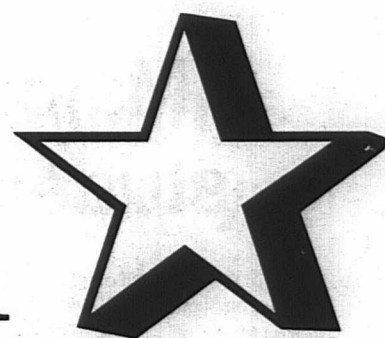


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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Wm. Mann

Stephen Walker is the third up and rising State Department worker to resign in the past month over lack of U.S. intervention into war-torn Bosnia. Said Christopher in his resignation letter, "Genocide is taking place again in Europe, yet we, the European community and the rest of the international community stand by and watch..."

Many fear stepping into the "Yugoslav quagmire", envisioning a repeat of the 1914 assassination which triggered World War I.

Israel and the PLO signed their "historic" peace treaty in the U.S. on September 13.

U.S. was forced to impose sanctions on China in response to the sale of nuclear equipment to Pakistan. Their decision severely sets back American business interests in the budding Chinese economy.

Prime Minister Kim Campbell has called an October 25 election, thereby gearing Canada up for a political fray over economics, high unemployment (22%) and past political popularities. Campbell was elected as Progressive leader after the no-confidence resignation of Brian McCroney.

Chicago schools have delayed opening due to the Board's failure to pass a budget for the new school year. Teachers and administrators were still unresolved as of Sunday night, thereby starting another week with closed classroom doors.

In a similar story, Michigan governor and legislature have voted to cut local property tax as a source of school funding. This, they feel, is the only sure way to force reform decisions about public schooling.

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Meet Houghton's New Dean - V. James Mannoia, Jr.

Dean Mannoia's goals and expectations in his new position at Houghton College

Karen L. Griffith

The 1993-94 school year is already three weeks old and some activities have become routine. Not only are the freshmen and transfers' new faces around campus, but there are a number of new faculty and staff members at Houghton this fall. Among the new faces is Jim Mannoia, the new Vice President for Academics and

Dean of the College. The former professor of Philosophy at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California arrived in Houghton in July and is getting settled into his new position.

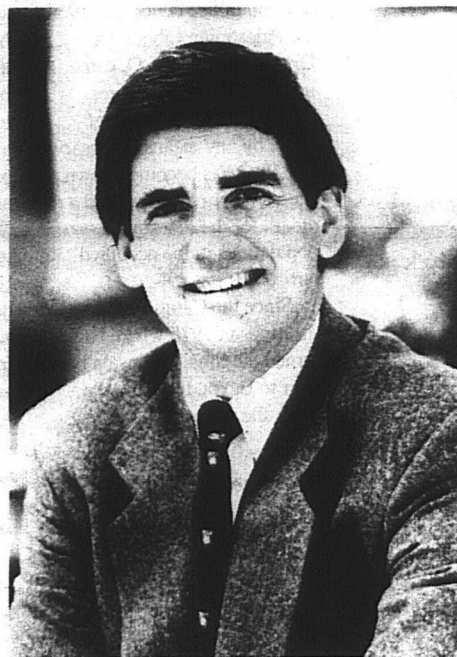
In any new position, goals and expectations are very important to establish. Dean Mannoia has in mind two main goals for Houghton this year and in the future. Houghton

"... like to see the faculty build their confidence in their abilities and to become a community of encouragers."

A second goal for Mannoia is to build up Houghton's external perspective and to increase our reputation for academic quality. He would like to see Houghton become known as a center for "first-quality advanced Christian Liberal Arts studies." According to Mannoia, a Christian Liberal Arts college should be interested in helping students to become a certain kind of person who is committed and believes passionately in ideas and who can become critical in their thinking and reflecting on what they are committed to. He believes a chief attitude of a liberally educated person is an attitude of humility towards what we believe. In essence, Dean Mannoia would like to see Houghton helping students to learn how to integrate not only their faith with disciplines, but to integrate many disciplines and to be able to put theories into practice.

Jim Mannoia's background in philosophy has aided him to be able to help students to

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CLEW speaker addresses Houghton's spiritual needs

Linda Betzold

Christian Life Emphasis Week for this year, Monday, September 6 through Friday, September 10, boasted Dr. William Iverson as its speaker. Dr. Iverson and his wife, Anne, hail from Miami, Florida where they are leaders in study centers that encourage personal ministry, focus on God, and the movement out, to bring the gospel to all those who have yet to hear the gospel.

As he expected, Dr. Iverson found the college to be warm and the students open. The diversity of the student body spoke well for the future of the college, he felt. There was a good spirit in the meetings, he maintains, and good overall leadership for the colleges. CLEW meetings, except for a

few problems that he addressed candidly.

Dr. Iverson found first the lack of organized prayer on the campus for specific needs disturbing, and the lack of participation and focus, which seem to go hand in hand. He felt that there needed to be prayer for CLEW before the week began. Also, the students seemed to be more academically pressured during a spiritually sensitive week than he would like. In his words, "it's a matter of focus." God is certainly in academics; but CLEW is a week of alternative emphasis.

Dr. Iverson continued to speak with great enthusiasm for the college as he expressed a desire to have worked more with the students in small

groups with dialogue, in luncheons with faculty, in the dorms, in classes. It was obvious he wished he could have gotten far more personal than the Wesley Chapel stage would allow.

Another concern Dr. Iverson spoke of, was the lack of faculty participation. Houghton is not just the student body, CLEW week is not just for the students. It is for the entire community, including the community members outside the college.

The focus of a majority of Dr. Iverson's messages concerned the development of a world view proper for a Christian, the recognition of the needs of this world we live in.

As is traditional, each class provided the music ministry for each evening service, with the

Profile:

Dr. V. James Mannoia Jr.

Karen L. Griffith

V. James Mannoia, Jr., the new Vice President for Academics and Dean of the college, came to Houghton in July from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California. His most recent position, since 1987, at Westmont was as a Professor of Philosophy. Other positions he has held at Westmont include Vice Chairman of the Faculty, Chairman of the Philosophy Department, Chairman of the Humanities Department, and the Associate Academic Dean.

Dean Mannoia believes strongly in cross-cultural experiences and it is because of his own missionary work that has led him to hold this close to his heart. He was exposed early to missionary work growing up in Brazil and during college he visited Zimbabwe. He returned to Zimbabwe in 1987 and he spent two years at the university there as a professor of Philosophy.

His family has enjoyed the Houghton area so far and they look forward to the changing seasons. His 18 year-old son Jim, is looking forward to spending a year between high school and college in Africa. Having visited Africa as a young boy with his father, Jim looks to Africa for exciting new experiences. Eva Marie, Dean Mannoia's 14 year-old daughter, has just begun her freshmen year at Fillmore and is excited about playing volleyball and taking piano and voice lessons. Ellen Mannoia, Dr. Mannoia's wife, looks forward to experiencing Houghton's close community and also taking in the seasons and enjoying God's nature in Western New York.

seniors beginning the week on Monday and the freshmen winding up on Thursday. Dr. Iverson spoke not only in Monday through Thursday's evening services, but in all three Chapels and the three Sunday services on September fifth. Anne Iverson spoke briefly in an evening service and also in Friday's chapel.

Major changes in student publication

The Star staff started out the semester on September 7th with a meeting of editors, columnists, and senior writers. There has been an almost complete change-over in staff, and it is their goal to see the Star become again the representative heart-beat of the college.

Heather Dale has assumed the position of Editor-in-Chief and Karen Griffith is the Assistant Editor. Todd Chamberlain will be taking care of the finances and advertising. Mike Maloney is heading up the sports section.

At the staff meeting there was a lot of brainstorming, but the major emphasis was that of the direction of the Star - where it is and where they would like to see it by May. The staff has three major goals:

The first is to re-focus the content of the paper. In the past years there has been an abundant amount of opinion, most of it sarcastic and cynical. Dale says that past editors used it as a platform from which to

"spout their negative feelings about the college." This year they would like to concentrate on campus news.

In keeping with the need to stay on top of the news, the Star will now come out weekly on Thursday evenings. They also would like to cooperate with campus organizations in advertising and covering events.

Another goal for the Star is to correct some bad decisions made in the past - the consequences of which have accumulated to create a sizeable debt. Chamberlain and Dale are working together to increase revenues and cut costs.

The third goal of the staff is to lay a firm foundation for future Star editors. This year's team found that they came into their positions blind with no training or former experience in how to put together this publication. Another obstacle they have to contend with is obsolete equipment. The computers that they work with

are not only old (1987 models), but are no longer capable of handling the load. Therefore, new hardware and software must be purchased.

A lack of trained, committed writers has also made the transition a difficult one.

It is the desire of the Star staff to train and develop competent writers willing to be dedicated to the publication in future years. To this end, Dr. Wing has agreed to teach a short seminar in journalism basics. This, or a journalism course, is now required for writers.

Dale also made it clear that she is a team player. She depends on her writers and editors to contribute their time, energy, resources, and ideas to the publication. It is due to this objective that bi-weekly staff meetings have been scheduled and deadlines are to be strictly adhered to.

The STAR staff would like your input. Please fill out the survey below and return it to box 378. THANKS.

Country of the Week: Israel

Eric Stroom

To most people the prospect of peace in the Middle East seems to be an unattainable goal. Through the past forty years the countries in that region have spent more time on the battlefield than at the peace table. Since the U.N. created an independent Jewish state in 1945, the Middle East has been in constant turmoil over religious and cultural problems.

In 1967, the region exploded into war, as the tiny nation of Israel defended itself against the combined Arab forces of Syria, Jordan and Egypt in a smashing military success. Israel managed to capture territory equal to almost half of its existing area. However, this captured territory has been the cause of most of the problems related to Israel since then. The Israeli government rules these areas, known as the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, by martial law and police action. In 1964 the Palestinian Liberation Organization, or PLO, came into being with the express intent of the destruction of Israel by any means necessary. The PLO has become known as a terrorist organization and a mouth for the Palestinian populations in the occupied territories.

Since the Camp David meetings in 1978 where Israel turned the Sinai Peninsula back over to Egypt, the U.S., the PLO, the Arabs, and the Jews

have been involved in complex and often fruitless attempts to organize a peace. Now there seems to be a light at the end of the tunnel. PLO leader Yassir Arafat, Israeli President Yitzhak Rabin, and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres have signed a historical peace agreement this week. It basically outlines an Israeli agreement to give self-rule to the occupied territories and recognition of the PLO as a legitimate political group, in return for PLO recognition of Israeli sovereignty and cessation of hostilities.

To many people, this agreement is as significant as the toppling of the Berlin Wall, but it is not without its critics. Over the years the Israeli government has transported large groups of Jewish settlers into the occupied territories in an attempt to gain some kind of control. Now these settlers are seeing themselves being betrayed by their government and wondering who will protect them when Israeli troops pull out under the peace agreement. Despite these protests, however, the peace process will continue.

This is truly a historic moment in the Middle East. Hopefully this agreement will be the first step in healing generations of conflict and be a framework for similar agreements between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

STAR SURVEY

Gender M or F

Year FR SO JR SR

Major

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- What do you believe should be the major emphasis of the STAR?
A. to report news on campus and in the nation/world
B. to express the opinions of students or STAR staff
C. to preach salvation and Christian principles
D. other: _____
- Do you approve of the changes this year's staff desires to make?
yes _____ no _____ why not? _____
- What do you like best about the STAR? _____
- What do you dislike most? _____
- What do you think should be included in the STAR that isn't now? _____
- Does it bother you that most administrative decisions made at Houghton are not reported in the STAR?
no _____ yes _____ go on _____
- Do you think that it is the STAR's responsibility to report such decisions?
yes _____ no _____
- Why did you read this issue?
A. I usually read it
B. I was bored
C. I noticed the difference
- On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the best) how would you rate previous STAR's on:
1. Subject/content: _____ 3. Grammar/spelling/etc.: _____
2. Mag. design: _____ 4. Christian principles: _____
- Now that you can recycle the STAR, will you?
A. Yes - I'm encouraged by the change
B. No

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New Dean

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promote this critical commitment by asking challenging and provoking questions of the students in the classroom. In his new position, he hopes to help faculty shape their curriculum and encourage them to integrate their faith into their disciplines. To Mannoia, Bible colleges and Seminaries are very worthy institutions, but a Christian Liberal Arts college should think about what they can do best and zero in on that aspect.

A more personal side to Jim Mannoia would be his missionary experience over the years. He values his missionary upbringing in Brazil as a young boy through high school. As a college student, he spent time in Zimbabwe touring with a small group and playing his trumpet. In South Africa he worked in a coffeehouse with Africa Enterprise helping drug addicts. Through these experiences, he fell in love with southern Africa and from 1987-1989 returned to Zimbabwe as

a professor of Philosophy at the university there. He is a strong advocate of cross-cultural experiences here and overseas. Learning another language is also an important part of this type of experience. Mannoia believes these missionary experiences have had an impact on his life, but he is discovering daily in what ways they affect him. From seeing other cultures, he has been able to see things from other people's perspectives of our country, relationships and how we as Americans treat them, and how priorities in the United States differ greatly from those of other countries.

Dean Mannoia is thrilled to be in Houghton and his prayer would be that whatever he brings to the campus is the Lord's will and not his own. He prays for wisdom to apply his knowledge, energy to do the tasks set before him, and for a sense of brokenness to be able to recognize the places where he can contribute, not by his effort, but by the grace of God

Sophomore Class Retreat

Melissa Kime

On Friday night, September 4, the sophomore class caravan pulled out of East Hall parking lot to begin their first ever class retreat. Upon arriving at Camp Vick, the class immediately began to relax and enjoy games such as four square, winkum and fruit basket. The games and good times lasted long into the night, leaving some too tired to make it to breakfast the next morning.

On Saturday morning, the sophomores were addressed by Reverend John Hartman of the Fillmore Wesleyan Church, who based his message on the book of Exodus. Later that morning, the class was divided

into four olympic teams: the lions, the centaurs, the fauns, and the dryads.

Before lunch the teams competed in a scavenger hunt. After lunch the teams played soccer and volleyball and then bobbed for apples and fought for mayonnaise. The athletic portion of the competition was followed by free time in which many of the sophomores enjoyed swimming and boating on the camp's pond, leaving the final round of group competition, the group cheers until Sunday morning.

Saturday night the class enjoyed a time of praise, prayer and sharing around the campfire. Several of the

sophomores then proceeded to sleep out under the stars. Sunday morning our speaker was David Lewis, the women's soccer coach and Director of Christian Life here at Houghton. After worship came the final event in the class olympics, the group cheer. The groups were judged on the volume, creativity and coordination of their cheers.

Early Sunday afternoon, the class caravan was once again ready to pull out. On this trip, not only the cars, but the hearts and minds of the class were full of all that we had learned and experienced together on our very first class retreat.

Houghton brings on new faculty

Angela Fulkroad

Houghton College has increased in numbers this fall. In addition to the 307 incoming freshmen and 98 transfer students that have replaced the 185 seniors that graduated in May, the faculty has also grown and undergone some changes.

The Star is pleased to welcome the following new members of the faculty to Houghton College...

Donn Bennice: Associate Professor of Physical Education and Basketball coach. Dr. Bennice received his Ph.D. from Ohio State in 1979 and has taught at Montreat Anderson, Limestone College, and Ohio Northern where he was Director of Athletics and chair of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Sports Studies. Dr. Bennice currently resides in a farm house outside Belfast with his wife, Jane, and 1 1/2 year old son, Matthew.

Karen Cianci: Associate Professor of Biology. MRE Gordon Cromwell Theological Seminary, 1980; Ph.D. Bryn Mawr College, 1989. Dr. Cianci has taught Biology and Psychology at Eastern College and has been Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology at Franklin and Marshall college where she taught psychobiology. Dr. Cianci and her husband, Terry, also a biologist who will be teaching part-time in the Biology Department, are living in the faculty apartments with their two children, Glenn, 2 1/2 years, and Dawn, 1 year.

Ann Cooper Gay: Assistant Professor of Music and Music Education Coordinator. Cooper has an Honors Diploma in Opera from the University of Toronto, 1972, a M.Mus. in Music Education, University of Toronto, 1991 and additional studies in musicology, drama, and children's choir techniques at the University of Texas, Sul Ross State University and Westminster Choir College. Cooper's husband has been a guest conductor for Toronto Symphony and Music Director and Conductor of the Hart House Orchestra at the University of Toronto. The Coopers live in Franklinville.

Susan Hice: Associate Professor of Education and Director of the Academic Support Center. Ph.D. Michigan State University, 1983. Dr. Hice has had her own private practice since 1979 at the St. Thomas Reading Clinic in Jamestown where she does reading diagnosis and consultation. Dr. Hice lives with her husband and daughter, Becky, in Jamestown, N.Y. Dr. Hice is also the mother of former Houghton graduates Jeffery and Jennifer Hice.

Mark Hijleh: Assistant Professor of Theory/Composition. Doctor of Music Arts, Peabody Conservatory, 1991. Hijleh has been music instructor and department head at the Institution of Notre Dame, Baltimore, MD. Dr. Hijleh will be living in the faculty apartments with his wife, Kelly, a Peabody trained soprano.

Ruth Johns Heath: Interim Assistant Professor of Spanish. Heath served this position once before at Houghton from 1986 - 1988. Since then, she has been completing her course work for a Ph.D. in French at Indiana University. She and her husband will be living in the Hutton Skylight Apartment.

Jayne Maugans: Associate Professor of Sociology. Ph.D. SUNY at Buffalo. Dr. Maugans taught at Houghton in 1991 - 1992 and was the speaker at last years Faculty Retreat. She has been serving as the Director of the Studies Center at Alfred University and is the author of the book *Aging Parents. Ambivalent Baby Boomer.* (General Hall, Inc.) Dr. Maugans and her husband, Robert Scherzer, a ceramic technician at Alfred University, live in Phillips Creek.

Christopher Stewart: Interim Assistant Professor of Philosophy. Ph.D. University of Notre Dame, 1992. Dr. Stewart has taught at Indiana University South Bend, St. Mary's College, and University of Notre Dame. Dr. Stewart will also be involved with the PACE Program. He lives in Alderman House with his wife, Jean, and daughters Anna (3) and Claire (1).

Severe weather, construction cause damage to Village Church

Doug Gillham

Severe weather caused quite a bit of damage to many locations across Western New York during the first week of the semester, including to the village church here in Houghton.

The first round of thunderstorms rolled through the area Tuesday afternoon catching the roofers that were working on the church. The contractors had a significant section of the roof off when the storms came through the area that afternoon.

Despite the valiant efforts of more than thirty workers and volunteers during the storm, damage to the multipurpose room at the back of the building was quite extensive.

Early, reports estimated the damage at \$18000.

Though insurance will cover the costs, the church will be unable to use the room until Christmas.

The second round of thunderstorms passed through the area Thursday afternoon and evening. Though Houghton received several hours of very heavy rain, this paled in significance compared to the tornadoes which touched down in Northern Pennsylvania, and in Cattaraugus County, just to the west of Houghton. Wind damage unrelated to the tornadoes was also reported in Olean and Cuba.

Yet another storm front rumbled across the area Friday

afternoon. Once again Houghton was spared the worst of the storm's fury. A tornado killed two people and destroyed homes and other property in Genesee County when it touched down east of Batavia.

Closer to campus, wind damage was reported to several farm buildings on Route 15 in the town of Allen near the Angelica town line here in Allegany County. There was also an unconfirmed report of a tornado in Short Tract. No injuries were reported.

Warm and very moist air at the surface with very cold air aloft, along with an unusually powerful jetstream for this time of year were responsible for the stormy weather.

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Fox leads volleyball team to Ukraine with SCORE

Michael Evans

Seven Houghtonites went with an 18-player volleyball team to the Ukraine for two weeks this summer as a Christian ministry to athletes and citizens. The trip was sponsored by SCORE International, a missions group which uses high level athletics to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Judy Fox, Houghton's assistant volleyball coach, recruited and coached the 18 players from six states. Three players were Lady Highlanders: Julie Claypool, Evie Schneider, and Barb Murray. Senior Dave Francis went as an assistant coach; manager Terry Merchant is a junior here at Houghton; and Todd Russell was the team trainer.

Players were recruited from Westminster College, King College, Covenant College, Trinity Christian, Western Baptist, Buffalo State and Houghton College. They traveled from May 21st through June 3rd to Cherkassi and Kiev.

The purpose of SCORE, or Sharing Christ Our Redeemer Enterprises, is to attract crowds to sporting events to present the gospel of Jesus Christ. Fox became associated with the

Fox's team traveled with a basketball team from Judson College for the first week in Cherkassi. Each day, both teams played a match against respective Ukrainian teams, witnessing to the spectators between games. The rest of the day was spent in team devotions, practice, street witnessing and evening Bible studies, that included individuals from the Ukrainian teams.

Fox said the team of American Christian women was excellent. The players were chosen on the basis of their Christian witness and ability to play at a high competition level. Unfortunately, they were no match for the Ukrainians, some of which have been or will be players in the Olympics. The Americans won two games out of six matches played. A match is won by winning two out of three games. But winning games was not the ladies' primary purpose for going; winning souls was.

Junior Evie Schneider said that between the daily volleyball and basketball games one woman and one man would stand up and give testimony to the spectators through their translator, Marcia. On one occasion some ladies sang "Love in Any Language." Schneider said, "Marcia translated it before we sang and you could have heard a pin drop."

The language barrier proved to be an obstacle, so moments when they truly communicated with the people were rare. Most adult Ukrainians speak little or no English, but the children are educated and can understand more. Some of them carried Ukrainian/American dictionaries and worked to communicate. Julie Claypool, one of Houghton's co-captains said, "A lot of our communication had to do with sign language. We talked very, very slowly and used our hands."

The first Sunday in Cherkassi, the teams visited a Baptist Church of about two hundred people. Dave Francis described it as an hospitable and "praying church." Church leaders had reserved the first three rows for their American guests. Two athletes and Rick Jerrell, a missionary from Virginia representing SCORE, spoke through interpreters and the Ukrainian congregation sang "Amazing Grace." At the

end of the multicultural service, "How Great Thou Art" was sung in English and Ukrainian. Evie Schneider felt the unity of the service; "Here I am in another country, we can't even speak to each other, but we are all brothers and sisters in God."

The team handed out tracts and Bibles on the streets of Cherkassi the first week, and in the capital city, Kiev, the second. Julie Claypool commented on the contrast between Ukrainians and Americans, "We never saw a tract in a wastebasket or on the ground." Another contrast was the spectators, and opposing players. Junior, Barb Murray

extending high fives to the Americans.

The children watching enjoyed learning "the wave" but the adults were too reserved to get involved. Claypool said just the children were responsive at first, then adults would come to see the Americans. The kids would often hang around their hotel and follow the team all day. "The kids flocked around us," said Schneider. The team gave them candy, gum, crayons, and other gifts. Of the children, Claypool said, "It's amazing what crayons and paper would do for them." Francis said the children drew on any paper

they could find and gave it to the team members. His book of drawings is among his most treasured memories from the trip.

The economy in the Ukraine, once a republic in the

paying, and the value of a dollar was very low. One dollar is worth about 3,000 Ukrainian coupons. A meal at a restaurant costs about 35 coupons, and a Snickers bar costs about 200. By those standards, the local people make very little, and American visitors are considered rich. Schneider was surprised that the Ukrainians "were very giving even though they didn't have any money." Everywhere they went people gave them flowers, trinkets and other gifts.

Underequipped hospitals which the team visited and the general sadness of the adult population were yet more signs demonstrating a depressed economy. Leader Judy Fox said Russian Orthodox, the most popular religion in the Ukraine, does not promote joy within its parish. She said that conversations among Ukrainians about God and religion often end in tears and sadness rather than hope.

It has only been recently that religious barriers have broken down in that part of the world. With the sudden freedom of religion comes uncertainty. The Soviet government has told its people for centuries that there is no God. Now people are free to seek God, but they don't know where to look. Hundreds of missions groups, like SCORE, are going to

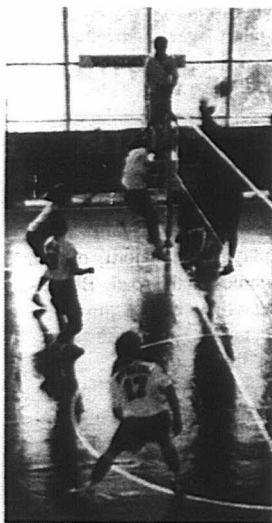


Back: Dave Francis, Terry Merchant, Erin Sheehy, Heidi Jorgensen (Westminster), Rebecca Dorebaum (Covenant), Todd Russle, Judy Fox. 2nd Row: Crystal Coe (King), Evie Schneider, Julie Claypool, Debbie Allen (King), Sue Mortensen (Trinity), Barb Murray. Front: Shannon Cromer (King), Lorie Botko (Buff State), Tracy Crowder (Western Baptist), Wendy Lucas (WB)

said they were very solemn, and didn't show much emotion. They didn't cheer or encourage each other on or off the court.

On the other side of the net the Americans made a lot of noise and were physically encouraging to each other in such a way that the Ukrainian women became curious. Every team the Americans played invited them to a home or hotel to talk and exchange gifts. Schneider said they played one match in Kiev where both teams had some Americans and some Ukrainians. By the end of the match they were

USSR, is very depressed. Francis compared it to the 1930's in America when the stores had almost no selection, jobs were scarce and low



Playing in Cherkassi

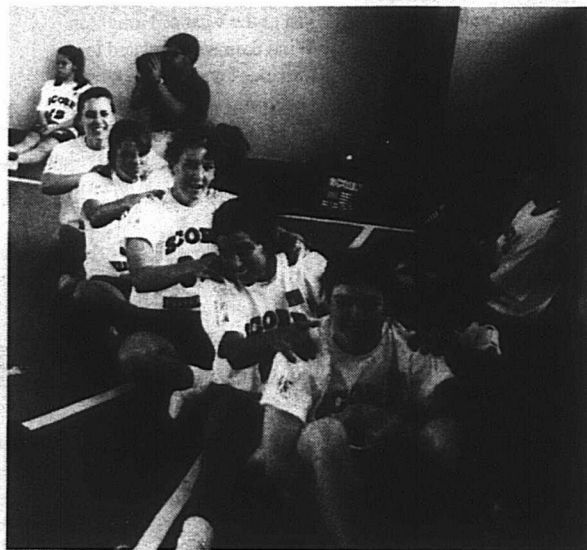
group during the summers of 1989 and '90 when she traveled with a volleyball team to Mexico. It was on these trips that she met Ron Bishop, the president and Founder of SCORE.

Bishop has asked her to start a missions team for several years. Last year she took him up on it.

Fox, an 1989 Houghton graduate believes that, "The idea of using sports to minister is something I think the Lord has called me to. Sports ministry is in tune with Houghton basketball and volleyball. It [SCORE] is about the same except there's more opportunity to witness."

Back rub, anyone?
Relaxing before a game in Cherkassi

Team in the Baptist they visited and ministered in their first week. The experience made a powerful impact on most of the team members



Women's volleyball starts season with Victory!

Jennifer Jordan

The volleyball team has survived yet another year of intense pre-season preparation. Three-mile runs, weights, and animated jumping drills kept the season rolling while the remainder of students enjoyed the last two weeks of summer vacation. Dedication is one of the largest motivating factors and one of the only ways to survive the roughest two weeks of the summer.

Although last year's season ended with a discouraging loss to Westminster College in the district finals, this year's team is moving eagerly away from pre-season practice toward their opening games.

Only a small core of this year's team is composed of returning players, but many young recruits are stepping into the open positions eager for the challenge. Co-captains Julie Claypool and Evie Schneider are excited about the coming season and are pleased to see how well the team is blending together. Although they are out for the victories, the biggest

victories that they seek are the eternal ones. The goal of Coach Lord's volleyball team is to be a ministry to those they play against, those they play in front of, and those they play with. With such highly focused goals, they cannot lose.

Sheri Lankford, the senior outside hitter from Virginia Beach notes that this year's team not only has dedication, but depth enabling the team to be a force in the league and a strong contender for the NAIA District 18 title. Erin Sheehy, a junior transfer from Tacoma, WA, will be teaming with Lankford as an outside hitter. Becca Pifer, last year's powerhouse hitter, is taking on a new role as setter with Julie Claypool.

April Batt, a freshman from Eldrid High in PA, will be assisting the team as both an outside and middle hitter. Veteran Pam Bergstrom along with freshmen April Stone of Hampton, VA, Allysia Hansen of Escondido, CA, and Jessica Sandle of Westfield, NY will be dominating the court as

middle blockers. Juniors Barb Murray and Evie Schneider will complete the team's line-up by serving as back-row specialists.

Both Coach Fox and Coach Lord look forward to another successful year of women's volleyball. They anticipate that this will be the year to earn a trip to the national tournament in California. The volleyball ladies are working hard to bring the fans another exciting season and more opportunities to share the good news of Christ.

They started their season hosting their third annual invitational tournament on Saturday, September 11. Alfred State, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, and D'Youville College attended to challenge Houghton's women on the court. With 2-0 victories Houghton advanced to the Finals to face a familiar squad - the Houghton "B" team. "A" prevailed over "B" for the title. The Lady Highlanders face Carlow College at home on Saturday.

Men's Soccer striving for another successful season; Burke's last

Michael Maloney

Once again, Houghton looks to be the team to beat in District 19 as they set their sights on a four-peat championship. But this year, Coach Burke and the team would like to take that extra step and earn a spot in the NAIA Nationals.

"This is one of the best teams ever at Houghton," Burke claims. And he would know. The Hall of Fame coach has led Houghton to a 271-135-48 record in his 26 years at Houghton College. This fall will be Burke's last as a coach, and he admits, "I'd like to go out with a successful season."

Burke conveys confidence in the 1993 squad. "We have great depth, and our defense has improved...that was our weak spot last year."

Numerous new players will make an immediate impact for the Highlanders. Freshman goalie Dave Dixon has impressed all who've seen him play, and he will get the starting nod. Freshman forward Todd Miner is "big, strong, and fast...and a good role player," according to Burke. Dave Dominguez is another freshman forward who will probably start if he recovers from a pre-season ankle injury.

Burke has also been pleased with the play of newcomers Erik Gunderson (midfield) and Peter Dole (defense).

The team will get an extra boost from defender Stephan Schilke and midfielder Eric Webb. Both will fall back in to their old starting roles after taking time off. Schilke last played in 1990 and Webb in 1991.

Add those new names to an already impressive list of veterans including KJ Hill, Jeff Howe, Bob Schwaner, Jim Wellington, Dan Dominguez, and Andy Tressler, and there is no doubt: it will be hard for Houghton to have a bad year.

The Highlanders will definitely be challenged by some tough non-district teams, however on homecoming, HC will take on Bell Haven, the defending NAIA National champions. So much for the easy homecoming blowout. Bell Haven is coached by former Houghton All-American, Peter Fuller.

Within the district, Houghton's toughest competition will come from Geneva,

Westminster, and St. Vincent. But Burke is still confident, saying, "We should be number one."

Although the team has big goals, Burke hopes that his players will be satisfied with just playing well. "We need to play game by game and not just look ahead to the nationals," he says.

On Tuesday, September 7 the men's team started with an overwhelming win at Pitt-Brad, 11-0.

Following that success, this weekend the Highlanders headed west to Illinois for the Judson Classic. On Friday afternoon, with goals from Bob Schwaner, Dave Dominguez, Jeff Howe, Todd Miner, and Jim Wellington, Houghton shutout Indiana Wesleyan, 5-0.

Saturday afternoon, the Highlanders faced Judson College, currently ranked top 10 NAIA. After two scoreless overtimes, the match ended in a 2-2 tie. Schwaner and Dan Dominguez tallied the HC goals.

The team will face LaRoche and Geneva Colleges on the road Friday and Saturday. Fans will have only six chances to watch this year's squad, unless they want to do some traveling. The team will be playing the majority of their games on the road. Burke says that the schedule "just happened like that." **If you were ever to miss Highlander soccer, this is not the year to do it.**

Congratulations to the Men's soccer team !

They are ranked 18th nationally NAIA as of Monday, September 13. They received 33 votes. Senior, stopper Stephan Munyard says of the achievement, "We have had an excellent team for a couple of years now, but it has never been acknowledged. We are excited that we finally ranked in the top 20, and are looking forward to the season ahead."

Cross-Country teams hope to defend titles

Doug Gillham

The men's and women's cross country teams are off to their best starts ever, as they each ran away with first place last Saturday, at the Brockport Invitational, under the guidance of Coach Bob Smalley.

Naomi Castellani earned the top individual performance of the day for Houghton as she captured first place in the women's race. Teammate Heather George took second place in the race, while Leslie Roberts and Trisha Demperio were fourth and fifth place respectively. Janelle Chapin, Amy Chamberlain and Shelly Rosser also turned in strong performances in support of the team, as they defeated

LeMoyne, Brockport, and St. John Fisher.

The women's team has raced exceptionally well over the past couple of years, and once again they promise to be a leading force at the big invitational meets. The team is looking to recapture the District Championship from Geneva in order to return to the National Championship in November.

The men's team was led last week by Nathan Howes, Jason Wiens, and Lee Thurber who placed third, fifth, and sixth respectively. All three runners are first year members to Houghton's team.

Tim Thurber placed eighth and Alan Belford placed thirteenth, to round out the

scoring in their victory over LeMoyne, Brockport, Hilbert, and St. John Fisher.

Strong races were also run by Mark Munro, Eric Runion, Doug Gillham, Kenley Perry, Ian Beam, and Thad Krikorian. The team was particularly proud of Thad, who in his very first cross country meet, ran an excellent time and defeated many experienced runners.

With such great depth to the team, the men are looking to really improve on last year's record, successfully defend their fourth straight District Championship, and to move up significantly in their placing at the national meet.

Both teams will be competing this weekend at Oswego.

Sports Briefs

Field Hockey:

The women's field hockey team spent the weekend at the Bridgewater College Tournament. Following a 3-1 setback to the host team on Friday, the Lady Highlanders bounced back to capture two wins on

Saturday over Alvernia and Cawtawba Colleges (5-0 and 2-00). Kristin Schwabel and Rachel Lang tallied two goals each over the weekend, while Brenda Pettygrove led HC with three.

Women's Soccer:

Women's soccer stands

at 1-2. They lost to Geneva and then split at the Roberts Wesleyan Tournament last weekend, where they finished third. They play Keuka College at home on Saturday.

More on field hockey and women's soccer in next week's STAR.

Major Problems

No! I Don't Have a Major!

Ever feel like you're the only one "unattached" to a field of study? It's almost as though you have no identity!

Well, take heart! You're not the only one with this problem. In fact, research shows that being undecided about educational and career goals is the current condition of most first year students. The majority of students applying to college don't know what they'll major in when the enter, despite what they indicate on admissions forms.

Studies show that one in five students changes his/her mind about a major between the time of application and registration for class. Over 70% of all students change from one major to another while in college, many more than once.

Students can begin to receive help in deciding on a major through the services of the Career Development Center. Interest, skill, and personality testing, along with personal guidance can help you discover things about yourself, your study habits, values, and goals that may point to majors in which you may be successful.

The Career Development Center also has a well-equipped

library of books, videos, and pamphlets to introduce you to possible career options. Sometimes finding a potential career direction can assist you in determining an appropriate major.

RESEARCHING MAJORS

One of the first steps in career exploration is exploring majors. There is a variety of information sources available to assist you in gathering information, including the college catalog, faculty and students in programs of interest, and the CDC Library.

Consider some of these ways to gather information about a major that is of interest to you:

- * In the college catalog, read the program description of the major. Note the type of courses under each major, along with the department requirements.

- * Find a student who is in the major and speak with her/him about their program. If you don't know any students, you might want to sit in on one of the introductory classes of a major and talk with some of the students in the class either before or after class time.

- * Make an appointment with a faculty member or

advisor in the department you are considering. When arranging an appointment, explain the purpose of your meeting. The meeting does not have to be more than a half hour. Use the exploration questions that follow as a guide for your faculty appointment/interview.

EXPLORATION QUESTIONS

- * What are the courses which make up this area of study? How many courses are offered? Am I interested in their content?
- * How flexible is the curriculum? Will I be able to take any courses outside this major?
- * Are there opportunities for outside experiences, such as internships, field experiences, independent study, study abroad, etc.?
- * What are the methods of learning in this program - lectures, small group discussions, projects, papers, exams? Average class size? Accessibility of faculty to the students?
- * What kinds of career fields do graduates in this major typically enter?
- * How do my interests compare with those of students in this major?
- * How does the level of difficulty compare with my own abilities and commitment to hard work?

Good News of Conservative Thought

This is a conservative campus and this will be a conservative column. At times I feel like I need to apologize for how conservative I am. At times this school seems frightened of its own conservative bias. Sometimes we feel strongly the impulse to prove to the world that we are tolerant and open-minded. And there's even the line of thinking that says that if we can't conform to the world we should at least keep up with it.

But I'm the sort of conservative who would rather spend a night in a

prison cell than agree with Ted Kennedy on an issue. I love being a conservative and I enjoy the company of other conservatives. There's nothing wrong with that.

And there's nothing wrong with an overwhelmingly conservative environment like the one we have here at Houghton. If people feel uncomfortable here that doesn't necessarily mean that we should change. If I showed up at the opera naked, I would feel uncomfortable, if I insisted that everyone else undress for my sake I would be an uncomfortable idiot, and if they obliged me they'd be something worse.

On the other hand, if you're uncomfortable here at Houghton because of the school's conservative nature it doesn't necessarily mean that anything is wrong with you and no one's out to get you because you're not conservative. We

just feel sorry for you.

Another thing is that there are those here who would like to reject conservative thought without embracing the liberal. They plant their feet firmly in the middle of the road and fancy themselves wise. It always stems from the ridiculous notion that the truth is always found between the two extremes of belief. The truth not only resides in extremes; the truth is extreme. Take Jesus for example: the truth

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made Him a radical and He was extreme about everything. So, when someone

accuses you of being a radical, first examine the objection and then, if you're still convinced that you are right, wear the accusation like a badge.

I really believe that we have to be the hippies and beatniks of our generation. While we were sleeping, it seems, we inherited the burden of being a counter-cultural movement. It's for us to be every bit as determined, evangelistic, and set apart as the hippies were. But we can't be any of that as long as we're embarrassed about our conservative nature. So take pride in that which sets you apart: it can be fun being right in a wrong world.

In future columns I hope to spread the good new of conservative thought and encourage you to take social action. In the meanwhile if you have any suggestions or gripes, I'd appreciate hearing them. Peace.

Constantly Varying

In statistics there are variables and there are constants. A "constant" is something which does not have different values at different times. A "variable," on the other hand, is defined as, "any property or characteristic of some event, object, or person that may have different values at different times depending on the conditions." **Change!**

In a manner that did my applied liberal arts education justice and would make my statistic prof proud, it was the first thing I noticed as I walked into the Campus Center on my first day back at Houghton, "STUDENT SENATE WELCOMES YOU TO HOUGHTON COLLEGE AND THE YEAR OF CHANGE!"

This banner seemed extremely descriptive of the year I am facing at this institution, but I wonder just how accurate it is for the school as a whole. Certainly the college has undergone a large turn-over in faculty. Maybe the

different ideas they have brought with them will be a revitalization. We also have a new Dean that has particular goals and expectations for his position (see pg. 1). But, will this institution, that holds so tightly to its well-rooted traditions, be flexible and open enough to embrace some new perspectives?

Last semester when I agreed to organize this publication I knew that change was necessary and so I solicited the aid of an extremely competent staff. (see pg. 2) The staff is excited about the project, yet, we really wonder if the student body will support us through this time of transition. Does the student body at Houghton really care about the activities that its campus supports? Or is the main attraction at the Activities Fair Big Al's chocolate chip cookies?

Apathy is a deadly disease

and most organizations at Houghton wage a continuous war against it. If an increase in student support is the only change that comes from our "YEAR OF CHANGE" then Houghton can become a vibrant and thriving community.

Personally, I live in a

continual state of change. My close friends, my classes, my attitudes,

my world view, the list continues... There always seems to be something of different value, at a different time, under different conditions, and even when my dedication falters the strength I find in God is constant and for that reason I can be confident no matter the variables. Change, some balk at the idea, some find it very comfortable, I guess it depends on your point of view and just how much you care.

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"Take Five"

During the first weeks of any semester, many of us, not just freshmen, ask ourselves, "What am I doing here?" The question is not always a "Why Houghton?" sort of question; often, maybe most often, it is a question about the business of education itself, more like, "Why am I studying at all?" or "What is the significance of what I do? Does it matter?" College as we all know, is about many things; some of them concern education.

In *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, a book that enjoyed great popularity in the mid-1970s,

Robert Pirsig defines the "real" University as the "great heritage of rational

thought." Like a river, this "heritage" flows across the ages of human existence, transcending barriers of gender, culture, and politics. It is not by nature confined to buildings, degrees, or academic disciplines; nor is it identical with names like Oxford or Harvard; rather it is a state of mind. Like the Church, which Pirsig uses as his metaphor, with its crosses and spire-topped buildings, college campuses serve to remind us that here and there humans gather for a common ennobling purpose.

Those primarily responsible for carrying the tradition, usually, are professors, although it is not their domain solely. All of us that are part of this enterprise, who are in some way intellectuals or scholars or artists — or students — all of us participate. Granted, most of us contribute little; some of us, in fact, are just beginning to learn the nature of the issues. But, for better or worse, all of our voices belong in what I imagine is a timeless human discussion.

Whether this is your first year or your 40th, what you and I know as Houghton College is only a physical and legal entity designed, in part, to facilitate that discussion. This is the place, these are the classrooms and dormitories and playing fields, these are the people, this is the environment in which the University can be found. What we know and contribute is flawed as much by our sinful natures as by our ignorance and our politics. Nevertheless, we are all here to share and learn. And to contribute.

My own awareness of the discussion was painfully gradual and inconsistent despite the climate of my college and early grad school days. I was a typical student for those times, distracted by and worried about the war in Vietnam and military service,

the growing use of recreational drugs, the sexual revolution, and radical changes in the educational structure. Marches, peace demonstrations, student strikes, rioting competed with the war for newspaper space and TV time. My junior year ended without completing work or exams; when news of the Kent State killings hit our campus, classes simply stopped. After two or three weeks of fear, confusion, rumors and tense rep sessions students just gradually went home.

A month later I got married. When I began teaching three

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years later, I hadn't a clue that I was expected to be more than just a conduit for information. That I was part of one of the great social upheavals of our time simply passed me by. What surprises me now is that the clues were all around. Come, talk, learn, share. Discuss. I, too, was trying to make order out of chaos. Why didn't I realize that I would have something to contribute to the discussion?

It was as I began that painful and frightening process of learning to teach that I began to understand the nature of "enlightenment" and the benefits of participation. My struggle to engage my students helped me "engage" myself. Things that had never made sense now did. People with sharply different views on politics, economics, social structure became, well, people again. I realized I shared more with my father, a Professor of Civil Engineering and decidedly staunch conservative, than a family name. On some level, he and I were involved in a human endeavor that went beyond family.

"Engagement" may be key: the person who attends church and does good deeds but who has no commitment to Christ and His Church is a church-goer, not a Christian. The person who attends a college and does homework but has no commitment to "the University" beyond grades and graduation may do well; but he, or she, is no Student. Not that grades and graduation are unimportant; it's just that alone they are not enough.

I have the odd feeling that the 19th century writer Ralph Waldo Emerson would agree with me here. The first step toward engagement is to see yourself as part of the discussion; it is a transcendent experience. When your teachers and classmates become your fellow Students, "learning" will take on greater significance.

Welcome to the university!

TANGENTS

On your return back to Houghton, many of you may have noticed a slight alteration in the physical appearance of the campus. New concrete in some of the sidewalk areas and the absence of a few trees have contributed to the difference, but none so striking as the mysterious disappearance of Bedford House, that infamous dilapidated brick building across from the Campus Center.

Returning students may still be questioning the whereabouts of Bedford, wondering whether the administration decided to move it to a more convenient location as was done with Fancher in the not-so-distant past; while new students may be doubting that while during a past visit a building ever existed where the current dirt parking lot now stands. I can provide an explanation to remedy any confusion that still remains. To tell you the truth, Bedford House is no more. I happened to be present when it was destroyed — ironically by the same gentleman who leveled Gayo and Woolsey Halls. But there would be no "Save Bedford" campaign, nor any kind of student activism that day. The former house, infirmary, and most recently, a men's dorm lay in ruins on the ground.

As I stood and watched the executioner and his crane pick apart the last of Willard Avenue's original houses brick by brick, I began to wonder about the history of this great legend. Upon research, I was able to obtain a few facts about the house. Bedford was the second house to be built on

what was then a prospective site for a permanent "Camp Meeting." It was constructed circa 1904 and first lived in by John Nelson Bedford. The brick used to to construct the house came from the brick kiln about where the library now stands, and up until recently, was the oldest building remaining on Houghton College campus.

The demise of Bedford House is symbolic of the Houghton College spirit, that is, the obsolete must be done away with, the old must be replaced with the new, change must be accommodated.

Change. That one thing always present spurred by the need to move on. since the time I

entered as a freshman in the Fall of 1991, I have seen several students, faculty, and staff come and go, most of whom I may never see again in this life.

Change is seldom avoidable. If there is any one lesson I have learned from this institution it is that despite what lies ahead, it is useless to erase the writing on the wall. Could Bedford have been saved, renovated to meet minimum occupying requirements? Probably, but realistically speaking, it costs more to restore an artifact than to replace it. It was Bedford's time to go, politely bowing out of existence after years of service to the College as well as the Houghton community.

Change can also be painful. The Dr. Conklin's, the Professor Velazquez's, the Dr. Bence's, and countless others have felt the need to move on,

and will be missed, but these "scholar servants" have left their mark on Houghton through their dedication to academia, and more importantly, to God.

Most of the students that come here expect to be changed in some way. Houghton is a place that will challenge the student physically, mentally, and spiritually, insisting that the student transcend their best efforts. One will wrestle with their own beliefs and the ideas they were brought up with, to find greater truths and to reinforce their world view. But the greatest

metamorphosis comes when one doesn't expect it. The only prerequisite is

to let change happen, to think about things one hasn't considered before, to question and find resolution, and to take what one has learned to become a servant for Christ.

What about our community as a whole? Houghton College has some difficult decisions to confront, and tough issues that have tougher answers. Change will occur despite efforts to stifle its presence, and it is how we deal with the alterations that will determine our future, not just years down the road but now. So let Bedford rest in peace. Maybe someday it will be replaced by something bigger and better that will stand out as a place of continuing service for all to benefit from. But at this point, there is a need for more parking space!

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What YOU Think

We want to know what you think about issues on campus, so every Monday there will be someone around polling people and asking for quotes. If you are interested in expressing an opinion or have a suggestion, get involved! You can reach us at ext 210 or box 378.

SUBJECT: PRICE OF BOOKS

141 people polled
23 majors represented
Overall average - \$225 spent on books
Majors that spend the most money:

1. Biology
2. Accounting
3. Education

What you said:

Craig McMullen: "It's sad that \$150 is a 'good deal.'"
Mark Jennings: "I was happy I didn't spend over \$300."

Overall: We hate spending money on books!

What the Bookstore had to say:

They mark up books to cover their expenses
-paying workers
-paying rent

They don't charge for postage on books

They also try to get as many used books as possible, but with new editions that's hard

What the professors had to say:

They try to get the minimal number of books at the maximum usage
They don't get price lists for books and really don't have time to call publishers for prices

