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BY ROSA GERBER  
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## U.N. inspectors want more time, U.S. faces more opposition to military action

After a weekend of talks, United Nations chief weapons inspectors said they believe Iraq has had a "change of heart" concerning disarmament of weapons of mass destruction demands. They also stated they favored further U.N. inspectors over a U.S.-led military operation. Iraq officials turned over documents on anthrax, VX nerve gas, and missile development to U.N. chief weapons inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed El-Baradei. Blix said Iraq has not agreed to the use of American U-2 surveillance planes in the inspections yet.

Despite their optimism, Blix and El-Baradei would not say Iraq was willing to fully comply with U.N. demands in the inspection program.

France, Germany, Russia, China, and others have pressured the U.S. to give inspectors several more months before launching a military operation against Iraq. Meanwhile, tens of thousands of U.S. troops were deployed to the Persian Gulf in preparation for war. President Bush said Wednesday that it was time to take action against Iraq President Saddam Hussein.

In opposition to a U.S.-led strike, Germany's defense minister announced Sunday that Germany and France were planning to present a proposal to use U.N. soldiers to disarm Iraq to the Security Council next week. U.S. officials claimed the plan is ineffective.

Russian President Vladimir Putin also reiterated his opposition to military action against Iraq.

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## Trezise heads to Mexico for an 'Eduventure'

BY BETHANY SCHWARTZ  
STAR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Tim Trezise is giving up his salary, TV, and computer to adopt a simple lifestyle in Mexico for an undetermined length of time. The PE professor and trainer, with his wife Kathy and their sons, will soon be trekking to Mexico to work with the EduVenture missions program.

EduVenture is a program that combines missions training with academic credit and adventure. The program mainly exists to help college students determine if they are cut out for missions work by placing them in an environment free of outside distractions for a semester. The students build cross-cultural skills as they work with the local people, learn about nature and themselves, and develop a deeper relationship with God.

"The whole focus of this program is to get [students] out of the U.S.," said Trezise.

Two locations are available for EduVenture's future semesters. Students

who attend the program in the Huapoca Canyon, Mexico, where Trezise will be working, will be constructing buildings for their small campus. "It's beautiful and very rugged," he said. "It's not a drab, ugly desert."

The program in Fiji, which Trezise calls a "South pacific tropical paradise,"

approached Tim about a position that was opening in the program. "The more I checked into it, the more I felt 'yes' resonating in my heart," said Trezise. After visiting the Mexico campus, both felt God's call to join the program. "This is an adventure that God has put before us," he added.

Other

Houghton students have been involved in EduVenture in the past. Before September 11, 2001, EduVenture had an established program in Indonesia. After the terrorist events, however, all Americans in Indonesia were evacuated, and the students finished their program in New Mexico. Four Houghton alumni, Jamie

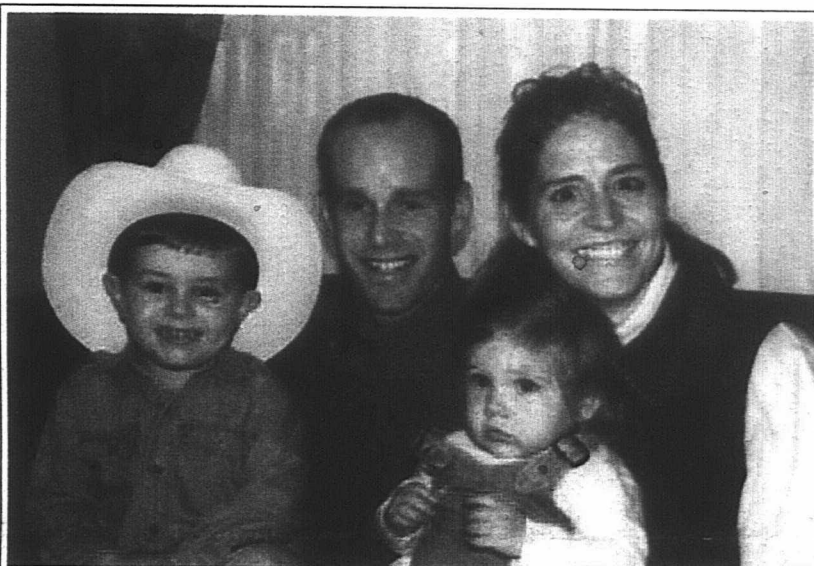


PHOTO COURTESY TIM TREZISE

Tim and Kathy Trezise, and their children Caleb and Joy, will be leaving Houghton to spend time in Mexico with EduVenture. In this photo Caleb sports a Mexican sombrero.

has existed for several years and is more established than the Mexico program.

Tim and Kathy Trezise became involved in EduVenture a few years ago when Houghton alumnus Laura Nystrom

Waldron, Laura Nystrom, Kurt Fabian, and Tim Ashley were part of this group. Sophomore Matt Halulko is currently participating in this

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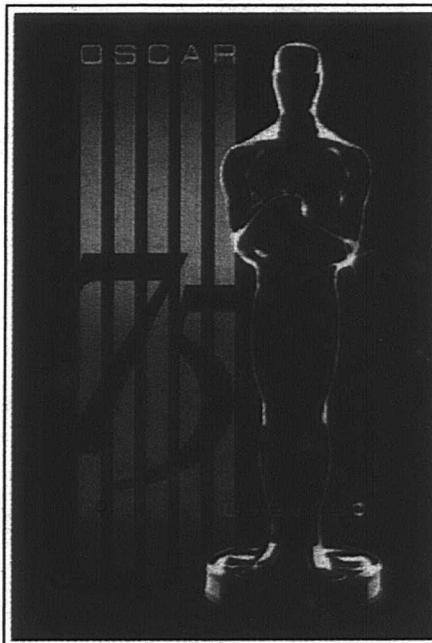
## Winter Weekend set for night at the Oscars

BY NOEL HABASHY  
STAR STAFF WRITER

Yet another Houghton tradition is nearly upon us. Thursday, February 20 to Saturday, February 22 will be Houghton College's annual Winter Weekend. With a smorgasbord of events to look forward to, this weekend offers plenty of entertaining options for all. This year's theme is Hollywood, with a special focus on the classic era of the 1930s and '40s (this includes classic characters such as Greta Garbo, Marilyn Monroe, Fred Astaire and Humphrey Bogart).

The events of the weekend are as follows: Thursday there will be an open mic coffeehouse at 9 p.m. in the auxiliary gym with lots of free coffee and talent. This will involve class competitions with "Oscars" to be given out at the banquet. The classic movie "Breakfast at Tiffany's" will be showing in the chapel at 10:30 p.m. for only 10 cents (just like the olden days). Saturday will

be a fun-filled day with the banquet at 6 p.m. The theme is "A Night at the



Oscars," and will include red carpets, awarding of Oscars, and more. The banquet will cost an economical \$10 per couple or \$6 per single (and there will even be upgraded desserts!). At 8 p.m. there will be an artist series concert in the chapel before the epic favorite, SPOT, at 10:30 p.m. in the chapel. SPOT will be hosted by the South Hall residence life staff.

Since the banquet was cancelled last year, the success of Winter Weekend hinges on the support of students. Extra effort is being made to ensure the success of the weekend. One of the new additions to Winter Weekend this year are snow sculptures on the quad: an old tradition that is being revived. With lots of activities over the course of the weekend, students have a fun-filled time to look forward to, hopefully easing the dreary winter blues.

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Putin said, "We are convinced that efforts for a peaceful resolution of the situation regarding Iraq should be persistently continued." Putin also denounced a U.S. goal of a regime change in Iraq. "The task of reckoning with Saddam Hussein does not stand before us. There is nothing in the U.N. Charter that would allow the U.N. Security Council to make a decision to change the political regime of one country or another whether we liked that regime or not."

#### Japanese newspaper reports government plan to deal with North Korean missile launches

The *Yomiuri Shimbun* newspaper said Sunday that the Japanese government has drawn up an emergency plan in the event of a possible North Korean missile launch. The plan included assembling the military after any launch if there is an indication of further launches.

The plan also included using U.S. spy satellites, among other means, to monitor North Korean missile bases. If there were indications of a launch, the Japanese government would demand Pyongyang abandon the launch and would warn Japanese citizens to prepare. If Korea should launch a missile, the Japanese government would consider unspecified sanctions against North Korea.

The report was not immediately confirmed by the Japanese government.

Despite categorizing North Korea as a part of the "axis of evil" with Iraq and Iran last year, U.S. President Bush insisted the U.S. had no intention of attacking North Korea, as the U.S. prepared for war with Iraq. Bush also said the U.S. would consider all options to end the standoff over North Korea's nuclear arms program. Pyongyang warned of "horrible nuclear disasters" if the U.S. attacks.

Satellite surveillance showed North Korea moving fuel rods to the Yongbyon reactor complex, but there was no clear sign that the North Koreans were reprocessing the rods, which would let North Korea add to the two bombs the West suspects it has built.

**Security tight for 2 million Muslims traveling from Mecca to Mina**

## Students are learning the Importance of Being Earnest

BY JOSH MILLER  
STAR STAFF WRITER

"You have filled my tea with lumps of sugar, and though I asked distinctly for bread and butter, you have given me cake. I am known for the gentleness of my disposition and the extraordinary sweetness of my nature, but I warn you, Miss Cardew, you may go too far."

After this hefty display of attitude, Gwendoline Fairfax (played by Rebecca Ballard) turns her back on her new acquaintance, Cecily Cardew (played by Laura Slye) and returns to her seat in a huff. A quick retort from Cecily provokes Gwendoline to exclaim, "From the moment I saw you I distrusted you." A few moments earlier, this same Gwendoline had predicted that the two would "be great friends," and claimed that her "first impressions of people are never wrong."

The irony is ingenious.

Humorous twists of fate, such as this one, abound in Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*—a 19th century comedy that pokes fun at the foibles of life, love and language.

"The use of words is brilliant," says Rebecca Ballard, who is making her second appearance in a Houghton production. "It's fun, funny, and clever." Her fellow cast member, Laura Slye, echoes Becca's sentiments. "The irony of the plot is hilarious.... It's one of those plays that you should see multiple times because you're not going to catch everything the first time. Once

you see the ending, there's a whole lot more at the beginning that's much funnier."

Thankfully, the cast will be putting on multiple performances, so all who are interested can take Laura's advice. The show will open on Wednesday, Mar. 19 at 8 p.m., take a night off for the Artist Series on Mar. 20, then have performances on Mar. 21 at 8 p.m., and shows at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. the following Saturday.

#### Cast List

Jack Worthing - Michael O'Brien  
Algernon Moncrieff - Jonathan Wise  
Canon Casuble - Walter Hopkins  
Merriman - Ryan Mayers  
Lane - Brian Gidley  
Lady Bracknell - Emily Weidman  
Gwendoline Fairfax - Rebecca Ballard  
Cecily Cardew - Laura Slye  
Miss Prism - Eryn Austin  
Director - Bruce Brenneman  
Student Director - Tim Good

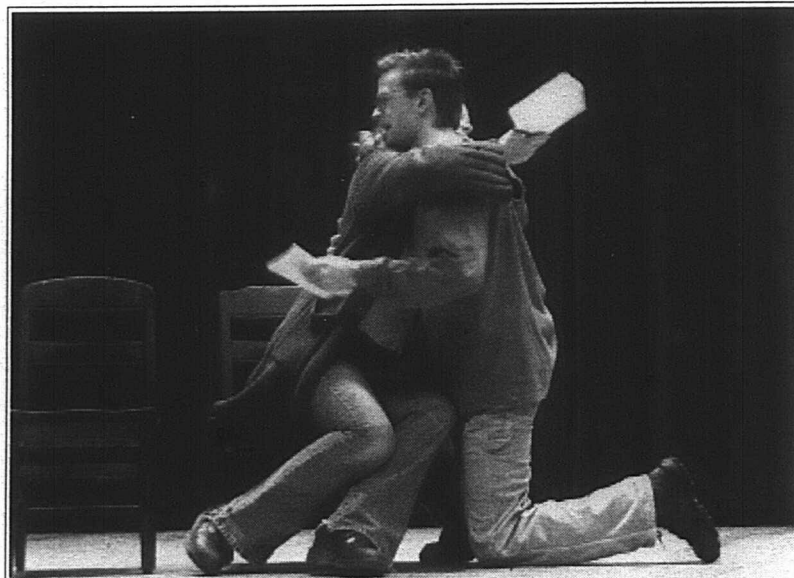


PHOTO BY BETHANY SCHWARTZ

Rebecca Ballard (Gwendoline Fairfax) and Michael O'Brien (Jack Worthing) engage in a hug in a rehearsal of *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

► From world news

The annual journey from Mecca to Mina was slowed for two million Muslims, as police set up roadblocks and security checks in an effort to prevent demonstrations against the possibility of U.S.-led war against neighboring Iraq.

The first ritual of the hajj required Muslims to pilgrimage to Mecca to circle the Kaaba, the stone structure Muslims face and pray to five times daily, and then to Mina. According to Islamic tradition, the hajj is a spiritual journey that clears Muslims of their sins.

Saudi authorities set up 44,000 tents for the travelers. They next move to Mount Arafat, where they pray for themselves, their families, their friends, and those who asked for prayers. Many Muslims this year also pray for God's support for the Muslim Palestinians in their continuing clash with Israel, as well as God's hand in preventing U.S. military action against Iraq, another Muslim area. One Muslim said, "We prayed for Muslims to be triumphant and for the infidels to be humiliated. We hope God answers our prayers." Islamic and Arab countries had labeled the United States and Israel as infidels.

Rosa Gerber gets her information from *cnn.com*, *abcnews.com*, *cbsnews.com*, and *msnbc.com*.

## EDITORIAL

### What is Love?

David Austin

What is Love? According to the Bible, the most pure form of love is what is called an Agape love, a selfless love. One must put aside their worldly desires to truly love. How is this possible? As humans it is impossible for us to, each and every moment, accomplish an Agape love, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try. When we give our lives fully to Christ, we die to self. This does not mean our selfish ambitions are miraculously taken away, but through time our selfish ambitions should greatly diminish.

When we truly love, is there a cost? I wish I could say there was no cost, but when we fully love it also means we are opening ourselves up to others. The world can be a dark and dangerous place, a place where others take pleasure in using you and even abusing you. So, I guess true love does come with a cost, but in the purest love is found great reward. Yes, people may thank you for what you have done. You may see a change for the good in another person. You may even take great pleasure in doing things for others in secret, not wanting recognition. And in the purest love those cost: use and abuse are minor. In fact in the purest love turns pain into prayer and prayer can only help the situation. Prayer should be built on love. Everything you do should be built on love.

As Christians we strive to be like Christ. What did Christ exemplify, but love? Christ physically died, because of the power of his love. If Christ can give up his life for us and endure the pain of the cross, shouldn't we count the cost that we pay as menial? When others see true love it is quite possible they do not understand what they are seeing, but with time, even the ones who do not grasp what happened may see that it was love. A pure and honest love takes dedication and understanding, and a pure and honest love is sometimes the hardest thing to achieve.

Is there a harder thing than loving someone who openly expresses his or her hatred toward you? Well, there may be one thing harder for many people, and that is truly loving the people you claim to love already. When you can go up to a friend or family member and tell them what they need to hear instead of what they want to hear, that is love. When you know they may push you away because they have a problem they refuse to deal with and fear the truth, yet you tell them anyway, that is love. This is not to say you should go up to everybody you know and tell them how you feel they should change their lives. But it does mean when it is needed, and after diligent prayer and you feel God's pull to tell you to confront them, you do what God requires. Some people call this, "tuff love," but I call it true love.

To conclude, Agape love is the most powerful resource known to man. Just by acting in true love others see a difference, seeds are planted, and even lives are saved. The Grinch may have had a heart two sizes too small, but a heart can never be too big.



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semester's program in Mexico.

The Trezises have been traveling to different college campuses to recruit students for their program; over 20 Christian colleges around the nation include EduVenture in their academic offerings. Houghton College, while one of those schools, has a few different regulations in regard to student participation in the program. Each student desiring to spend a semester with EduVenture must have prior approval from professors regarding the classes that he or she will be taking away from Houghton.

Classes offered in the program include physical education, cross-cultural communications, spiritual formation, field-based cultural anthropology, community development, and applied missions. The Mexico program will be focusing on horseback riding, mountain biking, and a wilderness trek in the "adventure" aspect.

Although the programs give students academic credit, the main focus is the mission training. "The whole focus is experiential education," Trezise said.

Trezise stated that every community has needs, and EduVenture attempts to respond to the surrounding community's needs through the students. Through their service, the students learn to communicate in a different

culture and what missions work really is about: loving the people of a different culture. "We don't want to convert [the people] to American Christianity," Trezise said. "We want to reach them through their culture."

"Part of getting them exposed to missions is having them live simply," he added. "You have to learn to die to yourself and do what's best for others." This aspect of the

program is designed to help students determine whether or not they can handle missionary work. "There's electricity for about

*"Part of missions is having them live simply. You have to learn to die to yourself and do what's best for others."*

three hours a day, no computers or anything. You've gotta be comfortable not having TV," Trezise said.

Only twelve students are selected for each location, so the program fills up quickly. Any students interested in participating are urged strongly to contact Trezise as soon as possible by email or telephone (567-2117). More information is also available at the EduVenture website, [www.eduventure.net](http://www.eduventure.net).

Although Trezise will be giving up his salary and comfortable North American lifestyle, he and his wife are very excited. "I'm very excited about it but also intimidated. Kathy and I have always wanted to do missions," he said. "You only go through this life once," he added. "Money doesn't matter."

### *Do you have candid photos of you and your friends?*

The Boulder (yearbook) is looking for quotes from anyone—famous or not—about the glory of God for this coming yearbook.

The Boulder ALSO needs your CANDID photos for the 2002-03 yearbook. Please include your name and CPO # on the back of the pictures if you would like it to be returned. Please drop the pictures off at the Boulder office which is located in the CC basement, adjacent to Big Al's.

Any questions? Contact Lauren Zysk.

## You can make money for being funny

BY AARON BOYNTON  
STAR STAFF WRITER

Do you have a funny side that you want to show? Are you the next comic genius? Then make a funny and win some money! A video contest, sponsored by the sophomore class, looks to bring out the funny side of Houghton students. There will be prizes for the top 3 entries. First place will receive a gift certificate to The Old Library restaurant in Olean, second prize will

receive Class of 2005 sweatshirts, and third place will receive lots and lots of candy, says social chair Lindsay Kucewicz. The contest runs through Friday, Feb. 28, the last day before break and the winners will be judged at a Mar. 14 coffee-house where the videos will be shown.

As with all contests, there are some rules. All videos must include the following:

- A creative use of cardboard
- A brief clip of a

professor at Houghton

—An on-camera appearance of everyone involved in the making of the video

Videos should be in good taste acceptable to Houghton standards, should be 5-10 minutes in length. If you make a video, send it to CPO 1377 by Feb. 28. If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Kucewicz via e-mail or at extension 9867. So get out there and MAKE A FUNNY! You might just win something.

## Houghton Wesleyan Church hosts missions conference with J.Y. Konteh

BY SHELLEY DOOLEY  
STAR MANAGING EDITOR

Houghton Wesleyan Church turned its face toward Sierra Leone last week during its missions conference. The highlight of the week was keynote speaker Joseph Konteh who shared at the church, during WMF, and in chapel.

Konteh was elected as the third National Superintendent of the Wesleyan Church of Sierra Leone in 2000. He is married to Adama, and is the father of three fine children. He is an able administrator and a genuine churchman, having come up through the ranks as a pioneer pastor and District Superintendent in over twenty years of pastoral ministry. Konteh's life story is one of miracles and perseverance. Konteh, a Limba by tribe, was born in a small village just over the hills from Kamawkie Wesleyan Hospital in northern Sierra Leone. As a small child he was near death's door when Kamawkie missionary doctor Marilyn Birch intervened with medicine and spared his life. Hospital personnel also helped plant the Gospel and a church in his village. Konteh went on to attend Wesleyan Primary and Kamawkie Wesleyan Secondary schools. When he expressed interest in pastoral ministry as a career, his mother remembered how God spared her little boy's life and released her son to God's work.

After gaining a diploma from Sierra Leone Bible College, Konteh moved to the city of Kenema, near the Liberian border, to pioneer the Wesleyan Church where no missionaries had gone. This church soon blossomed into one of the most vibrant of the Wesleyan

churches...producing future pastors and workers. It was there that Konteh met his wife. He went on to obtain a Bachelor of Theology degree from African Bible College and disciplined many young leaders. He was soon elected District Superintendent of the region and eventually Assistant national Superintendent. Konteh, along with the whole church and nation, suffered greatly during the agonizing ten year civil war that raged in Sierra Leone during the 1990s. Konteh lost his home

God who can inspire us with hope, and guide us in the task of partnering with our struggling brothers and sisters.

The hope that Konteh talked of was tightly knit with the theme for the week to bring hope to all. Activities at the church went beyond the speaker and branched into several different facets of ministry. On Wednesday evening the adults met for a mission-focused prayer meeting while the youth and children's activities were centered on missions. During



PHOTO BY JAMES THOMAS

Dr. Paul Shea helped lead the recent missions conference at the Houghton Wesleyan Church. J.Y. Konteh was also a speaker.

and all belongings two or three times. Rebels completely razed and destroyed the city of Gbendembu. His family and thousands of others fled and lived for months in the forests to spare their lives. Yet, amazingly, there was still the care of souls and churches. And his vibrant, enthusiastic and thankful spirit overcame all obstacles. God has now given Konteh the awesome task of leading the Wesleyan Church in Sierra Leone back from the ashes of war. He remains a grateful and joyful man of

Boy's Adventure Club, Dr. Paul Shea spoke and missionary kids from around the world visited each classroom, sharing their own experiences. Saturday morning, both the men and women of the church met for breakfast with speakers Sheryl O'Brien and Konteh. The week drew to a close Sunday with a service led by Konteh in the morning and an intergenerational potluck dinner and worship service in the evening.



"Passionate committment."  
- Nick Kingsley

for Valentine's Day, we asked you...

## what is love?



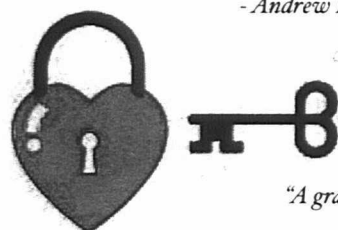
"Like the father of the prodigal son, love is watching and waiting."  
- Michelle Saylor

"In the words of Nat King Cole, 'L is for the way you look at me. O is for the only one I see. V is very very extraordinary. E is even more than anyone that you adore can love.'"  
- Pete Hutchinson

"Love is like wine, as it ages it gets better."  
- anonymous senior

"What is love? Baby don't hurt me...no more."  
- Andrew Brautigam

"That warm, fuzzy feeling in your stomach, like a microwaved kiwi."  
- Hannah Bae



"A grave mental disease."  
- Plato

"Another of those four letter words."  
- Lisa Kolb



"Love is putting the toilet seat up- and then down again when it's all over."  
- Josh Gibbel

"Love is sacrifice."  
- Carolyn Cook

"Love is giving freely, expecting nothing in return."  
- Beth Maples

"It's kinda like a FRISBEE."  
- Brandon Sartin

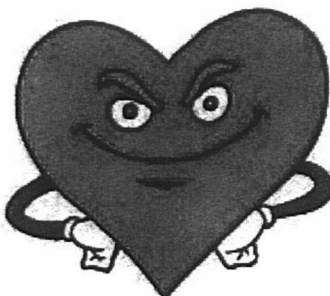
"Love is a red slip in your CPO."  
- Christina Cunningham

"Love is eternal."  
- Jennifer Kreuger

"Love is where you find somebody who looks past all of your faults and still loves you for you, not because you are a 7-foot Chinese basketball player or a balding, middle aged pothead or even Charles Bressler."  
- Alex Masters

"Committment."  
- Shelley Dooley

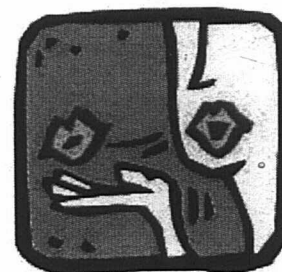
"Love is placing her first in everything...with complete trust...that she will do the same for you."  
- Seth Meiners



"A choice."  
- Nate Hnatiuk

"LOVE is handing your only child over to be murdered, for the salvation of the world."  
- Jason Ricci

"It's not that chocolates are a substitute for love. Love is a substitute for chocolate. Chocolate is, let's face it, far more reliable than a man."  
- Miranda Ingram



"Love is basketball."  
- Ruth Ireland

Special thanks to everyone who responded!

## ARE YOU SEEKING?

women seeking men

**Cute biology major** seeking guy with same interests. Must enjoy watching Trauma: Life in the ER, camping, playing football, and Monsters, Inc. Ambulance driver a plus. Cannot be named Matt. Call Emily at ext. 1457.

**Fun-loving senior** looking for a friend or more. Sarah is a competitive swimmer and enjoys riding camels on the beach, going to the movies, and eating cheese. If you're looking for a tall blonde chick who likes to play the rain stick give Sarah a call at ext. 1185.

**Energetic**, talkative Britney Spears look-alike seeks handsome cowboy. He must be a singer of country songs and be willing to sing romantic serenades nightly. Justin Timberlake look-alikes very good, but not required. Loves dancing, long talks on IM, crazy trips to Wal-mart, dancing, romantic dinners at Ponderosa and more dancing. Interested? CPO 1700 or ext. 1397.

men seeking women

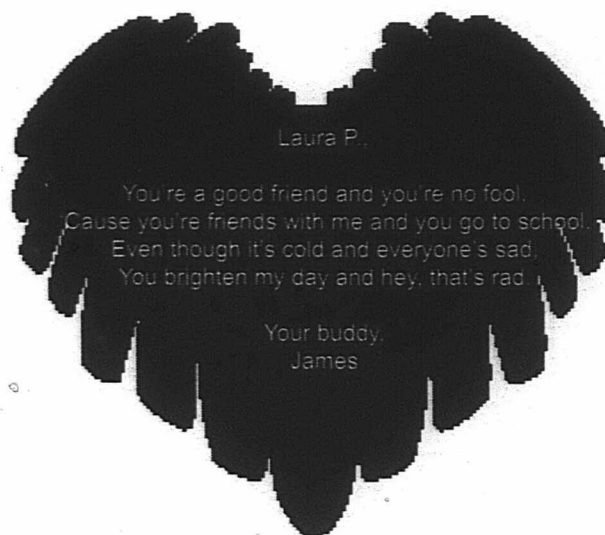
**Romantic and sensitive**, this guy's the one for you! Candle-lit dinners, sunsets... If you want someone who will give you the romance you deserve, call Mike at ext. 9137.

**Tall**, red-haired, white Caucasian male seeking hairy Russian who charges into battle during a game of Axis and Allies both out manned and out gunned. Hail Russia!

**Hairy Yak beast** seeks tall Lucky Charms look alike. Has to be willing to put up with constant shedding and the mating call of an Ewok.

**Lookin' for a hottie???** Do you like cuddling and taking long walks on the sidewalk? I know a guy that is perfect for you! He's fun-loving, intelligent, and strong...just call him Rocky Balboa! This Italian Stallion is into sports, movies, and beaches. He enjoys romantic, candle lit dinners for two and a little saucyness isn't bad either... His name is...Ryan Yanetsko. Phone number: 716-378-9987.

**MELISSA!** Happy Valentine's Day, O Roommate of my Dreams. Let's celebrate in style—cashews and teddy grahams are on me. :-)



Laura P.

You're a good friend and you're no fool.  
Cause you're friends with me and you go to school.  
Even though it's cold and everyone's sad,  
You brighten my day and hey, that's rad.

Your buddy,  
James



# taking/sides

Students discuss controversial issues on campus  
This week's topic: PEACE THROUGH WAR

Christians should desire peace on this earth, whether their theology allows them to consider that a realistic goal or not. The real questions are, what type of peace should we desire, and what type should we work for? At least two types of peace are immediately evident, the peace represented by *Pax Romana*, and the peace represented by Jesus Christ. The first peace is a bloody and tense peace; it is a peace gained through conquest and characterized by fear. The second peace is a peace of freedom; it is the shalom peace of equality gained only when all people are treated as equals and all have their own voice. The Christian should both desire and work for the second type of peace, even as we realize that its ultimate fulfillment can only come when our true humanity has been restored and we again live in shalom not only with other people, but with God, with nature, and with ourselves.

It would seem then that any war against Iraq, a war evidently of conquest and driven (according to some at least) more by a desire for the control of oil than by any concern about weapons of mass destruction, would thus be a war for the first type of peace. Jesus' teachings seem clear when it comes to loving others above ourselves and turning the other cheek, not to mention the long prophetic tradition crying out for a lasting, God-filled peace. I must conclude that pacifism is a legitimate and biblical approach to evil.

I am torn by the paradox of the Bible: the sword of the magistrate used for justice and yet our call to turn the other cheek. I cannot ignore the pacifistic tradition. I cannot ignore God's radical call to Christians to live a different lifestyle in a fallen world. I cannot accept any sort of teleological understanding of Jesus' teaching which ignores the present reality of his commands. But I do not believe that pacifism is the only biblical answer. I also do not think that it can always answer God's call to protect the innocent and wield godly power for good through the state (Rom 13:1-5).

When looking for a biblical and traditional model for judging and practicing war, I think the best place to look is the Just War theory. First expounded in detail by Augustine, it was then further expounded by Aquinas, Calvin, and numerous others. There are various strands agreed to be part of all three understandings to some extent or another; here I will follow Joseph C. McKenna in listing seven basic principles.

1. Legitimate authority declares and executes the war.
2. The injury which the war is intended to prevent must be a real injury.
3. The seriousness of the injury to

be prevented must be proportionate to the destructiveness of the war.

4. There must be a reasonable hope of success.
5. War must be engaged in only as a last resort.
6. The intention of entering into the war must be just.
7. The measures used in conducting war must be defensible. Preservation of non-combatants has always been a factor in the question of a just war.

To this list I would add one more, following John Stott's suggestion that if a nation must go to war for any reason, then, as Christians, we must make it our priority that after the war is over, the enemy is to be reconciled and reformed through God's love lived out in our lives.

One more very important point: the Just War theory is not about war, it is about peace. Those who understand this theory as a means of finding an excuse before God for going to war miss the point entirely. The Just War theory is a theory of the minimal requirements for going to war, it is never an excuse for going to war. Indeed, even when a war can be shown to be just, that doesn't mean that the ruler must go to war! Peace is always better, but only the shalom of freedom, not the peace of conquest. The Just War theory is, therefore, an understanding of peace which allows that, on occasion, war must be fought in order to assure this type of God-given. War is actually understood as a moral, if terrible, exercise, an understanding which we have lost in our assumption against violence.

So, is President Bush's war a just war? Many of the issues are widely agreed upon. The United States government is a legitimate authority (principle 1); the seriousness of the injury to be prevented, that being mass destruction through biological, chemical, or nuclear weapons, is decidedly proportionate to the destructiveness of the limited war Bush plans (principle 3); the United States has an overwhelming chance of success (principle 4); and there is excellent reason to believe that the war will be conducted in such a way as to protect, as much as possible, the immunity of non-participants (principle 7). Now on to the areas that meet very little agreement. I would argue that the objections dealing with the reality of the injury to be prevented (principle 2) and the justness of the intention, or motive, for entering the war (principle 6) are both of the same nature and can be answered together.

How does President Bush answer the questions presented, and why are some not willing to accept his answers? Bush presents the case essentially as follows: Iraq has nuclear capabilities, developed biological capabilities, and deadly chemical material which was

found in the country in 1999 when the inspections last ended and which Iraq now refuses to account for in any way. Due to Saddam Hussein's past record, which includes genocide against his own people, wars of aggression against Iran and Kuwait, and a complete lack of respect for human life, international authority, or any sort of moral standard, his holding of these sorts of weapons is utterly unacceptable and he must be disarmed, by force if necessary. There has also been a suggestion that Iraq has supported and/or been connected to Al Qaeda in various ways. If we accept these facts, then the reality of the injury to be prevented is very real, and the intention of entering the war is therefore just, because it is to protect the people of the United States, and the world, from a madman who either is, or shortly will be, armed with weapons of indescribable terror.

What are the objections to this presentation? There are two major objections of which I am aware. First, that the weapons don't exist, and, second, that even if they do, we are only going to war to secure oil for the United States. First, why shouldn't we trust this administration to be telling us the truth, both about the existence of the weapons and about their objectives? In his recent State of the Union Address, President Bush cited four examples of materials which the U.N., not the United States, had determined that Hussein had in 1999, and which he has refused to account for: materials to produce 25,000 liters of anthrax, 38,000 liters of botulinum toxin, 500 tons of sarin, mustard, and VX nerve agent, and upwards of 30,000 munitions capable of delivering chemical agents. Inspectors recently found 16 of these 30,000 munitions, all of which Iraq claimed it had destroyed. It seems to me that we have excellent reason to believe the Bush administration and no reason at all to believe Iraq.

Second, in reference to capitalistic greed for oil, do we have any reason to believe that this is the major reason we are attacking Iraq? I don't think that there is any support for this claim. According to a recent Newsweek article, we should accept this theory because many top Bush administration officials, including the President and Vice-President, have pasts in the energy industry, but the release of mass amounts of oil from Iraq, while it would help the economy by lowering gas prices, would hurt the energy industry by flooding the market with foreign oil, so that is backward logic at best.

The other objection is to the last-resort principle, and states that we have not exhausted every possible avenue of diplomacy and international pressure and have not allowed the inspectors enough time to do their job. Also, Iraq has not actually been an aggressor yet, and thus our preemptive war is wrong.

In his article, "Moral Clarity in a

Time of War," George Weigel writes, "Can we not say that last resort has been satisfied in those cases when a rogue state has made plain, by its conduct, that it holds international law in contempt and that no diplomatic solution to the threat it poses is likely, and when it can be demonstrated that the threat the rogue state poses is intensifying? I think we can. Indeed, I think we must." Iraq has proven itself, in its past aggressions, in its disregard for international oversight, and in its determined push to develop and use weapons of mass destruction, to be unworthy of holding such weapons.

As far as the preemptive war, it is not only just under this theory, but necessary. When the consequences of waiting have the potential of being so terrible, the only responsible use of force is preemptive prevention, not response. As Condoleezza Rice has said in response to the charge that we have not caught Iraq with a smoking gun, we cannot afford for this smoking gun to be a mushroom cloud. Nor does Just War Theory require us to.

President Bush aims to conduct a limited, precise, and just war against Iraq to protect the true peace of freedom for his own citizens as he is charged with doing. He should also seek to procure this peace for the whole world, even Iraq's citizens, as his professed faith requires him to do. There is excellent reason for believing that his charges against Iraq are true and that this is a just war according to Just War theory.

There are two more issues I have opened. The first is peace. Why should we practice Just War instead of what is just as clearly biblical and perhaps much tougher to practice, pacifism? I believe the answer lies in our search for a true godly peace of freedom and not a peace of fear. If America and its allies, however many it may have, do not disarm Iraq, the only sort of peace that will be purchased is the peace of fear: fear of Iraq and fear of its weapons in the wrong hands.

The second issue is that of the eighth principle, the one I added following Stott's suggestion. Here, perhaps, is where all Christians can agree that we do have a unique place. Only God, through us, can affect reconciliation and redemption for our enemies. Here, with charity, time, and prayer, God willing, we can make a difference and try to convince Muslims that we do not hate them, but love them with a love we wish they could discover for themselves. This is a love which must occasionally find its manifestation on earth through war, but which strives and yearns for the end of all war and the freedom of all individuals in shalom.

Responses to this week's Taking Sides may be sent to [star@houghton.edu](mailto:star@houghton.edu) for publication in the Letterbox. Next week Taking Sides will present a discussion on the new chapel music selection policy. If you have an opinion and would like to submit a piece to be published in this space, please email it to [star@houghton.edu](mailto:star@houghton.edu)



## Kathie's Recipe Korner

If you like cheese, this week's recipes are for you. First is the recipe for Macaroni and Cheese that is our family's favorite. Bruce found this in a GOOD HOUSEKEEPING recipe book. Ask Eric Ireland or Cliff Chandler if it is indeed good. To make a 13"x9" casserole: (It can easily be halved, but we love even the leftovers.)

Preheat oven to 350° and butter a 13" x 9" casserole.

Cook in salted water 16 ounces (1 regular sized box) of spiral macaroni (you can use any macaroni, but spiral holds the sauce the best) Drain.

Melt 4 Tablespoons butter or margarine in a skillet

Finely chop one onion—any size—however much you like onions

Saute the onion in the butter until soft and transparent, about 5 minutes

Blend into this:

2 Tablespoons all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons salt

1/2 teaspoon dry mustard

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Stir until blended and gradually add 1 1/2 cups milk, stirring until smooth and thickened

Remove from the heat and stir in 4 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese. We use Kraft's shredded sharp cheddar and you'll need 2 big bags of cheese. Orange cheddar makes for a more attractive-looking dish.

Place drained macaroni in the buttered casserole, stir in the cheese sauce. Top with sprinkling Progresso Italian Bread Crumbs on top. If you are a total cheese fanatic, sprinkle more grated cheese on the top of the casserole when it comes out of the oven.

Bake at 350 for 20 minutes, or until bubbly. Enjoy....

This next one is for the Info Center Cheese Dip recipe.

- 1 large box Velveeta cheese—either light or regular
- 1 2-cup bag shredded Mexican, or taco-nacho cheese
- 1 jar Pace picante sauce—I use either mild or medium

Melt in a micro-wave safe bowl, stirring frequently. † use a crock pot on low to keep this at serving temperature.

Serve with tortilla chips and raw veggies (if you want to convince yourself you are being really healthy)

You can add chopped tomatoes, chopped black olives, chilies, jalapeno peppers, diced pimentos, peppers, etc., to make this dip more to your personal taste.

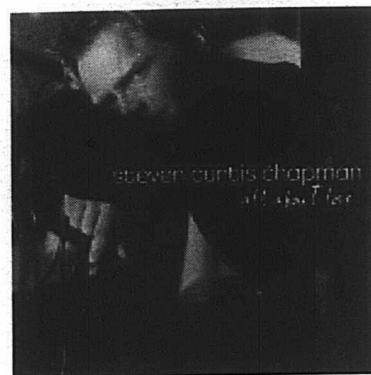
## Review: *All About Love* targeted toward married couples...like mom and dad

BY MELANIE MARCIANO  
STAR STAFF WRITER

The much respected and popular, four-time Grammy award winner Steven Curtis Chapman's new record, "All about Love" kills two birds with one stone: coming out with a new CD and finding a Valentine's Day present for Mrs. Chapman.

"All about Love," like the title implies, is comprised almost entirely of heart felt love songs to Chapman's wife. The loving marriage described in each of the songs is the perfect example of a God focused relationship Christian couples ascribe to and hope for. "All about Love" is targeted to a married-with-children audience. It is a very personal album highlighting the real, everyday experiences involved in marriage. The lyrics could be copied from love letters the couple exchanged in the past. Stylistically the songs are crafted like soft love songs, a bit slow but happy.

The picture of Chapman and his wife dancing together on the back of the CD, the tender, detailed lyrics and all the gushing love make this an excellent CD for Mom and Dad this Valentine's day. Living at home with my parents, when I listen to him sing



about passion, the specialness of kissing and touching and candlelight, I can't help getting an awkward feeling picturing him and his wife in the song...or even worse, my parents.

It is very encouraging to know that even after 18 years a marriage like that of the Chapmans', filled with genuine love for God and each other, is possible. If you can deal with the cheesiness of mom and dad love and the fact that everytime I use that word I italicize it, you should pick up this album and discover how beautiful God intends marriage to be for you and your future or current spouse.

Rating: 6.5 out of 10

## EDITORIAL

### Singles Awareness Day? Bethany Schwartz

"Oh yay, it's almost Singles Awareness Day," I heard someone mutter as they walked by the Valentine candy display in Wal-Mart.

Some of my friends, too, have been venting about this upcoming holiday in the same terms. I hate Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is dumb. I'll be sitting at home watching a movie while everyone else is out with dates, they say.

The cynical attitude can be contagious: even those who have "significant others" often become disillusioned by the approach of Valentine's Day. The singles often don't understand this and feel that those who are attached are simply trying to rub it in. And those who are attached usually don't understand why the singles make such a big deal out of the day. A conversation may go as follows:

(Single): I hate Valentine's Day.

(Attached) [vehemently]: Me too!

(S): Oh, come on. You have a [boyfriend/girlfriend/husband/wife]! What do you have to complain about? At least you have a date!!

(A): That doesn't matter! I still hate Valentine's Day. Why can't people just love each other all the time? It's just a marketing ploy and a way to get guys to do romantic things for once.

(S): You make me sick.

(A): What?!? Why??

(S): Can we be any more OBVIOUS that you're trying to rub in the fact that I don't have a date??

(A) [bewildered]: I wasn't talking about you!

(S) [sulking]: I'm not talking about this anymore. It's easy for you to talk-while you're out with your [boyfriend/girlfriend/husband/wife], I'll be sitting in my room with my turtle. Joy of joys.

(A): Look, I'll buy you a box of candy. Then you won't feel left out.

(S): Then I'd feel WORSE! Like you feel sorry for me!

And so continues the conversation. Both the single and the attached person will keep accidentally insulting the other... The attached, meaning well, inadvertently makes the single person feel left out while raving about his/her Valentine plans. S/he then tries to sympathize with the single and fails miserably. The single person, on the other hand, makes the attached feel guilty that s/he HAS a date. The attached person feels that s/he must claim to hate Valentine's Day to avoid being classified as a jerk by the single person.

It's a vicious, yet seemingly unavoidable, cycle. And all of it could be avoided. Do you ever think about how your words affect those around you?

Like Christmas, the true meaning of Valentine's Day often gets lost in the shuffle. It's about LOVE. Yet those without dates are trying to forget that the day exists, and those with dates focus on their significant other and ignore everyone else. But Valentine's Day was created so that we have at least one day of the year to specifically show love to others. And this is for everyone.

Yes, it's a wonderful time for couples to show their love to one another and do special things for each other. It's also a time when people feel lonely, vulnerable, and hurt. Try to keep in mind the feelings of others as Valentine's Day approaches...show love by respecting the people around you...whether they are attached or not. The meaning of Valentine's Day is not to point out who is single and who is not, but to show everyone how special they are.

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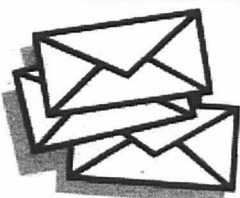
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## Letterbox

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### Killing Us Softly

One of the greatest courses that I've taken at this institution was outside of my major and not overtly connected to my career goals at all. I'm referring to Sociology of Images, a eye-opening course that shaped my entire way of thinking. In light of this, I was pleased by the "Impact of Media and Culture on Women" series that included Jean Kilbourne's film, "Killing Us Softly III." This film, produced by Sut Jhally (a wonderful sociologist in his own right),

discussed the insidious way in which our media-culture devalues and abuses women. I have only one major complaint, however, and have

decided to write in this letter.

I was pleased by the turnout for the movie, but as I sat in the CFA recital hall I became increasingly aware that I was, as a male, part of a very small minority. The title of the series would seem to narrow the audience, but as a civic-minded individual who wishes to become more socially aware, I'd hoped to see more guys in the mix. I feel strongly that our advertising and entertainment is doing atrocious things to women and that it is

the duty of humanity to attempt to change.

Also, the discussion and the film would lead one to believe that it is the male-dominated thought in advertising and entertainment that perpetuate this evil. If this is true (as I suspect it is), then all the more reason for more male attendance. This critique on the ills of our society should be attractive to all of us; if I were king for a day, I'd have made attendance mandatory.

-Scott Wilkins, '03

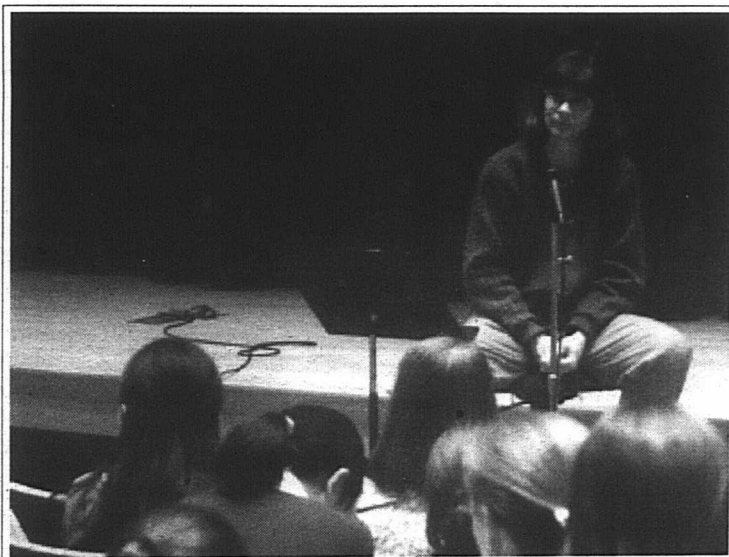


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Nancy Murphy helped lead a discussion on women in society after Jean Kilbourne's film, "Killing Us Softly III." The film discussed the way that the media devalues and abuses women.



### The Advice/Chris-Says-What-He-Wants-to Column: You Can be my Hero, Baby

by Chris Austin

Well, the column is back in action after a week of rest. Actually, I still have not figured out the amount of times the Star comes out. I think that it is weekly, although I still haven't asked anyone in charge. That is why there was no column last week, of which I am very sorry. But hey, everyone needs a break sometime, and we shall consider that one mine.

Moving right along, the research question that I referred to earlier will again be postponed due to more research. However, in the meantime, my CPO 17 has generated another two questions that I can answer. This is more prosperity then I could have ever imagined at the conception of this column back in '02.

So, the first question:

*What is your definition of a hero?*

—A Russian Princess

This is a tough question, princess. Although I know much about many things, I cannot say I know much about heroes. The first thing that comes to mind is a knight that slays dragons. A dragon-slaying knight has many hero-like qualities. Being a knight implies a life of training to do good. Dragon-slaying shows courage in the heat of battle. Carrying a sword means the hero is strong. Wearing armor means the knight must perspire a lot (that is sweat), and we all know the formula: work is 99% sweat and 1% something-else-that-is-unimportant. Thus, a hero a) does good, b) has courage, c) is strong enough to carry swords, and d) sweats more then the average human being.

With this definition in mind, I feel it would be appropriate to compare myself to a hero. One time, I helped (well, tried to help) a man who had fallen on the sidewalk. It was really icy, so I stopped the old Neon (that is my car) and tried to help the man get up. In case this ever happens to you, a word of advice—do not try and help the person up if they are wincing in pain; that is a job for paramedics, not a medically-challenged student such as myself. In any case, the situation was resolved and the man was saved.

Another time, my friends and I found a snake in the road and threw it over a fence into our neighbor's yard. Suddenly, in the time span of about 3-7 seconds, the neighbor came out, and all of my friends ran away. I shall call it courage that I remained to face the lady. I will not call it slow reaction time. It took all of my courage but I stayed to fight the lady, proclaiming all the reasons I could think of why it was good to have garter snakes doing her gardening for her even though I could feel a reprimand coming on.

Unfortunately, I lack the strength to wield a sword and have no stories proving I can.

Last of all, it is a well-known fact that I seem to sweat a good amount. It can be the middle of winter and I will be wearing short sleeves, and I can still get to be so hot that I sweat. But obviously, that means I am doing a lot of work if you will recall the formula above.

Therefore, I think that the best way to define a "hero" is to see if you have 3 out of 4 hero traits, like I possess—I do good, I am courageous, and I sweat. And there you have it, Russian Princess, you can maybe be a hero just like me. And remember, today's key words are **perspiration, courage, and paramedics**, in that order.

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## EDITORIAL

## The Art of Spectating

A fan

Excitement spreads through the stands of the gym like wild-fire on a hot summer day, everyone is standing up and jumping up and down, and soon the whole entire crowd starts a cheer. There is so much excitement that the camera-man can't keep the camera steady and the announcers are having a hard time speaking-up over the noise and energy of the spectators. Sadly, I am not talking about Houghton College and their basketball games.

You see, I am a huge basketball fan. I have gone to every single Houghton men's home game for the past three years and gone to several away games. I love cheering them on and being obnoxious to the refs, and it makes me so upset when our "fans" don't cheer. This past week, when we played Daemen, I looked around and saw a bunch of groups simply conversing with each other, paying no attention to the game. WHAT IS THE POINT OF COMING TO A BASKETBALL GAME IF YOU DON'T CHEER ON THE TEAM YOU ARE WATCHING? And I could tell that as soon as our fans realized that we probably weren't going to win the game, most of them gave up on cheering all together. That's HORRIBLE!

I STRONGLY believe that the spectator's excitement, energy, and cheering at a game can carry over to the players. The louder and more excited we are when our team makes baskets, steals, rebounds and the like, the harder our basketball players will play.

Bottom line, Houghton basketball "watchers": QUIT WATCHING and START CHEERING. QUIT CHATTING with your friends and start SUPPORTING YOUR TEAM. QUIT LOSING HOPE SO EASILY... always cheer as if we were one point ahead. The men's team knows when the crowd has lost hope, and their spirits start to sink as well. Work on your spirit and we will definitely see an improvement in theirs. Basically, DON'T BE SO PASSIVE at basketball games... BE ACTIVE!

Tips on being a supportive, energetic crowd (in case you simply do not know how to be an active audience): wear purple and gold, make posters, wave towels, say DEFENSE and stomp your feet on the bleachers when the players on the bench are saying DEFENSE (in unison, of course), cheer with the cheerleaders (after all, they are cheer-LEADERS and their cheers aren't too difficult), stand up (in unison, of course) when players make important plays, and NEVER GIVE UP! NEVER GIVE UP!

Oh, and one more frustration: DON'T MAKE DEGRADING COMMENTS TO OPPOSING PLAYERS, like "Cut the mullet" or "Cut the stash" or even scream/yell out during their free-throws. Non-Christian teams will see us as just like any other college out there. We are NOT like any other college; we are a Christian college founded on Christian principles... like that of love, for instance. And making fun of others is not an act of love. So act like what you are...fans and Christians.

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to write  
about sports!

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## HIGHLANDER SCORES

## Women's basketball

2/4 Houghton 73, Daemen 86  
2/7 Houghton 75, St. Vincent 79  
2/8 Houghton 72, Point Park 61

## Men's basketball

2/4 Houghton 70, Daemen 81  
2/7 Houghton 54, St. Vincent 73  
2/8 Houghton 62, Point Park 68

## Highlanders share in glory and defeat

BY JEN COON  
STAR SPORTS WRITER

On the week of February the second, both the men and women's basketball teams had three home games. The women's team suffered two tough losses on Tuesday and Thursday but bounced back and got a win on Saturday. Their record is now 14-8 overall and 11-4 in the American Midwest Conference. The men's team had three tough losses this week, their overall record being 6-16 and in the American Midwest Conference 2-8.

The men had a good effort against Point Park. At halftime, the Highlanders were up by three. However, Point Park took the lead for good with 8 minutes left in the game, the final score being 68-62. Junior Matt Meabon had a game-high 20 points, and junior Joel Hamilton had 17 points and 11

rebounds. Senior Jason Lee also chipped in with 13 points.

The women beat the Point Park Pioneers 72 to 61. Although the game was tied at half-time, the Lady Highlanders took control of the game with 10 minutes remaining and pulled away from the Pioneers. Senior Angela Layne led Houghton with 21 points and she also grabbed seven rebounds. Amanda Sweeny went 100 percent from the foul line (8-for-8) to finish with 20 points. Alicia Mucher's nine rebounds, six assists, and eight steals were all game-highs. She also chipped in 11 points for the Highlanders.

The men and women Highlanders travel to Geneva College on Thursday, and the women face off at home against Ursuline College at 3pm on Saturday.

## Two inducted into Houghton's Hall of Honor

Two former Houghton College standout athletes were inducted into the college's Athletics Hall of Honor on Saturday, Feb. 8 during the annual Basketball Alumni Weekend.

Tedd Smith, class of 1982, and Ndunge Kiiti, class of 1988, were honored between the men's and women's basketball games against Point Park.

Smith, a four-year member of the Highlander men's basketball program, left his name indelibly etched in the record books. He averaged 16.8 points per game over a career that spanned 110 games. He was named First Team All-PCAC as a freshman and was a two-time NAIA District 31 All-Star. Smith had a personal high game of 41 points against Nyack College, which still ranks third all-time at Houghton, and his 19 field goals made in that game stands as the second-most ever. Smith ranks as one of the top-five rebounders at Houghton and his 1,770 career points are second all time.

His parents, Jim and Peg Smith, were the founders of Youth For Christ in Rochester, and Tedd went to work for YFC immediately following graduation from college. He became the Executive Director for the Greater Rochester area in 1987 and has continued serving in that position.

Ndunge Kiiti played four years of field hockey and three years of basketball. Kiiti still holds the school record for the most goals in one field hockey game with six. She was also a key team leader on the first Houghton women's basketball team to make it to a National Tournament where she helped lead her team to a 18-6 record

and the NCCAA Nationals. She averaged 9.1 points per game and 5.8 rebounds per game that season and was recognized as a First-team All-District II player in the NCCAA.

She went on to earn a master's degree in Development Communication from Wheaton College's program at Daystar and a doctorate in Communication and International Health from Cornell University. Today she serves



FILE PHOTO

Ndunge Kiiti was one of two Houghton alumni to be inducted into the Hall of Honor on Feb. 8.

as Director of Partnership Development for Africa and Latin America for Medical Assistance Programs, an international Christian organization that addresses total health care issues. She makes a difference in the lives of millions in Africa and Latin America.

Both inductees joined former teammates and other former Highlander basketball players in the college's annual alumni games earlier on Saturday.