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The Write Stuff

*Maya Angelou, Houghton's Own John Leax
Speak at Calvin College Writing Conference*

Dionne Miller

On Wednesday, March 29, Dr. Stephen Woolsey accompanied nine English and Writing students to Calvin College for the Faith and Writing Conference 2000. The biannual conference invites those who love writing to spend the weekend in Grand Rapids, Michigan interacting with and learning from each other. Beginning Thursday morning, seminars were offered for those interested in writing fiction, non-fiction, and poetry.

The aspiring writers had the incredible opportunity to meet with editors from many different prosperous publishing companies from around the country. The days really filled up with a session nearly every hour. Authors who conducted the sessions offered advice and experiential ideas for improving writing to the publishing level. Poets and writers often read their works to large audiences of all ages. Among the many guest writers who spoke to the more than 1600 participants, Houghton's own professor John Leax, whose new book entitled *A Walk in the*

Woods continues to receive positive reviews, shared with writers and offered poetry readings.

Each evening session featured a well-known author to share with all attendees of the conference. Chaim Potok spoke Thursday evening, Anne Lammott on Friday, and Maya Angelou capped off the weekend festivities. Each of these authors shared insights about writing while incorporating the necessity of faith in life. The auditorium filled rapidly for these exciting times of sharing from successful writers, and each writer present was no doubt inspired to be persistent in their pursuit of a writing career. For the Houghton students who attended, the

weekend left a feeling of excitement and disbelief in the amount of talent existing in one place.

The highlight for most students was having a rejuvenated passion to write. The shared love for the written word was illuminated by being with so many others who felt

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Disabled Student Struggles To Afford Houghton

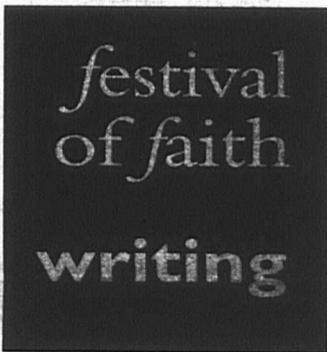
Caryn Hanks

Following an insufficient Christmas break, one of the few highlights of returning to campus is checking your mail. But, this year something isn't quite right. Your mailbox is surprisingly empty. No junk mail awaits you. There is no bill for the semester. No schedule of classes either. All that lies in your mailbox is a rather ordinary looking note. "Due to some problems with your finances, you will be unable to register for classes for this semester." Excuse me. . . Where can I exchange this letter for a red card?

For most students at Houghton, this type of post-New Year's greeting is only an obscure possibility. But, for quadriplegic Luzie Gonzalez, this nightmare became a reality. With no prior notice, the part of her Houghton finances that was set aside specifically for her travel to and from classes each day was eliminated in early January.

How much could it possibly cost to travel to and from classes each semester? Since most students walk to class, their day to day traveling expense is minimal: a few burned calories here or there and maybe a tank or two of gas. But, transporting a heavy, motorized wheelchair costs \$125 a day. For the non-math-

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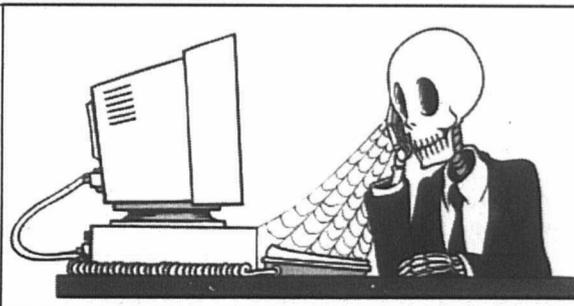
Houghton's Snail Mail Overloaded E-mail Server Falter

Steve Maxon

Familiar issues of space were the culprit behind the recent problems with the college's email system, according to Patti Smith, Houghton's assistant director of Technology Services, and students can help avoid future glitches by deleting unnecessary emails, and emptying their GroupWise trash.

A few weeks ago, Tech Services noticed that the college's Psalms server, host to students' H: drives and stored email, was nearing its maximum capacity. An email was sent out, urging students to delete all unnecessary messages and empty their trash, but before this could take effect, Psalms ran out of space.

This caused an abnormal ending,



where the server restarts itself, but doesn't release the resources it was using. To fix the problem, Tech Services had to figure out why the server was doing this.

They worked through several possibilities, including scanning for viruses and ruling out malicious intent, before accessing a Technical Information Document from Novell. This

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EDITORIAL

Editorial: "Prunes To Ponder" Letters to the Editor:

Eli Knapp

There is a time for eating prunes and a time for morning runs. But the time for eating prunes should not precede the time for a morning run. I shan't ever forget this cruel lesson of life I learned while on a Mayterm tour of Ireland two years ago.

I have always enjoyed raisins. It came as no surprise, therefore, that I greatly enjoyed my first prune a friend offered me as we ambled along the Irish coastline. I savored the larger, more succulent fruit so much that I purchased my own package of prunes that very day. I have such pleasant memories of popping prunes like candy while the winsome waves washed up along the shore. The pleasant memories stop there, however. Abruptly. For the very next day, on a brisk, invigorating morning run, those precious prunes were my peril.

Naturally, the effect of the prunes didn't kick in until I was two miles from our hotel. And it wouldn't have been so bad had I been near a restroom. Nor would it have been so bad had I been alone. But unfortunately, fate was frowning that misty morning as I was two miles from any restroom and my running partner was girl of etiquette.

If you remember nothing else, remember this, prunes work fast and furiously. Quite simply, I was a pawn and my king was in checkmate. In other words, my legs were strong but my bowels were weak. For the sake of modesty, I'll stop there...

Gaining perspective is like popping down prunes. As any dietician will tell you, a few prunes

a week is a good thing. Similarly, a dose of perspective every now and then is also a good thing. But too many prunes, or too much perspective, can be your pitfall.

It is especially easy to lose perspective at a school like Houghton. That one test. That one research paper. That one intramural match. If you fail to live up to expectations put on you by yourself or others you become convinced that life shall cease. It won't.

But the purpose of this piece is not to promulgate the need for perspective. Instead, I am writing to alert you to the peril of having too much perspective. Indeed, it is essential that we see the forest and not just a tree. It is important to put down the books and spend time with God and friends. But don't put down the books for too long...

See the forest but focus on a tree. Step in some puddles but hold high your umbrella of priorities. Maintain perspective but keep your priorities. It appears to be a paradox, but pursue it nonetheless. The end of a semester is the best of times and it is the worst of times. The sun is shining and the days are brighter but the clouds are coalescing and darkness is descending. Our social spirits are ascending while the academic anvil is coming down quickly. The decisions themselves become a mental marathon. Letchworth or the library? Review and read, or rest and relax?

To best weather this end of the semester storm I suggest you do the following: Open up your umbrella, pop a few prunes, and run to the finish line. But not in that order... After all, there is a time for eating prunes and a time for morning runs.

Technology Double Talk

Dear Editor,

I was just working on the Internet and it went down yet again. This situation is so bad now that not a week goes by without the Internet or Groupwise (or both) going down several times. So you don't think I'm just complaining without trying to do anything about it myself? For the past two years I have worked with SGA to get a technology services committee which would be the students' voice to Technology Services. Will Krause said that this committee would "be fine with him" as long as students didn't "complain".

Well, I'm asking you what we are supposed to do? The problems are still occurring. We, the students, are the customers of Houghton College and we're paying for services we can't rely on. The servers of most businesses could not afford to go down, so why do we have to settle for this frequent downtime? I'm sure most

would understand if the Internet or Groupwise went down a few times a month because sometimes things just go wrong, but this amount is just not acceptable. I think that something needs to be done about this because this is a service many of us are forced to rely on due to the nature of research we need to perform.

In conclusion, I would like to share an ironic quote found by one of my floormates. Will Krause made the following quote, which can be found on Compaq's website at www.compaq.com/education/higher-ed/cpqined/houghton.html: "The collegiate academic environment does not allow for conveniently scheduled downtime for our servers, so we depend on Compaq in all of our critical areas including file and print services, E-mail, World Wide Web service and firewall protection." Just something to think about.

Andrew Fiess

Holy Rolling

To Whom It May Concern,

What's up with the roads around Houghton? The potholes in the roads and parking lots get more and more cavernous every day. Is somebody going to do something about them or should I just equip my Ford Tempo with rally tires and off-road suspension now? If the college wants to make some money they could hold rally races on the road around the quad, set up a grandstand, sell concessions, and charge admission for people to come watch as drivers career around turns and jump over gaping holes in the road.

Speaking of my Tempo, every time I drive from my residence to my fiancée's on Park Drive it feels like the car is going to fall apart because of the huge, unavoidable bumps and potholes around campus. The absolute worst stretch of road is from the front of Fancher to right behind the Lucky

Building. The college can take some of the money they make from those races and help me pay for repairs on my car.

Now, I realize my automobile's not the finest quality, but it certainly doesn't need any assistance falling apart; it does that well enough on its own. And after all, I am a student at Houghton College, so I don't exactly have enough money for a huge SUV that I can kick into four-wheel drive right around Fancher.

While on the topic of poor driving conditions (and I don't mean snow!), is the parking lot for the Hazlett Townhouses ever going to get finished? It's only half done, so half the people in the townhouses down the hill have to park in a pothole ridden mud pit. I guess it's fitting though; since the townhouses barely got finished why should the parking lot even be close to being finished?

Monica Sams

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Lady Of The Dance Meet The New VP

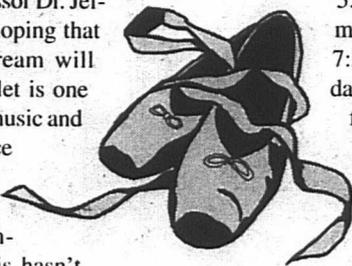
Moore Seeks Credited Ballet Course SGA Profile: Mike Meiners

Jea Adams

How would you like to have ballet as a credit class? Rebecca Moore, wife of Houghton professor Dr. Jeffrey Moore, is hoping that one day this dream will come true. Ballet is one of the arts, like music and painting, but since Houghton College has rules against on-campus dancing, this hasn't been accepted into the curriculum.

Physical Education majors who are required to take classes such as aerobics would benefit from this course being added, as would music majors who are studying opera.

Rebecca Moore has danced



for twenty-five years and taught for fifteen. She is currently instructing classes in interpretative dance to Christian music on Tuesday nights from 5:15-6:15 and intermediate ballet from 7:30-8:30 on Thursday nights. The cost for each individual class is three dollars, and anyone interested can still sign up by contacting Rebecca at 567-2379.

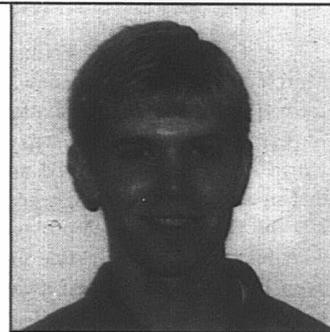
If you never took classes before, next year Rebecca is hoping to add a beginner's class to her schedule. For now there is no ballet course offered for credit, but if you danced when you were younger and would like to start up again, don't hesitate to call.

Stephanie Smith

If you've been following the latest SGA elections or not, you need to be informed. Each week there will be a profile on one of the newly elected SGA members for the upcoming year. This week we look at Vice President, Michael Meiners.

Michael Meiners is a current sophomore from Rochester, New York. He's currently a Communication major and looking into law school after graduation. Michael's not completely new to the government system as he served as Junior Class Vice President and Senior Class President of his high school. He's eager to begin his work here at Houghton.

One of Michael's main focuses is the connection between the student body and the SGA. He feels the students tend not to realize how much the SGA is involved in changes made around Houghton College. We tend to gripe and complain about meal plans, housing costs, etc. but do nothing about it. Michael wants the student body to realize that the Student Govern-



ment Association is here to help handle the problems we're dealing with, all we have to do is tell them.

The good relationship between the faculty and the SGA has never been stronger, and both are eager to work for the betterment of Houghton and the happiness of the students. Another goal Michael is working toward is changing the food plan situation. This affects all of us; if you're not a junior or senior, you will be soon and have to start looking at the problems.

Michael and the rest of SGA want your input. The SGA doors are open and an eager person is there willing to talk.

The World Out There

Jay Jennings

Japanese Prime Minister Suffers Stroke

Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi went into a coma after suffering a stroke this weekend. Before going into the coma, Obuchi appointed chief Cabinet secretary Mikio Aoki as acting Prime Minister. The Japanese government kept the illness a secret from the public for over a day, a decision under much scrutiny at the moment. It is unclear at the moment if Obuchi will ever be able to resume his duties as Prime Minister.

Africa-Europe Summit Begins

Monday marked the first meetings of the historic summit of African and European Union leaders. The summit will focus on development and human rights issues within Africa as well as trade and debt relief options between European and African countries. African leaders are hoping that the

summit is a sign of more equal and open trade to come between the two continents.

Protest March to Remove Confederate Flag

Protesters are marching 120 miles from Charleston to the South Carolina State capital of Columbia in an attempt to convince state legislators to remove the confederate flag from atop the state house. The issue of taking the flag down from the state house has been fiercely debated for several years with the supporters of the flag seeing it as a sign of heritage and those who oppose it seeing it as a sign of hate.

The Final Four

Michigan State topped Wisconsin and Florida beat North Carolina sending the two remaining teams into Monday's final where Michigan State defeated Florida 89-76.

E-mail Troubles Cont.

document advised them to decrease the number of "threads," or processes on the server, used to route mail - a number that had been increased in October to allow for higher mail flow. Once this was adjusted, they closed the post office to reduce network load on the server, allowing the messages to pass through once again. At this point, deleted messages were also removed from the server, making more space available.

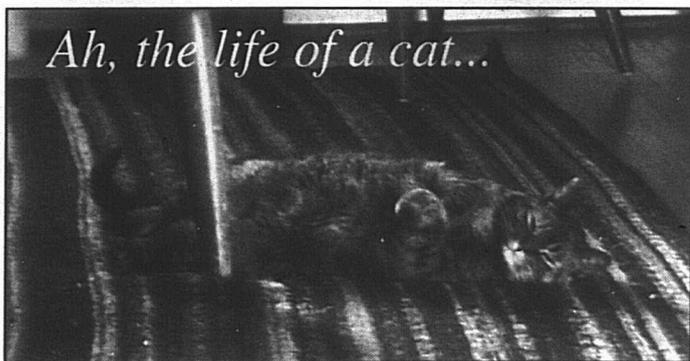
One year ago, Smith said, Houghton handled about 5,000 messages per day to and from the Internet alone, but today, that number has risen to about 10,000 a day. This doesn't even count messages sent between members of the college system. Such a high volume is leading to space problems, which in turn cause errors on the server.

To temporarily alleviate this problem, Tech Services plans

to purchase more memory for the server over the summer, and add more hard disk space to the GroupWise server - but in the long run, Houghton will be switching to Microsoft Exchange/Outlook, as explained in recent emails from the Help Desk. A 'testing and training' phase in the fall semester will be followed by a complete switch in January 2001.

To help alleviate the space problem, students are asked to remove anything they don't need from their H: drives, delete unneeded email as soon as possible, and regularly empty their GroupWise trash.

(Editor's note: I mistakenly thought once you deleted an e-mail it was gone, disregarding my trash can. When I checked it after receiving the alert about deletion, I found 1100 e-mails, plus 400 in my box! They're gone now. Sorry about that tech services, my bad!)



Ah, the life of a cat...

FEATURE

Band Debuts, Rocks Stone House Shindig Concert Party Comes Off Without Hitch After Difficulties

Chris Molinelli

On the eve of Friday, March 31st, Houghton's newly formed band, The Reconciliation Experiment, took their first step to world stardom...well maybe not that significant but many listeners left the Stone House impressed with this band's energetic style and even more people walked away with their ear's ringing.

As seen in their early advertisements, The Experiment was scheduled to play in the basement of Houghton Heights 2. However, due to unfortunate circumstances, the band was forced to change locations in a matter of one day. Without the help of Monica Sams (soon to be Graffam), Lynda Jones, Ben Hamilton, and the Reconciliation Experiment band members, this concert could not have been the success it proved to be.

The Reconciliation Experiment is composed of four members: Eric Hamlin (main vocal), Kevin Baker (drums), Tim Graffam (bassist/guitarist), and Mo (guitarist/high jumper). Their musical style can be compared to the rap core sounds of P.O.D., Rage, Project 86, and Korn. They utilized the acoustics of the small basement to produce a pounding sound that penetrated to the very souls of many in the audience. The band began the night with

"Shove", followed by the crowd favorite, "No Control". The concert continued with four more original songs that captivated the audience.

The band's hard rock beats, wicked riffs, heart pounding bass, and overall intensity by Eric Hamlin produced a sound that caused the most conservative Houghton student to join in the head banging.

Ben Hamilton, guest bassist for The Reconciliation Experiment, commented, "The band wrote some very good songs and The Fat Astronauts had another great performance with the highlights being P.O.D.'s "Southtown", and Creed's "One".

Although I have seen bassist Wes Brown play in previous shows, it still amazes me to see him play especially in his solo in "I Will Survive". Dan Jackson had another phenomenal performance as lead singer of this band. The crowd was very involved in one of their first originals, "Banana Tree" and ended with their trademark "I Will Survive".

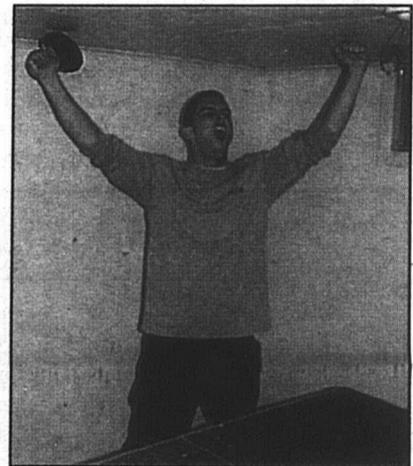
The food, music and entertainment (ping-pong and Mario Kart) caused me to have an entertaining and awesome night. Also, special thanks to Brandon Munger for his help with the sound.



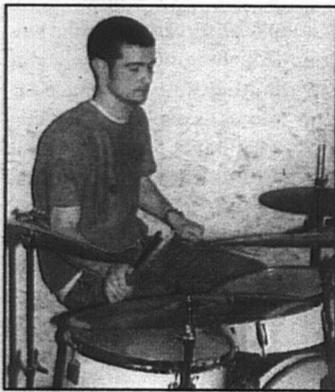
The Reconciliation Experiment opened the night and rocked through a blistering six song set



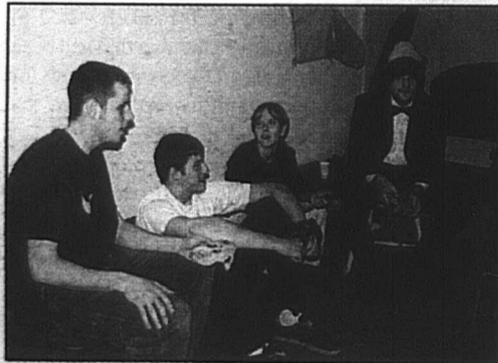
Secret agent and bass player Wes Brown looks sharp as always



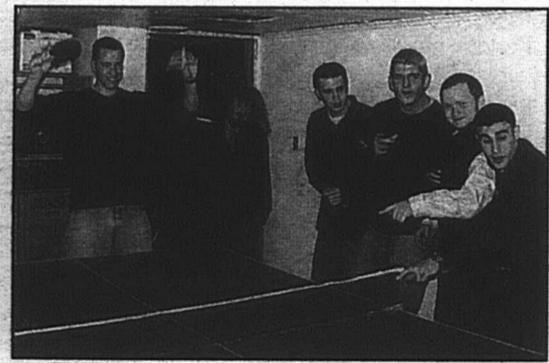
Jim Ulrich celebrates his ping pong victory over the team of Lynda Jones and Monica Sams



Visibly bored, Kevin Baker dozes off while somehow continuing to play



Party-goers enjoy a rousing round of Mario Kart



Scott Mills reigns supreme as Chris Molinelli, Nate Peterson, Ryan Woodmansee, and Troy Bilodeau look on

Question of the Week: "Do anything interesting last weekend?"



-- Dave Peterson
(Junior)

"I built a log bridge and had glass cut at Fillmore Hardware."



-- Melissa Dzuzelewski
(Senior)

"Nothing. But next weekend I'm taking the Biology GRE's."

photos by Tim Graffam

FEATURE

Local Flavor

Taking A Stroll Down The Houghton Strip

Ted's Style Shop

Steve Maxon

One of Houghton's oldest and most beloved businesses is Ted's Style Shop, located on Route 19, kitty-corner from the village post office. For the past forty years, its shampoo-lined shelves and rotating barber's chair have served the Houghton community's hair care needs.

"Most people know me by Ted," says the owner, "and anything else is immaterial."

Described as Houghton's "unofficial mayor" by many residents, Ted opened his shop the day after Labor Day in 1960 and has kept his doors open ever since. The shop opened in the current post office building, but in Thanksgiving of 1962, Ted purchased the current building, where it has remained ever since. Three student apartments located within helped him pay for it at one point.

"I remember lines of people back then, mostly students, 10 or 15 deep, waiting for haircuts after lunch," Ted said.

Houghton College students would sometimes work with Ted as apprentice barbers - he

spoke of Gus Ark, who finished high school at the Academy and graduated from Houghton in the late '60's, and Larry Bird, who worked with him during the afternoons, and is now a Baptist minister in Southern Pennsylvania.

"I was the only businessman here for a long, long time," Ted said. "In fact, the post office still forwards me the mail they get for the Houghton Chamber of Commerce."

During the summer, he says, business actually picks up, as summer camps begin and vacationers to Rushford Lake come through town. "It's busy the whole year round," Ted says, "but it's actually busier during the summer."

In addition to his work at the barbershop, Ted has served in the volunteer fire department since 1965, and was president for about half that time. He doesn't do as much as he used to, he says, but over the years, he accomplished a lot. Selling real estate has also been a vocation of his since 1971.

The next time you're looking for an inexpensive haircut, look for the red and white barber pole out on Route 19 and patronize the shop that's been an integral part of Houghton for the past forty years.

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**Open 7 Days
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The Pizza Barn

Shelley Dooley

Mmm...remember the days when Dominos could deliver your favorite evening snack in thirty minutes or when Pizza Hut was a simple five-minute stroll down the road?

Living in the hamlet of Houghton can offer a few inconveniences as the golden arches can't be viewed from your dorm room and a trip to Wal-Mart becomes a planned afternoon.

However, stringy mozzarella cheese can still ooze over the top of doughy bread and make your mouth explode with flavor if you simply sink your teeth into another tasty treat from one of the only places in Houghton to pur-

chase food, The Pizza Barn.

Its red wooded outer walls have offered a rustic environment since it was opened four years ago by Greg Lockwood. The Pizza Barn offers its service to the members of the Houghton community by filling their stomachs.

Wings offered in five different flavors - hot, medium, mild, sweet and sassy, and BBQ - are a local favorite. Pizza can be made with up to fourteen different toppings from everyday cheese to sweet pineapple.

If pizza and wings aren't your heart's desire, hot and cold subs, bread sticks, salads, and appetizers such as onion rings, mozzarella sticks, clam strips, or fried veggies also top the menu.

Orders may be placed over the phone or at the restaurant. Pink walls and cheery atmosphere mark the inside of The Pizza Barn. It not only equips students with food but also allows them to jump out of their normal world consisting of the library, campus center, or Big Al's.

The Pizza Barn is open every day of the week and is the perfect place to dine if the family is in town or if you're in need of a change of scenery.

The BP

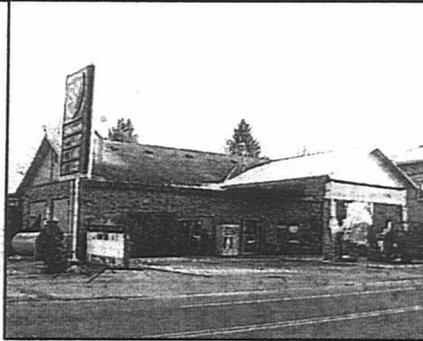
Laurie VanOrmer

The local BP, fondly known as the "Bip" is a favorite spot on Houghton's main street. From Saturday morning coffee breaks, to mid-week movie-rentals, to Friday night Uno matches, the BP meets the needs of students, faculty and community members alike. The BP does not post a loitering policy, as they would like the store to be a "socializing place."

Actually, students are not the main customers, says Linda

Hillman, BP's manager of two years. BP employees see more community members than they do students. Because of the change of the student body every year, it has been hard to keep up with its changing needs, Hillman said. The BP is open to suggestions and is eager to accommodate students' wishes for stocked merchandise.

Hillman expressed that she enjoys getting to know the "regular" students who frequent the BP. "I enjoy getting to know



students personally," she said. "They become like family. When we don't see someone for a while, we start to worry and wonder how they are doing."

When asked her opinion of

working in Houghton, Hillman expressed that she enjoys the Christian environment. "Oftentimes, students come in and ask for prayer and I love being able to say, 'Guess what the Lord has been doing?'" she said.

During college break, business decreases and the BP becomes "kind-of lonely," says Hillman. Over the summer, however, business booms. The BP attributes this increase in business not only to the longer hours over the summer months, but also to the stream of Houghton sports campers and tourists traveling through the area.



-- Stacie Haas
(Sophomore)

"I broke up a fight at Denny's between a hockey player and another guy."



-- Dionne Miller
and Jon Hartt

"We went with Dr. Woolsey to the Festival of Faith and Writing. And we loved it!"

FEATURE

Meeting Maya Angelou One Student's Experience

Melanie Lindberg

On Saturday, April 1st at 7:34 PM, over 1500 audience members anxiously wait through an introduction given for poet/writer, Dr. Maya Angelou. If the audience felt anything like I did then, the introduction served only as an annoyance, prolonging the build up of excitement and anticipation on hearing a speech given by this world renowned public figure and writer.

Not only is Dr. Angelou the author of powerful poetry and literature, but she also is a forceful figure in the realms of scholarship, politics, and religion. She guest teaches at Wake Forest University and is a civil rights activist who basically single-handedly gained the rights for African Americans to be ordained and receive membership into Mormon churches.

Finally, the introduction ends and Dr. Angelou is welcomed onstage. No sooner than the top of her black and tan sarai was seen poking from behind the bleachers did the whole audience rise to their feet, pushing forward a wave of applause that reverberated throughout the room. Dr. Maya Angelou is no more than fifteen yards away from me, embracing the audience with an expression that looks as though she could burst into laughter or tears at any given moment. One by one, the audience trickles back into their seats and the clapping recedes into wonder-filled silence.

I don't know if you are familiar with the book *Generation X*, by Douglas Coupland, but if you are, you'll remember how he describes the "takeaway moment,"

the moment we take away with us from earth that will remind us of being our most human.

Listening to Dr. Angelou speak about her life, her spirituality, her race, and our humanness, created for me a takeaway moment. From beginning to end, her speech was filled with profound facts mingled with her life story, that made me realize how similar and how human everyone really is but never admits to being.

Born in 1928, she has experienced many trials of happiness and hurt. She was fortunate enough to receive an education from her uncle, but tragedy fell when she was raped at a young age. After reporting the incident, the rapist was found dead shortly thereafter and she spent the following six years in complete silence, refusing to speak. She realized the power of language and refrained from using it for fear she would cause another death.

I am certain Dr. Angelou knows the power of language, illustrated by what she herself does with it when she feeds readers with realization after realization of aspects of life and humanity. Her amazing talent makes her an author worth reading. One of her statements that struck me (especially since I'm a confused graduating senior) related to her outlook on life. She said, "Life loves those who live it" Further challenging the audience to "Grab life by the lapels and say I am with you....I-AM-WITH-YOU."

Writing Conference Cont.

the same way. The conference also gave newly published authors an opportunity to reveal their talent in a difficult field of work. Dr. Woolsey stated that it is eye opening to realize as much as is read in the land of academia, even more quality material is available that remains unexplored. Houghton participants returned with many books from authors previously unknown and are eager to read more.

Conference 2000 offered two concerts following the evening sessions. Among the groups present were "Pedro the Lion" and

"Over the Rhine," who shared in music keeping the festivities going until after 11 p.m. each night.

For each participant, returning to normal life after such an enlightening time is difficult, but remaining enthusiastic and inspired now comes as easily as recalling the memories of an unforgettable experience.

Conference Profile: Donald Hall

Jea Adams

I was fortunate enough to meet Donald Hall and hear him speak at the Faith and Writing Festival in Calvin College over the weekend. For those of you who may have never heard this name, Donald Hall was married to the late Jane Kenyon (who died in 1995 after a battle with Leukemia), a poet whom my Women's Literature class was assigned to read for the semester. Previous to the conference, I had never read anything by Hall, only Kenyon.

While in Calvin, I discovered that Hall is the author of eleven books of poetry, including *The One Day*, which was winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award and *The Museum of Clear Ideas*, which was nominated for the National Book Award. He also has written numerous essay collections, and children's books (*The Ox-Cart Man*, which was also an award winner).

Hall and Kenyon moved to Eagle Pond Farm in Wilmot, New Hampshire where several generations of his family had previously lived during 1975. During his reading on this past Friday afternoon, Hall mostly read poetry written by his late wife followed by his own works, mostly about his life after her death with somewhat depressing undertones. A



Hall with wife Kenyon

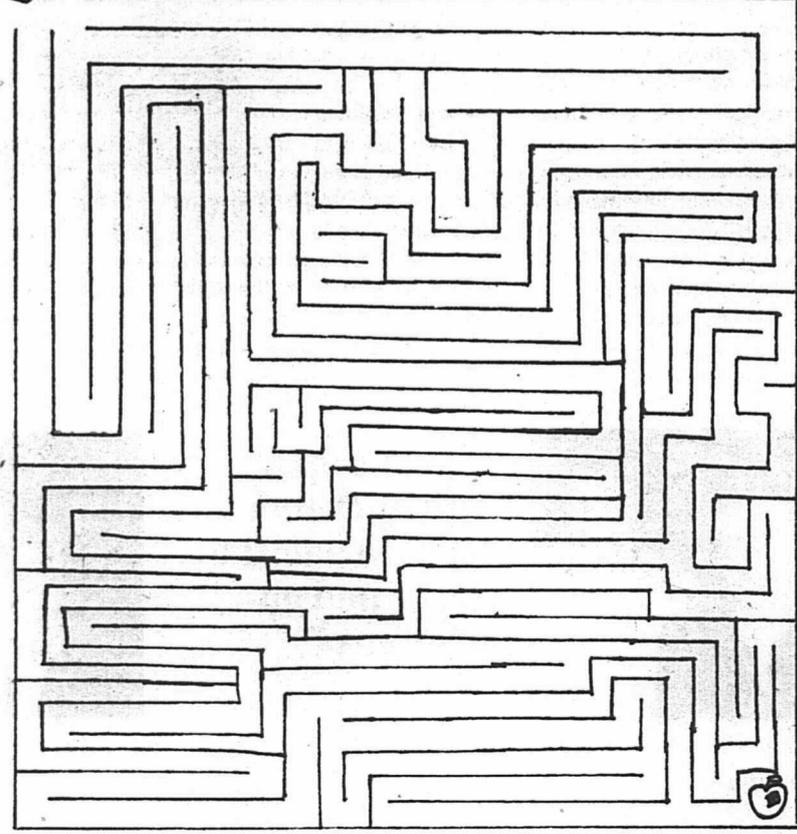
session Hall participated in along with illustrator Barry Moser was extremely entertaining as they spoke of their collaboration on *The Ox-Cart Man*; *I am The Cat I am the Dog*; and *Life Work*, the first two being children's books.

On Saturday I attended a documentary video on the lives of Hall and Kenyon called "Keeping You Safe Beside Me" which a professor at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania recently made. This showed many aspects of their lives together, not only as poets but also as a couple in a married relationship. When I spoke with Hall in person, he portrayed a grandfatherly-type figure that loved to speak of Jane and his work in the literary world.

I recommend the work of Donald Hall and Jane Kenyon to anyone who enjoys reading poetry with an emphasis on the past, loneliness, spiritual matters, or everyday occurrences.

Help The Girl Find The Apple

By Donovan Church



ENTERTAINMENT



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Critic's Choice Classic Christian Albums, Songs, and Other Tidbits

Additional Music News:

- P.O.D. went gold and is still climbing the billboard charts. They are playing on mainstage on the Ozzyfest, and few other festivals this summer.
- Project 86 was re-released in the mainstream market and is climbing the charts. They are #1 on college radio currently. Their hit single "One Armed Man" will be released to mainstream radio stations around the country in a few weeks.
- Project 86, Supertones, and the Gospel Gangstaz are currently on a spring tour.
- Five Iron Frenzy's new album is coming real soon
- Houghton's own The Reconciliation Experiment will begin

These are a few of Classic Christian albums that I found in my collection (in no particular order):

- Michael W. Smith, "Decade"
- Jars of Clay, "Jars of Clay"
- Audio Adrenaline, "Bloom"
- DC Talk "Jesus Freak" and "Free at Last"
- Amy Grant "The Collection"
- Rich Mullins "Songs"
- Steven Curtis Chapman "The Great Adventure" and "Heaven in the Real World"
- PFR "Great Lengths"
- Newsboys "Going Public"

While there are more classics that I did fail to mention such as Petra, Larry Norman, Whitecross, Bride, One Bad Pig, and so on, I only have a limited CD collection.

These are the Top ten Contemporary Christian Songs of the century that CCM Magazine has put together:

- 1 Steven Curtis Chapman - The Great Adventure, 1992
- 2 Avalon - Testify to Love, 1998
- 3 Twila Paris - God Is In Control, 1994
- 4 Crystal Lewis - People Get Ready... Jesus Is Coming, 1996
- 5 Rich Mullins - Sometimes By Step, 1992
- 6 Bob Carlisle - Butterfly Kisses, 1997
- 7 Ragamuffin Band - My Deliverer, 1998
- 8 Michael W. Smith - Place In This World, 1991
- 9 Michael English - In Christ Alone, 1992
- 10 4HIM Where - There Is Faith, 1990

recording soon

- MG! The Visionary has come out with his debut album on BEC records (Uprok records)
- Musicforce.com is having a contest for those of you who would be interested in going to the Dove awards Ceremony in Nashville Tenn.
- Summer Festivals are coming

your way; don't forget to order your tickets.

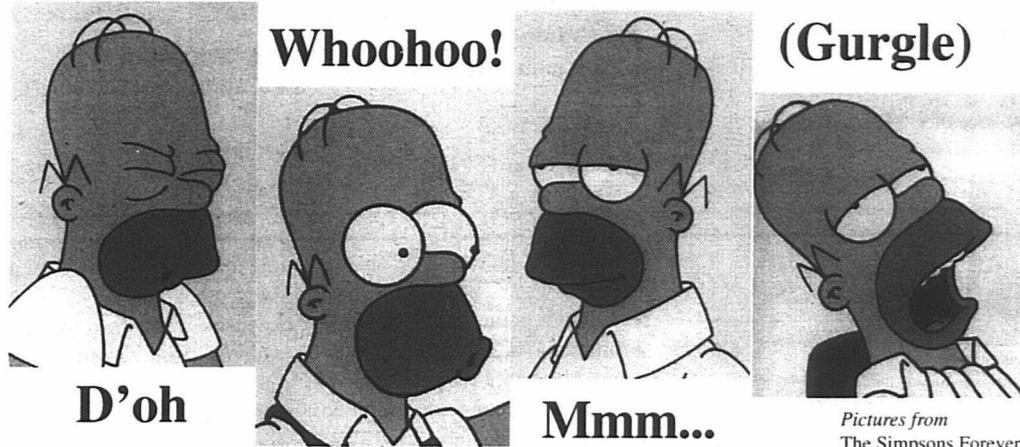
- Gospel Gangstaz has released a remix of their first album. Check it out!
- The Reconciliation Experiment is looking for gigs to play over the summer; if interested call ext.5605 or ext. 1656 or talk to Motoi Nishihata.

The Top Ten April Fools' Pranks You May Have Missed

Steve Maxon

- 10 "Nah, they ain't foolin' me - I've heard that old 'Daylight Savings Time' story before."
- 9 "Yes, Dr. Walters will be sharing with us today out of the Book of Mormon."
- 7 "So are Vice President Fuller and Dean Oakerson *really* twins or what?"
- 6 "Sure! You can trade in that Toshiba Satellite for one of these new Compaqs - straight up!"
- 5 "No, man, honest! I swear Steve Maxon's intramural team just won a game!"
- 8 Step One: Break into the Houghton STAR office. Step Two: Put #8 in the Top Ten List between #5 and #4. Step Three: Watch the money roll in...
- 4 "Send this email to just five friends and I, Bill Gates, will pay off all your student loans, buy you a yacht, and crown you king of Qatar!"
- 3 "Yeah, remember that \$15 million donation we made? Do you mind if we pay in WWF stock options?"
- 2 "Pastor Wes's outfit today was graciously provided by our friends down at FUBU."
- 1 "No, man, honest! I swear Tim Graffam's intramural team just won a game!"

The Many Faces of Homer...



Pictures from
The Simpsons Forever

Man and Snail

By Donovan Church



SPORTS

Intramurals

Women's Soccer

1. Dawntreaders 2-4
2. G&R 1-5
3. Party To Go 3-3
4. Bakudan 2-4
5. Slap-in-the-Face 3-4
6. Hat Trick Honeyes 6-1
7. Las Machas 7-1
8. Makin' Soup 0-7
9. The Nabbers 6-1

Men's Basketball

1. All About the Goats 6-0
2. Gran Turismo II 1-5
3. Old School 2-4
4. Holmwood Telethon 1-5
5. Spontaneous Cmbstn. 4-2
6. 6 Feet 6-1
7. The Pips 6-0
8. Dreamin' Deacons 4-2
9. Nielsen Nutz 3-3
10. SHEN Connection 1-5
11. All About the Ladies 0-7
12. Thompson 3-3

Waterpolo

1. Aly's Special Sauce 2-1
2. The Zephyrs 3-1
3. Rod Roddy's Hotties 4-1
4. Odds-n-Ends 1-5
5. Nothing Stupid 4-2
6. Motley Crue 6-0
7. Killer Bees 2-3
8. When Animals Attack 1-4
9. Archdutchess of F. 3-2
10. Y2Ray Compatible 1-3
11. The Pool Hounds 0-5

Blazing Around Burke Field

Houghton Hosts First Invitational Track Meet

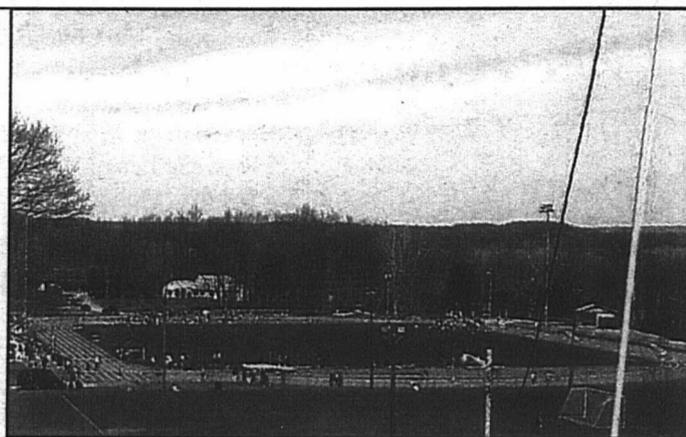
Adapted from www.houghton.com

The new track at Houghton College's Alumni Athletic Complex saw its first competitive action last weekend when the college hosted the first Houghton College Track and Field Open Invitational on Saturday, April 1, 2000.

The meet began at 10 a.m. and ran until mid-afternoon. The weather was absolutely pristine for the competition.

Close to 400 athletes representing eight area colleges competed in various track and field events. Participating schools included Houghton, Alfred University, Oswego State, Geneseo State, Roberts Wesleyan College, Fredonia State, Rochester Institute of Technology, and Mansfield University.

The eight-lane all-weather track was completed in 1998 as part of \$1.3 million in renovations to the college's outdoor athletic facilities. The lighted complex also includes a 1,300-seat grandstand. The track surrounds Burke Field, which is used for both soccer and field hockey.



It was a beautiful day for the first invitational meet at Houghton

Photos by Tim Graffam



400 meter dash champion Lynda Jones and Kevin Baker enjoy the beautiful weather and exciting track and field action

Notable Women's Results

400 Meter Dash
Lynda Jones - First Place

400 Meter High Hurdles
Amanda Miller - First Place

4 x 800 Meter Relay
Houghton College - First Place

5000 Meter Run
Tenneil Tower - First Place
Kim Sayre - Second Place

Pole Vault
Rose Baum - First Place

Javelin
Alison Roberts - First Place

Notable Men's Results

1500 Meter Run
Pat Weaver - First Place
Joe Kidd - Third Place

5000 Meter Run
Joe Campagna - Second Place

Javelin
Bryan Huot - Second Place

Gonzalez Cont.

emancipators, that's about \$6,000 a semester.

During the fall, Luz, whose quadriplegia is a result of a genetic disorder known as Neurofibromatosis, received money for her transportation from a state organization called VESID (Vocational & Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities); however, at the beginning of this semester, VESID decided that Luz's transportation was too costly.

The organization had been under the impression that once she received her new motorized

wheelchair, Luz would be able to make her way down the hill from the nursing home without the assistance of a wheelchair-accessible van. Although VESID is now aware of how dangerous such an attempt would be, they are still reluctant to commit such a large sum of money to remedy Luz's situation.

Thankfully, the College has been very supportive of Luz's situation. For example, the College's Office of Financial Aid has been working tirelessly on Luz's predicament, searching for outside scholarships she might be eligible for as well as corresponding with VESID. They are hoping to resolve her financial situation in

time for her return this September. Many other alternatives to these expensive rides down the hill were explored. But, the options to take classes through distance learning technology and Internet classes would have deprived Luz of the student interaction of a normal classroom.

While she lays bored, yet patient in her bed, Luz remains confident that the Lord will send a solution for these difficult circumstances, reminding herself that someone is always in a worse situation than she is.

Her humble reliance on God, despite conditions many would consider unbearable, remains as a goal for all.