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Jimmy Johnson Visits Campus

Jason Poole

As I walked up the stairs to the cafeteria on Thursday, September 11, it was just 2:30 - the appointed time. There he was, leaning back comfortably in his chair by the window - sunlight highlighting his features, contrasting the shadows of the room - talking intently to a student. I wasn't surprised. One of the most appealing qualities that Jimmy Johnson has is his approachability and the ease at which one feels when speaking to him, or even being around him.

The student, apparently realizing the time and how quickly it must have elapsed, hurriedly piled up his dishes with his unfinished lunch and scurried away. And in the very large, empty cafeteria (except for the table-wiper) we were now alone.

I suddenly felt foolish, sitting there with my tape recorder. What was I doing, wasting the time of this man of God, with such a seemingly petty thing as an interview? I was sure he had better things to do. I stumbled over my words, apologizing for my tape recorder and trying to thank him for coming. He saved me from further embarrassment by cutting me off - "Let's just talk," he said.

And talk we did. I suddenly understood how the student had easily lost track of time. Here was a man who had seen so much of life and had so much wisdom to give. He has been married for almost forty years and in ministry for that long as well - a pastor in five churches, a traveling evangelist for seven years, and is now district superintendent of the Delta district of the Wesleyan Church (including Alabama, Mississippi, and



Louisiana.) As a father of two and grandfather of three, Jimmy Johnson has experienced so much more than I. Yet he did not talk down to me or make me feel inferior to him in any way. I was his equal, and what I had to say was important. He didn't want to tell me how to live my life or solve my problems - he just wanted to share with me what God was sharing with him.

Often during our talk he'd laugh, as serious as he was, seriousness is not all there was. He had an incredible peace about him. His calmness helped me to forget my busy day for an hour or so. And his eyes - they pierced me. When he looked at me, I felt as if he were peering into my

soul. I often found myself looking away because I wasn't quite sure what he was seeing.

Nevertheless, in all of this, I was struck by his humanness, his vulnerability. He wasn't perfect, and I knew that. But in the hour I spent with Jimmy Johnson, I really believe I saw glimpse of Jesus.

We knew what he preached about. We were there. And if we weren't we can easily get the tape series. But what about what he thought - what was important to him - who he is? I had the privilege of being able to "pick his brain" for a little while to try to find out. So now, for a glimpse of Jimmy Johnson, here are some excerpts from our conversation...

(Above photo Jimmy Johnson by David Peterson)

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Houghton Church Staff Grows

Pastor "Lenny" Changes Positions

Jen Crawford

The Houghton Wesleyan Church recently hired Leonard "Lenny" Luchetti as their Associate Pastor/College Ministries Pastor. This position was created as the village church realized that the Houghton students have many needs that the church could meet. In this position Pastor Lenny will be dividing his time between pastoral care, preaching, administration and college related ministries.

Three new programs have been established since the creation of this position: a Sunday school class for college students, home - sweet - home groups, and a College Ministries Committee. The College Ministry Committee will be made up of students and administration for the purpose of praying for the students as well as brainstorming activities and further ministries.

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Swanson Accepts Youth Position

Jen Crawford

When the Houghton Wesleyan Church gave Pastor Lenny Luchetti a new position in the church, they then needed to fill the empty role of youth pastor. This was done by hiring Pastor Paul Swanson, 24, of Marion, Indiana.

Paul graduated in May from Indiana Wesleyan with a bachelor's degree in Christian Ministries and History. This is his first ministry position since graduating, but while a senior at IWU he was the youth pastor of a small church in Fairmount, Indiana. Although this experience helped prepare him for his new position, he believes his greatest asset for the job is "having grown up in an awesome youth group."

Paul felt the Lord calling him to youth ministries while a freshman at Indiana Wesleyan. He also has aspirations for the mission field,

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Faculty Welcomes

Dr. Sims and Dr. Jensen

Krista Adlhock

Perhaps some of you have noticed a new face in the English department. Maybe you've seen him in Dr. Wardwell's office and wondered what he was doing there, or maybe you have him for a class. The face that I am referring to is that of Dr. James H. Sims, the newest addition to the English faculty here at Houghton College.

Dr. Sims is filling in this year for Dr. Wardwell, which explains his presence in his office. While Wardwell is in London with the Honors program, Sims has stepped in to teach Shakespeare and English Literature.

With over 30 years of teaching experience, Dr. Sims brings a wealth of knowledge to the classroom. His last teaching position was at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he also served as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Though he retired in 1995, Dr. Sims has returned to the classroom because he missed his contact with students. Without the student interaction, Sims felt that his mind wasn't working as well. When offered the opportunity to teach at Houghton for a year, he was quite excited at the prospect of being involved with students once again.

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Sergio Mazza

What makes a man come out of retirement so he could teach at Houghton College? One simple answer. "I love being here," says Dr. John Jensen one of Houghton's newest additions to the faculty this year.

Dr. Jensen is a proud graduate of the Houghton class of '51. After graduating he went on to teach in high school, spend two years of service in the army and finally receive a doctorate in history from the University of Pennsylvania. In 1964 Dr. Jensen moved to Hamilton, New Zealand where he taught first at Massey University in Palmerston South and then at the University of Waikito, in Hamilton.

Even now in retirement Dr. Jensen keeps very busy. He participates in the New Zealand Army Educational program and is a senior official in the National Party, (about the equivalent to the U.S. Republican Party). Two of his five children share his love for politics and hold senior positions in the New Zealand government bureaucracy.

When asked how it feels to start a new teaching job, he compared it to being a freshman. "We need to find out how the school works." Houghton provides him with various

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Retreats Offer a Chance to Relax

First Year Intreat

Melanie Hess

Question: How does a brand new freshman class plan a class retreat in four days?

Answer: They don't; they let the staff do it for them.

This year's freshman class was no exception. Their first meeting as a class took place on Saturday, August 30, and retreats were scheduled for the next weekend. The class was told about Intreat, the freshman class activity for retreat weekend. So while the upperclassmen headed off to their respective campsites, the freshmen began Intreat.

The freshman first challenge was to find the South End. This mysterious location was designated as their meeting place, but no one seemed to know where it was. Someone finally discovered that the south end meant the south end of the cafeteria, and eventually all the students that signed up for Intreat arrived.

After a devotion led by Pastor Lenny and a time to reflect on goals, the Intreat participants set out on a Bigger and Better Hunt, the goal of this hunt obviously being to find something Bigger or Better than what they started out with. The groups were given a paper clip and sent out to bring back the biggest and best things that they could find. After receiving offers of pets and siblings, the groups returned with their treasures. First prize went to the group who returned with a couch and second prize was given to the group who brought home a working record player and cleaner, along with many Christian

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Sophomores*

Leonard Manny Kin

I got to meet some classmates I never knew before and I thought that was pretty neat. I thought it was really special when we started roasting marshmallows and singing praise songs. "If I had to bet the farm on it I would say it was the campfire that brought the class together," says Margeret Vanderhoff, Vice-President of the Sophomore class. Margeret was overheard saying she wanted to put together some finger sandwich platters for the next retreat. So bring your napkins.

Junior Class

Jason Bedford

This year's junior class retreat was held at Camp Odosagih at Lime Lake. Approximately sixty juniors attended. The class bonded in praise and worship sessions and were ministered to by Tim and Cathy Trezise. The message that the Trezises came with was knowing the will of God, something that everyone was seeking. They took turns speaking and offered wisdom from their experiences in their walk with God.

The weather was beautiful and there were things for everyone to do. Sailboats, paddle boats, and canoes were some of the ways students enjoyed the lake. Others just jumped in and swam across. In the evenings there were bonfires and time to just hang out with people that you know you will rarely see once the school year gets underway.

Senior Class

Tara Smalley

This year's senior retreat emphasized the search for God's will and the calling upon our lives. The speakers, Mark and Karen Sasse, have been missionary teachers in Vietnam for the past three years. They gave great teaching on trusting in God to provide for their needs and to give them a heart for missions. The message of the weekend applied to us as seniors with all of our uncertainty of the future. God used them to speak to and challenge many of us. The fellowship times throughout the weekend, especially the bonfires, not only brought us closer as a class but also as a body of believers. Over all the retreat was relaxing, and in talking to participants, everyone had a great time. Special thanks to the staff at Camp Asbury and the Brennemans as they helped make the weekend flow smoothly without any complications. The class cabinet also worked hard to make the retreat a success. We all will miss the opportunities to come together as a class as this was our last, but hopefully we will not forget the memories that have been created. This year's retreat was a wonderful beginning to our ending at Houghton.

***The names have been changed to protect the identity of the innocent. No animals were harmed during the writing of this article.**

Technological Advances?

Ward Mesick

The school has been experiencing several large and sometimes traumatic changes in the computer network. Will Krause, head of the technology department, explained that there were three large changes in the school's system. The first is the laptop program, which everyone has known about for some time now.

The second big change is implementation of Groupwise to replace Eudora as the mail server. Mr. Krause says that this was done because Groupwise can do for the college what Eudora could not.

"With the old system, you had to have a different log-in process for everything that you wanted to do, while with Groupwise you only need to log-in once and then you can continue. You also get an integrated package that allows you to use a calendar and scheduling system with your e-mail."

The third big change was the decision to switch to a print center in the campus center basement instead of having printers in every lab like last year. Mr. Krause explained that the major reason for this change was that a lot of paper was being wasted. The budget for paper has gone up nearly \$8,000 over the past two years.

"That's because many students will print out e-mail and then read them in the labs just to throw them away and people will print out a five or ten page paper and then proof read it and then throw it away and print another copy," Mr. Krause said. He believes that if people have to make a trip from one of the labs to the center they will be more likely to read their papers well the first time.

One unexpected change was decided upon very near the beginning of this school year. Mr. Krause decided to change from a remote boot system to a hard disk system. Unfortunately due to several problems, including the UPS strike, things were started much later than planned. And now that the new hard disks are in, some people have been daily changing the command files on various computers, causing serious problems. However, Mr. Krause feels sure that the majority of problems are at an end. He says that there will be more changes over the next three to four months, but nothing as serious as what we have seen over the past few weeks. With the firewall up and running we should be safe from outside influences that might try to disrupt our system and we should be able to get back to the normal college life with operational computers as a daily part of our college experience.

Students Study in London

Oliver Gingrich

This fall, the first participants in the Houghton in London program arrived in England where they will remain for the fall semester studying a variety of general liberal arts courses designed for the upper-level students. The twenty-five juniors and seniors who make up the program chose their schedule from a variety of options including courses in History, Humanities, English, Bible, Political Science, and Art. Taught by Houghton professors Dr. Cameron Airhart and Dr. Jim Wardwell along with several British faculty, the classes will meet in the Institute for Contemporary Christianity, located within walking distance of where the students will be staying in London's West End.

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Housing Review: Waldorf House

Jim Roberts

Many of next year's juniors and seniors may already be looking at off-campus housing options, one of which is Waldorf House, a lady's house which faculty advisor Dr. Stewart calls a "study house."

Each student is expected to attend regular meetings of all the girls in the house to discuss a movie, a book, or something that they all have in common. For this semester, for example, they are looking at a short novel called *Mariette in Ecstasy* by a Christian author named Ron Hansen. This gives the girls "something in common," according to Doctor Stewart, and increases the study-friendly atmosphere of the house.

Unlike some other housing options, Waldorf House has requirements beyond those that SDO sets. Each applicant must read the special "Walldorf[sic] House" application and submit it to Dr. Stewart for consideration. Incidentally, according to the application, "Walldorf" is the correct spelling, dating back to an old advertisement when "Walldorf House, best hotel in Houghton" cost only one dollar a day. Yes, the rates have gone up.

The application states that the house is intended to be a study house "specifically tailored to stimulate and enhance learning." This means that loud music is not acceptable and TV's are not allowed in the lounges without the permission of the house advisor. According to several of the house's residents, these rules are not as etched in stone as they might at first appear.

"This is a house for mature, adult students who can, hopefully, work out differences," said one resident.

The house is "a grand old house," according to Dr. Stewart, and certainly has a long history at Houghton. It is equipped with a full kitchen, two full-sized refrigerators, two lounges, three bedrooms and other amenities.

The house's large size and advanced age may cause some problems for residents. Infestations of bugs and mice have been reported by some, incidents that Dr. Stewart blames on the relatively close quarters and "lamentable deferred maintenance."

The house is owned by the college and since Houghton College owns quite a lot of property it is not possible to perform large-scale maintenance on all the buildings on campus due to budgeting constraints. Dr. Stewart feels that the building is "definitely structurally sound" but needs a paint-job and believes that cleaning up some of the clutter in the basement would likely reduce any vermin problem. For now, the students have set a few traps and are looking into buying a housecat.

Many residents, or at least those with cars, have noticed some parking problems. Waldorf shares a driveway with Dr. Stewart who insists that parking "is permitted only on the left side of the driveway in front of Walldorf[sic.] or on Route 19". Residents can also park in "the Brookside lot or in the lot across from the fire hall." Any cars owned by students must have a valid parking sticker.

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Lenny cont.

The college and young adult Sunday school class is called "High Impact" and meets at the Houghton Firehall at 9:40 every Sunday. This class is led by Pastor Lenny.

The home - sweet - home groups are small group Bible studies led by college students in community members' homes. These groups meet every two weeks for an hour and a half, from 7 to 8:30pm. At the college activity fair on September 4th nearly eighty students signed up to be in a home - sweet - home group. Luchetti is expectant that the number will grow as the groups commence.

The vision the Houghton Wesleyan Church has for the Houghton students is that the students will realize that they are not only welcome, but also wanted as the church seeks to provide a church home for the students. Lenny's personal goal is "to challenge students in a deepening relationship with Christ" and help the students "connect belief with behavior."

Lenny Luchetti graduated from Houghton College in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in religion. He has been the pastor at the Belleville Wesleyan church for two years, and been youth pastor at the Houghton Wesleyan church for a year. He is currently engaged to Houghton senior Amy Pulis and they are planning a May 1998 wedding.

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records. The third prize went to an 8-foot bird feeder, and honorable mention was given to the group who returned with a toilet. (Some groups thought that the group with the toilet should have won.) After the Bigger and Better hunt, the groups shared around root beer floats and climbed the climbing wall until late into the night. As a result, only four people made it to the games on the quad on Saturday morning, but by the afternoon the participants had gathered to hear a message by Dr. Paul Young. Some words used to describe this address were "enthraling" and "captivating." Dr. Young spoke about things to remember and things to forget as the freshmen make a new start at college. The freshmen spent the rest of the day making themselves sick at a Food Olympics and in the evening they went bowling, which was described by many as the best part of Intreat. Intreat ended with a campfire and s'mores on the ski slope. "At first people were thinking they shouldn't have come, but by the end they were having fun," said Jill Whitten.

Abby Johnson summed up her time at Intreat by saying, "Once we got the toilet I was happy."

Letters from London Thoughts from a Houghton Student Abroad

Adria Willett

I turned 21 this summer. Supposedly I have reached adulthood. However, I'm still a teenager in many ways; in fact, I sense keenly my distance from adult maturity. For example, I worked long hours as a waitress this summer. I battled my desires to quit and be free, to hike, read, and sleep as much as I wanted. Yet I knew that such an act would be irresponsible, for even now I have bills to pay. "You mean, all the rest of my life I have to earn some sort of living whether I like it or not?" the teen still in me questioned. Despite such ignorance, my young adult mind sizes up the big

questions: vocation? car? home? marriage?

This paradox crystallized during a one week missions trip to Tijuana, Mexico. My brother and I went along with a high school youth group to serve as their interpreters. I found immediately that I was stuck between two extremes. I wasn't part of the high school group anymore. Sure, I got along with them, but I felt, well, older. I found myself doing things like asking them to be quiet after "lights out." But I wasn't one of the adult leaders either. They lumped me in with the "kids." I was involved in leading

the children's Bible school, but the mothers didn't consider me old enough to have my own children.

Good grief! Am I a teenager or am I an adult? Neither. Rather, I'm suspended between, in my own sphere, where the adult is slowly stepping out of the child. In this column I hope to discuss the insights, struggles and issues of this sphere, a common place for the majority of the Houghton community.

(Adria Willett is a senior writing major with a Bible minor. Her column will appear in each issue of the STAR.)

Houghton Establishes London Program

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Thoughts Over Coffee

Jen Crawford

My sister recently echoed a phrase I journaled during eighth grade for a student teacher: "You can be a Christian without going to church." I remember when I enthusiastically agreed with that statement, and yet knew nothing of the Lord and having a personal relationship with Him. These were some of the loneliest times in my life.

As I began to search for an analogy, a picture of a lone tree emerged in my thoughts. It has nothing to shelter it; the wind and rain beat upon it directly, and during the first lightning storm it would be destroyed.

However, a forest is much stronger. Not all trees survive, but together they are stronger against the wind and the rain, protecting one other. As they grow, their roots deepen, then intertangle and nourish each other. When one dies, the

others take from it to build another in its place. It is not forgotten, rather it lives on through the other trees of the forest.

The lone tree dies and no one mourns its loss. There will be nothing that grows from it or replaces it. It is gone.

How true this is with the Church. We help each other, protect against the storms of life, nourish one another, help the wounded and remember those gone by using their influence to bring another to glorify the Lord.

The believer who says he does not need the church, the fellowship of the body, is as the lone tree. There is nothing to protect him from the storms of life, no one to rely on, no one to nourish him and encourage him. And when that one dies, he will leave nothing for future generations to glorify the Lord.

Highlander

Winona Houser

On Sunday, August 17, 82 first-year students arrived on Houghton campus, continuing the Highlander program tradition. In the opening dedication service, program director Bob Smalley stated the "highlander challenge"- growth inwardly, outwardly, and upwardly.

It is probably safe to say that all those who participated experienced that growth in some measure. The ten-day program included about one week of backpacking in northern PA, rock climbing and rappelling in Canada, time at the Houghton College ropes course, and a solo camping experience. Outward growth was an obvious result of about 12 strangers being grouped together in a setting requiring cooperation. Group problem solving and support became vital in the elements of the rope course and rock climbing. Required reading as well as time for personal Bible study or journaling focused on the

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Thorns and Thistles ANNOUNCING MY, ITS, THE PRESENCE ?

John Osae-Kwapong

The story is told of a student government association president, not from Houghton College if I may add, who believed that to give his announcements and speech a lot of credibility, he always had to start with the statement "According to the president of the college...". He had been doing this for a while until one morning, the students decided to respond to a statement they had grown weary of. Just as he made his usual statement, the students burst into loud applause accompanied by boos and jeers. What was to follow was an embarrassing dilemma for the president. Thinking he had all this while been using the wrong preposition after the word according, and for fear of intimidation and respect for his high office students had managed to contend with it, he quickly made a change. And from one change to another, severe applauding and boos from the students, the president ended up having made embarrassing opening statements like, "According from", "According by", "According within" etc.

It has always been my practice to write articles with titles and as I thought of one for my maiden in The Star, I found myself in a similar dilemma. This was because I had this desire to outdoor the birth of my column and wanted a title befitting the occasion.

My first choice instantly was 'Announcing My Presence' which I thought of as a very great one. Then on second thought my readers came into mind. Whose presence will they perceive as being worthy of announcing in the college newspaper? Maybe the writer felt he had gone unnoticed after weeks of being at Houghton and the opportunity of writing in The Star was a chance to send this message across "Hey folks, I'm around." On the other hand it could be the column personified and thus having the ability of announcing herself.

Unable to settle over my confusion de-

spite good explanations I had come up with, I began fumbling just like the SGA president. I do not know how I came up with 'its' and 'the' after the word 'according'. With the question mark however I hoped to draw sympathy from readers wanting to criticize me as a writer who did not know the language but would rather pardon me for my confusion.

Although I could not get definite with the title, I succeeded with the name I chose to call the column-which happens to be "Thorns and Thistles." My worries about this name had to do with its implications. It is common knowledge that thorns and thistles connote an idea or association with pain, and with regard to this column I am very sure everybody was going to link appearing articles to attacks and constant criticisms. The next danger was helping people reaffirm their hostility towards the press as I have always referred to them as 'an enemy of the people' although I do acknowledge their notoriety in some instances. I will deal with press freedom and censorship sometime.

Well "Thorns and Thistles" is the fruit for my creativity and an emulation of the examples of great columnists back home and whom I admire so much. Kwesi Yankah wrote 'Woes of a Kwatriot' in the 'Saturday Mirror', Dornu worte 'Politicus' in the 'Ghanaian Chronicle'. These columns dealt mainly with socio-economic and political issues, tended to have some thought provoking argumnets but provided food for thought for many Ghanzians caught in the world of apathy.

'Thorns and Thistles' I trust will be a very friendly column for readers who believe strongly in the responsible exercising of the first amendment and in divergent opinions on everyday issues which the column will be dealing with. Finally, it will surely be open to abjective and constructive criticism.

Stay alive folks, and keep reading!

Maris' Vision The Fiery Chariot

Jim Roberts

On September 19th, Rich Mullins, songwriter and musician extraordinaire died in a car accident. A number of people I talked to seemed very upset that he'd died so suddenly and so tragically, but I can't include myself among them. Any time I start to feel sorry that this man of God is no longer with us, I'm reminded of how he wanted to leave this world: "When I leave, I want to go out like Elijah/With a whirlwind to fuel my chariot of fire." He died while driving to a concert, dying doing what he seemed to do best, bringing the word of God and his love for music to anyone willing to listen.

His death came only a week after the death of two other "celebrities", Princess Di and Mother Teresa. I don't think his grandeur can compare to Diana's, nor can the sheer volume of his witness compare to Mother Teresa, but I found myself more profoundly affected by his death than that of the other two. It wasn't just because I saw him in concert, it was because he was the one who seemed really accessible.

During the concert last year we watched him laugh, sing, play a wide variety of instruments, joke with members of the audience, make an impassioned plea for the suffering victims among the Native Americans, heard him pray and listened to stories about his life. He wasn't perfect; he didn't even try to be. He just sang a few songs and left me feeling glad that he'd come. I didn't suffer a spiritual epiphany that night, I didn't rush up to the altar rail, I just enjoyed the fellowship of believers and the music of a man who knows how it should be sung.

I will miss Rich Mullins, but I won't mourn him. As one editorialist put it, "when a princess dies, all the world mourns; when a saint dies, all heaven rejoices." Rich Mullins was a saint and now he's finally where saints belong.

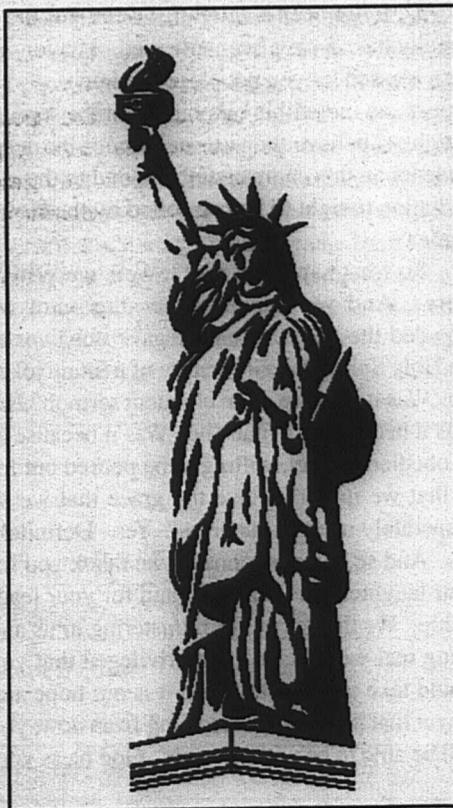
I'M NO PATRIOT

Aaron Noll

American nationalism is a peculiar phenomenon. I am referring to the kind of sentiment in many Americans characterized by pride in their culture, government, and history. According to Webster's Dictionary, a patriot is a person who loves, supports, and defends his or her country.

The United States federal government has moved in one direction throughout its history. . . centralization. Since the birth of the U.S., politicians and bureaucrats have been exploring new ways to twist and warp the meaning of the U.S. Constitution to funnel more power to Washington and away from states, localities, and, most of all, individuals. From the national bank to the Civil War to the military drafts to the modern welfare-state in which the central government is now more powerful than ever. The Constitution, once a well-intentioned outline for limited government, is now supportive of unlimited, omnipotent government. The familiar line "life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness" bears no resemblance to my present condition.

I am annually forced by the State, which has boundless coercive power, to pay income taxes. I did not personally vote for an income tax nor do I approve of how the money is spent.



I am, therefore, a slave. For a portion of my time each day, I am being forced by the State to work for its financial gain. There is little effective difference between the Southern slave overseer of the 19th century and the IRS who to forcibly extracts my money; both are brutal and immoral.

The State has placed itself on a moral pedestal. In addition to the right it now claims to settle disputes between individuals, it has also claimed the right to regulate the personal morality of its subjects. I am referring to those actions taken by individuals that do not affect or injure anyone else. The State has no right to regulate my viewing of pornography, my smoking of cigarettes, my consumption of cocaine, or my right to commit suicide if I choose to do any of these activities.

I will not "love, support, and defend" any country that continually commits these atrocities and unethical acts. The State is continually oppressing me, trying to force me into its mold of the perfectly submissive citizen. I will not "love, support, or defend" the U.S. government or any other political establishment. I will "love, support, and defend" my personal liberty and natural rights.

Jimmy Johnson Interview

ON CLEW...

JASON: *Have you felt that this week (CLEW) has gone well for you?*

JIMMY JOHNSON: Personally, yes, at least based on the response of the students. I don't think I have ever been on a campus where the response has been so immediate. It felt incredibly positive, even on Monday. The very first time I shared, the student body was really alive. I am very pleased; in fact, sometimes you go in and it's really hard sledding for the first two or so days, then you really work hard at just having people see you as being authentic and transparent and that it's for real. It's been quite the opposite this week. And, when it's the other way, you go, "Lord, please help me, help me, help me - what can I do?" But when it's been so incredibly positive, you keep praying, "Oh, God, don't let me mess this up - where do I go next? What do I do now?" Yeah, I'm impressed. I really am impressed...The student body really wants something special from their relationship with Jesus. I really feel that. And so, I'm looking forward to see what God does tonight (the last night of CLEW). I really am. (laughs).

ON GRACE...

J: *Maybe you could say a little bit about where you've come from...*

JJ: Well, I come out of the church, of course, but basically a very rules-oriented walk in my younger years for many years. Everything was determined by how well you kept the rules. And I learned that after my study, particularly in the book of Galatians, that legalism is anything that is required of you that God doesn't require AND the person who requires it is a legalist. The bad part about that - and I lived through this personally - is that you never know when enough is enough. Because, after you've done everything the people who live by rules want you to do, they change the rules.

There's always something else - and I never quite knew when enough was enough. That truth and law and word must be tempered with grace so that you understand {that} we're saved by grace. We are controlled by the Holy Spirit by grace. I entered a point in my own walk where I realized that if I'm healed, if my heart is healed, it will be by grace. I cannot be good enough or do good enough to demand that God heal me. So if I'm healed - where I'm coming from these days - it will be by grace.

J: *How long did it take you to come to that point?*

JJ: Oh, boy, you know, I think I'm still coming to that point (laughs).

ON FACING DEATH:

JJ: As I've shared this week I am just now feeling that I'm getting over my fear of death. And that's nice. To be able to rest and go, "Hey, here I am. And even if I've messed it up, I'm still Yours." And that's okay.

J: *How has your perspective on things changed (since having to deal with death as a*

result of his heart condition) - has it changed at all?

JJ: Oh my, yes. The change is that instead of fearing death, I'm beginning to see death as the angel of God - the final angel in my life, humanly and earthly speaking, who shall usher me into His presence. Now that changes your whole perspective. If death is going to be the angel that translates you into the presence of God, then it certainly should not be feared. And that's the change that has taken place in my life right now. I am getting victory over that feat of death because of my perception of death. I should think that the step from the present as we know it to eternity as we know it should be a very small step (chuckles).

J: *Has overcoming a fear of death changed the way that you live your life? Do you think that if we could all learn to overcome a fear of death that we would approach life differently?*

JJ: I think two things about that one. I think I have become more consciously aware of God's presence in my life on an every day basis in the ordinary things in life. Number two, I think that it gives a sincerity to the fact that if this were the last time I were going to be with you, I'd want to make sure that I took advantage of that - not in the sense of taking advantage of the person, but to utilize the time to the best of my abilities and skills to make sure it counted. So that is there. But, at the same time, it is not there to the extent where everything has to always {have} this super-serious spiritual dimension. It overflows into the social dimension and the mental dimension as well - where I can relax and be myself and yet walk away feeling that "that was good. That was good." And that's a nice, nice place to be (chuckles).

IN CONCLUSION...

JJ: It has been a delightful week for me - it really has. I have been affirmed. I have been blessed by you people. And I do expect...an incredible outpouring in the service tonight. I believe the vast majority of the students on this campus will respond to the invitation tonight to be controlled by the Holy Spirit.

So what happened next? Well, we WERE there. And we crowded the stage and we crowded the aisles. And we gave our lives to the Holy Spirit. Was it because of a funny joke? No. Was it because of an eloquent sermon? No. Was it because of a man? no. Was it because of an obedient vessel, willing to be poured out for us that we might receive the grace that we so desperately need in our lives? Yes. Definitely yes. And so, Jimmy Johnson, we thank you for your laughter, for your love, and for your leadership. We thank you for ministering to us and being real with us. We are privileged that you would take time for us. And it is our hope and prayer that perhaps, not too long from now, you will be able to be with us again. God bless you.

Sims cont.

Dr. Sims' love for literature is obvious, as he has published many books. He hopes to communicate this love for literature to his students. Though he realizes that many of his students already hold a great appreciation for literature, he seeks to help them apply intellectual analysis so that they can better understand literary works.

Since their arrival in Houghton, Dr. Sims and his wife Elizabeth have felt quite welcome. The faculty has been very friendly to them and has gone to great lengths to help them feel at home, even donating furniture for the house they are renting.

After many years of teaching at state colleges, Dr. Sims is happy to be teaching at a Christian institution again. He views the spiritual dimension as a huge encouragement in working with students.

When asked for his favorite author, John Milton was offered without hesitation. Dr. Sims appreciates Milton because of the strong and unapologetic Christian that he was, and feels that he used the Bible effectively in his poetry and prose. Shakespeare is another favorite, which is quite appropriate for the professor of a Shakespeare course. His love for both of these authors is supported by the fact that he has published books on both of them, some of which can be found in the college library.

We are very glad to have Dr. Sims on campus with us. He will be giving a series of lectures this year, with the first being on October 9, entitled "Shakespeare and the Christian Reader." All are welcome to attend.

Swanson cont.

but believes these two desires compliment each other rather than contradict. During his short time at Houghton he believes "the Lord's call on my life has been strengthened."

Swanson's desire for the youth is that they come "to know the Lord in a real way." He believes this will happen when they have examples to this in their lives, and begin "to apply their head knowledge to their hearts."

Paul lives in Filmore with his wife Bethany and their two miniature dachshunds.

Jensen cont.

orientations to get him acquainted with the school and faculty.

Dr. Jensen is impressed with Houghton's faculty and the doctorates they carry. To him not only did they have an impressive educational background but they also have a great concern for the future of the Houghton student body. He compared Houghton to the schools he taught at as a visitor in Denmark, saying they both have a more personal touch. They also provide you with a well-rounded education that best prepares you for a post graduate education.

"He really cares about us understanding the material and not just getting us to pass the course," says Sharon Scott a first year student in his Western Civilizations class. Dr. Jensen believes that in order to succeed at Houghton students should get to know their professors and go to them when they need help. When you have a problem, do not just sit there. You have people here that want to help you. Dr. Jensen is certainly a valuable addition to Houghton College.

Student Government

Since getting back to campus, the Student Government Association has been gearing up for a very busy year. We have been setting up the office, preparing both the SGA Cabinet and the SGA Senate for the coming year, and brainstorming about ways of fulfilling our goals for this year.

This year, the SGA plans to have regular office hours from 12:30 to 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. Though we may occasionally need to close the office during this time, we will try to have a Cabinet member in the office at these times, as well as a few hours in the mornings and evenings. Please feel free to drop in to ask questions, to look at the newly renovated office, or just to chat.

The weekend are the class retreats, the SGA Cabinet went on retreat to beautiful Mariposa, just up Centerville Road. Last Saturday, the Cabinet held a Senate Orientation Session for new and returning senators. At this highly successful meeting, the Senators got to know each other better, brushed up on their parliamentary procedure, and brainstormed about issues and problems.

In the first several Senate meetings of the semester, the Senate has been mainly concerned with housekeeping tasks. The Senate appointed Anne Strauss as Parliamentarian, Mary Bialy as Executive Assistant, and approved the new slate of CAB Directors for this year.

Several positions still remain open for student representatives to college councils and committees. The openings include:

- One opening on the Academic Policies Council, which meets from 3:30 to 5:00 every other Wednesday.

- One opening on the Committee on Opportunity, Equity, and Diversity and

- Two openings for men on the Sexual Harassment Resource Council.

Please contact a senator or the SGA office (x211) if you are interested in serving on any of these committees.

World News

Jim Roberts

(Moscow) More trouble appeared aboard the Mir space station Monday. Mir's central computer went down again and a mysterious brown cloud appeared outside the Russian space station. Space officials say the cloud could be an indication of a fuel leak. NASA officials say the two Russians and one American on board are not in any danger.

(Amman, Jordan) A gunman firing from a car shot and slightly wounded two Israeli security guards Monday in Jordan's capital. The Israelis opened fire on the fleeing car, wounding at least one occupant. Jordanian security officials said the guards were on routine inspection duty.

The attackers, who apparently were Jordanians, then fled, said another security official. He said several arrests had been made, but gave no details. In the Lebanese capital, Beirut, the AP received a fax claiming responsibility for the attack by the Jordanian Islamic Resistance, a previously unknown group. There was no way to verify the claim, which Jordanian authorities said may be fake.

(Melbourne, Australia) In a rare, 25-hour operation, surgeons in Australia reattached the face of a woman after a farm machine tore much of her scalp and face from her head. The 28-year-old woman from Shepparton, in central Victoria state, had virtually her entire face and scalp ripped off when her hair caught in machinery in a milking shed on Sept. 16. Surgeons are confident that most of the face has been successfully reattached, and that the woman will look much as she used to with the exception of scars around her eyelids and chin.

(Algiers, Algeria) An armed group killed 53 civilians in a bloody raid and then mutilated and burned the bodies, a newspaper reported. The civilian massacre took place in Beni-Slimane, a village about 40 miles south of the Algerian capital of Algiers. There was no claim of responsibility for the attack, which followed clashes between Algerian security forces and armed Islamic militants on Friday and Saturday. Witnesses and independent newspapers reported 19 militants died in those raids.

(Warsaw, Poland) Leaders of the Solidarity party claimed a surprise victory over the governing ex-communists in parliamentary elections Sunday. The group of parties tracing its roots to the trade union that ousted the communists in 1989 won at least 33% of the vote, according to exit polls for Polish television. The governing Democratic Leftist Alliance, the former communists, trailed with 27% of the vote. Final results are not expected until Wednesday, but exit poll results sparked a celebration at Solidarity headquarters in Warsaw.

Stanwood, Wash. - A 17-year-old boy faces charges in the brutal beating death of a 12-year-old babysitter. The girl was watching five children at a neighbor's home Saturday night when police say the boy apparently entered the house through an unlocked door. Police say the victim did not know the boy, who has a long history of arrests and who appeared to have been trying to burglarize the home.

(San Francisco) West Coast communities, particularly those in Southern California, are preparing for the effects of a new El Nino that rivals the destructive 1983 version in both size and intensity. Scientists say the warm Pacific Ocean current will change weather patterns across the country, likely causing droughts and flooding worldwide.

Alzada, Mont. - The Pentagon is trying to determine why six military plane crashes have occurred in the past week. The latest is an Air Force B-1 bomber that went down in Montana Friday, killing all four crew members. The bomber from the 28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. was practicing low-level maneuvers on a training mission over the Powder River Military Operating Area.

Highlander cont.

inward and upward goals, and were supplemented by small group discussions.

The thirty-hour solo provided the most intensive introspective time. Each Highlander was alone for two nights and a day. "The solo was a spiritually eye-opening time for me," reflected Kristi Sahli. "Out in the wilderness it was just God and me. I felt like God was telling me to make sure others know I'm a Christian by the way I act; and I recommitted my purpose in life to God."

Neil Stauffer felt that the rock climbing was also an inward time, as the nature of the cliffs challenged each climber to search within and challenge their own limits. Rappelling down a 110 foot cliff, as well as climbing vertical rock, was a catalyst for trust in your belayers, your spotters, and perhaps most importantly yourself.

The ropes course forced each group to cooperate and communicate as well as stretching each individual. "It taught me the importance of perseverance and team encouragement," commented Holly Zerbe.

Highlander was an experience that stretched its participants physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Blistered feet, wet sleeping bags, rationed food, frustration at self, others, and God-the list of challenges would be endless, but so would the list of things learned. "I kept reminding myself that pain is momentary, but these memories are forever," concluded Holly Zerbe.

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CAB -- OCTOBER EVENTS

Tuesday, October 7 th	COFFEEHOUSE - Presser Hall 9:00 - 11:00pm	FREE
Friday, October 10 th	MOVIE NIGHT - "Dante's Peak" - Chapel 9:30pm	\$2.00
Wednesday, October 22 nd	CONCERT - Plankeye & Guests 8:00pm	\$7.00
Friday, October 24 th	COFFEEHOUSE - Presser Hall 8:00 - 11:00pm	FREE
Campus Activities Board	LOOK FOR MORE EVENTS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE STAR !!	

Highlanders Take on Defending National Champions

Nate Reimer

So far this year the men's soccer team has done more good for themselves than actually winning games. With a record of 4-3 it would seem that the Highlanders are off to a shaky start, but looks are not always as they seem. The men's toughest match came just last weekend against defending national champions Lindsey Wilson College. The game went into two overtimes and ending on a penalty shot. The final score was a 1-2. Head coach Dwight Hornibrook commended our squad for a hard fought match as did the opposing head coach. "The Highlanders deserve more than a loss for today's performance. They gained a lot of respect in the nation today," stated Lindsey Wilson College's head coach. Dale Schuurman also noted



from his observation of the team's effort, "We equaled Lindsey Wilson in every aspect of play. We proved that we can not only attend the national tournament, but we could also win." The other loss this past weekend was primarily due to poor weather conditions. The game, which should not have been played at all, came down to a contest of equipment that the Highlanders were not prepared for. The two upcoming games are at home and the Highlanders are ready for two more wins, so spectators should expect some good soccer. They play Westminster College, Friday at 4pm and St. Vincent College, Saturday at 2pm.

Some updates on injuries that we all need to keep in our prayers are the following: Nigel Fabien and Mike Cox.

Highlanders Defeat National Champs

Denise Dunkle

On Saturday, September 20, 1997 Houghton's field hockey team did what many once thought was impossible. Through much determination, the team defeated the 1996 NCAA Division II national champions, University of PA at Bloomsburg.

The game started out sluggish for the Highlanders. After Bloomsburg scored the first goal a few minutes into the first half, Coach Hornibrook called a time out. When play resumed it was as if a whole different team was on the field. The Highlanders began to dominate the play and with about ten minutes remaining in the half, senior captain Nora Griffiths scored. "It was nothing spectacular," said Griffiths. "Everyone was poking at it and it eventually went behind the goalie, then I just hit it in."

In the second half the teams took turns dominating, but neither were able to get the ball in the goal. After seventy minutes of regulation play and the score tied at 1-1, the teams entered into sudden death overtime. Houghton's speed and intensity was no match for Bloomsburg. A corner set up the goal for the Highlanders about three minutes after the start of overtime. Junior co-captain Linda Peric received the ball and passed to sophomore Kristen Embich who took a shot. The shot was saved but freshman Kristen Dorsey was there for the rebound and pushed the ball to Griffiths who scored her second goal of the day.

"To win was awesome," said Griffiths. "Our hard work paid off." But it was not just the team's effort but also the coach's. Griffiths credited the win to Coach Hornibrook, who in the past three years since she has been at Houghton has built the field hockey team to be what it is today. Peric describes the team as being "the strongest we've ever been, its not only the skill level of the players that makes us good but their person. We are meshing not only on the field but off the field as well."

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Houghton Athletes Travel in Style

Jennifer Greggo

Houghton Sports teams will no longer be crammed into Houghton vans when traveling to away games. Instead, BlueBird buses will chauffeur them to any games that require a significant amount of traveling time. The soccer teams are now taking advantage of this new contract between Houghton and Bluebird and team members seem happy with the arrangement. Erin Warren, a junior and co-captain of the women's team commented, "It is certainly more comfortable this way and more relaxing. Yet it doesn't create the same sense of team unity that being crowded together in two vans provided." Other team members feel they would rather enjoy the space and leave the team bonding for other occasions.

Several interesting circumstances have come out of this new travel situation. First, the men's and women's soccer teams shared a Bluebird a few weekends ago as both teams headed to Ohio to face Walsh University. This was the first time the teams had traveled together and it provided a unique time of bonding between fellow soccer players. The women served as enthusiastic fans cheering the men to victory as they defeated Malone College 2-1 on Friday of that weekend. The men tried to return the favor on Saturday before suiting for their own game, but apparently cheering from the sidelines did not come as easily for them. Nevertheless, Houghton proved victorious in both the men and women's games that weekend with the women defeating Walsh 2-0 and the men winning 2-1. The following weekend the women's team took advantage of the extra room provided by the buses to get some sleep. The one day trip to Messiah College began at 6:30 am and the team returned late that night. They somehow managed to defeat Messiah 1-0 in the midst of 10 hours of travel that day. The men were not as fortunate on their trip to Kentucky this past weekend as they lost two tough matches to Lindsey Wilson College and Baker University. On top of this, they nearly encountered mishap on the return trip as the driver was overcome with exhaustion. After a two-hour delay waiting for another driver, they did finally return safe and sound. All in all, it seems the buses allow for more than just extra room and comfort to Houghton teams; they have already added their own spark to the memories collected for the 1997 soccer seasons.

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Volleyball off to Successful Start

Pete Fekete

Earlier this season Houghton women's varsity team has had many surprises. That can be expected with its added dynamics since last year. Last year's team was second in the region, but this year they have lost five starting seniors.

"What does this mean for this year's team?" I asked Head Coach Nancy Cole and new assistant coach Becca Crouch.

"With two recruits and incoming freshmen this was thought to be a rebuilding year; but with our standing record of 6 and 1 and the winning outcome of our tournament I'm excited" said Nancy. "I feel things can only get better for us, as our consistency increases and people begin to know what to expect from each other," said Becca. The quality they've proven already is they don't give up. This weekend they struggled with Seton Hill into the fifth game, but lost. However, that same weekend they defeated St. Vincent with some scraping and "never say die attitude" instilled by their team captain Allysia Hanson.

Allysia Hanson, like a Phoenix, has risen from a senior year spent on the sidelines from a knee injury. It would have been her last year, but after successful surgery she has come back to lead this young team as the reigning veteran. Allysia's goals for the team she said are "to be Christ centered and possess team unity". A very important element she said is "the close spiritual bonds created in the team Bible studies". Allison Chubb (starting for her first time as the setter) is the firestarter of the team and controls the plays on the court. Unlike last year (when they had one dominant player, April Stone) the ball is passed around utilizing all strong talent in the starting lineup. This creates the team's spontaneous edge. The starting lineup consists of strong side hitters Linda Shea and Hannah Young. The weak side and middle hitters are Amie Fells, Allysia Hanson, and Allison Roberts. All of these starters are supported and given depth by eight players on the bench. (Rigel McKee, Dana Norton, Ruth Stone, Kristin Gurley, Carla French, Amanda Young, Julie Levak, Sarah Coords)

This weekend outside of Pittsburgh P.A. they play Geneva and Westminster, both tough rivals. Next weekend you can watch the blend of players that creates this remarkable team's special spirit and talent. The first game is Friday Oct. 3rd at seven at night before the Homecoming Bonfire and the second is Sat. at one in the afternoon.



Women's Soccer vs. Georgian Court
photo by Doug Burns

Kathie's Cooking Corner

Kathie Brenneman

Let me introduce myself. I am that Info Center woman with lots of phone numbers and free snacks...sometimes. I love cooking and recipes. My husband Bruce and I have been caterers. If you have a recipe or food questions, feel free to call us at 567-2577.

This week's food topic is Kraft Macaroni and Cheese, which most of us chow down frequently or occasionally. When I was a student in my Senior year here at Houghton, my friends and I ate so much Kraft Macaroni and Cheese (yes, it was invented - even way back then!) that I hated it for about 10 years after college.

So here are some suggestions to add to or change somewhat the taste of this great boxed dinner.

1. Saute a large onion, chopped and 1 lb. ground beef or ground turkey. Drain and add to prepared macaroni and cheese.
2. Add a heaping tablespoon of mayonnaise or sour cream, 1 can drained chicken, turkey or ham. Add 1 can Deerkee's French Fried Onions.
3. Saute an onion and add 1 can tuna drained.
4. A Darryl Robbins' special is to add catsup and mustard to make a tasty addition.
5. Add Philadelphia Cream Cheese or grated cheddar cheese.
6. To make a cheesier flavor buy a container of Kraft Cheese at the Market Basket. It is in a blue container and labeled for Macaroni and Cheese.
7. Saute chopped red and green peppers. Add some salsa and a sprinkle of cumin to make a Mexican flavored supper.
8. Other additions: Sauteed mushrooms, pizza sauce, spaghetti sauce, Hunt's tomato sauce, tomato soup, fresh chopped tomatoes, black olives, any left over meat, cooked bacon, peas, or broccoli.

Macaroni and cheese can be a very economical meal. Treat yourself to some of these additions for a tasty change, and enjoy!

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Top Secret

Keep your pants on; this is not a repeat of last year's blown-out-of-proportion gossip extravaganza. Rather, it is a mere attempt to let all students know exactly what's goin' on at H.C. To all of you who are quick to point a finger, we'd like to point out that all people who are featured in this article have granted permission for the use of their personal lives for the pure sake of your entertainment.

Joel Worden cruised back to Houghton in style behind the wheel of his brand new, bright red Honda Civic. (After all these years, Worden remains an eligible bachelor. Go get him, girls!). Also in the Honda family, Holly Glanzman's new toy is a jet black Accord. Scott Sedley is keeping up with this Junior tradition as he learns how to drive stick in his new-to-him Civic. (...if you can't find it, grind it, eh Sedley?...) Call Bob Livolsi when you get stuck in the snow; we're sure his Jeep Wrangler can tow you out. No, Betsy is not Mike Brisson's new significant other; it's the name of his Plymouth Horizon. If his good looks won't get the girls, Matt Francis's new black Acura Integra should do the trick. Rob Teague and Drew Swenson returned with death wishes, in other words, new motorcycles. (Hey Teague, aren't you on the Allegany County's most wanted list for moving traffic violations)? Dale Schuurman returned to campus with a new Toyota 4x4 and a fiancée, (Liz Nies), so we guess Joe Diffie speaks the truth when he sings, "...there's just something women like about a pickup man."

Once again, in the grand tradition of Houghton College Seniors-to-be, there are several new brides-to-be. It wasn't just the change in altitude that caused Amy Pulis' dizziness, but rather the marriage proposal she received from Lenny Lucetti high atop a ferris wheel at Hershey Park. Jason Milne wasn't full of it when he made Lisa Young a "crock of love" with a diamond ring at the bottom. (Ask Milne...) It wasn't just the food that was hot that night, when Josh Murtie asked Jen Christian to marry him after a meal prepared by Murtie himself. Claire Thayer gets to put her artistic talent to work as she plans her December wedding with hubby-to-be Mike Freace. Joe Vanderway used the beautiful setting of the Houghton College campus to entice Amanda Renna to marry him. Also using the beauty of the outdoors to his advantage, Ben White asked Jen Kahoud to marry him while working together this summer at a camp.

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Two Fall Releases In Christian Music

Let's Review

Jars of Clay

Tim Graffam

Though Jars of Clay's self-titled album was widely accepted and very popular in the Christian music market as well as the secular market, I have always found them to be a bit overrated and not quite all they're cracked up to be. That having been said, one would understand my lack of excitement towards the release of their latest offering to the music industry, "Much Afraid."

With the single for the song "Crazy Times" having been released a good two months before the actual album, people had a taste of things to come. The song is good, turning out to be on the CD. "Crazy Times" has a new, different, heavier sound to it than songs in the first CD; yet maintains the sing-along-ability that was so rampant throughout the first disc. Unfortunately, that does not hold true for many of the other songs on "Much Afraid."

The opening song, "Overjoyed," tries very hard to live up to its name, but comes off sounding forced, like it was done for the sake of getting another CD out. It's too bad that many of the songs on the CD end up giving me that feeling, as if they were released before their time. The second song, called "Fade to Grey," is one of my favorites on the CD, with a catchy tune and singable chorus. The problem is the plastic and hollow sounding drum machine utilized in the song. After seeing them live twice since their first CD's release, I

thought they had graduated permanently to a real drummer, but I guess not. "Tea and Sympathy," the best of the numerous slow-tempoed songs, accented nicely by lead singer Dan Haseltine's heart-felt vocals and some none-too-difficult, yet highly effective guitar work. The next song is "Crazy Times." From there on out, the CD just spirals downward in a whirl of arduous and dull songs that left me just plain bored.

I must give credit where credit is due. The lyrics on this CD are intelligent, spiritual, and very meaningful, possibly to the listener, and obviously to the author. The words come across strongly as well thought out and pieced together with great skill. Also, the production on "Much Afraid" was very well done, making for a smooth, well balanced record.

Admittedly, the young men of Jars of Clay's preference in music is not quite my style, though I still enjoyed the music of their debut. To try to put it in perspective, I find the best songs on "Much Afraid" would be considered average if on their debut. Ben, with superb lyrics and production as well as a strong vocal effort by the singer, a lack of creativity and an extremely dull and rather boring musical approach is, in my opinion what did this record in.

Coming soon - Ghoti Hook's "Bananaman"

Plankeye's "The One and Only"



Supertones

Tim Graffam

Seven young men, suits, ties, and sunglasses, serious, expressionless, seen in black and white and standing in a rigid row. This slick yet sullen image graces the cover of the sophomore effort by the O.C. Supertones, entitled "Supertones Strike Back". And strike they do.

For those already familiar with The Supertones by way of their debut album, "The Adventures of the O.C. Supertones," don't be deceived by a record label change from Tooth and Nail Records to BEC Records and a slicker sound. A quick flip to the more fittingly outrageous back cover of the compact disc reveals the only thing that the fun-loving band from Orange County, California, has gotten too serious about is their love for and proclamation of faith in Jesus Christ. To The Supertones, being too serious about anything else is the real joke.

The first few thunderous bars of the opening track, "Supertones Strike Back," marks a triumphant return to Christian modern-rock arena, dually helping familiar fans get reacclimated to a new, more polished sound, and introducing themselves to first time listeners of their bouncy, high energy style of music known as "ska." Essentially, ska (at least The Supertones style of ska) can be described best in the following manner: Add a horn section to a punk band, mix in some funky upbeat and rhythms on occasion, and play your heart out. What is created is a highly danceable, hyper-kinetic hybrid that truly rocks. Think of The Supertones as praise and worship party music.

The music may be fairly simple, but it's the tightness in play and especially the meaningful, heartfelt, yet highly understandable lyrics. There is no deep masking of

concepts on this record. Rarely does the lyrical content of their songs stray away from a focus on the Father above. On songs such as "Resolution," "Louder than the Mob," and "Grace Flood," the members of the band deal with the shortcomings of their own humanity, including doubt, lack of focus on Christ, and feelings of unworthiness. Other songs, including "Perseverance of the Saints," "Like No One Else," and "Tonight" proclaim an understanding of God's unfaltering love as an unrepayable gift for them and that through the Lord, their faith will remain strong until the day they see Him face to face.

The two standout tracks on the CD are "Unite" and "Little Man." "Unite" deals with lukewarm Christians and fence-sitters so prevalent in churches today. It calls for all Christians, no matter what denomination, to unite in Christ. "Little Man" is a condemnation of materialism in today's world and a reminder to themselves that the band they are in is a ministry all to the glory of Christ, and not for themselves. The chorus simply says / Oh, let my pride fall down, I'm a little man /.

"Supertones Strike Back" is 11 tracks of fun and high energy music to dance, celebrate, and party to, but also serves as an honest and true to life reminder of what living for Christ and keeping a strong faith is all about. It is a wonderful mix of the sounds and the Spirit. The Supertones are one of the premiere acts in Christian modern rock scene, and their message of Christ is loud and clear. That message of Christ stated so plainly is becoming more and more rare these days, setting them apart from most acts on the current scene. I would highly recommend picking up a copy of "Supertones Strike Back," my pick as best Christian CD released this summer.

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The Toilet Police

By Dave Barry

If you call yourself an American, you need to know about a crucial issue that is now confronting the U.S. Congress (motto: "Remaining Firmly In Office Since 1798"). This is an issue that affects every American, regardless of race or gender or religion or briefs or boxers; this is an issue that is fundamental to the whole entire Cherished American Way of Life.

This issue is toilets.

I'm talking about the toilets now being manufactured for home use. They stink. Literally. You have to flush them two or three times to get the job done. It has become very embarrassing to be a guest at a party in a newer home, because if you need to use the toilet, you then have to lurk in the bathroom for what seems (to you) like several presidential administrations, flushing, checking, waiting, flushing, checking, while the other guests are whispering: "What is (your name) DOING in there? The laundry?"

I know this because I live in a home with three new toilets, and I estimate that I spend 23 percent of my waking hours flushing them. This is going on all over America, and it's causing a serious loss in national productivity that could really hurt us as we try to compete in the global economy against nations such as Japan, where top commode scientists are developing super-efficient, totally automated household models so high-tech that they make the Space Shuttle look like a doorstep.

The weird thing is, the old American toilets flushed just fine. So why did we change? What force would cause an entire nation to do something so stupid? Here's a hint: It's the same force that from time to time gets a bee in its gigantic federal bonnet and decides to spend millions of dollars on some scheme to convert us all to the metric system, or give us all Swine Flu shots, or outlaw tricycles, or whatever. You guessed it! Our government!

What happened was, in 1992, Congress passed the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, which declared that, to save water, all U.S. consumer toilets would henceforth use 1.6 gallons of water per flush. That is WAY less water than was used by the older 3.5-gallon models the toilets that made this nation great; the toilets that our Founding Fathers fought and died for which are now prohibited for new installations. The public was not consulted about the toilet change, of course; the public has to go to work, so it never gets consulted about anything going on in Washington.

But it's the public that has been stuck with these new toilets, which are saving water by requiring everybody to flush them enough times to drain Lake Erie on an hourly basis. The new toilets are so bad that there is now—I am not making this up—a black market in 3.5-gallon toilets. People are sneaking them into new homes, despite the fact that the Energy Policy and Conservation Act provides for—I am not making this up, either—a \$2,500 fine for procuring and installing an illegal toilet.

I checked this out with my local plumber, who told me that people are always asking him for 3.5-gallon toilets, but he refuses to provide them, because of the law. The irony is that I live in Miami; you can buy drugs here simply by opening your front door and yelling: "Hey! I need some crack!"

Here's another irony: The federal toilet law is administered by the U.S. Department of Energy. According to a Washington Post article sent in by many alert readers, the DOE recently had to close several men's rooms in the Forrestall Building because—I am STILL not making this up—overpressurized air in the plumbing lines was CAUSING URINALS TO EXPLODE. That's correct: These people are operating the Urinals of Death, and they're threatening to fine us if we procure working toilets.

The public—and this is why I love this nation—is not taking this sitting down. There has been a grass-roots campaign, led by commode activists, to change the toilet law, and a bill that would do that (H.R. 859 The Plumbing Standards Act) has been introduced in Congress by Rep. Joe Knollenberg of Michigan. I talked to Rep. Knollenberg's press secretary, Frank Maisano, who told me that the public response has been very positive. But the bill has two strikes against it:

1. It makes sense.
2. People want it.

These are huge liabilities in Washington. The toilet bill will probably face lengthy hearings and organized opposition from paid lobbyists; for all we know it will get linked to Whitewater and wind up being investigated by up to four special prosecutors. So it may not be passed in your lifetime. But I urge you to do what you can. Write to your congresshumans, and tell them you support Rep. Knollenberg's bill. While you're at it, tell them you'd like to see a constitutional amendment stating that if any federal agency has so much spare time that it's regulating toilets, that agency will immediately be eliminated, and its buildings will be used for some activity that has some measurable public benefit, such as laser tag.

So come on, America! This is your chance to make a difference! Stand up to these morons! Join the movement! Speaking of which, I have to go flush.

Relief and Where to Find It

Joel Tom Tate

This is to be the first in a series of articles for the Star. Each week I will highlight a different bathroom on campus or in the Greater Houghton Community, evaluating each on the basis of its aesthetic appeal as well as its utility. And while, for the most part, my tongue is firmly planted in my cheek, I'm pretty serious about the topic. Like most people I have had a life-long love-hate relationship with the public rest room. At times they are the occasion for much rejoicing and relief. At other times they are a source of anxiety, embarrassment, frustration and hygiene distress. They might as well have a sign on the door saying "Leave your dignity at the door, 'cause you sure won't need it inside."

You might ask if it's really necessary to have someone review the rest rooms for you. It's not that big a campus, after all, and no one is ever that far away from the relative safety and familiarity of the bathroom in the dorm. But even though my brother Josh claims to have used every public rest room for men on campus at least once, I find that in my sixth year here at Houghton, to my delight and amazement, I am still finding new bathrooms. Perhaps this weekly column is a tribute to the spirit of adventure in all of us, the spirit that urges us to hold it in until we can get to the basement of the chapel, or the spirit that helps us to pluck up our nerve and ask the nice people at the Market Basket if we can go back to use the unconventional rest room there.

Please send me suggestions and comments care of the Star. I'm

particularly interested in any obscure or noteworthy rest rooms that haven't come to my attention yet.



The Men's Rest room in East Hall Across from the RD Apartment *****

Where better to start this series than here. One of the few five star bathrooms on campus, the men's rest room in East Hall has something for everyone.

East Hall, owing to its central location and the warm hospitality of its residents, serves as a sort of second campus center and so there are two sets of public men's rest rooms off of the main lounge on the first floor. The one past the RDA's apartment toward Rothenbuhler (New) concerns us less than the one across from the RD apartment going towards Gillette (Old). It's a well designed bathroom with an entry way to ensure privacy and plenty of room once inside. With two toilets and two urinals there will never be a line. The opaque window might make some feel conspicuous, particularly at night, but is still a nice and unusual touch for a public rest room. And the paper towel dispenser definitely scores points with me. I know how much more hygienic the air hand dryers are purported to be, but new-fangled science will never shake my preference for paper towels.

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Social Commentary

Dave Johnson

There are several signs summer has arrived: legions of air-borne, grotesque parasitic insects the size of soft-balls, intense heat, leading to the world's top scientists proclaiming the jet stream has shifted directions due to an abnormal amount of hummingbirds in the air, and, of course, garage sales.

Due to family members outgrowing clothes, an overabundance of hideous Christmas gifts, and general apathy towards bringing the garbage out into the cold weather, massive piles of junk accumulate during the winter months. But, at the first sign of thaw, the chance presents itself to unload ratty furniture, 8-track players, and combination weedwacker/alarm clocks to the general public via garage sales. The garage sale is basically the equivalent to the urethra, whereas, in most cases, instead of discharging human waste, the garage sale expels Uncle Ralph's old polyester suits.

Let's begin with the ancestry of garage sales. Garage sales were invented 812 million years ago, by prehistoric man (probably Bob Hope). (Note: well, truthfully, I have absolutely no clue when garage sales were invented, but come on, I'm sure one day an extremely hairy Neanderthal must have left a couple of rocks in front of his cave and another, equally hairy Neanderthal took them).

Preparations must be taken to effectively initiate a garage sale. Advertising is extremely key to a successful outing. When creating signs you want to make them as large and eye-catching as possible employing bright magic markers, glitter, balloons, holographic technology, or various pyrotechnics. Examples of definite no-no's are the signs often seen stapled to telephone poles and mailboxes. It is not good marketing strategy to write "GARAGE SALE; tools, household goods, agricultural supplies, electrical equipment, porcelain lawn animals, live cows, stainless steel sofas, advanced hydrochloric-dipeptide-magnesium-sulfate-endoplasmic-reticulum-minoxidil titration units, and baby

clothes; June 15,16,17; 1257 Odukenshawooppee Boulevard" on a piece of wrinkled notebook paper with a number 3 pencil. Also, for the love of Pete, remember to remove your signs once the sale is over. It's tough to find a good bargain at a garage sale that happened in 1982.

Now, as a frequent garage sailor, I've come across sales that are not sales at all, but rather an extensive display of earrings and golf balls with prices usually reserved for aircraft carriers. I mean, please, two dollars for a pen that reads: "I SURVIVED THE BOONVILLE TRACTOR AND HEIFER FAIR '84" is a bit much. These people must think their customers are government officials. This is why it is very important for a garage sale to have a "Cheap Box." Tennis balls, cheesy romance novels, mangled jewelry, quadriplegic action figures, and various chunks of unidentifiable debris with "MADE IN MALAYSIA" stenciled on the bottom are often members of this box and can be purchased for something like ten cents or a couple of really cool sea-shells. You see, when I leave a garage sale empty-handed I feel a great sense of pity for the owners, like I'm completely shunning their material wealth. It's like me walking up to their faces and saying: "I'm sorry, but in my humble opinion your personal possessions and timeless family heirlooms are nothing but putrid garbage of the filthiest kind, and the fleeting thought of spending even a nickel on it forces me to seriously consider a slow, painful suicide. You are an embarrassment to organic life-forms everywhere." But, you see, if I bought a decapitated Chewbacca for ten cents: a) I'd feel better, b) the owners would be content with their sale, and c) it would prove yet another drawback to Communism.

In conclusions I would just like to say:

I really think the Knicks have a good chance of winning the championship this year. They have experience, young talent, and solid, veteran leadership. These are all ingredients to a successful post-season. Thank you.

Relief Cont.

Undoubtedly, however, the central attraction for this particular rest room, and the thing which distinguishes it from every other restroom on campus and perhaps the world, is the set of symmetrically opposed free-standing urinals. These urinals, which come up out of the ground and are not attached to the wall, owe more of their shape to the toilet than the traditional urinal.

According to Don Smith, one of the college's plumbers, these whimsical urinals have the advantage of novelty. Neither he or his colleague Tom Randall in all of their collected years of plumbing, not to mention years of using, have ever seen the like. Don has never had to order a part for the urinals, and has never received a maintenance request on them, despite the fact that they are probably original to East Hall.

Renee Stempert, the full time custodian in charge of East Hall and the Old Fine Arts Building attests to the fact that, from what she can see, this rest room gets much more use than the one on the Rothenbuhler side. Evidence of the urinals' drawing power, no doubt.

And Sharra Durham, the RD for East Hall and one time resident of our oldest residence hall for women, expresses pleasant surprise at the interest in the rest room that male visitors to the dorm display. But while some men might joke that it would take a nice set of urinals to get them to go into East Hall it remains that however nice a public rest room it is, it is still not the best thing about East Hall. That would be the residents and Residence Life Staff there.

If you have any suggestions for the next column please contact Joel Tom Tate intra-campus, through e-mail, or through the Star.

Ask Edgar

Dear Edgar,

Do you know of any good hiding spots around campus? I'm trying to beat Security-man Dave in Hide and Go Seek.

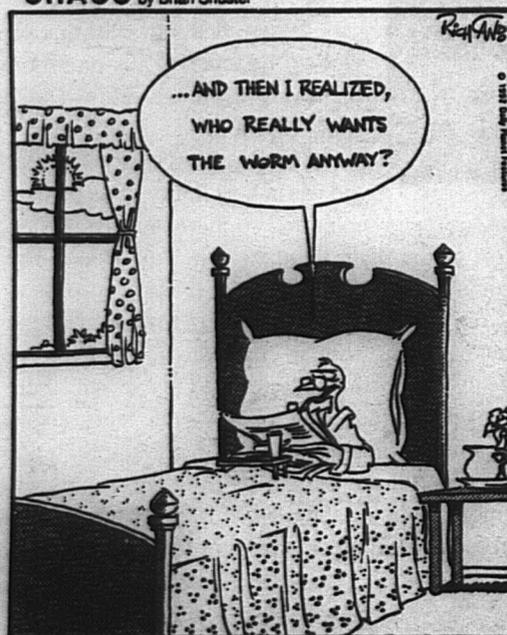
Found

Dear Found,

We suggest you don't encourage Dave. If you have to play, try sitting in the trees outside the Campus Center, but you have to be very, very quiet.

Write to Edgar with any of your problems. Address the envelope to "Edgar at the The Star" and mail it intracampus. The Star reserves the right to edit and print any and all letters addressed to Edgar. The views of Edgar are not necessarily the views of Houghton College or The Star.

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