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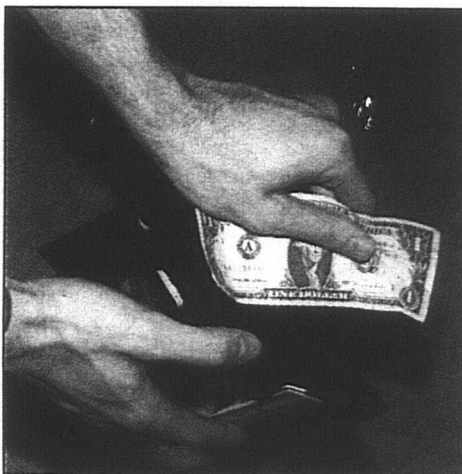
Houghton Hikes Tuition

Jason Poole

Many students have been wondering about the tuition change for next year. At first glance, it seems pretty significant- raw figures show an increase of about \$2246 for next year's seniors.

Suppose you're a senior next year, and you don't have a laptop. Instead of itemizing all of the extra required fees per semester, such as the activity fee, accident insurance, health center fee, etc., Houghton will be adding them to the flat tuition fee. This simplifies the billing procedure and makes those fees "more clearly [financial] aidable."

These fees, that you're already paying, alone account for just under \$500 of the increase. In addition to this, Houghton will be crediting you \$850 for the laptop lease that next year's freshmen will pay, plus \$250 for laptop support. That's another \$1100 you won't have to pay. So after whittling that fat sum down, you're left with a mere \$684 more. You are, however, getting more for your money. \$234 of that \$684 goes towards a "free" Mayterm, a savings of \$606 from



the current cost. The reason for adding a free Mayterm, according to Jeff Spear, Commissioner of Finance, is so that students may be able to maximize on their allotted 36 credits per year.

In the past, students would end up hav-
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Dr. Zheng Departs

*Houghton Geneticist Heads
for Washington*

Lindsay Ackerman

Dr. Ming Zheng of the biology department has announced his plans to leave Houghton and take a job in the state of Washington as a biogeneticist for Northwest Plant Breeding Company. Zheng said that his decision to transfer was difficult and made only after much prayer and contemplation. He discussed two major reasons for the move.

One issue leading to Zheng's decision is primarily spiritual. Dr. Zheng and his wife, Jia Weng, were involved in founding a church for Chinese people in Washington. They feel led to return to the church and serve the people there. Dr. Zheng feels that at this time the best place for him to minister is at the Chinese church.

Another important factor was the employment opportunity offered by Northwest Plant Breeding Company. Since 1994, Dr. Zheng had been working as a research consultant for the company. Last year he was offered a position but he declined. When he was offered the position for the second time, Zheng decided to accept. He will be working as a research geneticist and the director of research and development.

Dr. Zheng said he will miss the camaraderie of the Houghton Community. He described Houghton saying, "It is a very, very, nice place to serve, but the Lord is pointing in different directions at this time." Zheng hopes to keep ties with Houghton and remain involved with the college. Dr. Zheng also spoke highly of the student body saying, "You guys are the most wonderful group of students." He leaves one piece of advice to Houghton students. "Follow what the Lord is telling you. Try to use your talents for his glory."

Faculty Searches Draw to a Close

Emily Beach

The search for a candidate for the position of Academic Vice President and Dean of the College, formerly held by James Mannoia, is drawing to a close. President Chamberlain says, however, that the search is still in the confidential stage. A committee responsible for narrowing the search to three candidates has been hard at work: "I'm tempted to say they have worked hundreds of hours," said Chamberlain. All three candidates chosen by the committee will be brought to campus, and President Chamberlain will then recommend one person to the Board of Trustees, which will meet around the 14th or 15th of May to make a final decision.

The search for a new member of the foreign language faculty, on the other hand, is over. Henry Biggs, Chair of the Depart-

ment of Foreign Languages, sounds enthusiastic about the department's newest member, Ettien N'da Koffi. "As a person, he's extraordinary," said Biggs. Koffi currently holds two positions, one as adjunct professor of linguistics at Crown College, and one as visiting assistant professor of linguistics in French and Spanish at Bethel College in Minnesota. Biggs was also impressed by Koffi's intimate knowledge of the Bible.

From 1992-98 Koffi worked as a linguistic and translation consultant for the United Bible Societies and used to teach New Testament Greek. Koffi, hired to teach French classes, was born in the country of Côte d'Ivoire and was educated entirely in French since he was a child. Biggs said the president and dean of Bethel College spoke volumes of praise about Koffi and are sorely disappointed to see him go.

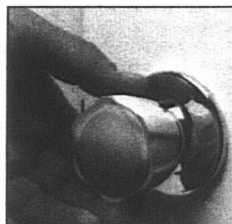
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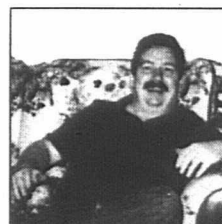
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EDITORIAL

Letter from the Editor

David Johnson

Well, that's all folks. Exactly twenty-five issues from August 30, 1998, when I sat down to write my first letter from the editor, I sit here writing my last. Man, what a depressing word—"last."



Pretty soon, everything I'll do here will be my last...that is, in the world of Houghton. I just wrapped up my last full week of college three days ago, and when this is distributed on Wednesday, I will have finished my very last college class. There will be a last mail-check, a last supper, a last walk across the quad to Luckey...wait, I'm getting all choked up here. (Dave clears his throat)

All right, better. So, Houghton, this is my farewell. Not that mine is any more important than any of my classmates'. It's just I have access to the campus publication and get to force my opinion on you, like it or not.

Hey, four years ago, I was sitting on my bed in Shen, the heck intimidated out of me by my surroundings, and the sneaky feelings of—what, homesickness?—creeping in on me. Talk about

small fish in a big pond. I felt like a minnow in the Pacific.

Perhaps those feelings were self-inflicted. I kept to myself and lusted for home. And—funny, life, huh?—I'll soon be catapulted into the non-Houghton world and one night, while I'm cracking open another can of Spaghetti's and resting the dogs from another day of real work, I may just realize I'd trade the keys to my car for a week back at college.

Man, I've changed. My Houghton life has been characterized by speed-bumps, potholes, smooth riding, rough riding...well, I ran out of cute car analogies. Let me just say it had its ups and downs—but those ups were a lot more pronounced than the downs. I just thank God for the events and people and challenges He put in my life to bring me to the point I am at right now—a point where, through His grace, I can say is the highest peak I've ascended.

And I'm speechless at the view.

There's my life—my twenty-one, soon to be twenty-two, years spread out like a panorama. I pop a quarter into one of those viewfinders and scan:

See that lush pasture? That was elementary school. Fresh and green and growing, with my parents cultivating and my Lord protecting. That dark, menacing forest? My junior high school years. It wasn't hard for me to get lost or scared there. It seemed like that forest would never end—but the light fighting through the dark canopy of dead wood...yeah, that's God all right. And He takes my

hand and brings me out to that other grove of trees, filled with bright red and orange leaves—high school. The years, I changed, physically and emotionally. Toughness settled in and a new, foreign feeling—confidence. I was beginning to flourish again. Yet, no, not darkness again. What happened to the brilliant colors of those leaves? I could have stayed at home, attended the community college with my high school friends, but here I am, sitting alone in an alien environment, friendless and visionless. My college years? No, not possible. These years are supposed to be the best of my life. But darkness once again settles in, and the leaves fall. A chill runs through the air...yet a friend made here and there casts rays of light on the forest floor. The forest spreads from darkness to light, and the leaves on the tree grow. Fear and inhibitions remain on the ground. And the leaves grow some more until the trees are the fullest and most lush in sight. That's where the view ends. Nothing more can be seen with my human eye.

God has blessed me in every sense of the word "bless." No matter how often I thank Him it is not enough.

The Star has had such an incredibly positive impact on me sometimes I feel undeserving of the credit. But, wait—I am. How easy it is to be lulled into the acceptance of praise. Lately, I've felt myself slip into zombie mode when it comes to accolades: "Thank you. I appreciate the compliment." I've become a roll of super-absorbent Bounty towels; just soaking up the praise and recognition. Well, who wants to be around a grungy ball

of soaking wet paper towels anyway.

Erich Asperschlager is the often unheralded part of the staff. Without him, a) really unfunny (well, even, more-so) drivel would be published in the Lighter Side, but thanks to his humor-sensitive critical knack, slightly amusing tripe makes the cut, b) the long production nights would be considerably unbearable, and, most importantly, c) his layout expertise—and I stress *expertise*—would be sorely missed, as I would be reduced to distributing the week's stories on loose-leaf. Any compliment addressed to me, nine times out of ten, should be redirected to him.

And nothing would be possible without the Brennemens, Bruce and Kathie. In my humble opinion, they should be nominated for sainthood. Kathie seems to be linked intravenously directly to the veins of Houghton, providing me with ample amounts of story ideas, and Bruce's patience and guidance have been darn close to immeasurable. Without these people The Star would consist of my personal memoirs and incoherent stories of Happy Bells. Thank you.

And here I stand on the threshold of becoming, again, a very small fish in a very large body of water. Yet though it seems I stand on the very pinnacle of my life thus far, I know in my heart with God at the helm, the sky's the limit.

So I embrace my future, and as I strain my eyes looking toward the horizon of my life before me I pray the forms in the distance are strong, ripe trees, bearing nothing but fruit for my Lord.

Thank you, Houghton. It's been a blessing.

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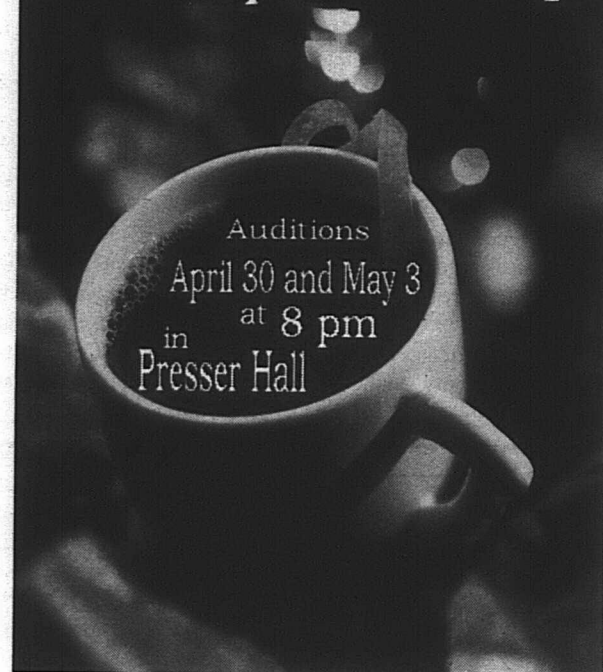
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Senior Spot is Coming



Commencement '99: The Nitty Gritty

Melanie Hess

Saturday, May 8 marks the beginning of commencement weekend—1999 version. Saturday May 8-Monday May 10 are days that will be filled with activities and church services that celebrate the end of an era for the class of '99. Saturday's events include the P.A.C.E. commencement, the senior class gift unveiling, the College Choir's Parents' Concert, and the Senior Class "SPOT." Sunday, May 9 the Baccalaureate service begins at 10:30 AM. Baccalaure-

ate includes a performance by the Houghton College Choir. The speaker for this year's baccalaureate is Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, president of RAF ministries and a graduate of Nyack College and Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Farmer has ministered on many continents, including countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, and North America. He now lives in Texas, where he serves as Minister of Worship and the Arts at the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Arlington. His address is titled "Redemptive Reduction."

Monday, May 10 is graduation day. The Commencement service begins at 10 AM. This service includes several special music performances by current Houghton students, as well as the presentation of the class gift and the awarding of two honorary degrees, one to Dr. Farmer and one to Dr. Nancy Nason-Clark, who is this year's Commencement speaker. Nason-Clark is a graduate of Houghton, as well as a graduate of the University of Waterloo and the London School of Economics. She is currently a professor of sociology

at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. She is also the founder and coordinator of the Religion and Violence Research Team, and she has received over \$800,000 in grants for research related to violence against women. She has won many awards and holds many prestigious positions, including the presidency of the Association for the Sociology of Religion and membership on the General Board of Administration of the Wesleyan Church. Her commencement address is titled "Scholarship and Social Activism: The Evangelical Challenge for the 21st Century."

Awards From Our Sponsor

Gifts Bestowed Upon Houghton's Elite

Maria Behms

The Presidential Commendation Award. The Christian Service Award. The Faculty Award. These are just a few of the many honors that were presented during last Wednesday's Chapel service. In the final official act of the 1998-1999 Student Government Association, this year's cabinet fulfilled its last annual tradition at Houghton College: publicly recognizing fourteen specifically outstanding individuals. How were these recipients chosen? After digging through old records, the SGA Cabinet was able to utilize traditional methods, in addition to holding a student nominations survey, which was led by SGA Chaplain Michael Jordan. The combination of these Excellence awards with SGA President Seth Taylor's Commendation awards comprised last Wednesday's SGA Excellence Awards.

Two of the recipients of the Presidential Commendation Award were Laurie Newell and Rhonda Tilton, Luckey Building's much-loved Business Office ladies. Commenting in astonishment on her award, an engraved wooden and brass plaque which is proudly

displayed on her desk, "Rhonda" exclaimed, "I just feel so honored because I just love the students at Houghton College... stop in anytime, please! I just know this is where I'm supposed to be! I wouldn't be anywhere else! I'll be here until I retire!"

The annual Houghton College Faculty Recognition Banquet was also held last Thursday evening in the Campus Center Dining Hall. The purpose of this formal event, which is meticulously planned by the Public Relations Office, is to honor faculty members for significant years of service to the college. Tim Fuller acted as master of ceremonies, live symphonic and vocal music was provided, and citations were given in tribute of this year's retirees.

Each faculty recipient was rewarded with a specific gift: for 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, and 40 years of service, the individual is allowed to choose a desired gift from a specific catalog. It is tradition to present an engraved gold watch to individuals who have devoted 25 years of service to Houghton, and this year, Bruce Brown and Robert Galloway received their landmark gold watches. And this year's retirees, William Greenway,

Lana Raye James, and Eileen Spear, were presented with a beautifully crafted Boston Rocker, on which their respective names and number of years of service will be engraved underneath a picture of the bell tower.

Congratulations to all the many recipients of the SGA Excellence and Faculty Recognition Awards!

SGA Excellence Recipients: Erin Bennett, Rob Boardman, Jeff Holcomb, Edward Keesler, Tim Fuller, Dr. Henry Biggs, Rene, Rob Jacobsen, Lenny Luchetti, Laurie Newell, Rhonda Tilton, Catherine Taber, Christine Reese, Gordon Keesler

Faculty Recognition Awards:
10 Years: Barbara Bates, Kenneth Bates, B. David Benedict, John Durbin, Marcia Eustace, Dolores Gadevsky, Reda Rozendal, James Wardwell

15 Years: Valerie Smith, James Zoller, J. Michael Walters

20 Years: Kathleen Brenneman, David Frasier, Claity Massey, John Tyson

25 Years: Bruce Brown, Robert Galloway

30 Years: Larry Christensen, David Howard, Carl Schultz

35 Years: Dean Liddick

40 Years: Harold McNeil Retirees: William Greenway, Lana Raye James, Eileen Spear

Maintenance Hits the Pipe

A Brief Note on the Week's Drainage Problem

Rebecca JangDhari

If you were either devastated by the lack of banana bread on Tuesday morning because Big Al's was closed, surprised at the return to plastic in the cafeteria, forced to run to the NAB to use the bathroom, or just confused by the huge bulldozer in front of the Campus Center, there is a simple explanation for all of these seemingly unrelated occurrences: a pipe broke.

Last week Friday, and Monday and Tuesday of this week, a backup of various pipes and systems occurred in the Campus Center. When maintenance was called in to investigate, they realized that the source of the problem was actually quite simple. The main drain had collapsed. The pipe was made out of cast iron, and because of its age the sides and the bottom corroded and then collapsed. A new drain has now been installed. This time the pipe is made of plastic, to prevent such havoc from occurring again. Your patience was appreciated.

Houghton Recognized as One of the Most Wired Colleges

Houghton College's continued commitment to providing its students and faculty with unparalleled access to computer technology was recognized recently as Houghton was listed as one of America's 200 Most Wired Colleges 1999.

According to the listing compiled by Yahoo! Internet Life magazine, Houghton ranks 126 of 571 surveyed four-year institutions. Schools were rated by the services and information provided online. Houghton scored particularly well in hardware availability, ranking well ahead of the four other west-

ern New York college's that made the list. Ninety-eight percent of campus computers are available 24 hours a day, 100 percent of dorm rooms are wired, 90 percent of the college's public computers have been purchased in the last two years, and 62 computers are available per 100 students. The survey noted that all Houghton students automatically receive a free e mail account and unlimited access to surfing the Net. They can even create their own web pages on the college's server.

Houghton president Dr. Daniel Chamberlain commented: "The parent of a new Houghton student recently said to me, 'My son chose Houghton because of its state-of-the-art computer connections and facilities.' That comment captures our

twin reasons for becoming a leader in instructional technology. It helps us to attract excellent forward-looking students and it enables us to serve them effectively once they enroll."

Through its Educational Technology Initiative, Houghton seeks to provide faculty and students with unlimited access to educational technology and computer resources. Three years ago

Houghton became one of the first institutions in the country to require laptop computers for all incoming students. By this fall 75 percent of the student body will have purchased their own laptop.

Yahoo! Internet Life collaborated with Peterson's, a college guidebook publisher, to produce the Most Wired list, now in its third year.

Institutions included in the survey included colleges and universities identified as being highly selective (as profiled by Peterson's), state universities with student populations greater than fifteen thousand, and institutions represented in last year's Top 100 list.

Houghton's Greatest Se

Where Do Our Dollars Go?

Stephen Maxon

Twice a year, the thoughts of students turn from the social and academic aspects of college to something more quantitative—their bills. The bottom lines are often different, but the same question is on everyone's mind: how does the college spend our tuition dollars?

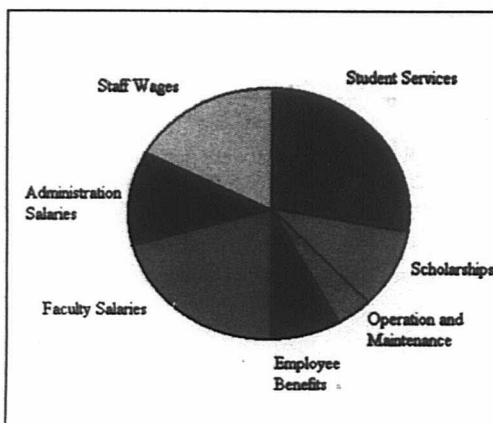
I spoke with Dale Wright, head of Human Resources, and he made it clear that the college does not allocate tuition money in any special way. "Tuition dollars are combined with our endowment income and other fees, and they're all grouped together," he said.

Tuition is not allocated separately, but all the college's income, from many different sources, is treated the same. That pool of money becomes the college's budget.

Mr. Wright and David Mercer, college controller, provided me

with the college's income and expense figures for 1997-1998. That year, the school's budget was \$20.7 million dollars; tuition accounted for \$16.7 million of the total, or approximately 81%. The rest of the income came from private gifts (1.8 million), federal grants (0.6 million), and investments (0.5 million).

About half of the college's expenditures—or \$10.1 million—was devoted to salaries and wages. 45% of this amount paid faculty salaries, 20% paid administration salaries, and the rest paid the salaries of



staff and other workers. Other major expenses for the college include employee benefits (2.5 million), operation and maintenance (1.8 million), and Houghton College scholarships, which account for nearly 27% of tuition—4.6 million dollars.

The top areas of expenditure are instruction, auxiliary enterprises, like the dorms, food service, and the campus store, institutional support, which includes the administration, and student services, such as the Financial Aid Office and Technology Services. So where does our money go? It goes to pay the salaries of the people who teach us, feed us, and keep the college running; it goes to provide aid and scholarships to deserving students; and it goes to operate and maintain the college as a whole.

The Houghton Block Party

Secrets of the Firewall?

David Johnson

Rarely has a topic evoked such reaction as the installation of the firewall. Yes, the infamous Novell Border Manager, oppressive tyrant to some, loving, watchful guardian to others. How many of us have come into contact with those "Permission Denied" and "Lost Connection to Origin Server" signs? And, does the firewall do its job? (Not that I've been doing extensive research in the field). Indeed, the Border Manager holds many secrets, and we will try to unlock those here.

First, the facts. The border manager cost the college \$25,000. The package includes the firewall and a proxy-server. Novell Border Manager was chosen because of the college's existing link with the Novell company. In fact, the

college is tentatively thinking of switching border managers.

The firewall was installed on direct orders from the Board of Trustees, "To basically block adult sites," says Jason Stieglmeyer. Its main function is to block all sites including full nudity and sexual acts. At its birth, the firewall also blocked partial nudity. Yet an outcry of people frustrated from not being able to access art sites and such altered the firewall's parameters.

The firewall is run by Cybertracker, which catalogs an extensive list of offensive sites, updated frequently, and bars them to wandering keyboards. Yet can the Cybertracker keep up? "The Internet is growing in leaps and bounds," Stieglmeyer says. So is it worth the money to invest in a firewall that is not exhaustive? But

the firewall does more than block adult sites. It literally secludes and secures our network from outsiders. In order to access our network, a person must log on. Of course, all this is a moot point. The Trustees stand firm on the firewall.

The proxy-server's main function is the storage of the college's Internet access. It literally catalogs and records every single website visited by every single member of the Houghton network. The cache is cleaned out occasionally when memory runs low. This way, the websites are accessed quicker, as the proxy-server connects to the sites through itself, instead of going out to the Web and connecting again. The end result is a swifter connection time.

We're talking about some major memory. To compare, a Compaq laptop's hard drive contains 2 gigabytes of memory, where the server employs 18 gigabytes. And the H drives of our

network contain 80 gigabytes of memory.

So how about those Novell alerts that pop up on our screen from time to time? "Permission Denied" simply means the particular website is blocked; entrance is forbidden. Sometimes, however, sites are blocked that contain zero offensive material, for example, the Altavista search engine. Technology services is currently contacting Novell to repair the problem.

"Lost Connection to Origin Server" means the website is either down or simply does not exist. Usually, Stieglmeyer says, the problem is not ours, but the destination's. A trip to the Help Desk is recommended for die-hard web surfers who can't understand why a connection can not be established.

So remember Houghton—big brother is watching.

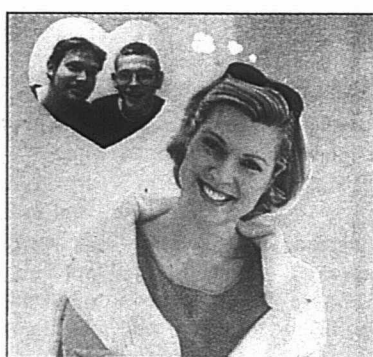
Perhaps that was too much.

Question of the Week: "Why do you like Dave Johnson and Erich Asperschlager so darn much?"



--Nicole McAlexander

"Because I get lost in the intoxicating, hypnotic embrace of their eyes."



--Cyndi von Kleist

"They exude a winsome charm I find irresistible."

photos by David Johnson

Secrets Finally Revealed

Houghtanic!

Is South Hall Sinking Into the Creek?

Tammi Kikorian and Dionne Miller

Myths! Myths! Myths! We sit here at the computer, a little tense this week, as we know that we are embarking on mysterious territory. Everyone is aware of the myth hovering around campus concerning the engulfing of South Hall Dormitory into the Houghton Creek. Often, we have heard many heated debates in regards to the subject. Residents wonder if they will wake up in Caneadea, soaring down the swelling rapids. Will it sink? Should the residents be nervous? Will we soon have our own "Houghtanic?" Or is this simply another one of those Houghton myths, like the popular myth held by freshmen,

that all juniors get their CLO's?

Well, we wanted answers so we went straight to the top--to two of the most learned men on campus. We found both of them more than willing to share on the subject of the sinking of South Hall. Our first scholar, a professor of biology and geology, was Dr. T. Cianci. The other, the highly educated scholar servant, and most importantly, the RDA of South Hall, Mark Lee Vanderhaar LXI.

Dr. Cianci quickly squelched the "myth" of the submerging of South with a laugh. He told us that South Hall was indeed sinking. Does this mean that we should evacuate it ASAP or invest in some life jackets? No. Rather he said that it is not something residents will ever have to worry

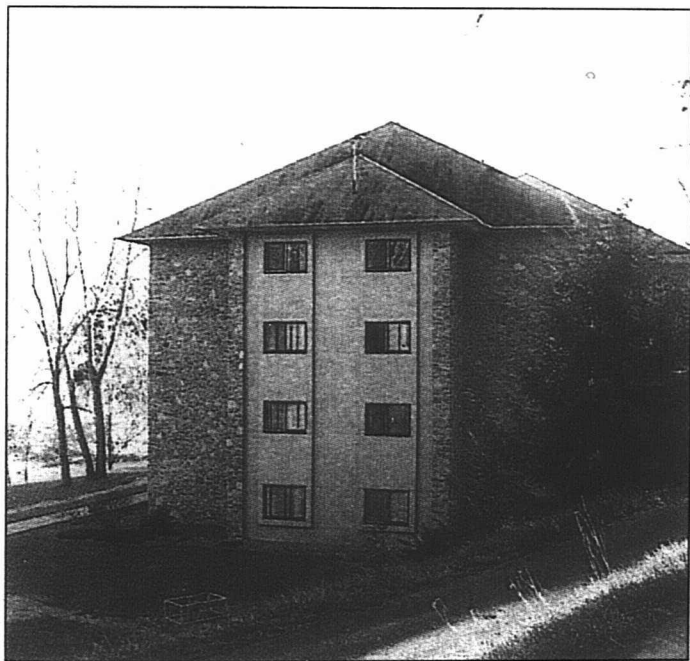
about. The dorm rests on glacial sediment, which is difficult to build on. As often occurs in this area, the rock does move, creating a slight shift towards this creek. This whole valley, in fact, consists of glacial materials that include thick sediments which are 10-100 feet thick. When South was built, the ground was tested. In order for the land to pass inspection, bedrock had to be discovered underneath the sediment. How far beneath the sediment this bedrock lies is unknown at this time. Since its construction, it has moved only a few inches, which caused a tear in the bridge that leads to the third floor. Thanks to our maintenance crew, this problem was quickly repaired. So, according to Dr. Cianci, although South will *not* be seen floating down the creek anytime soon, the sinking will continue.

Wanting the opinion of a resident, we sought South's RDA, Vanderhaar. He shocked us with his South Hall evolution theory. According to Vanderhaar, South

was originally constructed in front of Lambein. But in a great flood the dorm violently swept down the raging river in the night, chock full of screaming residents. The building came to a rest in the spot where it currently stands. He agrees with the phenomenon of the sinking dorm; however, he feels that students should be kept in the dark regarding the severity of this matter. Vanderhaar cautioned that informing residents of the complete situation would lead to absolute chaos. He comforts his men by instructing them not to live in fear, but that lifejackets would be a worthwhile investment.

So, we leave you with this information. But we encourage you, as reporters for a liberal arts college, to examine and analyze for yourself what you choose to believe. As for us,

Near, far, where ever you are
We believe that South Hall will go on and on.



South Hall at present

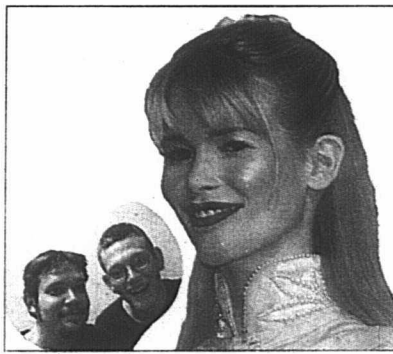


Projected using the state of the art Geological Projection Geologizer --
South Hall in 200 years



--Isabella Pirandello

"Their rugged exteriors thinly disguise a tender childlike innocence beneath."



--Deedee Ginty

"Their modesty."

The Boys and Girls of Summer

Houghton Profs Prepare for the Off-Season

Susanna Rosenbaum

It's during these last days of school that students ask each other, "So what are you doing this summer?" And it seems that everyone is up to something different. Some people work, some take classes, some go abroad, some don't do anything. It all depends on whom you ask. Not surprisingly, I received many different answers when I asked our professors what they had planned for this summer. Here are a few of the highlights:

Professor Doezeema said that he is doing "absolutely nothing" this summer. Dr. Airhart, on the other hand, will be attending a

four week seminar called "Post Modernism and the Humanities" at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI. Dr. Airhart believes that history professors will be the minority, as this seminar draws more people from the fields of Literature and Philosophy. "I won't be the token historian, but I'll be close," he said with a rueful smile. Dr. Airhart and his family are looking forward to all the activities planned for the professors and their families.

Dr. Kingdon will also be representing Houghton College—he will be attending several Wesleyan Church district confer-

ences around the country, as he had in past years, and will be teaching at a Christian conference as well.

Tim and Kathy Trezise will be in Colorado for three weeks while Tim teaches a Mayterm (in June) called "Adventure Sports." They will also be travelling to several student and alumni weddings, as well as going to Canada in July where Tim will be teaching a canoeing class for Boy Scouts. Kathy said that she and Tim "are striving for simplicity, relaxation, and quality time with each other."

Immediately after graduation, Dr. and Mrs. Brown will be going to southern California to visit friends. After they are on their way to visit their two eldest children and their families in Minnesota and Michigan. Dr. and Mrs. Brown will be concluding their travels by spending a week at the Chautauqua Institute, a "spiritual and intellectual retreat center" near Lake Chautauqua. Dr. Brown says he is looking forward to hearing a student and professional orchestra perform Mahler's 9th Symphony.

Dr. Wardwell isn't planning on doing a lot of traveling this summer, but he does have a quite an ambitious goal: he hopes to finish drafting a four-act play on seventeenth-century poet George Herbert (*Yeah, George!—Ed.*). Dr. Wardwell has been working on this for some time; in fact, his senior seminar is devoting some class time to reading the draft of

the play's first act.

Dr. Paige is also doing some writing. He is hoping to finish an article exploring I Corinthians 14 and women's role in the church. Among other things, his article will address the question of whether or not the command for women to "keep silent in the church" has to do with cultural setting. Dr. Paige is hoping to get his article published in the near future.

Dr. Stevenson and his family will be going to a family reunion in Canada where 30-40 family members will gather at a "very abandoned lake" two hundred miles north of Ottawa for water skiing, fishing and boating. Dr. Stevenson first went to this lake with his parents when he was a young boy and has been going ever since. Dr. Stevenson will also be working on his house quite a bit, especially his front porch.

Professor Brenneman will be heading off to Arizona—his wife Kathie says it is the first time in 17 years that he has not had to work at the college during the summer, so he is very excited about going out west. Professor Terry Cianci's smiled and said that he is planning to sleep for three months; and it is rumored that Dr. Young is going to Australia, however he was unavailable for comment.

And so it seems that each of our professors, in their own way, will be living out the old adage, "What I love most about teaching is June, July, and August."

Spotlight on Staff:

Mark Pavone

Liana Weirich

Ever wonder who helps get new students here each year? Mark Pavone not only is an Admissions Counselor but also serves Houghton as Coordinator of Transfer Recruitment, and as Assistant Women's Basketball Coach.

Growing up near Houghton, in Franklinville, NY with one older brother, Mike, he went to Jamestown Community College for two years, then transferred to Houghton. He graduated in May of '97 with a BS in Business Administration, a concentration in Management, and a minor in Physical Education.

Mark has always had a strong passion for sports, football in particular. Before he came to Houghton he was head JV Football coach at Franklinville. In the summer of '93 he was the assistant coach for the Big 30—an all-star football game for teams in NY and PA. He still holds that title as being the youngest coach for a Big 30 team.

When Mark transferred into Houghton in '94, he became the assistant coach for the Lady Highlanders and continued coaching at Franklinville. "I've always had a love for coaching. I have been on the sideline since kindergarten and my father is a coach. This was the avenue for me having such a close relationship with my dad—I was always on the sidelines with him." He then adds, "Go Bills!"

Mark also was in charge of basketball recruitment and scouting. Doing this and his love for his job in Admission, he has had a wonderful opportunity to share about his love for Houghton with others. "I love my job, I enjoy meeting new people. I don't consider my job as sales because I love Houghton and relaying information about it to others. Then I get



photo by David Johnson

to do follow ups and help the incoming freshmen. It's neat seeing people come in whom I have spoken with and seeing them excited about the decision they have made."

This coming year he will no longer be working with the women's basketball team. On July 24 he will be marrying the beautiful East Second-Old RA, Gayle Pollard. "This will free up a lot of my time and let me spend that with Gayle. I am looking forward to new opportunities and getting involved in different parts of the community since I won't be coaching. Gayle is such a supportive person."

Before he marries, he will be the Administrative director of Houghton's summer Basketball Camps. He began doing the summer camps in '97. Next year, Mark will be organizing and running the Admission Office Tele-Marketing Program. This is a program where Houghton students will phone prospective students.

Though a busy guy, he is a wonderful person and friend to all. Freshman Alicia Campbell, a member of the Women's Basketball team says, "He has a real love for coaching, but more so he's not just a coach, he's a friend. He is like a big brother to many of us—I could go to him with anything." I agree and am excited to be a bridesmaid for Gayle and his wedding this summer.

Tuition Cont. (from p. 1)

ing a leftover credits- with no way to use them once the year was over. Adding a free Mayterm eliminates the potential for this loss. It is hoped that this will also mean fewer ninth-semester seniors, and less chance of student overload during the fall. The \$234 is simply added to defray the income that Houghton is currently gaining from charging "full price" for Mayterm.

So, if you take advantage of Mayterm, the actual increase in your tuition comes to \$450, only about a three and a half percent higher than last year's. This is noteworthy when one considers that many other colleges in the

Christian consortium are raising their tuition by a standard five percent. With the free Mayterm, Houghton's increase is still only five and a half percent.

Even if you have a laptop, the difference still only comes to a \$684 increase per student. In fact, next year's sophomores and juniors will also be saving \$60 and \$130 respectively, because they will not be charged the \$850 laptop lease fee—only their present lease fees, which are slightly less expensive (unless the individual has already paid her laptop off completely, in which case she will not be charged at all).

Any student who still has questions is encouraged to speak with Jeff Spear.

The World Out There Jay Jennings

Kosovo- NATO celebrates its 50th year while they continue to bomb the Serbs. NATO leaders near agreement to begin oil blockade of Yugoslavia.

Colorado School Massacre- 13 students, one teacher were killed last week by 18 year old Eric Harris and 17 year old Dylan Klebold who also took their own lives. Teens had bragged about plans on web site. FBI investigates those close to the boys to find out if massacre could have been prevented.

John Elway- The Bronco retires while being the two time defending Super Bowl Champion and the all-time winningest quarterback.

Sixers- Iverson scores 38 to lead Philadelphia to its fourth straight win.

LIGHTER SIDE



Riddles 'n' Giggles



Q: What do you get when you cross three camels with a Volkswagen?

A: Three camels screaming in pain.

Q: Why did the goose cross the road?

A: He was Episcopalian.

Q: What did the wristwatch say to the lima bean?

A: Hey, lima bean! It's me, wristwatch! Hi!

Q: Where do refrigerators go for Christmas?

A: To a clear, mountain stream.

Q: How many janitors does it take to paint an elephant blue?

A: Six, if the elephant is dead.

Q: Why are cucumbers green?

A: Because they're wimps.

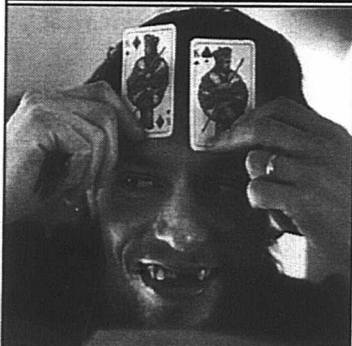
Q: When is a hamburger not a hamburger?

A: When it turns into a big, mean gorilla.

Q: Why did the toothbrush buy the sock an iguana?

A: Because the fairy princess likes to play hop-scotch.

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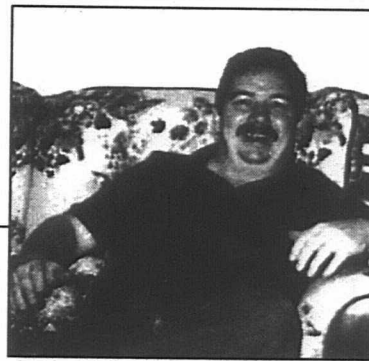
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Ray's Farewell Letter



Hello, my beloved readers.

Yes, it is I, Ray, recently returned from sabbatical to Nepal. Actually, I cut my trip short when I found out this was

the last issue by the current Star staff. Those crazy guys neglected to tell me, probably knowing I'd do something like this. But there is no way I'm going to miss bidding farewell to my closest friends.

When David Johnson first approached me to do an advice column last year, I hesitated. I had been praying for quite some time for the correct outlet to share my love of hoagies with others, but was unsure of my path. And then, one day when I was at my lowest, the phone rang. It was Dave asking me to offer advice to local readers. I jumped at the opportunity.

That first semester was the three greatest months of my life. I felt so enriched and fortified to spread the cheer of hoagies to all. I received some great letters from readers, like this one, from a woman in Nunda:

"Dear Ray,

I just wanted to say I really think highly of you. Lately I've been in kind of a rut. My house burned down, my dog was eaten alive by an angry bear, I was diagnosed with a rare disease causing my skin to molt, scales to form on my back, and large horns to grow from my forehead, and my Honda blew a piston. But then I read one of your columns, decided to take your advice, and ate a hoagie. I would just like to tell you now, thank you. I'm full now.

Sincerely, W. H."

It's letters like this one, from real people with real problems that touch my heart. That's when I felt led to move to Nepal for three months, continuing my extensive hoagie research and at the same time sharing the beauty that is the hoagie with local natives, goats, and different species of rare fauna.

But I never once forgot about my fiends back in Western New York. So as the second semester closes, let me just say—thank you so much. To my readers, to the Star staff—in essence my family, and all of you wide-eyed believers in the power of the hoagie. Just know this—a hoagie is only a hoagie when a person believes in it enough to say: You are a hoagie, and I am now going to eat you.

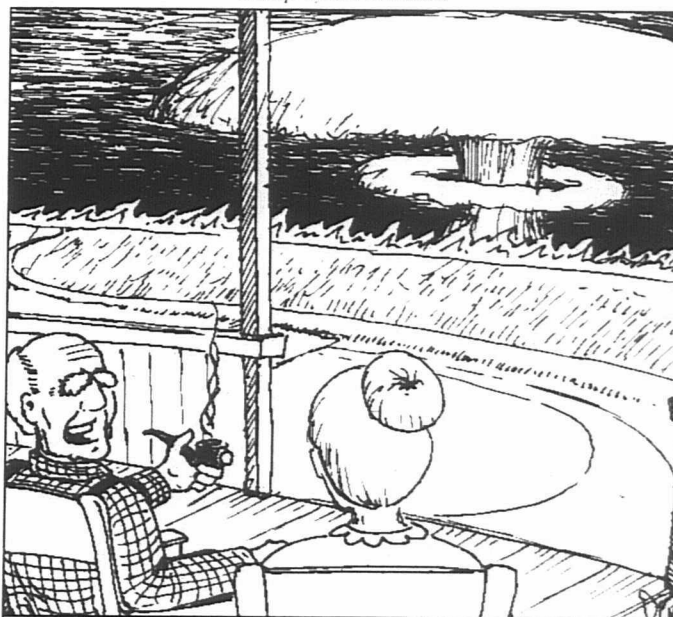
God bless.

—Ray

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"Well...there goes the neighborhood."

SPORTS

Houghton Sports Week in Review

Spring Sports Score Box

Intramural Sports as of 4/19

Coed Volleyball

Atlantis	8-2
Bump, Set, Kill	10-0
Chef Ed's	3-7
En Fuego	4-6
Hezekiah 8:2	6-4
I Can't Believe It's Butter	8-2
Mixed Match	5-5
PEEPS	3-7
The Rugrats	4-6
The Strikers	3-7
Us and 2 Canadians	5-5
Roberts	1-9

Inner-Tube Water Polo

Bob Barker's Beauties	5-0
Catz	4-1
The Funoodles	1-3
Jonestown	1-4
The Fish	1-4
Motley Crue	5-0
No Soup For You	4-2
O'Doyle Rules	3-2
Sarcopterygians	4-2
Sea Lions	3-2
The Wet Wonders	2-4
Barnes	0-5
Merle Shank	1-5

Team Handball

Woody	1-6
Amish Tetherball Machine	2-4
Mo and the Pips	5-2
Hand Jive	4-2
Skull 'N Berries	1-5
All About The Ladies	4-1
Razor & Machine	4-3
VW Crew	

Track Results

Kevin Baker

Women: Fourth overall

Discus

Sarah Bridges (5)
Missy lack (10)

Shotput

Sarah Bridges (4)

Long Jump

Jen Schriefer (2)

4x100 Relay

Jen Schriefer (1)
Tammi Krikorian
Sarah Bridges
Lynda Jones

Javelin

Amanda Miller

Triple Jump

Jen Schriefer (1)
Amanda Miller (2)

400m

Lynda Jones (1)
Tammi Krikorian (2)

5000m

Tenneil Tower (1)
Krista Ruth (2)
Kim Sayre (3)

4x400 relay

Tammi Krikorian (2)
Tenneil Tower
Kim Sayre
Lynda Jones

200m

Lynda Jones (3)

Notes: Tenneil Tower set the school record for the 5000m. Tenneil and Krista Ruth are both provisional qualifiers for Nationals.

Men: Fifth overall

1500m

Joe Campagna (2)
Pat Weaver (3)

3000m steeple-chase

Joe Kidd (3)

400m

Mark Kaltenbaugh (5)

Javelin

Phil Andrews (3)
Brian Huot (4)

800m

Aaron Rose (1)

Long jump

Phil Andrews (3)

100m

Kevin Baker (3)
Dave Toro (4)

Phil Andrews (5)

200m

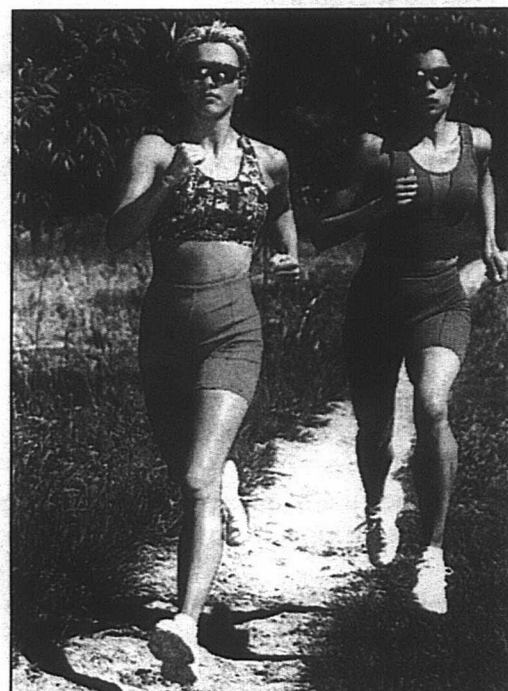
Phil Andrews (6)
Kevin Baker

400m hurdles

Aaron Harrington (3)

4x400 relay

Joe Kidd (3)



Aaron Harrington
Aaron Rose
Mark Kaltenbaugh

Notes: These guys run real fast.

Former Lancaster Standout Signs to Play Women's Soccer at Houghton

Karen Kumiega, a two-time girls' soccer ECIC Division-I All Star at Lancaster High School, has signed a letter of intent to play women's soccer at Houghton College.

Kumiega, the daughter of Ken and Barb Kumiega, attended Canisius College last year but did not play soccer due to medical reasons.

As a senior at Lancaster in 1997, she was named team MVP and Second Team All-Western New York, splitting time at defense and midfield. She is also a two time IAC All-Star.

"Karen has a strong soccer background," said Houghton head coach David Lewis. "Once she returns to her full soccer form, she

should provide a significant impact to our program."

Kumiega anticipates majoring in biology at Houghton.

Houghton finished 18-3 last fall. They were ranked No. 6 in the nation in the final NAIA poll after capturing a sixth-straight conference title and competing in the NAIA National Tournament in Mobile, Ala.

