often I pack my lunch, but on this particular day I forgot. So I went to lunch. After getting my food I looked around to see if there was anyone I knew eating at that time. Swarming all around me were unfamiliar faces of underclassmen. I felt as if I didn't know *anyone*.

There are what, 1200 students at this school? That's on average 300 a class. Not that many people. My church at home has more people in it than the college does. So why can I walk from one end of the campus to the other and not recognize the majority of the people I see?...and if I do recognize their face, I often don't know their names.

Many people don't have a clue who I am. I don't have a clue who many people here on campus are. It's a shame, really. My parents would shake their heads and wonder if I paid attention at all when they raised me.

My mom loves making people feel welcomed and likes to let them know that she wants to meet them. In fact, every time a new family moves into our neighborhood or shows up at my parents' Bible study, you can guarantee that she will greet them with a tasty cake and an invitation to dinner. Some of my fondest childhood memories took place around my kitchen table when the neighbors would come over. She didn't simply limit the invitations to a one-time visit for newcomers, instead at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, there was almost always someone at our table who lived nearby. In fact these neighbor visits have been so fruitful that my little sister is dating the boy across the street.

Yet here I am, in Western New York, after 21 years of watching my mom get to know those around her, and I can't tell you who lives next door to me.

It's pathetic and I want it to change. So this week my roommates and I are going on a mission. We're determined to meet the people who live near us.

But should I limit myself to only meeting and talking to those who live next door?

In Luke 10 Jesus is asked who our neighbors are. He responds with the story of the Good Samaritan. The point? Every single person on this campus is our neighbor and since we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves, shouldn't we then at least know the names of the people in our classes?

Personally, I find it hard to love someone that I've never met. And often I find it difficult to meet new people.

At times I feel as if I am living in a little cocoon down in the apartments. Once I'm there for the night, I often don't come back up to campus. It's so easy to get comfortable with our own groups of friends that we forget to branch out and make new ones. There are so many amazing people here at Houghton that I would like to know. I don't simply want to go through the motions each day and only talk to those I'm "used to." Instead, I want to meet my neighbors. To know their names. To listen to them talk. Don't you?

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## Basketball season pops into view

BY LIZ HORNOR  
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As the fall sports are wrapping up, it is time to begin the basketball season. Although they have already been practicing for months, the men's and women's teams are starting to compete in scrimmages and it is time for a season preview.

On the women's side, Coach Lord is looking to strong leadership and the more experienced players in order to make the team competitive this year. The team has to work to return to NAIA Nationals this year in a tough AMC conference. Coach Lord foresees that the team may have a slower start because several players will not be completely available until later in the season. Senior co-captain Alicia Mucher and senior Amanda Sweeney are focusing on student teaching this semester and Casandra Mills is still in soccer. Once everyone gets back to basketball, the team should be set for some really competitive play.

Leadership will be key this year. Co-captains Katie Packard, Angela Layne, and Alicia Mucher will provide experience and direction for the team as well as strength and quickness both offensively and defensively. Coach Lord is also looking to the younger players to strengthen their game and provide depth to the team. Some players that should see action are Maggie Unger, Casandra Mills, Jenn Cadden, Bethany Tennant, and Heidi Tilton. Freshman Abby Gross should contribute this season and injured freshman Kay Martin should

also see action once she recovers from a back injury.

Coach Lord admits that the team has their work cut out for them in the North Division of the AMC. The AMC is one of the strongest conferences in the nation; two of the last five national champions have come from this conference. They hope that they will be able to develop quickly enough as a team in order to challenge for a berth at NAIA Nationals.

For the men, Coach Zarges is looking to the depth of the team to make them more competitive this year. The top five scorers from last year have returned and the team is comprised of mainly juniors and seniors. Four of the starting five players from last year have returned along with six other returning players. The experience and leadership that these players bring should give the team the depth it has needed.

A strong bench should also be a key factor. At each position there are at least one and in some cases two players that can step right in with no compromise in play. The team has also grown in their commitment—to the Lord and to the team. They are getting involved in various ministries due to their desire to serve God with their talents.

Coach Zarges is also working to make changes in offense and defense while not compromising the team's overall philosophy. "Our program is still committed to being aggressive and relentless defensively and to avoid mistakes offensively by avoiding turnovers and taking great shots," he said.

## Women's soccer season comes to a dramatic end

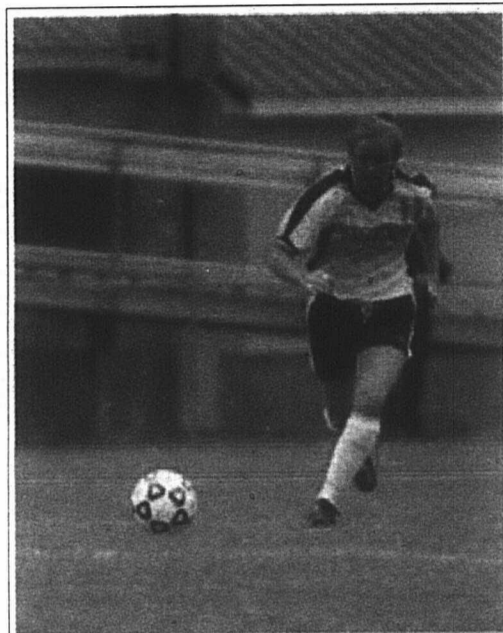
BY AARON BOYNTON  
STAR SPORTS WRITER

On a frozen, snowy Saturday afternoon, two teams with one common task met on the Field of Dreams. Houghton faced rival Tiffin University this past Saturday in the Region IX Finals, with the winner advancing to the NAIA National Tournament.

The game was scoreless until late in the first half when Tiffin went on top, or so they thought. The linesman had his flag up signaling an offside before the Tiffin player shot the ball. After conferring with the linesman, the referee reversed the goal and gave Houghton the ball. However, Tiffin's Carrie Gregory beat Houghton defenders for the only goal of the game in the 32nd minute.

The second half was a defensive standstill with Houghton constantly pressuring Tiffin's defense. Houghton had many good opportunities but just could not capitalize on them. Fans

combated the bitter temperatures and stayed to cheer the ladies on until the final buzzer sounded. As disappointing as the loss may be, the Highlanders have nothing to be ashamed about after a stellar season. The Highlanders finish with a record of 14-2-3 and will be ready to come back stronger than

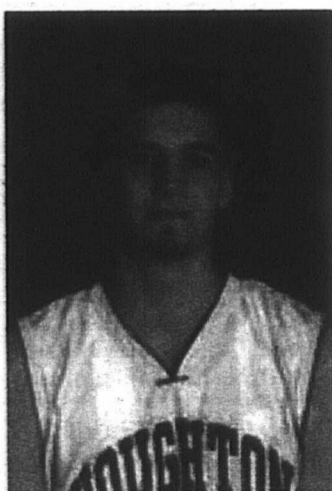


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Joanna Berryman charges toward the goal.

ever next year against the American Midwest Conference, especially Tiffin.

## HIGHLANDER athlete of the week



Adam Zoeller  
forward, men's basketball

This 6-4 sophomore from Hamburg, NY, averaged 20.5 points and 3.5 rebounds as the Highlanders opened the season at the University of Rio Grande Bevo Francis Tournament, November 15-16. He scored 26 points and hit a career-high 7-of-10 three pointers in a 76-63 loss at the University of Rio Grande and added 15 points, four rebounds, and two assists in an 84-55 loss to Spalding University. For the week, he was 14-of-25 from the field (56 percent) and 9-of-15 from three-point range (60 percent).



The 2002-2003 Lady Highlanders. Although the women lost to Tiffin in the AMC Region IX final match, they played an amazing season, losing only 2 games all year. Congratulations to the Lady Highlanders for a superb season!

## HIGHLANDER SCORES

### Women's soccer

11/15 Houghton 5, Mt. Vernon 2  
11/16 Houghton 0, Tiffin 1

### Men's basketball

11/15 Houghton 63, Rio Grande 76  
11/16 Houghton 55, Spalding 84

### Volleyball

11/15 Houghton 3, Roberts 2  
11/16 Houghton 0, Mt. Vernon 3  
11/16 Houghton 0, Walsh 3