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## THE World OUT there

BY BEN HUGHES  
STAR STAFF WRITER

### Special Report: Ailing Pope Prompts Succession Speculation

On October 21st, Pope John Paul II installed 31 new cardinals in a consistory, which may have finalized the body of 135 Roman Catholic leaders that will eventually choose his successor. One of the cardinals was neither present nor named, presumably to protect him from a hostile government (possibly China's). As part of the ceremonies celebrating his 25th anniversary as pope, the confirmations augmented speculation over John Paul's successor and the future of the church.

Controversy over the pope's health has raged the past several months. The pope, age 83, has been visibly weak and has struggled to express himself clearly in recent appearances. He suffers from Parkinson's disease, arthritis, and general exhaustion due to his demanding responsibilities. Despite these health problems, John Paul has courageously continued to honor his rigorous papal duties.

Even with the rampant speculation and debate, the selection of the next pope and overall direction of the church remain remarkably unclear. Known as the "papabili," several potential frontrunners for the top position are slowly emerging from an extensive range of possibilities. Like the 195 members comprising the College of Cardinals, they represent diverse backgrounds and nations, differ on key issues facing Christianity, and posit different visions for the church's future.

Traditionally, the cardinals elect one of their own when selecting a pope. Currently, 135 of the 195 cardinals are under 80 years old, and accordingly eligible to vote in a conclave, the secretive meeting in which these cardinals elect the pope. Pope John Paul II has installed 130 of the 135 voting cardinals.

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## Close Honored with Maggie Sloan Crawford Award

BY BETH FREEMAN  
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On October 16, Houghton opera and voice professor Shirley Close was recognized during a special convocation at her alma mater, Olivet Nazarene University, where she also shared her life-story and sang for the student body and faculty.

This summer, Close received a letter from the President of Olivet. Assuming it was merely a fundraising solicitation, she nearly threw it away without opening it, but thought better of it. Upon opening the letter, she was shocked to find that she had been elected to win the University's twelfth Maggie Sloan Crawford Award. This award, named for Olivet's first graduate, is an honor given to women who have exhibited excellence and success in their professional lives.

Maggie Sloan Crawford graduated from Olivet in 1910 and, along with her husband, became an ordained Nazarene minister and church planter. She served as an excellent role model for young women during a time when it was virtually unheard of for women to have a profession outside of the home. This award seeks to recognize other women who are outstanding examples and role models for a younger generation. Shirley Close is the twelfth woman to receive this honor and follows a long list of distinguished women, including such familiar names as Elizabeth Dole, Shirley Dobson, Gloria Gaither, Joni Eareckson Tada, and Sandra Day O'Connor. Close is

the first Olivet graduate to be given this award.

Close was particularly honored to receive this award. It was the first time she realized that she could be a role model and mentor for younger women, especially her students at Houghton. In



Dr. Shirley Close, opera and voice professor in the School of Music, was recently recognized by her alma mater, Olivet Nazarene University, as a role model for young women. She joins an impressive list of recipients of the Maggie Sloan Crawford Award.

fact, she has even signed up for the new mentor program that has been proposed

by Dr. Brittain. Close is excited about encouraging other young women to excel in their chosen professions. She believes that more "strong, visible, Christian role models" are needed in our society. Living in the world of opera and the stage, it was not always easy for her to keep a Christian witness; but as she says, "it's all about taking risks and being a missionary" wherever you are, whether it's in the opera world or the business place.

Certainly Shirley Close is worthy of receiving this distinguished award. She has had a varied and outstanding career to date, performing across Europe, Japan, and the United States. Originally a mezzo-soprano singer, she switched to dramatic soprano in 1995, a change that was very challenging for her career. More recently, she has joined the Houghton faculty as an associate professor of voice and opera. Throughout her career, she has been a strong witness for the Lord, and gives him all the glory for her success.

Close will be sharing her story during chapel next semester, but we are pleased to congratulate her now for all of her many professional accomplishments, particularly for this recent public recognition of her excellence as a performer and a role model.

## Update on Houghton's Campaign for the Christian Liberal Arts

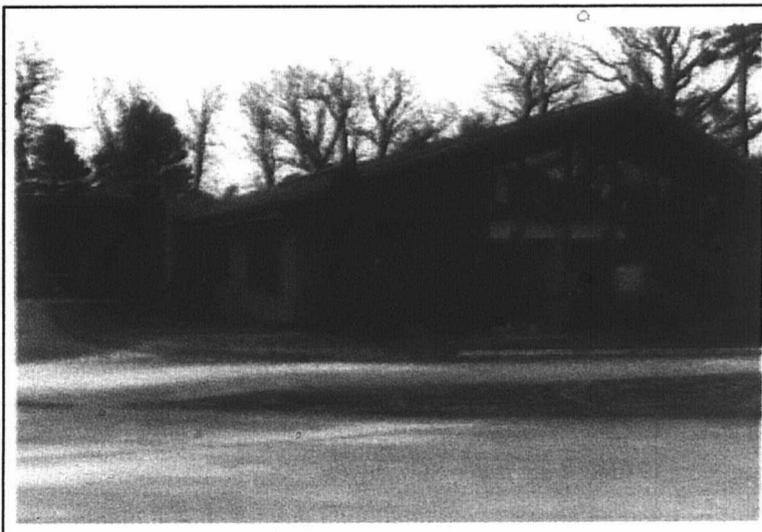
BY RACHEL INGRAHAM  
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On October 4, 2002, Houghton College kicked off the public phase of its Campaign for the Christian Liberal Arts, the largest fundraising project in the college's history. Begun on July 1, 1999, the ultimate goal of the Campaign is to raise \$48.5 million in funds by June 30, 2006. Since it began, the campaign has raised over \$30.5 million in gifts and pledges, or about 63% of the total goal.

According to Doug Roorbach, Houghton's Director of Public Relations, the relatively small size of Houghton's endowment fund was the reason that Houghton decided to initiate the Campaign. Although he did affirm that Houghton's endowment fund, "Has grown significantly in the last twenty

years,— from about \$3 million to over \$20 million," Roorbach also stated that, "Financial experts say a college should have an endowment that is approximately five times its annual budget. Using that standard, ours should be in

the Campaign hopes to raise \$30 million dollars towards the endowment fund, which it will then invest, ensuring that, as Roorbach says, "the college has a stable financial foundation for the future."



With adequate funding, the Campaign hopes to replace the Stevens Art Studios' kilns and easels with Stairmasters and bench presses.

the neighborhood of \$125 million. This Campaign won't reach that mark, but it's a step in the right direction." At present,

Aside from the endowment fund, the Campaign is divided into two other portions. The first of these is the capital projects fund. Money set aside for this category goes toward the betterment of college facilities. In this Campaign, facilities improvement should include renovations to the Wesley Chapel and Paine Science Center, updates in science technologies, the building of a new visual arts center, and the transformation of the Stevens Arts Studios into a

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When chosen pope in 1978, the Polish John Paul II ended 455 years of Italian papacies. Under his pontificate, the college constituency has become less Italian-European and increasingly international, as reflected by his recent appointments. Nonetheless, some predict that the papacy will return to the Italians or at least remain European, as Europe's bloc of cardinals still dominates the college. Of the 135 voting cardinals, 66 are Europeans, while 50 are from Latin America, Africa, and Asia combined; only 11 are from the U.S.

Others postulate that the selection of the next pope will result in a non-European pontiff. Choosing a pope from a developing nation in Africa or Latin America is even being discussed as an option. According to several cardinals, the international perspective of the Roman Catholic Church is growing due to John Paul II's leadership and the dramatic spread of Christianity in the Southern Hemisphere. Roughly two-thirds of Catholics today are living in developing nations.

The controversy over the national origin of the next pope is accompanied by divisive issues confronting the church. These substantial challenges include doctrinal issues such as abortion, contraceptives, divorce, homosexuality, the celibacy of priests, and the ordination of women. Other topics that will potentially shape the direction of the church as they are addressed include the centralization of power in the Vatican (versus calls for increased collegiality), the disparity between rich and poor countries, and the complex impacts of globalization.

Pope John Paul II has been seen as generally conservative on doctrinal issues and tends to appoint conservative cardinals. Over the 25 years of his papacy, he has appointed nearly all of the cardinals eligible to vote for his successor. Accordingly, speculation abounds over whether the next pope will be conservative and traditional, or more liberal and progressive in interpreting and implementing Church teaching.

For further news and analysis of papal succession and related matters, visit the following websites.

Washington Post online, Vatican City section: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/world/europe/>

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modern fitness center.

While both the endowment and capital projects funds typically accept five and six figure donations, the operational support portion of the Campaign, otherwise known as The Houghton Fund, is supported by various smaller donations. According to Houghton Fund Director Annie Valkema, "Alumni, students, parents, friends of the college, corporations and foundations give us cash every year just to pay for the yearly expenses. The difference between The Houghton Fund (operating support) and the other two areas is that everything raised is spent in that year. For example, last year The Houghton Fund received over \$1 million dollars in cash and it was spent

[www.westerneurope/holysee/](http://www.westerneurope/holysee/).

Yahoo! News, Pope John Paul II section: [http://story.news.yahoo.com/fc?cid=34&tmpl=fc&in=World&cat=Pope\\_John\\_Paul\\_II](http://story.news.yahoo.com/fc?cid=34&tmpl=fc&in=World&cat=Pope_John_Paul_II).

Holy See official website: [http://www.vatican.va/phome\\_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/phome_en.htm).

"Papal Succession Primer" from Time.com: [http://www.vatican.va/phome\\_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/phome_en.htm).

*Next Week: A special report on the growing crisis in the global Anglican Church stemming from the ordination of an openly gay U.S. bishop.*

on student scholarships, improvements to campus, career services, athletic uniforms, staff salaries, etc." In the upcoming fiscal year, the Campaign hopes to increase donations to the Houghton Fund from one million to 1.2 million dollars per year. Ultimately, the aim of the Campaign is to raise donations to \$1.5 million per year.

Students can lend support to the Campaign by both spreading the word about the Campaign to their friends and relatives, and giving small financial donations. While Annie Valkema acknowledges that, "Houghton understands it is asking for donations from students who are currently paying expensive tuition bills, buying books, and so on," she also hopes that if students feel led to give as little as \$2 now, their decision to give back to Houghton will carry over into the rest of their lives. Student donations can be given

through the Houghton Fund's "Drop in the Bucket" program, which takes place each spring.

Students can also support the Campaign in their prayers. They can do this by signing up to remember the Campaign in prayer on a specific day. Additionally, a prayer meeting is held in the recital hall of the Center for the Arts on the first Tuesday of every month, from 7:30-7:55 a.m.

To sign up to pray for the Campaign, students can visit the website [www.houghton.edu/campaign/prayer](http://www.houghton.edu/campaign/prayer). More information about the Campaign in general is available at <http://www.houghton.edu/campaign>.

## COMING SOON to the Ortlip Gallery

*Suite and Stanzas* will feature the paintings and sculptures of Jim Zingarelli, art professor at Gordon College. The opening will be Monday, November 3 at 6:30 pm. The exhibit will hang from that date until December 19. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

## GETTING TO KNOW ...

### Professor Heather Armstrong

by MATT THOMPSON  
STAR STAFF WRITER

**Age:** 27

**Single or Married?** Single

**Alma Mater:** Houghton College

**Hometown:** Lancaster, PA

**Favorite book:** It's not really a book, but T. S. Eliot's "Four Quartets"

**Favorite composer:** I could never choose one. Like all other artists, they each tell us something different. I need each of their perspectives at one point or another.

**Instruments played:** Oboe, piano, bassoon (a little)

**Favorite Bible passage:** Deuteronomy 33:12: "Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in Him, for He shields him all day long, and the one the Lord loves rests between His shoulders."

**How are you adjusting to the Houghton bubble?** It sure is a long way to anywhere!

**If you could go anywhere for a week, where would it be?** Europe

**Movie you can't wait to see:** *The Matrix Revolutions*

**Biggest pet peeve:** Slow drivers

**Best Halloween candy:** Candy corn

**Most memorable costume as a kid:** Bunny costume with big ears and a big cotton tail

**Is it possible to graduate from college in four years and still remain sane?** Depends on your definition of sane!



PHOTO BY NATHAN BOYD

# Town Council Prepares to Act on Survey Results

BY MELANIE MARCIANO  
STAR STAFF WRITER

The Town Council for the apartments and townhouses sent out a survey this month to gauge what kind of activities and services the students who live there are interested in. The survey and suggestions contributed provided the council with ideas for improvements and how to use their funds.

The biggest concern of students living in the townhouses/apartments (as indicated by 66% of survey participants and many of the suggestions) was the failure of the college to provide toilet paper and cleaning supplies. Since this is such a large concern, the council is pursuing changes that will provide more of these supplies and plan to let townhouse/flats residents know what supplies they are entitled to so that they can request them if they do not have them already. The supplies that should have been included and can

be asked for are: a mop, a bucket, a broom, a dustpan, a vacuum, vacuum bags, garbage bags (small and kitchen size), brown paper towels, a toilet

brush, rags, Spic 'n Span (in spray bottle), MopPac Lite 4 (Concentrated pH Neutral Floor Cleaner; yellow solution in little packets), and Germi-

cidal Detergent 4 (Concentrated Multi Purpose Disinfectant Cleaner; in little pink packets).

Other ideas that students showed interest in and that are being acted on by the council are bike sheds, a fire pit, and Christmas activities. The council is also exploring options to provide recycling bins for Randall, decorating in the apartments, and do more landscaping. Some top concerns that the council has not yet addressed are picnic tables (52% survey interest; second highest concern), movie nights (41% survey interest) and coffee houses (52% survey interest).



PHOTO BY NATHAN BOYD

Hey, residents: Want toilet paper? The Town Council is on it. In the meantime you can claim a mop and bucket, if your flat or townhouse does not have one already.

## Don't Forget!!!



Houghton's first-ever dinner theater performance will be coming up next week. Shows are on Thursday, November 6th, Friday, November 7th, and Saturday, November 8th. You can purchase your tickets this week in the Campus Center during meals. **TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED THIS WEEK!** If you have any questions, contact Bruce Brenneman at ext. 4610 or at [bruce.brenneman@houghton.edu](mailto:bruce.brenneman@houghton.edu).

## Quotable Quotes

"I couldn't help myself. My flesh was too strong. I just had to see *Buffy: the Vampire Slayer*."

-Dr. Paige, identifying with Paul's struggles with sin in Romans 7

"If God has a refrigerator, believe that your picture is on it."

-Dr. Walters

"People go see romance movies because there is no romance at Houghton."

-Dr. Stegen

"I'm going to be a black woman in my next life, preferably one that can sing like Lauryn Hill."

-Ryan Fennell (class of '06)

"Oh! She looks like a Pineapple!"

-Rebecca Cote (class of '05) referring to a girl in a bridal magazine from the Info Center

Have you overheard a student, professor, or staff member say something witty or funny on campus recently? The Star would love to take that quote out of context for the enjoyment of the campus! If you have quotes or quips, send them, along with the name of who said them, to the Houghton Star through CPO 378 or at [star@houghton.edu](mailto:star@houghton.edu).

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

With New Vision Week upon us, the question of the relevance of short-term missions will inevitably be a hot topic on campus. The Star would like to know your thoughts.

- ~ Are short-term missions a good use of finances?
- ~ Are they really mission trips; or are they more often glorified spiritual retreats?
- ~ How could the quality of these short-term ventures be improved?

Please email your responses to these questions (or other related issues) to [star@houghton.edu](mailto:star@houghton.edu) with the subject title "question of the week."

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## Glen Avery: Fit for Success

BY JOSH MILLER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Sunday, October 12th, Houghton College's director of instructional technology Glen Avery participated in the Boston Half Marathon, a 13-mile test of endurance. This run was the latest addition to Avery's list of competitive races, which includes marathons in Athens, Greece, Honolulu, Hawaii, and twelve 5K runs.

These athletic endeavors serve as benchmarks on Avery's quest for physical fitness that began as a personal running program two years ago. When his mother and two brothers were diagnosed with serious health problems, Avery realized that the apple probably didn't fall far from the tree, and he could be the next in his family to end up in poor health. So he started running. "In the beginning, I couldn't run very far; all I could do was walk a lap and run a lap," said Avery. "Then I started increasing my mileage."

After months of training, he began competing in 5K runs. Once these became routine, Avery started thinking about entering a marathon,

which to him was "the ultimate endurance test." He entered his name into the lottery for the New York marathon; but since his chances of being selected were slim, he searched for other possible marathons as well. In the midst of his research, he came across a marathon in Athens, Greece, that was on the same day as the New York race. This discovery appealed to Avery, a history buff, who thought it would be ideal to "do the original route that started this whole marathon movement" for his first one. So he and his wife went to Greece, where Avery ran his first marathon in spite of a sore hamstring. "I wasn't going to stop after all the work I had put in," he remarked.

Athens was just the beginning for Avery. A month later, he was in Honolulu, running another marathon. Since then, he's competed in many other races and has maintained a rigorous training program, consisting of three to four six-mile runs along with a ten- to twenty-mile run every week.

Through his exercise, not only has Avery's physical health improved; it has nourished his emo-

tional and spiritual well-being as well. "I'm more relaxed with myself, physically and psychologically," he commented. "My self-esteem is much better. I've learned about my limitations, physically and mentally.... [Also] spiritually it has changed me. I'm a born optimist. I have tended not to rely on God as much as I should. I figured I could solve problems myself. Over the last two years, I've come to rely on Him more for general strength and the basic things in life. I give Him more credit and I consult Him more now than I used to."

Avery's also grown closer to his wife in the midst of his quest for physical fitness. "She's my helpmate. It would be much more difficult on my own," he said. "In a sense, we are a team. She enjoys the experience too. She gets to go to all these interesting places. Sometimes she gets involved as a race volunteer."

Avery and his wife are far from finished in their pursuit of fitness adventures. Recently, Avery's been involved in mountain climbing, with his wife cheering him on from the sidelines, and occasionally accompanying him. This new activity was inspired by earlier conversations Avery had with his father, in which the two discussed scaling the 13,770-foot Grand Teton in Wyoming. Unfortunately, they were unable to do it before his father passed away, so Avery "decided to work toward that."

After two days of climbing school, Avery began the two-day ascent. "It was a phenomenal experience, emotional," he said. "When I got to the top and viewed 360-degrees around, it was incredible.... I dedicated it to my dad. In a sense, he was with me."

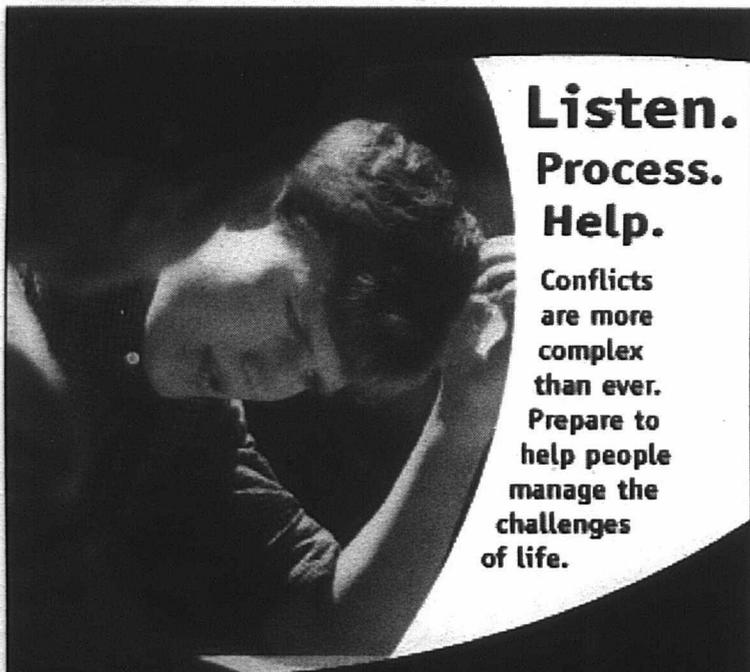
After this, Avery was hooked. "The experience of being on top of a mountain and seeing what God has created is fantastic," he remarked. He began to seek more 'mountain-top' experiences, and climbed Mt. Dana (13,053 ft.) in Yosemite National Park, Mt. Marcy (5,344 ft.) in New York, Mt. Mansfield (4,393 ft.) in Vermont, and Mt. Washing-

ton (6,288 ft.) in New Hampshire. He brought his mountain-climbing endeavors to a peak by scaling Mt. Whitney, the tallest mountain in the continental U.S. at 14,497 ft.

As was the case with his running, Avery grew mentally and spiritually through these expeditions. "On your journey up the mountain, if you don't turn around, you can't see where you've been," Avery said. "That's a beautiful sight in itself. My perspective changes every time I turn around. That makes it worth it to me. Some people don't see the beauty that's behind them. There's beauty all the way up, if you look around."

In spite of this, Avery noted that "Sometimes it's not fun. You're tired, but you find ways to make it worth it. The peak experience does that. In terms of life, it's the same way. You look at how far you've come. You see beauty in that. That helps you to keep going."

And Avery intends to keep going. "I would like to do a marathon on all seven continents and I would like to climb as many of the seven summits [the highest peaks on each of the seven continents] as I can," he said. In an effort to achieve these goals, Avery plans to enter the Gold Coast Marathon in Australia and climb Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, the highest peak in Africa, both of which should supply him with new experiences and new life lessons.



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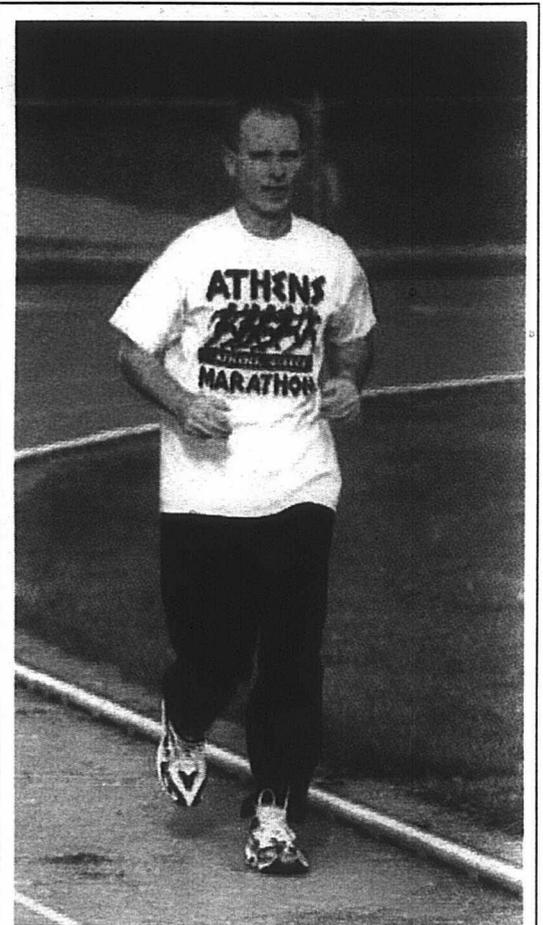
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Glen Avery, director of instructional technology, trains on the Houghton College track. Avery has completed marathons in Hawaii and Greece, and he's not stopping.

# Committee Makes Changes in Syllabus Policy

BY RACHEL BRASK  
STAR STAFF WRITER

Recently, the Curricular Review Committee of Houghton College revisited the syllabus policies, effecting several changes that will further benefit students. Dean of Academic Administration Carlton Fisher asked the committee to review the policy for the dual purpose of clearly addressing course objectives for the college's Middle States review, and to respond to complaints of professors not providing sufficient information on their syllabi "to allow a student to accurately know what was expected and when." If you or anyone you know has ever experienced this unfortunate occurrence, this comes as good news. The changes are meant to clarify a professor's expectations, and the department chair has been given the responsibility to oversee his or her department's compliance with the policy.

"Students should know," states Dean Fisher, "with as much clarity as is reasonable, what is going to be expected of them in a course and how the various tasks work together in the calculation of a grade." By enacting these changes, the Curricular Review Committee reminded professors that such a syllabus policy exists, what it requires of them, and why the policy exists in the first place. The main issue of contention in the CRC (which

consisted of professors and student representatives) was the degree to which a professor can change a schedule mid-course in response to allowing some flexibility in planning; but the changes were still adopted without dissent.

The full text syllabus policy changes are below, with omitted clauses in **strikeout** and recent additional changes in **italics**:

*Minimally*, the syllabus is to include:

1. Identification of course title, catalog number, instructor, department, credit hours *and semester or term.*
  2. Identification of instructor's office location, *office* hours, and campus phone number.
  3. A brief description of the course, usually matching the text of the college catalog
  4. The general objectives of the course *in terms of the significant desired learning outcomes for the students when possible, these should refer directly to the college mission statement*
- The significant desired learning outcomes:
5. The general arrangement of the subject matter, *including at least a rough calendar for the semester, specification of day and time of class during final week (as assigned in exam schedule) and the intended use of that time.*

6. Required texts and other materials.

7. *Course requirements, including major assignments and exams, along with due dates* [Old: **Major assignments and requirements**]

8. *Indication of how performance is to be measured, including grading procedures and calculation formula*

9. Attendance expectations and consequences of failure to comply with same.

10. *Any additional expectations of students that might have an impact on final grade.* [Old 8: **Expectations of student performance.**]

"By definition, a syllabus is a brief but comprehensive outline of the contents of the course. It is intended to give the students a very clear picture of the structure, assignments, and expectations for the course. Mid-course changes or additions should be minimal, and not adversely affect students via either the addition of unexpected work or the elimination of opportunity to improve their grades.

Each faculty member will prepare and maintain a current course syllabus for each course he or she is scheduled to teach. Two copies of each current syllabus must be submitted to the department chair before the first day of classes for each semester, and Mayterm, on the first day of the course. (If the full syllabus for a course is a complex and lengthy document, an abbreviated syllabus containing the above information may be submitted for this purpose.)

Department chairs will review syllabi sufficiently to ensure the inclusion of the required information, and will file copies of all divisional departmental course syllabi for the semester or other session with the dean of the college within seven days of the beginning of classes.

The dean of the college will maintain a general file of course syllabi for each semester or other session. These files will be available for review by Houghton personnel and concerned outside agencies.

## -- TECH CORNER --

by DAN PERRINE

### Random Tips #1

Yes, I know that last time I said that the next column (that'd be this one) would discuss video codecs and players. That's a complicated topic that I needed to do a bit of research on to make sure I provided you with the quality of information you've come to expect from me; but when I looked at the clock and saw that it was 4 a.m. and I was supposed to have submitted the article about five hours ago, I decided that I didn't really feel like doing research. Sincere apologies to those of you who were drooling with anticipation for an article on video players, but this time you get a collection of random tips to help you improve your computing experience.

Ever noticed that when you try to drag files, particularly programs, from one folder to another, Windows tends to create a shortcut to that program instead of moving it? And if you're lucky enough to have two hard drives, dragging files from one drive to another just copies them instead of moving them. A quick and easy fix to this is to hold down the "Control" button whenever you drag a file to force Windows to copy it to the new location. Holding down "Shift" will force the file to be moved instead of copied or made into a shortcut.

Occasionally, for no apparent reason whatsoever, your Taskbar (that's the gray bar across the bottom of the screen where the "Start" button is located) will disappear from view. This actually isn't a random event. A lot of things can cause that to happen, more than I care to list here. In order to get the Taskbar back, move your mouse to the bottom of the screen until the cursor changes into a resize icon, then click and drag upwards. Alternatively, you can use a rather long keyboard command: hit and hold "Control", then hit "Escape." Next, click and hold "Alt," then hit the spacebar. Hit the "S" key, then repeatedly tap the up arrow to bring the Taskbar back into view. Hey, some genius at Microsoft thought this up, not me.

A really handy application for dealing with music files is the dbPowerAmp Music Converter (<http://www.dbpoweramp.com/dmc.htm>). This program allows you to quickly convert large numbers of music files from one format (like the WAV format that they come in from a store-bought CD) to the much more compact MP3 format. The program also lets you add the "convert" option to your context menu (context menus are what pop up when you right-click the mouse), so you can right-click a music file, or select a bunch of them and right-click to convert them. dbPowerAmp is also one of the fastest CD rippers available, and it's completely free.

That concludes the first random tips/forget-to-write-an-article Tech Corner. Questions or comments email me [daniel.perrine@houghton.edu](mailto:daniel.perrine@houghton.edu).

## Top Ten

### Ways You Know You are Addicted to IM

BY SARAH KUZIONKO  
STAR STAFF WRITER

10. You wake up at 3 a.m. to go to the bathroom and check your IMs on the way back to bed.
9. You shut off your IM and get this empty feeling like you've just pulled the plug on a loved one.
8. You decide to stay in college an extra year or two just for the free internet.
7. You start introducing yourself as JohnDoe@aol.com.
6. You never talk to your mother; she doesn't have IM.
5. You IM your friend to ask when they're going to dinner...but it's your roommate.
4. You don't know what sex your three best friends are because they have neutral screen names and you've never bothered to ask.
3. Your boyfriend asked you out over IM, and you still haven't met him.
2. You're on "the patch"
1. Away message? Who needs an away message?

## CAB Presents Another Entertaining Evening

BY SHANNON CALLAN  
STAR STAFF WRITER

A good-sized crowd turned out this past Thursday, October 23, for the CAB-sponsored coffeehouse and variety show, which ran from about 7:30-10:30 p.m. The evening got off to a somewhat rough start as people seemed nervous about signing up to perform in front of other students. To pass the time and get the evening started, Mike Farrow, keyboardist and one of the entertainers for the transitions between acts, treated the crowd to his "worst-day-of-my-life story." It would have been worth going to the variety show for that event alone: a hilariously recounted story where you actually felt that the person was justified in naming it "the worst day" by the end, delivered with Mike's usual honest and comfortable stage presence.

It seemed that the theme of the evening was the guitar; there were more performances on that instrument than any other type of entertainment. One of my favorites was Jon Haley's piece, "The Other Side of Me," dedicated to his girlfriend and played with enough sincere emotion to make the whole audience say "Awwww!" Another outstanding piece was Chris Jones' rendition of what he called

"The Old Man Song," which featured simple yet pithy ballad-like lyrics and a great rhythm.

A surprising number of students were willing to sing a *cappella* to make their contribution to the evening, including a full quartet known as "Chuck and Friends." They all did an excellent job with what would seem to be a very intimidating type of performance. One that was unique was an original rap performed by a student which helped put the "variety" in "variety show."

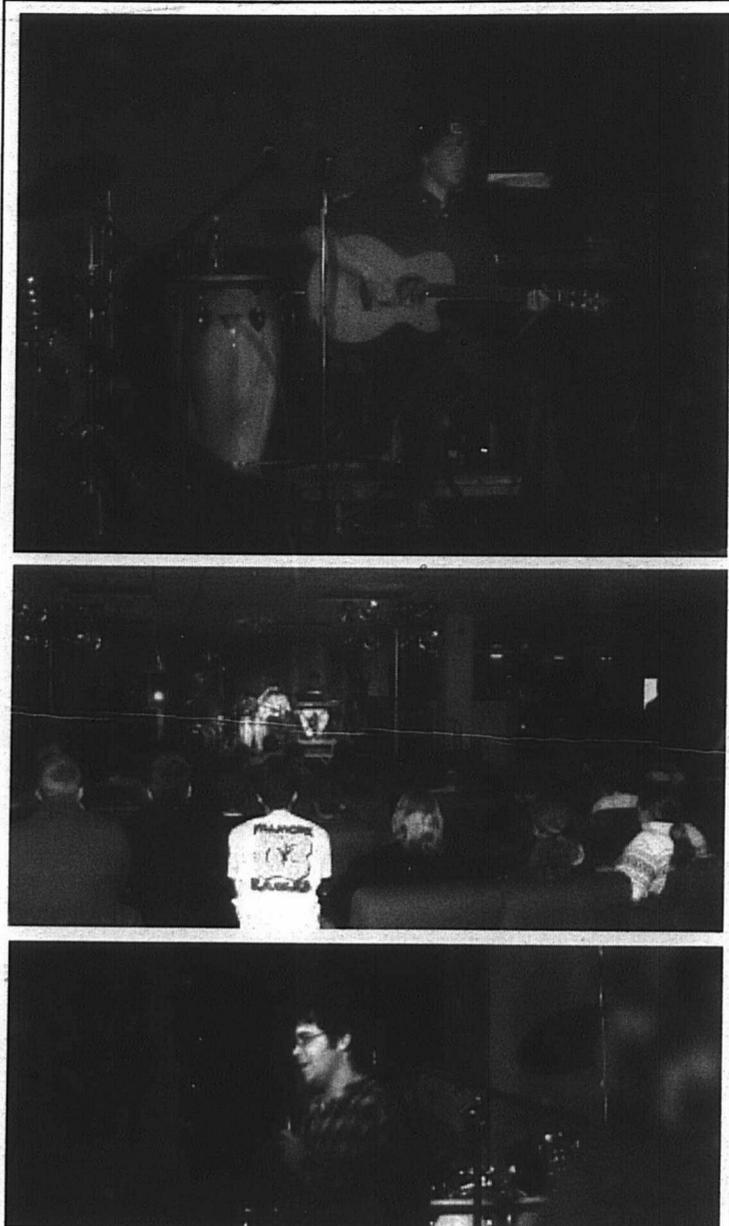
There were also a good number of poets in the crowd that night, with many readings of original poetry. The readings of the poems "Prayer" and "First Love" succeeded in highlighting the various strong images used. "Geniuses and Madmen" was read in a way that worked well with the unusual tumbling cadence the poem utilized. Also of note was the dramatic performance of Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven," in which the student did a great job of bringing out the subtle emotions of the piece, utilizing movement and building to the poem's climax.

Overall, the brave and talented student performers of Houghton College did a fantastic job of providing the campus with a variety-filled night of enjoyment.

### ATTENTION:

#### Car Window Damaged in Hit-and-Run

On Wednesday, October 22nd, Eila Shea's car sustained damage from an unknown source while it was parked in the lot between the Nielsen Fitness Center and the Stevens Art Studio. When Shea arrived on the scene, her right side mirror was hanging by a wire, and no one was around to claim responsibility. If you have any information regarding this accident, please contact Eila Shea at 567-8487, or email her at [elia.shea@houghton.edu](mailto:elia.shea@houghton.edu).



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from top:

Jesse Orton plays for the crowd at the CAB-sponsored, Mike Farrow-hosted variety show. Talent and courage were both on display as many students performed on the Campus Center stage.

Members of the crowd enjoy the evening of varied acts that ranged from bands to comedy to original rap.

Patrick Barringer approaches the open mic and takes advantage of a time in the spotlight.

## The Revolution is Here?

BY MIKE MORDENGA  
STAR STAFF WRITER

When it comes to worship albums, Sparrow Records is one of the front-runners in the music world. They are responsible for the powerful *Passion* series of praise music, which includes top-notch musicians such as Matt Redman, Charlie Hall, Chris Tomlin, along with many other famous worship leaders. Their latest album, *Passion: Sacred Revolution*, continues their pattern of success. The record covers songs performed at the *One Day 2003* conference. Worship leaders on this CD include Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Charlie Hall, Christy Nickels, Steve Fee, Candi Pearson and David Crowder. The title, *Sacred Revolution*, is a bit misleading. There is nothing revolutionary or new about the manner of worship in this CD. Then again, there was nothing that needed to be changed in the first

place. *Passion* starts off with the obligatory crowd roar and has 13 tracks of genuine worship. David Crowder has unique praise songs with "Stars" and "O Praise Him (All This For A King)." Matt Redman does a Christmas favorite with "O Come Let Us Adore Him" and a softer, humble song "Come Let Us Return To The Lord." Chris Tomlin has the catchiest choruses with "Holy Is The Lord" and the energetic crowd pleaser "Not To Us." Perhaps the most memorable song is Charlie Hall's "All The Earth" which flows with a twist of energy and passion. Steve Fee, Candi Pearson and Christy Nickels provide the filler for the album with their catchy songs "Sing To The King," "Knees To The Earth" and "Revolution Cry." Their songs aren't as memorable as the others, but they work. This worship album is a welcome addition to any worship ministry or home collection. There is nothing groundbreaking or

experimental in this CD, but *Passion* gets the job done, leaving the listener with a degree of satisfaction. Even the song names have the traditional words: holy, praise, blessing, king, earth and name (you can't find a worship album without these titles). The songs range from high-energy jumping-around tracks to slow-paced, heart-felt, swaying songs. There is a lot of repetition in the lyrics, which explains why the album is over 70 minutes. I recommend this CD to worship CD

beginners and true fans of the *Passion* series. Anyone looking for a "sacred revolution" in worship music should look elsewhere.



# AUSTIN TIME

The Advice/Chris-Says-What-He-Wants-to Column

BY CHRISTOPHER AUSTIN  
PROGRESSIVE STAFF WRITER

This Week's Topic:  
**HOW 'BOUT THEM APPLES?**

Today we are going to deal with the topic of things and throwing. Here is the question:

*"How can we prevent people from taking fruit from the cafeteria and throwing it at animals or rolling it down the South Hall hill?"*  
- Unidentified Person

This is a tough issue to handle, I'm afraid; but I think we can conquer it. My teachers used to say that when you need to think of something, you can perform a neat trick with your mind called "brainstorming," so I will do that. Brainstorming is when you take a piece of paper and write down everything that comes into your head pertaining to the issue at hand, placing them in large bubbles to increase readability.

Ok. I have brainstormed a bit, and I have a few bubbles. Bubble #1: Build a guard tower at the top of South Hall's hill. This can be manned 24/7, with a searchlight for nighttime hours, and perhaps some non-lethal stun weaponry. When someone goes to let the apple roll or takes aim at an innocent squirrel, reinforcements will be called in to apprehend the perpetrator. Bubble #2: Level off the hill and relocate all animals from out of Houghton's vicinity. With nothing to aim at and the loss of potential energy as a source of entertainment, I am convinced there will be no more throwing. Bubble #3: Get rid of the fruit. I don't even like fruit. It isn't fattening enough. Maybe if fruit tasted like a good chicken-finger sub dipped in hot sauce with provolone cheese and hot peppers, I would keep it around. But lets face it, fruit doesn't taste like subs. It tastes like Kool-Aid in solid form. And a lot of the time you have to peel it too. That's just annoying.

On a more serious note (as if anyone believes me) I do think that throwing fruit is a waste of food. Not that I am one to talk-I waste more than my share of food in the cafeteria every day. So maybe if we all cut back a little on wasting food, the world, and maybe even Houghton, will be a better place. When you are about to take 2 apples to throw, perhaps you should stop and think "Hey, I really only need to throw one apple." That, my friends, is progress.

Sadly, I have yet another throwing issue to discuss today. It has come to my attention that there was a group of freshmen who thought it would be fun to throw water balloons at people they didn't even know. Let me tell you, naive little freshmen, that is not fun. It is about the same level of fun-ness as having your computer reimaged, or getting pushing-in sickness, or falling out of your bunk bed onto some tomatoes. Instead, I have a better idea of fun. Next time you get the urge to douse someone you don't know, take yourself to the nearest faucet and stick your head under it until your thirst for trouble has been quenched. This way, everyone wins. You win because you nailed someone with water, and everyone else wins because they didn't get wet.

Key words of the day are **don't** and **throw** and **things**. I think they are pretty self explanatory. But I don't want to end on such a sour note, so some more key words are **have a nice day**.

## EDITORIAL

### They Don't Print Your GPA on Your Diploma by Chris Stanley

Well, it's the Midterm: a time when everyone begins to take a long hard look at where they stand with their grades in their classes. A time that causes unnecessary stress and fear. Don't worry about it.

When I become stressed about failing something, or even doing poorly, my father reminds me that a GPA is not included on a diploma. Does this mean that we should all abandon our "burn-the-midnight-oil" work ethic? Nope. It means that a B isn't the end of the world. Neither is a C. If you bomb a test or blow a homework assignment, don't worry. All you have to do is work a little bit harder next time, but don't beat yourself up. Rather than spend all your time worrying about failing something or stressing out about classes all the time, take a few moments to appreciate the little things on campus. For instance:

On a clear day, you can go up to the top of the ski hill and watch some pretty decent sunsets.

The Houghton Creek is one of the coolest places to explore; walk it sometime and see what you can find.

Appreciate the squirrels and chipmunks that scurry around us. Here's a funny story: I was walking down the hill past South Hall one day when a chipmunk tumbled down the side of the embankment next to where I was walking and landed right square in front of me, its cheeks packed with food. It took one look at my giant foot, spit all the nuts it was carrying onto the ground, and dove back into the brush, all the while making noises I never knew chipmunks made. I've never laughed so hard in my life. So take the time to watch for what these little guys do; they are often some of the funniest things.

Take some time to appreciate the little bonuses that Pioneer makes for us. I am personally a big fan of "donuts and cider" week. Don't waste time complaining about the food; that only makes it taste worse. Just think, if your parents had to cook for a thousand people, it wouldn't be five-star cooking either.

Soak in the smells. Now, granted, there are some smells you don't want to soak in...and I'll leave it at that...but I do enjoy the lobby of the NAB. I don't know why...it always seems to have that "clean" smell to it.

Close your eyes in the middle of a solo or a School of Music performance. We've got some pretty amazing musicians here at Houghton, and sometimes the music sinks in deeper if you close your eyes and let yourself be overrun by it.

Buy yourself a fish. For less than ten dollars, you can have some pretty easy amusement just by watching fish in a bowl for a half hour...it also hypnotizes you, which is another kind of excitement altogether...

Anyway, the idea is that we're coming up to the "stress point" in the semester. We're all going to start to hunker down on our work. We're all going to start pulling all-nighters if we haven't already. Don't let it stress you out. If you blow it now and then, it's okay. They don't print your GPA on the diploma.

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## Cross Country Team Finishes Regular Season Strong

BY KATY SYKES  
STAR STAFF WRITER

The Houghton Highlander cross country team finished its regular season meets at Cornell this past Friday. Although many of the athletes were still struggling with season-long injuries and several competitive teams, the Highlanders were able to fight it out and finish strong. The team will continue on to the regional AMC

championship this coming Saturday, where they will vie for an opportunity to go to nationals.

The weather made for an ideal day of cross country running. While many of the athletes hoped for personal records, the course contained one killer of a hill that slowed their times. Nevertheless, many of Houghton's team members enjoyed the course and did the Highlander name justice.

There have been many "hills" that the team has had to conquer this season, including an unusual number of injuries and illnesses. Plagued by everything from tendonitis to twisted ankles, the team has struggled but persevered; and many of the athletes hope to come back stronger for the next season.

Among the teams competing this past weekend were Ithaca, Keystone, Baptist Bible College, Cornell and

several unattached athletes. Houghton's Chris Buell came in 3rd for the men's 5-mile, breaking up Cornell's powerful, front-running pack. Larry Petry, Dave Austin, Shamari LaCour, and Ryan Fadden followed as the Houghton men's top five competitors. Katy Sykes, Emily Munro, Juliana Allport, Jenny Gerrow and Alicia Henry were Houghton's top five women.

## Kathie's Kitchen



This week's recipe is for a Popcorn Cake, a favorite of mine. This makes a great birthday cake or just a snack for watching TV. It is also great for mailing since it is very light weight. And it can be a tasty treat for a Halloween party.

Here are the ingredients you will need:

2 packages microwave popcorn, popped  
1 can peanuts, cashews or mixed nuts  
1 big bag M&M's (I use plain, but whatever you want)

Put the above ingredients in a big bowl.  
Then boil the following for 1 minute:

1 cup white Karo syrup  
1 tsp. cream of tartar (in the spice section of the store)  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 tblsp. butter

After boiling, add 1/4 tsp baking soda. Let foam up, stirring. Pour over the popcorn mixture. Press into a well-buttered angel cake pan. Let it sit in the pan for 1 hour before removing. Break off pieces and enjoy.

### HIGHLANDER athlete of the week



Kirsten Nelson / middle hitter, volleyball

Nelson, a junior middle hitter from Tokyo, Japan has earned the honor for the second time this season after leading the Highlanders to three AMC North Division wins on the week. She tallied 22 kills, 13 digs, and nine blocks in a 3-2 win over conference-leader Daemen on Tuesday. She followed that with 24 kills, six digs, and four blocks in a 3-0 win over Point Park, and finished the week with 35 kills, nine digs, and four blocks in a 3-2 win over Ursuline on Saturday. She averaged 6.23 kills and recorded a .307 kill percentage on the week.

## Florida Marlins Win the World Series

BY JOSH MILLER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After two grueling seven-game League Championship Series, the New York Yankees and the Florida Marlins emerged victorious to challenge each other in a battle of the old (New York) versus the new (Florida) for the World Series crown. After an initial Marlins win, the Yankees came back to take the next two, and it seemed as if the underdog Marlins

were outmatched. However, just as they surprised the Chicago Cubs by recovering from a three-games-to-one deficit in the League Championship Series, the Marlins rallied and took the next three games from the Yanks, winning the World Series four games to two. Marlins' pitcher Josh Beckett was named Series MVP after his impressive five-hit shutout in game 6.

For more extensive coverage, log on to <http://sports.espn.go.com/mlb/playoffs2003/series?series=flanyu>.



AP PHOTO

MVP Josh Beckett (center) and the rest of the Florida Marlins celebrate their 4 games to 2 World Series victory over the New York Yankees in Yankee Stadium.

## HIGHLANDER SCORES

FIELD HOCKEY				
Tues.	21	ELMIRA	W	2-0
MEN'S SOCCER				
Tues.	21	POINT PARK	W	12-1
Sat.	25	GENEVA	W	2-0
WOMEN'S SOCCER				
Sat.	25	SETON HILL	W	7-0
VOLLEYBALL				
Tues.	21	DAEMON	W	3-2
Sat.	25	POINT PARK	W	3-0
		URSULINE	W	3-2

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
Fri., 24  
Cornell University (John Rief Memorial)  
**WOMEN:** 3 of 4  
Top Finisher:  
Katy Sykes, 15th (21:04)  
**MEN:** 2 of 4  
Top Finisher:  
Chris Buell, 3rd (27:05)