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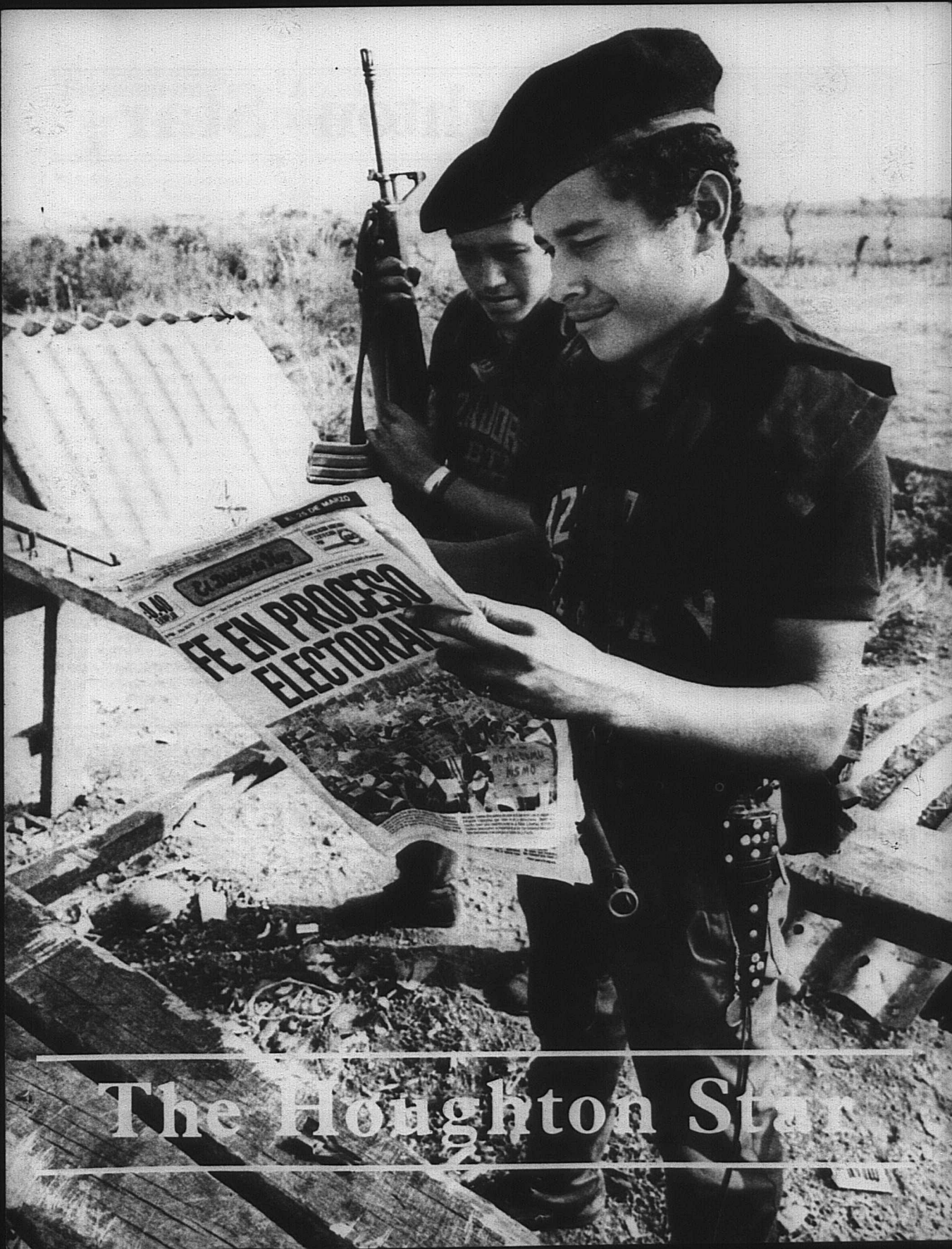
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"Come on, Brian. Where are you really going on sabbatical?" Dr. Brian Sayers, Dr. Bruce Brown, and Prof. Jean-Louis Roederer anticipate spending time away from Houghton next year to expand their academic horizons.

## Professors Excited About Sabbatical Leaves

by Lorry Arnold

Professors Bruce Brown, Jean-Louis Roederer, and Brian Sayers will be taking full-year sabbaticals.

Professor Brown, head of the Voice Department, plans to leave for England in August. Brown anticipates that England will be a "jumping off place." From there, he hopes to visit several other European countries.

In Europe, Brown will "learn by observing" choral conductors from England, France, Sweden, and other countries as they work with their ensembles. Brown wants to spend two to three weeks with each conductor; however, his plans are still "up in the air."

Brown thinks this experience will make him a "more efficient" choral conductor. Another potential benefit will be making enough contacts in Europe that the college choir could take its own European trip. Brown would like to discover music available in Europe but not the United States.

Jean-Louis Roederer, Associate Professor of Modern Languages, plans to spend his sabbatical at Syracuse University. Roederer will be studying Educational Technology with applica-

tion to foreign language studies.

Roederer is using this time to study because of his "desire to keep moving ahead, to learn, to explore areas that will prove useful." Roederer explained that the field of foreign language education lacks teaching materials that involve technical equipment such as video cassettes. Roederer anticipates applying much of what he learns during his sabbatical studies to Houghton.

Roederer's sabbatical is tentative, pending the acceptance of his application for graduate study in Syracuse.

Brian Sayers, Associate Professor of Philosophy, will be spending his sabbatical year at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario. Queens University, Sayers' alma mater, invited him. His title will be "visiting scholar." Sayers will teach one class—History of Philosophy from Descartes to Kant. Professor Sayers plans to spend time reading and writing philosophy for papers he hopes to publish.

If time allows, Sayers intends to take in a few plays and a few hockey games "in the hope that exposure to violence will promote creativity."

## Be an Editor, Gnash a Few Teeth

by Thea Hurd

Around this time last year, some of my friends persuaded (conned?) me to run for *Star* editor. I wondered what I had gotten into when no one else ran. Anticipating late nights, headaches, wails, and the gnashing of teeth, I tried to forget about the editorship over summer vacation. It was patiently waiting and biding its time when I came back in the fall.

Now, three-quarters of the way through my stint as editor, you know what? There have been late, late nights, splitting headaches, loud wails, and the gnashing of teeth—my own teeth. But, as editor, I have gained more experience applicable to my career goals in publishing than I have in any of my classes.

The time has come again. Editing positions for next year need to be filled now on all three publications' staffs: *The Boulder*, the yearbook; *The Lanthorn*, the literary magazine; and *The Star*, the newspaper.

These positions offer practical experience in managing personnel,

working under pressure, taking responsibility, using finances wisely, and producing a respectable publication. A scholarship is awarded to each editor. Besides, as I was repeatedly told, "Being an editor looks great on your resume!"

Platforms including your qualifications and plans for next year's publications should be dropped off at the *Star* office by 11am, March 18 to appear in the *Star* March 22. Guidelines for writing these platforms are available at the *Star* office. Elections for all three positions will be held March 25 and 26 during lunch and dinner. The student body elects the editors.

Business managers are also needed for the publications. You can contact the *Star* office for more information or to drop off your qualifications.

Despite the disruption of my sleep habits, my studies, and my social life, editing the *Star* has been a challenge that, believe it or not, I would probably accept again.

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## Ericsson on Equal Access: "The Way We Do Things" Says a Lot

by Bryan Vosseler and Faith Haines

"Christian Legal Society (CLS) had been the organization which has represented students, both in the university and high school cases seeking equal access for students who want to meet on the same basis. This means that the Bible Club should have equal access to an empty room like the Chess Club does. If they [the students] are allowed to do anything they want during their free time, then religion should not be a second-class issue."

Thus Sam Ericsson, Staley Lecturer, explained one of the accomplishments of the Christian Legal Society. Ericsson addressed students and faculty in a lecture, two chapels, and several class meetings February 28 and March 1.

When asked in an interview why he is working for equal access, Ericsson replied, "I direct the religious freedom efforts of the CLS, and we determined that religious speech protection was the most important agenda item for us as evangelicals to be concerned about. At any time the state seeks to, in some way, chill or put limits on our freedom to express our views in a public place, we should speak up."

As to what the role of an evangelical should be in politics in order to "speak up," Ericsson replied, "Up until the

last few years, most evangelicals and conservative Christians have totally stayed out of the political arena. I think that's the wrong attitude. The government in this country is of the people, by the people—and for the people, and we as Christians are some of the people. We should be involved in the process. To step out of the process goes against our calling as David says in Psalm 37—that we are to trust in the Lord, do good and dwell in the Lord. In other words, to be involved in the process. On the other hand there is the danger of people thinking they can force their particular religious agenda down on people who don't want that agenda. So there are some legitimately, such as different freedoms, and there are other things that politics are not to accomplish."

Ericsson stated, "Some of the toughest challenges in working for equal access were for Christians to hang in there. Sometimes decisions didn't go our way, and many just dropped out. The other problem was to develop a bill, the language of which was acceptable to a broad group of people."

In response to whether evangelicals would fear other groups gathering under the law, Ericsson thought it would not be a problem. "One of the



Spring Staley Lecturer, Samuel E. Ericsson, directs the Washington office of the Christian Legal Society. He spent a couple days at Houghton talking in chapel, classes and lecture series.

greatest fears, and the one that our opponents played on, consisted of equal access allowing the Moonies and other weird outside groups to come in. We say that it may happen in some schools, but for the last 40-50 years the only ones that have wanted to meet have been the evangelical Christians. It may happen that one school has a Moonie Club, but are we going to sacrifice 25,000 high schools because one out of 25,000 has a Moonie Club? I may not want my children to go to Moonie group meetings, and tell them not to go. The equal access bill will advise school administrators to require parental consent forms for anyone who wants to be involved in religious activities. That takes care of parental objection. So what parent

would object unless they want to totally shut down religious speech?"

Ericsson claims that he would not be afraid of being related to the free speech movement of the '60's. "In fact, if it wasn't for the free speech movement, we wouldn't have an Equal Access Act. The free speech movement wanted to allow four letter words. I argue for a free speech movement in the '80's where one is allowed to use three letter words like God—in the proper context. You're allowed to use God's name in swearing, but you use God in prayer and you run into problems."

In conclusion, Ericsson said, "Of great concern to us at the Christian Legal Society is that our tone and witness—the way we do things—is as important as what we say."

## Survey Reveals Drug Tragedy

Editor's note: Lynn Ansara is Director of Communications of the NYS Division of Substance Abuse Services.

by Lynn Ansara

Crime, overdose deaths, property loss, and the loss of a measurable portion of our young people are results of the flood-tide of illegal drug to this country. The consequences of illicit drug use and abuse can hardly be overestimated.

Unfortunately, many people simply do not comprehend the seriousness of the problem.

A newly released New York State Division of Substance Abuse Services survey of over 27,000 secondary school students' illicit drug use showed that 31 percent of all seventh grade

students have tried illegal or psychoactive drugs in elementary school. This same survey showed that the majority of these students were still using drugs in the 7th and 8th grades. This is tragic.

At best, drug dealers and those who sell drugs to children are the worst kind of criminals. And they should be treated as such. They must not be tolerated—in any community. Individual citizens must speak up—and speak out. They must voice their concern to the local police, the local media, the town, village or local authorities. They must organize others to do the same. They must also support activities, or legislation, which would help to moderate, or end, this scourge.

Our children need strong parental

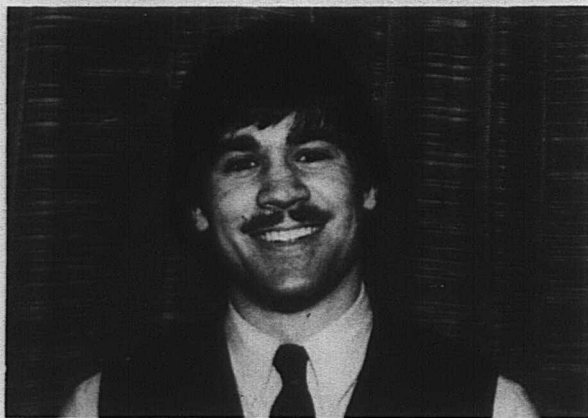
and community support if they are to grow up drug-free. Senator Patrick Moynihan and Senator Alphonse D'Amato are co-sponsoring bipartisan legislation (Senate Bill No. 15) which, if passed, will provide \$125 million in support for both states and localities to deal with the problem. They are joined in sponsorship by Senators Paula Hawkins, a Republican from Florida and David Pryor, a Democrat from Arkansas. The support would be in the form of Federal grants in 1986, and would help State and local governments to catch, prosecute, and jail those who are selling drugs to our children. This legislation would also provide \$125 million in assistance for the treatment and rehabilitation of youngsters who are already suf-

fering from drug addiction. And perhaps most important of all, this legislative bill will provide for primary drug prevention: that is, the education of youngsters and adults about the dangers of drug use before that use begins.

Writing to Senator Moynihan or Senator D'Amato in support of Senate Bill No. 15 is the least that we, as individuals, can do. Just forwarding this article to the Senators, with a single sentence indicating your support of the bill, would be helpful.

If you need information about drugs, about consequences of drug use, or about helping to organize anti-drug efforts in your community, help is available. Call this toll-free number: 1-800-522-5353.

# 1985-86 Senate Election Platforms



Joey Jennings

## Joey Jennings

### Office: Senate President

#### Qualifications:

Student Development Council; 84-85  
 Senator, Class of 1986; 84-85  
 Judiciary Committee; 84-85  
 Trustee's Committee on Student Development; 84-85  
 Campus Activities Board member; 84-85  
 CAB, Concert Coordinator; 84-85  
 Resident Assistant (Gao Dorm); 84-85  
 Interim Class Chaplain, Class of 1988; 84 (1st semester)  
 Sophomore Class Chaplain, Class of 1986; 83-84  
 CSO, Campus Life; 82-83, 83-84  
 Symphonic Wind Ensemble; 82-84  
 Chaplain, Symphonic Wind Ensemble; 83-84  
 Jazz Ensemble; 83-84  
 Intramurals; Soccer, Basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, Softball  
 Ministerial Candidate; The Wesleyan Church

There are many responsibilities that are involved in the office of Student Senate President. I believe that one of the most important of these services is to keep the student body well informed. I would work to keep you informed in the following areas:

1. Concerning how students can be more involved on campus. There are many positions for councils and committees which open up each spring. Also, throughout the year, there are many Senate and CAB projects which are in need of more student input. By informing you, the students, where you can

best get involved, I would be encouraging you to develop your leadership abilities in order for you to get more out of your college experience.

2. Concerning administrative decisions that affect students. This is where the Senate President's responsibility as liaison between the administration and the student body is most beneficial to you as students. Most students are not aware of many key decisions which are made behind the scenes. As president I would be aware of many of these decisions and would actively work to see that you are well informed. This would serve to enlighten you so that you will be able to intelligently discuss the issues and would also keep these decision-makers more accountable to students.

I think the president is able to keep the student body informed in two ways. First, by better informing the senators through personal contact (letters, individual meetings, etc.) and by holding them accountable to pass the information on to their respective classes; secondly, through direct interaction between the Senate president and student body (letters to the Star, speaking in chapel, posting Senate minutes and announcements).

Our efforts will be to challenge Houghton towards positive change. These changes will be sought in an atmosphere which recognizes and appreciates the value of our education as well as strives to continually improve the quality of student life.

## Bill Wichterman

### Office: Senate President

#### Qualifications:

Academic Affairs Council: student representative (Fall '84)  
 Class of '86 Senator ('83-'84, Fall '84)  
 Class Chaplain ('82-'83)  
 Youth for Christ Leader in Rushford Sr. High ('82-'83)  
 Christian Life Committee student representative ('84)  
 Campus Tour Guide (Fall '84)  
 WJSL: Disc Jockey, newscaster, production ('83-'84)  
 Intramural Volleyball, Softball ('83)  
 Consortium Student: Wheaton College (Spring '85)  
 Public Relations: WETN ('85)  
 Navigators Evangelism Team ('85)

Communication and influence: Student Senate needs to improve in both of these areas.

Communication between Senate and the student body can be improved to help Senate reach its potential. Houghton's relatively small size can be advantageous in that student opinions are more easily assessed through direct communication. Senators are just one means of transmission.

To improve communication between students and Senate I have three goals:

- 1) Institute a monthly Senate table in the campus center to hear student ideas and complaints, take polls, etc.
- 2) Appoint a director of Senate communications to post meeting times and agendas, publicize important discussions, and inform students of

opportunities for participation.

3) Encourage Senate meetings to be a forum for all students, not just senators.

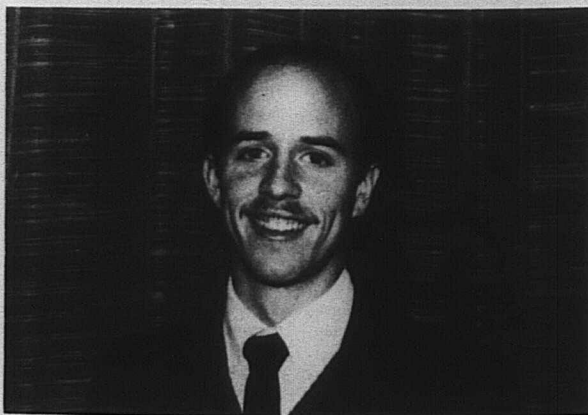
These steps would give students a greater opportunity to voice their opinions. I realize that not everyone wants to be actively involved in Senate meetings, but at least students will have the option of contributing their input.

Also, Senate needs to have an even greater influence on decision-making within the school. The administration, faculty, and staff are very open to students' opinions, but their receptivity is worthless without our creative input. I want to see Senate assert its views responsibly and boldly. Change does not always occur immediately, but it comes in time through a steady influence.

To increase student influence I will strive to get Senate representation in faculty meetings, just as the faculty is currently represented in Student Senate. This step would help to further student influence.

An effective student government needs a competent leader who represents students' positions and directs the body in new paths. Without leadership, Senate can only drift along without accomplishing anything significant. I am confident that I have the necessary abilities to be a capable leader who will help Senate become the voice of the students and a truly influential body.

Senate can make a difference and I believe I can help.



Bill Wichterman





Susan Budz

### Susan M. Budz Office: Vice-president

**Qualifications:**  
Senate 82-85  
Chapel Committee 83-84  
Cultural Affairs Comm. 83-84  
(revised film review policy)  
Academic Affairs Curriculum  
Review Committee 84-85  
Christian Life Comm. 84-85  
Jr./Sr. Banquet Comm. 84-85  
Winter Weekend Comm. 84-85  
(poster)  
Chairman Film Research Comm. 85  
Class of 1986 Homecoming Comm.  
(float) 83-84  
CAB Stage Manager 84  
(Randy Stonehill)  
Senate Chaplain 84-85  
Brookside Chaplain 83  
Musician of Class of 1986 Prayer  
Meetings 82-84  
Youth For Christ 83-84  
(Southern Tier)  
Youth For Christ 79-84  
(Metro) counselor 2 years  
College Choir 82-84  
Chamber Singers 82-83  
Soundbooth Operator 83-85  
Theatre Workshop 83-84  
Genesee Valley Players Stage  
Manager 83-84  
(Arms and The Man)  
Ski Club 82-83

Campus Activities Board is responsible for planning and implementing all entertainment on campus, which includes movies, concerts, Senate Spots, and study breaks, among other things. Ideas for these activities, however, come from creative individuals who are willing to share their ideas with CAB, who can then convert their ideas into action. As Vice-president of Student Senate, I will strive to see that your ideas are well represented and carried out effectively.

I'm going to offer you a way to

take an active part in campus entertainment: CAB needs your input; therefore, I'll be sending out a survey to discover your insight and opinions as well as your preference for movies and concerts. Please take time to answer the survey; your ideas count.

Also, there will be further opportunity for student involvement in the form of CAB-related student positions. I will be looking for students to fill key positions, such as concert coordinator, Spot M.C.'s, and on and off campus publicity managers. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact me.

I plan to run CAB in the same efficient way it has been run this year, bringing quality entertainment according to student preference. CAB is here to represent your interests, so please take advantage of your opportunity to contribute ideas. I would also encourage you to contribute to Student Senate as a whole, because without your ideas, Senate, your representative body, ends up representing only itself.

Stay informed! Read Senate reviews in the *Star* and attend Senate meetings, ready to share your ideas. As Vice-president I will work to develop open communication between the student body and Student Senate by continuing to post Senate agendas, by setting up Senate office hours, by issuing surveys, and by holding Senate forums where you can share your ideas and have your questions answered.

I realize that the position of Senate Vice-president is time-consuming and difficult, but I have confidence in my abilities, knowing that I do my work well and finish what I start. I approach this position with enthusiasm, ready to take on the challenge and able to effectively serve the Houghton College student body.

### Norman Biller Office: Senate Treasurer

**Qualifications:**  
Senate—2 years  
ad hoc Senate By-Law Committee  
Senate Booksale Committee  
Financial Affairs Council  
Student Activity Fee Review Committee  
YAO Member—2 years  
Chairman, YAO Kodak Spectacular  
Committee—84-85  
Class of '87 Cabinet Member—2 years  
Chairman, Class Homecoming Float  
Committee—83  
Class Retreat Committee—85  
Class Officer Elections Committee—85  
Accounting Principles I and II

### David Whittleton Office: Senate Secretary

**Qualifications:**  
Type 46 wpm  
Yearbook Editor in high school. Did most of the typing and correspondence that needed to be done.  
Secretary of the Student Task Force at Niagara County Community College.  
Worked in Financial Aid Office at Niagara County Community College.  
Work in Financial Aid Office at Houghton College.  
**Activities:**  
ACO  
CSO

## Theology Institute Features John Guest

by Julaine Swithers

On March 18 - 20, 1985, the Houghton College Office of Church Relations and Division of Religion and Philosophy will co-host its second annual Houghton College Institute of Theology. Dr. John Guest, rector of St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Sewickley, Pa., will be the featured speaker conducting a three day series of lectures concerning Apologetics.

A native of Oxford, England, Dr. Guest has received honorary degrees from Geneva College and Grove City College. Guest helped establish the Trinity Episcopal School of Ministry and founded the Coalition for Christian Outreach which ministers to college students. Along with his teaching and evangelistic capabilities, Guest

## Students Eligible For Round Trip Discounts

DALLAS, TX—Trailways Lines, Inc. announced that no round trip fares will exceed \$98 for persons presenting a college identification card at the time of purchase.

In making the announcement, Mr. Robert Buschner, vice president of marketing for Trailways stated, "The new Trailways college discount program is designed to attract students to us during the spring semester when a good portion of student travel takes place. The fares are only \$49 or \$42 each way when students buy a round trip ticket. We want to offer students a viable alternative to using their own cars for spring break trips and for travel to and from their homes," Buschner said.

The \$98 round trip fare being offered from all Trailways origin points is good for sale through either April 15, 1985 or April 30, 1985 on transportation through either April 30, 1985 or May 15, 1985, depending on the state. Students are urged to contact their local Trailways terminal or agent for specifics on the new fares.

is also an accomplished musician.

In addition to presentations by Dr. Guest, Houghton faculty members will present seminars covering current issues in Apologetics. Seminar topics will include: Apologetics and Preaching; When Bad Things Happen to Good People; Apologetics and Evangelism; Classical and Contemporary Apologetic Methods; How Much Evidence Do We Need?; and The Resurrection: What Are We Defending?

Students, faculty and community members are invited to attend all seminars. Dr. Guest will be speaking in chapel in addition to evening lectures at the village church. A schedule will be posted, but if you have any questions, contact Church Relations ext. 268.

Irmgard K. Howard, Associate Professor of Chemistry, will present the first faculty lecture of the semester 8 PM, March 11 in Schaller Hall. With a Ph.D in Biochemistry from Duke University, Dr. Howard is very interested in the relationships between nutrition and health. Her lecture, "Overfed/Undernourished: Syndromes of Western Nutrition," proposes that for each individual there exists a range of nutrients within which health and longevity are maximized. As nutrient levels fall consistently above or below this range, individual biochemistry shifts and health may be compromised.

## The Continuing Saga of Nicaragua

Here is a final bit of history for those students who are preparing themselves for the upcoming Current Issues Day. There will be tables set up at meals on Monday and Tuesday of next week with selections of articles for additional information on the current state in Nicaragua.

(Editor's note: The following is reprinted from an article by Ray Horst, courtesy of the Milieu.)

Regarding religious freedom, the Sandinistas seem to be generally heeding Fidel Castro's advice to avoid treating the church as an adversary. However, they did expel all expatriate missionaries of the Jehovah's Witnesses, and in late 1983 they expelled a Spanish priest for opposing the new military-service law. On the other hand, when revolutionary mobs occupied a number of church buildings of the Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh-Day Adventists, and Mormons, the government supported a protest from the 600-member National Council of Pastors, ruling the confiscations illegal and restoring the buildings to their congregations.

The junta did expropriate one synagogue; however, it was registered as private property, not as a church, and in the name of a Jew who had arranged for Somoza to obtain weapons from Israel. Hence the property was among those confiscated for "Somoza's crimes against the people," not for religious reasons.

According to a Franciscan nun, the religious persecution is not governmental, but consists of conservative Catholics opposing progressive Catholics. Apparently a large faction of priests and nuns are enthusiastic

about the social improvements wrought by the Revolution, but the archbishop and several of his bishops are not. One bishop says the pro-Revolution sector of the Church identifies too closely with the Sandinista movement: "Even the words of Christ are focused towards the Revolution. . . The Church cannot afford to identify with one particular group. . ."

Comments from Nicaraguans as to how much freedom they enjoy vary widely. Evangelical leader Dr. Gustavo Parajon says, "There is more democracy now than I can ever remember." However, the assistant director of *La Prensa*, the opposition newspaper—who seemed more ready to complain that gasoline was rationed than to rejoice that polio was eradicated—told us he would incur personal danger if he commented on the contras. He produced a file of items censored from his paper, with harassment the apparent motive behind much of the censorship. (It may be noteworthy that El Salvador has no official censorship—but editors are assassinated with disturbing frequency.) He also stated that three business leaders were imprisoned for six months for sending the government a letter of complaint. The Permanent Council on Human Rights documents the brief imprisonment of four women, also for sending letters of complaint. On the other hand, a group of evangelical college professors states, "In one rural mountain community we were told by the inhabitants that since the Revolution they were no longer afraid to organize for self help." Our US embassy source characterized the government as "authoritarian, but not totalitarian."

As for elections, research in numerous countries for the writing of a new "law of elections" has been under way. The junta promises to hold elections in 1985, and it points out that in the United States eight years stood between the victory at Yorktown and the first general elections.

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Are we not, while in college,  
insulated from the rest of the world;  
and deprived of those enjoyments  
and amusements to which the  
human heart is so strongly enticed?

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—J. Calhoun, 1803

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## Why Not Go?

by Carmen Ranalli

You've looked at the headline, shrugged your shoulders, and with an "I don't need-to-know-this-junk" laugh said, "Yeah, who does care?" At this point, many of you have made elaborate plans as to how you are going to blow your 'free' day, known to most and revered by few as Current Issues Day. (For those of you who aren't up to date on 'prime chapels to miss,' CID is on Wednesday, March 13, starting at 9:00 am. The topic is US Involvement in Nicaragua.)

By now you are thinking, "Here comes the list of reasons why I should go." Well, you're wrong. I suppose I COULD tell you that Nicaragua is big stuff in the news, and that we have a great line-up of speakers: US State Department Rep., a former member of the Sandinista government, a member of the Nicaraguan UN Delegation, and the director of the Latin American Studies Center in Michigan. But I won't. I COULD tell you that if attendance isn't good this year, CID might be scrapped. I COULD tell you that it's our "Christian duty" to care. But I won't bother telling you what you have already disregarded.

What I will ask you to do is to THINK, just for a minute. You are being offered a choice to either step out of the seclusion of Houghton, which you bemoan so often, or to succumb to the security of its narrow-minded walls. You are being given the privilege of moving towards conquering ethnocentric ignorance; but that same privilege can be rationalized away as impertinent to our lives here in good ole' USA. By the same thought process, many Ethiopian children have become impertinent facts in a comfortable, "Christian" American world.

I can't really offer many good reasons why you should attend Current Issues Day. But I ask you this: Why shouldn't you?

## To Russia, With Love

Would you be interested in taking the pulse of the church in the Soviet Union and seeing the spectacular beauty of this exotic but sad land? If so then join the second Asbury College TOUR OF THE SOVIET UNION WITH A CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS, June 9-24, 1985.

In addition to opportunities to attend Orthodox, Catholic, Baptist, Lutheran, or Methodist services, the itinerary includes Zagorsk, home of a Russian Orthodox monastery and one of three remaining Orthodox seminaries; Moscow's fairy-tale-like St. Basil's Cathedral and other sights of the capital including the Kremlin's museum churches and Lenin's shrine-tomb on Red Square; Leningrad's bizarre Museum of the History of Religion and Atheism; a hydrofoil excursion to an open-air museum of Russian wooden architecture of Kizhi which includes a church with 23 wood-shingle cupolas; and the delightful Baltic port cities of Tallinn and Riga. Sights as beautiful as the world-famous Hermitage Art Museum and as grotesque as a Nazi concentration camp will compete for the attention of participants.

As with his 1981 tour, Dr. Elliott is working through Academic Travel Abroad which has been organizing overseas travel for 33 years and initiated some of the first tours to the USSR beginning in 1955. Dr. Elliott, who has a Ph.D. in modern European and Soviet history, has done research and writing on the church in Russia and has travelled extensively in the USSR and Eastern Europe. Tour costs cover all meals; first class accommodations with private bath; bus excursions with English-speaking guides in Leningrad, Kizhi, Moscow, Zagorsk, Riga, and Tallinn; tickets to several evening performances; visa fees; and all transportation from New York (\$2247) or from Lexington (\$2500) (Airfare rates will go up March 15) including airfare, a hydrofoil trip, overnight train trip with sleeping berths, and overnight Tallinn-to-Helsinki ferry with sleeping berths. The tour application deadline is April 5 with full payment due April 15. For more information write: Dr. Mark Elliott, Asbury College, Wilmore, KY 40390, or phone 606-858-4458 (evenings).



# Covering All Corners

by Jon "Snake" Merrill

**Montevideo, Uruguay**—After each agreed to re-open dialogue with the other, US Secretary of State George Schultz and Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega met Saturday while attending the inauguration of President Julio Maria Sanguinetti. Schultz told reporters that during the hour-long meeting he urged Ortega to scale down Nicaragua's armed forces and to limit Soviet and Cuban influence in Nicaragua. He also insisted that the Sandinista leader stop using Nicaragua as a base to "subvert" its Central American neighbors and to instead work for the advancement of democracy in the region. Ortega and his foreign minister had no comment following the meeting.

Last Tuesday, President Ortega proposed a peace plan that he hoped would "find a peaceful solution to the problems that have been raised and can move away from a military solution." Ortega invited a bipartisan committee from the US Congress to Nicaragua to see "the truly defensive" nature of Nicaragua's military preparations. The Sandinista leader also offered to send home 100 Cuban military advisors; however, some observers notice that Ortega did not indicate any willingness to open negotiations with the anti-Sandinista guerrillas.

The Reagan administration acknowledged Nicaragua's proposals last Thursday, but felt that some of Ortega's promises were meaningless. Although Secretary George Schultz claimed that he will "listen carefully to what he [Daniel Ortega] says," Schultz said the withdrawal of 100 Cuban advisors would only be a "token gesture." (Pentagon sources estimate around 2,500 to 3,000 advisors are now present in Nicaragua.) On the other hand, Schultz mentioned the possibility that the "token is something that will lead to rather massive reductions." Furthermore, the Secretary of State asserted that the Sandinista military build-up has been completed in Nicaragua, yet welcomes any "cessation" of arms.

In order to achieve sympathy to Sandinista's interests in Central America, the Nicaraguan regime has begun a conciliatory move in relation to the US. As evidenced by Schultz's comments, the Reagan administration appears willing to talk with the Sandinista government, but is more eager to see its peace proposals backed by action, not words. Meanwhile, it is expected that both sides will continue to participate in sometimes harsh, political rhetoric. Also, President Reagan struggles to convince Congress to approve his \$14 million aid package to anti-Sandinista "contra" rebels.

**Ames, Iowa & Washington**—An estimated 14,000 farmers and rural citizens assembled in this Iowa city to protest President Reagan's new farm policy of cutting federal credit and farm subsidies. One purpose of the Ames rally, an organizer claimed, was to "force Congress to approve some kind of farm debt relief for the short-term." One Iowa farmer exclaimed that "we're trying to show the Washington establishment that there is a big crisis. Mr. Reagan had better wake up and start passing laws for the people instead of for the corporations." Not only farmers, but rural businessmen are concerned about the growing crisis in the Midwest. Large deductions of federal aid and loans will ruin many farmers, who are on the brink of bankruptcy, by making them unable to pay off debts. (Some economists believe that around 8 to 15 percent of farmers are in this situation.)

Republican South Dakota Governor William Janklow arrived in Washington last week, along with many other rural state legislators, to seek federal credit aid. Claiming that the farmers' problem is Washington, Governor Janklow expressed hope that cutting federal programs would help balance the nation's budget, but only if all other segments of the federal government were reduced by the same amount. The governor also said that past federal embargos on grain, used as tools of foreign policy, have damaged the farm markets.

These efforts from our nation's interior may be paying off. While denying charges of "budget-busting" (raising proposed spending) and ignoring threats by President Reagan to veto legislation, the Senate and House both approved programs last Wednesday to give more federal aid to "debt-strapped" farmers.

# Pledge Revisions Brought Before Senate

by Hilary Hashagen

It was announced during the March 4th meeting of the Student Senate that Student Development has written a new draft of the pledge which will be sent to the faculty when finalized. Joe Jennings stated, "Eight-five per cent of the original pledge has been repeated verbatim" but slight changes have also been made. The most noticeable of these changes is the allowance of face-type playing cards. If this draft is passed by the faculty, it will then go on to the trustees for approval.

A new draft of the community expectations of discipline has also been drawn up. This document states the disciplinary actions that are to be taken in certain circumstances. The present document differs from the new draft in that "it seems to be a system of indefinite appeals," while the new draft "provides a cut-off for appeals," according to Dr. Sayers.

In other committee business, CAB announced that the AD contract has been signed and sent out. This concert is to be held on May 2 at 8:00pm in Wesley Chapel. The Campus in Concert will be held this Saturday at 8:00 and there is no charge for this event. Mark Troeger also announced that CAB is open to any reasonable suggestions for movies to be shown next semester.

Dale Hursh reported that Academic Affairs Council supports the idea of a graduated grading system and will be bringing it before the faculty for a vote in the near future. Hursh also announced that the due dates for Honors papers is April 18, and all oral exams and senior recitals are due April 29.

Since there is no need for Student Senate primaries this year, the election date has been moved up to March 12, previously the date for the primaries.

Sally Parker, speaking for Cultural Affairs Committee, reported that Dr. Paul Young has agreed to continue in his position as Lecture Series Chairman. Also, there are already two possible speakers for next year's Lecture Series: Marvin Dieter, the Provost of Asbury, and Nicholas Wolterstorff of Calvin College.

Becky Hutton announced that there are three, possibly four, speakers arriving for Current Issues Day on March 13: a Nicaraguan, a professor from Michigan State University, a

former Sandinista, and a possible representative from the State Department in Washington. Linda Yarnell, speaking for the CID *ad hoc* committee, brought three proposals before Senate concerning CID. The first is to extend CID to a few other chapels and seminars, thereby keeping interest going throughout the semester. Steve Breneman also brought up the value of the speakers for professors. "Teachers could bring the speakers into their classes . . . (and) they would appear interested in CID, which seems to be a concern."

The second of these proposals is the idea of forming a standing CID committee. The third of these proposals is the moving of CID to the end of September when schedules aren't yet full.

In other business, Senate passed two by-laws. The first of these proposes that senior members of the cabinet, this year President Kevin Simme and Vice-President Marc Troeger, shall become associate members for the rest of the semester. Troeger stated, "This by-law is just to make the transition into the new administration smoother and more effective." The second by-law that was passed stated that senior members of the Senate shall remain members until the end of the semester.

Joe Jennings made a motion, also approved, that a letter of thanks be sent to those who made it possible for the library to be open during regular hours over Winter Break.

Norm Biller made a motion that a letter be sent to the Athletic Committee requesting that at least one court in the gym be available at all times for students at large. This motion was defeated.

The last motion that was made stated that \$250 of Senate funds be spent to send eight students to Albany to lobby for the TAP legislation. This legislation would financially assist New York state residents, both graduate and undergraduate students. It will assist out-of-state students as well.

Following discussion of the motion, including one claim that Senate should not be a political lobbying group, the motion passed. President Simme reflected the feelings of the majority of Senate as he stated, "I feel that political lobbying is one of the functions of the Student Senate and I fully support this bill."

# Amnesty Uncovers Atrocities

Editor's note: The Star received this press release from Amnesty International. Mary Daly, Director of Communications states:

Students, ages 12-18, in Ayacucho, Peru are victims of torture, execution and "disappearance." Amnesty International reported in January that these people are often taken from their homes without being charged and are routinely held in incommunicado detention. These students held in incommunicado detention are tortured and often executed. The government in Peru has designated Ayacucho as an Emergency Zone now under military rule in order to stop the activity of the opposition group Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path). There is no evidence to indicate that many of the people who have been imprisoned and executed have been associated with the Shining Path. It appears that these human rights abuses by the government occur in order to intimidate the general public from supporting the opposition group.

Amnesty International has condemned the killing and other human rights abuses attributed to the Shining Path. Amnesty also recognizes that the Peruvian government is responsible under national and international law to prevent and to punish crimes of violence, but all such government actions must conform to international standards for the protection of fundamental human rights.

It is our hope that you will use these materials to inform your readers so that students and young people in the United States will write to the government of Peru and call for an end to the suffering of the "disappeared" and their families in Ayacucho.

by Emilie Trautmann

Atrocities committed by Peruvian government forces in the country's remote highland provinces have reached unprecedented levels, according to a report released by Amnesty International in January. Hundreds of Peruvians have been tortured and killed during the last two years, and more than 1,000 have "disappeared" after government agents seized them without warrant from their homes. Many of the victims are students and teachers, killed because of their alleged association with the Shining Path armed opposition group.

An army patrol abducted Pedro Gomez, a university student, when he returned from Lima to his parents'

rural home 18 months ago. He has not been seen since the abduction. Argumedes Ascarza, an 18-year-old student from Ayacucho highlands, also remains among the "disappeared." Hooded men dressed in army uniforms abducted him from his home in July, 1983.

Massive human rights violations began to occur in Peru in December, 1982, when the government of President Fernando Belaunde Terry placed nine western provinces under military rule. Shining Path guerrillas, especially active in these provinces, target government security personnel and local community leaders for execution-style killings. Last summer the government extended the Emergency Zone to 13 provinces.

Students and teachers in the Emergency Zone have suffered brutal treatment, in part because young people have been recruited into the guerrilla movement. Evidence compiled by Amnesty International suggests that military agents suspect young people, simply because of their age, of participating in guerrilla activity.

Victims of government agents also include farmers, lawyers, journalists, and leaders of peasant organizations and trade unions. Security forces have dumped or buried hundreds of bodies at several sites in the Emergency Zone. Fifty bodies were found in seven shallow graves at one site last summer. At other sites military authorities have obstructed exhumation or identification of corpses, which often bear clear marks of torture and a single gunshot wound in the head. Removal of clothing, severing of fingers, and the mutilation of facial features render identification difficult. A Peruvian woman testified that she and her daughter had searched for her missing son "at the place where the dead bodies appear. But we have only found the collar of his shirt, which the marines used as a blindfold on another person."

Numerous victims of "disappearance" were last seen alive at one of two government detention centers. The Huanta Stadium, a concrete structure built in 1974 for sporting events, serves as a provincial naval command headquarters. Authorities have denied detaining many of the prisoners held under the grandstand and in open areas of the stadium. Los Cabitos Barracks, a regional army headquarters, reportedly serves as the Emergency Zone's main interrogation and detention center. Prisoners re-

leased from the barracks have testified that they saw people held there whom authorities denied detaining. These testimonies support evidence that guards in the barracks systematically torture detainees. Norma Cordero Martraza, a 12-year-old schoolgirl taken from her home at midnight last year, is among those last seen at the barracks.

Despite domestic and international protest, the "dirty wars" waged by

government authorities, military forces, Peruvian police, and the civil guard continue to violate citizens' basic human rights. While condemning the killings and other abuses committed by the Shining Path, Amnesty International has called upon the government of President Belaunde to observe international standards for protection of individual citizens' fundamental human rights.

## Council Offers Two Ways To See The World

The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), the largest student travel organization in the US, is offering young adults the opportunity to work overseas this summer as volunteers on service projects aimed at helping local communities. Free room and board help to keep participation costs minimal.

"It met and surpassed all my expectations," was the reaction of one participant in last year's program. Although work camps have been operating in many parts of the world for more than 30 years, they are still a relatively new concept in the United States. They attract young people from all over the world, providing them with the chance to live and work together on a wide range of projects.

"We had no plumbing or electricity and slept in a barn, but I think that made us better as a group because we really had to work together and help each other," reported a volunteer who helped convert an old barn into a community room in Denmark.

Except for a modest program fee of \$100, there is no cost other than the airfare—and even that expense may be reduced by special student and youth fares available through any Council Travel office.

Work camps, usually two, three or four weeks in duration, are available in Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Germany, Poland, Spain and Canada. A working knowledge of German is recommended for placements in Germany; language requirements apply in France and Spain. Volunteers need not be students but must be at least 18 years old (except in Germany, which accepts 16-year-olds). Application deadline is May 1, 1985.

For more information about the program, write or phone: CIEE, PR-IWC, 205 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017, (212) 661-1414.

"My summer work in London was the most satisfying experience of my

life. Immersed as part of the society, among the work force, facing the same problems of inflation and bureaucracy, one cannot help but come to understand how a culture, a people can differ—in attitudes, outlooks and assumptions."

This was the assessment of one student who participated in the Work Abroad Program also sponsored by CIEE.

Now in its fifteenth year, the Work Abroad Program is the only one of its kind available in the US. It cuts through the red tape to help thousands of students obtain permission for temporary work in Britain, Ireland, France, New Zealand and Germany. With the assistance of the Council's cooperating student organizations in each country and helpful pre-departure material, participants discover that finding a job abroad is no more difficult than at home.

Apart from a modest program fee of \$72 (\$80 for Germany), the only significant cost to the student is the airfare—and even that expense may be reduced by special student and youth fares available through any Council Travel office.

"...work abroad is a tremendous learning experience; one is enriched with relationships with fellow workers and the adventure of supporting oneself," reported another student who worked in a Paris boutique.

Although jobs found are primarily unskilled—in restaurants, stores and hotels—salaries generally more than cover the cost of room and board. Often participants save enough money out of their earnings to treat themselves to a vacation once they stop working.

The program is limited to full-time college or university students 18 years of age or older. For more information and application forms, write or phone: CIEE, PR-WA, 205 East 42nd Street New York, NY 10017, (212) 661-1414.



# Fine Arts

## Good Grief! It's Charlie Brown!

by Brian Chilton

This Friday night at eight o'clock in Fancher Auditorium the English Expression Club presents the musical "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" under the direction of Jamie Weiner. Based on the ever-popular "Peanuts" comic strip, written by Charles M. Schulz, the musical features scenes which will be familiar to any lover of "Peanuts." Rather than containing a true plot, the show artfully brings the comic strip to life by presenting strips almost word for word as written by Schulz. Charlie Brown (Todd Carr) is seen pursuing that little red-headed girl; Lucy (Tina Ripley) discusses life and marriage with Schroeder (Neil MacBride) while reposing at the piano; Patti (Doris-Ann Iradi) and Snoopy (Jamie Weiner) forage in the wilds for rabbits; and Linus (Brian Lewis) continues life in the company of his blanket.

The cast performed the two act musical for me this past Tuesday

and I found it most enjoyable. I must confess that I read "Peanuts" every day, and I'm sure that I'm not alone. Seeing the strip brought to life here in Houghton was a pleasant diversion from Baby Pac-Man and the like. The delightful music and clever writing make this lighthearted show a fun way to spend an evening. The cast does a marvelous job of becoming each character, thus making "Peanuts" a reality for young and old alike. It would be well worth the Houghton community's while to come out and enjoy this show. The four performances will be Friday, March 8, at 8 pm, Saturday, March 9, at 6:15 pm, and again Saturday, March 16, at 2 and 8 pm. Ticket prices are \$2.50 for adults, \$2.00 for students with ID, and \$1.50 for children and Senior Citizens. I highly recommend this show and hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

## Cornerstone Holds Auditions for Summer Tour

by Tom Bookhout

On March 20 at 8 pm, the ministry outreach group, Cornerstone, will be holding auditions for a new bass in Presser Hall (Wesley Chapel). One of the group's basses is transferring next year and is unable to remain with the group, who plan to go on an eight- to nine- week tour this summer.

Cornerstone is the six-member, all-male singing group under the direction of the Church Relations Department. (The group's pianist, Mary Jo Roth, is also the group's only female.) The group has sung frequently on the Houghton campus in concerts, evening church services, and class prayer meetings. Their ministry involves presenting concerts and special music for churches in Western New York and Pennsylvania. They have directed youth retreats, sung for revival meetings, provided sermons, and taught Sunday school classes on several occasions. Cornerstone's rep-

ertoire includes spirituals, traditional and contemporary hymn arrangements, and conservative contemporary Christian music.

The summer tour will begin on June 1 and run through the first week of August. They will continue their regular ministries throughout the entire Northeast, as well as spending several days at a time at family and youth camps. The members of Cornerstone hope to get as far east as Cape Cod and as far south as Virginia. Their traveling expenses are covered entirely by freewill offerings. The college provides spending money in addition to scholarship money.

Basses interested in auditioning for Cornerstone should prepare a short selection of their choice. A pianist will be provided at the auditions.

Any questions about auditioning or the tour should be directed to Tom Bookhout, Box 112 or Ext. 434.

## The Bottom Line

by Rich Rose

Artists: Tom Howard and Bill Batstone

Album: *One by One*

Label: A & S

Being as both artists are vets of Christian music, I expected an exceptional album. Much to my surprise, I was wrong. Which leads me to question why? When two of Christian music's premier artists spend time and money to produce a mediocre album, something is wrong.

Musically, *One by One* is light rock, and most cuts left me searching for the melody.

Lyrical, strength and absoluteness are absent. It seems *One by One* is only holding Christian music back, while all around it, secular music is advancing everyday.

The bottom line is: *One by One* is yet another album which does not do much for the reputation of Christian music.

## Movie Review: The Falcon and the Snowman

"The Falcon and the Snowman," an intense, yet entertaining movie, stars Timothy Hutton and Sean Penn. The film, set in the early 1970's, has a sobering message which is derived from a true story that reflects the disillusioned generation of the Watergate/post-Vietnam era.

Timothy Hutton, the Falcon, portrays a seminary drop-out, Christopher Boyce, who reluctantly takes a job with a government intelligence gathering agency to please his father, a former FBI agent. After receiving information—quite by mistake—concerning controversial CIA involvement in the political affairs of a US ally, Chris becomes increasingly concerned and disillusioned about his government's moral actions in foreign diplomacy. Chris, using an effective but illegal means of protest, denounces the CIA's questionable deeds. Although there were "other means of protest," Chris, with deep conviction, is a stark contrast to today's "me" generation's apathy.

Sean Penn, the so-called Snowman because of his cocaine addiction and drug dealing, does not share the conviction. However, Penn's character, Dalton, becomes involved for the money. Both Hutton and Penn create effective and powerful characters which generate emotions of misgiving, frustration, and resentment toward the established form of power—consistent with the attitudes of that time.

As each scene progresses, Chris and Dalton, becoming deeply involved in their scheme, find themselves trapped with little possible escape. The audience empathizes with them and feels the tension and terror they experience. The characters cannot stop what they've started even though Chris says he "never dreamed it would go so far."

This well-acted, directed, and produced movie is thought-provoking and should be seen. Unlike the Falcon, our generation withdraws from action by simply stating, "We sort of know what's going on, but we can't do anything to change things."

Baseball, apple pie, and motherhood—"this is not America." There is a lot more to America than we realize, or even care to know.

—Jeff Crocker, Debra Fink, Thea Hurd

*Of all noises, I find music least disagreeable.*

—Samuel Johnson

# Sports

## Men Advance To Play-Offs

by Dave Mee

The Houghton men's basketball team wrapped up the '84-'85 season with a 97-77 victory over Daemen College on Monday, February 25.

After a lackluster first half that saw the Highlanders trail 45-43, the second half proved to be all Houghton. Led by senior point guard Derrick Barnes, the Highlanders captured their 18th win of the season. The triumph also marked their tenth win at home.

While Houghton seemed to have little trouble scoring in the first half, it was their improved defensive play in the second half that sparked the victory. Currently the Highlanders rank 11th nationally in defense, giving up under 68 points per contest. The team also is listed among the top 15 teams in field goal percentage at 49.5%.

This week's NCCAA statistics, in addition, list a number of Houghton

players in individual categories. Jeff Anspach currently is 12th in scoring, averaging 19.5 points per game. Derrick Barnes is in a familiar position as he is fourth nationally in assists with 7.5 per game. As well as being a leader in point tallies, Anspach also is shooting 79.8% from the free throw line, good for a spot in the top 15.

Entering the NCCAA play-offs, the Highlanders currently are ranked 12th nationally, and still hold the top spot in the east. A victory over the district's number two team, Eastern College, and a regional win over Nyack College, would enable Houghton to represent the east at the NCCAA Division I National Championship in Chattanooga, Tenn. on March 14-16.

The last time Houghton made the Final Eight was in 1983, a season that they also won 18 regular season games in.

## Men's Indoor Soccer Standings

as of 3/2/85

Team	Record	Captain
<b>A-League</b>		
1. Andino	5-1	Matt Hess
2. The Queen's Men	4-1	James Mullen
3. Schenmen	3-3	John Garlock
4. Zeller All Stars	2-3	Dan Ortlip
5. No Names	2-4	Myron Glick
6. Canadian Cannons	1-4	Mark Ashley
7. DHFP	0-5	Todd Shaver

<b>B-League</b>		
1. The Blitz	3-0	Jim Spiropoulos
2. Team I	3-0	Frank Scott
3. The New Improved B Team	2-1	Mark Hillis
4. Psycho	1-2	Dave Horton
5. The Men of Shen	0-3	Eric Gray
6. Falwell's Boy's	0-3	Sotiere Savapoulos

## Women Finish 10-9

by Debra Fink

The women's basketball team finished their season with a 10-9 record—quite an accomplishment over last season's 6-10 record. This marks the first winning season for the women in many years. Coach Bob Smalley cites that the winning season resulted from the recruitment of new players adding height and improved skill to the team.

Though the team had a slow start, losing eight of its first 11 games, five of those losses came against traditionally tough teams such as Buffalo State, University of Buffalo, Alfred State, and Alfred Tech. The team bounced back at the end of the season winning seven of its last eight games. The two heartbreakers of the season occurred against Pitt-Bradford. In both games Houghton led throughout the game, but lost in the final seconds.

Smalley believes the future for the women looks promising—four out of the five starters are returning and the team will lose only one starter, senior Jackie Woodside who led the team in assists.

Freshman center Jodi Carlson had a phenomenal season. The 5'10" freshman led the team in scoring (372), shooting percentage (51%), rebounds (284), and blocked shots (53).

Returning Captain Patty Ryan led the team in free throw percentage (65.2%). Smalley is convinced that the 1984-1985 season saw the promising development of junior Lisa Starks as a defensive guard. Coach Smalley cites transfer Sondra Brockman as a potential threat to Houghton's competitors next season both defensively in rebounding and offensively in scoring.

Smalley also foresees the recruitment of additional talent for the 1985-86 season possibly including Jodi Carlson's twin sister Jackie who may transfer from Bartlesville College. Smalley states that Jackie "has been in the top ten in the NAIA in scoring and rebounding all year."

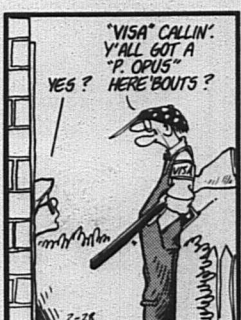
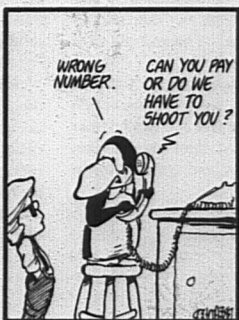
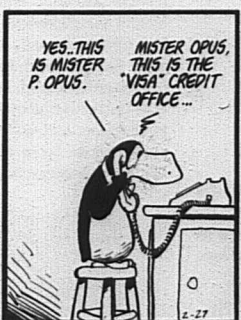
Coach Smalley would like to extend his "special thanks to all the individuals who gave support and worked as assistants during the season."

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# Letters

## Sour Grapes

Dear Thea,

We strongly object to you farming out your responsibilities as editor to those obviously less competent. We are referring, of course, to Jeff Crocker's guest editorial in the last Star. We assume that you did give him permission to state his opinions, and we all know that opinions *quo* opinions are suspect. Except, of course, those propagated by the Round Table.

In Professor Sayers' terms, this stuff is dubious discourse.

How can he say that just because the government is frivolous in its spending, we at college should be allowed to do the same? Furthermore, he can't go about speaking so loosely of "the largest ever military budget." It's not a question of dollar amounts, it's a question of percentages and ratios. Perhaps he should speak in terms of percent of GNP, or something more stable than dollars.

We would also need a few more figures before we swallowed whole such generalizations as "the majority of college students . . . depend on GSL's even to stay in school."

Perhaps it is Reagan's policy to keep us alive so that we have the option of education. We feel it is much better to be alive today than maybe alive (but probably not) and ignorant in the future.

The solution for all this, as we see it, is for Mr. Crocker to give up the luxury of a Christian liberal arts

education (in a country setting) and go to a state school.

But what we are really upset about is that he never asks any of us for answers to his Man on the Street questions.

Nate Trail  
Scott Wicks  
The Round Table

## Who Needs Electric Blankets?

Dear Thea,

I have discovered further conclusive evidence to support the genius of Charles Darwin's theory of Natural Selection that also demonstrates survival of the fittest.

Last week when the outdoors temperature still maximized only 20 degrees, I noticed my room was also quite cold. So to make my sleep more comfortable I covered myself with two extra blankets.

Upon awakening I found the two blankets strewn on the floor, and the sweat on my brow naturally indicated that my room was unnaturally hotter than Hades. Upon checking the thermostat I found it to be fixed on 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

Now Charles Darwin supposes that man is the evolutionary result of animals. Let us assume that man is consciously rational. When one is consciously rational one is aware he is rational. In natural selection, for animals, becoming consciously rational is like attaining Nirvana. Furthermore, animals are creatures of instinct. Let us all

admit that instinct is synonymous with being unconsciously rational. When one is unconsciously rational, one doesn't realize that a rational exists, therefore, one functions solely on instinct. Therefore, the point of this matter being that, when awake, I function in a consciously rational state. When asleep, however, I function in an unconscious rational state which is equivalent with instinct (since I am not conscious while sleeping that it is, in fact, unconscious rational).

As I slept my body instinctively noticed the great change in the temperature. So, without awakening, I wrestled the two blankets off my bed and my body naturally cooled. The process of natural selection dictated that the two extra blankets had to be shed in much the same way that the Tree shrew somehow realized its need for canine teeth or nocturnal vision.

Furthermore, my reaction demonstrates the survival of the fittest. Instead of ignoring the presence of the extra blankets I tossed them off. I prevented possible extinction by roasting.

My experimentation on attaining Nirvana, in support of such a phrase, is still in the empirical mode.

Scientist in the Rafters,  
Glenn Rutland

## Reach the Beach

Dear Editor,

Cape Cod, Massachusetts and the islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard are offering thousands of interesting summer jobs to college

students and teachers from all over the country again this year.

The recent explosive growth in tourism here has created unprecedented scrambling by businesses looking for summer help. The seasonal job market has never been this good. The jobs are waiting, now we just need people to fill them. The opportunities are exciting, the pay is good, and now is the time to act while the selection is best.

For detailed information on how to apply send a long self-addressed stamped envelope to: 1985 SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM, Box 594, Room 12, Barnstable, MA 02630.

Sincerely,  
Bonnie Bassett  
Cape Cod Summer Job Bureau

## RD's Want YOU!

Dear Thea,

During the month of March, Houghton's Resident Directors will be presenting a series of sessions addressing certain types of close interpersonal relationships. On four successive Monday evenings, we will attempt to explore with you and various Houghton community members friendship, dating, courtship, and engagement/marriage. Each session will be in East Hall's Recreation Room from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. and will focus upon one of the above types of relationships. We invite your participation!

Sincerely,  
Paul Kennedy, Becky Kesseli,  
June Sumakis, Denise Bakerink,  
Jeff Jordan

## Auditions

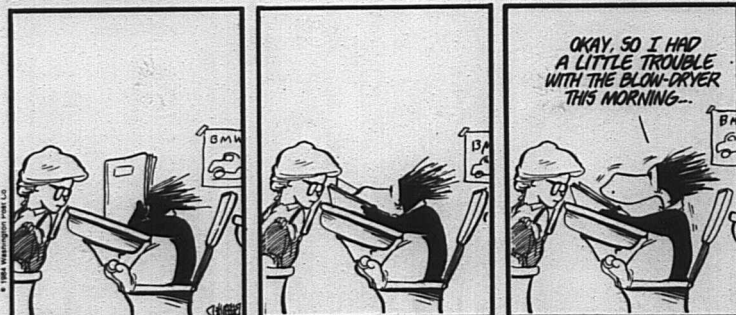
For *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller will be in Fancher 118 Monday, March 11, 8-11 PM Tuesday, March 12, 8-11 PM Script and synopsis are on reserve at the library.

A big thanks to all my friends who helped me get through last week. I couldn't have made it without you. You were my "family" that I needed to be with. Your prayers and support were felt by both myself and my family. Thanks again.

Love,  
Joni

## BLOOM COUNTY

## by Berke Breathed





# Editorial

## Beating the Boogie Man

Our generation cries out at injustice. We expose the covering up of wrong. All of us question and demand answers. Right? Sadly, we don't.

During chapel last week, Sam Ericsson spoke about freedoms we have in America—freedoms of expression, speech, gathering, religion, etc. Notice I did not say freedoms we enjoy. According to the Random House Dictionary, to enjoy something, one has "to have and use [it] with satisfaction." Yes, we have these freedoms, but no, we don't use them.

Our apathetic attitudes toward our freedoms remind me of the leather coat my father gave my mother one Christmas. My sister and I couldn't wait for Mom to wear her new coat. We thought she should enjoy her gift and wear it to church, work, and even grocery shopping. Mom decided to save her coat for special occasions. Unfortunately, special occasions occurred where I grew up about as often as they occur in Houghton. The coat hung in the closet and gradually went out of style. Mom had a leather coat, but she did not really enjoy it because she did not use it.

It may surprise one or two of you that the world is not an idyllic Garden of Eden where everybody holds hands and choruses, "I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony" like the old Coke commercial. Actually, it scares me more that many of us are very much aware of what's going on, but we placidly plod along on our ways and shove responsibility down the line.

Our generation does not have it together. Sure, we can pile up degrees

from colleges and grad schools. Sure, we can get a vice-presidency in the MegaBucks Corporation. Sure, we can own cars, and condominiums, and vega-matics to slice, dice, and cut to our hearts' content. However, in our mad pursuit of the American way, we are not enjoying our freedoms. Maybe they will go out of style in much the same way as my mother's leather coat.

We can gasp and act appalled by the actions of government both at home and abroad. But, it takes more than that. We have to act. We have the freedom to do so. Why don't we do anything? We just lie back and let the world pass by with little worry. Maybe we're scared to admit we understand the situation.

When I was little, I was scared of the dark. I could have remained huddled in my bed. Instead I exercised my freedom of speech and yelled for Mom to come rescue me.

Granted, the world's problems will not be solved with a wail to Mom. (Moms are good, but they're not that good.) However, if we don't bother to sit up, take notice, and try to act, the boogie man will grab us.

So what do we do? We participate in CID. We write letters of protest to the Russian government to release Sakharov. We badger our senators, congressmen, and president when things need to be changes. We enjoy our freedoms.

—Thea Hurd

## Fink on the Street

by Debra Fink

### Should Houghton College adopt a plus/minus grading system?



**Patty Heckman**  
Junior

No!! It would ruin my 4.0 average!



**Ako Nomura**  
Junior

As a computer science major, I feel the present system is best because of the difficulties involved in changing to a different system.



**Jeff West**  
Junior

It would narrow the wide margins inherent in our present grading system. I'm for it.



**Jacki Corey**  
Freshman

No, at this point it would be impossible to get a high "A" in each class. You know where the margin is for an "A"—given Houghton's academic standards.

# Classifieds

## A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE ON PSYCHOLOGY

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Dionne Chandler, leave us alone or you sleep with the fishes.

The VBN Cosa Nostra

For a good time, call ext. 210 and ask about joining the *Star* staff for next year. (They'll need you!)

**Pain and Failure** The Senior class chaplains extend a warm welcome to anyone interested in attending a panel discussion consisting of six faculty and community members on how to deal positively with emotional pain. All campus fellowship in Fancher Auditorium on Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m.

The *Star* staff offers condolences to Marc Troeger on the untimely demise of his two goldfish. We are deeply saddened by this loss. (Students for Idol couldn't care less.)

Students for Idol claim responsibility for the firebombing of Marc Troeger's fish bowl. (We didn't really do it, but we know a good thing when we see it.) Watch out Troeger. The meet books are next!

Congratulations! Joni & Mark  
"Mom got the rock!"  
(FINALLY!!)

Best wishes! We love you!  
Happy life!

Brenda, Lisa, Annie, John, Liz,  
Jeanne, Don, & 4th New

Come see the English Expression Club's presentation of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." Show times are Friday 3/8 at 8 pm, Saturday 3/9 at 6:15 pm and Saturday 3/16 at 2 and 8 pm. Tickets are \$2 with I.D. and \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children and senior citizens. Tickets will be sold at the door. Good grief, don't miss it!

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