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THE World OUT there

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Pres. Bush Addresses the Nation Concerning Iraq

Four days before the second anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, President George W. Bush addressed the nation to describe U.S. progress in the war on terror and current policy regarding Iraq. In his speech, President Bush formally announced his request for \$87 billion from Congress to fund "ongoing military and intelligence operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere" and the corresponding rebuilding efforts.

Facing increasing criticism over his policies and the unstable situation in Iraq, President Bush acknowledged that the ongoing work there remains "difficult and costly." However, he declared that the U.S.-led rebuilding process is "worthy of our country, and critical to our security." The speech emphasized that the U.S. must go to the heart of terrorist strongholds; otherwise we may tragically face our enemies on American soil. The President laid out three major objectives for his administration's policy towards rebuilding Iraq:

First, the U.S. will continue to aggressively hunt down and destroy remaining Saddam Hussein loyalists and terrorists.

Second, the U.S. will pursue heightened international cooperation in securing and reconstructing Iraq. Specifically, Secretary of State Colin Powell will seek a new U.N. Security Council resolution that would establish a U.S.-led, multinational force in Iraq.

Finally, President Bush reiterated that control of Iraq will ultimately be left to the Iraqi people, once the appropriate democratic forms and infrastructure are in place. He proclaimed, "Our coalition came to Iraq as liberators and we will depart as liberators."

President Bush concluded his speech with praise for the members of the

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Holdren Encourages Growth in Faith

BY MELANIE MARCIANO
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Houghton ushered in the new school year with a refreshing and meaningful Christian Life Emphasis Week. CLEW speaker Dr. David Holdren challenged the Houghton students and community to grab a hold of their faith and understand God's word as practical and powerful in everyday life. Applicable examples and audience interaction effectively drew in the large group of listeners.

Dr. Holdren is a general superintendent of The Wesleyan Church and has spent about 12 of the past 15 years on the Houghton College Board of Trustees. Serving as a pastor for a total 32 years in Athens and Columbus Ohio, he welcomed the chance to once again function in a pastoral role as Houghton's CLEW speaker. Dr. Holdren also desired to become better acquainted with student life and give back to a college that has been so welcoming to him in the past.

Dr. Holdren realizes that college is a very dramatic and pivotal point in life; it acts as the main catalyst in our development and future life direction. He wishes to impress upon Houghtonites the relevance and deep connection the Bible has to our daily life as a decision making college student. His clear recollection of his own college years reveals to him how his friends

and decisions from college are still affecting his life today.

Holdren believes that the Word of God is not to be solely valued in large decisions but also to understand relationships and the overall will of God in one's life. He clarified what faith means in terms of relationships that we live in every day. "Faith is not something

Christian life can be. Religion is not separate, but deeply connected to everyday life.

Many of Dr. Holdren's sermons stemmed from a time, not too long ago, when he had experienced an inner battle of his own and allowed himself to be changed by God and grow through the experience. His

willingness to share his life story, however humbling it may have been, demonstrated true maturity and gave the listeners an example of what spiritual growth looks like. Dr. Holdren not only encouraged change but always showed the congregation what it means to lead the godly, liberated life that that change would create.

Through his very personable yet authoritative preaching style and hard biblical evidence, Dr. Holdren dispelled popular beliefs about God's

will and Christian living. He asserted that Christians should change their perspective to view God's will as liberating, not limiting and live for God not because you have to but

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PHOTO BY DANIELLE HOBSON
Students make their way towards Wesley Chapel before a morning CLEW session. CLEW takes place during the second week of each semester

detached from relationships and how we treat others. Truths of God are absolutely applicable to every single day we live". Dr. Holdren's desire for CLEW attendees was that they understood how practical and powerful the Word of God is and how wonderful and freeing the

Summer Floods Damage Houghton Facilities

BY RACHEL BRASK
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On July 22, 2003, torrential rains caused flash floods at Houghton College. Various places around campus flooded, including East Hall, Shen, the Luckey Building and the Wesley Chapel. A deluge of this magnitude was a first for Houghton, and quite unexpected. Wesley Chapel sustained significant damage to the basement, specifically Presser Hall and the prayer chapel.

According to Jeff Spear, rain flowed down the hillside like rapids and "the chapel just got in the way." Water quickly pooled by a basement window, then the window broke, and water gushed into WC-10, filling the room to a depth of about 4 feet until the current broke the door and surged out and down the stairs. Mike Zale, junior, and some others, were in the chapel at the time of the flooding, helping out with the sound equipment for a conference that weekend. He had gone down to WC-5 to retrieve

something when he heard something like heavy pelted rain, and noticed water

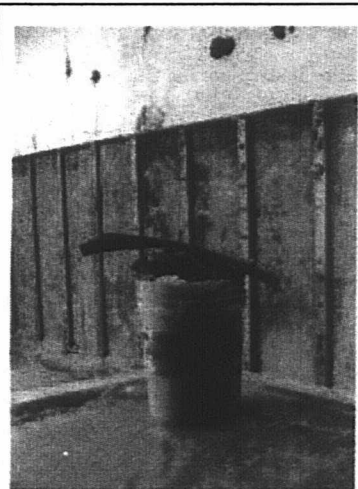


PHOTO BY NATHAN BOYD
A portion of the extensive water damage in Presser Hall.

leaking from the ceiling and streaming down the stairs. While he was down there, he heard a "loud boom" (the loud "boom" he heard was the door being broken in half by the running water) and then saw a wall of water cascading down the stairs and rushing towards him, like something from a movie. "I felt like I was on some kind of Disney ride," he said. "It was really weird." He described the water level as "up to his knees" as he trudged through. Zale lost over \$1700 in equipment from the flood. Reflecting upon this unexpected event, he acknowledged that it was amazing that no one got hurt or electrocuted, despite the amount of electrical chords and equipment, or how the high voltage box was also victimized by the great deluge.

The fire department and security came to get the situation under

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U.S. armed forces and intelligence services. He also exhorted the U.S. people to courageously persevere in the cause of freedom here and abroad.

Both Democrats and Republicans in Congress predict the approval of the \$87 billion funding request filed by the President. However, critics of the speech, including several high-level Democrats, have attacked apparent inconsistencies and deficiencies in the President's policies towards Iraq. Some label the speech's appeal for international assistance as a reversal of previous policy. The administration denies that substantial policy shifts have occurred.

[Transcript of the speech available at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/09/20030907-1.html>.]

Palestinian PM Steps Down

Mahmoud Abbas resigned as Palestinian Prime Minister on September 6th, citing disillusionment with the peace process and opposition from Yasser Arafat. The sudden resignation was widely seen as a serious blow to the U.S.-proposed roadmap towards peace between Israel and the Palestinians. It was followed by renewed violence by both sides.

Hours after the official resignation, an Israeli plane targeted Hamas leaders in a Gaza City apartment; all occupants survived the bombing. Days later, twin attacks by Palestinian suicide bombers killed 15 in Israel. Hamas did not immediately claim responsibility, but issued a statement promising sustained revenge against Israel. The following day, another Israeli strike missed a top Hamas leader, killing his son and bodyguard instead. Hamas responded with threats to extend its own targets to include Israeli residences.

In response to Abbas' resignation, Israel and the U.S. reiterated their contempt for Yasser Arafat. Less than a week after the resignation, Israel formally declared its decision to remove Arafat from power, possibly by expulsion. Arafat has remained defiant, rallying his supporters and declaring that he will not leave. The U.S. government opposes his expulsion, but concurs with Israel's assessment that Arafat constitutes a serious roadblock in the peace process.

Palestinian parliament speaker Ahmed Qureia has taken over as Prime Minister.

Qureia was nominated by Arafat, and is currently forming an emergency cabinet.

The embattled roadmap incorporates plans for a Palestinian state by 2005.

[For official U.S. Dept. of State information on the roadmap for peace, visit: <http://www.state.gov/p/nea/rt/c2829.htm>.]

Progress in Liberia Peacekeeping

West African peacekeeping troops and U.N. workers are now active in Liberia, gradually helping to bring the years of bloody civil war and virtual anarchy to a close. The U.N. is expected to eventually take control of the peacekeeping efforts.

In early August, Liberian President Charles Taylor, a former warlord, accepted exile in Nigeria. Since 1999, Taylor and his supporters have battled various rebel groups. He had faced strong pressure to step down from the rebels opposing him and the international community.

Taylor's appointed successor, Moses Blah, is serving as interim president until a compromise government takes over in October as planned. Democratic elections are scheduled for 2005.

The devastation and suffering in Liberia caused by years of dictatorship and civil war are immense. The recent peacekeeping mission ended months of street fighting in Monrovia, the capital, which killed more than 1,000 civilians. An estimated 1 million Liberians have been

displaced by the fighting, and hundreds of thousands are currently refugees.

Over 2,000 U.S. Marines are aboard ships off Liberia's shore, and 150 are ashore to guard the U.S. embassy in Monrovia and function as limited support. The U.S. forces are expected to leave once a strong U.N. force arrives in Liberia. Though humanitarian aid has been requested, the specifics of further U.S. involvement in the peacekeeping and rebuilding efforts are unclear.

[For news and analysis of the Liberia crisis, visit: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/world/africa/westafrica/liberia/>.]

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control, along with many employees and volunteers that came willing to help clean up, equipped with pumps and mops and wet/dry vacuums. Touched by this "wonderful outpouring of love for the college," Jeff Spear gratefully recounted how the major damage was mostly cleaned up in a day with everyone's help. And considering what could have been damaged, he concedes that "it could have been a lot worse."

The total cost of flood damage is now estimated to approximately \$80,000. About \$42,000 of that is to repair the telephone switch that was damaged when a pipe in the campus

center burst. The damage report includes split and peeling wood floors and doors affected by the deluge, everything that was in the Prayer Chapel, and also some antique organs. Presser Hall and the Prayer Chapel received the brunt of the damage. Mr. Spear mentioned that as much as this is an unfortunate and unexpected occurrence, it may also be an opportunity to improve the basement facilities, including the Prayer Chapel; however, such ideas will not be considered without consulting the opinions of the students, faculty, and Houghton community first.

So what is being done now to prevent such an occurrence in the future? Small walls around basement-floor windows are being built up to provide a higher threshold

that should keep water from getting into basement windows, which had been the entrance for this flood in the first place. The storm drain system also needs to be improved to handle such large volumes of water in the future.

Spear joked that this flood was "God rendering his judgment for holding a girls' dance class over the summer in Presser Hall of the Chapel, and thus He smote the mirrors which might cause people to be vain, and the floor upon which the dancing occurred."

Perhaps this may be the real reason that dancing is not allowed at Houghton...

GETTING TO KNOW ...

Dr. John Neal Brittain

by MATT AU YEUNG
STAR STAFF WRITER

Age: 57

Marital Status: Married. His wife's name is Eileen. They have two children: Timothy and Genevieve

Alma Mater: A.B. at Brown University; M.Div. at The Methodist Theological School in Ohio; D.Min at St. Mary's Seminary and University

Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio

Previous Positions: Chaplain at the University of Evansville; Director of the University Chapel Fellowship at The University of South Florida; Chaplain at Wesley College; Pastor at Oak Chapel United Methodist Church; among others

Jubilee or Dollar General: Depends on what we're getting.

Favorite Musician: Far too many to name

Favorite Vegetable: Spinach

Favorite Books: Far too many to name; but *Celebration of Discipline*, by Richard Foster, has had a profound impact on my life
Favorite Building on Campus: The Chapel, by default

Define "Excellence": The very best one can do

Your Choice of Hymn for the First "Hymn of the Month": The Summons by John Bell

As Dean of Chapel, Are You Keeping the "Hymn of the Month"? We've talked about it; yes, we'll be keeping the hymn of the month.

A Bible Verse that Best Define Your Character: Philippians 3:12; 1 Timothy 4:9-10; 2 Kings 2:23-24

Your Theory on How the Student Apartments Came to be the "College Flats," Completed with The London Subway Logo: I really don't know... Perhaps it has something to do with the London Program

Your Opinion on "Naked Hours," a Shenawana Phenomenon: No Opinion... I don't understand what it is

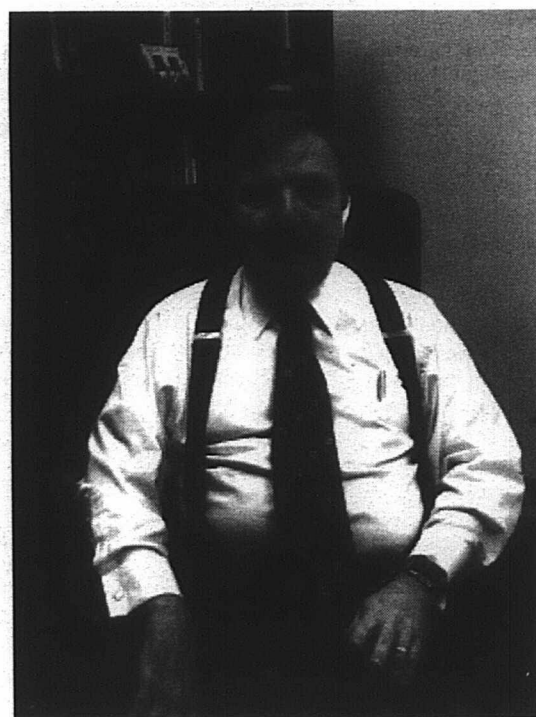


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Campus Quips and Quotes

"I've been casting costume jewelry before swine all morning"

-**Dr. Airhart**, referring to his Western Civ class

"[I feel] like a one-legged man in a butt-kicking competition."

-**Dr. Walters**

"Gummy bears are a part of my soul."

-**Dan Reiley** (class of '05) on less than 1 hour of sleep

"I could devote my whole life to knowing this table, right here."

-**Dr. Beach**

"I like him...he has happy cheeks."

-**Heather Anderson** (class of '05) on Dr. Brittain

Have you overheard a student, professor, or staff member say something witty or funny on campus recently? The Star would love to take that quote out of context for the enjoyment of the campus! If you have quotes or quips, send them, along with the name of who said them, to the Houghton Star through CPO 378 or at star@houghton.edu.

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because you want to. Dr. Holdren encouraged us to constantly examine our hearts and ask ourselves questions like: "Am I growing? Do I have the right motivation? And Is Jesus Lord of my life?"

SGA Chaplain Rodney McCallum enjoyed CLEW this semester. "Dr. Holdren is an excellent communicator and an engaging speaker," McCallum commented. "I

found his messages easy to listen to and understand. I was very pleased to see such a great turnout in the morning sessions of CLEW (even the odd Tuesday session). In addition I am thankful for the specific suggestions and challenges that Dr. Holdren put forth for us to use and consider."

Using applicable examples, age sensitive language and an enthusiastic style Dr. Holdren showed his listeners through word and example how to apply the Bible to our daily life.

Tietje Honored by Army



PHOTO BY NATHAN BOYD

Senior ROTC member Adam Tietje was recently honored with the Distinguished Military Student Award

BY KATY SYKES
STAR STAFF WRITER

Each year the military recognizes a student possessing qualities of leadership, high moral character, and an aptitude and interest in military service in the Distinguished Military Student Award. This year's award has been presented to Houghton College senior Adam Tietje.

Adam has demonstrated qualities worthy of this award through his involvement within the Army ROTC program as well as his activity in the community, and his high academic standing. Adam is a Cadet Major and has attended Airborne School, Na-

tional Advanced Leadership Camp, and has been the Color sergeant for two out the three years he has participated in the Color Guard. Within the Houghton community Adam has been involved in the Houghton Wesleyan Church youth group and plays bass for the youth group at Wellsville UMC. Adam's leadership and character have also been demonstrated in his service as an RA at Shen.

As a religion and philosophy major and a member of the ROTC program, Adam intends to continue in the spirit of this award as an Army Chaplain.

Join Houghton College and the military in honoring this Distinguished Military Student of the year.

Deb's Place - A New Look in Downtown Houghton

BY MISTY RAETHER
STAR STAFF WRITER

Deb's Place is a new restaurant that is off of Route 19, within walking distance of Houghton's campus. The grand opening was held August 11 this year. It opens daily at 7am and closes at 8pm. Debbie Beardsley is the owner

of the restaurant, which was formerly known as Jockey Street.

Beardsley is not new to this area, or to the business; she has lived in Caneadea for 15 years. Twelve years ago she had owned another restaurant. Since then she has wanted to get back into the business, and to her, this seemed like the perfect opportunity.

Deb's Place has a full menu including pizzas, subs, wings, and ice cream-something for everybody. The prices are fairly reasonable, but if you are like any other college student, money is tight. Thankfully, they take Big Al's bucks. Beardsley went on to say that she hoped this would get the students attention, but not very many

have checked into it yet.

This would be the perfect location for students to hang out, "a very quaint and homey restaurant," according to Alison Liggett, a student at Houghton. Shaped like a barn, with wooden floors and walls, it brings a sense of relaxation. It is an ideal place to get away from it all, where one feels welcome.



PHOTOS BY DANIELLE HOBSON

A fresh appearance- the new Deb's Place as seen from the road and from the main dining room.

HELLO HOUGHTON, MEET THE FRESHMEN

BY SARAH KUZIOMKO
STAR STAFF WRITER

Oh, the joys of starting college! Everything is unfamiliar to you. There's new food, people, classes, and experiences. Everyone has experienced this at one time or another, and all share the same anxiety and excitement. Yet even harder than starting again is starting at the bottom: the experience of the freshman class.

How do I spot a Freshman? First off they will probably be too early to meals, class, chapel, etc. When you see a kid standing with their lunch tray looking dazed and confused as they scan the cafeteria, that should be a big hint. Or someone not knowing how to scan their ID—yes, you've just spotted another one. Now that you can correctly identify them, you might wonder what you should do next. Please don't trip them, send them to the wrong class, or pull a cruel prank on them (at least not in the first week).

Early on freshmen learn to adjust to dorms and be away from the comforts of home. Some had to travel far (e.g. from Taiwan) and others came from right down the road. When asked about the transition, most had a positive response. Of course there is bound to be sadness on account of missed family, pets (maybe

more so than the family), and the occasional boyfriend or girlfriend left behind.

To break the freshman in a little, Houghton has established a few activities, including FYI. There, they talk about the difference between high school and college (as if we couldn't tell), and learn other useful information. The freshmen learn about classes, making friends, and even, dating. Also, students are regularly split into small discussion groups. Gena Argot from Pocono Lake, PA describes FYI as helpful in that it "forces you to meet new people you wouldn't ordinarily have a chance to".

Why did this year's freshmen choose Houghton? The unanimous answer was, of course, the low tuition. Okay...okay, almost everyone was drawn to the Christian academic atmosphere. Niki Straub from Pittsburgh stated that, "The classes are awesome, I love learning things from a biblical perspective." Everyone can focus on their Christian values while being surrounded by loving people. For most, this was a big change coming from public schools where drugs, sex and violence saturated their halls.

Another Houghton tradition is the annual freshmen retreat. For a minimal fee, interested students rode



PHOTO BY DANIELLE HOBSON

That special freshman class—the wonderful, outstanding, ever-popular and ever-loved Western Civilization. Houghton wouldn't be the same without it.

a school bus to a camp called Hickory Hill. The camp is nestled on top of the hill with a panoramic view of the surrounding area. The activities for the weekend included praise and worship, games, a bonfire and bowling. One girl described the camp as "...terrifying. Our cabin at Hickory Hill was rustic for sure. But overall it was a great bonding experience".

Upon arrival at Houghton, new students can't miss the "ratio factor." When asked about the dilemma, the Houghton Star received a wide variety of answers. These included:

"It stinks."

"Dude, look at all the chicks!"

"It stinks."

"Yah, who's the man now?"

"It stinks."

"Hey ladies, lookin' good."

"It stinks!"

Instinct will tell you who said what. Ladies, stake your claim now while the merchandise is hot, or still

available.

Getting used to actually doing homework in college takes a while for a new class to deal with. All the reading and writing can be disorienting at first. As one freshman put it so articulately, "Dude, they ask so much of me!" The trick is to maintain (or develop) good study habits.

All in all the freshmen seem to be taking the transition well. No fire alarms have been set off or fights broken out. Roommates seem to be getting along, as Houghton has done a good job of pairing people off. According to Lisa Major of Medina, "It seems everyone was matched up really well; my roommate and sink mates are crazy!" Finally the freshmen send a special thanks to the upperclassmen, for receiving them with open arms and a loving support (not to mention the "kick me" sign on the back)

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A new experience for freshmen is the set open dorm times. Here a group crowds into a room in Shenawana Hall. As with keeping with Houghton law, the door is open and the lights are on.

TECH CORNER

by DAN PERRINE

Re-Imaging is *NOT* the First Option

If you've ever used a computer for any length of time, you're undoubtedly aware that these machines, while wonderful in many ways, do have a remarkable propensity to stop working like they're supposed to for apparently no reason whatsoever. At best, this is enervating; in a worst-case scenario here at Houghton, a serious computer problem means backing up all your pictures and music, taking your laptop to get it re-imaged, and hoping that it fixes the problem. While this may surprise most of you, many problems can be fixed without resorting to such draconian solutions. The aim of this all-new STAR feature is to teach you some of the tips and techniques that can change your computing from an exercise in frustration to an efficient and enjoyable experience.

The first thing to look for if your computer is taking an unusually long time to do things, or your internet connection is slower than usual, is spyware. Spyware and adware programs are malicious pieces of software that make their way on to your computer either through websites or installing ad-supported programs such as Kazaa (note: many programs don't tell you they're ad-supported and will install spyware without telling you). Once in your system, spyware keeps track of what websites you visit, programs you use, etc. and reports this information to marketers who use it to try and sell you stuff you probably don't want. If anytime you're browsing an online store and advertisements for a competing store pop up, it's probably because you have a spyware problem. In addition to violating your privacy, spyware consumes large amounts of system resources and bandwidth, making it harder to do what you want to do. Luckily, getting rid of these nasty programs is quite easy. There are two free utilities that will clean out even the worst spyware problems in no time. Ad-Aware (<http://www.lavasoft.nu>) is a very user-friendly program that anyone can install and run. Ad-Aware will scan your system for known spyware programs and give you the option to remove them. It also allows you to download update definition files that will detect newer spyware programs. Spybot Search & Destroy (<http://www.safer-networking.org>) is a similar program that's a bit harder to use, but has more special features, such as the ability to prevent spyware from being installed on your system in the first place.

If you've never heard of spyware, chances are you have it on your computer. Removing it will not only protect your privacy, but improve your system's performance and your internet speed.

I hope this information was helpful. If you have questions you'd like to see answered email me at daniel.perrine@houghton.edu.

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(the Big City of Olean, that is.)

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We need you!

Fire Marshal Mandates Changes, Costs School \$10,000

BY D. ELLIOTT TAIT

STAR STAFF WRITER

While students were at home enjoying their summer vacation, a New York State Fire Marshal was hard at work here at Houghton College. The Marshal set out to bring all of the facilities on campus up to par with the newly instated fire regulations.

After seven days of inspections, Houghton received a folder containing hundreds of pages of violations. Through some major facility changes and expenditures of over \$10,000, Houghton College became officially compliant with the New York State Fire Safety Code.

Colleges all over the state have had similar experiences with fire inspectors recently. In response to the Seton Hall Fire of January 2000 in which three students died, the NY State Legislature passed a law requiring the Office of Fire Prevention and Control to inspect all colleges and universities in the state, effective January 1, 2001. These inspectors would be state trained and employed in order to create a level playing field on which all schools would be judged.

In previous years, schools would simply hire a state certified inspector to come and walk through the buildings, making sure there were no major code violations. The state found, however, that these third party inspectors varied in quality and effectiveness and decided to replace them with state employed Marshals.

Both Ange Szymanski, Custodial director and Ray Parlett, head of security at Houghton, escorted the Fire Marshal around campus during the inspection. Each building owned and operated by Houghton College was walked through in its entirety, the Marshal pointing out and

marking down all code violations.

Many of the small or "minimal" violations the Marshal found were able to be corrected on the spot. Things such as unlit exit signs and malfunctioning latches on specific doors were quickly taken care of and abated.

The most significant changes at Houghton involved the Campus Center. The stairs leading from the main level to the basement are "official fire escape routes," as described by Szymanski. "There can be no flammable material in that hallway" and the doors must have properly installed hardware complete with panic bar and functional latch. This is the reason the bulletin boards were taken down over the summer, "not because of the actual bulletin board," said Szymanski, "but all that paper" which can easily be set aflame. The Marshal paid special attention to these official fire escape routes because they act as the only exits out of the building from levels below and above ground.

The panic bars Szymanski referred to are the metal bars that cover the width of the door, enabling one to easily unlatch and push it open. The hardware for these panic bars costs around \$500 a door in addition to labor, and there were "about 6 to 8 doors in the Campus Center alone" that needed to be replaced or significantly repaired according to Parlett.

The brand new panic bar hardware in the Center for the Arts' staircases also had to be replaced because the wrong hardware was initially installed. Since the building is only a few years old, however, Houghton is hoping to receive some financial assistance from the building's contractor.

In the Paine Science Building, the

doors in both staircases all needed latches and the hardware to assemble the latches to the panic bars. With four floors and two staircases, these violations quickly became costly.

Brian Emerson, Resident Director of Shenawana Hall, stated that the staircase doors in Shenawana also need panic bars, "but we can't afford that." When asked about this problem, Parlett, who walked through Shenawana with the Marshal, said that there was no mention of this violation to him.

South Hall claimed the most expensive violation. The dorm has a sprinkler system installed throughout the building, and the valve to stop the water flow to the sprinklers is located in the building's boiler room. The location of this valve is on the side of the pipe which faces the wall. "The valve is easily accessible to any regular person, but a fireman in full gear" would have a difficult time accessing the valve during a fire situation, according to Parlett.

The obvious solution was to somehow turn the pipe or valve 180 degrees so that it faced out into the open room. After assessing all of the options and estimating their costs, the obvious solution was also one of the most expensive. Thus, Szymanski, Parlett, and other staff members decided to cut another door into the boiler room at the spot of the valve. "This was considerably less expensive" than a lot of the other options, but still cost a large sum of money because "we had to hire a state certified contractor" to do the renovation, Parlett stated.

Some general and inexpensive changes made by the Fire Marshal include the removal of items from hallways, the posting of maximum occupancy signs, the scheduling of

three fire drills per building, and the posting of fire escape routes, something that still has not happened in most of the buildings even though it has been "in the process" since mid August.

After the June inspection, Houghton was re-inspected in August and all violations were abated. "The inspectors can come back anytime, unannounced," Szymanski said, "and if they see a 'life safety issue'...something that prevents people from getting out [of a particular building], they have the authority to shut that building down."

Szymanski strongly believes that this is a very good program, and is pleased with the end result. "I felt we fared very well compared to other institutions," he said.

"Overall I am pleased with our response [to the violations], but a little frustrated with the government's intervention," Parlett stated. In addition to taking time out of his busy schedule to escort the Marshal through a number of buildings, Parlett saved the school money by repairing some of the violations himself.

"It's a little bit discouraging to always have this cloud over our heads... Every year there'll be a new inspector and new [violations]," Parlett concluded.

Neither Szymanski nor Parlett, nor anyone else involved monetarily in Houghton College were happy about paying over \$10 thousand. All, however, recognize that this new procedure is something that has to be done. Thus, although the school is out a lot of money, both life and peace of mind are priceless.

This article was altered due to space constraints. For the full article, visit http://taiter.20megsfree.com/star_articles.htm

JUSTIN McROBERTS GRACES CAB COFFEEHOUSE STAGE

BY SHANNON CALLAN
STAR STAFF WRITER

Justin McRoberts was the featured entertainer for the CAB coffeehouse which took place this past Friday, September 12, at 8:00 pm in the Campus Center Lounge. In addition to McRoberts, the coffeehouse also featured the guitar talents of Jon Haley and Jon Crissman as the opening acts.

A student crowd of around 150-200 crowded into the Campus Center for the event. When asked why she came to the coffeehouse, DanaLea Gorczya, a senior at Houghton said, "Just to take a break from a strenuous week of college work. For relaxation." The candlelit, coffee scented ambience adequately provided that for the students who attended. Marsha Lawrence, a sophomore, added, "I've been to them before. I like listening to the music and I've heard that Justin McRoberts is very good."

McRoberts, a native of San Francisco, California, already has an impressive resume, including opening for artists such as Caedmon's Call, Jennifer Knapp, and Bebo Norman. The 29 year old guitarist also has a

large array of merchandise, with everything from songbooks and t-shirts to a devotional book, and of course, CDs. He has created four albums to date; the latest one titled Trust was released in 2002.

With a musical style that Christianity Today classifies as "folk/acoustic," Justin McRoberts manages to compress a wide variety of accompaniment into a single guitar. He combines moving lyrics that reflect insight from life experience and his personal walk with God, and rich, powerful vocals that captivate the listener, drawing them into the music. He also utilizes a range of lyrical styles that run from the unashamedly reverent style of "Making Noises" and "Love as Love" to the tongue-in-cheek cynicism of "Qualifications for Love" and "Beautiful Once." Along with his music, McRoberts also included comedy and personal stories told in a conversational style, which blended seamlessly into the overall flow of the entertainment.

The combination of McRoberts' performance, food, drinks and atmosphere made the coffeehouse an enjoyable event. Thanks to CAB for a job well done!



PHOTO BY DANIELLE HOBSON

Jon Haley warms up the crowd for the music of Justin McRoberts at last Friday's CAB coffeehouse.

The Frenzy Fades

CD review: *THE END IS NEAR* by Five Iron Frenzy

BY MIKE MORDENGA
STAR STAFF WRITER

Five Iron Frenzy announced in the spring that they were breaking up and not playing together any longer. As a token of their appreciation for their fans they made their last Album appropriately titled *The End Is Near*. The album is by far the pinnacle of Five Iron Frenzy's ska-influenced musical works. From track one "Cannonball" to the final track "On Distant Shores," the eight-member band aggressively cranks out their horn, guitar and vocal talents. The band pays homage to their break up with tear-jerking songs like "It Was Beautiful," "That's How The Story Ends" and "See The Flames Begin To Crawl"-songs which nostalgically recap their history as a band. The band has also kept their sense of humor with songs like "At Least I'm Not Like All Those Other Old Guys" and "Wizard Needs Food, Badly," in which they cover being 28 and the obvious differences between boys and girls. Five Iron Frenzy continues to voice their thoughts on social justice as well, as Reese Roper (their lead singer) talks about censorship and commercial-

ism in songs like "So Far, So Bad" and "American Kryptonite". One of the most powerful and humbling songs on the album is "On Distant Shores," which addresses Reese's human weakness and even incorporates the bridge from one of their other songs, "Every New Day". The band's powerful lyrics are complemented nicely by the horns, drums and guitars. *The End Is Near* may not be as charismatic as *Electric Boogaloo* or as catchy as *Our Newest Album Ever*, but it's a fitting end for a band who served as pioneers in Christian ska and rock.

Editors note: This album is available through their website, www.fiveironfrenzy.com, and will be in stores next year. Also, this album is their final studio album, but a live album of their final concert will be released in 2004.



Top Ten Houghton College Movies

BY DAN PERRINE
STAR STAFF WRITER

- #10: "DUDE, WHERE'S MY ROOM KEY?"
- #9: "THE SENIOR BRIDE"
- #8: "OUT IN THE COLD"
- #7: "A WALK TO THE LEAN-TOS"
- #6: "THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARRIAGE"
- #5: "GOOD SQUIRREL HUNTING"
- #4: "CHASING FRESHMEN"
- #3: "SLEEPLESS IN BIG AL'S"
- #2: "YOU'VE GOT FINMAIL!"
- #1: "THE ENGAGEMENT RING"

AUSTIN TIME

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

BY CHRISTOPHER AUSTIN
CRANKY STAFF WRITER

This Week's Topic:

TAKING THE "HELP" OUT OF HELPDESK

Welcome back! I just thought I would try and give you a warm greeting, since the Helpdesk sure isn't giving you one. But don't worry, it's not giving me one either. In fact, the computer Helpdesk is in my opinion one of the most annoying facets on this campus. And yes, I may be partially bitter because they did not give me a job there, or even an interview for that matter. So you don't have to ask if I am biased. Anyhow, I will tell you the other reasons that the Helpdesk angers me.

1) The Helpdesk has a poor history of actually fixing problems. Granted, it is hard to do, but you would think that since helping is their primary objective, things might get helped. Maybe? And, dare I say it, things should work when they are finished.

2) But that's not all. Reimaging is by far the worst way of doing anything. Sure, some people don't care about loosing a few files here and there. But for others, when so much depends on a sluggish, dilapidated, paperweight of a computer, reimaging can be a real nuisance. For example, I happen to have a different network card (because my first one got hit by lightning) and now they installed drivers on my computer for the wrong card. In case this doesn't make sense to you and you are thinking "Chris is a real jerk for talking about lightning and network cards", then allow me to explain: I can't get Internet until I find a disk that can fix my problem. Furthermore, there are many programs I have on my computer that, plainly enough, I like having. What I don't like is going back and reinstalling every single one of them because Houghton's Helpdesk felt like reimaging the entire campus. I speculate that soon, they will desire to reimage the entire world.

Enough about that. I let my friend Nathan read this before it 'hit the presses' and he said I needed a better transition between subject one and subject two of this article. So let it be known that the paragraph you are currently reading is my transition from one topic to the next. Enjoy.

The second and last item of the day is another annoying facet on Houghton's campus. While walking in the science building today, I noticed that there was a bathroom labeled for Faculty and Handicapped only. I can understand the handicapped using a handicapped bathroom. But why make it faculty only? Are we in high school again? Do they want to keep out the students, as if we were some filthy, unclean savages, from their precious facility of solitude?

I would call for a rebellion in which we, the students, tore down the signs declaring 'faculty only bathrooms'. We could even park in faculty parking areas as an act of civil disobedience. But I cannot call for such a thing, for it would only result in angry professors and higher tuition. So don't do those things or I will send out a reimaging squad to your home, and you will be ruined.

Well, it has come to that time: key words of the day. Today's key words are pretty simple: CPO 17 - my mailbox. This column is an advice column, so unless you want me to rant and rave over topics that annoy me (which believe me, there are many), you need to write in your questions and email them to me or send them intercampus to CPO 17. And give a fake name, like Captain Bobo so I can say, well, Captain Bobo wrote me this question and then I will answer it with my great wisdom. That is all.

EDITORIAL

Holiness Is What I Long For...

by Josh Miller

On the first day of my class on writing fiction, Dr. Zoller asked us to participate in a "getting-to-know-you" exercise. Each of us wrote down two assumptions we believed others commonly made about us, one of which was true, the other false. Dr. Zoller gave us a few minutes to think, then asked each of us to share them with the rest of the class.

One of the girls responded by citing a common misconception of her peers in high school. "Because I like wearing long skirts, people assumed I was a 'Puritan.' And since I'm a Christian..."

At this point in her explanation her tone of voice dropped, hinting at feelings of frustration, negativity. I knew what she was trying to say. Her high school classmates saw her as a moralist; a goody-two-shoes; someone who was obviously "holier than thou."

But is that a bad thing? After all, as Christians, we are called to high moral standards; to be good; to live as "a people holy to the Lord" (Dt 27:19). Naturally, as we strive to live up to this calling, we will stand out. In fact, the Hebrew word for holy-qadosh-means "to be set apart." The New Testament continues this concept by referring to Christians as "aliens"; it tells us to be "in the world, but not of the world." Based on these biblical concepts, God's children should strive to be different, to live holy lives that set them apart from the non-Christian world.

So why do we shy away from this part of our Christian identity? Most Christians (myself included) would probably claim that they fear being labeled "judgmental." Once a Christian receives this title, they think that other people (especially non-Christians) will ignore them, which will weaken their witness.

While being branded "judgmental" may sever some connections, oftentimes the "judgmental" Christian is not the root of the problem. Instead, those who decry others for condescension usually have something to hide, and the character of their Christian acquaintances has made them painfully aware of their sin and their need for repentance. However, it's much easier to push for moral relativism and accuse others of harshness and misunderstanding than to confess one's own shortcomings. Through the employment of this strategy, many turn the tables on Christianity, effectively persecuting believers through the label "judgmental."

Just as the early Church withstood physical persecution, the modern Church must withstand this emotional and psychological persecution by standing firm on Scriptural truths. Christ calls us to holy living; he gives us a set of morals that we must live by even if others view our behavior as condescending. If our efforts receive ridicule, reap rejection and deplete our energy, so be it. Let's keep living authentic Christian lives, even if it raises the eyebrows of unbelievers (and perhaps the eyebrows of other Christians as well). If holiness is really what we long for, let's pursue that longing. Let's be set apart.

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Fall Highlander Athletics Off to a Fast Start

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This fall, three Houghton sports teams have rocketed off to a great start, and this past weekend was a testament to the hard work the players have put in for the season. With their 1-0 victory over William Smith College, the field hockey team, coached by Donna Hornibrook, improved to an undefeated 3-0. Their other two wins were over SUNY Brockport and Nazareth College, both NCAA Division III schools. Since the NAIA does not have many field hockey programs, the Highlanders play many NCAA Division II and III teams. Year after year, Houghton provides tough competition for these teams and consistently beat them. Their next game is on Thursday September 18th at 4:30 PM down at Burke Field. Their opponent will be Mercyhurst College, out of Erie, PA. Come and bring your friends to support the Field Hockey team. Coach David Lewis has the Lady Highlanders soccer team off to another fantastic start with a 5-1 record so far this season. Senior Hannah Toth leads the team in scoring with 7 goals and 16 overall points. Toth has a pair of two-goal games, one against Juniata College and the other coming against Fredonia State. Junior goalie Rebecca Fuller has been a strong defensive force as well. She has made 10 saves for a 0.56 Goals Against Average. She's also had plenty of help from the Houghton defense. Compared to the 144 total shots Houghton has fired at their opponents, Houghton has held teams to only 25 shots. This solid team consists of 9 solid seniors, and has a

promising group of freshmen that will make sure Houghton remains one of the top teams in the American Mideast Conference in the future. The men's soccer team, coached by Dwight Hornibrook, has also been highly impressive. The Highlanders showed that they will be one of the top teams in the conference with their two wins this past weekend. On Saturday, the men defeated Walsh 2-0, but their most impressive victory so far was a 5-1 win over Seton Hill University out of Greensburg, PA. The starting forward trio of senior Trevor Eby, freshman Kwame Oduro, and sophomore Guillermo Jimenez overpowered and outran the Seton Hill defenders and accounted for two of the five Houghton goals in the first half. Senior Brett Norton (who transferred to Houghton this year from the University of Prince Edward Island) and senior Brad Clodfelter dominated the midfield consistently winning headers and pushing the ball up to the offense. Clodfelter assisted Norton on a goal in the 36th minute. Adding to the scoring in the first half were senior Chad Reese and sophomore Andy Walton (who has just returned to Houghton and rejoined the soccer team). This year's Highlanders are a vast improvement over the teams from the past few years. Their combination of speed, agility, and strength will hopefully propel them to the next level and give them a chance to win the American Mideast Conference and secure a spot in Nationals. The next home game for the men is Saturday September 20th against Notre Dame College.

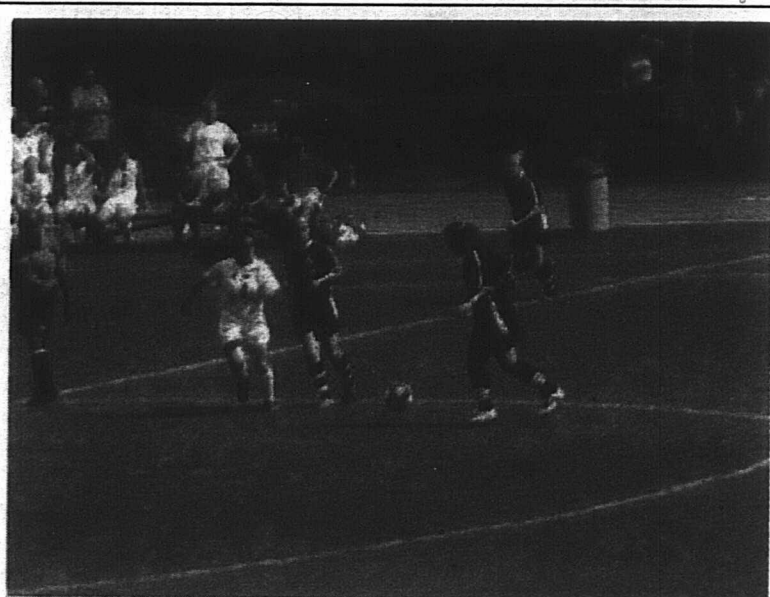
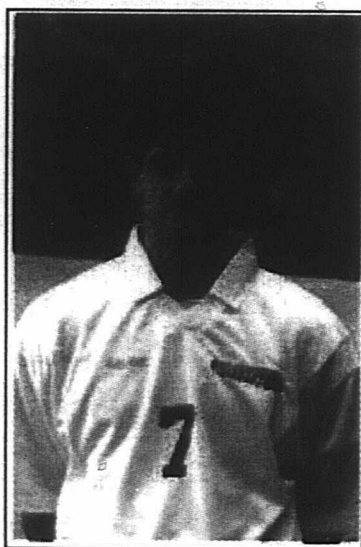


PHOTO BY NATHAN BOYD
The Lady Highlander Soccer team moves the ball against Trinity International University during their afternoon match on Saturday the 14th. The Highlanders emerged from the game with a close 1-0 win.



PHOTO BY NATHAN BOYD
The Highlander women's field hockey team is undefeated thusfar this season.

HIGHLANDER athlete of the week



Brad Clodfelter
midfielder, men's soccer

The athlete of the week is Brad Clodfelter, senior midfielder on the Men's Soccer Team. In a 5-1 win over Seton Hill on September 12th, Brad assisted on 3 goals and displayed poise, concentration, and determination helping Houghton to victory. Clodfelter has 4 assists on the season and is an anchor in Houghton's solid midfield. Congratulations to Brad on a job well done!

Intramural Season Begins

BY JOSH MILLER
STAR STAFF WRITER

For the past two weeks, Houghton's intramural sports department has been signing students up both online and at their table in the Campus Center for this fall's intramural season. Headed up by Todd Kleitz, this semester's activities include leagues for men's and women's flag football, outdoor soccer, and volleyball. Intramurals will also be provid-

ing tournaments for non-league sports, such as the Golf Scramble this Saturday, September 20th. Unfortunately, for those interested in league play who forgot to register, registration closed September 16th, which leaves these absent-minded students with 2 options:

1. Contact Todd Kleitz and beg for mercy.
2. Go to games and cheer on your friends!

Best of luck to all participants!

HIGHLANDER SCORES

FIELD HOCKEY

Wed, 10	NAZARETH	W 2-0
Sat, 13	WILLIAM SMITH	W 1-0 (OT)

CROSS COUNTRY

September 13

Oswego State Pat Peterson Invitational

MEN: 5 of 11

Top Finisher:
Chris Buell, 13th (26:35)

WOMEN: 6 of 12

Top Finisher:
Katy Sykes, 19th (20:11)

MEN'S SOCCER

Fri, 12	SETON HILL	W 5-1
Sat, 13	WALSH	W 2-0

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Thu, 11	MADONNA	L 1-2
Sat, 13	TRINITY INT. U.	W 1-0