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## Many Changes Afoot

### Trustees Lay Out Plans for the Future

Tammi Krikorian and Dionne Miller

The Annual Spring Trustees' meeting was held on February 26, 1999. We spoke with Jeff Spear, Vice President of Finance, concerning the consent agenda. A Consent Agenda is a listing of multiple non-controversial items, which the trustees can pass with one vote. There were eighteen items on this consent agenda, many of which are of direct interest to students.

The Board of Trustees approved the dedication of the climbing wall to the memory of Dr. Richard Dominguez. Dominguez was a physician in Wheaton, Illinois and is the father of Matt Dominguez. A plaque will be hung in his honor.

The board also approved the tearing down of Hazlett house and will be constructing a townhouse in its place. The new townhouse, bearing the Hazlett name, will be built in an L-shape containing three houses for

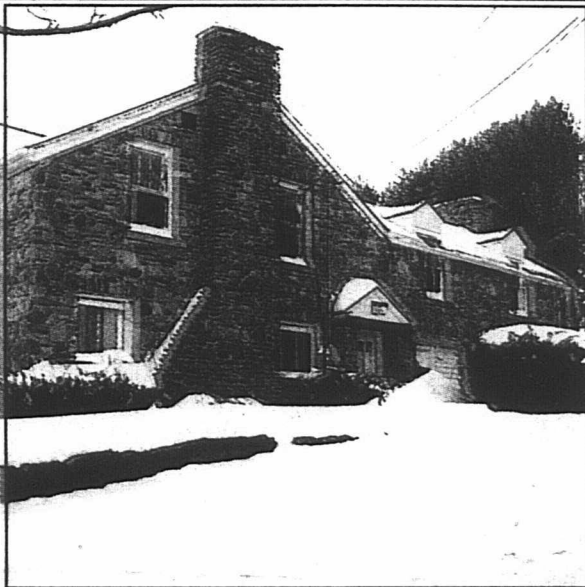


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men and three for women, containing a courtyard area. In addition, Spear informed us that by the fall of 2000, Genesee Street Apartments and Waldorf houses will no longer be consid-

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## ISA Says Chow!

### International Dinner Serves With a Smile

Rebecca JungDhari

Do you have a hankering for some fellowship and tasty, tasty food? The answer to your longing is here—the long awaited ISA Dinner!

The International Students Association has held a dinner for students and staff for over five years. It started as a chance for international students to get together and share some of their favorite foods with each other. The interest grew until it became a tradition here at Houghton as well as the largest event ISA sponsors. An average of about 200 people attend, with approximately equal attendance of staff and students. This year there will be a pro-

gram of international songs and even some dances.

A majority of the cuisine is specialties offered from India, Africa, and the Caribbean. Some of the favorites in the past have been tandoori from India and a form of meat stew from Guyana. According to Sara Oyer, "The price is a bargain for all the food you get, and the desserts are great!"

Tickets are \$6 each with variations on the price if you intend to cook. They will be available at mealtimes and at the ISA office until Friday, March 12. The dinner will be finished in time for the Wind Ensemble Concert later that evening. So mark your calendars for Saturday, March 13 at 6:00. It will be a meal worth remembering!

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## Prescott Art Graces Houghton

Emily Beach

Now, on display in the Wesley Chapel art gallery is a unique two-artist exhibit featuring the work of husband and wife team Ted and Cathrerine Prescott. The Prescotts, affiliated with Messiah College in Grantham, Pennsylvania, were brought to Houghton by Art Gallery Director Roselyn Danner, who knows the couple because of their involvement in the organization *Christians In Visual Arts* (CIVA).

Ted Prescott is widely known in CIVA circles. From 1985 to 1989 he was president of CIVA, and is now Chair of the Department of Visual and Theatrical Arts at Messiah College, where he has been teaching since 1980. He works in sculpture, and his most recent commission has been the interior and exterior sculpture for Coolbaugh Hall at the Colorado School of Mines. Included among the sculptures for the Houghton exhibit is a piece entitled "All My Sins," a blown-glass cross in which the artist sealed lists of his personal sins. When the glass was heated, the lists of sins burned and left a smoky residue inside the cross. In his artist's statement, he says, "All My Sins is one of a long series of mixed media crosses, in which I seek to develop the meaning and content of the Cross." The other sculptures in the exhibit, he says, "are from a loosely conceived series about nature imagery," and are mostly constructed of natural materials (like wood, stone, and tar).

Catherine Porter Prescott is also distinguished in the art world and has been participating in exhibitions since 1974. In 1997 she won first prize in painting at the National Art Association of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Her work is comprised mainly of portraits. In her artist's statement she says, "I am moved by the appearance of a person in so far as it reveals and expresses the depth, the grace of who they are inside." She describes her paintings as "tributes to the subject, and expressions of some of the gravity and complexity of my emotional experience." At the exhibit's opening on March 1, she explained that she painted the

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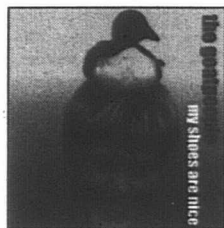
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# EDITORIAL

## Letter from the Editor

David Johnson

So I'm sitting at the dinner table one night, years ago, supping with the grandparents. The entrée is liver. And though I had never actually had liver before, that didn't stop me from maintaining it was a vile meat so repugnant it was used as a form of discipline in Israeli boot camps. I declined, but my grandfather, God bless him, said the words so

many of us have heard, hear, or will one day say: "There are starving kids in (third-world country of choice) who would love to eat (odd food of choice)."

Ah, yes. The much lauded prologue to the "Don't Take Anything for Granted" speech. But, how true it is!

I serve dinner in the cafeteria three times a week and needless to say, I witness a wide array of facial expressions when eyes first set sight on the featured courses, from tolerance to disgust. I rarely see someone's face light up. I don't care what anyone says—we have it good.

And I'm not talking about just food here. It is so easy for us to fall in the familiar embrace of our comfort zone. Once we're there, the hypnotic music of "ungrateful" lulls us into a funk. Let me tell you, boy, I'm always falling under that spell.

Yet, whenever I begin to find myself grumbling about my dented car hood or the CD player

that isn't working well, I remember things that yank me back into reality.

Like the "daily bread."

A handful of years ago our family went to Saturday lunches at a local church, along with thirty or forty Utica street people, for a morning of food and singing. Occasionally my father would give a message and then it would end, with the city's nomads walking back to whatever lives they led, stopping briefly at the exit to rummage through a pile of free, old clothes sitting on a table. Clothes a majority of us wouldn't even use to wipe the



windows of our cars.

Once again, we have it good.

There was this one lady, Mary Ryan. She lived in a ratty apartment and watched over a mentally retarded man. She loved my father—my family—and looked forward to the "daily bread." She wasn't much to look at, Mary Ryan. Some dirty clothes and a few-toothed smile would be an accurate description. But she lit up when you talked to her. Mary Ryan took nothing for granted.

And here I sit, years later, in a cushy chair, writing on a primo computer, listening to one of a multitude of CD's, my stomach full, with my hardships being the 20 page paper due for Senior Seminar and my shorted dashboard light in my car.

And I close my eyes, and picture Mary Ryan and her filthy clothes, flashing her toothless smile of gratitude toward a cup of coffee and a handshake—

Oh, dear God, thank you.

## An Appeal for Faculty Involvement in Chapel

Michael Jordan, SGA Chaplain

One of the oddest phenomena that I have seen since coming to Houghton in the fall of 1995 is the relative dearth of faculty at Chapel. While some professors attend all different kinds of chapel regularly (special kudos to the Math Department), altogether, a very low percentage attend. My intent today is to stress to the Houghton College Community the importance of Chapel and why the faculty should be at least regular attendees.

Chapel is very important to the Houghton College Community. Speakers regularly assert its importance because it is the one time that the Houghton Community can be gathered together as a whole. Faculty, staff, administration, students of every class and social background can worship and be instructed together. Basketball players sit next to musicians, math majors mingle with history majors and any other combination is possible. The college community affirms the importance of students' involvement in this activity, but rarely stresses the necessity of faculty attendance. While I don't advocate faculty "scanning in," I do believe that faculty should voluntarily attend chapel.

I have heard from faculty members that the faculty feels disconnected with chapel. The praise and worship sessions are different from what they are used to, and they simply do not feel welcome. Often, speakers or musicians are at odds with their theological positions. Why, they reason, should they go to something where the program is antithetical to what they believe and opposite to what they are trying to teach students?

The most important answer to that question is that chapel is where many students are touched spiritually. The chapel service gives many students their only exposure to Biblical teaching while at Houghton (outside of Bib Lit and an upper-level class). Why, then, would faculty throw up their

hands and walk away from chapel—especially when they have a captive audience to share their views with? If faculty are serious about being involved in the spiritual formation of their students, there is no more logical place to start than the place where all students gather to hear biblical teaching—chapel.

The second reason is that chapel is the best place to take the spiritual pulse of the community. How can faculty know how to influence students' spirituality if they don't attend chapel services designed with students in mind? Much ado has been made over whether or not the praise and worship chapels meet biblical requirements for orderly worship. How can faculty know unless they go? How can they have anything but distorted ideas unless they make a conscious attempt to see where students are spiritually?

I was especially bothered by an experience last November 23. This was the date for the SGA chapel, where I had an opportunity to speak on worship, a topic which affects the whole Houghton community. Since this was the last chapel before Thanksgiving, many students skipped it. To my greater chagrin, though, even faculty stayed away in droves. Looking out over the audience from the pulpit, I was bothered to see very few faculty members. If there is one chapel that it would be logical for faculty to attend, it is one where the students have ultimate control over what is said! What a unique opportunity for a vantage point into the student's soul! Yet, other tasks were judged more important on that day.

In conclusion, faculty involvement in chapel is, in my mind, indispensable. I have nothing but respect for the faculty here, particularly the religion department. Through the Bible major, I have been intensely stretched and made to sharpen my spirituality. However, I know not everybody gets that chance. It is essential for faculty to increase their involvement in chapel in order to share their spiritual ideas with the student body and to have an accurate idea of what students believe spiritually.

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ered college owned facilities. This will increase opportunity for more Community Living Options (CLO). All college owned housing will be reduced to dorms or townhouses. This is a result of the fact the maintenance of Houses like Waldorf and Hazlett are not cost efficient. Furthermore, next year the current "Brookside" Townhouses will be renamed "Randall" after the generous donation from the family.

Duing Spring Break, renovations of the serving area of the dining hall will begin. The Board has approved the installation of a conveyer belt for tray disposal to be completed next fall. Also, final approval for the new greenhouse was voted on and passed, as was stated in a previous STAR article.

This consent agenda vote also entailed the review of faculty contracts and the search to fill open positions. A literature professor will be hired to replace the position of Professor Greenway after his retirement this spring. Skip Lord will be heading up a search for a new Men's Basketball coach. Rhea Reed will be taking a two-year leave of absence and an interim pofesso will be hied..

A year ago we lost two Physics professors. One was replaced this year with the addition of Dr. Schwert, and Jeff Wolinski was approved to fulfill the other position next year.

Dr. Wolinski joins us from Calvin College. The departure of Henry Biggs leaves a huge position to be filled in the French De-

partment. A search for a replacement will be implemented very soon.

For the 1999-2000 school year the college is giving the dorms and townhouses free access to washers and dryers. In addition, hot water will be installed in East Hall for washing clothes.

It was approved to include the price of laptops with tuition for incoming freshmen next fall. Those who already lease their laptops will receive a credit on their remaining balance. Upon graduation, the computers will be the possession of the students.

The Board further approved free Mayterm. The foreign language students will especially appreciate this benefit. As more and more students are taking trips during May, free Mayterm would mean paying only for the trip and not the credit hours.

Spear informed us of the budget plans discussed at this meeting. The college discusses the budget for the next school year at each meeting held throughout the year. At this recent meeting, a preliminary budget was passed as they now have more concrete numbers of income and estimated expenses the college will use.

In May, a final approval of the budget will be voted upon. The college currently operates within a five-year budget plan to prepare for the future.

The Board unanimously voted to extend President Chamberlain's term into the year 2004. The Board is also planning a Capital Campaign for Endowment to raise nearly \$15 million in scholarships for future students. This campaign will begin in the summer of 1999.

## Play Profile: Cheryl Morgan

Michelle Wingfield

Cheryl Yvonne Morgan of Yorktown Heights, New York debuts on the Houghton stage next week as Calpurnia in "To Kill A Mockingbird." Portraying the caretaker and mother figure of the Finch household, Morgan assumes the role after a long association with Harper Lee's unforgettable tale. "Dad bought the movie and brought it home when I was young. It is one of his favorites," she recalls. "And I loved it."

She later studied the book in high school and is now "glad to take the opportunity to participate in college." Morgan believes the dramatized story is particularly "powerful" as it forces the audience "to take a more active role." By design, the onlookers are cast as the trial jury, heightening the unavoidable racial tension.

Morgan, who entered Houghton in 1995 and spent more than a year in Spain with Youth With a Mission, is a junior. As a writing major with an especially broad-based educational background, she has "always loved doing drama." She has played a variety of roles in church and mission productions. This semester, one of her college goals has been reached as Morgan takes her "first real role."

From the opening lines, Calpurnia's relationship with the infamous Finch children, Scout and Jem, sets the stage for the complex racial issues addressed in the play. "I love working with the kids. These three have such character—which makes it more

chaotic, but more fun too." Reflecting on her role, Morgan says, "Calpurnia is one of the mother figures of the play... which is kind of ironic because she's a black woman taking on this role in a prominent white household."

She sees her character as a "strong figure" whose exemplary non-submissive interaction with the white world is a symbol of individual black pride thriving in a seemingly compliant position. Morgan finds that the most fun—yet challenging—aspect of her role is portraying Calpurnia as a "strict, unrelenting disciplinarian."

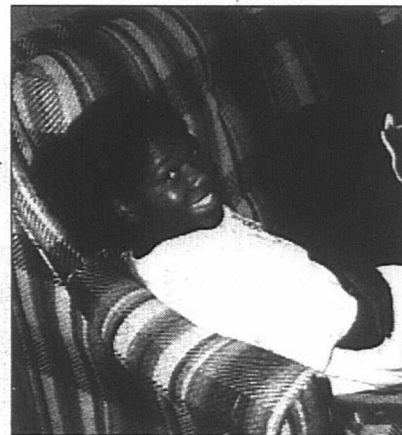


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As the sole African American actress, Morgan takes the message and potential of "To Kill A Mockingbird" to heart. "I hope that everyone who comes to see the play will be aware of the fact that not only did racial prejudice exist in 1935, but it still exists today. We should be careful not to become too comfortable with our view of our own race and our interaction with others." The story's theme even transcends racial issues, to remind the audience and cast of the consequences of stereotyping, judging and favoritism. Cheryl Morgan concludes with the hope that this compelling story will be received as "a warning" and an opportunity for "self-examination."

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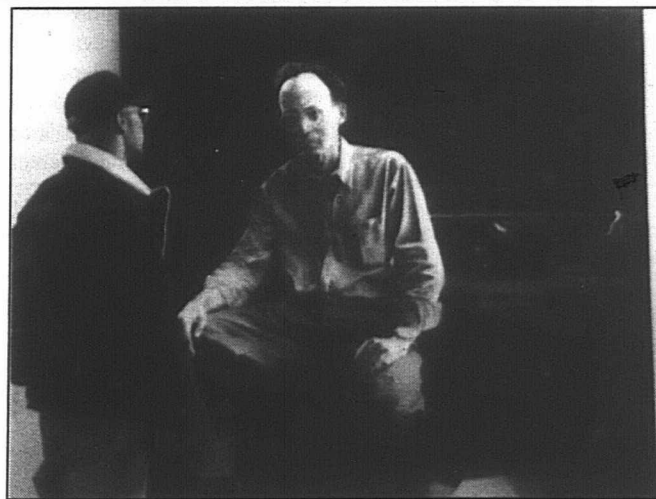


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work "Benoni Ogwal, Abwang: Bishop In Exile" because she wanted to relate the Ugandan bishop's compassion.

Portraiture, however, is not her only mode of expression.

She has recently been a guest professor of painting for a Gordon College overseas program based in Orvieto, Italy, and has included in her exhibit two Orvieto landscapes.

# Is Houghton

## Convenience in Store for Students

David Johnson

"My concern is that we always keep in mind we are here to help students. We need to ask: what is the most efficient?"

Those are President Chamberlain's words. And who's going to argue with them? A college's primary objective should

be to provide the best way for the students. Not cater to them necessarily; just maintain their best interests.

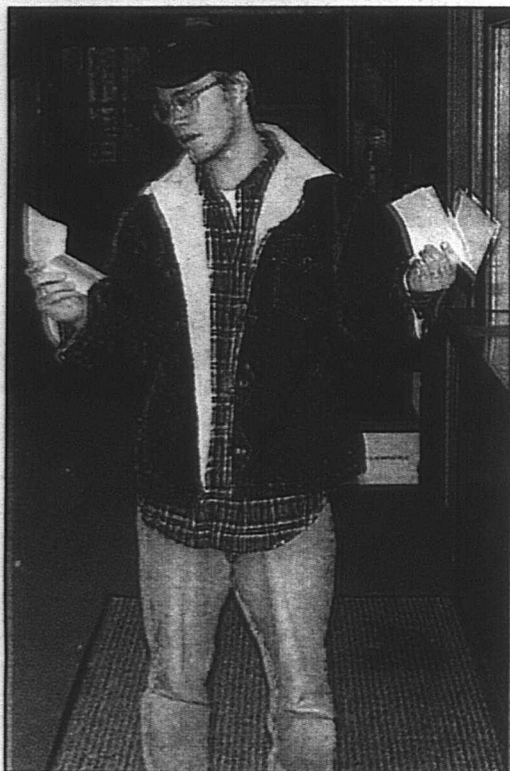


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A hopelessly confused individual

When I was thinking of doing something on the quote unquote convenience of Houghton College, several students, including the writers of the following articles, noted they never think about Houghton as really being inconvenient.. Perhaps this is the general consensus around the stu-

dent body. Perhaps everything is nice and neat and kosher. Perhaps this idea for a thought-provoking features piece is going to sink faster than the Maine.

Yet, for some reason, this topic of student convenience is a hot potato with the higher-ups in the Land of Luckey. Why? Allow me to back-track to the origin of all this discussion. President Chamberlain heard first of the "one-stop" idea (definition following) from a colleague at another school. The one-stop idea would theoretically eliminate all the hustle and bustle and wild-goose chases sometimes characteristic of administrative errands we students perform. Instead of a scramble from the Office of Records to Financial Aid to Student Records and back to the

Office of Records, a more convenient one-stop only destination would be made available.

"Our idea was to have one person able to answer questions involving Financial Aid, course selection, records and accounts," President Chamberlain states. "We want to make available to students friendly, convenient, and easily available information."

The schematic for the one-stop shopping program would in-

volve individuals who aren't specialists in a given area of administration but are cross-trained in all the fields. Benefits would include quick answers to relatively easy questions, sparing a wasted trek to Luckey, or if the question is too specialized, guidance to the holders of the answers, sparing a frantic tour of Luckey's offices.

The question is, would it work? Is it worth the effort to train new workers and shake things up to save our legs a little exercise to Luckey? Why the trouble?

This is exactly what I asked President Chamberlain. Before answering he shared with me a story of his daughter's friend, someone who attended a large school and was bounced around the bureaucratic system. She was in a class, wanted to drop it, talked to her advisor, was given the run-around, and to make a long story short, ended up with part-time student status. "I don't want any of our policies or practices to give the students a feeling we're in a bureaucratic institution," he concluded. "We are a small, intimate college and I want to maximize the advantages."

All this sounds like a good idea—so why is it such a controversial topic these days? "Two reasons," President Chamberlain explains. "People become comfortable with present procedures and territorial with present places." Basically, if it's not broken don't fix it. But if that was the philosophy for everything

where would we be? No new music building? No new track and field?

Another speed-bump in the one-stop plan is location. In order for everything to work, a major move would have to be made, and as everyone knows, space is a rare treasure on Houghton campus. And if the main driving force behind the whole plan is to create convenience for the student, the obvious location would be the Campus Center. "The Campus Center is the ideal location," Matt Webb says, "but there is no room." Another suggested location was a room in the Academic Building. Remember, however, everything is still in the extreme tentative phase.

The ironic thing is the students' responses. The thing they find inconvenient isn't the haul to Luckey, but rather the library's hours—specifically, its closing on Sunday. But the library opening

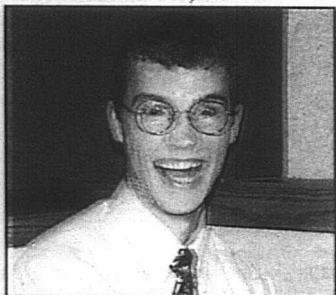
on Sunday isn't going to happen anytime soon. "People working for us would not be willing to work Sundays," George Bennett says. "The faculty and staff would not be pleased having us open."

None of these plans for convenience are old ideas. "We've talked about the general principle for several years," Presi-

dent Chamberlain says. Yet things are still in the developing stage to say the least. And as the college moves forward, continuing to improve all aspects of campus, it is a heartening fact the students remain at the forefront of priority.

**"The library opening on Sunday isn't going to happen anytime soon."**

Question of the Week: "How could Houghton be made more convenient?"



**"A late night hang-out spot with coffee and food."**

--Oliver Gingrich  
(Junior)



**"If certain places on campus, such as the library, art, and music buildings, were open for longer hours."**

--Keely Jones  
(Senior)

photos by David Johnson



# on Convenient?

## Students Question Houghton's Convenience

Denise Dunckle

The two main issues on the minds of Houghton students are the inconveniences of the library and the cafeteria. The main issue concerning the library is the fact that it is closed on Sundays. This upsets many students who spend the day doing schoolwork.

"It does not make sense for the school to close the library on Sundays because all the students study on Sundays," junior Sanjeev Parmar said. "The school opens up other places on Sundays like the

gym and Big Al's; so why should they not open the library?"

Freshman Catherine Oblender said, "It's hard because people usually have Sundays off from everything else, so they want to get their work done on Sunday and it isn't possible to use the library as a study or resource place." Along with the library being closed on Sundays, Freshman Katie Gallup believes, "The library should be open at least to midnight on weekdays."

When it comes to the food service here at Houghton

College, many students feel that the meal times are inconvenient. Sophomore Jennifer Adams says, "I think that the dining hall should have more open hours, for instance, from 7 to 7. That way students would have a place to not only meet with one another during the day, but a cup of tea or a piece of fresh fruit can help a person to relax, not only physically, but mentally as well."

"It's hard on the days that I have a class that ends at 12:40, followed by a 1:15," she continued. "The lines are usually long at that time, and this gives me little time to eat what I want, relax, and socialize with friends. An open dining hall would prevent this

stress."

For freshmen and sophomores who are required to live in dorms the strict meal times are especially inconvenient. For these students, said Catherine Oblender, "It's either go in that hour and a half or don't eat."

Some other areas of concern throughout the student body include not having enough washer and dryers in the dorms and the shutting down of the library during chapel and CLEW services. One student also suggested somehow being able to call and find out ahead of time what food is being served in the cafeteria, so as not to be disappointed after making the trip there.

## An Administrative Decision Luckey's Offices Transplanted?

Lindsay Ackerman

Every Houghton College student is familiar with standing in the long tedious line that snakes up the stairs in the Luckey Building leading to the Records Office at course selection time. This is probably one of the most dreaded days in the year, as it is almost impossible to avoid waiting for seemingly endless periods of time in uncomfortable surroundings. But now, this waiting may become a thing of the past.

A plan to adjust the way the records office, financial aid office, student accounts office, and student payroll offices function is being considered.

At the faculty retreat this past fall President Chamberlain addressed the faculty about a "one-stop-shopping" concept that would better serve students. The new technique would

have the administrative business students regularly deal with located in one place. Hence, "one-

Motor Vehicles has used to cut down on long lines and run around for the customer.

If the "one-stop-shopping" concept is implemented at Houghton, the offices currently located on the second floor of Luckey Building will be moved to

reception area where they will inform a qualified worker of the nature of their business. The worker would then tell them who they needed to speak to or if they needed any forms, etc.

Currently, the administration does not have any specific plan to move the offices from the Luckey building. However, reordering the system is a goal they are working toward in the future. Jeff Spear, vice-president of finance, said, "We need to consider as an institution where this should go." He also discussed how he hopes to hear ideas from the student body about where the offices with a reception area could be located.

The new location should be accessible for the disabled and convenient to the rest of the campus.

It is also imperative there is sufficient space and that it does not disrupt the function of the campus. If you have any ideas about where this plan would work effectively, please contact an SGA representative.



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--Audy Williams  
(Sophomore)

**"Having the library open on Sundays."**



--Tad Sherman  
(Junior)

**"A better parking system for students."**

# Clinic Cures Taxing Job

Ward Mesick

The Houghton College Business Department is cosponsoring, along with the IRS, a tax clinic to help the Houghton College area. Professor Rhea Reed is supervising the program which currently has ten students working at the clinic and three students, Ben Rockcastle, Bonnie Woods, and Kara Neal working as student managers.

The clinic is free and it will be offered Wednesday nights from 6-8 and Saturday mornings from 9-12 and will continue until the night of April 14<sup>th</sup>. There will also be two special clinics for international students to be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Reed says that this year will be good since the deadline falls just after the last clinic, so she's sure that there will be many people coming who have put off taxes to the last minute. All forms necessary are present at the help sessions and those who attend will be able to either have their questions answered, be helped with their taxes, or simply allow the clinic to do all the work on their taxes for them.

The clinic helps the students who file their tax returns in a variety of ways. They receive permission to waive a course which is usually required by the IRS and they also receive a certificate of service from the IRS. Rhea Reed adds, "They get a lot of great experience. The first time they do

someone's taxes they're so nervous, but by the end they just go through even the most difficult of tax returns as if it was easy."

The students have all taken the Federal Income Taxation course. Each student can do the tax clinic for up to three years, each year counting as one credit. Dr.

Reed says that the students all have a good time and most of them return to help with the clinic a sec-

ond time.

Only a few years ago, in 1993, the clinic was just starting and a handful of students took part in it. However, since then it has grown substantially and the clinic expects to service over 100 tax returns this year, including people from Houghton and several other towns in the area. Rhea Reed invites everyone to come to the clinic and let them take the stress out of your taxes this year.

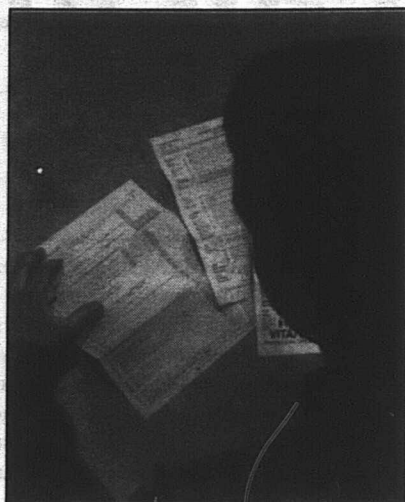


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## Houghton Ranks High in Number of Alumni PhDs

Houghton College ranks 81st of 506 four-year national liberal arts colleges in a study of graduates who completed Ph.D. degrees from 1986 to 1995.

According to the 1998 report, "Baccalaureate Origins of Doctoral Recipients," prepared by Franklin & Marshall College in cooperation with the Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium (HEDS), Houghton alumni earned 125 doctoral degrees between 1986 and 1995.

Houghton ranked 10th of 36 New York state liberal arts schools in total number of alumni to receive doctorates since 1986.

"Houghton College strives for academic excellence," said Houghton president Dr. Daniel Chamberlain. "I think this study is objective evidence that at Houghton you can obtain the knowledge needed to do well in graduate school."

Each institution was also ranked according to 18 disciplines. Of note, Houghton ranked 37th in mathematics (5 degrees earned),

51st in anthropology and sociology (4), and 60th in chemistry (14). In all, Houghton ranked among the top 150 in each of the 17 disciplines in which its alumni earned doctorate degrees.

The study also ranked doctoral recipients between 1920 and 1995, and Houghton finished 94th with 464 alums receiving doctorate degrees. According to the 1920-1995 survey, Houghton finished among the top 150 in 16 of the disciplines. Of note, Houghton ranked 45th in computer science degrees (3), 70th in mathematics (15), and 62nd in education (125).

Houghton was included with institutions that are primarily undergraduate colleges with major emphases on baccalaureate degree programs and that award 40 percent or more of their baccalaureate degrees in liberal arts fields.

The study did not take into account the large number of graduates who receive medical, law, and other non-professional, non-doctoral degrees. Also, the findings were not normalized on the basis of institutional size.

## The World Out There

Jay Jennings

*Note—People have been approaching us, saying they would like to see more world news (actually, any) in the Star. At first we were reluctant, figuring plenty of other papers deal with world news and we're the only publication that tackles the hard-hitting stories of Houghton (you know, like the renovation of the ladies' restroom). Mr. Jennings came up with the idea of brief little bites of weekly news with the sources listed for further reading. We dug it and hopefully you will, too. If not, we'll be happy to fill the space with more stories of The Happy Little Bell.*

**Congress Y2K Report**—U.S. Government and industries may not be prepared. Hospital, local, state and even national government computer systems may suffer major complications. (USA Today 3/3 1A)

**J.W. King Trial**—White supremacist convicted of dragging James Byrd Jr. to his death was sentenced to die by lethal injection in Texas. (Time 3/8 pg. 28)

**Albright visits China**—Secretary of State condemns China's recent crackdown on pro-democracy activists, tensions rise over the Taiwan issue. (USA Today 3/2 12A)

**U.S. and NATO continue Peace Negotiations in Kosovo** (Newsweek 3/8 pg. 26)

**Tourists Killed in Uganda**—Two Americans (both executives at Intel) and 6 others were killed after being taken hostage by Rwandan Hutu rebels. (www.webcrawler.com)

### Sports

**Iverson named player of the month in Feb.**—Averaging 29 points per game, he led the Sixers on a 6 game streak to a 10-5 record. (USA Today 3/3)

**NCAA Tournament**—Basketball tournament starts this Thursday,

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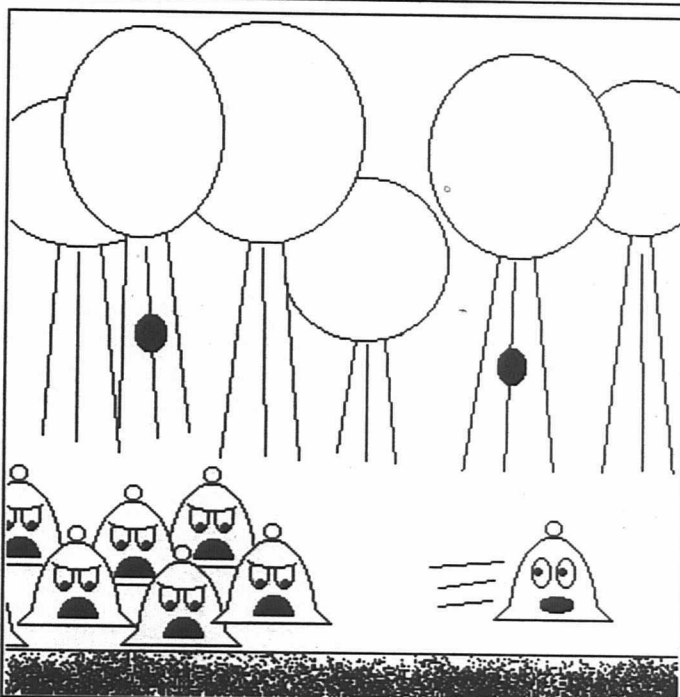


# LIGHTER SIDE

## The Happy Little Bell Versus the Evil Little Bell Clones

One day in a whimsical land of magical whimsy that was a) magical, b) whimsical and c) a land the happy little bell was enjoying the magical whimsy of the magical whimsy land when suddenly an evil bitter robot hedgehog who was bitter over the facts a) he was evil, b) a robot and c) a hedgehog, decided he wanted to go against the prevailing theme of magical whimsy that the whimsical land of magical whimsy was characteristic of and kill the happy little bell.

The happy little bell was sipping a Pina Colada in the cheerful forest of delightful foliage when suddenly he heard a scary, scary sound that was a) scary and b) a sound, the characteristics often exhibited by scary sounds that are scary. The happy little bell looked toward the cheerful forest of delightful foliage and saw something that made him say: "What might that be emerging from the cheerful forest of delightful foliage...perhaps the source of that scary sound that I heard that was



artwork by Michael Tindall

scary and sounded scary, and by those properties (the fact it was scary and a sound) I deduced it was a scary sound?"

Lo and behold hundreds

guitar riffs and funky codas. "Large and In Charge," "The Blue Canoe," and "Wow, My Pants Are on Fire" are moving, beautiful waltzes characterized by their strong, enchanting C-clef pianissimos and perpetually refraining allegros.

One thing The Goatpeople have been criticized in the past for is their sub-par lyrics. But critics have nothing but praise for the powerful words on this album. For example, the refrain of "The Twilight of the Daf-fodils":

*I've never  
felt so much love  
from my head to  
my toe/ Baby, my  
name is Joe*

The tail  
end of the album is

by far The Goatpeople's most daring work, with tracks "That Kid Just Ate My Wallet," "The Heavy Chevy," "Da' Fo' Mac Jiggy Wack Wack (the remix)," and "Dance of the Gaylord."

The Goatpeople have created an intense album with "My Shoes Are Nice." It is full of energy, wit, pizzazz, gusto, zest, power, and not to mention fun. It is The Goatpeople's music that will carry us into the next century...and beyond.



(not counting the work they did on the soundtrack to *Psychotic Crazy People Doing Bad Things*). The Goatpeople's sophomore effort differs from their first album in many ways. First off it's in English (as you recall all the songs on "Purple Pudding" were done in Yiddish). Secondly, The Goatpeople have done some major experimentation with their style.

The first track, "The Ape That Stole My Heart," is a beautiful love ballad with sweeping violin crescendos and haunting treble G-clefs. Their hit single "Wicked Wicked Squirrel" has conquered the Billboard with its razor-sharp

clones were almost upon him, the happy little bell remembered the advice his happy little grandfather bell once gave him so many years ago:

My happy little grandson bell, always remember this advice I'm going to give you just in case some time in the future you are being pursued by evil little bell clones...

The happy little bell thanked his happy little grandfather bell who was now in happy little grandfather bell heaven and spun around and mowed down all the evil little bell clones with an uzi.

Suddenly the evil bitter robot hedgehog emerged from the forest with a scimitar. "Well, well, well happy little bell, looks like you defeated my evil little bell clones who were trying to kill you for the following reasons: a) they were evil, b) they were clones, and c) I told them to."

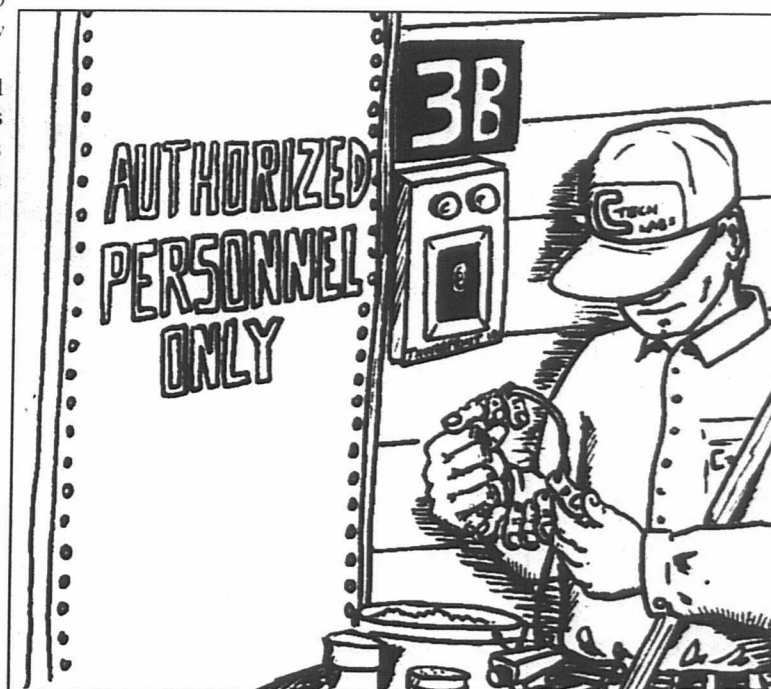
The happy little bell fired his uzi but the happy little bullets bounced off the evil bitter robot hedgehog's metal robot skin. "How did you clone so many evil little bell clones?" the happy little bell asked.

"Easy," the evil bitter robot hedgehog said. "While you were sleeping last night I snuck in and took a blood sample from you which I brought to my evil lair and after hours and hours of working the cloning machine I made all those evil little bell clones which you just disposed of with your semi-automatic weapon. By the way how can a bell fire an uzi?"

But while the evil bitter robot hedgehog was talking the happy little bell ran away.

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# SPORTS

## Houghton Sports Week in Review

### Winter Sports Score Box

#### Men's Basketball (5-22)

##### Season Over

#### Women's Basketball (24-5)

##### Season Over

#### Intramural Sports as of 2/23

#### Men's Indoor Soccer

Amos	4-6
Acid Reflex	8-2
Dagoretti Speedsters	4-6
The "Fresh" Men	3-7
FC Cervantes	7-3
Mac's Rack	1-9
Pork Rinds	4-5
Quiet Riot	8-1
Red Thunder	5-4
Sound Dachsund	0-9
Venetian Streaker	9-1

#### Men's Basketball

A.C. and the Southside Bunch	5-4
All About the Ladies	1-9
California Dreams	3-7
Chicks Hate Us	5-5
Dream Team	7-3
Dogpile: The New Squad	2-6
Fury	1-7
Mo and the Pips	7-1
Serving His Excellent Name	5-4
That Team	6-3
VW Crew	8-1

#### Women's Indoor Soccer

Bakudan	6-5
Black Knights	9-1
Collision Position	6-4
Dawn Treaders	3-8
Funky Rainbow Butterflies	1-9
Hat Trick Honey's	7-3
BOB	3-7
Irma's Rump Rangers	4-6
Nabbers	7-3
Party 2 Go	9-1
Slap-In-The-Face	6-4
Women	0-10

#### Women's Basketball

Better With Our Feet	7-0
Chai Shakers	7-2
The Chosen	7-1
The Dendrites	2-7
Dribblers	2-6
Junpin' Juniors	4-5
Lam Loggers	2-7
The Mighty Mighty Puffins	7-2
The Mighty Moshika's	4-4
Tough Love	0-8

## NAIA Announces Brackets for 8th Annual Division II Women's Basketball Tournament

### Lady Highlanders Open with Spring Arbor College

Houghton College opens the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball National Tournament against No. 7 seed Spring Arbor (Mich.) College on Wednesday, March 10 at 10:15 a.m.

Houghton is one of 16 unseeded teams in the 32-team tournament held in Sioux City, Iowa, March 10-16.

Spring Arbor (28-4), champion of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, finished ninth in the final NAIA poll.

"I'm disappointed that we weren't seeded higher, but that comes down to not being ranked in the top 25 at the end of the season," said head coach Skip Lord. "I think our draw against Spring

Arbor is a good one. They may be seeded higher, but our power

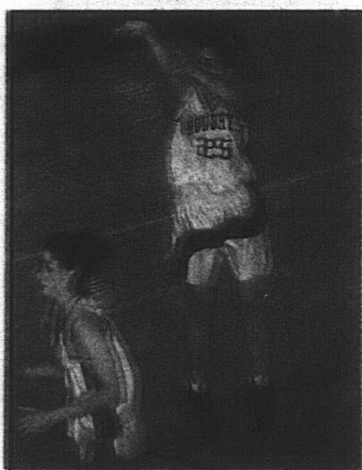


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rankings are very similar. I'm eager to see how we match up."

Other games in Houghton's bracket include Holy Names (Calif.) (23-7) vs. No. 10 Mary (N.D.) (24-5); No. 15 Northwestern (Iowa) (22-7) vs. Benedictine (Kan.) (26-6); and Castleton State (Vt.) (17-10) vs. No. 2 Shawnee State (Ohio) (26-2).

Houghton (24-5), winners of the Northeast Atlantic Conference championship, are on a 16-game winning streak heading into the national tournament.

Complete brackets and tournament coverage can be found at

## Highlanders Thinking with More Than Their Feet

### Soccer Players Recognized for Academics

The women's soccer team at Houghton College has been given a NSCAA/Adidas Team Academic Award for maintaining a team grade point average of 3.05 during the 1997-98 academic year.

Houghton was one of just 16 NAIA schools honored. It's the second-straight year the team has received the award.

"The team work ethic is very strong, not just on the field

but in the classroom as well," said head coach David Lewis. "It's definitely a team priority that they maintain their grades."

Only athletes who appear on a varsity roster during the soccer season are eligible in calculating the grade point average. All soccer players on the roster must be included in the calculation.

One of the players also received an individual award for

her work in the classroom. Andrea Potteiger, a junior from Mechanicsburg, Pa., was named to the NSCAA 1998 Women's Scholar Athlete East Regional Third Team.

Just 33 athletes — representing all levels for play from NCAA Division I to NAIA — were named to the three east regional teams.

Potteiger, a recreation and psychology major, maintained a 3.51 GPA during the 1998 fall semester. She was also named an NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete and second-team NAIA All-America following the season.

## Houghton Track Goes for the Gold

Question: If there was one Houghton sport out there that hardly anyone watches or hears about, what would it be?

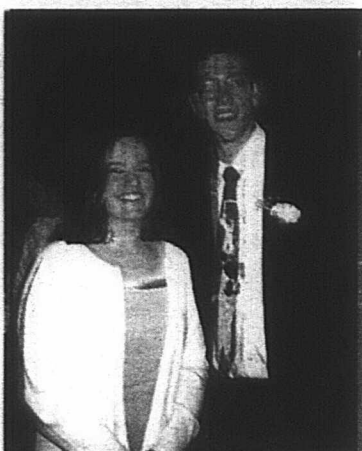
Answer: Track.

Unfortunately those who don't watch it aren't to blame as our indoor facilities are unable to host meets. But in a little while no one will have an excuse to miss the Houghton outdoor track team, under the coaching of Bob Smalley, run their hearts out on Houghton's new track.

The winter track season ended January 13. Pat Weaver and Tenneil Tower made the trip to Lincoln, Nebraska to compete in nationals.

Tenneil finished 12<sup>th</sup> out of 18 girls. During the season, the track team practiced two hours a day, five days a week, preparing for weekend meets. The events the

track team ran (for those who, like me, are track-lingo impaired) were the 60m dash, 60m hurdles, high



Track star Tammi Krikoian in a candid moment with long-time friend and mentor Dave Johnson

jump, long jump, triple jump, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, and 3000m.

Houghton attended meets at such schools as Roberts Wesleyan, Toronto University (where they ran 300m and 500m), York University, and Cornell University.

As the winter track season closes, the spring season begins. The first meet Houghton has is at Indiana Wesleyan, March 20.

The meet is an all relay meet, where the Highlanders will be running as fast as they can.

Outdoor track has many of the same events as indoor including some extra, special ones: the javelin and hammer throw, the discus, the 100m, 1600m, 3000m, 5000m, and the 10,000m.

Of course the big news is of Houghton's first ever home meets taking place on the brand new track. "It's a really good surface to run on," superstar runner Lynda Jones says. "I'm really looking forward to home meets."