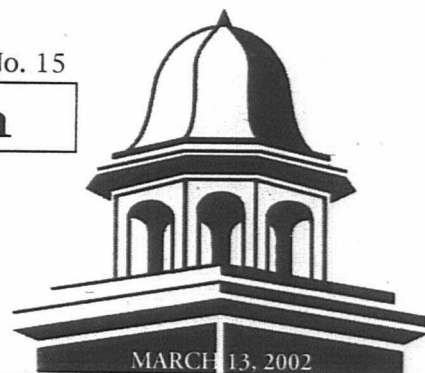


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## Is Subway coming to Houghton?

by Shelley Dooley  
Star correspondent

A Subway in Sweet Attitudes? Where will Houghton rumors go next? Actually though, the rumor may surface as truth over this coming summer. Four years ago the idea of possibly putting a chain restaurant into the town of Houghton versus the privately owned businesses was developed. With dozens of chains around the United State, the choices are endless, but the right

arrangements never came through. A couple from Ohio with connections to Cuba, NY, Randy and Susan Searle, approached Houghton College administrators a few months ago with the idea of putting

a Subway into the town. Through a series of events, the regional director of Subway contacted Houghton and a discussion began with Sweet Attitudes about the

destroyed by the bright glaring yellow of a Subway sign? Sweet Attitudes will remain just that, Sweet Attitudes. With a Subway mixed in with the coffee and



photo by Brian Quinones

Sweet Attitudes, which will soon be the home of a Subway sandwich shop.

possibility of a joint restaurant.

At first glance, the idea of throwing a Subway into Sweet Attitudes, may seem unappealing. What about the atmosphere? Will the quiet of the restaurant be

chocolates, the management of both restaurants are hoping to bring in more business. The atmosphere will remain for the most part the same but you will be able to get Subway sandwiches along with your mocha or hot chocolate.

Progress is being made in the union between Subway and Sweet

Attitudes, and most likely we will have a new sub shop when students return in the fall. Stay tuned to the Star for more details in the upcoming weeks.

## Shakespeare players to perform A Comedy of Errors

by Jonathon Winters  
Staff writer

The Houghton College Shakespeare Players are at it again! Coming off strong performances in each of the last seven semesters, the Players are currently seeking to replicate their recent successes in their preparation for a performance of Shakespeare's raucous, fast-past Comedy of Errors, to be presented this April.

First-time director Jon Wise, a sophomore, is satisfied with the progress made by the cast so far. "The actors are doing a great job, as are the crew and officers of the

club," commented Wise. "It is

really exciting watching all of the set and costumes and everything as it comes along and begins to resemble a real performance. This is

going to be a very fast, light, fun, and funny

show." Wise is only the fourth Houghton College student to take

on the sole responsibilities of the very demanding task of directing a Shakespeare play (some of the performances, in contrast, have been co-directed). In describing the challenges of directing, Wise explained,

"there have been surprisingly few

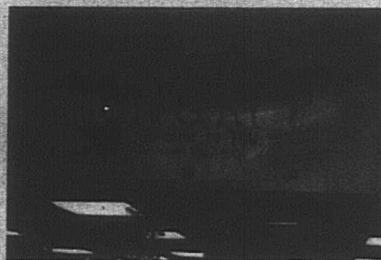


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## Maple Tree Inn opens

by Melanie Marciano  
Star staff

As all Houghton-goers know you can find something very special hidden in the middle of now where (Houghton College itself). Like Houghton, the Maple Tree Inn is a pleasant little treasure hidden in the woods. Although the restaurant is a challenge to find, it's homey environment and all you can eat pancakes for a reasonable price make it worth the woodland voyage.

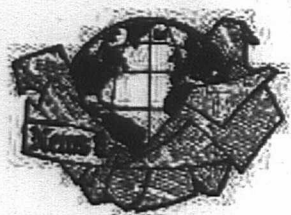
In 1963 the Maple Tree Inn was created by Ronald and Virginia Cartwright as a result of their sugar house catching fire. From the sugar house they had been selling maple syrup to places including Vermont and Canada. They decided that by offering pancakes with the maple syrup they could sell more syrup. At first business was slow, but with time the Maple Tree Inn has grown to host up to 500 people on a weekend. Guests have been known to travel for miles just to taste the maple syrup and buckwheat pancakes. Eggs and pancakes, sausage and pancakes, ham and pancakes, sandwiches, hamburgers, hots, Maple milk shakes and homemade pies can all be found on the menu. The all you can eat pancakes are \$5.85, but eating contests are not encouraged.

The fact that the hunting lodge-type restaurant is run by the Cartwright family with 6 helping sons and daughters contributes to the family atmosphere.

The Maple Tree Inn restaurant is open from February 14th through April 20th, Tuesday-Friday 9am to 8pm, Saturday 8am-8pm, and Sunday 8am-6pm. They are closed Mondays and Easter Sunday.

It is about 20 minutes from Houghton and easy to find. Head down route 19 North to Fillmore; turn right at the light; go to the end of the road and turn right; turn left at the first paved road (Rt 15a); look for Maple Tree Inn sign. The Maple Tree Inn is on the right, past the dinosaur and very purple house.





Don Brensinger

### 7 Americans killed in Operation Anaconda



Operation Anaconda has become the largest and most vicious ground operation to yet take place in the war on terrorism. On Monday, seven U.S. servicemen were killed in two separate incidences in which al Qaeda and Taliban soldiers attacked American helicopters in eastern Afghanistan. The first incidence occurred when a rocket-propelled grenade hit an MH-47 Chinook aircraft, and U.S. Navy SEAL, Neil Roberts, fell to the ground below. Grisly images from a reconnaissance plane showed Roberts being dragged away by three al Qaeda fighters and then executed.

The second incident occurred a few miles away when another U.S. helicopter was attacked and forced to make a crash landing. A fierce firefight ensued on the ground, in which six Americans were killed. The survivors held off unrelenting enemy fire for close to 14 hours until they were finally rescued.

The U.S. retaliated early on Tuesday by sending in Air Force fighters and Apache helicopters to open fire on the estimated 400 al Qaeda and Taliban soldiers in the area. Major General Frank L. Hagenbeck reported that hundreds of these rebel fighters were killed in this attack.

### Suspect found in hit and run case



25 year old Chante Mallard was arrested on Wednesday in regards to a hit and run case that occurred back in October in Fort Worth, Texas. Mallard is accused of hitting Gregory Biggs, 37, after she had used the drug Ecstasy. Mallard drove back to her house with Biggs still stuck in her windshield, and left him like that in her garage despite his desperate pleas for help. Biggs died in the garage,

and Mallard got help from a few friends in dumping his body at a nearby park. Police found the body on October 27, but were unable to name a suspect until given an anonymous tip pointing them in the direction of Mallard. Blood and hair from Biggs were found on Mallard's car, which she admitted she was going to burn after she had enough money to buy a new one. Assistant district attorney, Richard Alpert, intends to "prosecute this fully."

### U.S. encourages peace-talks in Middle East



In response to the ongoing violence between the Israelis and

Palestinians, President Bush has chosen to send American mediator, Anthony Zinni, back to the Middle East in hopes of bringing a ceasefire to the chaos. It was reported that the two bitter enemies were close to considering a truce, after realizing that neither would back down from attacks.

Thursday's violence included an Israeli sweep of a refugee camp where 12 Palestinians were killed. Also, a Palestinian gunman began to fire in a crowded building, killing four people and wounding close to 20 more before he was shot by guards. Another Jewish settlement was infiltrated by a Palestinian suicide bomber, injuring 5 people but making himself the only casualty.

The Bush Administration has kept contacts with both sides and is strongly urging a ceasefire.

## An apology for Homer



by Joshua Ziefle  
Columnist

At 11pm, the three men that live in my home convene for a solemn ceremony. A sort of pre-bedtime ritual, it remains a key time of bonding for our often tired triad of television-watchers. As Channel 6 pops gently on the screen, the darkened picture resolves to brightness and longtime companions appear before our eyes. Their names are simple: Marge, Homer, Bart, Lisa, and Maggie. But to me, they're just that familiar family down the street-The Simpsons.

Now I know what some of you are saying: I mean, come on now-they're yellow and only have four fingers-what's up with that? And besides, don't they drink and sometimes curse or break the law? Well, I guess you're right. They are from time to time kind of, well, crude. But at the same time I can't deny the many truths they have to offer. Though at times their actions are unnaturally caricatured and distorted, they nevertheless go

through some of the same struggles common to all: being sometimes bored at church, causing trouble at school, having a fight with a brother or sister, and even the trials of the married life. While comic, their journey has a twinge of reality that speaks to the human in all of us. As we watch, we can learn many things-not the least of which is that the values of family and fairness win out far more often than the baser elements within. Whether through the common sense wisdom of Marge, the often comic/heroic actions of Homer, or the enlightened moral stands of young Lisa, this slightly off-color family offers more truth than we might realize. Through satire and excess they bring their points to the fore, a technique that has served them well as they've plied their dramatic trade these past 12 years.

I'm not arguing that they always come out on top or do the right thing-that would be asking too much. But what I am saying is that at heart they are real. Though the world buffets them often and mistakes are frequently made, they stick together and actually love each other. When events get wacky and sarcasm flows, it only happens insofar as it helps to point the inconsistencies of human life...something that all of us need from time to time. In the end, God's truth is not always limited to the sanctuary, and at times turns up in the oddest of places. That it can be found in a 30 minute cartoon speaks all the more triumphantly to the sovereignty of God in a world suffused by grace.

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## Houghton writing festival approaches

by Greg On  
Staff writer

The Houghton College Writing Department will be sponsoring the spring writing festival again this year, scheduled from Wednesday, March 13th through Friday, March 15th. The speakers will be James Zoller, professor here at Houghton, James Schaap, of Dordt College, and Robert Hudson, senior editor at Zondervan. The highlight of the festival will be a panel discussion featuring all three speakers on "The Future of Christian Fiction," at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, March 15th, in room 123/125 of the NAB.

James Zoller has been teaching

writing and literature here at Houghton for the last 18 years. He is the author of *Simple Clutter*, a collection of poems, has written book reviews for *Choice: A Review of Books for Academic Libraries*, and is a columnist for *The Wellsville Reporter*. He will be giving a poetry reading on Wednesday, March 13th, at 8 p.m., in room 123/125 of the NAB.

James C. Schaap has been teaching at Dordt College for the last 25 years. He has written four novels, his short stories have been published in over two dozen magazines, and he has written essays, plays, and a denominational history. On Thursday, March 14th, he will be giving presentations on "Story or

Novel" at 1:15 in room 125 of the NAB, fiction reading at 7:30 in the recital hall, and "The Writing Life" at 9:30 in room 221 in the NAB.

Bob Hudson is a senior editor at Zondervan, a division of HarperCollins Publishers. He has co-written three books, has had articles and poems published in *Christianity Today*, *Mars Hill Review*, *Gadfly Online*, and others. He edits an e-zine called *WorkingPOET*. On Friday, March 15th, he will be speaking on "Mistakes Writers Make" at 2:15 in room 125 in the NAB, and "What's Good About Christian Publishing," at 8 p.m. in room 123/125 in the NAB.

## Ty supports local Red Cross in honor of Red Cross month

Since 1943, each president of the United States has proclaimed March to be "Red Cross Month." This annual tradition, started by Franklin D. Roosevelt, serves to publicly recognize the humanitarian services and accomplishments of the American Red Cross. Although the Red Cross is not a government organization, the U.S. president serves as its honorary chairman.

To honor local Red Cross chapters that provide lifesaving services and education in local communities year-round, Ty is introducing a new "America" bear to support local Red Cross disaster relief efforts. Beginning on February 25, 100 percent of Ty's profits from the original sale of "America" will be donated to local chapters where the buyers live.

Available exclusively online, the new "America" Beanie Baby can be purchased by visiting the local chapter website or [www.ty.com](http://www.ty.com). This second "America" bear immediately

follows the top-selling blue "America" bear, which to date has generated more than \$1.1 million for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

"All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, therefore we depend on the generous contributions of individuals and companies to help us with our relief efforts," said the chapter executive. "We are truly grateful for all those who give selflessly of their time, money and blood so that we may continue to serve our community."

"Our first 'America' bear was such a success with customers, I knew they would want a second one," said Ty Warner, president of Ty. "The new 'America' bear is our way of saying thank you to Red Cross chapters that help people in communities everyday. I hope both collectors and the public will join us in saying thank-you for the great work of the Red Cross."

The local chapter of the Red Cross responded to many disasters

in 2001, helping individuals and families rebound from devastating situations by meeting their immediate needs for food, clothing, shelter, grief counseling and much more.

The American Red Cross is dedicated to saving lives, easing suffering and restoring hope at home and around the world. Currently operating on a budget of \$2.7 billion, the Red Cross annually mobilizes relief to the victims of more than 67,000 disasters nationwide and has been the primary supplier of lifesaving blood and blood products in the United States for more than 50 years. In 2000, the Red Cross also trained almost 12 million people in vital lifesaving skills and delivered more than 21 million locally relevant community services. The organization also assisted international disaster and conflict victims in close to 40 locations around the globe.

## Allegany county chapter celebrates red cross month

Press Release

The Allegany County Chapter of the American Red Cross is celebrating Red Cross Month this March by recognizing some of the thousands of people who have helped our community this year through the Red Cross.

Over 600 Allegany County residents volunteered hours this year to help local families when disaster strikes; teach their neighbors lifesaving skills such as first aid, CPR and water safety; help local military families communicate during emergencies; and much more.

"Many people don't realize that most Red Cross work is done by local volunteers, in local communities, and is funded by voluntary contributions from local citizens and businesses," says Jodi Bailey, Executive Director of the Allegany County Chapter.

"I want to thank each and every one of our volunteers who help us provide lifesaving services to the residents of Allegany County, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. These volunteers include those who receive special training to aid people in disaster; instructors who teach CPR, first aid, lifeguarding, and babysitting; individuals who help in our office; who sponsor blood drives; who donate blood; and who donate financially," continues Ms. Bailey. "Each person makes a difference in our community and the lives of their friends and neighbors by volunteering with the our chapter."

Already in 2002 the Allegany County Chapter has aided 7 local families who were forced from their homes due to fire. Over 250 people have received health and safety training - giving them the knowledge to aid others in an emergency. And 457 quiet heroes have donated blood - the gift of life.

The Allegany County Chapter is celebrating Red Cross Month with a variety of Health & Safety classes and blood drives throughout the county. For more information on the local Red Cross, call the chapter office at 585-593-1531, or check their website at [www.redcross-acc.org](http://www.redcross-acc.org).

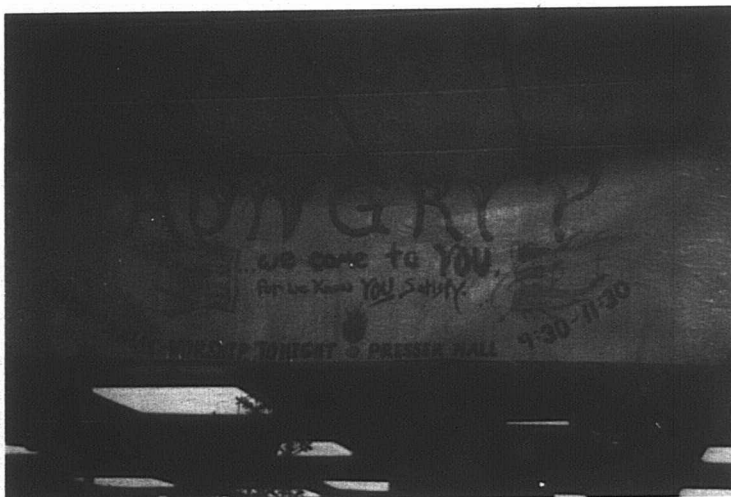
President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared March 1943 to be Red Cross Month. Every year since, each president has issued a similar proclamation.

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## Students come to the Lord hungry for worship

by Bethany Schwartz  
Star staff

Perhaps you have seen the banner stretched between the posts of the steps going up to the dining hall on Fridays: *Hungry I come to You for I know You satisfy*. This banner announces the time and



location of a praise and worship time each Friday night, inviting all who seek to know more of God to come and worship.

Hungry, as it has come to be called, meets every Friday night at

9:30 in Presser Hall, the dance studio located directly below the chapel stage. The purpose of this meeting is praise and worship, but every other weeknight students join together at 9:30 for prayer and





# ELECTION '02



## THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

### SGA Vice President Mindy Albrecht

Hi, my name is Mindy Albrecht and I am running for my second term as Student Government Vice-President. I am a junior elementary education major, eager to serve in this position for another year as well as fulfill my student teaching responsibilities this upcoming fall. I know what you're thinking:

"You've got to be kidding, Mindy! Why in the world would you want to do both student teaching AND Student Government your last year at Houghton? That's insane!" Maybe so. But I can't even tell you how anxious I am to start...

I have always wanted to be a teacher and I feel that God has given me certain gifts/abilities in order to be effective in that area. When I began this endeavor called 'Vice-President' last year, I had no idea what the Lord had in store and even questioned my place in Student Government. After all, what could one person have to offer such a quality institution? A lot, if the Lord is involved! I could have never anticipated the extent to which my gifts would be used for His

glory and how fulfilled I would be through serving. This year I have enjoyed organizing regular Blood Drives and working with the student clubs/organizations to see that they get the support they need. I count it an honor to interact with our quality College

administration and to update the new SGA Website. I love being involved with an organization that takes pride in its rich heritage, is anxious to serve its current members, and has a

passion for the students of the future.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve as SGA Vice-President again next year, as well as beginning my student teaching experience in the fall. I am confident that both positions will be maintained without compromising either role, by God's grace. Just as He promises in Philippians 4:13, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

### SGA Chaplain Scott Wilkins

Well, it is that time of year again. No, not laundry time (hopefully that comes at least twice a year). It is time for SGA elections. I, Scott Ross Wilkins,

am interested in returning next year to my office as SGA Chaplain. If any of you went to SPOT this semester, you may be asking yourselves why I'd want to return to the office after the persecution that seemingly

bombarded me from all quarters. Well, friend, that was merely a fictitious movie... and no English faculty were injured during its filming. So here I stand, wanting to run again. (Actually I am sitting in my sleek, gray office chair, but that is beside the point).

Working with the SGA is one of the greatest experiences I've had while here at Houghton. I've gotten to know faculty, staff, and fellow students. I've been able to work on various chapel programs and I've gotten to know a bit about how the Houghton system works. I would love the opportunity to continue in the projects that are floating around.

Instead of reclining on the

Laz-E-boy of past accomplishments, let me talk a bit about my plans for the future.

Troy McKnight and I have been discussing a program that would

allow for the Eucharist (Communion, Lord's Table, or whatever you want to call it) to be offered more than just once a semester (it is currently only offered during CLEW week). This program would most likely be in conjunction

with Koinonia or something like that. Other than that, I'd like to try to bring in some guest lecturers or do some more forums (similar to the Fact Finding Forum and the Christian Response to Terrorism Forum that you saw last semester... but with different foci, of course).

Well, if any of you would like to know more about what I've done in office or what I'd like to do next year, I encourage you to stop by the office or drop me an email. Thanks for your time... now excuse me while I go sample some of the complimentary candy on Jason Dolon's desk.

### Commissioner of Activities (CAB)

#### Ben Howard

My name is Ben Howard. I am running for Commissioner of Activities, better known as CAB director. I will be completely dedicated to this position if I am elected. I will try to provide activities such as concerts, coffee houses, movies, as well as others. I also plan on getting suggestions from the student body to get some new ideas for activities that will give the campus community more things to do. I think getting suggestions from the students is extremely important. I am aware

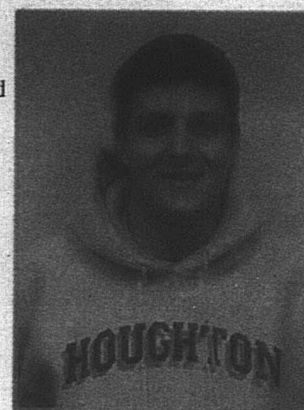
that there are diverse people on campus and with these diversities come a variety of opinions and preferences. Although I may not always support their ideas, I will always be willing to consider their wishes. I also understand that even if I don't like an idea, the student body may. I'll be as approachable as possible for anyone that desires to express his or her opinions.

In the past I have had experience organizing different youth events for my home church and other for my school. I believe

that anything is possible with the right motivation and commitment.

I always strive to be fully motivated and dedicated to every project I participate in. I plan on bringing my experience and ambition to this position.

Although I am a freshman I have some experience with CAB. This past semester I have worked with the sound system for CAB events.



As far as other experience on campus I actively help with Koinonia, was a DJ at WJSL for the first semester, and currently work for the Chapel Sound Booth.

I think CAB has a very bright future and with the right leadership can produce high quality events for the student body to attend and participate in. With the right vision, dedication and staff,

CAB can continue to produce a multitude of events.



## SGA President Tobias Cushing

To me, the president of the student body has a very clearly defined job: 1) to represent to the administration and board of trustees of the college what the student body feels and 2) to raise the quality of life for the student body as a whole through implementation of governmental policies and appropriate fund allocation.

I plan to raise the quality of life of the student body by simplifying the way in which student government works so that the decisions made by student government are felt by every student, everyday.

The class councils of the college need to have their activities affect more people. The only way to make this happen is to give more clearly defined objectives to the class councils and to consolidate some of the efforts of all four class councils. Instead of spending time thinking of many smaller activities, the class councils could concentrate efforts on activities like Winter Weekend and Homecoming so that the major events on the student calendar are better attended. Class councils could also be used in policy change decisions of the college so that the opinion of the student body can be more

accurately expressed.

CAB has done a great job of planning activities for the student body, and the role of CAB and SGA should be expanded next year to include a more active role of

campus clubs and organizations. The clubs of the campus are fantastic ways of service and fellowship that many of our students enjoy participating in. If CAB were to take a more active role in organizing an entertainment and club calendar that is readily visible to the student body less small

poorly attended activities could be consolidated into fewer better attended events. The clubs of the campus could also be called upon to take a more supportive role for each other in attendance of activities. This would create more integration of different social groups and students. This could be facilitated by meetings organized by the SGA president with all the other club presidents and vice presidents on campus.

Something needs to be done about the student transition from year to year. Too many headaches have been caused by the current system of scheduling classes and housing. The student government needs to

take an active role in making the transition from one year to another smoother. Some ideas for this active role could be computer programs that allow students to view the availability of classes

and the requirements they need to graduate. All the paper and ambiguity of class availability needs to be removed.

There are many other roles that the president of the SGA needs to deal with. Some of the biggest that I plan on concentrating on next year on are technology, chapel, student finances, student parking and student life. Student finances need to be less of an enigma to students, and systems where students could

actively view their accounts need to be considered. In student life the policies of open house and dancing need to be discussed, and the student opinion needs to be more actively sought after by the student government concerning issues like these.

If elected by the student body I plan on working on these issues and making changes that current and future Houghton students will feel. I feel qualified to be the president of the SGA because of my work on the campus and in the community, along with my academic endeavors that have exposed me to many different aspects of college life. During the past three years my activities have included participation in senate, residence life, the fire department, athletics, and music. I desire to serve the students in any way that the students want and turn the SGA into an open forum for student opinions; the problems and concerns of students that are discussed in the dorms and the cafeteria should filter up to the administration and have something done about them. The issues I have written about are by no means all that I have in mind if elected, so please feel free to contact me or talk to me about concerns that you may have. :-)

## Commissioner of Communications Erin Galloway

John Adams once asked, "If we do not lay ourselves in the service of mankind, whom should we serve?"

This question points to the foundation of Houghton College as an institution and community at large. For nearly 120 years Houghton has stood as a place of purpose. Our mission

statement clearly states the goal of a Houghton College education: "to equip students to lead and labor as scholar-servants in a changing world." Former Houghton students have used

their education and abilities to serve the world outside the borders of the Houghton campus.

While this is necessary and valuable, we also need to think about the services we can provide one another while we are here as students. What better way to prepare ourselves

for the "outside world" than to offer ourselves as scholar-servants to each other and our immediate community right now?

Personally, service is a vital part of my learning experience. I

value the material my professors teach me, but I also have a deep appreciation for the lessons I learn in serving children at the local church, tutoring other students on campus, or working as an FYI leader. To this I would like to add the role of SGA Commissioner of Communication for the 2002-2003 school year. I see this position as a means to serve the Houghton student body as a whole: as a representative for student concerns and as a mediator between the student body and administration. My ultimate goal as the Commissioner of Communication is to keep the student body aware of issues which apply to them, decisions made by the administration and student government, and general happenings on the Houghton campus. The principle duties of the Commissioner of Communication include writing the minutes at SGA cabinet and senate meetings, preparing agendas, supplying the

"Who's Who" flyers that occasionally garnish the dining hall, and announcing SGA events throughout the year. These are all done in an attempt to keep the student body as informed as possible about life on the Houghton College campus.

These goals are simple, and I promise my full efforts in serving as your SGA Commissioner of Communication. I firmly believe that my work in this role will extend beyond these duties, however. I want to be available and open to listening to student issues. As a fellow student, I understand your needs and concerns. However, my goals cannot be fully attained without your involvement as well. I encourage all of you to become more involved in student life on the Houghton campus and to strive for unity through an attitude of Christian love and service. Thank you.



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of a community of faith



by Bethany Schwartz

### Written in the Stars

I haven't decorated the Star office yet. I admit it. The clock on the wall is the only thing I've hung up since I started my job as the editor this summer - and I don't even look at it. Telling time is too much trouble. But at least it's there.

This past summer I walked into the daunting task of becoming the editor of the Houghton Star. I didn't know what to expect. I didn't know what kinds of jobs I would be doing. I didn't know if I was ready. But school would be starting and I would be in charge. I had to jump in running.

My first task was one that the previous editor was thrilled about: moving the office. He made the plans, but it was up to me to actually do the work. It was my

duty to lug all the equipment from the old Star office (the hole-in-the-wall next to the Boulder and Lanthorn offices) to the new Star office (the ever-so-spacious former commuter lounge in between WJSL and the print center). But we were all excited - not only was the new office in a better location, it was big enough to fit more than two people inside.

I thought a lot about the moving process. I thought about the new office. I even planned on buying some bean bag chairs to fill all of the space we would have. (That never happened.) But I never actually did anything. The day finally came when Matt Webb had told us we needed to be moved out by. I begged for more time. It was too big of a job for me to handle.

Rescued by maintenance. When I finally buckled down, getting the

ball rolling by dragging the commuter couch, refrigerator, and microwave into the rec area of the Campus Center, the maintenance guys brought a dolly over and transferred the rest of the stuff. Most of it, that is. I still had to deal with the heaps of old computer equipment, moldy French fries from Big Al's, and stacks of dusty newspapers lying in the corners of the hole-in-the-wall. Maintenance just took care of the heavy stuff like the filing cabinet which still holds two gallon jugs of a brownish liquid oozing strange odors whenever you open the drawers. I didn't want to deal with that. (I still don't.)

I carried over the computers, vacuumed the carpet, recycled the old papers. But I still had to go through computer files and bank statements, hang up the whiteboard and calendar, and come up with ideas for articles. In going through the files, records, and past issues of the paper, an outline of my job began to come into focus. I was to be the life-blood behind the newspaper. The motivating force,

the one who has everything under control and tells everyone what to do. My destiny was written in the stars.

We're in a bigger office now, but more than two people are rarely in the office at the same time. We have room to actually hold staff meetings, but somehow the staff never shows up for them. No matter how many years go by or how big the office gets, I think we'll always be searching for writers. No matter what the subject is, someone will always write letters to the editor complaining about one article or another. No matter how organized we are, someone will always be up until the wee hours of the morning working on layout.

Some things never change.

Staff members will come and go, but the ideals of the newspaper will remain. Informing, entertaining, challenging - the Star will do its duty. Writing, copyediting, planning - the editors will do their duty. Maybe someday one of them will hang up some posters. It might even be me.

## Know an easy recipe?

by Jen Neroni  
Staff writer

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Brenneman presented a cooking demonstration for the gentleman of Shenawana Hall. They wanted to present simple, easy dishes that a bunch of college guys could make in the dorms - recipes that would have easy directions and simple ingredients. They presented the Shen Men with a Mexican dip, popcorn cake, cottage cheese salad (which I'm told is delicious), and Puppy Chow, a snack made of Chex, chocolate chips, peanut butter, butter, and confectioner sugar. After the demonstration, Steve Leader suggested to Mrs. Brenneman that she put together a cookbook with those and other recipes. Mrs. Brenneman remembered that some years back, she and a former employee of the school had done just that. About the time that the first

townhouses were built, the two women produced a small cookbook for the college students, containing simple, quick, and easy recipes.

Now, after Steve's suggestion, Mrs. Brenneman has decided to once again set forth and conglomerate a new Houghton cookbook. The idea behind it is to provide recipes for college students (particularly those who aren't on the full board plan and live in the townhouses or off campus) who don't have a lot of money or time to spend on good food. She already has some recipes, but she needs more! So...here's your part. If you have any quick and easy recipes that you've enjoyed and you think would be great for townhouse/dormitory cooking, send them to Mrs. Brenneman! She needs to receive them in written form. You can e-mail her (Kathie Brenneman), or write it down and give it to her at the Info Center by the beginning of April.

## the resurrected TOP TEN.... failing public speaking speeches



by Greg On

10 Three Ways to Skin a Cat

9 How to Dance the Hamster Dance

8 How to Apply Sunscreen

7 How the Naked Guy Won the First Survivor

6 Three Reasons Why Paul Was an Overrated Hack

5 Three Techniques to Steal Your Body Weight in Cookies

4 Special Topic: Eulogizing Fred Flintstone

3 Why Mind-bending Cults are the Wave of the Future

2 Problem Solving Speech: Soylen Green Reduces Crowding and Tastes Great

1 Problem Solving Speech: Why You Should be Fired

## QUIP OF THE WEEK

"Writers are the experts, readers are the idiots."

-Professor John Leax-

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# arthouse

A look at the intersection of faith and art

## Drama lead Mike Arensen in Spotlight

by Rebecca Williams  
Staff writer

Sophomore Intercultural Studies major Mike Arensen will be performing this weekend in Houghton's spring drama, *The Lilies of the Field*. As Homer Smith, the lead male part in this production, Arensen has found it quite challenging to be involved in a play that is not a comedy, which is the only kind of play he has ever had a part in. *The Lilies of the Field* does, however, have some genuinely humorous scenes, and Arensen has found that the play has really grown on him. Arensen's part in this drama requires that he have a Southern accent and play the guitar—two things he has found rather difficult since he has never been to the South and he doesn't know how to play the guitar! He says memorizing his lines is quite time-consuming, but when everything comes together in the end, it is a great feeling.

Arensen grew up in East Africa and lived, for the most part, in Kijabe, Kenya, where he went to

boarding school. "I got involved in plays during the rugby off-season because my sister said she thought

of high school, Arensen doesn't feel he has as much experience as some of the actors he has been working with in *The Lilies of the Field*, but obviously his inexperience hasn't left him in the dust. His past productions include *The Panther Strikes Back*, *The Mikado*, and *The Butler Did It*. Arensen is especially looking forward to *The Lilies of the Field* because it is the first one of his plays at which his parents will be in attendance. "In the past," he explains, "they have always been on another continent."

*The Lilies of the Field* will be playing on March 14, 15, and 16 in the Rosemary Tysinger Auditorium at Houghton Academy. Three evening performances will be presented at 8:00 and there will be a Saturday afternoon matinee at 2:00. General admission is \$6.00; students and senior citizens - \$4.00. Tickets will go on sale Monday, March 11th in the Campus Center lounge during lunch and dinner, and will continue all week.

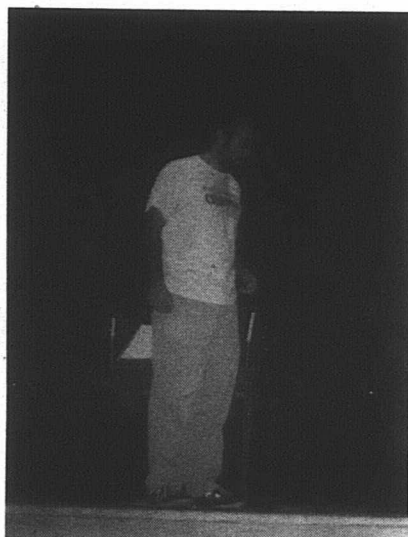


photo by Bethany Schwartz

Mike Arensen takes the role of Homer Smith in this spring's play.

I couldn't act, so I took it as a challenge. I somehow made a part in a play my senior year and from then on (all of two years) I have been in plays off and on," Arensen says. Since he has only been acting in plays since his senior year

## St. John's Passion



by Mindela Schaeffer  
Guest writer

On Friday, March eighth, the Houghton College Choral Union, in collaboration with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and guest soloists, performed J. S. Bach's *St. John's Passion*. The college and chapel choirs of Houghton combined, under the direction of Dr. Mark Hijleh, to form the joint choir.

The text of *The Passion According to St. John* is taken directly from John chapters eighteen and nineteen: the story of the passion of Jesus Christ. This two-hour work walks the listener through the last days of Christ's life, beginning with Jesus and his disciples in the Garden, and ending with Christ in the grave. This work does not include the resurrection because traditionally it was to be performed on Good Friday; on Easter Sunday an appropriate Bach cantata would be sung to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

The story is told as a joint effort between the Evangelist (Carl Johengen of SUNY Potsdam), Jesus (Robert Wells of SUNY College at Fredonia), Pilate (Bruce Brown of Houghton), and the angry Jewish leaders (choir). Interjected throughout this unfolding story are Bach's reflections on the events, in the form of chorales (sung by the choir) and arias (sung by the previously mentioned soloists as well as Kelly Hijleh of Houghton and Margaret Kuhl of SUNY Fredonia).

The choral union began rehearsals for *The Passion* in November under the direction of Dr. Jean Reigles, Dr. Bruce Brown, and Dr. Mark Hijleh. Since the start of second semester, the choir rehearsed this music daily during the allotted choir time, with additional Tuesday/Thursday sectional rehearsals and had two rehearsals with the RPO in preparation for the performance at the final Artist Series of the 2001-2002 season. On the whole, this undertaking was a success and provided an amazing musical and spiritual experience for both the performers and the audience.

## Hungry, from page 2

intercession. This group has been meeting officially for about one year and is applying to become an official school organization.

Meetings are usually simple, consisting of praise and worship songs, reading of Scripture, prayer, some spontaneous worship, moments of silence in which worshippers can reflect and draw closer to God, and encouragement to press into God's presence. The main emphasis is on the word of God dwelling richly in the hearts of believers as Paul writes in Colossians. Many of the songs that are sung on Friday nights are either directly from Scripture or based on Scripture.

Although it was not named at the time, Hungry began several years ago with a group of about six students who would get together for praise and worship each Friday night. When this year's juniors entered college as freshmen in 1999, about twenty students began meeting together each night for worship. This small group eventually joined the group that met on Friday nights. At this time the group was still relying on word-of-mouth publicity, but in the

fall of 2000 the students decided to organize and publicize the worship times. They acquired overheads, posted signs, and tried to make their meetings more noticeable to the student body.

The group adopted the name of "Hungry" because of the sign that some visiting alumni made for them in the spring of 2000; students saw the large word HUNGRY dominating the sign and assumed that it was the name of the worship meetings. The group leaders, who had been searching for a name, adopted it.

Last year Dr. David Lewis was the group's contact with the college administration, and this fall he suggested that they become an official college club. When approached about becoming the advisor, he readily agreed. Since that time the leaders have been working on creating a constitution that will allow them to be an official club. Leaders at the time of publication are Ben Wells, Caleb Howard, Heba Wissa, Jen Neroni, Joe Taylor, Josh Gibbel, Justin Howard, Laura Tolley, Nick Kingsley, Matt Moran, Miriam Lawton, and Richard Liantonio. It is not an exclusive group, however; many others help out and everyone is welcome to attend their praise

and worship and prayer meetings. In fact, that is what the leaders want the most.

"We want to encourage people to seek the Lord and really go hard after him. We want people to really know the love that God has for them and how much he wants to be with them. We want the prayers of the saints to go forth from this place both on behalf of this college and this world. We're about Jesus and Him being glorified," said Jen Neroni.

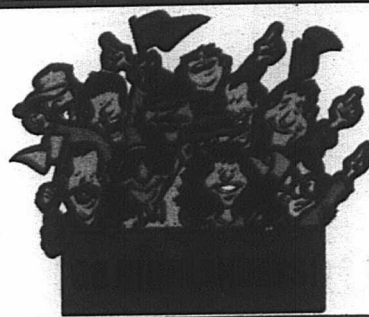
The main focus of Hungry for the past three years has been intercession and intimacy with God, and this is what the group will continue to seek. Part of their mission statement for the working constitution states that Hungry seeks to "encourage people to passionately serve God...through times of praise and worship, prayer, and discipleship groups." Anyone can become involved in these aspects of their ministry; it is a ministry geared to serve the entire campus.

Praise and worship times are every Friday night from 9:30 to 11:30; informal intercessory prayer meetings are held every week night at 9:30. All meetings are held in Presser Hall, the basement of Wesley Chapel.



# Highlander SPORTS

March 4 - 11



## Sophomore Sarah Gardner competes in indoor track nationals

by Liz Horner  
Staff writer

On March 1, Sophomore Sarah Gardner represented the Highlanders at Indoor Track Nationals in Johnson City, Tennessee. Sarah was ranked 16th out of 17 competitors in the 55 meter high hurdles going into the meet. In the preliminary round Sarah broke her old school record time of 8.77 with a time of 8.74. This time qualified her to proceed to the semi-final round where she again bettered her time to 8.61 giving her ninth place overall and a new school record. Sarah enjoyed the competition that the national meet provided but had to adjust to being a team of one since she was the only Highlander to qualify. She also struggled with staying relaxed and focused. Since she was 16th going into the race, she worried that she would not be competitive. Sarah noted that Coach Kragbe was instrumental in providing support and encouragement; Sarah said of Coach Kragbe, "because she is a

hurdler herself, she is better able to explain and demonstrate the technical aspects of racing. With Coach Kragbe's experience at running in highly competitive meets she was prepared to give advice and walk me through the technicalities of before-race preparation. It helped to know that she had experienced many of the same feelings of dread/excitement/nervousness/joy that I was having." Sarah was also grateful for the presence of her family at the race, and for the support of the team back home. Although she missed not having Coach Smalley and his wisdom available at the race she said that by knowing he was praying, "I was inspired to dig deeper because nothing could be lost in trying. By being careful I would accomplish nothing." Dropping .16 seconds in a short hurdle race is indeed accomplishing something. With the beginning of the outdoor track season this weekend, we will see what more Sarah and the rest of the Houghton Track and Field team can do.

### Shakespeare, from page 1

challenges, just figuring out how this director thing works and trying to describe to my actors what I see in my head."

As explained on the Shakespeare Players' web page, A Comedy of Errors is about two sets of twins separated at birth in a shipwreck. Unexpected and hilarious consequences ensue when the twins are reunited. For the Players' production, the lead roles are being filled by Barry King, Ryan Mayers, Nathan Boyd, Patrick Barringer, Kristen Meyer, and Sonya Marthai. This represents a relatively inexperienced cast, as only two of these six have acted in more than one previous Shakespeare production. King, one of the veterans, asserted that this has not been a set-back, claiming that he is satisfied with "the overall level of

excellence everyone brings to the rehearsal setting," and offers the reassurance that "between the director, cast, and crew things are going wonderfully."

The dates of the performance will be April 4, 5, and 6, with performances each night and a matinee on Saturday. As last semester, the play will be performed in the Center for the Arts recital hall, and tickets will be a mere \$2. The entire Houghton community waits in eager expectation to see whether the Players will once again rise to their own high standards of excellence and ingenuity in their performance of A Comedy of Errors. For further information regarding the play or this active campus organization, visit the Shakespeare Players' website at <http://campus.houghton.edu/shakespeare>

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## Highlander SportsWeek

Outdoor track and field

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