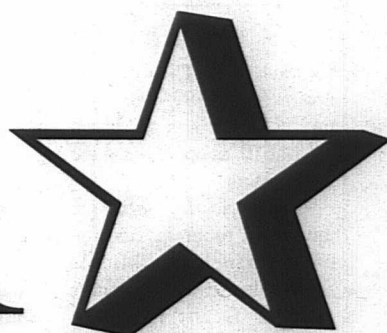


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WORLD AT A GLANCE

William Mann

France-Five American diplomats were accused of spying (on negotiating positions of movies and entertainment for GATT talks) and asked to leave the country.

South Africa-Forty-eight members of the Zulu-backed Inkatha Freedom Party followed leader Buthelezi out of Parliament, claiming the government was not addressing their regional autonomy demands.

USA-Republicans made \$17 million in sweeping cuts in labor, housing, education and health programs.

Algeria-Security forces killed 95 inmates in an assault to crush a prison uprising. Four prison guards were killed.

Yugoslavia-Bosnian conflict was interrupted by the gala wedding of a parliamentary commander and Serbia's best-loved folk singer, a symbol of union between Serbia's folkloric past and the spoils of war.

China-Worldwatch Institute suggests that China's growing demand for grain could trigger a global crisis this year.

Pakistan-A Pakistani court dismissed charges against a Christian boy and his uncle for allegedly scrawling anti-Islamic graffiti on a mosque.

-Violence flares in Karachi after 20 Shiite Muslims worshipers were massacred in two mosques. The death toll reached 32 for the weekend.

QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

"The boomers...are like Alice in Wonderland - jutting out all over the place, but with no sense of purpose, no centeredness, no moral or ethical or theological non-negotiables on which to ground their behavior."

-Bettina Maria Ferraro, C.S.C. of St. Mary's College.

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Ladies Headin' West

Oregon-bound Highlanders advance to nationals for 1st time



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'94-'95 Lady Highlanders. (back row from left) assist. coach Julie Claypool, Aimee Bence, Rebecca Gae, Brenda Johnson, Abby Kennedy, April Batt, April Stone, Lynn Jensen, Penny Shufelt, head coach Skip Lord. (front row) Erin Gold, Aimee Long, Sasha Gates, Charity O'Conner, Missy Niedzielski, Sandra Zieliński, assist. coach Mike Pavone.

Bobby Price, sports editor

Inscribed in blaring gold print across the front of the Lady Highlanders' practice jerseys is the logo "NAIA nationals champs"- a prophetic statement from a team that seems to be on a mission.

Although the women have yet to achieve this goal, they took one step closer to it Saturday night, winning the Northeast Regional championship to advance to the NAIA national tournament in Oregon.

The 83-73 win over Wilmington assures the ladies a spot in the illustrious field of 32 teams vying for a chance at the national championship. This year's appearance marks the first time ever a Houghton basketball team has made it to the NAIA national tournament.

The women appeared in the NCCAA national tournament during Coach Skip Lord's first two seasons at the helm.

"We've been close 3 years in a row," said Lord. "This (national tournament appearance) has been our goal all season."

The women hit a season high 13 three-point shots Saturday night to clinch the victory over the Wildcats of Wilmington. Missy Niedzielski led the way with 22 points including 4 three-pointers. Aimee Bence, Lynn Jensen and Charity O'Conner each hit 3 three-pointers apiece. Jensen finished with 16 points, Bence and O'Conner finished with 13 each.

Brenda Johnson, a junior transfer student, finished the game with only 5 points, but pulled down a team high 12 rebounds. She has been a steady

floor leader all season long and has been just what the Highlanders needed to advance to the next level.

"All of the hard work has finally paid off," said Johnson after the 10-point dramatic victory.

The ladies scored 40 points in the first half behind an astounding 10 three-point field goals. The women shot 46% from 3-point range for the game.

In the second half, the Wildcats fought back behind the play of Marcia Merena and Ginny Santilli, each of whom finished with 15 points. The Highlanders' championship hopes would not be denied though, as they hit 83% of their free throws to keep the Wildcat attack at bay.

"It's really exciting," Bence

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Trustees ok townhouses

Jennifer Watson

The first of the reinstated winter meetings of the Board of Trustees was held on campus the 24th-25th of February. This meeting welcomed several new trustees, namely Dr. David Babb, Rev. Stephen Bradley, Rev. Karl Eastlack, Rev. Fredrick Schaffner, and Rev. Charles Williamson.

There were reports given, resolutions made, and discussions on many of the issues relevant to Houghton. The Strategic Management team's report was given by Dr. Kenneth Bates, and a report was given on the recently completed revisions to the College Mission Statement.

At the suggestion of faculty, the mission statement was revised with a focus on the implied attitudes toward a Hough-

ton education.

In the Trustees Building Committee, a motion was made to move ahead in planning and financing the new music facility. The motion to build four townhouse units near the nursing home was approved. Trustees also approved a parking lot for Houghton Wesleyan Church

on the land between the maintenance building and the church.

Administrators set a benchmark for faculty salaries, calling for a possible 5-6.5 percent increase each year. In addition, Trustees discussed the possibility of increasing education costs

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Trustees: (front row from left) Karl Eastlack, Pierre Ferdinand, Melvin Detar, Edith Orem, Jo Anne Lyon, and J. Anthony Lloyd; (second row) Steven Bradley, President Daniel Chamberlain, Earle Wilson, David Holdren, and Kenneth Heer; (third row) David Blanchard, G. Vaughn Drummonds, Don Osgood, and Terry Slye; (fourth row) David Clarke, David Babb, Bobbie Strand, and Charles Williamson; (fifth row) Lyn Barnett, Frederick Schaffner, and Bob Kaltenbaugh.

Senate Report:

Sonja Harshman

Senate has recently been working to solve the campus security communication problem. Supervisor of security Ray Parlett said the proposal includes purchasing a mobile phone that would enable callers to be in direct contact with security instead of relying on the currently used answering machine. It has also been suggested that the information center act as a dispatch unit and to then extend their hours. In addition, campus phones could be installed outside some buildings.

In the fall of 1993, Senate approached security about installing a mobile phone communication system. A sum of \$3500 was allotted by Senate in January, 1994, toward this estimated \$4500 project. However, Senate cabinet leaders ended up distributing this money toward other needs such as purchasing an ACO van.

Last semester Senate once again approached security with the proposal. Senators are currently asking college administrators to pay for what they consider a much-needed phone system.

Parlett admits that the potential for security problems on campus does exist. However, he says, "If a person does not take a proactive interest in their own security, then no amount of external security can guarantee their security."

At the February 16th Senate meeting, treasurer Jason Wood presented the budget report. This is the first time in three years that the balance has been in the black. It was suggested by him that a new printer be purchased for the Senate cabinet.

A committee was also established to put together a fundraiser to help cover some of the expenses of Rob Jacobson's surgery.

On Monday, February 20, candidates for Senate and class positions introduced themselves. The February 23 elections were postponed until March 2.

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for students. They decided not to keep the 1995-96 cost of tuition, fees, room and board at \$14,610, as approved at the fall meeting.

Other topics discussed were the PACE program, revision of the handbook, Middle States, the freshman honors program, faculty retirement programs, the Christian Ministries program, and Buffalo inner city missions.

The Alumni Office was approved to hire a supervisor for

the coordinating of the alumni volunteers working there. It was also resolved that the trustees would increase their annual endowment fund by four percent, raising the estimated total to \$45,000.

Dr. Paul Young gave a progress report of the Responsibilities of Community Life review task force. The trustees are expected to vote on a final revision of this document when they convene in May.



The newest members of the Houghton College Board of Trustees are (from left) Rev. Charles Williamson, Dr. David Babb, Rev. Frederick Schaffner, Rev. Karl Eastlack, and Rev. Stephen Bradley.

WJSL visits NRB conference

Jeremy Tracey

On February 11, managers from WJSL, the college radio station, made the fifteen-hour trek to Nashville for the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) conference.

Dave Donnelly, Pete Friguletto, Jeremy Tracey, Professor David Manney and his wife took part in three of the four conference days in the elegant Opryland Hotel in the land of country music.

The annual conference allows broadcasters involved in Christian media an opportunity to encourage each other and be reminded of their common vision of ministry through media.

The weekend consisted of large general sessions, with times of praise and exhortation and seminars dealing with current issues in Christian media. The rest of the time the exhibition hall was open. This allowed for making contacts and handling business.

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HC Students lobby state leaders for TAP

Michael Evans, editor

Two weeks ago Tuesday, seven Houghton students were among 900 independent sector students from across the state who went to Albany to meet with legislators to stress the importance of Tuition Assistance Program and Higher Education Opportunity Program.

Houghton junior Annette Smith said, "Our assemblymen and legislators need to hear from us, their constituents, so they know we are concerned. They are there to represent us."

The Houghton group consisted of Juniors: Smith, Mark Wentling, and Ernie Schenk;

sophomores: Jessica Sandle and Stephen Clark; and first year students: Amber Dumont and Colleen Egan.

After arriving on Monday, they were briefed on effective lobbying by junior Abe Burdick who is currently doing a political science internship in Albany. The next day they broke up into two groups to meet with individual state lawmakers.

During the meetings at the Legislative Office Building, the students tried to convince state leaders not to approve the lowering of TAP, according to Houghton director of financial aid Troy Martin who let the group.

"In governor Pataki's proposed budget, he is recommend-

ing a reduction in the New York State TAP program," said Martin. "This would primarily affect currently enrolled freshmen and incoming students from this state."

Currently, freshmen may receive up to \$4,050 in TAP assistance. The governor proposes reducing the maximum to the 1993 figure of \$3,575 which still applies to eligible juniors and seniors. If the budget proposal is accepted, Martin estimates that Houghton students will lose a total of \$56,000 in state financial assistance next year.

Smith said, "When the state budget is approved this spring, we'll know whether our efforts were effective."

Limbaugh's editor to speak at Houghton

Ernest Schenk

Diana Schneider, a Houghton graduate, will be speaking on campus March 13-15, 1995, about opportunities in the field of communications as well as her personal experiences in media. Schneider will be lecturing in the evening on both Monday and Tuesday besides speaking in several communication and writing classes.

Schneider will be speak-

ing in Dr. Wing's Principles of Writing, Dr. Gaerte's Organizational Communication, and Dr. Zoller's Advanced Composition Tuesday morning. In the evening Schneider will be giving a lecture sponsored by College Republicans entitled, "About Life and Communication" at 7:30 pm in the Academic Building room 325. On Wednesday morning, she will be speaking in Dr. Gaerte's Seminar in Public Communication class.

After graduating from Houghton in 1976, Schneider worked at Baker Book House where she interned as a student. Schneider left Baker Book House in 1981 and went to work as an editor for Reader's Digest where she was responsible for assembling two editions of the publication annually. She moved on from Reader's Digest in 1992 to become senior editor of conservative radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh's *Limbaugh Letter*.

All night tournament raises \$184 for YFC

Nathan Brown

Last Friday, the Campus Activities Board sponsored its second all night volleyball tournament, raising \$184.00 for Youth For Christ. The seven-hour event was led by Sharon Meiners, the CAB committee and 92 participants from 13 student teams.

The tournament started at

10 pm at the gym as every team faced each other once. At 3 am the top eight teams entered a single elimination tournament. The final match between the top two teams changed from a single game to the best two out of three, resulting in the team "L.H.U" emerging with the victory. The members of this team were: Rob Hess, Guy Spencer, Alex Herrera, Carter Atkins, Jason

Mumford, Paul Byron, and Scott Rauch.

Although there was a competitive atmosphere, the focus of the evening was not only to win. Most teams were "...just out to have a good time." Pizza and music were provided throughout the night for those who participated. CAB representatives said that many people helped make this evening a success!

FEATURE

Valentine's Day Dating Game mimics TV

Julie Cummings

Last Valentine's Day, while couples sauntered off for a romantic evening, a rowdy audience collected in the cafeteria for the first annual Dating Game show.

The game ran in the same fashion as the television show. There was a "picker" on one side of a partition and a number of bachelors or bachelorettes on the other. The picker asked questions in an attempt to get to know the contestants and ultimately picked one to go on a date with. Each couple was awarded \$20 to use on their date.

The game show was organized by sophomore Rachael Giambri, and Betsy Webb hosted the show. Campus Activities Board members wrote the questions.

Most of the contestants were nervous. "You never know who will be on the other side of the partition," said Katya Kariuk, a junior. But, once the contestants were on stage, the excitement began.

"I didn't really think about the crowd," said first year student Becki Kraatz, "I was busy trying to concentrate on coming up with unique answers." She also said, "I liked not being able to see the person, you had to go by their answers; it was neat not being judged on appearance."

Junior Joel Meiners was the picker in the first round, and the question he found most helpful in picking his date was, "If you were an animal what would you be?" Bachelorette Kariuk responded, "A cat, because sometimes I purr and sometimes I scratch."

Other contestants were asked questions like, "What would you do on your dream date?"

"What's your opinion of the baseball strike?" or "Who is your favorite music artist?"

When sophomore Jeanine Brown asked sophomore David Adams, "If you could change one thing in history, what would you change?" He answered, "That we would have met sooner."

Kraatz and Kariuk agreed that people picked the contestants who came up with the funniest or most creative answers. The three winning couples were Brown and Adams, sophomore Julie Cummings with freshman Kevin Bedell, and Meiners chose Kariuk.

According to CAB president Anne Ingraham, the show is a "good way to meet someone and do something fun that's non-threatening." She said, "It's one fun night, if it works that's great, and if you don't get along, it's not a big deal, you don't really lose anything."

☆ Fading Stars:

1964-65 headlines

William Mann

- ☆The new \$600,000 Willard J. Houghton Memorial Library opened its doors.
- ☆College choir sang at the World's Fair in New York City area.
- ☆Former counterspy and FBI agent, Herbert Philbrick, lectures on "Communist Underground Today."
- ☆Reverend David Wilkerson addresses chapel on "Work in teenage gangs."
- ☆Converted Buddhist Litsen Chang speaks on "A Christian Approach to Buddhism."
- ☆Famed vocalist Marian Anderson draws largest Artist Series audience in Houghton's history. (Vienna Boys Choir also visits for Series.)
- ☆Parking registration fee was inaugurated, sticker price: \$5.00.
- ☆The senior class donates new ski lodge.
- ☆Sociologist Robert Dentler predicts "severe educational crisis" if desegregation not addressed.
- ☆Wesleyan World Headquarters were demolished by a Palm Sunday tornado.
- ☆Wesleyana Room opens in library with rare historical collection.

HC, Kingsley build ministry bridge halfway around the globe

Susan Weiss
Michael Evans

Houghton was visited last month by a speaker from, as Pastor Mike Walters put it, "about as far around the world as you can go without coming back the other way." The speaker was Dr. David Wilson, the president of Kingsley College in Melbourne, Australia. Dr. Wilson, who is on sabbatical, spoke in Houghton and surrounding churches.

Houghton College and Kingsley College, both Wesleyan affiliated, have recently been building an intercollegiate bond by sharing their teachers and speakers. Last winter, Kingsley missionary professors Phil and Kathy Bence were to go on home ministry in the United States and needed faculty replacements. Retired Houghton professor Warren Woolsey and his wife, Ella, volunteered for the job. So during 1994, the Bences traded houses with the Woolseys.

Professor Woolsey began his 25-year teaching career at Houghton in 1966 after he and Ella had spent 16 years as missionaries teaching at a Bible school in Sierra Leone located in West Africa.

During the past year in Aus-

tralia, professor Woolsey taught four Bible and missions classes at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Ella worked in the library. They supported themselves with organizational support from the Wesleyan Gospel Corps.

"The highlight for us was becoming a part of the very close knit community at the Kingsley College," said Mr. Woolsey. "The faculty, students and staff are all on a first name basis."

The college of 160 students offers majors

in pastoral and Christian counseling. Beside his classroom duties, Mr. Woolsey led a small bi-weekly koinonia group and spoke at some of the weekly chapel services. "The Kingsley campus is compact" said professor Woolsey. If you drew a line around the Houghton quad connecting the surrounding buildings, that would be about the size of the campus. They are currently fund-raising to expand their library and grounds. The majority of his students at Kingsley were Australians but some were Sri Lankans, Tongan, and even one Samoan. The largest ethnic group is Chinese.

"I wouldn't refer to myself as a missionary," said professor

Woolsey. "But rather a visiting lecturer. Nobody likes to think they need missionaries."

Most people, including Australians, don't recognize Australia for its mission field. Houghton sophomore Angela Bence, daughter of Phil and Kathy, said, "Australia is a leisure society." She says the general response to Christianity is that it "goes in one ear and out the other." What they do love is to "drink, relax and play sports."

Houghton College President Daniel Chamberlain agreed. He said that when he briefly visited Melbourne in 1988, he was struck by the "paganism", alcoholism and "lack of concern for permanent values." He sensed an "emptiness and a hunger."

Does this sound like your typical invitation to the land "down-under"?

There is a bright side. Ask Bence, or Chamberlain, Walters, Vice president for finance Ken Nielsen, Warren and Ella Woolsey who have visited Kingsley College helping to form a bond between Houghton and the Australian mission field.

Chamberlain was enthusiastic about the commitment, sacrifice and motivation of the students and faculty at Kingsley. Though it is tiny compared to

Houghton, he said that the personal drive of those involved was "almost palpable, you could feel it."

Countering an apparent indifference toward the faith in Australia, Kingsley College has impacted ministry and church building there and abroad. Dr. Wilson, who has been there for fourteen years and seen several dramatic and encouraging changes, attributes this to the Wesleyan ministry that appeals to people at "the grass-roots level." He says that they've witnessed "15% kingdom growth through friendship ministries, not rallies."

Kingsley's purpose is to train the leadership skills needed for pastoring and church-planting. Particular emphasis is on the newly-prospering Asian-Pacific rim. The college has recently received government accreditation to offer a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian ministries and to possibly expand their academics to a broader, liberal arts program. Still, Kingsley is currently in need of staff and capital.

They are a small institution with a big part to play in spreading the gospel who do, in Bence's words, "more than their share."

Most people don't recognize Australia for its mission field.



Editor's Mail Bag

Dear STAR Editor,

I feel obligated to address this letter in regards to an editing decision made in the February 24th edition of the STAR, specifically the choice made by your office to print the letter of Mr. Dan Moore.

I do not wish to continue the discussion of nudity in art here within, but to express my shock that the STAR would print an opinion which equates a campus controversy to the "Final Solution" (i.e. the Jewish Holocaust of 1933-1945). That Mr. Moore has the right to his opinion is indisputable, no matter how vehemently I may be in opposition to it. What I believe to be at issue is the indirect support given this opinion by a student publication. By allowing this view to be displayed in the STAR, you have diminished the importance of the Holocaust, reducing it to the level of intellectual controversy. This is nothing short of disrespectful to the memory of millions of lost individuals and is as morally questionable, in my opinion, as would be denying the reality of this attempt at genocide.

I am offended and outraged

that no person had the courage or sensitivity to realize that such matters do not have a place in a student newspaper such as the STAR. I therefore encourage your office to learn from this circumstance and apply the tool of editing in order to prevent such instances from arising in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Russell Webb

Dear Mr. Webb,

As you pointed out you have the right to express an opinion as do the other 1,400 people in Houghton. The STAR facilitates communication of news, opinions, and other information between members and groups in our community.

In his letter, Mr. Moore expressed that he believes euphemisms are often dangerously abused to down-play public awareness of unthinkable actions. Before applying his argument to nude modeling, he made historic illustrations. Whether The STAR appears to indirectly support this opinion or not, he was not, as you say, directly equating a campus controversy with the Jewish Holocaust.

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Regardless, it should be obvious that the STAR does not intend to support any one view. I must refer to an overly used but obviously true phrase: letters to the editor are opinions of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Houghton College or the editors of this newspaper.

Perhaps, Mr. Webb, you are insisting we discontinue our Mailbag section and replace it with sifted, hypersensitive, clean editorials. The STAR is more interested in having members of the community interact than deciding what the outcome of any particular debate should be.

Your letter encourages the editorial staff that apathy is not the banner at Houghton College. Thank you for sharing your opinion.

Michael Evans

Classified ad

Looking to adopt!
Happily married professional couple unable to have baby. Hoping to adopt newborn. Legal and confidential. Can help with medical expenses. Richard and Susan: 1-800-579-8338

My Old Attitude:
me: rejected, alienated--written off as "weird," "non-understandable," "bizarre," "artist," "freak," "the girl with the leg hairs"
What I did: Tired of being treated and perceived as a freak, I learned to write off anyone who I thought would never give me a chance or the time of day. I stopped bothering looking for friendship from the people who would ignore me when I walked into the room. (like the thirty cheerleaders at my high school who used to sit in front of my locker every morning and wouldn't move for me to get my books). I WASN'T GOING TO WASTE MY BREATH TRYING TO PROVE MYSELF NORMAL, TRYING TO BE FRIENDLY. I always wanted to know heaps of other people, but I saw the looks I was getting, so I'd be ashamed and walk away. Today: Tired of being ashamed of myself, I went to them. Them: -girls wearing high heels, skirts, lipstick (as opposed to the hiking boots and very grubby army fatigues I am used to) --jocks - anyone giving me those looks
Forgetting the Me/Them mentality, forgetting that they were going to reject me, I pressed on for new friendships. Maybe after the tenth time, or the twentieth, they would start to see me as a person of substance, as someone with real beauty inside. I pressed on towards the goal for which I have been called in Christ Jesus: Not writing people off, not giving up on people, seeing the beauty in those who don't see the beauty in me, believing in people, upholding them in prayer, love, and friendship. Like, for real.
I found: After reaching out to hard, cold faces, I was met with smiles, and after the fourth or fifth time of reaching out to some people, I was met with their friendship. I found that they thought I had been rejecting them, and they were right.
Even if: Please, if you think I'm stupid for writing these articles, don't write me off.



CONDITIONING A FLAT EARTH

Elizabeth Jenner

"Write Offs"

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You are invited to Wilmore, Kentucky, April 20-23 for the annual music festival featuring your favorite CCM artists!
The cost is \$32 (not including transportation) or \$24 if you pay before leaving for break.
See the posters outside the STAR office.

This event is being organized by the students who went last year.

SPORTS

-Women take their spot in HC history

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said after the win. "Different people stepped at different times for us. For us seniors especially, this has been our goal."

Friday night the ladies defeated Philadelphia College of

Pharmacy & Science 83-74, in the regional semi-final game.

Bence had the hot hand for the women as she funneled in a game high 27 points. O'Conner broke through the PCPS defense to net 22, and April Stone chipped in 16 points. The team

shot 50% from the floor for the game. Houghton had beaten PCPS earlier in the season at home.

The victory set the Lady Highlanders up to play the following evening in the regional championship game against

Wilmington.

Although the women have their work cut out for them in Oregon, they aren't going there for vacation.

"We're going out there to win," said Bence. "We didn't come this far for nothing."

News release: field hockey and soccer coaches named

Skip Lord, athletics director

Dwight and Donna Hornibrook have recently accepted Houghton's offer to join the college's coaching staff as men's soccer coach and women's field hockey coach, respectively. The Hornibrooks live in New Brunswick, Canada, and are expected to move to Houghton this summer with their two-year-old daughter.

Dwight is currently a staff coach with the Canadian Soccer Association. He holds Canada's highest coaching license and is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick. In addition to playing professionally in Canada, Dwight was a member of Canada's World Cup Team coaching staff, while

serving in several other national-level capacities.

Donna is the head women's field hockey coach at the University of New Brunswick, where she earned her degree. For several years, her squad at UNB has been among the top inter-collegiate programs in Canada, where she has a 52-9-8 record. She brings several years of coaching experience at the national level to Houghton. Donna was a four-year member of the Canadian National Field Hockey Team, was recognized as an All-Canadian player four times, and was named the Female Athlete of the Year at the University of New Brunswick in 1981. Donna was also a member of the 1980 Canadian Olympic Team.

Men lose heartbreaker fall to Wilmington at regionals

Bobby Price, sports editor

The Houghton men's basketball season came to a bitter end Friday night as Wilmington College defeated the Highlanders, 84-83, at the Northeast Regional semi-final game in Philadelphia.

The tragic one-point loss was especially disheartening considering the fact that the men rallied back from as many as eight points down with a minute left in the game.

Bill Price and Brandon McCartney each hit three-pointers and Sergei Swanson followed up with a three-point play of his own to cut the Wildcat lead to two with only eleven seconds remaining in the contest.

After a Wildcat player hit one of two free throw attempts at the other end, the Highlanders set up for one final shot on the inbound play.

The ball was inbounded to Jason Weyforth, who was fouled shooting a three-pointer with two seconds left. The junior coolly sank the first two free throws, but missed the third off the back iron. A loose scramble on the floor was all for naught as the final horn sounded and the Wildcats walked off with the victory.

"The first two (foul shots) felt like they weren't going in, and the last one felt like it was going in," said Weyforth after the game. Weyforth has been the leading scorer and assist man for the Highlanders all season.

The Houghton squad was in control throughout most of the first half. Weyforth, Swanson and Bill Price each hit big three-pointers to keep the Highlanders in front. Wilmington missed several open lay-ups to help the Highlanders stay there. Houghton led by five at the intermission.

In the second session, the Highlanders dropped into a 2-3 zone that seemed to baffle the Wildcats, but the Highlanders couldn't help themselves, as they were unable to get off good shots.

"I thought the thing that hurt us the worst was our poor offensive execution in the second half," said Andrew Gustafson.

The men would have advanced to the regional finals if they had beaten Wilmington. A win in the finals would have sent the men to the NAIA national tournament for the first time in Houghton basketball history.



photo by William Greenway

Andrew Gustafson powers his way for two during the final home game of his career. The Highlanders will lose him and Brandon McCartney to graduation.

"I was proud of the way we fought back in the last minute," said Coach Greg Berry. "We had a chance to tie it up right at the end."

In one year, Coach Berry has been responsible for taking the Highlander men's basketball program from obscurity to respectability.

"As far as the season goes, I think we've made a giant step this year," said the former New Mexico State assistant coach. "We were more competitive this season and we hope to be even more competitive next year."

The new coach seems to have been well-received by his troops too.

"Coach Berry brought a relaxed atmosphere with him when he came to Houghton," said Bill Price. "After playing on last year's team, it was a neat experience to play for a winning ball club. It was a much-needed transition," he added.

Freshman off-guard, Sergei Swanson, who finished Friday night's game with 8 crucial points, also feels that Coach Berry has made big improvements on the Highlander program.

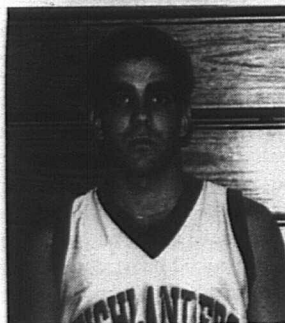
"He's the best coach I've ever had," said the former Smethport standout. "He has made me a better ball player."

Next season, with a good recruiting class coming in, the men should continue to improve.

The men finish the season at the .500 mark with a 13-13 record; that marks a nine-game turn around from last year.

Stats from the final game were not available at press time.

MEET THE HIGHLANDERS



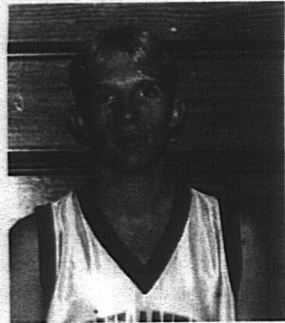
Matthew Barry Hirschhoff

Age: 19
Year: Sophomore
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 164
Position: Guard
Major: Physical Education

Scouting Report: Matt's ball-handling ability and accurate shooting touch are the strengths to his arsenal. Although he has had limited playing time this season, Matt has been a steady outside shooter for the Highlanders all year. Likes to push the break and sees the floor very well. Don't dare leave him open in rainbow country or it's 3 points for sure.

Future Goals: I'd like to be a gym coach somewhere and coach basketball.

Outlook on Season: We have a lot of potential. Team unity is a must this season. We also need to play focused every game.



Eric Scott Engert

Age: 19
Year: Sophomore
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 160
Position: Guard
Major: Mathematics

Scouting Report: Eric's cleverness on the basketball court is his strongest attribute. A product of nearby Fillmore High School, Eric led his high school team to the Section V class DD finals his senior year. Likes to shoot the 3-point shot and can drive to the hole. Passes the ball extremely well and sees the court like a pro. Eric has been a steady contributor for the Highlander j.v. program this year.

Future Goals: Have a family and work with computers.

Outlook on Season: We should do better this year than what happened last season.

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Sports Corner

"Athletes and Boyfriends"

Bill Price

It appears that I made a lot of "female" enemies two weeks ago in The STAR by writing about athletes from a male perspective. I was not implying that females only exist so that men can perform better in competition, nor was I stating that females are not athletes. In fact, to prove that I'm right, I'm going to turn the tables on my critics. Here I go — Can female athletes have boyfriends and still perform at optimum levels? Let's go to the source to find out.

Erin Gold, member of the Lady Highlander's basketball team states that it doesn't really matter.

"As long as you are focused, you can perform well, even when your boyfriend is watching you." For Erin, it is not really an issue of whether or not you have a boyfriend, rather, the issue becomes whether or not you remain focused.

Fellow teammate Sandra Zielinski states, "I think it depends on the athlete. However, for me personally, I get really nervous because I want to do the best that I possibly can on the court."

Thus the issue of nerves comes into the picture. If the athlete becomes nervous when her boyfriend is watching her perform, it would seem that optimum performance would not and could not be reached.

However, for some female athletes, nervousness is not even an issue.

Take Kelly Daughtery, star volleyball player for Houghton. Here's what she thinks: "Once I step on the volleyball court, I don't even think about Dave. Furthermore, I don't get nervous. I stay focused."

Again, the issue of whether or not the athlete can remain focused is brought up. If she can remain focused on the game, then it would seem that optimum performance could be reached for this type of athlete. But what if the athlete cannot remain focused when her boyfriend is watching her? Optimum performance, it would seem, could not be reached because all athletes know how very important focus is in athletic competition.

So I guess, just as is the case with male athletes, it depends on the athlete. Women athletes, male athletes, boyfriends, girlfriends. Can they mix, do they mix? Can optimum performance be reached, or does it even matter? The answer lies deep within each athlete, and exists at a very personal level which, I guess, is the best place for it.