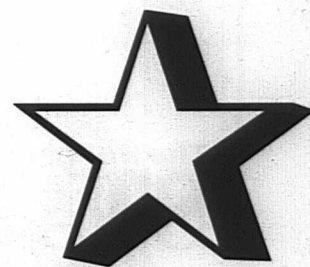


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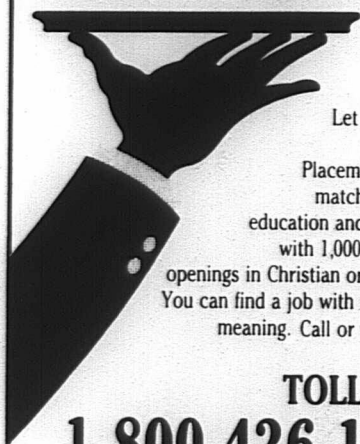


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NEWS

Students Travel to Israel & England

Melissa Pancoe

Over fifty students, faculty members, and some relatives spent their Spring Break in either Israel or England this year through two programs directed by Drs. Van Wicklin, Lastoria, Bressler, and Airhart. They came back excited about their experiences. "Minor" setbacks like bombings and illness were some of the last things mentioned, after talking of the beauty and diversity and history they saw.

Paula Marolewski, a senior writing major, forgot to mention that the start of the trip to England was delayed for over an hour due to the bombing of the World Trade Center. She was much more interested in such things as, the centuries old graffiti of monks who had revealed their humanity by scrawling on St. Edward the Confessor's shrine. The bomb threats in the U.S. and England were mentioned somewhat casually by senior history majors, Richel Richardson and Scott Hansen. Apparently they did not detract from the trip.

Though the U.S. and England share a common language, the group of about thirty saw many differences between the two countries. Hansen remarked that just being in a city as large as London is a kind of culture shock for someone used to being in Houghton. Group members were allowed to split up and visit places of interest in London according to personal preference and varied budgets - some preferring castles, museums or art galleries, and others enjoying the theatre, pubs, parks, and shopping.

They all agreed that the most memorable part of the trip was seeing the beauty of the cathedrals. Their size and age appealed to them as Christians with an interest in history. As Marolewski said, "It reaffirmed that we serve a God who's got a past." Hansen

put it a different way - "I'm realizing more and more that I'm just a blip on the line." The sense of history is very striking for an American looking at building after building erected hundreds of years before our country was even known to exist. One of the churches, St. Martin's of Canterbury, dates to 70 ad, and many others date back to the 11th and 12th centuries.

This same appreciation for the history of Christianity was brought out to an even greater degree on the trip to Israel. Much of the trip focused on the cultural context of the Bible. Japanese student Yuri Iizawa, who did not go to receive academic credit, is one of those for whom the trip was only one of many cross-cultural experiences. She noted that seeing the land of the Bible first-hand made it more understandable to her and made her want to read the Bible on her own even more than before.

Danny Blank, a senior biology major, was one of over twenty who went on the Psychology in Israel trip. Though he and some others were sick during part of the trip (Melody Clendaniel, a senior, was also temporarily put out of commission due to a sea urchin spike through a finger), Blank minimized these setbacks in light of the experiences of the rest of the trip.

He and Yuri Iizawa agreed that one of the most striking parts of the trip was seeing the tremendous diversity of this "tiny, tiny

country," which is about the size of Vermont. Israel is diverse topographically and culturally. The land ranges from the harsh beauty of the southern deserts to the sometimes snowy mountains and long stretches of beaches. The people are even more diverse than the land. Houghton's group spent time with Arabic Bedouins in their tents, and with residents of an intentional community known as a kibbutz, as well as with those in a convent. Yuri noted the contrast of old versus new being side by side in cities like Jerusalem, where Arabic street markets and the Jewish Wailing Wall are

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Yuri Iizawa holds a lamb.

Israel and England (cont.)

not far from modern stores, skyscrapers, and people whose dress and customs mirror that of the West.

Blank was frustrated to see how much American television and music dictated conversation - even the Bedouins had a TV antennae coming up through the roof of their tents. Another frustration for Blank was seeing how Israel treats Arabic Palestinians victimizing them in much the same way that Jews themselves were victimized during the Holocaust. Blank found both the visit to the Holocaust Memorial for the Jews and the YMCA refugee camp for the Arabs to be the most emotional part of the trip and also very rewarding.

Students from both groups appreciated their varied experiences. Travelers involved in the Historical and Literary England trip had more flexibility in choosing their own schedules. The group kept their base in central London, and most traveled from there to Canterbury and Stonehenge, which is more of an international city than distinctly English, as Hansen remarked. The group that went to Israel did most activities as a group, travelling from the southernmost desert area to the northern tip of the country over a longer period of time.

Most of the people who went on the trips, had either traveled before or had some other kind of preparation for the trip. Marolewski had never been abroad before, but felt her minors in History and Religion coupled with the readings for the History and Literary England class helped her better appreciate her experiences. Richardson agreed that her history major helped her appreciate what she saw in

England.

All were more than willing to talk about their experiences. Talk to one of them; it may convince you to sign up for the next trip abroad.

Drs. Airhart and Bressler plan to take another trip to England next year and Drs. Lastoria and Van Wicklin plan to take a group to Israel every other year.

Students frolic on Mediterranean.

▼Group poses in front of Old City.



T. Williams and Dr. Bressler are excited about their next stop. M. Dominguez, J. Berger, K. Nye, R. Marchetti enjoy English scenery.



NEWS

Ministry to the Needy of NYC

Linda Betzold

In conjunction with NYSUM (New York School of Urban Ministries) and WMF (World Mission Fellowship), 19 Houghton students traveled to New York City over Spring Break.

The group, headed by Kathy Adlhock, was divided into two smaller groups, led by Kathy and Mike Ockrin, and Kris Kolb and Greg Bish.

At NYSUM, the students stayed in the dorm, attended classes, and took part in orientation sessions. All of these were designed to prepare them somewhat for the week ahead, but nothing could truly shield them from what they would face.

They worked in two soup kitchens, one called The Love Kitchen, that served 500 to 600 people, and another called The Bowery Mission that served soup out on the street. While visiting Times Square Church in the middle of New York City, they handed out blankets and packages of toiletries containing items such as shampoo and toothpaste. They witnessed to the homeless and prayed with them. The team also passed out pamphlets and performed mimes on Wall Street.

Sounds like quite a lot, doesn't it?

Through all this, Lora Graham, a junior, said she "saw the power of prayer," but was also struck by the amount of "head knowledge" about God with those they talked to. She was part of the group that visited the Rose M. Singer prison while the other group went to Riker's Island prison and ministered there.

Melannie Fervileigh, a freshman, will always remember the people. She found them to be "helpless, but not hopeless." One of those homeless people they found, however, had no hope. Lora Graham mentioned finding a homeless man, drunk and unconscious, choking on his own vomit. CPR could not revive him. Did he know Christ? Who knows.



▲Students brave the rain to go shopping during free time.

Another visit from Kevin Doyle

Liz Jenner

Musician Kevin Doyle, a man who has led an adventurous life playing guitar, opening for bands like Aerosmith, and living in Israel, came Wednesday, March 10 to share Christ with us. He talked in Chapel of the substitutes people have for God, such as drugs and the institutions of religion. "Religion is not God's system. God's system is relational," he told us.

When Kevin was younger he did not have a personal relationship with the

Lord. He tried to find substitutes for God's awesome power, glory, and love through drugs, music, and religion. Now a Christian, Kevin has a deep love for the Lord. If any of us are missing something in our lives, I think this man has it. He is filled with the life of Christ, and is himself an example of a miraculously CHANGED LIFE.

I only talked with him briefly and heard him at Chapel and the Coffee-house, but I must say I want to be more like him. Kevin Doyle is a gentle man

who seeks and loves the Lord, who rejoices at Christ's love, and who praises Him with a glad heart.

"Jesus didn't practice what He preached. He preached what He practiced," Kevin said during chapel. These words, and everything this man of God said, along with his music, penetrated my heart. I can more clearly see who Jesus is because of him. "And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

Student Senate Candidate Platforms

...for President

I'm Todd Chamberlain and I'd like to be your next Student Senate president. I wasn't introduced in chapel last Wednesday because I wasn't officially on the ballot yet. The Student Senate has decided at Tuesday's scheduled meeting to reopen petitions for Student Senate cabinet.

I would like to be a part of making Student Senate a legitimate governing body on campus. The Student Senate could be considered a model to demonstrate how Christians can effect change by getting involved. The governing body should be the voice of the people; Student Senate should be the voice of the students. To make this possible we must rebuild bridges between the students and the Senate, the Senate and the faculty, and the Senate and the administration. We must build open lines of communication between the students and the Senate. If I am elected I will urge you to take advantage of the open office policy to make yourselves heard through your Student Senate cabinet and your Senators. How many times have you complained about library hours? Computer lab? Food? Fees? Hours at Big Al's? Chapel? Housing? Activities (or lack of)? Stop whining and do something about it. Tell your Student Senate representatives and expect them to do what you elected them to do — represent you.

If I am elected president I will make sure that you are given the opportunity to make your concerns heard on campus. I believe that the reason students are apathetic toward Student Senate is that they have not seen what an actively involved Student Senate can do for the student body. I will make sure that Senate is the students' voice on campus,

and that the students' voice is heard.

Because I believe Student Senate should be the voice of the whole student body I would like you to help me develop the Senate's goals for next year. Drop me a note (Box 615) or talk to me about what is important to you. Care enough to get involved.

Presidential Student Senate Platform

- 1 Continue payments in order to iradicate the \$3,000 debt incurred by the Senate.
- 2 Push to have the Music Building, Art Building, Science Building, and Library opened with limited hours on Sunday to enable us to "exercise our minds as well as our bodies."
- 3 Direct Library fines for the purchase of new and updated books as well as to cover increased costs of additional hours.
- 4 Discuss dancing with the Dean (study issues) - Form a committee to review the possibility of off-campus dancing.
 - a Dancing would create enjoyment and relaxation for students while also enhancing revenues to reduce the Student Senate debt.
 - b Appropriate a portion of the money earned at dances to missions.
- 5 Continue events like Winter Weekend
- 6 Sponsor informal discussions regarding controversial issues.
- 7 Increase Student Senate Personnel representation, student confidence and interest in student government, and communication between student government and students.
- 8 Provide housing for International students over vacation, i.e. Thanksgiving, Spring Break, and Easter.
- 9 Enhance student awareness of upcoming events with "early warning advertising."
- 10 Form a committee to solve parking disputes involving commuters, students,

and faculty.

11 Create night patrols composed of ROTC units to increase security on campus - (man/woman teams).

12 Coordinate with maintainance, i.e. fill in pot holes.

13 Have student representation for Houghton in Caneadea Town Hall.

14 Permission to form ad hoc committees for extenuating circumstances, e.g. extend ski slope closing date, etc.

Erik Harlan Fabrin

Let me introduce myself to you. My name is Ricardo Romero; I am from Peru, I have just transferred from Chapman University in Southern California, and I am running for Student Senate President. Upon my arrival to Houghton I was astonished by the Student Government system.

I would like to mention a few inconsistencies in the Student Senate Constitution. For instance, the current constitution does not address the specific duties of any officer, which is vital to the functioning of the organization. There is neither separation nor balance of power, due to the President's excess of power.

At Chapman University, I was in charge of a committee which wrote a new constitution. In this new document, power was redistributed throughout the student body. This committee eliminated the pragmatic inefficiencies of the constitution. My experience will allow me to develop balanced regulations for a more effective government.

The main focus of my term in office as President of Senate, is to regain from the students the sense of trust and credibility lost in the past. I want the student body to realize that the power is in their hands and that the student government is their instrument to accomplish their needs.

I foresee a more active Student Senate

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by promoting more interaction with the clubs, which are one of the best resources we have for developing a greater variety of events on campus. Due to the limitation of finances, clubs cannot reach their potential. Therefore, I propose to create a Student Government Committee, independent from Senate, in which clubs and organizations can make their own proposals for different types of events. If approved, we will provide up to 50% of the cost, (only if it is a campus wide event).

By doing this, I want the students to see that their activities fee is being spent for their benefit. Remember that the membership of the clubs and organizations constitute a wider range of students, where interaction among people takes place.

One of the founding principles of the Houghton College Constitution is the importance of the students. Therefore, I will make sure that their voice is heard in the most beneficial way, by creating a sense of equal cooperation between the student body and the administration.

My outside view as a transfer student includes three years of student government experience, in which similar issues were not only present but resolved. The Houghton College student body has its own unique problems, which I believe can be solved with a combination of leadership experience and committed service.

Remember that if you want a real change, you must vote. This is one of the most important ways in which you can express your desire to attain a student government that is willing to give the power back to you. It is all in your hands.

...for Vice President

When I was first approached with the idea of running for Vice President, the first question that came to my mind was, why would I run for this position? Since the main job of VP is to be head of CAB,

I feel that I know what this position entails. I have worked with CAB both years that I have been here at Houghton. Although my first year I was very much a freshman, and helped out with anything I could, this experience helped me to see what goes into putting on a study break, coffee house, concert, and other activities that we sponsor.

This year, however, I am a CAB representative for the sophomore class, and I have worked extensively with concerts, especially in the area of hospitality. I have also been appointed, along with Carrie Sturtevant, to be a co-chair of next year's homecoming. We have already started planning and have had our activities approved by Dean Danner, so there won't be any unnecessary conflicts. This meeting has made me even more excited about what homecoming will be like next year.

Because of my experience with CAB, I have seen both good and bad sides of this job. I think it is important to continue working with administration to gain back respect from both the administration and even our fellow students. Senate has started these efforts, but I feel they need to continue. I am not saying I won't make mistakes, but I feel that with my dedication and experience, I will do my best to provide a Campus Activities Board that will work for and with you.
Joan McDonnell

My name is Lori Sears. In the next few paragraphs, I am requesting that you consider the purpose of the Student Senate. The Student Senate is our voice and our connection to the administration and faculty of our college.

I have put a considerable amount of inquiry into our Student Senate and I would like to be your next Student Senate vice president. If I am elected to Student Senate I will make sure your voiced opinions will be communicated to the administration.

As vice president of Student Senate, I will be head of CAB (Campus Activities

Board). CAB is responsible for campus activities and entertainment. CAB is for you and me. This board is designed to provide activities solely for our enjoyment. If we don't like how the activities have been previously handled we can do something about it. The responsibility of students is to go to the board and let them know. The right way to get your point across is to communicate in a tactful way. Suggestions, comments and opinions are always accepted. The board then has an idea on the successes and failures of past events when planning for future events.

Finally, as a member of this student body, I believe that our college should be Christ-centered. If I am elected as Vice President I will be in a position of accountability. God calls us to be people of integrity. Part of that integrity is the accountability to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our student body is made up of a diverse group of people, yet we have common ground through Jesus Christ. As Vice President, I will do my best to represent you as a sister would for her family. If you have any questions or suggestions for me, I am more than happy to accept input and support. I encourage you to talk to your senate and make sure senators are doing what you elected them to do.

Accountability is the key, and we as members of this student body are responsible to keep our Senate accountable. Know how you can make the senate work for you. Take the time to get involved.

...for Secretary

Abraham Burdick, freshman senator, whose past experiences include: two years of county government internship, six years Student Representative, Student Council President, and Albany internship. My goals in these leadership positions have been to make my constituents aware and involved.

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As Student Senate Secretary, I propose to build a stronger public relations department to make the campus informed. Further, I propose to submit articles to the Star of current Senate happenings and achievements. I propose that minutes be kept at all committee meetings in detail and that these be made open to everyone. In order for Senators to prepare for meetings, I propose to have minutes given to them one week before the meetings.

In closing, I feel these proposals will bring strong unity in the cabinet due to stronger public relations and more organization.

My name is Laura Gosselin and I'm running for the position of secretary of Student Senate next year. You may ask yourself what is the importance or significance of Student Senate? Why should I care about who is or isn't in office? What can the Student Senate do for me? These are very legitimate questions and in the following paragraphs I will attempt to answer them.

The Student Senate is a governing body for the students. It is a voice of the student body that makes decisions concerning the interaction between you the students, the faculty, and the administration. The Student Senate can facilitate solving of student problems and concerns because it has ready access to the administrative bodies of Houghton College.

The people in office must be held accountable for representing the students that elected them. Checks and balances are an essential part of any governing body and students can play a significant role when they keep their elected officers accountable. If I'm elected to the position of secretary I will look forward to the input and criticisms of the student body.

Finally, what can the Student Senate do for you. Senate is responsible to handle students' concerns about Chapel,

meals, housing activities, fees, and other issues pertaining to the students. Only through student interaction with the members of Senate can these concerns be both voiced, addressed, and overcome.

If I am elected to Student Senate secretary, my goal is to effectively represent the students. Through representation the Student Senate can appropriately serve the needs of the student body. Communication is the key for proper representation. Together, through communication, we can build a strong and effective representing student government.

...and for treasurer

Hello, Houghton! Allow me to introduce myself. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Troy Nelson. Even if you don't know me, you have probably seen me at some point, maybe walking around in a cowboy hat, or maybe in camouflage on R.O.T.C. days. Or maybe you do know me! Whether you do or not, I am running for Student Senate Treasurer for next year.

I understand that in giving a platform speech, one is supposed to spout off all one's accomplishments and qualifications, and hope people are convinced of the abilities of the person running. Well, I must have misunderstood, because I'm not going to do that. Instead, I'll tell you about the kind of person I am, and let you be the judge.

One thing that really pops into my mind as I think about this school is the people here. I appreciate them - their attitudes, morals, and the way they do things. This is a big reason why I'm running for Treasurer. When I first came to Houghton, I was really impressed with all the friendly people (*deja vu*, right, you've probably never heard that before). You're probably one of them,

so don't worry about it, just keep reading). I also noticed that every meal was all-you-can-eat, and you could get anything you wanted on campus, or maybe even in Washington with a magic card called the Houghton College Student I.D. I thought that since I could get mail in my very own C.P.O. Box several times a day, I'd get mail almost every time I checked!

Needless to say, I had a few misconceptions about college life as I started out this year. But one thing I was right about was the students at Houghton, they can really make you feel good (especially once you get to know them). And right now, I'd like to thank all those people who have given me such support since I've been here, even in running for this office. I would be proud to represent this student body.

I believe that the office of Treasurer should be taken seriously. By electing a candidate for office, people are really saying, "I think this person/student can really handle the responsibility." Hopefully, the candidate will seek to glorify God by doing the very best job he or she can. I want to be held accountable for all I do during my term, whether it's something good, or something I neglected to do.

I would be glad to talk to anyone interested in our financial status at any time, and would be available at certain times in the Senate office to answer questions or just to talk. By speaking with the present cabinet on several occasions and attending Senate meetings, I'm absorbing all I can about Senate and the role of Treasurer. The job obviously takes a lot of work, I am not about to pass go and collect \$200, I am just ready to give it to God and give it my best effort. I think a good Treasurer should desire God's will above all else.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. And on election day, remember: **TRUST TROY FOR TREASURER!**

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Men end '92-'93 season 12-14

Michael Maloney

Houghton Coach Steve Brooks summarizes this past basketball season with one adjective: disappointing. The same summarization would likely come from many a Highlander basketball fan.

After a reasonably encouraging first half of the season, HC seemed poised and ready to claim a district playoff spot. However, the team unraveled in the month of February, and they failed to stake a playoff berth as they finished with a 12-14 record.

The year was not devoid of highlights, however. The Highlanders played well and went 2-1 on a Florida trip over Christmas break. They won the first annual Houghton College Classic in January, and to cap off the season, they demonstrated considerable heart and pride with two victories over teams that had previously beaten them, even as they were out of playoff contention.

For the most part, though, the team's performance seemed to decline throughout the '93 half of the '92/'93 season. Coach Brooks claims that the decline began after the Florida trip.

"We lost Brock right after Florida, and that's when the wheels started coming off," Brooks says. Indeed, the loss of senior guard Dave Brocklehurst did take away much of HC's firepower. Brock, who tore knee ligaments, was the team's third leading scorer and a consistent threat from three-point land.

Coach Brooks says that leading scorer Darren Berkley was not as consistent as he had been in his final year at point guard. "Darren did not have as many good offensive players surrounding him this year. When you have to rely on the point to score *and* run the show, you have trouble. You can't win from the

perimeter."

Brooks claims that this year's most consistent player was senior guard Gary Moorman. "He got the most out of his abilities," he says.

The improvement of some of the younger players has encouraged Brooks in his outlook of next season. He says that his freshmen big men - 6'6" Wayne Moore and 6'7" Judson Odell - are beginning to show signs of becoming major factors.

The Highlanders will play an easier schedule next year after the intense lineup they faced in '92/'93, Brooks assures. Forward Scott Fasick will be the only senior for HC, and the team will look to him for leadership. "Scott epitomizes the hard work and dedication that Houghton is all about," says Coach.

With four senior guards graduating, the coaching staff is heavily recruiting perimeter players. If freshman guard Jason Weyforth is academically eligible, he will be "more than adequate" as the starting point guard, says Brooks.

"Next year all depends on the kids' attitudes. They need to buy into what the coaches are selling . . . We have the nucleus for a good team; we just need a few more to add," Coach claims.

Berkley led the Highlanders with 18.4 points per game and sophomore forward Mike Brundige added 12.7 ppg. Senior forward George Wiedmaier was third in scoring with 9.0 ppg.

Brundige also grabbed 9.6 rebounds per game, while Fasick averaged 4.0 rpg. The defense was spearheaded by Brundige as well. He led the team in both blocks and steals.

Berkley finished his successful career by being named to the Honorable Mention All-District team.

Women's basketball misses NAIA Nationals, but breaks Houghton record

Michael Maloney

The Lady Highlanders successful 21-6 season ended in a loss to number one seed Wilmington in the district finals on March 2.

Number two Houghton first faced number three Alvernia in the semifinals on February 26. HC was exceptional in the first half as they led by as many as 19 points. In the second half, however, the women may have already been looking towards Wilmington and the championship as Alvernia slowly whittled away at their lead.

But Houghton was able to fend them off with help from seniors Lori Sheetz (19 points) and Tricia Atkinson (9 points, 12 rebounds, and 6 assists). The final score was 71-68.

HC had to leave their home turf and travel to Wilmington for the championship on March 2. This first half did not go as well. They trailed 35-46 at the intermission. Houghton clawed their back into it in the second half, losing by just three at one point. But it was not enough. They lost 83-92.

"It came down to free throw shooting," claims Coach Skip Lord. Wilmington was 26 for 33 from the line, while Houghton was a dismal 11 for 23.

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Atkinson scored 22 points, grabbed 9 rebounds, and had 4 steals in the last game of her career. Lori Sheetz joined the 1,000 point club as Atkinson had earlier in the year. Sheetz scored 14 for a career total of 1,007 points.

The team was disappointed that they couldn't get to Oregon for the NAIA Nationals, but the season was tremendously successful nonetheless. They compiled the best basketball record in Houghton history, they broke several other school records, and they placed four players on the All-District team. Sheetz and Atkinson were named to the second team, and seniors Tracey Vincent and Sheri Doerksen made honorable mention.

Sheetz led all scorers with 13.9 points per game. Jordan followed with 12.7 ppg while shooting a team high 54% from the field. Atkinson rounded out the leaders with 12.3 ppg.

Atkinson was tough on the boards, averaging 7.5 rebounds per game. Jordan and junior Stephanie Plummer followed

with 6.2 rpg and 5.4 rpg, respectively.

Atkinson and Doerksen shared the top spot in steals, and Jordan was strong in the paint as she averaged 2.2 blocks per game.

Coach Lord has a positive outlook towards next season. Six seniors and one junior are leaving, but Lord says that several outstanding recruits and transfers are leaning towards Houghton. "We will continue to be successful," he says.

Although this year's team was disappointed they didn't win the District Championship, Lord says that they evaluate their program in terms of ministry.

Throughout the season, each Lady Highlander wore "salvation beads" on their shoelaces. Each colored bead represented a step in the plan of salvation. Lord recounts how one player, before the Alvernia game, sacrificed her warmup time to present this plan to the referees. Plays like that are the true measure of success for the Lady Highlanders.

ATTENTION

The Commuter Club and Student Development announce the opening of a **Commuter Lounge**. It is located in Conference Room B on the first floor of the Campus Center. Open hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There will be a bulletin board located there for announcements and information. The lounge will be equipped with a microwave and refrigerator.

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OPINION

COLUMN

fruits, nuts, and berries

Jen Garrison

[Part three of Dr. Jasmine Lierle's address]

These same disregards for human life continued into the college years of those in the late 20th century. But it was during these formative years that the most substantial changes could be and were made.

Something stirred in the late 20th Century. Something stirred in the hearts of the college-aged youth; something that made them stand up, decide what they believed in. They also began to perfect the change-capacities demonstrated in the earlier parts of the century with suffrage, civil rights and demonstrations against war.

The exact origin of these changes remains unclear. History indicates that change rarely comes from an informed power-base capitalizing on creating equality. Change comes from an unhappy minority banding together and fighting for change. Study of the era leads to a surprising conclusion: The groups who diligently pressed for change included homosexuals, women, blacks and other "minorities" who sought to remove themselves from under the thumb of the "conservative right wing" (a political agenda largely compromised of Caucasian Protestants). The group that was most responsible for the change however, was made up of individual Christians focusing on community based on the love of Christ and structured on the first Church in Acts; discarding dogma and petty arguments over sprinkling, dunking, wine or sparkling grape (an antiquated ideal called "legalism").

In their striving for the freedom found through the grace of God, these Christians uplifted one another in physical as

well as spiritual needs. As this "church" grew in its ministry, it fed the poor, clothed the naked, and thereby effectively eliminated the dividing factors of jealousy, greed, the pettiness of gossip, quarreling and the competitive ownership of property. These latter eliminations were due to emersion in community and selfless caring for others.

This movement created change in the existing Church, which had stood by helplessly as its numbers dwindled through the century (except on Easter and Christmas when attendance seemed obligatory). The change brought an increase of support. These individuals utilized an economic ideal called "trickle down" which, although it never succeeded in raising the standard of living, was effective in the area of attitudes and actions. The love of Christ "trickled down" from these Christians as they took care of the needs of the poor.

In the beginning, the "church" was overwhelmed by the continuous stream of broken babies, battered women, damaged adults, crying children, hungry families, homeless widows and dying orphans . . . but this effectively eliminated the gossip and quarreling and petty competition. There simply wasn't enough time to argue over dancing or smoking, or if homosexual sex was worse than extra-marital sex. There wasn't enough time to debate "tongues" or instruments or women pastors. There wasn't time to invest in property and save up for that retirement . . . there didn't seem to be time to retire.

The things that seemed so important to legislate in the earlier part of the century, even the previous decade, seemed to melt away. Anthropologists have recovered files from this period that explain some of this phenomena. Directly before this change, the Church

tried to band together and affect governmental legislation. Their failure was blamed on a change in society as a whole, but studies show that a more accurate indicator of their lack of success was due to internal conflict. Cohesive thought in a vocal minority is needed to sustain the elements of change.

According to our data, this "church", this group of Christians in single mind, utilized a number of seemingly secular and even taboo ideals to create a "non-system." They proposed first that the early Christian church was based on a socialist, not capitalist system and that Christianity could exist purely only in those economic terms. Additionally, the earliest groups spent great time devising a system that would not eventually break down and go into its own agenda. Utilizing the idea of "insistent humanism" (constant questioning of the status quo to determine if a system is still fulfilling the task it was devised for), this group of Christians (called "heretics" and "pagans" and "sinners" by their contemporary Church counterparts) created a loving, Christ-centered way of life to deal with the multiple problems in the latter half of the century.

AIDS, teen pregnancy, homelessness, discrimination, abortion, divorce, suicide, murder, drug-trafficking, racism, alcoholism and general apathy overwhelmed the populous. A welfare system, agencies to deal with violence and groups to fight racism existed but often lost themselves in paperwork and bureaucratic hodge-podge. The difference this group of Christians made was in never forgetting they were working for God and never forgetting they were working with people.

Uff-da!

Scott Hansen

"I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" These words were uttered by a father concerned over his boy's demon possession and Jesus' promised healing. These words sum up my faith in a nutshell. Uh oh, Hansen's getting philosophical again, will he ever stop? I hope not. It seems quite odd that there are so many Christians out there who have all the answers. For them there is no need to explore their faith because it is complete already. It's almost as if they inherited their Christianity from their parents. Heck, some might have espoused Christ in utero for all I know.

Change is one of the few constants in this life. My political views have changed, my friends have changed, my parents have gotten smarter as I have gotten older, even my choice of clothing has changed (not much, mind you, I still like an old flannel shirt and a pair of worn fatigues). Even more importantly my Christianity has changed, (maybe evolved is a better term). It happened without my really knowing it. Those words, "I do believe, help me overcome my belief!" have taken on a new significance for me.

The more I learn the more I become aware of how much I do not know (a paradox). The same goes for my relationship with Christ. The more I learn about God and all of his mystery and majesty, the more I am aware of how much I do not understand him and his love. It's okay for us if we haven't figured God out. We can still love and worship him even though we don't understand him completely. For those who are married or have a special friend, do you always understand your better half? Do you still love that individual in spite of not knowing him/her completely? Hopefully, the answer is a

resounding, "YES!" The application to our relationship with God should be clear.

But what does this have to do with belief and changing faith? Everything, for another of the constants in life is God's unswerving love for you. Deep down in my very core, I believe in God and Jesus Christ. I hold the Christian story, myth if you will, to be the Truth. Yet at times I doubt, am filled with anxiety, and have so little faith. It is at these times I speak those words, "I do believe, help me overcome my unbelief!" When I doubt the most, the opportunity to learn and grow the most occurs.

Whoever thought that doubting was a sign of a weak faith probably hadn't done much maturing in the faith. For that person, the standard answers were good enough. Well they are not good enough for me. This institution has trained me to think, to question, and to pick apart arguments.

I would hope that we would all do some exploring and questioning of our faith. Ask ourselves some questions and maybe not find all the answers. I view anyone who seems to have them all with suspicion. Remember, we are finite beings dealing with an infinite God. The servant shall never be greater than the master. Don't be a hollow person who merely whimpers in silence, but be, instead, someone who questions, grows, matures, and changes.

There is much truth to the words of U2's song, "I still haven't found what I'm looking for." There should be a certain amount of dissatisfaction in our lives and faith. What else should spur us on to seek greater insights about and communion with our God?

Evangelists on skates

Donald Lawnce

It is always an honor to have the opportunity to witness for my Lord Jesus Christ. Though it is a privilege, it is also a scary thing. The command in "The Great Commission" is to make disciples, so allow me to tell of an opportunity I had to do this over Spring Break.

I went to Georgia for Spring Break. Marc Ulrich was kind enough to invite me along with 7 other guys from 2nd Shen to his home. The expressed purpose for going was to relax and experience some nicer weather. There was definitely relaxation, and though the weather was not as hot as we would have liked it, we found that God would be testing our temperature for Him (Rev.3:15-16).

Friday night Marc, Steve Lausch, Mike Walcott, Gerry Carpenter, Jay Noll, Nate Hall, Jonathan Weber and I went rollerskating. I remember jammin' to D.C. Talk's latest "Free at Last" on the way to the rink. As I walked into the skating rink, I could feel a change in my spirit. I felt no longer on God's territory. Spiritual warnings were up everywhere, and those with me felt the same thing. Some of us even felt sick.

My friends went ahead and got skates, but I decided to walk around to observe and listen. Allow me to describe the scene: smoke, girls scantily and/or barely clothed, guys with their "girl-friends" doing things I feel should be done in private. Basically the scene was pathetic and sad, with guys trying to be tough, and girls trying to fit in. These kids are under pressure to be something they are not. Along with the decline of parental authority, giving way to the influences of television (average teen watches 5 hours of T.V. and converses with their dad 7 minutes daily) and peer

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Political Motives

Joel Tom Tate

I'm in no position to preach. I have often done things for the wrong reasons. It does not matter if they have been the right things to do. It was, after all, appropriate that Judas should kiss Jesus. Yet a right thing for the wrong reason is a sin by the only definition of sin that matters to me.

I took the position of chairman of college Republicans for the wrong reasons. There was a desire to have people admire me and recognize me. There was pride, and that's embarrassing to admit in light of how meager a source of pride that position really holds. There are several other ugly things that this position has revealed about me. Dr. Ayi's visit was another instance of mixed motives and I hate to admit it. Dr. Ayi is an incredible man and he deserved better than my opportunism.

It is like a frog extolling the virtues of wings. It would be easy to dismiss the frog (what does he know?). But who better than an ungainly green thing to express the importance of flight and the liberty that comes with it. By the same token I think I have something to say about the need to love.

Romans 13: 8-10 reads "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellow man has fulfilled the law. The commandments 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not covet,' and whatever other commandments there may be, are summed up in this one rule: 'love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."

If I have the political power to effect legislation but have not love, I have gained nothing. This doesn't mean that Christians shouldn't be involved in

politics. Love isn't passive and I don't believe that you can love without leaving your room. Love needs expression; it needs the flesh of action and blood of deed. Politics can be a viable expression of that love, but it should never be its only outlet.

We have to be careful about politics. It's easier to seek an elected office for the wrong reasons than to wash peoples feet for the wrong reasons. Remember that the only right reason for anything is love. And if someone claims to do something in love, yet hurts a neighbor, he has lied about his motives because love does no harm to its neighbor. I'm certain that the man in Florida did not kill the abortionist in a spirit of love nor did he fulfill any law in doing what he did.

Love means being foolish and looking stupid. It's doubtful that love will ever get you elected. Love doesn't wield a gun and it rarely wins in Congress. Love doesn't arm itself and resist the authorities. Love doesn't provide the opposition with ammunition. Love is apt to be unappreciated but it's never futile. Love doesn't win battles: it claims victories.

Don't be afraid to do things because you're aware of scrutiny from a hostile world. Don't be afraid of the world or hesitant because of doubts about your motives. Simply do what you do for Jesus and trust him.

If you, however, practice politics and do things in his name but do them without love, you are no better than Judas. That man in Florida kissed Jesus and sent him to the cross again at the same time. I don't care whether or not his heart was in the right place because I know that his gun was not.

We can't avoid the world. We have responsibilities and some of them are

political. But any attempt to fulfill the law without love, without Jesus, will be disastrous. And when we do act out of love, whether this world sees us as successful or not, there will be a great deal of liberty in it for us. Take it from a frog.

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group associations, we have witnessed an increased substance abuse (1 of 4 teens drink more than once a week, 40% smoke marijuana regularly), premarital sex (6 of 10 16-18 year olds have had sex, average age of first sexual experience is 15-17), abortions (400,000 teens annually), crime (2.4 million thefts, 300,000 assaults monthly in high school) and suicides (5,000 reported cases yearly with 50-100 unsuccessful attempts for every one who dies). Teens need Jesus' salvation.

As we sat at the rink, we started to wish that these kids could hear a salvation message that night and a song by D.C. Talk called "Jesus is Still Alright With Me." We prayed that God would open doors. I spoke to the D.J. and asked if we could play the song. After he said yes to that, I asked if I could speak for about a minute after the song. He consented to that as well, as if he was being used a a puppet by God Himself.

After the song, I gave a short testimony and salvation message to about 200-300 kids and teens. No one openly received salvation to my knowledge, but the seed was planted. All of the guys had a chance to speak with the teens after I was done, much damage was done to the realms of the devil by our evangelism. Let me encourage you: minister to youth whenever you can. God will give the strength and words.

The Lost Key

Douglas Mbire

Chains rattled as the weary legs dragged the locks that clung to their ankles. The slaves found comfort and a sense of freedom from the hopeful songs they sang, igniting a vision of hope beyond the oppression. But even after the African nations reclaimed the keys that unlocked the oppressive chains of slavery and opened the shackles of freedom, South Africa still fumbles in search of its key. Before and after the African nations claimed their political freedom, missionaries coming to spread Christianity to the "Dark Continent," offered a key that would open hearts and free Africans from their "heathen practices." The key in many cases did not fit the African's heart since they refused to discard their cultures and beliefs.

Ever so often we still hear echoes of the third world shouting "Missionary go home!" This cry comes out of a people who feel missionaries have invaded their lives and culture. One South African maid servant contended, "...When the white man came, he had the Bible and we had the land, now we have the Bible and he has the land." Still, the same Bible we use to denounce oppression is the very same book we use to justify it.

Until I was fifteen I did not know anything but the various forms of oppression and how Christians interpreted it. Now as I look back, I see a tendency to oversimplify the plight of the oppressed by justifying it or backing it up with hum-drum verses from the Bible. By this I mean the structures are justified by reading some verses out of context leading to a pick-and-choose Scripture and making Christianity an exclusive religion. Most missionaries

have taken a religion, not the Good News, to the mission field and the Christian mission has evolved into another instrument of oppression.

My grandmother once said, (in reference to the white colonialists), "The white man gave us a sacrificial goat as a sign that we had been set free, but he still holds on to the string tied to its neck." From time to time, missionaries have pulled the string, choking the third world with a religion and gospel that is heavily intoxicated with their world views.

"The missionaries condemned most traditional rites of passage and social ceremonies as pagan without prior study to discover whether the meaning behind the ritual was in fact, contrary to the teachings of Scripture. They exhorted Africans to keep away from these rites which the missionaries considered defiling. . . In many instances the condemned 'heathen practices' are no different from the laying of wreaths, saluting the flag, sitting on Santa's lap or trick-or-treating at Halloween that most Christians innocently participate in, the western world." (*Independence for the Third World Church*, Wakatama 14)

It is obvious from this that evangelism is failing. But to say that evangelism must be stopped because it is changing people's culture would be dangerous since it is in direct disobedience to the Lord's command to "go into the world and make disciples of all nations." On the other hand, missionaries must listen and pay attention to national voices while constantly asking themselves what national values ought to be maintained and maximized while introducing Christianity. Unfortunately a lot of missions have a great program of

humanitarian actions but, their contemporary approach of evangelism is not very persuasive.

Missionaries should develop a world view before they go out into the field. This world view should be inclusive of all data about the particular culture, consistent and coherent to the people yet enabling the missionary to focus through the lens of the host culture. All cultures are relative and should be approached accordingly with our prejudices and biases put aside.

To understand other cultures, missionaries should make every effort to supplement their own observation and experience with all available specialized studies. Investigation of cultural variables through the disciplines of History, Sociology and Anthropology should provide the context. Mission bodies should inject cultural values into the missionary while at the same time being open to learn from the people to whom they are taking the gospel.

Despite all negative aspects of missions, next to spiritual elements, missionary work has stimulated and initiated social progress. Thanks to missionaries, some believers in the rural areas have found a roof over their heads without which worship would take place under a tree. In Africa where physical medicine is as important as the spiritual medicine, missions have set up both mobile and permanent medical centers. As a whole, the question all missions should ask themselves is, "is what we are bringing practical and relevant to this people?"

A famous proverb from my tribe Kikuyu says, "If your arrowhead has missed the target, you do not hit the target using the feathers."

NEWS

The Blizzard of 1993

Doug Gillham

Have you ever wondered why they call it Spring Break? For the third year in a row, Houghton received its worst winter storm after this misnamed occasion had already passed. Spring may well be just around the corner, but you can't see the corner for all of the snow.

The winter of 1992-93 has been a very unusual one - not so much because of all the snow, but because what we have received has stayed around for so long. It has been over two months since we have seen bare ground here in Houghton.

The winter actually got off to a rather mild start, as most of the East had another green Christmas. However, a big shift in the upper level winds occurred during the beginning of January. Unusually cold weather that the West had been receiving shifted into our part of the nation. And here it stayed.

During the next nine days snowfalls were almost a daily occurrence, but we didn't receive anything that was out of the ordinary. Then came the Blizzard of 1993, rubbing salt into the wounds of those suffering from spring fever after spending a week in the South.

From my point of view, as a weather forecaster, the storm was extremely well behaved; it went and did what was predicted. Three days before the storm even existed it was predicted to be one of the worst storms of the century for parts of the U.S.

Though it was far from being the worst storm that we've ever experienced here in Western New York, the overall impact of the blizzard ranks it amongst the most devastating storms of the century. Blizzard conditions were experienced from New England to

Florida, hurricane force winds caused extensive flooding and beach erosion up and down the East Coast, and 50 tornadoes ripped apart sections of Florida still trying to recover from Hurricane Andrew. The storm has been blamed for over 175 deaths.

As expected, the Houghton area only received the western fringe of the storm, but even the fringe was powerful enough to meet the National Weather Service's definition of a blizzard. A spokesman for the National Weather Service could not remember a time when a blizzard warning had ever been issued for such a large area.

Here in Houghton we received a total of 14 inches of snow, (well under the 30 inches that we received during the storm last March). What made this storm so crippling and dangerous though, were the wind gusts to 50 miles per hour that whipped the snow into five foot drifts and produced wind chills of 20 degrees below zero.

Reactions to the storm were quite varied around campus. Part of the student body felt that it was "exhilarating," "fun," and "awesome." Dan Milk's who remembers the Blizzard of '77 was disappointed because, "It wasn't big enough." another student wished that it would happen again. After all, "You can do a lot more with snow than you can with rain."

However, most people are getting rather frustrated and depressed, and can't wait for spring to come.

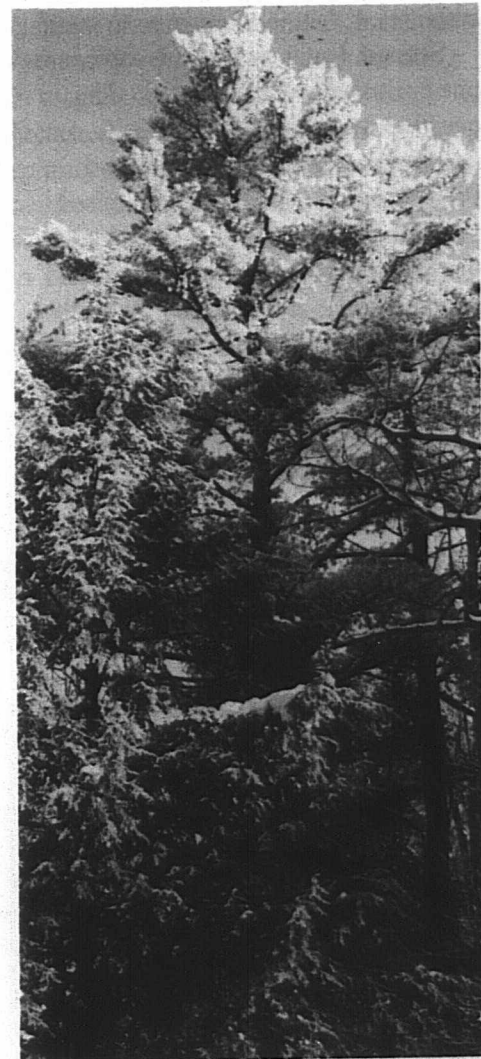
Some more impressive statistics on the storm include:

Syracuse	43" of snow
Rochester	23"
Pittsburgh	24"
Chattanooga, TN	21"
Atlanta, GA	12"

The highest snow total for the storm

came from Mount Mitchel North Carolina where 50 inches of snow and winds to 110 mph combined to produce 18 foot drifts. Even the Gulf Coast of Florida picked up 2 to 4 inches of snow.

Back here in Houghton, we have now received 129 inches of the white stuff this season, just over last year's total of 127.8. Both are well over the normal totals for the area. It makes you wonder what happened to the Global Warming. Oh well, at least we can all tell our grandchildren someday that we survived the Blizzard of '93.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am writing in regards to Matthew Roth's letter printed Feb. 25 which was a response to Liz Jenner's letter the issue before. The topic - the Devil. It has been submitted that a current trend of "fixation with the devil" is still on the rise here at Houghton, most evident among "those we call Charismatics." I will first say that simply learning of and preparing against the Devil should not be considered a "fixation." Scripture is full of references to Satan, who, I remind you all, is the "Prince of this World." "But deliver us from evil" was what Jesus taught us to pray. He knew we would be facing it and the Bible also teaches that the last days will consist of an increase in the intensity of the evil activities.

Second, I suggest that this topic is not one exclusive to Charismatics. The question was asked, "Why aren't demons possessing Wesleyans and Presbyterians?" Well I, as one raised Presbyterian, will say that God doesn't discriminate between our man-made denominations and Satan doesn't either. My personal experience spreads from Pentacostal to Methodist to Presbyterian to Wesleyan to Catholic. The founding fathers of our faith believed in the existence of evil powers. Martin Luther is said to have actually thrown an ink bottle at Satan and his words in "A Mighty Fortress" reveal the belief in a very real devil. Should we shun their beliefs?

Emotions are far from the issue at hand. "The gospel according to Frank Peretti" as Matt's letter suggested is inaccurate, and Frank Peretti is far from "unintellectual and irrational." The Authority of the Believer by John A. MacMillan and Mark I. Bubeck's The Adversary are great examples which show that "The constitution and laws of the spiritual world are perfectly orderly and logical, and must be adhered to and

carefully obeyed if the desired and promised (by God) results are to be gained." (MacMillan p.9).

We are born into a world where the enemy runs rampant. There is nothing wrong with someone who has pulled free of an area where the enemy had a hold of them (Liz Jenner's letter of Feb. 12). God has provided us with a way out - Jesus Christ. In Him we are placed far above the enemy, but only if we act on this and claim our rightful authority. We must stand and rebuke the enemy ourselves, binding him with the power provided as God prepares us to share the throne of authority with Christ. The powers of darkness were defeated, true, but the Head's (God) work is not complete without the body (believers). So until Satan is bound forever, it is our responsibility to act on God's Word. And Satan would like nothing more than to have us believe he is harmless.

I would also like to suggest that there is a difference between demonic possession and oppression. And although believers are not open to possession, demonic oppression faces all Christians at some level - be it through music, tragic circumstances, or even physical attacks. But there is something to be said of demonic obsession, and one must use caution in pursuing the matter. Use prayer and Scripture, never allowing other matters to come before God.

It may be true that this issue has clouded our good sense as Matt's article stated, but we should not sell God's Word short when it reveals the severity of these things. I will close now with Liz Jenner's words: "I'll let you do the rest of the research."

Alan Armes

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have a small problem to bring to your attention. It's me, the lunch checker from somewhere unpleasant.

I'd like to ask and say a few things. When I sit at that table and ask to see your ID card, I'm only doing my job. Your job is to bring it. Think of the fact that at a large school or government building where the same person checks your ID every day, you still have to show it.

I do not know everyone here and I have no idea if you are on the board plan. Which brings me to my next point. Why would you bring your friends here and encourage them to steal food from Pioneer? While I don't personally know everyone who goes here, I am not an idiot and can recognize strangers or former students. The only recourse Pioneer has is to raise your food prices - in effect, you pay for your friend's thievery.

I cannot believe how many times every day I must ask people to pay who would not if I didn't catch them. And it's usually your friends or former students. To me, it's unbelievable at a Christian college. The thing I really hate about it is that I may not know your name but the minute you or a friend attempt not to pay, or you (after speaking in chapel) throw your ID card through the stairs to a non-student, my impression of you goes way down. I don't like to think bad things about people!

In most places, you would at least be fined for this, and perhaps even arrested. Yes, I will turn offenders in to Big Al, as most of you know. To me, it seems pretty sad that Big Al has to be standing right beside me before you will show your ID or make sure a friend pays. I would like to thank every person who does show their ID faithfully or believably explains where it is, and all those who have never cheated. And I would like to apologize to everyone I have been unnecessarily rude to. That isn't part of my job. I would like to challenge all of you - what would you do (or have your

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friend do) if your parents were standing right there? If Christ was physically present watching? Can you help me?

In His gracious love,
Rachel Rath

I am writing this letter in response to Matthew Roth's letter which appeared in the Feb. 25 issue of the Star.

I would like to tell Mr. Roth, and every other Christian who needs to hear it, that ignorance may very well be the pit that many Christians will fall into. Ignorance leads to apathy and spiritual blindness. Christians who ignore the devil are spiritually blind. The Bible tells us to "resist the devil, and he must flee" but no where does it tell us to ignore him or to act as if he does not exist. Resistance means standing up against, not forgetting, the subject. Resisting something, or someone, means you must be aware of its presence.

That's my first point. Secondly, music emits a spirit, whether you believe it or not. It shows forth in an emotion usually (sadness, joy, happiness). More than a casual search of Scripture and extrabiblical literature tells us how closely affiliated the devil is to music. He himself provided music for God before he rebelled and was kicked out of Heaven.

Music must be given attention as to how it brings glory to God. While we are here on earth, our activities must bring God glory and praise. I do not feel that all secular music is wrong, but I do feel that attention must be paid to the spiritual ramifications of all that we do, watch, say, and listen to.

Lastly, allow me to say a word about the charismatic movement. Personally, I am tired of hearing people shredding and ripping the movement. The movement has not shunned intellectualism and rationalism at the expense of spiritual frenzy. Charismatics are aware of the spiritual realm, whereas many Christians may not even pay any mind to it. There is an acute danger in being too intellectual. Intellectualism, at many times, is

an enemy of God. It doesn't allow Him to move. God will not always move in a way that you can explain.

Demon possession is very real. Mr. Roth's view is very closed in that he attributes demon possession to be rare just because of his experience. He has no idea how many Wesleyan or Presbyterians have been possessed at one point, or have had an encounter with a demon. Spiritual bondage is a form of demonic possession. Demons are no respecter of persons, just as God isn't.

Mr. Roth, please don't generalize. That is the major problem with your letter. I go to a Pentecostal church in Rochester, and I don't appreciate your uninformed generalizations.

Christians, don't ignore the devil, resist him. You are in spiritual warfare whether you realize it or not. The devil wants you, and he will come at you with as much as God allows. Our battle with him is not earthly, but spiritual. Be full of discernment. If you ignore the devil, he will slowly get a foothold, and you may not even realize it. Put on the armor and resist him!! Thanks for listening to an intellectual, rational Charismatic.

Donald Lawrence

P.S. If you have questions on Charismatic churches, I will freely bring you to my church one Sunday.

One of the letters in the Feb. 25 issue of the Star caught my attention. I was less than pleased with Matt Roth's response to Liz Jenner. I found Mr. Roth's assumptions and generalities about Charismatics to be both ignorant and misleading.

You see, I am from a non-denominational spirit-filled church of a Charismatic flavor and I guarantee that I am NOT obsessed with the devil. Instead, I find my obsession increasingly to be Christ-likeness. In that pursuit I deal with the fact that Satan is a reality, earth is his domain, and he is out to harm me.

Even Jesus himself (on occasion) dealt directly with Satan and his cohorts.

Several examples come immediately to mind. The demon-possessed man and the herd of swine (Mark 5), Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness and temptation (Matt. 4), and the time that Jesus addresses Peter as "Satan," calling him a stumbling block (Matt. 16:23).

Paul calls on Christians to put on the full armor of God to fight "not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against spiritual forces of evil in the realm of heavenly realms." Eph. 6:12. I would be curious to know just exactly who Mr. Roth thinks we're to fight. If not the devil, then whom? Each other? I hope not!

Further, Mr. Roth accuses an entire denomination of shunning "intellectualism and rationalism in favor of spiritual frenzy." Although there is a certain element of unrestraint in the Charismatic form of worship (i.e. dancing, speaking in tongues), may I remind Roth that preachers of all denominations were spitting out hell, fire, and brimstone long before the Charismatic movement started. Any teaching that I have heard in a Charismatic church was based on Scripture. If that's not rational or intellectual, what is? After all, the word of God is the common denominator of all Christian denominations.

That is what bothers me the most about Mr. Roth's "blanket statements." It worries me that The Church (not my church or your church, but THE church) is sometimes so busy fighting amongst itself over (dare I say it?) petty doctrinal differences, that they have lost sight of the larger objective. God "reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. We are Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." 2 Cor. 5: 18 and 20.

How can we be ambassadors to the world when we are consumed with denomination bashing? A house divided against itself will not stand - wouldn't Satan love that?

Heather Dale

The Big Picture

My sister came to visit me this week. Coming from the Dallas metropolis to this insulated community was quite an experience for her. For me, having her here was like having a connection with the outside world. Living in Houghton without a car can become a bit stifling and the relative isolation can promote

exaggerated introspection.

An introspective mind is not necessarily negative as long as one makes frequent mental excursions toward appreciating the "bigger picture." And our geographical seclusion does prove to be conducive to our lifestyle of scholastic industry.

It is far too easy, however, to lose

sight of the global picture when our eyes struggle to reach beyond that senior seminar next week, that dispute with a roommate last night, or that guy sitting on the other side of the cafeteria.

It is a matter of keeping perspective. I have a tendency to lose it, but I know the tendency is not uniquely mine.

Shalom, Dalia

Graduate School money matters

Tami Marzolla

Part 2 in a series on Financing Graduate School by Patricia McWade.

Last week I suggested that the concept of managing money wisely is critical to a student. I did say that financial planning will be the next topic in the series. However, regardless of its importance, I will have to refrain from discussing it now, in favor of exploring how to go about finding and applying for grants.

Searching and applying for grants can be an intimidating endeavor, evoking much bewilderment and frustration. However, it is a valuable graduate school experience. There are several benefits of this process; sources used to gather information, steps in locating sponsors, and other funding information are all important aspects of the financial aid search.

Besides giving you a headache, the search for graduate aid gives you experience in how to obtain information on your own initiative. It will give you confidence to approach your future with a positive outlook, knowing that you can accomplish your goals independently.

Aside from boosting your ego, the aid search gives you a familiarity with sponsoring organizations and corporations. Those interested in researching, as a profession or even as a hobby, will benefit from being aware of the sources of financial support and the possibilities in meeting a sponsor's needs while receiving aid essential to their career plans.

Perhaps the most important resource for the adventurous pregraduate student is the library. In it, you will be able to gather information on the foundation and/or corporate grants for graduate study. You can spend hours on a couple of rainy Saturdays wading through the thousands of entries on file. There are dozens of guides which can pinpoint sponsors, in your particular area of interest.

The Federal Register is one publication that lists all federal programs offering grants. There is also funding information available through databases, and private sources, such as banks. Visit your local bank trust officer and ask him or her about trust monies that can be used toward graduate study. Some of the helpful publications on loan in the

CDC are: Peterson's Grants for Graduate Study, The Official Guide to Financing Your MBA, and the 23rd edition of The Graduate School Guide.

You may even be able to receive financial assistance from libraries. Funding exists to support research financial assistance from libraries. funding exists to support research on specific collections in libraries across the country. Depending on your area of interest, working with library collections may be an option and libraries may even require residencies for their funds.

Many grad schools publish listings of sources in their catalogues and some schools may even supply other publications. For example, the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences compiled the Graduate Guide To Grants. You may want to check whether the schools you will be applying to provide any information which would supplement their catalogue.

Often students grow discouraged when they are not able or ready to be awarded larger grants right away. However, receiving several smaller

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NEWS

Policy on Sexual Harassment Revised

Doug Smith

On Tuesday, March 9, Sharon Givler and Professor Rhea Reed, members of the Sexual Assault Advisory Committee, met with Student Senate to discuss Houghton College's revised policy on sexual harassment.

According to the policy, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment. Harassment is further identified when (1) submission to such conduct is made, either explicitly and implicitly, to a term or condition of an individual's employment or participation in a college-sponsored educational program or activity; (2) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment or academic decisions affecting such an individual; or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's employment or academics, or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or educational environment.

As stated in the policy, there are several resource people or "advocates" available to members of the college community who believe they are victims of sexual harassment. For students, they can go to the Dean of Student Development or the Associate Dean of Student Development, any member of the Counseling Center, or a student resource person. Staff and faculty members can go to the Director of Personnel, Associate Dean of Faculty Development or various individuals appointed to those

roles, and any member of the Counseling Center.

Both informal and formal reporting processes are available to people who believe they are victims of sexual harassment. If the victim elects the informal process, he or she can go directly to the offender, or go to the administrative head of the department to which offender belongs. If he or she goes to the administrative head, the head will meet with the victim and the accused for mediation within 10 working days of the complaint.

If the formal process is chosen, victims can contact the Dean of Student Development for students, Director of Personnel for staff, and the Dean of Faculty Development for faculty to initiate the process. After the complainant signs a complaint report document, an investigative team will look into the complaint and report their findings.

Any person found guilty of sexual harassment will be subject to action such as (1) initial and sustained counseling by a professional counselor; (2) a letter of reprimand to become a part of his or her personnel/student record; (3) change in employment status, grade, or rank, or suspension for students; (4) Non-issuance of contract, termination of employment, or expulsion for students; (5) civil action for any offense which violates law.

Sharon Givler stated that a Standing Committee on Sexual Harassment would be composed of 18 people. Faculty will elect six members to serve on the committee, 3 men and 3 women. The

appointees would be approved by the Associate Dean of Faculty, and at least one member be a representative from the Student Development Faculty.

Staff and administration will have six members as well. Staff cabinet will elect or appoint these members and they must be approved by the Director of Personnel. Student Senate will either elect or appoint 6 students to serve on the committee with approval from the Dean of Students.

All members are elected annually and may repeat terms. Each group must elect 3 men and 3 women to serve on the committee.

Professor Reed stated that, "Research has shown that writing the harasser a letter is the best form of defense," against sexual harassment. She went on to say that the victim should write a three-part letter to the accused.

Part one should clearly and explicitly state the facts- what happened, when, where, and who was involved- no judgmental statements. The second part should state how the victim felt. And finally, the third part should state what the victim wants to happen next and clarify any misunderstanding. Professor Reed explained that the letter should be either sent personally to the harasser, or by certified mail, the victim should keep a copy of the letter and not distribute the letter to others.

Any person who wants more information on the Sexual Harassment Policy can contact any member of the Counseling Center or the Sexual Assault Advisory Committee.

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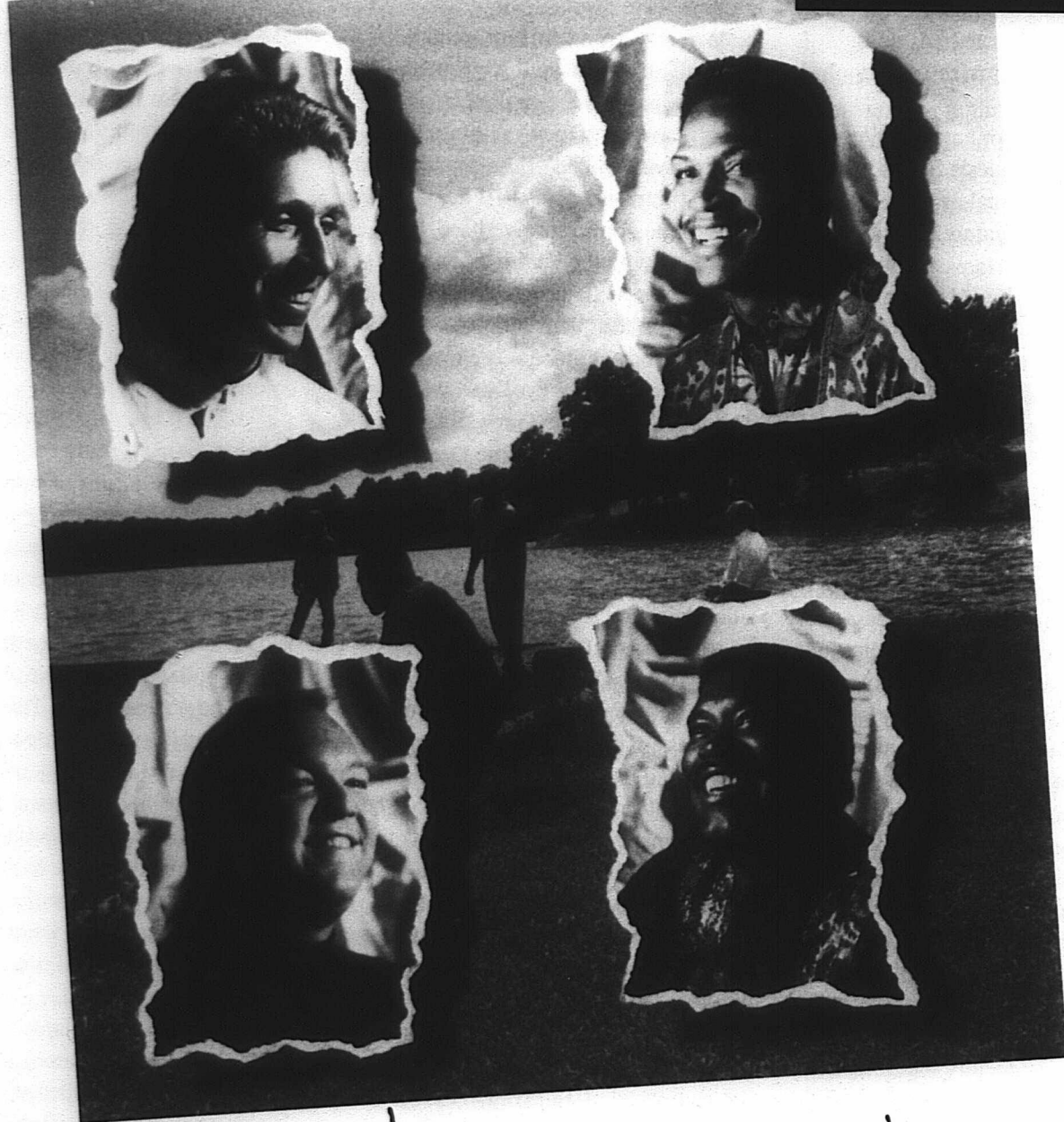
grants has its advantages. "Trading up," or the increase in aid after an initial time period, is possible. Future sponsors have a positive outlook on people who have already won previous awards regardless

of the sum. It indicates to them that you are familiar with the search and application process and have been successful. In addition, applications for smaller grants are not as time consuming as those for larger grants.

There are five steps to locating programs for financial assistance; the last step is creating a proposal. The next article will define those five steps, and discuss how to write an effective

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