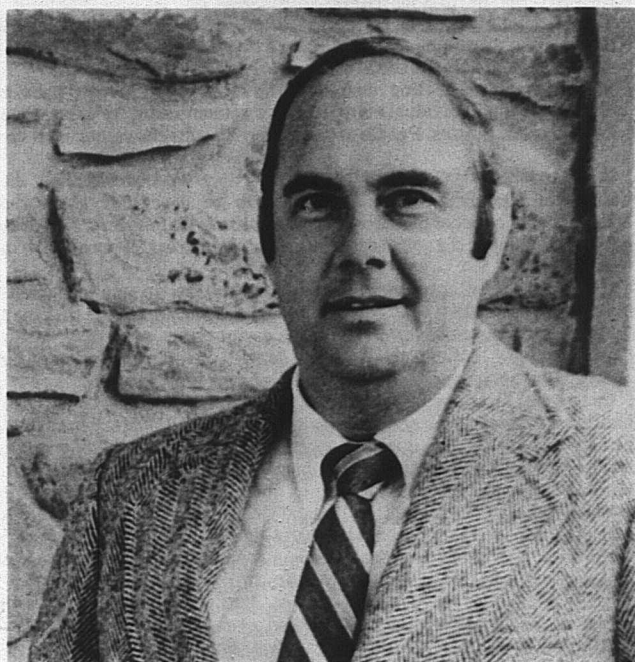




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FMF Conquest speaker John Bechtel

Current Issues Day will feature Reagan advisor

by Debbie Swauger

The Current Issues Day committee has announced its speakers and schedules for this semester. Robert C. Richardson, III, retired Brigadier General of the U.S. Air Force, and Dr. Robert C. Clouse, professor of History at Indiana State University, will each present one side to the current issues topic, "Armaments," on Tuesday, November 18.

Richardson, President of EXIM Corp., Executive Director of the American Foreign Policy Institute and Secretary-Treasurer of the Security and Intelligence Fund, is a military theoretician and national security policy consultant. He retired in 1967 after 20 years of experience in long-range planning and politico-military policy activities, as well as in nuclear planning, research and development. He will present ideas on the need for and justification for armaments.

Clouse has just completed editing a book called *War: Four Christian Views*, which expounds and critiques the four major Christian attitudes toward war. A graduate of Bryan College, Grace Theological Seminary, and the University of Iowa, he has taught at Indiana State U. for 17 years. He has also co-authored or contributed to six other books, and is Minister of the First Brethren Church in Clay City, Indiana. He will discuss aspects in the need for disarmament and its justifications.

The schedule begins Monday November 17, with Dr. Carl Schultz lecturing in chapel on the Bible's view of armaments. The movie "The War Game" will be shown that evening in Fancher Aud. at 8 and 9pm.

The Tuesday morning session will begin with Richardson and Clouse each presenting his views. A break will follow where any writ-

ten questions will be collected. After the break, the movie, "The Salt Syndrome" will be shown which looks at unilateral Russian armament in the face of American disarmament and stress the need for a strengthening of the U.S. position. The two guests will each lecture again and close the morning with a question-answer time.

After lunch, two seminar sessions will be scheduled so that students will be able to hear and discuss further details on specific aspects most interesting to them. Seven seminars will be offered each session: Richardson on national security in the Reagan Administration; Clouse on Europe's role in the arms race and Cold War; Clifford Williams, associate professor at St. John Fishers, a pacifist, and Dr.

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Congress may cut aid

by Karen Blaisure and Ed Zehner

You might not return to Houghton next year because Congress might not vote to fully fund financial-aid programs. The Student Senate has just learned that some crucial student financial aid bills have gotten stuck in committee.

With Congress soon to be more conservative and President-elect Reagan determined to cut back federal spending, aid for college students might be decreasing or cut. Some of Student Financial Aid's strongest supporters were just defeated. So, start worrying.

Programs that might be only partially funded, or completely cut, are the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG), the National Direct Student Loan (NDSL), the Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL), and the College Work Study (CWS).

In September the Senate voted to

Bechtel's vitality invigorates students

by Linda Ippolito

During FMF Conquest Week, key-note speaker John Henry Bechtel delighted, amazed, convicted and motivated listeners in Wesley Chapel, relating his experiences as a missionary in Hong Kong and visiting mainland China.

Born in Hong Kong, son of missionaries, Bechtel was high school student body president and captain of four athletic teams. While attending Houghton College, he served in FMF, Student Senate, the Boulder and the Star, and was president of the Athletic Association and vice-president of his class. He graduated in 1962 with a degree in psychology, and by age 24 was a school principal in Florida.

While in Florida, a committed Christian doctor took Bechtel under his wing. He taught the young principal what it means to witness and live a life devoted to Christ.

Bechtel answered the missions call and returned to Hong Kong. He is now director of a youth camp in Fanling, New Territories, Hong Kong and leading Christian and Missionary Alliance work in evangelism and church planting.

During lunch last Friday, Bechtel spoke thoughtfully and intensely; at several points he decided it was his turn to ask the questions. *Star:* After your comment about East Hall containing three hundred possible Mrs. Bechtels, we're all waiting to know—did you meet Mrs. Bechtel in East Hall?

Bechtel: I met Mrs. Bechtel at Camp of the Woods. She went to John Brown University...although I met a number of very fine ladies at East Hall.

S: You graduated from Houghton in 1962. What was your major? *B:* I majored in psychology—a word I didn't even know before I left Hong Kong, but a fascinating subject that I found to help me quite a bit in my missionary career. I found that a lot of people who go into missions have a very narrow view of the world. They've grown up in a Christian home, go to a

Christian school, go to a Bible College—then they go to the mission field.

It was very helpful for me to have a liberal arts education at a Christian school, go to a Bible College—then they go to the mission field.

S: When did you accept Jesus as your Savior?

B: I cannot point to a day when I

accepted the Lord as my Savior. When I was twelve years old I was on furlough and I can remember being in a service in Nyack, New York where I believe I accepted Christ as my Savior. So probably in 1951; we were evacuated from Hong Kong because of the Korean War and at that time I made that decision. But it's very difficult to

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Gym opens for some

by Linda Ippolito

Houghton College had originally scheduled the Physical Education Center to open on September 30. Because work had not progressed as quickly as had been anticipated, the date for partial occupancy—use of the locker rooms, offices, pool and racquetball courts—was set for the gym's dedication date, October 11.

Now, well into November, the physical education program is still being administered from Bedford.

According to Business Manager Ken Nielsen, part of the problem is a delay in delivery of building materials. The main hold-ups are the heating and electrical systems.

"We expected to have full electrical power in the gym last week," commented George Wells, head of the Physical Education Department. "We got all the material together and found we had no fuses."

"We're not going to try to run a program in that building from down here. We need use of the offices, with heat, locker rooms, showers and storage space before we'll make a move."

degrees.

Workmen will probably finish the main floor last. Before the final work can start, they must finish the ceiling and all the heating ducts to prevent any damage to the floor. After this it will take four weeks to do the sanding and line drawing and to seal the finish.

"I have no date to give you. We're in no position to tell when we could make the move," concluded Wells.

Mr. Nielsen was more optimistic. "I spoke with Mr. Olson, the contractor, and Mr. Fiegl, the building supervisor, this morning (November 4), and we have set a mutual goal of December 1."

Nielsen made it clear that this date would apply to everything but the main floor.

The varsity men's basketball team began practicing on the unfinished floor last Wednesday. When the final phases of work begin, however, the Highlanders will have to practice elsewhere until work is complete.

The racquetball class has been using the courts since last Friday.



Work continues on new Physical Education Center

Several problems in construction relate directly back to the lack of heat and electricity. One example is the pool. Although filled with water, the pool isn't ready for use because the temperature is too low—about fifty degrees. Wells estimates that it will take a week to heat it to the seventy-eight degrees required by state law.

Also delayed is the indoor running track. To lay the surface for the track, the building must be heated from between 65 and 70

—despite an incident that occurred before the dedication.

According to Coach Wells, "Someone—or ones," got into the racquetball courts before the final coat was set, and the resulting footprints required touching up.

But the gym would have been ready anyway, Wells decided. "No wrong had been done. Students are just anxious to get in there."

"If I had to say anything it would be, 'Let's cooperate with the construction company and let them get the job done.'"

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Commentary

Pacifism: a veteran's view

Dear Sir:

I feel compelled to reply to the letter by Audrey Stallsmith. Let me preface my remarks by saying that I am a Vietnam era veteran. I was on active duty with the Navy for slightly more than three years and in the Army Reserve/National Guard for another two and one-half years. At this point in my life, I am not a pacifist.

First, I wish to say I am sorry that Miss Stallsmith feels that pacifism has been rammed down her throat. If she was referring to the article by Priscilla Roberts, I do not, nor did I, feel that pacifism was being "rammed," merely presented with sound arguments based on Miss Roberts' view of Biblical interpretation. I must say that I didn't feel threatened by her (Miss Roberts') article, but that is highly subjective, I realize.

Miss Stallsmith made a few statements that disturbed me. We must not address our enemies as "brethren." One of the first lessons I learned as a Christian was to reserve the title brother for our fellow Christians, for are we not brothers and sisters in Christ?

Another statement that bothered me was the line by the tough sergeant about thousands of better men having died to protect my rights. Just because thousands have died, does that make it right? Besides, as a Christian the only "right" I care about is my right to worship God. As long as I can breathe, they cannot abridge that right, for I will glorify God.

Miss Stallsmith brings up the wars by the Jews in their attempt to win the promised land. Can Miss Stallsmith actually say that God gave his full approval? Perhaps He used the natural inclinations of those Jews to accomplish an end without His full approval. After all, Jesus told the Jewish leaders of His day that divorce was allowed only because of the hardness of the hearts of the Jews. Could not the

same situation have prevailed in the Israelite Wars earlier?

The whole argument above fails to take into consideration that we are under Grace and not the Law. In the Old Testament it was an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. Jesus came to change that and He Himself said so. We are to forgive those who "despitefully" use us.

Miss Stallsmith, after addressing pacifism, shifted her attention to disarmament and national policy. Having been in the Navy, I don't believe I am under any sweet illusions about disarmament. At this point in time, if we (the U.S.) and the Soviets just stopped production of war materials, with what is now deployed, we could destroy the

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Orr needn't rant

Dear Editor:

Like Mr. Orr (M.D.) I happen to think that therapeutic abortions are indeed immoral. I do not, however, profess to know what Mr. Seymour believes about this, and so I will not venture to portray him as "insensitive," "callous," "thick-skinned," or "apathetic" as Mr. Orr (M.D.) so crudely does.

In connection with this interchange I would encourage all readers to compare what Mr. Seymour said (Star, October 24/80) with what Mr. Orr (M.D.) claims that he said (Star, November 7/80).

My point, however, is to suggest that one need not resort to such vitriol and abuse to support an anti-abortion position. I resent Mr. Orr's approach for I believe that it encourages people to dismiss all anti-abortion positions as just so much ranting.

In this area, as in others, it is a disservice to one's own cause to pretend that "opponents" are simply vicious or hopelessly stupid. More often than not the reverse turns out to be the case.

Brian Sayers (Ph.D.)

Film reviewer strikes back

Dear Sir:

Although I have never met Bob Orr, I was greatly distressed by the attitudes he displayed in his review of my review of the Schaeffer-Koop film series. I shall respond in as orderly a fashion as possible.

I. In my second paragraph I did not say, nor did I imply, that the value of human life is not a "sufficiently important title." That a single issue was indeed the subject of such a series, I said I found "curious"—"arousing attention or interest because unusual or strange (Webster)." Close inspection of the term's definition indicated that its nature is purely descriptive, not evaluative.

What I questioned was whether the importance of the sanctity of life to a society "is alone (emphasis added) a reliable moral barometer." Surely Dr. Schaeffer would hesitate to praise a country with strict anti-abortion laws but where stealing, cheating, and drunkenness were the status quo.

II. Let me explain what constitutes what I called "informationless propaganda." If you tell me "Six million fetuses have been aborted in the U.S. since 1973," you supply me with a piece of information.

(The sentence takes three seconds to say.) But if you next say "Six million is an awfully big number," you utter something which may have emotional significance for you, but which is literally and objectively meaningless, completely devoid of data. If you spend the next two minutes trying to convince me, through audio-visual means, just how big a number six million "really is," you are using, like it or not, propaganda. (Incidentally, three seconds of information over 120 seconds of emotively oriented footage is an unbalanced ratio-1:40.) In any case, it was the dolls surrounding Schaeffer on the beach, not the statistic, which I correctly criticized as informationless propaganda. My apologies for the apparent lack of clarity.

III. Nowhere did I say that the difference between life and death is unimportant. Rather, that it is important I assumed my readers already knew. I did not think it necessary to state something that should be clear to anyone with a grain of compassion.

IV. Yes, the film that compared Nazi Germany to the present day U.S. was entertaining. I was entertained and I said so. I fail to see

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Walk only

Dear Graham,

Last week-end I was upset to see that one of the students from our college had taken a short cut driving over a small tree onto the yard leaving large ruts.

I could see no reason for this unless the person had mistaken the footpath for a road. I think this might be possible but unlikely. This path is for students to use to get to campus faster and for parking the girls in Peirsol House. Not to drive on.

Please do not use this path as a short cut for cars. I've seen people take this when my children were playing. I fear someone may be hurt.

Thank you,
Gay Sparrer

The cosmos and missions

For Aristotle, the universe is rationally ordered. Everything in the world has its place in the rational order. Man occupies a special place in the order; man is rational. Man's rationality enables him to participate in the rationality of the order.

The means for man's participation in the rational universe is direct participation in the social order (the *cosmos*). When a man finds his place in the social order, he finds his highest fulfillment.

Thus Aristotle urges direct participation in the government by all citizens. Man's meaning, the possibility of his realizing his full human potential, is located in the social order.

Modern man does not find meaning in the social order. Modern politics is dehumanizing. Individual human beings seldom count for more than votes or census figures. People are considered as means rather than ends.

If we are humanists (and we are insofar as we are concerned about the welfare of humankind), then we ought to be concerned about the dehumanizing effect of modern politics. Realizing that modern man does not find meaning in the social order, we are driven to ask, Where can man find meaning?

If we are Christians, then presumably we have an answer to this question. Most Christians, I imagine, would answer by saying that man finds his ultimate meaning in God. The social order, according to this Christian view, is not the locus of man's meaning. The question arises, What meaning does the social order have for a Christian?

In a recent article in *Christian Scholar's Review* (Vol IX, no. 3, 1980) entitled, "Biblical Faith and the Reality of Social Evil," Stephen C. Mott attempts to answer this question. Mott's analysis, interestingly enough, brings us back to Aristotle's (the ancient Greek) concept of *cosmos*. Mott examines the biblical meaning of the term and compares it to the Greek meaning. "Whereas for classical Greece *cosmos* protects values and life, now in the apocalyptic thought patterns of Judaism, but particularly of the new Testament, *cosmos* represents the twisted values which threatened genuine human life." (p. 226)

From this biblical definition of *cosmos*, Mott draws a conclusion with important ramifications for the Christian's relation to the social order. Mott states, "There is no radical separation between the person as an individual and as a social being." (p. 227)

Acceptance of this integrated view of the man, greatly expands one's concept of sin. Sin, from this view, not only perverts individuals, it also perverts the social order. The Christian, called to combat sin (Eph. 6:10-18), must combat sin where it is found, that is, in the individual and in the society.

This view of man has important implications for Christian missions. According to this view, a Christian concept of missions which focuses exclusively on evangelism (the individual) is not taking into account the full reality of sin, that is, its personal and social aspects.

Last week's FMF Conquest meetings did not, as far as I could detect, emphasize the need for Christians to combat sin in the social order. This is not surprising, however, since most evangelicals prefer to focus on the individual aspect of sin and thus emphasize evangelism in their concept of missions. This is not to say that the church has wholly failed to minister to social needs. What it has, I believe, failed to do, is integrate evangelism and social action.

John Stott, in a recent article in *Christianity Today* (Nov. 7, 1980), suggests that missionaries cannot overlook social evil. If, however, concern for social problems infringes upon evangelistic concerns, Stott suggests that others be called in to minister to the social needs (Stott refers to Acts 6). The conclusion is, stated simply and emphatically, that Christians cannot, at any cost, ignore the social problems.

The words of Christ provide an equally direct and forceful statement of the need for social concern:

You have my Father's blessing, come, enter and possess the kingdom that has been prepared for you since the world was made. For when I was hungry, you gave me food; when thirsty, you gave me drink; when I was a stranger you took me into your home, when naked you clothed me; when I was ill you came to my help, when in prison you visited me. (Matt. 25: 34-37, The New English Bible)

Glenn Burlingame

Christian pacifism re-explained

Dear Graham,

I would like to respond to Audrey Stallsmith's letter in the November 7 issue of the *Star*. Without shoving pacifism down anyone's throat, I wish to point out some of the weaknesses in her argument.

Most evident among these weaknesses is her frequent use of emotive language. I cite as examples her discussion of the Soviet's diplomatic unreliability and her portrayal of loved ones being "brutally beaten, tortured, and mowed down by machine gun fire on all sides." The ethical issue of pacifism versus military involvement should be discussed without such appeals to emotion.

Miss Stallsmith also fails to support several of her generalizations with concrete historical evidence. The following statements serve as examples: 1) "The Soviets are not noted for sticking to the terms of

the agreements they sign." What arguments have the Soviets violated, and in what way? Please specify. 2) "It's when a people show themselves defenseless that the Soviets move in." What constitutes a "defenseless" people? When have the Soviets "moved in" on such a people? Please specify. 3) "They [other Free World nations] kick us in the teeth every chance they get." What does it mean to kick a nation in the teeth, and when has it been done to us? Perhaps Miss Stallsmith will clarify and support these statements in a future letter.

Most important, Miss Stallsmith virtually ignores any biblical passages relating to the issue. A brief allusion to Exodus 20:13 and to passages regarding the conquest of Canaan will not suffice. To justify participation in warfare, one must explain passages such as

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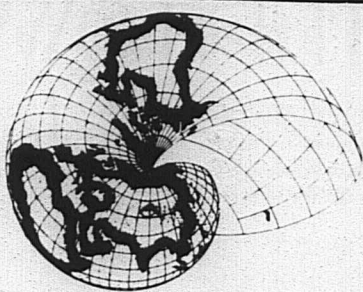
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World Scene

by Ann Morris

Reagan promises cooperation

President-elect Ronald Reagan announced that offices would be set up for all Cabinet officers in the Executive Office Building, next door to the White House. This symbolic gesture is meant to show the value Reagan places on these advisors.

The President-elect also said the move would allow the Secretaries to be "managers of the national administration—not captives of the bureaucracy or special interests in the departments they are supposed to direct." Cabinet selection for the new administration is scheduled for completion by December 1.

A meeting with President Carter is planned on November 17. Reagan announced that he would not interfere in the delicate hostage negotiations but would cooperate in every move Carter made. The President-elect said he was afraid of appearing "to intrude" on Carter's functions "while he was still President" adding, "I don't want to do anything that indicates to them (the Soviet Union) that we are other than a unified nation." In response to a question on the possible influence of Moral Majority and other conservative groups who worked for his election, Reagan stated, "I won't separate myself from the people who elected us and sent us here."

Israel to ban nuclear weapons

In a surprise policy shift, Israel announced it would vote for an Egyptian-sponsored plan to ban nuclear weapons in the Middle East. The plan had been approved by the UN before, but Israel had never supported it.

The Egyptian measure calls for all Arab nations to meet with Israel to "declare solemnly that they will refrain on a reciprocal basis from producing, acquiring or in any way possessing nuclear weapons and nuclear explosive devices."

The shift in policy reflects Israeli worries that other countries (specifically Iraq and Pakistan) will soon have nuclear capabilities to match her own. While Israel denies it, it is widely accepted that she has nuclear capability.

The policy move was seen as an important and positive step, although the conference may not be held for years.

Polish Court favors union

Poland's Supreme Court ruled in favor of Solidarity, Poland's independent trade union, by deleting a clause proclaiming the Communist party's "leading role" from the union's charter. Thus another major strike has been avoided.

The union is expected to moderate its stand after repeated warnings from Communist Party leader Kania that they were abusing their right to strike. Kania cautioned that sowing discontent and attacking the Communist system could bring outside intervention.

Grad finds personal growth in new job

by Pamela J. Altieri

"My perspective has changed quite significantly as a direct result of my service term. My way of life and desire for a simple lifestyle has made me realize that I really don't need things as much as I thought I did. It's far more important to be a giving person—giving to those that need it the most," mused Bob Avery. A 1980 Houghton grad, Avery is spending part of this semester in a Voluntary Service Position working in the Computer Center. But more importantly, Bob Avery is working with people.

Avery deeply stressed this last bit of information. He emphasized that although each service project is originally sponsored by a faculty member or members, no one will be watching in order to evaluate the volunteer. "Inherent in the job is a sense of interpretation, because

many of the standard mileposts of judgment are missing. This really takes some getting used to, and it also takes a good deal of openness. You have to search yourself, but if you're halfway through a project and feel it's going in the wrong direction, you can switch to what you believe will be better."

The computer-related position in which Avery actually works is a broad one. He writes programs, designs new programs from already existing ones, works with systems analysis and tutors students. Recently he helped develop a system which updates current student housing lists. He also attended a conference with Dr. Schroer which spotlighted the use of computers in guidance information systems.

Avery would particularly like to see the "computer consciousness level" raised on campus as the student body realizes exactly what computers can accomplish for

them. A long-range goal of his is to see computers used increasingly in the areas of Student Development and teaching. "Computer-Assisted Instruction programs (CAI) have been growing by leaps and bounds," observed Avery. "In ten years an unbelievable amount of teaching could be done by computer."

Avery discussed the opportunities for personal growth found in a Voluntary Service Position, declaring, "That's more important than the details of my job." He sees a complementary relationship emerging between the volunteer and the school. "As I learn, Houghton also benefits. And I've grown in so many ways I didn't even anticipate—for example, working with the number of people that I do. The cultural stratum between the faculty and me is broken. Getting here and just living and sharing with them has been such a joy."

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Volunteers labor for Housing Action

by Priscilla Roberts

"Houghton is to me...an oasis in an economic wasteland," said Bob Komiskey, executive director of Housing Action Corporation (HAC) of Belmont in Tuesday's chapel. HAC began in 1971 when Komiskey and others saw a need to winterize homes for families below the poverty level. 13.6% of Allegany County's population qualify; of those 65 and over, the figure is 50%. The goals of HAC at that time were to improve housing conditions, help people personally, and solicit local and federal support.

Since then, that idea has developed into a full organization, presently on contract with the Federal Department of Energy. HAC is directed by a board of volunteers, including Jeff Kotzen and Park Smith of Houghton. The corporation inspects houses all over the county, assesses the greatest needs of each, and sends local workers to install insulation, skirting, custom-made storm windows, regular windows and other insulating materials—about \$330 worth per house. Workers range from 20-year-old CETA worker, with little or no experience, to volunteer retirees in their 60's ("greenthumb workers") with considerable experience. The results are significant. Komiskey cited 20% as the average reduction in fuel consumption.

Komiskey then showed slides of some of the houses which are being winterized and described their condition: no insulation, gaps in the walls and under floors, broken windows, rotting roofs.

Tim Josephson, ACO president, and Lois McAleer, Senate president, can verify his report firsthand. Both have spent time working on these houses. ACO members donate labor on Saturday mornings, and the Student Senate's part is to give the money from this year's Senate Charity Drive to HAC.

"At the end of last year, I heard about Housing Action," said Josephson, "and I wanted to get involved in it." Already this year, student volunteers have worked on several homes and done some follow-up visitation. Once they even installed a bathtub in a widow's home, and she cooked them a meal.

But Josephson stressed that the work is not always rewarding; the response varies. "I would say about 50-50—either they really appreciate it or they don't say anything." Although some are not expressive, the work is badly needed and makes a big difference to the people in the winterized homes.

McAleer says the Student Senate chose HAC as its Charity Drive this year because it is an opportunity for students to give their own time and money to a local need, with visible results, and HAC does need funds above the federal contributions. There are three reasons for this: 1) The government does not reimburse HAC for supplies until after they have already been bought—thus HAC must finish

some projects with essentially no cash flow. The organization needs a solid capital base to protect its financial credibility. 2) Some houses require more work than funds allow. 3) HAC would like to expand and grow into more areas.

Josephson and McAleer encourage student involvement because it's a tangible way to share Jesus Christ (and not likely to offend anyone), and it increases one's awareness of human need. Students can give money, which will be collected in early December, or time. Anyone can help. "You could hammer nails, you could dig...It's not really very fun," says Josephson—especially in the rain or snow. But it's a chance to show love.

Senate Report

by Meg Martino

Student Senate met November 11, 1980. President Lois McAleer announced that this year Pioneer will offer the Madrigal Dinners to boarding students free from additional charge. Ms. McAleer also commented that she had received many positive responses to Senate's chapel regarding behavior.

In new business, Ed Zehner proposed that Senate send a letter and petition supporting the increase of funds in federal aid programs for students (e.g., NDSL, BEOG, Guaranteed Student Loan, and Work Study). Zehner noted that funds for most of these programs have remained static for the past several years, and currently run the risk of being cut. Senators will be circulating the petitions to the student body. The petition will be sent on Monday, Nov. 17, 1980.

Naomi Ruder moved that Senate request Student Development to allow college buildings to remain opened during the four-day Easter Weekend. Ruder pointed out that, due to the earlier, longer Spring Break and the proximity of final exams, many students may wish to remain on campus.

Ann Morris moved that Senate send a motion to Dean Massey requesting him to require chapel attendance on Monday, November 17 in preparation for Current Issues Day. Ms. Morris said that this practice is traditional but was inadvertently omitted from the chapel schedule. She suggested that a chapel day be cancelled later in the semester in order to compensate the students. Final decisions would be left up to the Chapel Committee. After much discussion, the Senate passed this motion.

Graham Drake, as Chapel Committee's liaison, asked for senators' feelings about Small Group Chapels. Most speakers expressed that as presently handled, they are ineffective, but also said that innovation and planning could make them worthwhile. In his Chapel Committee report, Drake announced that Professor Lawrence Mullen has been appointed as Chairman of the Committee for second semester. Student Development made this appointment in order to fill the vacancy left by Chaplain Bareiss, who has increasing duties elsewhere. The Committee talked with the new organist, John Stowe, about his role in chapel services and the styles of hymns available.

Glenn Piper reported for Academic Affairs Council. The Council approved changes in the Bible major; accepted the Recreation major in principle; and allowed descriptions of Mayterm and Summer School courses to be printed in the catalog.

For Financial Affairs Council, Pat Smith informed that effective October 1, all student workers will be paid \$3.10 per hour, and effective January 1, 1980, \$3.35 per hour. Smith noted that this change is mandated by federal law. As a consequence of this action, the pay-grade scale (which reflected differences in skill and service performed) has been eliminated.

Vice-President Ed Zehner reported for CAB. Currently, CAB is seeking students to be trained as sound-system technicians. CAB allotted \$200 to the Cinema Series Committee and announced plans for the next study break. The Sophomore Class is organizing it as an ice cream social fund-raiser and will feature the Jazz Band as entertainment.

Tom McIntyre reported that the Library Committee wishes to stress student peer pressure as the only effective way to control the noise problem.

For Current Issues Day Committee, Ann Morris announced the two main speakers for the day: Robert Clouse, disarmament, and General Robert Richardson, armament. Morris noted that students will be offered a choice of seven different afternoon seminars.

Don Gallagher reported that the Food Committee received suggestions for an express line at lunch time. He noted that Pioneer is pleased with the response to the suggestion box which has been helpful to them.

In a final action, the Senate nominated Alan Hemayakian and Janet Bouw to serve on Winter Weekend Committee. Also, Ro Essepian and Tamara Pepper will be chairing the second semester Current Issues Day with the topic "Relations of Church and State."

Quote of the day:

"Perhaps my brains have turned to sand. Oh me, oh my."

Brian Eno

Camp concert portrays relationship with Christ

by Debbie Swauger

Saturday night, November 8, Senate's CAB hosted a concert by Steve Camp. At first, if looked as if we were "blessed" with another Christian "entertainer" as he enthusiastically bounced out his first few songs. His unusual rock-reggae-soul style led him from Larry Norman's "UFO" with strangely-tongued space sounds to his own fast calypso "Gather in His Name" to "I'm Happy" from an original soul/gospel family, the McCrays.

Camp's vocal talents were unmistakable as he soulfully improvised or breathily rasped or even "scattered" his way through his songs. It was even easier to be impressed with his ability after hearing the audience's unsuccessful attempts to imitate him.

Fortunately, however, Camp did not come just to entertain. His gentle "Under His Love" interrupted by the Beatles' "Eleanor Rigby" sensitively ministered to all who could comprehend any degree of loneliness. He painfully reminded us of our materialistic versions of the Gospel and our self-centered Christianity through lines like, "you want a trophy for your sacrifice."

Another number spoke of going "through the furnace once again," a time of trial which he recognized the Lord uses to "strengthen my salvation and weaken my fears." Even so, reluctance and frustrations can still enter in, "I

know I'm being tested, though it feels like I'm being condemned."

In his songs and words, Camp realistically and sincerely portrayed both the demands and privileges of a personal relationship with Christ. His musical styles varied with these different aspects, but the overall mood he set was to give the glory and praise only to Christ.

By the concert's close, it was clear that Camp had come not just as a Christian musician or entertainer but as a minister. More importantly, he summed the meaning of his music as "not just Christian music; it's Jesus Christ."

LOCAL CALENDAR

The Houghton College School of Music will present Miss Jean Reigles, soprano and Assistant Professor of Voice, in a faculty recital, Wednesday, November 19 at 8:15 p.m. in Wesley Chapel. The program will include works by Telemann, Mozart, Liszt and Rossini.

A graduate of Roberts Wesleyan College and the University of Cincinnati's Conservatory of Music, Miss Reigles teaches classes in theory and foreign language diction, and gives voice lessons. On the Houghton faculty since 1975, she directs the Houghton Women's Choir. From 1969-73 she taught elementary vocal music at Holley (NY) Central School.

The recital is open to the public without charge.

The Career Development Center's Graduate School/Seminary Day for students interested in education beyond the bachelor's degree will be held on November 20, 1980 in the Campus Center lounge from 9AM to 3PM.

19 recent prints by Hugh Kepets are on view at Houghton College in Wesley Chapel Art Gallery from November 12 through November 26. Included are litho-silkscreen combinations, silkscreens, and intaglios.

Nov. 12-26—Hugh Kepets, "A Show of Prints," Wesley Chapel Art Gallery

Nov. 14—Artist Series: Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass" and Ravel's "Daphnis et Chloe" performed by the Houghton College Choral Union and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Isaiah Jackson conducting; 8:15PM in Wesley

Nov. 15—"Oliver" 8PM in Wesley
Nov. 17—Student Recital: Patty Skiff, flutist, 8PM in Wesley; "The War Game" 8 and 9PM in Fancher aud.

Nov. 18—Current Issues Day
Nov. 19—Faculty Recital: Jean Reigles, soprano, 8:15 in Wesley

WHO'S WHEN IN WESLEY

Nov. 17—to be announced
Nov. 18—Current Issues Day
Nov. 19-21—Faith and Academic Discipline Series—Profs. Leax, Bailey and Tyson

OUT ON THE TOWN

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THEATER

The U/B Department of Theatre and Dance presents an undergraduate production of **THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA** by Federico Garcia Lorca, directed by Liz Eckery, in the Harriman Theatre (Main Street), at 8:00 p.m. Nov. 20-Nov. 23. General admission \$3, students \$2. **HOMELAND** by Steve Friedman and Selaelo Maredi, directed by Ed Smith at 8:00 p.m. Nov. 20 in Center Theatre, 681 Main Street, Downtown Theatre District. Reserved seats \$5 and \$4, students and senior citizens half price.

LECTURE

GUIDED TOUR OF U/B's Darwin D. Martin House, 125 Jewett Parkway, designed by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright, at 10:00 a.m. Nov. 15. Admission is \$1 donation.

MUSIC

Faculty lecture-recital featuring Muriel Herbert Wolf and Adrienne Gryta, soprano, at 8:00 p.m., Nov. 14 in Baird Recital Hall (Main Street). General admission \$2, senior citizens \$2, students \$1.

Faculty recital featuring pianist Frina Arschanska Boldt at 8:00 p.m., Nov. 15, in Baird Recital Hall (Main Street). General admission \$3, senior citizens \$2, students \$1.

FILM

THE MIDDLEMAN (India: 1077) at 3:30, 6:00 and 9:00 and **FISTS OF FURY** (Lo Wei: 1973) at 12:00 a.m., Nov. 14 in Conference Theater, Squire Hall (Main Street). Admission \$1.60 for students, \$2.10 for non-students, \$1 student admission to matinee.

HAIR at 7:00 and 9:15 p.m. Nov. 14 in 170 Millard Fillmore Academic Center, Ellicott Complex (Amherst). Admission \$1.50 for students, \$2 for non-students.

HIGH ANXITEY AT 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. and 12:30 and 2:30 a.m. Nov. 14 in Goodyear Hall cafeteria (Amherst). Admission \$1.

BEING THERE (Ashby: 1980) at 3:30, 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. and **FISTS OF FURY** (Lo Wei: 1973) at 12:00 a.m. Nov. 15 in Conference Theater, Squire Hall (Main Street). Admission \$1.60 for students, \$2.10 for non-students, \$1 student admission for matinee.

HAIR at 4:00, 6:30 and 8:45 p.m. Nov. 15 in Diefendorf Hall (Main Street). Admission \$1.50 for students, \$2 for non-students.

HAIR at 4:00, 6:30 and 8:45 p.m. Nov. 15 in 146 Diefendorf Hall (Main Street). Admission \$1.50 for students, \$2 for non-students.

EXHIBITS

BOOK COLLECTION ON COMMEDIA DELL'ARTE, in Foyer and Art Collection Room of Lockwood Memorial Library (Amherst), from November 9 to 30, during library hours.

"BRIGADOON" BY LERNER & LOWE Pittsford Musicals, Pittsford-Mendon High School Nov. 14-15, 21-22 8:30PM; Nov. 22 2PM 586-1500

"UP THE STREET" BY ANGELA MINACAPPELLI The Thomas Players, Triangle Theatre, 155 North St. Nov. 15 8:30PM 924-3139

CHINESE ACROBATS OF CANTON RPO/Eastman Theatre, Main & Gibbs St. Nov. 17 8:30PM; Nov. 18 8PM 454-7091

"PROMISES, PROMISES" BY SIMON BACHARACH/DAVID MCC/Thatre, 1000 E. Henrietta Rd. Nov. 20-22 8PM 442-9950, ext. 3122

LECTURE

"EUDORA WELTY: A SOUTHERN LADY" JAMES BASKIN Arnett Branch Library, 310 Arnett Blvd. Nov. 19 7:30PM FREE 235-6583

"FROM SCORE TO STAGE: THE EVOLUTION OF AN OPERA PRODUCTION" BY RICHARD PEARLMAN Eastman School of Music, Kilbourn Hall, 26 Gibbs St. Nov. 19 8PM FREE 275-3111

"CREWEL EMBROIDERY" BY AUDREY FRANCINI Embroidery Guild of America, Genesee Valley Chapter Pittsford Recreation Center, 35 Lincoln Ave. Nov. 17 7:30PM 473-6376

GOSPEL CHOIR WORKSHOP SUNY-Brockport, Tower Fine Arts Center Nov. 17-18-Horace Boyer 10:30AM & 1PM Jeffery LaValley 7:30PM FREE 395-2436

ERIK NIELSEN ON EXCAVATIONS AT SIENA, ITALY Memorial Art Gallery, 490 University Ave. Nov. 18 8PM FREE 275-3081

EMERGING WOMEN and MARIA in 328 Fillmore Academic Center, Ellicott Complex (Amherst) at 7:00 p.m., Nov. 18.

ALLAN SEKULA ON 19TH CENTURY PHOTOGRAPHY Visual Studies Workshop, 31 Prince St. Nov. 19 8PM FREE 442-8676

CHESTERTON CELEBRATION Nazareth/Otto A. Shults Center, 4245 East Ave. Nov. 19—"G.K. Chesterton: the Man & the Writer" Nov. 20—"The Comic & Satiric Poetry of G.K.C." "What Would G.K.C. Think of the Church Today?" 7:30PM FREE 586-2525

SIGNS BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD/SHIRLEY HUSTED Arnett Branch Library, 310 Arnett Blvd. Nov. 20 10:30AM FREE 235-6583

MUSIC

EASTMAN PHILHARMONIC CONCERT Eastman School of Music, Eastman Theatre, Main & Gibbs St. Nov. 14 8PM FREE 275-3111

GOSPEL NIGHT UR River Campus, Wilson Commons-Mau room Nov. 14 8PM FREE 275-2828/5911

BOLCOMB & MORRIS: POPULAR THEATRE SONGS Nazareth Arts Center, 4245 East Ave. Nov. 15 8:30PM 586-2420

EASTMAN TRIO CONCERT Eastman School of Music, Kilbourn Hall, 26 Gibbs St. Nov. 16 3PM FREE/tickets 275-3037

GALLERY CONCERT: B. HARBACH, HARPSICHORD Memorial Art Gallery, 490 University Ave. Nov. 16 3PM FREE 275-3081

UNIVERSITY CHAMBER ORCH./WOMEN'S GLEE CLUB UR River Campus, Interfaith Chapel Nov. 16 3:30 PM FREE 275-2828/5911

FACULTY RECITAL: PAUL ROWE, BARITONE Nazareth Arts Center, 4245 East Ave. Nov. 16 8PM FREE 586-2420

EXHIBITS

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION SUNY-Brockport, Tower Fine Arts Rainbow Gallery Nov. 14-28 Daily 10AM-4PM FREE 395-2436; Opening: Nov. 14 8PM

PALEY/ROWLEY DOCUMENTATION SUNY-Brockport, Tower Fine Arts Gallery Nov. 14-Dec. 14 Daily 10AM-4PM FREE 395-2436; Lecture: Nov. 14 7PM; Opening: Nov. 14 8PM

ONE PERSON SHOW BY PAT FLYNN Gallery of Contemporary Metalsmithing 800 Powers Bldg., 16 W. Main St. Nov. 14-Jan. 17 Tues-Fri Noon-5P.; Sat 11:30AM-3:30PM FREE 546-1224

CONTEMPORARY GLASS DRAWINGS BY JUDY STORM Pyramid Gallery, 1255 University Ave. through Nov. 15 Tues-Sat 11AM-4PM FREE 461-4817

COMMUNICATING ARTS: ROCHESTER RIT/Bevier Gallery, 1 Lomb Memorial Dr. Nov. 15-Dec. 17 Nov-Thurs 9AM-5PM & 7-9PM Fri 9AM-5PM; Sat 1-5PM; Sun 2-5PM FREE 475-2646; Opening: Nov. 15 7-9PM

AFRICAN FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD OBJECTS Memorial Art Gallery, 490 University Ave. through Nov. 16 Tues 2-9PM; Weds-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 1-5PM 275-3081

PLEASE POSE: POSTERS FROM SUNY CAMPUSES MCC/Student Gallery-Rm. 3-114, 1000 E. Henrietta Rd. Nov. 17-Dec. 12 10AM-3PM FREE 442-995; ext. 2534

EMERGING ARTISTS VI: PETER MORIARTY EMP/George Eastman House, 900 East Ave. Oct. 7-Dec. 7 Tues.-Sun. 10AM-4:30PM 271-3361

King to Sing opera scenes

Benjamin King, baritone, will appear in two roles in an evening of opera scenes to be presented on November 21, 1980 by the Western New York Opera Company of Buffalo, New York. The performance will be held in the Laboratory School on the campus of Buffalo State University. Professor King will appear in the role of Germont, singing the Act II duet from *La Traviata*. He will also sing the role of the Major-General in the finale from Act I of *Pirates of Penzance*.

Mr. King is currently Assistant Professor of Voice in the School of Music, Houghton College, Houghton, New York. From 1976-1980 he was Instructor of Voice and Director of Music Theater at Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, Louisiana. He holds the Master of Music degree in vocal performance from Texas Tech University. Mr. King has appeared with the New Orleans Opera, Gulf Coast Opera, Houston Opera, Texas Opera Theater. He has sung as a guest soloist with the University of New Orleans Chorale and with the New Orleans Summer Pops Orchestra.

Among his roles are: Doncairo in *Carmen*, Schaunard in *La Boheme*, Sharpless in *Madame Butterfly*, Schicchi in *Gianni Schicchi*, Joseph Porter in *H.M.S. Pinafore*, and Masetto in *Don Giovanni*.

In the Summer of 1980 he was the recipient of the National Endowment for the Humanities Grant for research in the Operas of Verdi at the American Institute for Verdi Studies in New York City.

Bechtel Discusses needs

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pin down, and my parents can't either, so I don't worry about it. S: How should the advantages of Christians in the free world translate into responsibility, especially concerning Christians living under oppression?

B: Our responsibility to those living under oppression is two-fold:

One, we should pray for them—which most of us don't do. When we finally got back in North Vietnam, the Christians there in the Alliance Church said, "Why did you forget about us?"

We said, "What do you mean?" They said, "Well you did, didn't you?"

We did. How many of us pray for the Church in Viet Nam?

So responsibility number one is prayer. Responsibility number two is, "How can we help them? Literature, radio, et cetera."

S: You told a story of a man who was the sole survivor of a refugee boat and raised the question of how to relate God's love to someone who has lost everything. What are your thoughts on this?

B: The first thing you do is show him you care about him, not just lead him to Christ. Many times we take care of people with the sole objective of leading them to Christ. S: In chapel you told of new missionaries and how they needed to feel the challenge of what lay ahead of them when they first entered the country. Can you define what the challenge is?

B: Well, a lot of times new missionaries go over there and think they're gonna change the world, but they don't even see the people crying, "Help!" They come because they hear we need missionaries and they feel like, "I should be a missionary." They've never seen the challenge of what they're up against.

So I take them to a temple. That's like throwing them in ice water in the North Pole. They've already been highly motivated to get there—now they see the challenge.

It's like being in the locker room and being told what to do and taught what to do. Then you go out on the field and see the other team. "We have to play those guys? They know how to play, too? They don't care who we are? They want to beat us? OH NO!"

S: You also spoke of the people crying "help" and how we should go and help them. What does that entail? We can go, but what do we do when we get there?

B: Even though they are not saying [calls across the room] "Come over and tell me about Christ"—that is what they're saying. We go to treat symptoms. The disease is they don't know Christ. So we need to go over and treat the disease. And that's what they're crying. They might cry it in different ways, but that's the disease.

S: Can you see any different ways between the people living in Hong at us, do you know what I mean? China?

B: Oh man, night and day! China is survival; Hong Kong is luxury. That's the easiest way to describe it. Hong Kong is luxury; China is Spartan. Hong Kong is freedom and...what's the opposite of freedom?...You're the writer, not me.

S: Oppression?

B: Oppression....Let's not use the word "oppression." Think of a word that doesn't make China mad at us, do you know what I

mean?

S: Yes, I don't want China mad at us.

B: Night and day.

S: If you weren't a missionary, what would you be doing now? B: I'd be a businessman and a multi-millionaire in Hong Kong, rolling in money; it's so easy to make in Hong Kong it scares you....

I would like to really challenge the leadership—the people in leadership positions that other people look up to on this campus—to get more involved in missions. One of my disappointments here is that athletes and leaders on campus are not involved in missions. It didn't seem to me that they were as involved in missions as they ought to be. I want this to be a positive statement—get involved!

Issues day coming

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Sayers on pacifism and the "Just War" theory; Dave Dimmick, a senior from Alfred affiliated with a citizen's action group, on practical action for students and arguments against recent weapons systems; Dr. Oetinger on radiation sickness, together with Dr. Boone and Dr. Trexler on the material destruction from a bomb and the "Civil Defense" system; Prof. Willet on the economics of disarmament; and the "Apocalypse Game," an ABC TV presentation on the history of the bomb and the growing American and Russian mentality of a "winnable" nuclear war.

The Current Issues Day committee, advised by Dr. Katherine Lindley and Prof. John Tyson, is co-chaired by Ann Morris and Kay Hendron.

Congress may cut aid

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program. Cut-backs will mostly hurt middle-income families who will lose eligibility for this aid because of inflation.

The House passed an appropriations Committee recommendation for a \$186 million NDSL budget. This is \$100 million below current NDSL funding. Approximately 100,000 students now receiving loans will not be eligible unless funding increases.

Two weeks ago, Houghton Work Study students found out that the minimum wage was increasing from \$2.65 to \$3.10 per hour. But this increase makes the college use up its funds faster than expected. To compensate for this, the college is trimming the number of student workers on its payroll, and it will also decrease the number of summer job openings.

To counter this, the CWS needs an increase of \$550 million to \$600 million to cover the difference from the payment of increased minimum wage.

The Underfunded Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) program could eat up funds for other aid programs. Congress must give a GSL to every student asking for one. If Congress has to fund more loans than it planned, it may take money from programs like BEOG to pay them.

What can you do to insure your return to Houghton next fall? The

Bad effects of fluoride explored

by Shawn Manningham

Will water fluoridation bring harmful side effects? That is the question community members want answered before they decide to fluoridate their water—as discussed at the Houghton Community Association's annual meeting on October 29.

Earlier this fall, the Caneadea Town Board, the township board in charge of the Houghton Water District, was petitioned to consider water fluoridation for Houghton because New York State officials have been encouraging localities to fluoridate.

The issue was discussed, and Houghton community members reacted favorably but wanted more information. Although fluoridation reduces tooth decay, some people fear that fluoridation may have harmful side effects.

If Houghton people show substantial interest, the Caneadea Town Board will invite state authorities for an informational hearing to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of a fluoridated water system. "But we're not going to push it down their throats," said Board member Charles Pocock. The Town Board wants Houghton people to be in agreement with the issue before the Board calls the state authorities.

After the informational hearing—if there is one—the Caneadea Town Board will have to decide whether or not to fluoridate using their own judgment based on what they have heard from Houghton people and the state authorities. The issue could come up for referendum if enough people oppose the Board's decision, or the Board itself could initiate a referendum.

Student Senate suggests that you write to your congressman, your senators, and the members of Senate and House Appropriations and Budget Committees. Find their names and addresses in *The Almanac of American Politics 1980*, located in the reference room of the library.

Urge them to increase funding levels to fully back the BEOG program at \$1,900, maintain NDSL funding at least at \$296 million, increase CWS from \$550 million to \$600 million, and fully fund the GSL program.

Write to them now. The "lame duck" session started two days ago, and will end in December.

If you don't write, don't worry. You just might get an extra-long vacation this fall.

"Our military experts and political leaders must by now be well aware of the risks which this nation takes in relying on nuclear weapons for defense. Each must search his conscience before deciding that there are benefits sufficient to counterbalance such fearful risks. But this is not the kind of judgment which can be left to the experts, or even to the elected leaders. A decision which may risk the very life of the nation must be made by the nation as a whole."

Barry Commoner, 1963.

Houghton vs. Roberts in district playoff game

by Brian Davidson

Your Houghton Highlander soccer team will be trying for the district championship this Saturday right here in Houghton. The Highlanders received the number one seed this year by accumulating 232 points in the Lonzo rating system compared to 200 for Dowling and 195 for Roberts Wesleyan. Those two teams will be playing in the first round of the Districts this Thursday to determine who will meet the Highlanders on Saturday.

The Houghton Highlanders finished their regular season with a 12-2-3 record. At the present time, the Highlanders are ranked ninth in the nation in the N.A.I.A. poll and fourth in the state (behind Ithaca, Binghamton, and Albany.) in the Division III coaches' poll. Coach Burke and his team in the last three years now have a record of 47-6-4.

Here's a brief look at some of the Highlander highlights from this year's season:

(1) I'm sure the Highlanders won't forget the opening minutes of their first game. After waiting so long for the chance to go up against a powerful West Coast team such as Biola College in order to prove just how strong the East Coast teams are, they squandered a goal only 2 minutes and 30 seconds into the game. However, the Highlanders proved themselves by coming back and winning 3-1.

(2) On the annual early season road trip Houghton outscored their opponents 7-1 and brought back two more victories. It was also on this trip that the defense recorded shutout number one. Seniors, Kevin Austin, Jon Ortlip and Peter Fuller played key roles in obtaining that shutout.

(3) The team would like to forget the game against Geneseo that snapped their twelve game winning streak, a streak dating back to the latter half of last year's season.

(4) Then there was homecoming. After losing last year's homecoming to U of Buffalo 2-1 in two overtimes, the team decided they'd better not lose this year's game. They defeated Buff State 1-0 in a close but exciting game. By the way, Buffalo State went on to win every regular season game after playing our Highlanders.

(5) Who could forget the game against our archrivals Roberts Wesleyan.

Grad enjoys work

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He has experienced a sense of fulfillment in his work. "I initially thought that people would use and take advantage of me in my position here. I imagined that they'd talk about my service with a kind of snarl in their voices. But then I consider that exactly what I want is to be used, and to be used to the maximum. It sort of takes the snarl out of their voices. Nothing in servanthood says you must be deemed as worthy. It's dependent on their attitudes, but on my attitude."

Although The game resulted in a 1-1 tie they (Roberts) walked away knowing they were lucky to escape with a tie. It was also in that game that James Madozie returned to action.

(6) Then there was the Fredonia game. Fredonia, considered to be one of the top Division III schools in that state was beaten badly by the Highlanders in their own homecoming game. Doug Johnson scored 2 sweet goals on this day.

(7) I'm sure Coach Burke won't forget the first half of the Behrend game. His team showed tremendous ball control and hustle, by far their best half of the season.

(8) And finally there was the game against Alfred U. Alfred was looking for a bid to the playoffs if they beat the Highlanders. But the Highlanders, supported by a strong and boisterous group of fans who braved the absolutely chilling weather to see their team play, tied the Alfred team. Jon Ortlip hit a beautiful direct kick hand corner of the goal enabling us to tie the game, 1-1.

The Highlanders have some unfinished business to concentrate on. Two years ago, the team was virtually robbed of a trip to the NAIA national tournament. This year, the team has worked hard to try and get that dream which they let slip through their hands two years ago. Only two opponents stand in their way. This week they play one of those opponents. If they lose, their season comes to an end, if they win, they take one step closer to having Thanksgiving in Illinois (the site for this year's National tournament). We could use your support at this Saturday's championship game which starts at 1:00.

Basketball season starts

by Kevin Kingma

With their last scrimmage behind them, the Houghton varsity basketball team players under rookie Coach David Jack begin their season Saturday, November 15, against Brock University in Canada.

The team scrimmaged with Genesee Community College here at Houghton and faced Alfred Tech twice, once at the Academy and once at Alfred.

What did the scrimmages tell Coach Jack about the team? "They helped me realize that we have a lot of work to do defensively as a team." He added that the scrimmages pointed out a number of weaknesses. As a result, Jack feels he can tackle these areas of weakness more easily.

Is the team ready for the game this Saturday? "You never feel like you're ready for your first game," says Jack. "However, we have to get into the game sooner or later." Coach Jack feels at this point that the team is probably as ready for the first game as they can expect to be.

Brock University which has a new coach and a number of new players, will have had five games' experience when they meet Houghton this Saturday in St. Catherine's Ontario.

Houghton problems insignificant; rudeness issue overinflated

Dear Graham,

Re: Tom MacIntyre's letter concerning the "rudeness epidemic" at Houghton.

Our "problems" at Houghton really are insignificant, and even a little silly. Nevertheless, it is often fun, and sometimes even a little enlightening to think about these problems. Tom MacIntyre, unfortunately, is not yet thinking clearly about the "problems" he mentions. Moreover, his letter is symptomatic of a more pervasive and dangerous "epidemic" among Christians than rudeness: that is, the tendency to allow rhetoric to take the place of clear thinking. (My diagnosis is, of course, sort of stipulative—but it is not without basis. After all, my time spent in chapel makes me very familiar with this sort of disease.)

But be that as it may, I would like to answer some of MacIntyre's rhetorical questions. For instance, he asks if the Student Senate chapel on the various problems was "enough" (to solve the problems). The answer, in the case of chapel tardiness at any rate, is no because that chapel was part of the problem, not the solution. Tardiness, and other "Rude" behavior in chapel are more likely a symptom of students' inability to take chapel seriously (because it is an obvious farce) than a symptom of lack of love. Chapels designed to indoctrinate rather than to edify the student body (e.g. the recent Senate chapel) make it even harder to take chapel seriously.

difficult to take chapel seriously. MacIntyre also finds it "ironic" that most state university libraries seem to have the principle of love and respect operating all the time." With this statement MacIntyre undercuts the force of his sermon to rude people in Houghton. His finding irony in the good behavior of state university students rests on the assumption that Christians are (or should be) better behaved (be better persons?) than non-Christians. This assumption is without basis. Moreover it is a rude and non-loving assumption to make.

In case there are some who think this assumption is natural and not at all hateful, let me make my point clear by way of analogy. MacIntyre's approach on this point reminds me of the genteel southern lady reproving her son for doing something even a "nigger" would not do.

Following the statement mentioned above is another rhetorical question. MacIntyre asks if students at state universities

"have something we don't" (which enables them to behave better in the library). The answer, quite simply, is yes. Most state universities have large rooms in which students may talk, smoke, etc., while studying. Furthermore, most state universities have places other than libraries for the socially inclined to meet people. These two factors will do more for a library's quietude than any sermon about love, or the lack of it.

Finally, none of what I've said is meant to belittle the importance of respect for others. What I do mean to belittle is the tendency to inflate a social problem into a spiritual issue.

Tim Craker

Keep striking

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how this displays any lack of knowledge on my part; ignorance and the ability to become absorbed in a medium are hardly related. But no matter, I'm glad Dr. Orr noticed the irony in my statement. He helps to prove my point that these melodramatic techniques, designed to keep the audience's attention at all costs, just do not belong in what are ostensibly documentaries—especially when so little evidence is given to support such strong claims. If I am ignorant of what is actually going on in the world, this film did not help me out any.

V. If Franky Schaeffer were seriously trying to present a fresh look at the right to life issue without the usual sensationalism, he has failed rather thoroughly; I have shown that. The producers apparently felt that they could present their beliefs in any manner they pleased, because theirs is, after all, a Christian viewpoint. Can we condemn secular productions as sensational and biased, turn around and then exalt "Christian" productions as innately immune to such pitfalls? No astute observer will accept this double standard, nor should he.

If, despite the series' faults, viewers are encouraged to promote respect for human life, that's fine. I was asked to write a philosophically critical review of a film series inspired by a contemporary philosopher. That is what I did. I now see that being philosophical and critical can get you into trouble; but that's fine too. I will drink my hemlock.

Sincerely,

Dave Seymour

Does ROTC training befit a Christian college?

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my disappointment and distress at the introduction of participation by Houghton students in an off-campus ROTC training program, as indicated in a recent *Star*. This sort of activity seems to me out of place at a liberal arts college and, at the very least, also problematic for a Christian college.

In the first place, I think that there is a basic incompatibility between the military mentality and the liberal arts frame of mind. No doubt there are intelligent, sensitive persons within the military establishment, but by and large the training program of the armed forces is designed to crush individuality and to discourage independent thinking. I still remember basic training: "I want only one of three answers, mister: 'Yes, sir,' 'No, sir,' or 'No excuse, sir.'" Now I recognize that instant obedience, almost by reflex, may save lives in a combat situation. I realize that a lieutenant cannot break up his patrol into small-group "buzz sessions" to decide whether to advance or to dig in. The military machine could not operate efficiently in that manner. But that's just the point. Training to be a cog in a machine and education in the liberal arts are basically incompatible as to both means and ends.

My second point will command less general assent, I am sure, for I acknowledge that its underlying premise is the basic incom-

patibility of the mind of Christ and the military mind. For myself, I find it impossible to imagine Jesus with submachine gun in hand, whether leading guerrilla forces against the wealthy landlords or defending "our canal" against the Panamanians or even driving the PLO forces out of Palestine.

For the sake of further discussion at least, I will concede for now that in some instances war may be the lesser of two evils. Still it is unmistakably evil. Some may argue that if it is sometimes right (the lesser evil) to engage in war, then it is also right to prepare for war now. Without at this time pursuing possible challenges to that point, I still find it incongruous for a Christian college to grant credit for skill in stripping an M-1 or for a course on evaluating the cost-efficiency of "neutralizing" a civilian population by widespread defoliation, sowing land-mines or germ warfare.

In some (rare) cases abortion may be the lesser of two evils, but few of us would want to see Houghton offering a course on how to perform abortions. A CPR course seems more consistent with Christian values, more in harmony with the rest of our agenda here. I acknowledge that my appeal here is in the first instance to deep-rooted Christian feeling. No doubt a hard-headed case can be made for the rare exception, and yet a signboard which read "The Christian Abortion Clinic" would jar our

Christian sensibilities. Why? Only because we are illogical?

Similarly, we may feel that "Founded on the Rock Christ Jesus" is a suitable motto for a Christian college, or perhaps even for a task force of Christians mobilized for an assault on inner-city poverty, but hardly for a tank corps. Appeal to feeling? In a way, yes. But even if we try to be coldly rational, does not the incompatibility seem to remain? "Fieldcommander Jesus?" "Thank God, we got them before they got us?"

However much I personally object to what I regard as the inconsistency of admitting ROTC into our program, even in this present indirect manner, I do not intend to "unchristianize" those who advocate the program and/or participate in it. I'm challenging the validity of ideas, not the integrity of persons. (2) Though I am aware of the limited validity of the so-called "domino theory" or the "slippery slope" argument, yet I do not think it unreasonable to ask, "Where will this limited and indirect participation finally take us, especially if the program should become popular? Will there some day be close order drill on the quad? An honor guard at graduation ceremonies? An award for the cadet of the year—perhaps the one who got the most "kills" at summer maneuvers?"

I think that a program whose implications are as far-reaching as those of ROTC should not have been allowed to begin here at all without previous thorough and widespread discussion among us.

Thank you,

Warren Woolsey

Christian pacifism

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world many times over. This is what is known as overkill. We could scrap a lot of our defense (?) weapons and still be able to wipe out the whole world. I am just not convinced that a get tough policy is the only prevention to war, either. This is a form of naivete to believe it is. It is comforting to make things black and white, but in real life things are usually some shade of gray. I doubt that there is a prevention for war. In the Bible we are told that there will be wars and rumors of war until the end. This situation will only be cleared up at Armageddon.

As for being "big brother" to the rest of the world, I believe we did ask for that position. We force ourselves on other nations in the name of our national security and then wonder why we get "kicked in the teeth." It is always better to fight a war in someone else's yard. This, I think, is one of the reasons we want to be "big brother."

I also contend that Christianity will "not" be crushed worldwide.

We Christians may have to go underground, but we shall prevail. The Church was persecuted by Nero, but it prevailed. Until the time of Constantine, being a Christian was not easy; why should we expect it to be so now? Beatings, torture and death have been integral parts of our Christian heritage. I am not advocating the return of these conditions, but the true Church has always seemed stronger after persecution.

Miss Stallsmith's letter seemed to be an emotional outburst. It seemed to lack any cohesiveness internally. The letter was a jumble of all the arguments espoused by the knee-jerk reactionaries that I got to know while living in Oklahoma, where conservatism amounts to a religion. I can understand her positions because I once held them. I have since learned to think for myself and have realized that the world is vastly more complex than I thought as a child. Articles like the one by Miss Roberts have helped that growth. I don't have to agree with pacifism, but I must think about the issue in the light of God's Word.

Rob Cohoon

Pacifist defense

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Psalms 34:14; Matthew 5:38-48; 26:52; John 18:36; Romans 12:19-21; II Corinthians 10:3,4; I Peter 2:21-23; and I John 4:20. I realize that the *Star* has insufficient space for thorough examination of these texts. However, if Miss Stallsmith had expended less verbiage on emotive arguments, she could have explained how a Christian "patriot" rationalizes these passages.

In conclusion, our Christian position on warfare should not be based on emotional descriptions of the slaughter of innocent loved ones; nor should it be based on emotional descriptions of the fear of Communism. Instead, we must prayerfully consider the biblical text, using Scripture as the foundation for our position.

Sincerely,

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