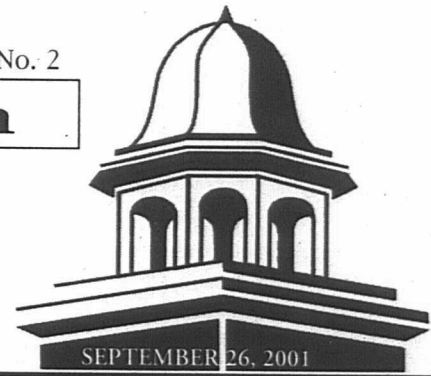


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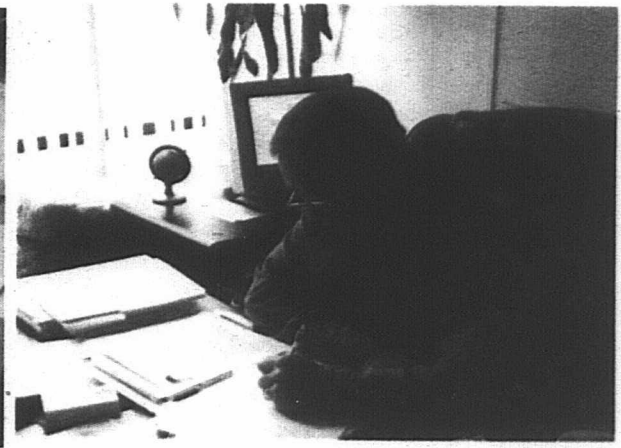
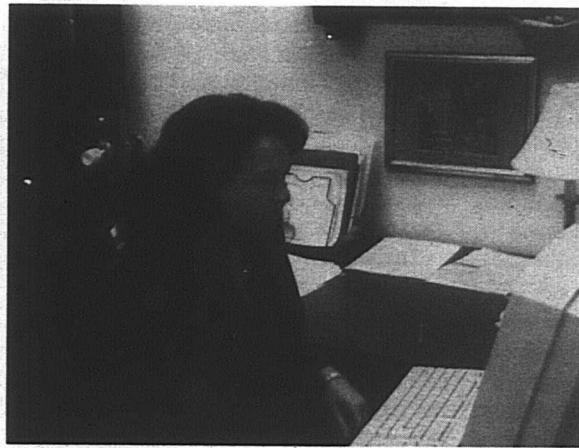
Changes in student life during leadership interim

Melanie
Marciano

The biggest change in Student Life of the 2001-2002 school year is the retirement of the Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students, Dr. Robert Danner. After 20 years at Houghton, Dean Danner retired at the end of 2000.

Houghton has found an official replacement, Dr. David Tilley, who is currently the Vice President of Student Affairs at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee. Dr. Tilley is unable to come to Houghton until next year; thus Mike Lastoria and Denise Bakerink are sharing this position until next year.

The Student Life Office is responsible for everything that happens outside the classroom. They handle residence life (discipline), FYI type programs, the Health Center, Counseling, Career Services, and Inter-cultural affairs. At Houghton the Dean of Students and



Vice President of Student Life is a single job run by one person who supervises each of these areas. He listens to the needs and concerns of the students and is the voice of the students. The Vice President of Student Life is one of five vice presidents under President Chamberlain.

Mike Lastoria has been in charge of the counseling office for the past 20 years, and this year he is taking over the Vice President of Student Life part of Dean Danner's old job. Denise Bakerink is in charge of Residence life and has now taken on the Dean of

Students responsibility.

"This is a year of transition and looking ahead," Denise Bakerink comments "We are very excited about Dr. Tilley coming and we hope to make his transition as smooth and positive as possible."

Another possible change that would be a result of the slow but healthy expansion at Houghton is a new apartment building for upperclassmen. This idea is not official yet, but is being considered for next year.

Wild West weekend set for Homecoming

Staff reports

Ranchin', roundups, and rodeos will be the focus of Houghton College's 2001 Homecoming Weekend, October 3-6. The weekend will feature activities for students, faculty, alumni, and community members centered on a tribute to the Wild, Wild West. Dr. William Greenway, retired professor of English, will get the weekend underway as he delivers the address at the annual Heritage Chapel in Wesley Chapel at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 3. Thursday, Oct. 4 features a lecture by guest artist Ben Frank Moss at 8 p.m. in the Center for the Arts, and a concert by Houghton band Ready for Monday at 8 p.m. in Wesley Chapel.

Friday, Oct. 5 is a full day of activities, beginning with academic department receptions, followed by the Founders' Day Convocation in Wesley Chapel. Houghton President Daniel Chamberlain, celebrating his 25th year at Houghton, will deliver the Founders' Day address and will be awarded an

honorary doctorate.

That evening will feature the Campus Store Fashion Show at 6 p.m. in the Campus Center, a women's volleyball match versus Shawnee State University at 6 p.m. in the Nielsen Center, and a women's soccer game versus Seton Hill College at Burke Field at 7 p.m. The Amherst Saxophone Quartet will kick off the college's 2001-2002 Artist Series with a concert in Wesley Chapel at 8 p.m.. Friday's festivities will continue with the coronation of the King and Queen and a bonfire at the Alumni Athletic Complex at 10 p.m.

Saturday morning activities include a men's basketball intra-squad scrimmage at 8:30 and an alumni soccer game at 10. The Homecoming Horse Trials is an all-day event featuring dressage, cross country, and stadium jumping competitions beginning at 9 a.m. at the Equestrian Center.

The Homecoming Parade, which circles campus beginning at 11 a.m., will be led by

the Highlander bagpipers and will feature participants from the community.

Athletics events continue at 11 a.m. with women's volleyball taking on Point Park College at the Nielsen Center and the Houghton Cross Country Invitational beginning at the Alumni Athletic Complex. Field hockey will battle Mansfield University at noon, junior varsity women's soccer takes on Niagara University at 1 p.m., volleyball plays Malone College at 1:30 p.m., women's soccer plays Geneva College at 2 p.m., and men's soccer plays Geneva College at 4 p.m. The activities will conclude at the Alumni Athletic Complex with an alumni field hockey game at 6 p.m. An alumni pizza and wing reception at 6:30 p.m. at Big Al's snack Shop, and the students' Homecoming Banquet at 6:45 p.m. highlight the evening, with the traditional homecoming SPOT variety show bringing the weekend to a close at 9 p.m.

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How Houghton is getting involved with the
World Trade Center tragedy pages 4 & 5





Rosa Gerber

New Yorkers tried to return to normal life last weekend after the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center buildings. Residents and employees returned to lower Manhattan, excluding the several blocks surrounding the World Trade Center recovery site, where officials were only allowing police and rescue groups. Vehicles and pedestrians had access to lower Manhattan for the first time since the attacks, and phone services were slowly being restored. Between 5,000 and 6,000 people returned to their homes, while an estimated 4,000 remain displaced.

According to New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, 90,937 tons of debris had been cleared from the World Trade Center recovery site as of Saturday. The confirmed number of dead was 261 people, and 194 of those have been identified. The total number for missing persons is 6,333, with 4,316 families reporting missing loved ones.

Last week, President George W. Bush tried to reassure Americans that the United States economy is solid, although the terrorist attacks had slowed it. The financial markets had experienced their worst week since the Depression.

In response to the United States' ultimatum of handing over prime suspect Osama bin Laden or face military consequences, Afghanistan's Taliban ambassador announced on Friday that Taliban rulers would not give up bin Laden without evidence of his direct involvement in the attacks on the World Trade Centers and the Pentagon, but they would agree to a trial with evidence. They also claimed to have no information on the current location of bin Laden and asked the United States not to endanger innocent people in a military retaliation.

Sources expected President Bush to sign an order, listing terrorist groups and individuals, including the al-Qaeda, headed by bin Laden, this weekend in his campaign against terrorism. Bush asked the Treasury Department to hold all assets in the United States to those groups and individuals named on the list. The government was also

preparing to offer a \$25 million reward for the capture of bin Laden and other terror suspects.

This weekend the United Arab Emirates cut ties with the Taliban because they did not believe they could "continue to maintain diplomatic relations with a government that refuses to respond to the clear will of the international community." This development left two nations, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, recognizing the Taliban as the genuine Afghan government and put more pressure on the Taliban to hand over bin Laden or face military attack, which President Bush had authorized. The Taliban gained control of most of Afghanistan in 1966 and instituted a fundamentalist Islamic system. Most countries and the United Nations still recognize the Northern Alliance as the legitimate government of Afghanistan. The United States pressured Saudi Arabia to sever ties with the Taliban as well, although Saudi Arabia's foreign minister states that the country had reduced its communications with the Taliban before the attack and they fully support the United States. Saudi Arabia had not

specifically said that they United States could use its air base in battle as no plans had been finalized and Saudi Arabia is too far from Afghanistan to service as a military center.

On Saturday, President Bush removed U.S. sanctions against Pakistan and India for 1998 nuclear tests as a reward for vowing to support the United States against the Taliban. About two-thirds of Pakistanis oppose their government's support of the United States and burned U.S. flags and images of President Bush.

The Northern Alliance of Afghanistan, which controls less than 10 percent of the country, pledged to stand by the United States as well, after the assassination of its military commander Ahmed Shah Massoud two days before and likely linked to the attacks on America. The group's assets included knowing the language and terrain of Afghanistan, as well as perhaps being able to supply the United States' government with information on possible targets.

Of sharks and soon falling leaves

Joshua Ziefle

There I was the other day, walking through one of New York's most famous grocery stores—you got it, the Fillmore Jubilee, and all of a sudden there it was, right on the front page: a shark. Now, it was a tabloid, of course, but there was this really big picture of a shark and it looked hungry and there was a big headline and I get afraid of sharks even in a swimming pool and well...that doesn't really have anything to do with this article, but I thought you should know.

I guess I've come to realize a few things now that I'm a senior here. First, no matter how hard you complain about the food, it's not going to change (not even a little). Second, people will always make fun of you for watching "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." Third, Houghton is a really great place. Now, I know that some of you may disagree with me, and some First Year students may not know what to think of this place quite yet, but I remain convinced. Part of it, I suppose, has to do with senior year nostalgia. It seems that three years have passed by so very quickly, and now I stand at the

precipice of the end. So many wonderful things have happened, so many people have blessed my time, and I have grown in more ways than I can count. So this fall I'm beginning to tell myself to enjoy every moment, savor every experience, and rejoice in every person I meet, lest I miss out on some fundamental part of my life here. It's really the secret of Houghton. Scratch that. It's really the secret of life. Jesus had it very right when he told us not to

worry about tomorrow, for God has more than enough to lead us through in this day, in this hour, and in this moment of our existence. So try it for a little while—take the time to really live in every moment, good or bad, and take them all as part of the adventure we call Houghton that is part of the romance of our lives with God. And please, watch out for supermarket sharks....

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Food for thought: eating disorder counseling

Janet Findlay

This article is in response to the Body Image Workshop that was held in the Campus Center 4/2/01. I was privileged to be a part of the panel consisting of Nancy Murphy, MA from the Counseling Center; Dr. Paul Young, and Dr. Irmgard Howard to answer questions on body image and eating disorders. Because of time constraints I feel that I was not able to say all that I wanted in response to questions. Now that I have had time to think about it, I would like to elaborate on what I said. First let me say that I am a recovered anorexic, diagnosed 9 years ago. I spent three months at an inpatient program in a hospital in Syracuse that had a specific program for eating disorders. After that I attended two intensive out-patient programs for eating disorders at Strong Memorial Hospital. I have participated in psychotherapy at least once a week for nine years. I am just now beginning to get where I can keep things in perspective and find alternative ways to deal with situations as they come up. I was asked what the turning point in my treatment was. At the time I did not have time to think through my answer. I owe my progress to an awesome God who provided the

best possible therapists and doctors at that time I needed them. Since I recommitted my life to Jesus Christ, God was with me every step of the way, even through the hardest of times. The program at Syracuse was a re-feeding program combined with counseling. Until a person's weight is at a safe point, therapy cannot be very effective. Learning to eat again was the hardest part. I had a very distorted body image at the time and it will probably always be affected. I still to this day am concerned about my weight, am conscious of what I eat and how I look, and at times am still a little obsessive. The most important thing to remember is that food is not the issue; it is just a smokescreen for deeper, underlying issues that need to be addressed. Life seems out of control and food is the only thing an individual feels he/she can have control over.

If anyone is feeling out of control regarding eating habits, address the problem as soon as possible. If anyone, no matter gender, has a body image problem, the Student Health Services is a safe place to come and talk about feelings. We will work with you

to help you in any way that we can. Support is so very necessary. Support can come from peers, family, clergy, counseling. I believe it is the most important part of the recovery process.

Remember, if people approach you because they are concerned, don't turn them away. They are trying to help in the only way they know how. Listen to their concerns, for they are approaching you because they genuinely do care about you but are not sure what to do. This is a problem that can affect anybody, at any age, and is occurring in epidemic proportions. The media plays an enormous role in this, and until there is a change, many will be affected adversely.

I commend the Student Health Advisory Committee on addressing such an important and timely topic. We at the Health Center are here to serve; let us help you.

ADDENDUM, 8/24/01

There have been many changes in my life since I wrote this article in April. I am now going to counseling only once a month and in a couple months will end my therapy. I am feeling really good

and confident about this major step. I have new coping strategies, have learned how to work through my feelings, and am learning to turn everything over to God. I have come out of my "shell" and am trying new things all the time. I am learning to expand my interests and am participating in more things all the time with a lot more confidence. I have realized how important it is to be involved in social activities, whether church-related or just good relationships with family and friends. Regular exercise in moderation is of utmost importance, as is taking time out for myself. God is definitely working in my life in all ways. I am hoping to be able to share my experiences and knowledge with others who are struggling with disordered eating and distorted body image.

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U.S. News distinguishes Houghton

Staff report

Houghton College is the sole western New York representative and one of only 16 New York institutions listed in the Liberal Arts College - Bachelor's category of the 2002 edition of U.S. News and World Report's annual college guide.

It's the twelfth-straight year Houghton has been ranked among national liberal arts colleges.

"We are pleased to be included once again. It is an affirmation of our mission and it shows what a great value Houghton College is," said Houghton president Daniel Chamberlain. "When talking about the merits of the college, being ranked highly among national institutions has great value. We are one of the few in

this area to receive this recognition."

Of 1,400 accredited four-year schools surveyed by the magazine, just 218 qualified for the Liberal Arts College - Bachelor's list. The category is comprised of schools that emphasize undergraduate education and award more than 50 percent of their degrees in liberal

arts disciplines such as foreign languages, life sciences, philosophy, and psychology.

U.S. News rankings are based on statistics measuring the institution's academic reputation, selectivity, faculty resources, financial resources, retention of students, graduation rate, and alumni giving rate.

Nothing changes despite Compaq/HP merger

Jonathon Winters

Earlier this month, representatives from Compaq and Hewlett Packard announced their plans to merge the two companies. This news came in the midst of a marked downturn in the US economy that has been especially devastating in the high tech sectors. Patti Smith, the new Director of Technology Services at Houghton, stressed that this proposed merger will not have any adverse effects on Houghton's laptop program or Educational Technology Initiative.

Before the two companies can go ahead with the merger, their plans must be approved by federal regulators, which appears likely at this point. The new monolithic HP/Compaq will be the second largest computer manufacturer, behind only IBM. Statements made by HP CEO Carly Fiorina and other top executives at both companies suggest that the Compaq brand name

will soon disappear, with HP being the surviving brand. It may take a while for the details of this complicated merger to be ironed out. Company reps are currently pointing to 2004 as a likely time of completion. While top executives at both companies declared this a good move, investors were skeptical, sending stocks of both companies plunging shortly after the announcement.

On a reassuring note, Houghton Director of Tech Services Patti Smith emphasized that all of Houghton's current HP and Compaq products will continue to be supported for the time being. Said Smith, "We will still be able to warranty everything that we currently have. They are going to fully support those products." As for other changes coming out of the merger, Smith stated, "Everything's going to be fine and

they (Compaq) think this is a good move. Really at this point we see no changes. Of course there are going to be some logistical changes . . . but currently everything we have is still supported and I don't foresee any changes to us right now."

Smith did admit that she had been in discussions with other vendors, citing IBM, Dell, and Gateway. "Currently we don't have a problem with Compaq," she said. "We are looking out there to see who else can maybe give us the same type of deal that we have with Compaq now." Regardless of who will be providing Houghton with laptops and other equipment, the future of Technology at Houghton looks optimistic. Under Smith's direction, Tech Services is committed to serving the students and providing new and innovative network solutions, such

as bandwidth management to help curb the hogging of bandwidth by file sharing utilities. Another new innovation, wireless access, may be ready for initial implementation in only a few weeks.

As always, Tech Services is available to alleviate any technology concerns that students may have. Smith again asserted her commitment to serve the students and the Houghton community. "We are here to please everybody. That's our main goal - and to be efficient in doing it - to make resources available for everyone. If it weren't for the students, none of us would be here because our primary function is to serve you. But we need to keep the good of everyone in mind - what's going to be the most efficient and be the best for everyone."

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in the national crisis

Houghton offers services to Mayor Giuliani

Rebecca Williams

After hearing about the tragic events that took place in New York City on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, the heart of the nation seemed to break in two. For a time, all hope seemed lost. Feeling this great burden, the hearts of the Houghton College community joined together as one and lifted the nation to God in prayer at a vigil in Wesley Chapel that was set up almost immediately after news of the tragedy was spread. The CLEW speaker for the week, Dr. T.S. Rendall, took advantage of the Tuesday evening meeting to encourage those who attended to look to God for the strength and comfort that they needed. September 14, the day President Bush instituted as the

National Day of Prayer and Remembrance, hundreds of students and faculty members circled the Quad and stood several minutes in silent prayer, after which, at the noon hour, hand bells rang in tribute to the thousands of lives that were affected by the tragedy. Throughout the past two weeks, though the nation is still groaning under the weight of this tremendous loss, the Houghton community has joined together and taken the initiative to get involved in helping the nation in whatever ways possible.

In the days after the tragedy, Houghton senior, Michelle LaBarre, set up blood drives and carpooling to Buffalo, Rochester, and Cuba. Many students took advantage of the

opportunity to serve the nation in such a way, and still others chose to wait until October 2, when the Student Government Association (SGA) will be holding another blood drive.

The SGA deliberated on what actions they should take, one option being to organize a work team to send to New York City, but eventually, President Josh Ziefle was granted permission from the Senate to send a letter offering Houghton's prayers, condolences, and services to NYC mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

The Student Government Association is also planning an International Forum, led by Professors Benedict and Black and a guest speaker, focusing on the political history of the Arab nations and what would lead them to

commit such actions. Plans are also being made for a second forum later in the semester dealing with what the Christian's response to terrorism should be. Both forums will be in panel format, providing substantial time for questions to be answered.

Eventually, the nation will heal. Lives will move on and hearts will be mended. Though this process will take time, the Houghton College community will be there to offer its services at any chance they are given. Houghton's desire is to leave an indelible mark—the mark of God's love and healing—on a nation in mourning. By the grace of God, they have already begun to do so.

Waiting for the Call

Susanna Rosenbaum

The last two and a half weeks have been full of tension for junior Rosario Picardo. As a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserves, Picardo has been on stand-by since President Bush called 35,500 reserve troops (including 7,500 Marines) to active duty on Sept. 14. The phone call summoning Picardo to join his unit in Rochester could come at any time. "I'm constantly checking my messages," he explains. "I can't miss a phone call."

Picardo enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves after his freshman year at Houghton and completed boot camp that summer in Parris Island, SC. He was assigned to the 8th Tank Battalion in Rochester, where he is part of the unit's supply administration. Picardo explained that the reserve units first called into active duty

are the ones with the specializations that the military needs most. "My unit was the first reserve unit shipped out during Desert Storm," he said, when tank units were in high demand.

As the United States military is formulating its response to the terrorist acts of Sept. 11, it seems clear that an air campaign would be at the heart of any action toward mountainous, land-locked Afghanistan. Meanwhile, reserve tank units remain anxiously at home. But Picardo knows that the situation is unpredictable, and so he continues to prepare himself. As the only member of the USMC Reserves at Houghton, Picardo is solely responsible for integrating Marine discipline into his college environment. In addition to balancing a full course load and RA duties, he devotes time to

physical training and strives to be always mindful of his job. "I try to stay intense about who I am," he says. The USMC ring he wears is a daily reminder of his commitment, as is the eagle, globe, and anchor emblem hanging about his neck. Both are inscribed with the Marine motto *semper fidelis*, meaning "always faithful."

For Picardo, the call to faithfulness transcends military responsibility. Picardo has observed first-hand the spiritual need in the Marines. "They're loose cannons," he says with a bit of a smile. "To be a Marine, you need to be [a loose cannon]. But there's such a need for God. You don't want to send a military that isn't God-fearing, totally relying on [itself]."

While training in North Carolina last summer, Picardo became sure of his vocational calling. "I'd

always flirted with the idea," he explains, "but knew it for sure last summer: I want to be a Navy chaplain." (Because the USMC is a department of the Navy, their chaplains are officially commissioned through the Navy.) To that end, Picardo is pursuing a religion major, with a ministerial concentration. Focusing on his studies has been difficult at best. "My life is in limbo," he says. "It's hard to concentrate." If he is called to active duty, Picardo hopes to be shipped over-seas. "If I have to leave Houghton, I don't want to stay in the US." Realizing, however, that his plans may not be God's plans, he is trusting the Lord to direct his steps. For Picardo, the comforting truth is simple: "I'm just in His hands."

In Question: What would you do to help the rescue efforts in NYC?



"I would go and give everyone who lost someone a hug... and make them dinner."

Emily Schwartz (Junior)



"I would encourage and support the blood drives. I would also look for ways to help the people who lost their families and meet their housing needs."

Sarah Gardner (Sophomore)

Suzanne Brenneman serving in NYC

Stephanie Smith

Suzanne Brenneman, a 1994 Houghton graduate and daughter of Bruce and Kathie Brenneman, is one of the close to home stories we have at the college. Suzanne entered the New York City Police Academy on July 2nd and is set to graduate in February. Before she even had the chance to work up to it, she had the chance to get her feet wet. Suzanne, still a cadet, started traffic control on Tuesday, the day of the attacks, at St. Vincent's Hospital.

The cloud of dust that swept through that end of the city made it hard to see but the lines of traffic didn't stop. Suzanne didn't even hear the Trade Center collapse due to the noise of all the cars. She had called her parents briefly late that night to tell them she was all right, and without much sleep headed back Wednesday morning. Again she directed traffic all day, which was a little easier than the previous day. The work she was doing was not easier, but in light of what happened, Suzanne got to experience the caring and

giving nature that is uncharacteristic of New Yorkers. People brought her sandwiches and juice as she stood directing traffic; concerned neighbors delivered water and baked cookies. Children drew pictures for her to take back to the police station to show their gratitude. What Suzanne got to experience was something unheard of in New York City but was a truly amazing sight. Students from a high school marching band from Alabama drove to the city to show their compassion by marching up and

down the streets playing "God Bless America" and "The Star Spangled Banner." A small Mom and Pop ambulance company with only one ambulance drove up from Texas to volunteer their services. Suzanne witnessed all kinds of restaurants sending food, families sending soda, socks, and shirts.

The overwhelming response of the city citizens is touching. In the midst of this terrible tragedy, a giant family was established. Let us keep Suzanne in prayer as she is helping hands on during this rough time.



Dust from debris removal hangs over the city on Sunday



New Yorkers grieve and offer support at prayer gathering

In the aftermath: 6 days in NYC

Susanna Rosenbaum

In the pre-dawn gray of Sept. 12, Paul Stempert arrived at the Air National Guard base in Niagara Falls where he was to join his reserve unit. To his surprise, it took him an hour just to get on base, due to increased security checks.

Paul, a Houghton College employee and member of the Air National Guard Reserves, was reporting for active duty after Governor Pataki called up reserve troops to help in New York City. Paul and his unit spent six full days and several sleepless nights working near what used to be the World

Trade Center.

Rene Stempert, Paul's wife and the custodial manager of East Hall, recalled how Paul described seeing the site for the first time. "When the guys got there and saw the devastation, all of them had tears in their eyes. Paul got choked up telling me about it." According to Paul, television cameras do little justice to the immensity of the rubble piles. These "mountains" are enormous both in height and circumference. Wearing respirators to keep them from choking on the heavy soot, Paul's unit patrolled the WTC site and the surrounding neighborhood, conducting civil

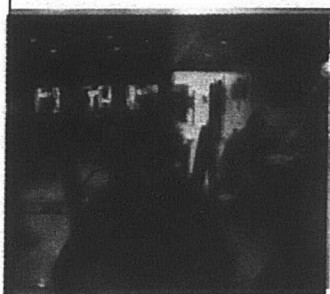
identification checks and vehicle checks.

In the shadow of great loss, Paul experienced much generosity. Donations from local restaurants fed the men nearly every meal; in fact, Paul ate only one MRE (the tasteless military "Meal Ready to Eat") while he was on duty! And when a hard rain drenched the men's gear their first night in the city, they were able to obtain dry socks and clothing articles from the abundant donations being distributed at Shea Stadium.

On Tuesday, Sept. 18, Paul's unit came home as other National Guard units were rotated in to re-

place them. Paul and Rene give God all of the glory for comforting their family with peace while they were separated. "Without the Lord to rest on and people praying, we would have freaked out," said Rene candidly. "Thank you, Houghton friends," says Rene, "for all of your prayers for us!"

(Ironically, Paul had to go back to the Niagara Falls base the day after he returned home, in order to make up drill days that he missed while on active duty in NYC. Next May, Paul will retire from 10 years of Air Force active duty and 10 years in the Air National Guard Reserves.)



"I would bake chocolate-chip cookies for all the fire and rescue workers."

Nate Rigby (Freshman)



"I would do anything those in authority told me to."

Carl Irwin (Senior)

VOX voice

expressions of a community of faith



by Bethany Schwartz

For my writing about spiritual experience class, I am doing two pages of journaling every day for three weeks. These journals are sometimes hard to do because I don't always have a thrilling life and can't think of anything to talk about except my housemates' obsession with pickles, but sometimes I actually think some deep thoughts. Today I would like to share with you some thoughts that I had on the day after the national tragedy.

September 12

I cried myself to sleep last night. I don't think I have ever done that before - and I sincerely hope that I never will again. But most likely I will. No one can be completely free of sorrow.

Lying there in bed at 1:30 or so after looking at CNN's website to find out any recent news about the attack, the realization hit me even harder what has happened. These are not my parents, my friends, my relatives - but they are someone's. Not knowing each individual who was killed yesterday makes no difference in that person's life; they still died. And I still mourn, whether I knew them or not.

And somehow today I was more upset than I was yesterday. Is that weird or what? Maybe it's that I was numb. Reality is still setting in here. Yet a part of me wants to protest that I am not involved so I can justify going on with my life. I must go

on. I have a newspaper to get ready for publication, classes to attend, CLEW services to go to, an SGA meeting to put in an appearance at, and a journal to write. Things can't change in my life because there is too much going on.

I wonder if the people in the World Trade Center would have said that as they left for work yesterday morning.

I wish that I had the guts to tell people more often that I love them. This whole ordeal has made me think - as it probably has a lot of people - what if it were me on one of those airplanes? I don't have a cell phone; I could never get in touch with anyone if I were on a plane that was crashing or being hijacked. When I fly to Florida for Thanksgiving, will my parents be afraid and refuse to let my sister and me travel alone? I hope not. Yet the other part of me, the part I do my best to hide, will tell me that it is scared. What if the plane never lands and I never see my parents again? Will I be able to justify never saying I love you? What if I never see my roommate again? What will she wish she had said to me before I left?

It's funny the kinds of questions that pop into my head after something like this. These questions have no answers now...I hope I will never have to find answers. And I will probably cry myself to sleep tomorrow night as I realize that so many people did realize the answers to their unasked questions.

Somewhere in the Distance

Elin Johnson

Who could have thought	For the loss and the pain
We would end up here?	Somewhere in the distance
The island of hope	Tears flow down
Now an island of tears.	Somewhere in the distance
Somewhere in the distance	A hand reaches down
A voice cries out.	
Somewhere in the distance	The fires burn
A hand reaches out.	And the rubble falls
	The pain in one
A day starting in sun	Now the pain in all
And ending in blood	Somewhere in the distance
A nation watching	A voice cries out
In pain and shock	Somewhere in the distance
Somewhere in the distance	A hand reaches out
Tears flow down	
Somewhere in the distance	The blood of the willing
A hand reaches down	Fills the broken
	The hearts of the willing
A flash of light	Restore the nation
Brings fire and pain	Somewhere in the distance
Broken and bent	Tears flow down
The symbol fell	Somewhere in the distance
Somewhere in the distance	A hand reaches down.
A voice cries out	
Somewhere in the distance	A voice cries out,
A hand reaches out	Tears flow down
	A hand reaches out,
So many hearts	A hand reaches down.
Are lost in the flame	
A nation cries out	Dedicated to the memory of the
	lives impacted on September 11,
	2001

**The staff of the STAR
wishes to apologize to our
dear SGA president Josh
Ziefle for spelling his
name wrong...sorry, Josh,
the spell check must have
been malfunctioning!**

- ZIEFLE, NOT ZEIFLE -

QUIP OF THE WEEK

quip (kwip) n. 1. clever or witty remark or saying, usually made on the spur of the moment.
"I just spit on my tie." remark or retort made on the spur of the moment.
-Dr. Charles Bressler
[from of obsolete quip, clever or sarcastic remark, possibly from Latin quip, forsooth, indeed (used sarcastically)]

COMING NEXT WEEK...

Brand new review of POD's new CD!!
really...it will be here this time :-)

Homecoming schedule of events

arthouse

A look at the intersection of faith and art

Ortlip gallery holds distinguished pieces

Regina Rinaldo

Sometimes it's hard to take notice of something that is right under our noses. For the entire month of September, the gallery in the lower foyer of the Wesley Chapel (the basement of the chapel) has featured a retrospective of the work of "internationally known realist painter, historic mural painter, and portrait artist," Paul D. Ortlip. The main exhibit is in the Ortlip Gallery in the Center for the Arts.

The retrospective pieces give a glimpse into Navy life. Ortlip was commissioned by the U.S. Navy as an official artist to record the recovery operations of the Gemini mission as well as N.A.S.A.'s Apollo 12 and 17 landings. These sketches are filled with images that provoke both feelings of national pride and cultural understanding. A portrait of a Vietnamese soldier stands next to a sketched after a Vietcong rocket attack. Two frames down we are graced with the peaceful image of a Vietnamese grandmother and a city

street in Saigon.

Moving to the main exhibit, one is placed full force into the paintings of Paul Ortlip. Viewing historical Naval scenes alongside loving portraits of family and friends, one is exposed to wide variety of subjects Ortlip chose to paint. Ortlip was able to capture a time in American history in a unique way through his paintings.

Paul Ortlip's piece have been on display at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum, and many these pieces are on loan from the U.S. Navy Art Collection. All are invited to view



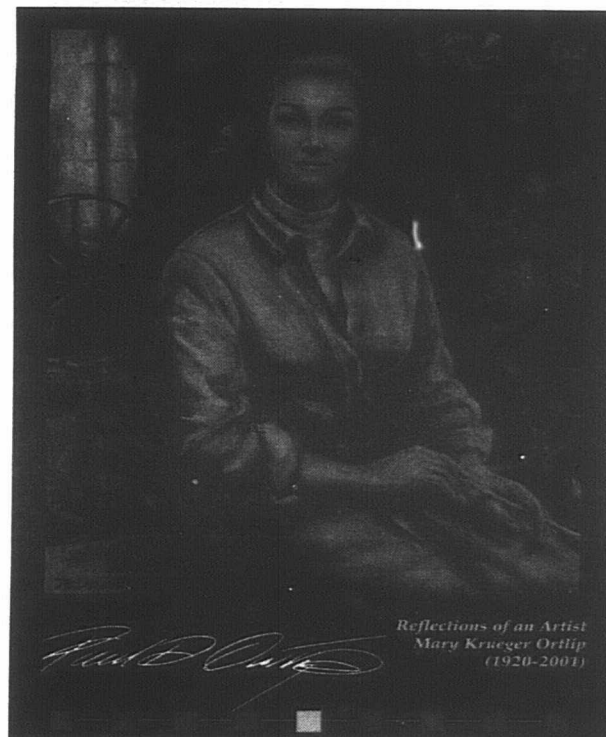
his work at the opening this Friday, September 28th at 6:30. A reception will be held for Dr. Ortlip in the Adelman Atrium of the Center for the

Arts, where he will be speaking about his work and will be available to sign copies of his biography.

Paul D. Ortlip A Retrospective



Gallery Reception and Book Signing
Friday, September 28th
6:30 pm
Houghton College
Ortlip Gallery
Center for the Arts



Field hockey team rebounds from defeats

Melisande Richardson

Our Lady Highlanders left this past Friday for two games on the road. The first game on Friday against Lock Haven proved to dishevel the mood of the team with the defeating score of 4-0. Of course with the bad news also came the good. The second game was played on Saturday against Franklin Pierce, and the outcome definitely confirmed that our ladies had shaken off the disappointment of their earlier game coming out

victorious with a score of 8-0. Junior Rochelle Hershey netted four goals against Franklin Pierce with a trio of sophomores (Meredith Holt 1, Elianne Tieleman 2, and Briana Burghardt 1) adding to the four to make eight. Aside from the physical aspects of both games, Kristi Kelly, one of the Highlanders' field hockey team chaplains, shared her viewpoint about where the team stands, "I am

greatly concerned with how we as a Christian team present ourselves to the opposition. It has been a blessing to have Coach Hornibrook's leadership, which includes not only physical fitness and skill development, but also personal Christian development. It is my prayer, as I hope it is my fellow players, to be able to compete at a high level of play

and at the same time be able to use our skill to reflect Christ's influence in our lives," commented the senior midfielder. On Tuesday our Lady Highlanders have a match against SUNY Brockport and on Saturday a match against Ithaca College.

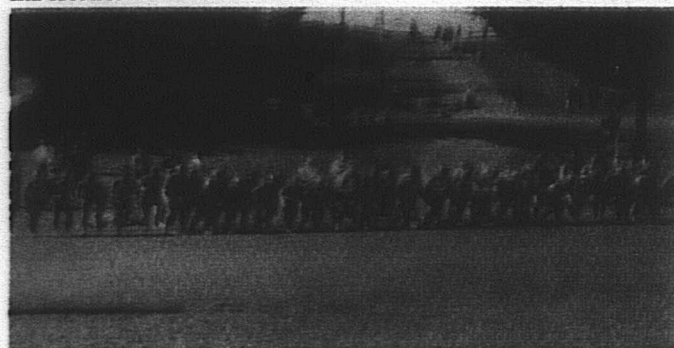
Highlander SPORTS

For complete game scores and statistics, visit
www.houghton.edu/news/athletics

September 17 - 23

Cross country team shows competitive spirit

Liz Hornor



In two meets, the first at Hobart-William Smith (September 15) and the second at Houghton (September 22), the Highlander Cross Country teams showed that they are starting to be more competitive. The fast course and strong individual performances at

Hobart-William Smith gave the women's team a second place finish and the men's team a fourth place finish out of eight teams. There was also a total of twelve personal records on the teams. Additionally, the top four women (Katy Sykes, Emily Munro, Kim

Sayre, and Liz Hornor) and the top three men (Chris Buell, Larry Petry, and Tim Cook) were among the top 15 finishers for each race. The next week the teams had the challenge and the excitement of running at home. Many fans came out to support the team including the Shen Block, the men's basketball team, and most of the RA's from East Hall. The fans, Devil's Back, and some competitive teams made both races lively for the athletes. Both teams put in a supreme effort and reaped the rewards. Kim Sayre finished first for the Highlanders and second overall with a time of 20:55. The next five Houghton women all finished in the top 15

overall (Katy Sykes, 4th; Emily Munro, 6th; Liz Hornor, 8th; Joy Brautigam 14th; Kristen Pillsbury 15th). The whole team worked hard and worked together to give the women a first place finish overall. The men's five mile race was equally exciting. The top five men were in the top 15 overall with Tim Cook coming in 4th, Larry Petry 5th, Chris Buell 6th, Chris Mancuso 9th and DJ Merriam 14th.

The men's team ran a strong race which gave them a second place team finish. The teams are grateful for their fan support and hope to see them again for the Homecoming race at Houghton on October 6th.

Shen bloc: unplugged

Gregory On

Perhaps you've gone to a varsity soccer game, expecting a nice, relaxing evening. Imagine your surprise when a hyperactive man wearing an old chicken head and anywhere from ten to thirty guys wearing kilts, beating on drums, and screaming cheers in various languages greet you at the bleachers. "What's going on?" You wonder. Has there been a breakout at a nearby insane asylum? Have the loonies finally been let out of the basement of the NAB? Of course not - it's just the Shen Bloc, out to support the team.

The Shen Bloc as we know it today came into existence two years ago, when former Shenawana R.D.A. Aaron Harrison decided that something needed to be done to pull Shenawana Hall together as a group. The kilts were not his idea, however; the field hockey skirts were a Shenawana tradition long before the Shen Bloc was in existence. In fact, according to Job Tate, present R.D.A. of Shen, there is a picture in an old Star of former

dean Danner in a kilt. Original Shen Bloc members included Harrison, Job, Joel, and Josh Tate, Steve Maxon, and Mike Vreeland.

Recognition came to the Bloc last year when at the end of the season, the entire women's soccer team came up to the first floor lounge of Shenawana, made cookies, and shouted most if not all of the cheers used throughout the season. Cheers included "SchlNgen und bisiegen," which means "beat and defeat," "bisso na bisso," is translated as "Among us," "va el campezn," means "go champ," "kinnen sie football spielen? Nein!" Is "Can you play football? No!" in English, and a rendition of the Beastie Boy's song "Girls," modified to say "goals." A new cheer this year is a modified version of the hit song "Smooth Criminal" by Michael Jackson, replacing "Annie" with the name of the other team.

The game that stuck out the most in Job Tate's memory was the last game of the season last year against Tiffin. "We were never so

loud," he says, "we never had so many guys. We were singing so loud." The efforts seemed to be all for naught, as the women lost. However, Tate says it was not all for lost, as "our girls were hurting from the loss, so as we were walking away, we were singing 'Stand By Me,' and it's funny, because Tiffin couldn't talk trash to us because we took it so well, and we walked all the way back up to Shen singing." Steve Maxon remembers that the Tiffin fans were drunk and yelling the whole game, but "when we went by singing, a big scary guy walked up to us and said, 'You guys are OK.'"

Game day preparation begins early for the typical Shen Bloc member. "You start by getting a good night's sleep," says Tate. "Then you go heavy on the fluids. Most people don't know this, but cheering for so long can damage the vocal cords." Then throughout the day, more hardcore members remind other Shenanites about the upcoming game. The girls also remind Shen Men,

whether by word of mouth, e-mail, or instant messenger, to come and cheer their hearts out. Just before game time, the Bloc meets outside of Shen to work out some beats and to get fired up.

The popularity of the Shen Bloc has grown tremendously in the past two years. Requests were received all the time last year for the Bloc to make appearances at women's basketball and volleyball teams, which were enthusiastically granted. Men's soccer coach Dwight Hornibrook had this to say, "They have been awesome supporters and I hope they are there in a big way every game. Our guys are always excited to play at home. It is one of the best atmospheres in the country."

So the next time you go to a game, don't be frightened by the mass of screaming, drum-beating men. The Shen Bloc is there to provide support for the teams and unity and school spirit. In fact, you might even want to join them!

Highlander SportsWeek

Volleyball

Friday, 7:00 pm Cluster
U of Rio Grande - Away

Saturday, 11:00 am/1:30 pm
U of Rio Grande - Away

Tuesday, 7:00 pm Daemen
College - Home

Field Hockey

Saturday, 1:00 pm Ithaca
College - Away

Cross Country

Geneseo Invitational
SUNY Geneseo - Away

Women's Soccer

Saturday 1:00 pm
Walsh University - Away

JV - Thursday 4:00 pm
Elmira - Away

Men's Soccer

Friday, 4:30 pm Wilberforce
University - Away

Saturday 3:30 pm
Walsh University - Away

Tuesday, 4:00 pm Roberts
Wesleyan - Away