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## The End of an Era Campus Stunned by Big Al's Departure

David Johnson

On December 11, I received, along with the rest of the campus, an e-mail telling of Big Al's departure from the community. Yet that wasn't the first I had heard about it. In fact I learned of Big Al's removal through the Houghton grapevine and was literally shocked speechless--a sentiment I'm sure is shared by any community member with half a heart. And as I write this now it still seems surreal--a fixture of Houghton will be leaving for good.

In those few days before break, the Houghton rumor mill ignited and questions and conspiracy theories were thrown to the campus to chew on. I was very caught up in the frenzy and began planning a stunning 'expose' which would rip the lid off Pioneer's diabolical scheme and surely attract the attention of Dateline or 20/20. In fact I had a title picked out for the article: "Pioneer's Lie." Pretty subtle, huh?

I mean, come on, the whole thing seemed a trifle shady. I developed the following theory: It was a known fact Pioneer was losing money. It was a known fact Pioneer

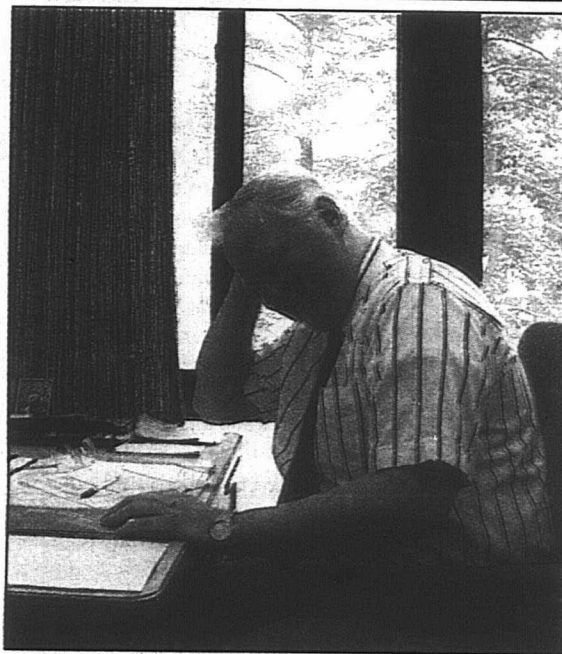


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was massively renovating the dining hall in order to stay competitive on the dog eat dog world of food service--obviously not an inexpensive venture. Add this to the laying off of Bob--a long-time employee-- and the rehiring of a whole new crop of kitchen management

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## Houghton College Sports Among Nation's Best

Houghton College has placed 13th among 380 NAIA schools in the first release of the 1998-99 Sears Directors' Cup NAIA Fall Standings.

The Sears Directors' Cup, administered and compiled by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, awards points based on each institution's finish in a selected number of sports.

Houghton earned points in three of the four sports completed at the time of the first ranking. Women's soccer finished 10th,

women's cross country finished 18th, and men's soccer finished 22nd. Since volleyball completed its season later than the other sports, it was not included in the first ranking. Houghton's top-20 finish among NAIA volleyball programs should guarantee more Sears' Cup points when the final fall results are released in January.

Points are awarded based on each institution's finish in up to 12 sports -- six for men and six for women. Each national champion receives 100 points.

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## Journal from Honduras

Bruce Brenneman

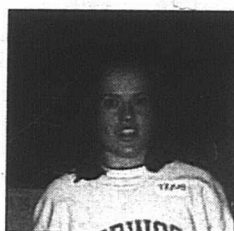
About halfway through the week in Honduras, I took time to read the verse printed on the front of my journal: "As you journey through life, choose your destinations well, but do not hurry there. You will arrive soon enough." I wished I had read those words earlier in the week, as we felt frustrated about not being able to land in San Pedro Sulas on the scheduled day due to adverse weather conditions. As we sat in the Belize airport on an unexpected stopover back to Miami to spend the night, we all felt disappointed that we had already lost one day on our too-short week in Honduras.

The next day, however, dawned beautifully in Miami, and even though the weather deteriorated as we neared San Pedro Sulas, we were able to land there and then in La Ceiba - our home for the next several days. We were part of a volunteer team numbering 33, organized by Tom Kettelkamp, and we were committed to helping in whatever way we could. Most of the group traveled to Tegucigalpa, the capital city, while seven of us stayed in La Ceiba where Steve and Ruth Strand, former pastors of the Houghton Wesleyan Church, are missionaries. Our tasks varied from cleaning up and repairing a school - La Escuela Ramon Montoya - that had suffered severe damage from the hurricane to shoveling mud at Villa Mary church (this church housed 242 people - and numerous chickens! - on the second floor for several days during the hurricane), to cleaning a warehouse where donations are stored, sorting clothes from the large duffle bags we brought with us, to carrying an outhouse (across a stream!) to a location in a remote village where World Hope has constructed a home for a family that had to be relocated after Hurricane Mitch.

Part of the team traveled to some remote areas to set up clinics for much needed medical attention while others visited area churches to distribute clothing to people who had suffered great losses during the storm and are attempting to rebuild their lives.

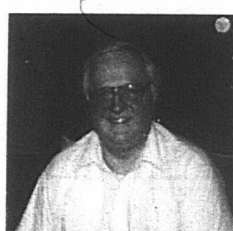
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# EDITORIAL

## Letter to the Editor

I have recently learned that Pioneer is reassigning Big Al to another school. I can't believe it. What would make them do that? Why would they take such a popular food service director and move him after all these years, especially when he must be close to retirement? Why not let him finish out his time here where everyone loves him?

Big Al is more than a food service director; he is an institution! He and Houghton belong together. I have a lot of friends at other colleges and none of them like their Food Service Directors; all they do is make fun of them and complain about them.

This whole thing makes me wonder a couple of things:

--Is this really about Big Al's health? If so, isn't moving him away and starting all over again going to be more stressful? Couldn't they just bring in a good assistant manager to relieve his stress and work load?

--Can't the College just tell Pioneer that we only want Big Al as our Director?

Please don't let Big Al go. We Love You Big Al!

A Concerned Student

## What are you doing next year? How about running for...

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## Letter from the Editor

David Johnson

What is friendship? What makes a true friend? I'm not sure if I've ever had a best friend. Don't get me wrong—I've been blessed with many close friends. But a best friend? That is a pretty heavy-duty label to be attached to someone. I mean by saying "You are my best friend!" you're telling that person: "Buddy, out of all my friends—everyone—you are the ultimate." I don't know, but that's a title I can't easily bestow on someone.

Over break, I learned a lot of things (like, never put your feet too close to an open flame—you don't want to know), but perhaps the one thing I'll never forget is the true definition of friendship.

For four years, on and off, I worked at a meat counter in a small, family-owned supermarket. When I first set foot in the land of 9-6 shifts and impatient customers, my first impression of Perry and Jay, my co-workers, was one of ignorance and pride. I felt these guys were crude, morally retarded and unintelligent. Hey, I admit it fully: I was moron.

As the years—and sales on bologna and chicken legs—passed, I got to know Jay and Perry better and began to laugh with them and (gasp) look forward to going to work. And no matter how long the shifts were or how inane my boss was, those guys made it all worth it. In fact, we became really good friends. Up until two weeks ago.

I was on my last week of work for Christmas break, and believe you me, I was ready to va-moose and not look back. After

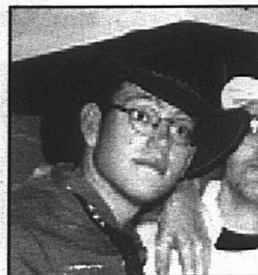
all, this was probably the last time I would work behind the meat counter—for good. Anyway, while I was waiting on someone, Jay invited me to go over his house Saturday with Perry for a final get-together. I said sure.

Saturday evening I went to Jay's house. We sat down, the three of us, and talked and laughed (mostly at out boss's expense) and laughed some more. Then, Jay left, saying they had bought me a gift. He came back with a beautiful soft leather briefcase. I was speechless. I looked in it and found a professional (and no doubt expensive) day planner. Once again, speechless. Opening the planner I found two fifty dollar bills neatly wedged into the inside pocket. This time, I almost cried.

And to top it off, those two guys—the guys I had not too long ago looked down my nose at—showered me with praise and encouragement, the likes I've never experienced. I heard things like "Dave, you're a once in a lifetime friend," "Dave you've made more of an impact on us than anyone," and "Dave, if you ever need anything—anything—you call us." For the remainder of the night we talked and reminisced and laughed. Hours later, I left with a feeling of...well, I have no idea what it was. But it was great. No, it was amazing.

I had said we were good friends up until two weeks ago. And that's the truth. Because in that small apartment in the middle of a forgettable Central New York city on a cold and nameless night I gained something I never really had before and never expected.

I gained two best friends.



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## Houghton Reaches Out

Food pantries, soup kitchens, rescue missions, homeless shelters, and churches throughout Buffalo and Rochester received the helping hands of 360 students from Houghton College on Saturday, Jan. 16, as part of the college's celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The students were bused to the cities in the morning and taken to organizations that need assistance with cleaning, painting, and renovating of facilities, basic office work, sorting clothing, stocking shelves, and a variety of other tasks.

"The purpose is to celebrate Martin Luther King Day in a meaningful way," said Henry Biggs, a Houghton professor who chairs the college's Committee on Opportunity, Equity, and Diversity, the group that organized the event.

"We feel that Martin Luther King was about fellowship, about caring for our fellow man. Rather than talk about it, we feel that it is important for students to have a hands-on approach, to experience it. Only then will they really learn it."

Twenty organizations in Buffalo benefitted from the day of

service, including the Boys' and Girls' Clubs, City Mission, Paradise House, Salvation Army, Urban Christian Ministries, and American Rescue Mission. In Rochester, the Open Door Mission and the Salvation Army are among the seven organizations that received assistance.

Houghton president Dr. Daniel Chamberlain is excited about the opportunity the students have to serve.

"We are creating servant-scholars," said Chamberlain. "This is a good opportunity for them to both learn and serve. It's a wonderful

way to express what Houghton College is all about. By giving them this experience, hopefully it broadens their education and creates in them a desire to give more of themselves, to be more effective and committed to service in their careers."

Involvement in the inner city is nothing new to Houghton. The college was instrumental in the transformation of St. Mary's of Sorrows Church into the King Urban Life Center and continues to assist with its programs by providing resources and student volunteers. The college also established the Pastoral and Church Ministries Program that prepares Christian leaders to minister more effectively in their urban communities by providing education in ministerial and lay



photo courtesy of Scott Stockton

Lael, Travis, Joel, Emily, Nicole, and Troy  
paint the town white

## Big Al Cont.

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(possibly receiving less money) I started to detect the pungent odor of corporate politics beginning to emanate from upstairs.

And, I thought, if all of this reshuffling was primarily for Big Al's health concerns, wouldn't a huge move to a brand new college be *less* than beneficial for his well-being? After all, he has a scant several years until he can finally put his aching feet up for retirement. Such a transition seemed more harmful than helpful. And why the hurry? Big Al will permanently leave our campus January 25. December 11 to January 25 offers students and/or faculty and staff little time to a) recover from the shock or b) do whatever is in our power to keep Al here.

So I took my elaborate conspiracy theory directly to Austin Swallow, Senior Vice-President of Pioneer Caterers (and, coincidentally, the man who held Big Al's job seventeen years ago). I laid it all out and he responded directly and without hesitation:

"The overriding concern around the whole thing is I wanted Al to be able to go to a school smaller than Houghton. The man is getting older and I'm concerned for his health." With reason. Al is 60 years old and suffers from diabetes and intense problems with his feet. Al logs in close to 80 hours a week and is driven to do the very best for others, with his own interests wedged in the back of his mind.

As it stands now, Al will be moving to Columbia Bible College to work under his son, Jeff. His hours will be seriously trimmed but, I wondered, would his salary be as well? "We

have protected his salary," Mr. Swallow said. Though Al will be receiving less than what he makes currently, he will be taking in more than his future position usually pays.

And what of Bob's removal? Mr. Swallow maintained as a result of the new organization of the Pioneer management, Bob's old position was a casualty. "This [renovation] is still a trial," Mr. Swallow said. "If the position opens up again, Bob will be the first one I call."

This article was in no way written to knock Pioneer or promote the fall of capitalism. In fact, I very much feel for the "new guys" (whom I have met and have taken a liking to) who have to come to a brand new place to fill some very large shoes for a potentially antagonistic campus. I wish them luck.

Pioneer is a Christian corporation contracting only Christian colleges. To distinguish themselves as Christian speaks volumes (don't worry, I won't let this degenerate into opinionated, Scripture-spouting propaganda.) If Pioneer is honestly driven by Al's health (which I find hard to disbelieve) then they are truly living up to their title. If not, then "Christian corporation" instantly becomes a biting oxymoron and the Siren that is Big Business claims another soul.

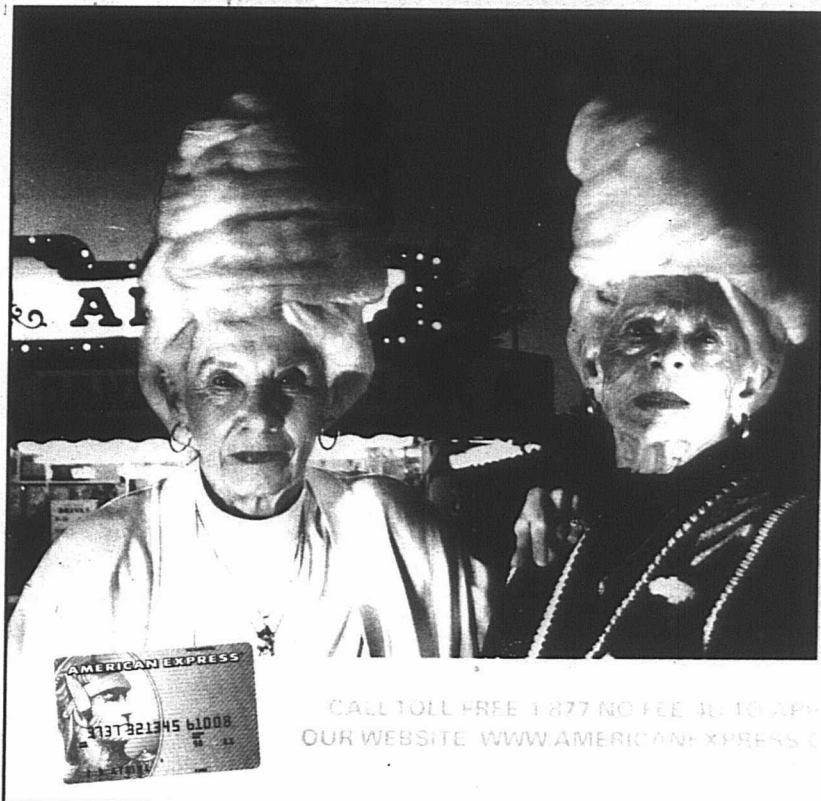
Yet once again, it was made very clear to me, over and over, Big Al is being transferred, first and foremost, as a result of his health. And what can I say? I asked my questions and they were answered. I believe Mr. Swallow; I am in no position not to. And if Pioneer means what they say—if all this is with Big Al's interests in mind—the best I can do is smile and tip my hat to a man who has, for seventeen years, shown the perfect picture of kindness, generosity and Christian servant-hood the very company that is moving him represents.

## 'Journal' Cont.

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The outstanding impression I gained from this experience is the amazing spirit and resiliency of the Honduran people. We were always greeted by happy smiling faces; their cheerfulness in the middle of so much heartache was a tremendous lesson for me. I remember watching three young boys happily pulling tiny metal cars attached to long pieces of string and thinking, "How many American children would be content with so little?" I was touched by the warmth of the Honduran believers in the Sunday service; they praised the Lord with great joy and each one greeted us before we left.

I want to go back! I urge others to consider giving some time to help these people by showing Christ's love and in return receiving immeasurable blessings.



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## A Farewell to Al

David Johnson

I've only been at this college for a mere four years, but I still can't help but feel this college is losing something with the departure of Big Al. It's as if a slice of our campus is being carved out and leaving a vacuous hole and memories of something great. Someone great.

Granted I only really knew Al through an employer/employee relationship but even the title of "Boss" can't hide the true gold of Al's personality. I can safely say he is like no one I've met before. He creates a new definition of kindness. And it's the little things that show his true colors. If a worker makes a mistake or is blatantly obnoxious (no names, please) instead of jumping down the person's throat (a characteristic found in many of my previous employers) Al kindly corrects him/her, offers an authentic laugh, the trademark thumbs up "OK," and a friendly pat on the back.

I was talking to Dean Danner about Al and he mentioned his favorite Al story. One which he will never forget, and now that I've heard it, one I won't either. Several years



ago, the student population was especially rowdy in the dining room. One day they were especially rambunctious and food was thrown everywhere, not

to mention an assortment of other debris. Eventually Al meandered out. Everyone was expecting an angry eruption or at least a severe scolding. But Al is a person who goes beyond simple expectations. Without saying a word, Al stooped down and began to pick up the mess. Prompted by Al's example, the entire cafeteria followed suit. Dean Danner told me what Al did that day was one of the most potent examples of Christian servant-hood he's ever experienced. I wish I could have been there.

But all good things must come to an end...no, wait. That's not true. Al is leaving Houghton. There's nothing that can be done. Though that is far from a good thing (well, to us) wherever Al ends up, good will follow. When Al leaves our campus for the last time ever this Sunday, he will be taking away a piece of Houghton—himself. Al, I speak for everyone who's

had the immense privilege of knowing you, working for you or being on the receiving end of one of your genuine smiles.

"Thanks for everything."



courtesy of the 1997 Boulder

Al Carumba!



courtesy of David Johnson

The troops gather 'round their fearless leader



courtesy of Tim Nichols

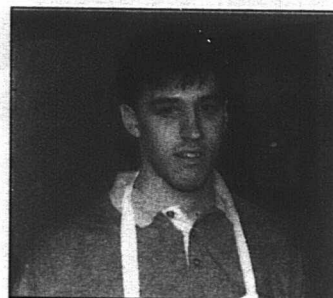
Whoa, check out those sideburns!

Question of the Week: "What's Your Favorite Memory of Big Al?"



"His cameo appearance in SPOT last year."

--Thomas Scriven  
(Junior)



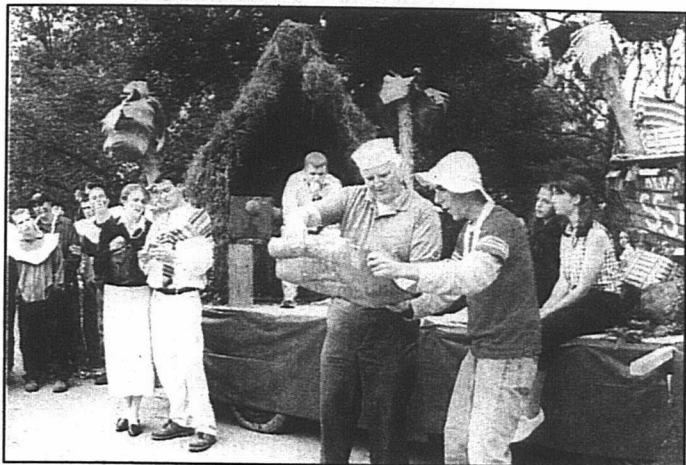
"When he dressed up as 'Super Al' for Halloween."

--Gordon Keesler  
(Junior)

photos by David Johnson



# "Al"bum



*courtesy of Tim Nichols*

*How can the Senior class possibly compete with Al?*



*courtesy of the 1987 Boulder*

*Ronald McDonald's got nothing on you, Al*



*courtesy of the 1988 Boulder*

*Al...we're speechless*

"He always took the time to know his students"

-- Corina Guardino

"He's always smiling, and he's always polite."

-- Brandy Reese

"He's so friendly. I love his personality."

-- Nate Sauder

"He's concerned with the students' lives."

-- Keely Jones

"He's eager to work with Student Government to improve satisfaction in the Dining Hall."

--Seth Taylor

"He always has a pleasant smile."

-- Leah Johnson



*photo courtesy of the 1987 Boulder*

"Big Al always brings a smile to everyone's face with his cheery attitude."

--Oliver Gingrich

"He knew all the customers and catered to their needs."

-- Becca Vanderlaan

## Big Al's Vital Stats

- Has worked in the food service for over 35 years, 17 spent in Houghton.
- Graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in Business Administration.
- Worked at Anderson University before settling in Houghton.
- Once lost 16 pans of lasagna when a rack tipped over in the elevator.
- Dreams of traveling to Hawaii with his wife Janet some day.
- Started working with his father who was a wholesale butcher.
- Collects O-Gage model trains, model cars and air planes.
- Is an avid gardener.
- An accomplished ice sculptor.
- His creation "Big Al's" snack shop has been adopted by other Pioneer colleges, name and all.



--John Owen  
(Sophomore)

"When I visited as a prospective Big Al let me up to eat when no one else would."



--Justin Lawrence  
(Junior)

"When Big Al let me use the crystal punch bowl for a coffeehouse."

## Chas Davis's Art Exhibit

Lindsay Ackerman

Since Houghton is in the midst of another cold, gray winter, it is important to bring a little color into your life. A good way to escape drab surroundings is to visit the Chas Davis art exhibit currently on display in the art gallery, located in the basement of Wesley Chapel.

Chas Davis is the artist in residence at Rochester Institute of Technology. Davis was referred to

Houghton by an alumnus, Kevin Mann, who worked with him at R.I.T.

The collection displayed features several large, abstract paintings—acrylic on canvas utilizing bright colors and interesting

shapes. Paintings using mixed media on canvas, as well as some work done on handmade paper with screen-print can are also on display.

Some of the art majors have already enjoyed the exhibit. Sophomore Aaron Harrison said,

"It is exuberant and full of life, but intriguing."

Matt McFarland commented, "It is expressive of deeper emotions than what it seems at first sight. You have to go down to the gallery and

drink his work, in order to understand the colors and the abstraction."

For those who are interested in enjoying the artwork of Chas Davis, there will be a gallery opening on January 30th at 6:30 p.m.



photo by David Johnson

## Spotlight on Faculty: Henry Biggs

Tim Graffam

French professor and Foreign Language Department Chair Dr. Henry Biggs truly exemplifies the term "renaissance man." Throughout his life, Biggs has excelled in athletics, the arts, and academics.

Biggs was born in St. Louis, Missouri. In high school, his love for athletics shone through in the form of varsity letters in cross country, wrestling, and soccer, among others. Biggs was actually voted biggest jock of his senior class.

He then headed off to Harvard to study Greek and Latin. While at Harvard, Biggs discovered he had a gift in theatre. After one critically heralded performance, he was asked to do some directing. Over his final two years at Harvard, Biggs directed such productions as *Godspell* and *The Wiz*, along with others. He was also on the crew team and voted one of the eight most interesting people of his senior class.

After graduating from Harvard, Biggs headed to La Sorbonne in France for two years of intensive French study. He also spent time in Germany before returning to the States to attend UCLA to study Romance Linguistics and Italian.

So how did he decide on French? "I was attracted to the romance languages with my background in Latin," commented Biggs, "and I found it challenging." He was invited to visit Houghton by Professor Roederer upon completing his time at

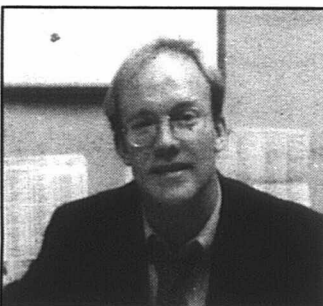


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UCLA, after which he accepted his position teaching French.

After graduating from Harvard in 1986, Biggs's love of running returned with a vengeance. After participating in the Boston Marathon and doing rather well, Biggs participated in and completed an Iron Man competition held in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Seeking yet another challenge, he bulked up to a pleasantly plump 220 pounds and swam the English Channel. It took him 13 hours, and he says he'd "never do it again. It was a pretty cold, difficult experience." About three years ago, Biggs completed a marathon in under three hour, and has since hung up his running shoes.

Biggs now lives in Rushford with his wife Theresa and their three children, five year old Jack, three year old Laura, and one year old Charlie. He has devoted much of his time recently to the organization of last Saturday's MLK work day. He feels very strongly about Houghton's students when he says "giving their free time on Saturday at 8 a.m. really speaks volumes about a great community of students reaching out and doing great things."

## Meet Vic Hamilton

courtesy of David Lewis

Victor P. Hamilton, the C.L.E.W. speaker for this semester, is a Professor of Religion at Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky. He has taught at Asbury College since 1971, and his major emphasis is teaching is the Old Testament.

Dr. Hamilton is a graduate of Houghton College, class of 1963, Asbury Theological Seminary, and Brandeis University. In the latter school it was his privilege to study under the internationally known Oriental scholar, Dr. Cyrus H. Gordon. At Brandeis, Dr. Hamilton pursued the study of Hebrew plus related Semitic languages and classical lan-



photo by David Johnson

guages as well. His program also included historical and archaeological studies of the Ancient Near East.

In addition to his teaching, Dr. Hamilton has written extensively in his field. This includes articles in the Bible Almanac, Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament, New King James Bible, and

the author of *Handbook On The Pentateuch*. He contributed the commentary on Genesis and Ezekiel to the *Evangelical Commentary on the Bible*, and the commentary on Exodus and Leviticus for *The Wesley Bible*. His most recent book is *The Book of Genesis, chapters 18-50*. Currently, he is working on a book tentatively entitled *Handbook on the Historical Books*. He has also contributed articles to the *New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology*.

He has also engaged in a broad preaching and teaching ministry that includes summer camp

meetings, youth retreats, weekend Bible conferences and preaching/evangelistic campaigns in local churches.

Dr. Hamilton is married to the former Shirley Armstrong. They have four children:

Heather, Paul, Dawn, and David. They have two grandsons, Nathan Scott and Benjamin Paul and a granddaughter born last April to Heather and Scott Yost. Both Dr. Hamilton and his wife are Canadian citizens and come originally from Toronto, Ontario. Let's make him feel welcome on campus this week.

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# LIGHTER SIDE

## Soap Opera Updates

**Generally Hospitable.** Luke has just discovered Rhonda has been cheating on him with the Denver Broncos. Katrina finds out she has a nasty case of tennis elbow, and in desperation reaches out to William, who, unfortunately is struggling with swimmer's ear himself. Together they reach out to Gary. Gary ignores them. Dwight is fired from Radio Shack.

**The Young and the Reckless.** Julie just found out she's pregnant. Striving to find the father she's narrowed the list down to either Todd, Clint, Derek, Will, Brett, Jon, Rocco, Tim, Jack, Louis, Paul, Scott, Vince, Chuck, Sam, Drew, Leo, Hal, Chad, Frank, Henry, Duke, Harrison, Bronson, Dale, Erich, Chris, Rick, Stu, Andy, Ben, Joshua, Dewey, Seth, Jackson, Mel, Danny, Robert, Ginty, Miles, Jet, Clark or Phillip. Brenda spills Jello on her blouse.

**As the World Turns on Its Axis.** Jessie and Mike continue to do battle with the intergalactic space

chickens. Lance finally learns how to read and Nina opens up her own store selling "A-Team" memorabilia. Charles is stunned to hear the bank has foreclosed on his dude ranch and immediately turns to drinking cough syrup.

**All My Illegitimate Children.** Zeke confesses to Wanda of his affair with the local podiatrist. Wanda then confesses to Zeke of her affair with the local podiatrist. Linda recovers from her bout with temporary amnesia only to discover she hasn't missed much. Meanwhile, Enrico annuls his accidental marriage to a park bench.

**Dazed With Our Lives.** Baxter finally proposes to Janet, who excitedly accepts and wastes no time telling their children of the good news. Jarred and Lori discover they're actually brother and sister and waste no time telling their children of the good news. Max decides to buy a local restaurant and turn it into a hang-out for local high school students. Martha accidentally sets her Chihuahua on fire.

## Studio Arena Theatre Performs "The Glass Menagerie"

courtesy of Jennifer Parker

Continuing in the multi-year initiative of a retrospective featuring the works of "America's greatest playwright" Tennessee Williams, Studio Arena Theatre will present his semi-autobiographical portrait, THE GLASS MENAGERIE, as part of its 1998-99 Great American Dream season. The opening night performance is scheduled for Friday, January 22, 1999 at 8:00 pm, and the production will run until February 21, 1999. Previews will also be offered from January 17 to 21, 1999.

The company of THE GLASS MENAGERIE includes: Harry Carnahan (Tom Wingfield); Jacqueline Knapp (Amanda Wingfield); Allison Krizner (Laura Wingfield); and Ryan Shivley (Jim).

Studio Arena Theatre's artistic director Gavin Cameron-Webb will direct. His most recent


credits at Studio Arena include THE HOUSE OF BLUE LEAVES, A.R. Gurney's SYLVIA and CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF.

In Williams's American classic, Tom Wingfield is torn between his dream of being a poet and the reality of having to support his family. His mother, Amanda, is a faded Southern belle with the unyielding illusion that her shy and introverted daughter Laura will be whisked away by a gentleman caller.

Tickets for THE GLASS MENAGERIE range from \$15 to \$37.50. To purchase tickets or for more information on performance dates and times, please call the Studio Arena Theatre Ticket Services Office at 716-856-5650 or 1-800-77-STAGE. For additional information, visit the Studio Arena website at [www.studioarena.org](http://www.studioarena.org) or e-mail the theatre at [studio@pce.net](mailto:studio@pce.net).

THE  
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by Tennessee Williams



Jan. 17- Feb. 21

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## Ray Says "Farewell"

*(We are sorry to announce the departure of our dear friend and columnist, Ray, who left us during Christmas break. We here at the STAR are naturally saddened by his decision to move on. Before he left, however, he handed this letter to a teary-eyed Dave Johnson, who drove him to the train station. He wanted us to share that letter with you, to explain why he had to go. I know I speak for the entire staff when I say Ray touched us deeply... I must go now, before my tears short out my keyboard...sniff... -- Erich Asperschlager)*

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this letter, I will be gone. Where I am going, I'm not entirely sure. I am very grateful for all the good times and great hoagies Houghton (or "Hoagie"-ton, as I like to call it) gave me. I hope that I was able to spread cheer as smoothly as mayonnaise is spread on a hoagie roll, and that my advice helped some people who needed me. There are other people who need me, though.

I want to thank my friends on the STAR staff, especially for the farewell gifts they bought me. Thanks, Dave, for the hoagie. It was great! Thank you, Tim, for that hoagie...it really hit the spot! Mike, you know me too well! I'll treasure that hoagie forever! And Erich, thanks for the sweatshirt. It's no hoagie.. but the thought means a lot to me.

Remember, you don't need me to eat hoagies. You've had the power to eat them inside you all along! I love you all. Perhaps we'll meet again...

Ray

### Solution to 'Al Manac and the Case of the Holiday Hooligan'

C.C. Rider was lying about the book, and Al knew it... for two reasons. First, Tintagel is in England, not Ireland, Scotland, or Wales, where C.C. said he was travelling. Second, Rudolph was not mentioned in C. Clement Moore's poem. Trapped in his own lies, C.C. lost out on the deal of a lifetime, while Al got his 25 cents.

Auditions for:

## To Kill a Mockingbird

Will be held

Wednesday, Jan. 20 8:00- 10:00 pm

Thursday, Jan. 21 8:00- 10:00 pm

Rosemary Tysinger Auditorium

Houghton Academy

Questions? See Bruce Brenneman



# SPORTS

## Houghton Sports Week in Review

### Winter Sports Score Box

#### Men's Basketball (4-12)

Saturday 1/16  
Houghton: 73, Mohawk: 63

#### Women's Basketball (9-5)

Saturday 1/16  
Houghton: 85, Carlow: 53

#### Intramural Sports as of 1/18

#### Men's Indoor Soccer

Amos	2-6
Acid Reflex	6-1
Dagoretti Speedsters	3-4
The "Fresh" Men	3-4
FC Cervantes	6-3
Mac's Rack	1-6
Pork Rinds	3-5
Quiet Riot	6-1
Red Thunder	4-4
Sound Dachsund	0-7
Venetian Streaker	7-0

#### Men's Basketball

A.C. and the Southside Bunch	2-3
All About the Ladies	1-5
California Dreams	2-3
Chicks Hate Us	3-2
Dream Team	4-2
Dogpile: The New Squad	0-5
Fury	1-5
Mo and the Pips	4-1
Serving His Excellent Name	3-3
That Team	4-1
VW Crew	6-0

#### Women's Indoor Soccer

Bakudan	4-4
Black Knights	6-0
Collision Position	3-2
Dawn Treaders	1-5
Funky Rainbow Butterflies	1-7
Hat Trick Honeys	6-0
BOB	1-6
Irma's Rump Rangers	3-4
Nabbers	4-2
Party 2 Go	6-1
Slap-In-The-Face	4-3
Women	0-5

#### Women's Basketball

Better With Our Feet	4-1
Chai Shakers	2-2
The Chosen	5-1
The Dendrites	1-4
Dribblers	2-2
Junpin' Juniors	4-2
Lam Loggers	2-6
The Mighty Mighty Puffins	6-0
The Mighty Moshika's	2-2
Tough Love	0-8

#### Men's Basketball

The Highlanders shot 48 percent from the field and forced 24 turnovers to register a 73-63 victory over visiting Mohawk (Ont.) College Saturday, the 16th.

Houghton trailed by eight midway through the first half, but evened the score at the six-minute mark and closed the half with a 13-6 run to take a 40-33 lead into the lockerroom.

The Highlanders (4-12) led by as many as 17 in the second half. Mohawk shot just 38 percent from the field and missed all nine three-point attempts.

Todd Kleitz led the Highlanders in scoring for the fourth-straight game with 16 points. He added seven rebounds, four assists, and three steals. Jesse Archer added 10 points and a game-high 10 rebounds. Ruben Jurik had nine points and seven rebounds, and Tim Vance and Jeremy Martin each scored eight points. Vance hit two-of-three from behind the arc.

#### Women's Basketball

The Lady Highlanders got their second win over Carlow College in less than a week, exploding for 47 second-half points in a 85-53 Northeast Atlantic Conference victory.

Amie Fells led the way with game-highs in points (16),

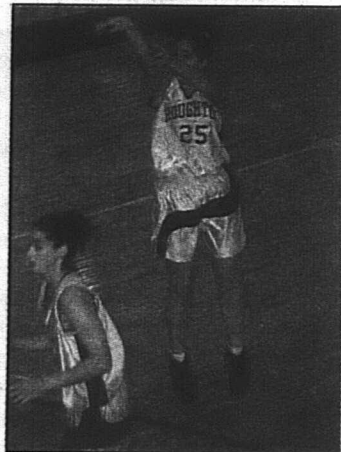


photo by William Greenway  
Leslie Swanson shoots the ball in an attempt to add three more points to the basketball game's score

rebounds (8), and blocked shots (3). Alicia Campbell added 14 points, five assists, and six steals. Janelle Tombs finished with 13 points, and Wendy Ivey contributed a good all-around performance with 12 points, five rebounds, seven assists, and four steals.

Houghton (9-5; 3-1 NAC) trailed by six with six minutes gone in the first half, but quickly turned that around over the next 10 minutes, outscoring Carlow, 23-6. Houghton led 38-27 at the half.

The Lady Highlanders outscored Carlow 31-14 over the first ten minutes of the second half to increase their lead to 69-41. Fells and Campbell each scored 10 second-half points as the Lady Highlanders shot 18-of-27 from the field (67%). For the game, Houghton shot 56 percent from the field, hit five-of-six three-pointers, and made 20-of-24 free throw attempts.

Carlow turned the ball over 32 times and shot just 33 percent from the field.

## Fall Athletes Get Postseason Honors

Five members of the Houghton College men's soccer team have received postseason recognition for their play during the 1998 season.

Jeremy John (Sr; Boca Raton, Fla.) and Sanjeev Parmar (Jr; Campbell River, British Columbia, Canada) were named NAIA Honorable Mention All-America, First Team All-Northeast Region, and First Team All-Northeast Atlantic Conference; Aaron Rose (Sr; Spencerport, N.Y.) was named Second Team All Northeast Region and First Team All-Conference; and Stetson Knight (Sr; Kingston, Jamaica) and Nick Konawalik (So; Brodheadsville, Pa.) were named First Team All-Conference.

The Highlanders finished the season 14-4-1 and ranked No. 16 in the final NAIA poll.

Following a season that saw them go 18-3, finish No. 6 in the final NAIA poll, and earn a trip to the NAIA national tournament, several members of the Houghton College women's soccer team have been recognized for their outstanding play.

Four members of the squad earned NAIA All-America honors: Andrea Potteiger (Jr; Mechanicsburg, Pa.) — Second

Team; Sunshine Leonard (So; Port Crane, N.Y.) — Third Team; Heather Shear (Sr; Apalachin, N.Y.) and Jen Mattison (Sr; Portville, N.Y.) — Honorable Mention.

All four of those players were also named First Team NAIA All-Northeast Region. Leonard was named Northeast Region

the Year.

Potteiger, Erin Elliott (Sr; Orange, Calif.), and Kristine Larson (Sr; Needham, Mass.) were also named NAIA All-America Scholar-Athletes.

Head coach David Lewis was named 1998 NSCAA/Adidas Women's Northeast Region Coach of the Year.

Four members of the Houghton College volleyball team have received postseason recognition for their play during the fall 1998 season.

Amie Fells (Sr; Anderson, Calif.) and Allison Roberts (Jr; Belmont, N.H.) were named AVCA/NAIA All-Northeast Region and First Team All-Northeast Atlantic Conference, and Allison Chubb (Sr; York, Pa.) and Linda Shea (So; Houghton) were named Second Team All-Conference.

Chubb was also named an NAIA All-America Scholar Athlete for maintaining a 3.73 GPA as an elementary education/Spanish major.

The Lady Highlanders captured the Northeast Atlantic Conference title and won the NAIA Northeast Region championship to earn their first-ever trip to the NAIA National Tournament. They finished the season 26-10.

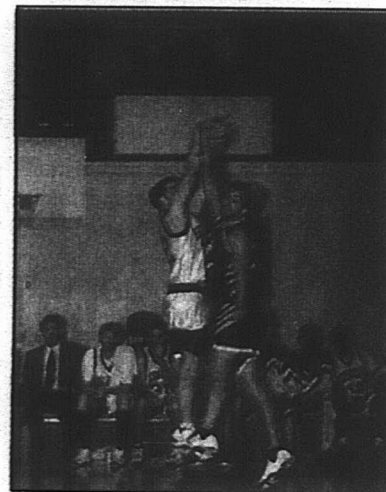


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Basketball Rules!!!

Player of the Year.

Potteiger, Leonard, Shear, Kari Babbitt (Jr; Webster, N.Y.), and Jen Hartenstine (Jr; Fountain Hills, Ariz.) were named First Team All-Northeast Atlantic Conference. Shear was named Northeast Atlantic Conference Player of