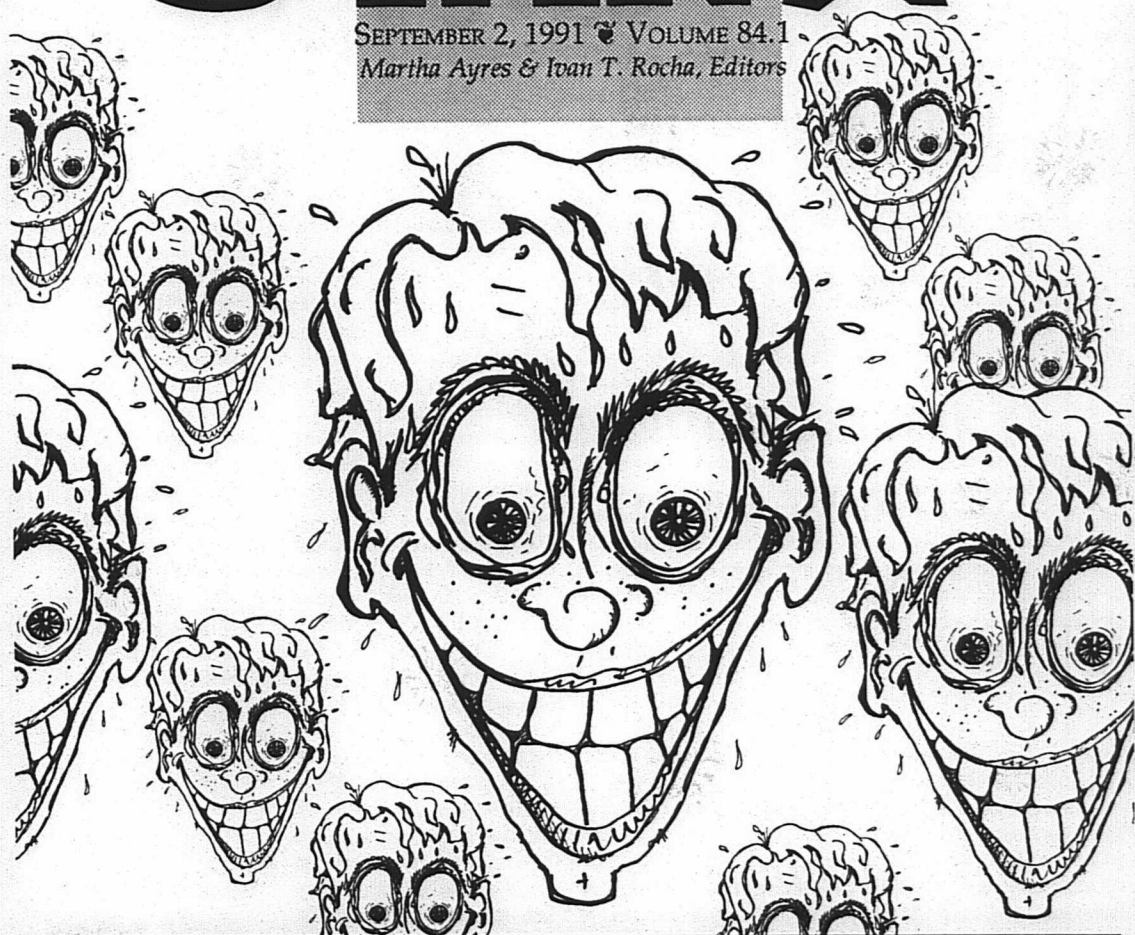


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TO The Nervous Freshman

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When Life Drops a Jar of Daddy-Long-Legs on You...

by Martha Ayres

I'm sick again. Back at school for three days and my body breaks down already. "Welcome back to Houghton" I've heard from a significant number of my fellow Houghtonites. The expected sarcastic "ha" and smirk that I return are old and nearly worn out by now. But, sighing my frequent phrase of surrender (oh well...), to myself I remind—trust.

Seems I've gotten sick on the wrong side of summer you say, but on the contrary, through this little virus I'm being reminded of how wonderful it is to be well, thus persuaded quite effectively to take better care of myself so that I don't get nailed down on a more dangerous page of the calendar.

Frustratingly often visited by sickness since my first semester here, I've at times felt life forgetting it all,

giving up, because it's so hard to grow that way. What I mean is, it's such a struggle to keep a good attitude about being here at college when life decides (without asking you if it's OK) to empty a whole jar of daddy-long-legs on you (while you are sleeping). It's a challenge to trust that God will get you through. And it's hard to believe that each trial, through Him crushed and conquered, has the potential to bring you closer to God and closer to whom he wants you to be.

Each time I get knocked over by some brick wall (that for some reason I didn't even see), I am shown again that it is not my own strength by which I get through this life, it is God's. He has the directions for getting over that wall. I too often give the credit to myself without thanking

Him for giving me everything that I need to make it. So having stepped back, realizing what's going on, I'm quite ready to be here, and to be pushed to my limits again.

Houghton, I've noticed, holds the incredible opportunity of being a concentration of people, walking distance away, who are seeking to be Christ-like, here to offer a band-aid or sometimes to trip you. The friendships that you're likely making right now, and even your profs in some of those most inspiring core classes, will sometimes be the ones who reach out a hand and lift you out of the creek. And surely a day will come when you are "placed" near one who could use a hand himself.

God has opened the door for you and me to be here, so I'm praying that we'll take every opportunity we are given to learn and grow. Along this way you'll collect the memories of food and bad that make college "one of the greatest times in your life" as you've likely heard a zillion times from a convinced elder.

Keep your eyes open, aware of others' struggles, and your own, that none bury you. "For I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Php. 4:13)

And Now a Word From the Other Guy

Or, My Two-Cents' Worth

by Ivan T. Rocha

Here I sit in my dungeon office listening to the "white noise" of printer and computer fans mixed with the electronic grunts and yells of the electronic football players in the video game out in the lounge. And as I sit I meditate on what fine kernels of knowledge I might have to impart to my Houghton readership and the incoming freshman class (typically all ears for anything that will make the transition easier). I'll try not to be corny.

For what it's worth, my advice to you, stary-eyed freshman is this: don't be afraid to try because you're afraid to fail. I admit, it is sounds like a horribly depressing way to fill

editorial space, but if you think of it for a moment, life in our fallen world will never be without failures. For that matter, our successes are measured by our own failures and the failures of others. To refuse to try your best at something is to eliminate the very possibility that you might succeed. By the same token don't be discouraged by classes that appear intimidating. If you give them your best your chances of some success (at least you'll learn something even if you don't make top grades) are that much greater than if you admit defeat right away. Besides, having to take over a class that you drop is, in most cases, a waste of time.

In a slightly different vein, don't be afraid to give humanity a shot. That is to say, your studies are very important (they cost money and all that) but your roommate's aching heart is probably just as deserving of your attention. Homework can always be caught up, but a relationship may never be the same without your attention. Never be afraid, then, to spend a little time with someone who needs you. Be kind to someone, and someday maybe, who knows, they'll be kind to you.

Sigh. Enough pontificating for one editorial. Best o' luck and all that. We at the Star will be happy to hear from you once in a while.



One of the many characteristics which make Houghton a unique town is the fact that it has only one church: Houghton Wesleyan, which boasts a remarkably large congregation and regularly holds two services on Sunday mornings and one in the evening. Sunday-school options are plentiful, and service opportunities are not in shortage. Some, however, have a hard time feeling at home in such a large congregation and often look for a smaller, more intimate place to worship. Others prefer not to attend Houghton Wesleyan because of their denominational background. Yet a third group feels the need to worship in an environment which does not remind them of their weekly work and study. It is with these groups in mind that we have compiled this short list (a more complete version may be obtained from the church relations office) of churches in the immediate vicinity (some as far as Wellsville—for the sake of fair representation) which provide alternatives to Houghton Wesleyan. Some of these congregations may be willing to provide transportation to and from Houghton if there are enough people interested in attending. ☆

Source: *Directory of Houghton Area Churches*
(Courtesy of the Student Development Office)

BAPTIST

Central Baptist Church
Route 305 between
Black Creek and Belfast

First Baptist Church
Hughes and Chapel
Belfast

Rushford Baptist Church
9016 Main Street
Rushford (437-2902)

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

CMA Church
450 North Highland Ave.
Wellsville (593-5882)

EPISCOPAL

St. Phillip's Episcopal
Willets Avenue
Belmont (268-5295)

FREE METHODIST

Free Methodist Church
Angel & Chestnut Streets
Belfast (365-2919)

LUTHERAN

Trinity Lutheran Church
470 North Main Street
Wellsville (593-3311)

MENNONITE

Yorks Corners Mennonite Church
Wellsville (593-3287)

PRESBYTERIAN

Presbyterian Church of Wellsville
83 Chamberlain Street
Wellsville

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Immaculate Conception
24 Maple Avenue
Wellsville (593-4834)

St. Mark's
Rushford
(437-5332)

St. Mary's
Belmont

St. Patrick's
Belfast
(365-2215)

St. Patrick's
West Main
Fillmore (567-2282)

UNITED METHODIST

Belfast
4 Chapel
Belfast (365-2529)

Caneadea
Main Street
Caneadea (365-8213)

Fillmore
25 Minard Street
Fillmore (567-2293)

WESLEYAN

Fillmore Wesleyan
22 East Main Street
Fillmore (567-8814)

Houghton Wesleyan
Route 19
Houghton (567-2264)

North Park Wesleyan
13 North Park
Cuba (968-2347)

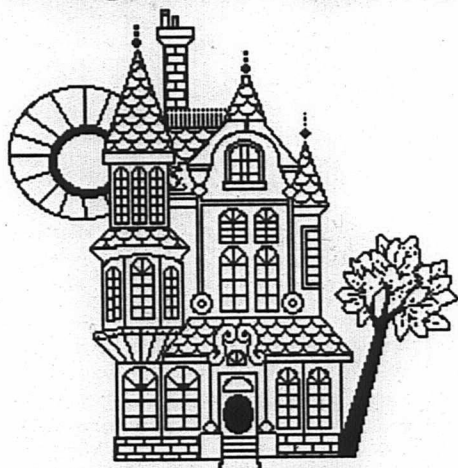
OTHER

Salvation Army
75 North Main Street
Wellsville

First Congregational Church
289 North Main
Wellsville (593-5015)

Assembly of God
Riverside Dr.,
Wellsville (593-4431)

PLACES TO VISIT AND SIGHTS TO SEE In Houghton and Beyond



IN HOUGHTON

Cross-Country Ski Trails

An interesting hike during the fall and spring, these trails provide plenty of excitement and exercise during the winter months.

The College Farm

Ordinarily known simply as "the horse farm," it is the site of the college's equestrian program. Worth a visit if you care for horses.

The Ski Slope

Provides an excellent view of the countryside during the spring and the fall and pretty good skiing (as well as other interesting activities—keep your ears and eyes open) during winter.

The College Art Gallery

In the Wesley Chapel basement. There are usually one or two artists

showing their work in the gallery. In the spring senior art majors have their own shows in the gallery.

Sunsets on Centerville Road

Go up Centerville Road approximately one mile, or to the top of the hill overlooking town, late some afternoon during the fall and watch the sun set.

Houghton Creek

Walking up the creek is a favorite activity while it is still warm enough to do so. Enjoy, but be careful not to break a leg!

Stargazing on the Soccer Field

Grab a friend and see how many constellations you can identify on a clear night.

The Prayer Chapel

Basement Wesley Chapel; a quiet retreat for undisturbed prayer and meditation.

AND BEYOND

Letchworth State Park

Located a few miles up route 19 in the town of Castile, Letchworth is a must for picnics in the fall. The park is also well-known for its awe-inspiring water falls and rapids.

Moss Lake

A short ride up Sand Hill Road (just south of town) brings you to a delightfully placid lake, overgrown with weeds and full of rather friendly catfish. Take a loaf of day-old bread to feed to the fish and spend a pleasant afternoon relaxing with friends.

Scout Haven

A must for horror movie fans, this lake on the road to Arcade was the site of one of the *Friday the 13th* episodes.

Allen Lake

Whether fishing, picnicking, or simply relaxing, you are bound to be delighted by this small quiet lake. If ever you visit there, take note of the beaver dam.

Historical Homes

Belmont, Wellsville, and other towns in this area were once prosperous hubs of the oil industry, and many stately victorian homes (some remarkably well-preserved) remain a testimony to better days in a wealthier past.

Allegany State Park

An excellent option for the outdoorsman, Allegany State Park includes an assortment of camping and recreation areas as well as a number of trails for hiking.

Swain Ski Resort

A popular choice among skiers in winter, this resort is located in Swain, NY, only a short ride from Houghton.

Ace's Country Cupboard
40 Main Street
Belfast, NY 14711
(716) 365-2692

American Hotel
126 West Main Street
Angelica, NY 14709
(716) 466-7748

Belfast Hotel
6 Main Street
Belfast, NY 14711
(716) 365-2456

Better Days
166 North Main Street
Wellsville, NY 14895
(716) 593-9838

Big Al's Snack Shop
Campus Center Basement
Houghton, NY 14744
Ext. 232

Coslo's Restaurant
59 Main Street
Almond, NY 14804
(607) 276-6633

Dagwood's Eating House
18 South Main
Andover, NY 14806
(607) 478-8007

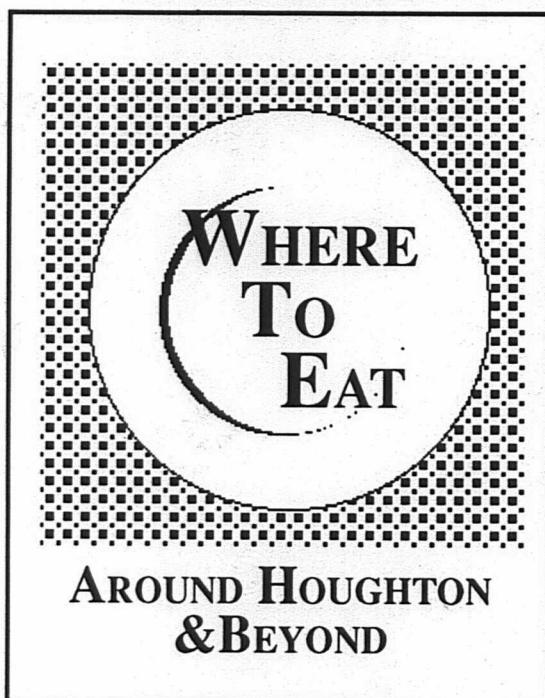
Dill Pickle Restaurant
Andover Road
Wellsville, NY 14895
(716) 593-9889

Gallery Restaurant
30 West Main
Friendship, NY 14793
(716) 973-8888

Hilltop Resort & Restaurant
Messer Hill Road
Bolivar, NY 14715
(716) 928-1040

Jolly Dee's Restaurant
Andover Road—Route 417
Wellsville, NY 14895
(716) 593-3674

Kinney II
2 West Main Street
Cuba, NY 14727
(716) 968-1480
Kopper Keg



Tired of Big Al's food? Feeling particularly adventurous? Grab some friends, hop in the car, and go in search of the best food Allegany County can offer! Here are a few suggestions you might like to explore. While this is by no means a complete list of restaurants, eateries, and greasy-spoon diners in the Allegany County area, it does include most of the better-known places. This does not mean, of course, that you should only stick to the safe, reasonably well-known restaurants. Explore! You might just discover some delightful, quiet little restaurant with top-notch food. So you run the risk of eating a less-than-perfect meal, but that's half the fun! Best of luck to you as you search for interesting alternatives to the Swedish meatballs (which have the bad habit of turning up fairly often) and to the Saturday night steak and fries! ☆

Source: 19 NY Chautauque-Allegany Region Travel Guide
Cattaraugus / Allegany Tourist Bureau

11 East Main Street
Cuba, NY 14727
(716) 968-1523

LTD Café
South Genesee Street
Fillmore, NY 14735
(716) 567-2267

Manhattan West
32 North Main Street
Alfred, NY 14802
(607) 587-9363

Muhleisen's Restaurant
60 Main Street
Almond, NY 14804
(607) 276-8811

Papa's Restaurant
A & A Plaza, Bolivar Road
Wellsville, NY 14895
(716) 593-3630

Ron's Country Kitchen
Bolivar Road
Wellsville, NY 14895
(716) 593-6640

The Belmont
40 Schuyler Road
Belmont, NY 14813
(716) 268-9884

The Coffee Mill
Route 19
Belmont, NY 14813
(716) 268-7222

The Courtyard
26 Schuyler Road
Belmont, NY 14813
(716) 268-5646

The Texas Hot
132 North Main Street
Wellsville, NY 14895
(716) 593-1400

White House Restaurant
31 Schuyler Road
Belmont, NY 14813
(716) 268-7777

The Glen Iris Inn
Letchworth State Park
Castile, NY 14427
(716) 493-2622

Dorm Life: Pleasures & Perils of a Shared Existence

A very brief guide to survival

Most of you have been brought up with private, more or less personal accommodations. That is to say, most of you grew up having your own room at home, sharing it with one sibling at the most. You grew used to privacy and to the liberty to do with your room whatever you pleased (within the limits of what your parents were willing to put up with) without much concern for what other people might think or how your neighbors might react to something you did. Loss of privacy may seem to you the worst of crimes, for after all, if you can't have privacy in your own room, where can you be alone? Welcome to college, friends, and prepare to give up every last shred of privacy you ever thought yourself entitled to, unless, of course, you are willing to fight tooth and nail for your right to a non-collective existence (and run the risk of being labeled anti-social).

Dorm life is anything but private. Depending on the floor you are assigned to live on during this first semester, you may find yourself being visited by a rambunctious coterie of new acquaintances at all hours of the day and night. Also, depending on the kind of neighbors you have, you may have to periodically migrate to the library in order to get any serious studying done (unless,

of course, you can study through five different stereos blaring, twenty different human voices, and an assortment of dull, persistent clunks and thuds normally associated with vigorous physical activity).

The loss of privacy, however, is not the only thing that makes a first contact with dorm life somewhat trying. Rooming with a perfect stranger (no matter how good of a job the student development office does in matching people up) is above all, a learning experience, and a harrowing one at that. Having a roommate means getting to know him and learning to live with him whether you like it or not. It means learning to sleep through his alarm clock going off at 7:00 a.m. every morning (even if you don't have an 8:00 a.m. class to get up for), it means getting used to his ideas of what constitutes comfort, and it means growing to understand what it is that pleases or annoys him. True, it sounds like a game of politics on a microcosmic scale, but many times the experience turns out very well. A good roommate is not unlike the proverbial pearl of great price; once found, he should be treasured and his friendship cultivated. The bond that results between two roommates who learn to live with

each other well is a very strong one and very useful as a source of support in times of emotional or physical stress.

Even if your relationship with your roommate is a very good one, you will have to be adaptable in yet another area. Life in most dorms does not begin until approximately 10:00 p.m., or later, which means that if you are what is ordinarily referred to as a "morning person" you may quickly have to become either a very heavy sleeper or what is known as a "night owl." Either way, flexibility and patience will be the determining factors in your success or failure as a dorm resident.

Patience, above all, is a necessary virtue in successful communal living (for that is more or less what dorm life consists of): patience with the excessively gregarious person next door who insists on popping in on you whenever it suits his fancy; patience with the people down the hall who insist on listening to their Petra albums after quiet hours; and patience with your roommate, his idiosyncrasies, and his stone age clock-radio. Learn to adapt to constant change and sometimes uncomfortable or inconvenient circumstances. It will be tough at first, but you will be a better person for it. Have a good one! ☆

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when you
take a
freshman
or transfer
to eat at
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Identification may be requested.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Contacting Necessary
Help in Houghton

FIRE DEPARTMENT
(Houghton)
567-2522

AMBULANCE
(Houghton)
567-2522

MEDICAL CENTER
(Houghton)
567-2285

HOSPITAL
(Warsaw, NY)
716 786-2233

**HOUGHTON COLLEGE
SECURITY**
Extension 333

STATE POLICE
(Fillmore)
567-2283

HOUGHTON COLLEGE

Student Organizations

LOOK FOR
YOUR FAVORITE
ORGANIZATION
AT THE ACTIVITIES FAIR
SEPTEMBER 16

Which ones
are for you?

MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS

Choirs: Most of these rehearse at least three times a week and can be used for academic credit.

- College Choir
- Chapel Choir
- Women's Choir
- Men's Choir
- Chamber Singers

Instrumental Groups: Some of these also rehearse often enough to be taken for credit.

- Philharmonia
- Concert Band
- Jazz Workshop
- Wind Ensemble
- Handbells
- Flute Ensemble

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

• **Allegany County Outreach:** A social ministry organization working with the less privileged families of Allegany County.

• **Amnesty International (?)**

• **Art Club:** Organizes periodical field trips to museums, art exhibits, and lectures.

• **African American Cultural Exchange**

• **Youth for Christ**

• **Campus Life**

• **Clown ministry**

• **Impressions (mime ministry)**

• **Biology Club**

• **Outdoors Club**

• **Education Club**

• **English Expression Club**

• **Evangelicals for Social Action:** stimulates active participation of Christian students in matters of social concern.

• **Habitat for Humanity:** works to build homes for the economically disadvantaged.

• **International Students Association**

• **Le Cercle Français (French Club)**

• **Music Education Club**

• **Psychology Club**

• **Spanish Club**

• **Swordbearers:** Active in Bible memorization and study.

• **World Missions Fellowship:** Stimulates community awareness of and involvement in world missions.

• **ΦΒΑ:** Provides opportunities of active service for students interested in business.

• **College Republicans**

COMMUNICATIONS

• **The Houghton Star:** The Houghton College news magazine, its focus is on events which significantly affect the Houghton College community.

• **The Boulder** is the college yearbook.

• **The Lantern** is the Houghton College literary magazine, accepting contributions in the areas of poetry, drawing, and photography.

• **WJSL:** Provides work and learning opportunities for students interested in radio communications.

In 1883 the Lockport Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America founded Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Seminary. The school was established largely through the efforts of Willard J. Houghton. It began with elementary and academic departments in 1884 and added a department for training of ministers in 1888.

In 1896 the school was placed under the management of the Wesleyan Educational Society. The first college-level courses were offered in 1889. Beginning in 1909,

James Seymour Luckey, president of Houghton College from 1908 to 1937, provided the leadership and constructive planning that brought Houghton's emergence as a strong, properly equipped and completely accredited liberal arts college. Dr. Stephen W. Paine, now president emeritus, was president from 1937 until 1972. During these years the student body grew to its present size of approximately 1100, including the Buffalo Suburban Campus.

The college development program has added several major build-

A B R I E F HISTORY OF houghton college

advanced standing was allowed to college students transferring to degree-granting institutions. From 1909 to 1923, three years of college work were given.

A provisional charter as a four-year liberal arts college was granted to Houghton in 1923 by the Regents of the State of New York, and the first four-year baccalaureate degrees were awarded in 1925. Houghton College received its permanent charter in 1927. In November 1935, the college was given full accreditation through admission to membership in the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

ings within the past several years. Among these are a well-equipped science and mathematics center, attractive dormitories, a spacious campus center, and a fine physical education center. Substantial increases in endowment have also been realized.

The leadership of Houghton College continued under the able guidance of Wilber T. Dayton from 1972 until 1976. President Daniel R. Chamberlain assumed the leadership of Houghton College in September, 1976. ☆

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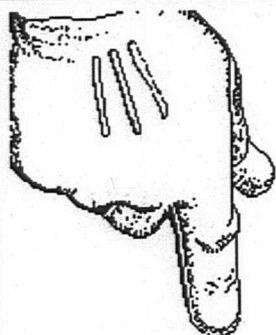
Houghton Trivia

by Jen Garrison

This quiz will help you familiarize yourself with the Houghton College Campus... the answers can be found by asking any unsuspecting upperclassman who is wandering around looking bored.

1. What does Charles Bressler do if you call him "Chuck"?
a. Laughs
b. fails you
c. frowns
d. no one knows... they're not stupid enough to try
2. True or False: Houghton has a formal appeals policy for grades.
3. The maximum time you will have to wait for security is:
a. 5 minutes
b. 2 hours
c. 4 days
d. huh?
4. True or False: Houghton provides front door keys automatically to men, but not to women.
5. What percentage of Houghton students have actually read the pledge?
a. 99%
b. 50%
c. 2%
d. What's the pledge?
6. The swimming pool is:
a. on the quad
b. in the gym
c. upstairs Campus Center
d. the basement of Fancher

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Houghton Trivia (Continued)

7. Guess the number of bats in Fancher belfry.

8. Houghton has _____ shops.

- a. 1
- b. 6
- c. 12
- d. 19

9. Name your answers to number 8.

10. The tallest building in Houghton is:

- a. the Food Co-Op
- b. the science building
- c. Lambein
- d. the laundromat

Don't worry, most people at Houghton don't bite, and we have a good veterinary clinic just down the road if you DO contract rabies. . . . Most of our upper-classmen can remember what it was like to be a freshman or transfer and not know anyone, and they ARE willing to make friends, you just have to make the first move sometimes.



WORK

AND THE FINE ART OF OBTAINING PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT



You've always heard you'd have to work in college, haven't you? Well, now that push has, indeed, come to shove, we thought you might be interested in knowing one or two things about getting a job at Houghton College.

To begin with, it is a good idea to confirm your eligibility for the work/study program. If all of that is kosher, you can look for a job which will be limited to a maximum of twelve hours of work per week and, depending on your course load and academic standing, may have to be limited more. As a rule, the college pays minimum wage, payments are usually on the twentieth of each month, and you may withdraw your entire salary at once or deposit it towards payments on your bills. Even though you will be hired by a department or agency of Houghton College, Troy Martin, in the student employment office (extension 328) must give his approval to all student employments.

Now that you know all this, you'll probably want to know which departments and agencies regularly hire students. We have put together a short list of the most frequent employers of students, but these

are not the only possibilities worth exploring. Should you not be able to find a job with one of these employers, by all means go to the student employment office; they will do their best to find you a job.

•Custodial Department

The single largest employer on campus, the custodial department has approximately 70 openings for the fall semester. Contact Ange Szymanski at 486.

•Pioneer Food Service

Also a significant employer with positions available in several capacities. Extension 231.

•Mail Room — ext. 249

•Library — ext. 240

•Campus Store — ext. 620

•Audio-Visual Office — ext. 474

•Miscellaneous offices and departments: Admissions, Student Development, and a number of other offices employ guides, proctors, and drivers. A little legwork on your own would be helpful if you can't find work immediately. ☆

On the Waves of WJSL FM Houghton

A WJSL News Release

To freshmen and transfers, welcome to the world of WJSL. To upperclassmen and lifers, welcome back from your low-class local radio scene to the rapidly developing spectrum of Houghton's student operated radio station found at 90.3 Fm (you can pick it up on any receiver anywhere

in Allegany County.

At the end of last school year, the Houghton College Radio Corporation approved Prof. David Manney's student manager recommendations. They include returning manager Jim Hilliard as the control room coordinator and Bet Mitchell as head of the production team, along with

Kim Frymoyer who, with the assistance of news reporters will compile and produce news broadcasts. Joining these three are former women's basketball announcer Dave MacMillan as director of sports, *Boulder* editor Sara Burak as librarian and program traffic controller, and Steve Crandall, who will be applying his technical expertise as assistant engineer.

This new team of managers, along with a dedicated staff of news reporters, producers, and d.j.'s, will be working together to bring you the best programming available in Christian radio today. Assisting the student team is the Mars Hill Broadcasting Company of Syracuse, which provides most of WJSL's syndicated programming,

the very informative *Focus on the Family*, along with a mix of inspirational music.

Several new programs join our line-up this fall, including *This Present Darkness* as read by author Frank Peretti, and an intellectual challenge to Christian scholars with Ravi Zacharias, *Let My People Think*. Check the soon-to-be-released program guide, or talk to one of the managers to find out when these and other programs air.

The fall schedule still needs some help in every department. If you have any interest in broadcasting, stop by WJSL in the morning or evening to pick up an application. The office is located adjacent to the recreation room in the campus center basement.

College Choir Plans European Tour Spring '92

Positions in all voices still available in both choirs

by Prof. B. Jean Reigles

Do you enjoy singing and traveling? Take advantage of excellent opportunities for both by joining one of the fine choral groups on campus!

The Houghton College Choir, augmented by selected Chapel Choir members, is making plans for a European tour this academic year. Members of these two groups will join together to form the EUROCHOR and in May will make a 15-day tour of Europe. You must be a member of one of these choirs to be eligible to be

a part of the EuroChor, but membership in one of the choirs does not require you to go to Europe. Both groups are excellent choral ensembles and have an exciting year planned—including performing the Mozart Requiem with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra in April!

There are still openings for all parts in both choirs—ESPECIALLY TENORS. Interested? See Professor Jean Reigles or Bruce Brown in the Music Building as soon as possible.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

N	E	R	D	E	T	E	R	S	I	P
I	A	E	O	A	T	E	I	N	E	
D	E	L	E	T	E	A	D	V	E	N
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A	L	N	A	T	I	N	S	T	R	A
N	I	T	T	V	P	E	P	A	N	L
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The Black Hole

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Freshmen and Transfers and Fall; OH MY!

Allow me to introduce myself: I am Matthew L. Taylor, senior, psychology major and columnist for this publication. It is my sworn duty to completely undermine all that this publication stands for. Hence the name of the column.

Let me welcome you all to the wonderfully obscure campus of Houghton College. Yes, you've read about it in magazines; you've heard about it from pastors, parents and pros; you've probably visited on a prospective weekend. You have heard the praises and lauds of many college officials. Well, child, verily, verily I say unto you: "BULL."

Well, maybe I am being a bit too harsh. How about "CALF." That better? OK. Let me just say that most of what you may have inferred about Houghton from the surrounding notions and rumors may be complete "calf." I mean, look at this location. Does the title *Lord of the Flies* ring any bells? I am referring to the fact that Houghton is located in the middle of *NOWHERE*!

That's great, if you're a beaver. Hey, when you reach "towns" like Oramel (by the by, that's pronounced OR-mul, not or-a-MEL) and notice that they have a "Stuck Street," you can imagine the hours of innovative thought that go into the development of this area. Face it, we're in Allegany county, the poorest county in this state. There isn't much here, there isn't a lot of character to it, but there is Houghton.

Yes, Houghton. That pearl of the county, that oasis of Christendom amid the throngs of debauchery; a haven for the lost souls that have decided to dedicate their lives to the pursuit of knowledge in a unique (and I do mean unique) Christian atmosphere; a virtual rest stop on the thruway of depravity and strife; and you, yes, you have decided to come here. What were you thinking?! How could you do this to yourself? Yes. You actually sit down in the middle of the registration line and ask yourself: "Why in the name of *Roget's Thesaurus* did I do this?"

Anyway, here are some small suggestions for survival in the academic world of Houghton. Don't take them too seriously. I don't get paid for writing this stuff, so I have no reason to really mess with your mind.

1. Never ask a professor these questions:

- Is that your real hair?
- So, what was life like in the late 1800's?
- What do you want me to put, here, where it says "Name?"
- How old is your daughter?

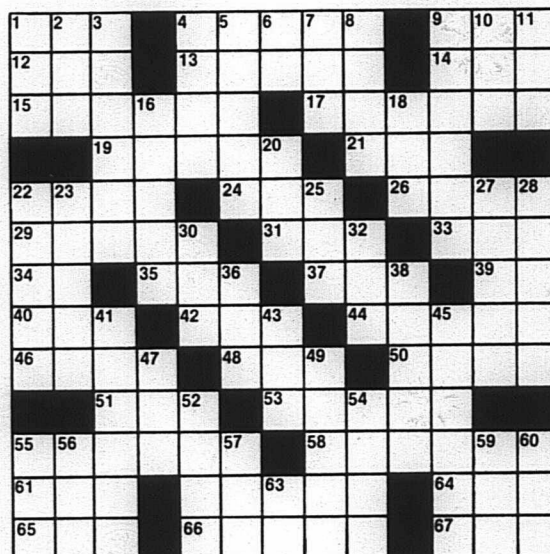
e. Can I get an extension on that thesis paper that was assigned in September?

- Are you a Giants fan?
- Keep your ID with you at all times.
- Ladies: *do not* walk alone at night.
- Never forget your key. It will become your best friend. It will become an even better friend after that fateful night that you lock yourself out of your dorm and wait thirty minutes for security to let you in while sixteen inches of snow or rain accumulates at your feet.

There. Now that you have all that to chew on for a semester or two, let me wish you luck, good fortune and success in your four-year sentence. Look forward to meeting almost everyone of you. Enjoy your stay here, and don't take life too seriously, it's only temporary. There are better things ahead and above. Stick with it and for the love of Wilma, *have fun*, despite the lousy location.

Chilate.

Crossword Companion



ACROSS

- That girl
- Prevent; discourage
- Drink in small quantities
- Anger
- Pompous public speech
- Belonging to (suf.)
- Leave out
- Birth of Christ
- Put in office
- Organization of American States (abbr.)
- Arm bone
- Can
- Pierce
- _____ Gritty
- Energy
- Pointed tool for making holes
- Midwest state (abbr.)
- Consume
- Brewed drink
- Group for alcoholics (abbr.)
- Chinese philosophy
- Flightless bird
- Keep safe
- Flat-bottomed boat
- 17th Greek letter
- Man (slang)
- Water barrier
- Check records
- Large-tusked animal
- Touring singers
- Iron
- Prolonged period
- Central

- Man's nickname
- Provide with property
- Direction (abbr.)

DOWN

- Keep out of sight (p.t.)
- Before (poetic)
- Slacken; give in
- Lavish excessive love
- Build
- Teacher's helper (abbr.)
- 7th Greek letter
- Do over
- Nap in Mexico
- Hotel
- Dog; cat
- Make happy
- Organic vessel
- Edge
- Entities
- Easter flower
- Meshwork
- Merit
- Cutting part of knife
- Sweet potato
- Cylindrical pin used to fasten
- Rocks on top of mountain
- Broadcasting sound
- Lots and lots (slang)
- Expression of surprise
- Follows summer
- Armed conflict
- Surpass
- Think about
- Draw (p.t.)
- Expression of amazement
- Form of be
- Moral error
- Wire with sharp point
- Netherlands city
- Edward's nickname

Answers on
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