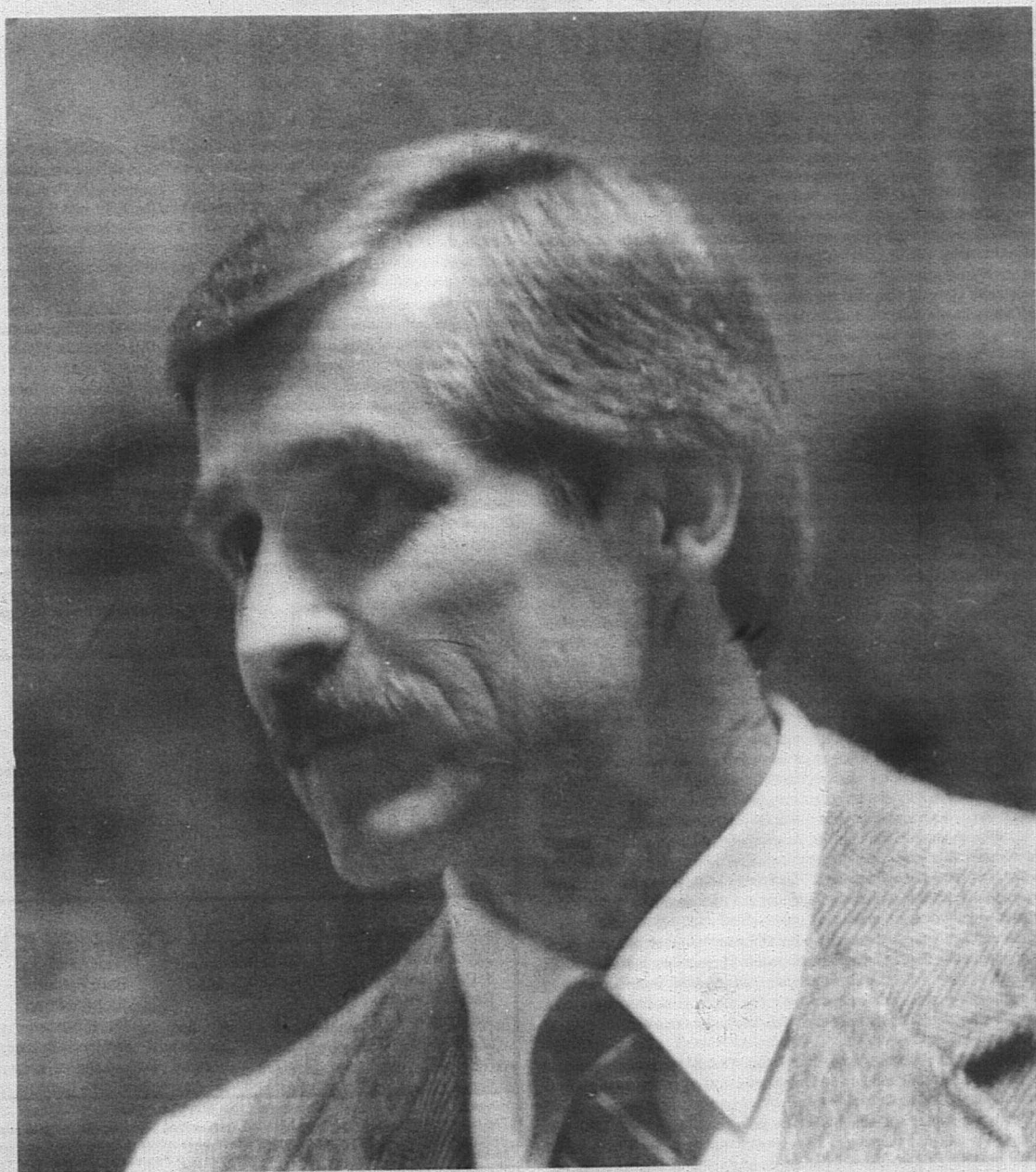


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Must Tragedy Come For Us to be Unified?

On Sunday, July 20, 1986 in Moorestown, New Jersey a man driving a stolen police car ran a red light while being pursued by the police, smashed into another car and killed its six passengers. The dead were Stephen and Hope Harriman, their six-year-old son Nathan, their four-year-old daughter Stephanie, and Miss Francis Baldwin and her sister Janice E. Carnody.

The reason I mention the above accident is because I knew five of the six people killed. Stephen was the son of the Reverend and Mrs. Earle C. Harriman, administrator and assistant administrator, respectively, of Horseheads Christian School, where I attended third through sixth grades. Hope Harriman was my fourth grade teacher in the days when she was still Miss Wood. Stephen was my history teacher for six years at Twin Tiers Baptist High School, and was the teacher who most spurred me to reason out my faith, usually by his habit of never quite agreeing with me. Francis Baldwin was the first grade teacher at Horseheads Christian School, a position she held for 14 years. In the years that I knew them they always showed a consistent concern for their students, a healthy intellect, and a deep commitment to Christ in all areas of life. Stephen and Hope and their children had left the Horseheads area just this past year so he could take a teaching position in the Levittown, Pennsylvania area with another Christian school. Miss Baldwin was down visiting them and her sister when the accident happened.

When the Reverend and Mrs. Harriman went down to New Jersey with their pastor to identify the bodies, the press showered them with interviews and opportunities to speak. Not once did they show anger, only a deep sense of loss fused with an upholding faith in God. When first informed of the accident, the Harrimans had not known of the fate of their children and had tried to contact them, to no avail. Upon learning of their deaths, the first words Mrs. Harriman said were "all the time we were trying to get a hold of them they were already in heaven." Those words set the tone for the whole ordeal. The Networks grilled them in interviews, looking for grief, anger, and vengeance, only to find faith, hope, and love. No, they were not angry with the police, the police were only doing their job. No, they were not angry at the man who caused the accident. The press was confounded by their answers.

The funeral service held in Horseheads, N.Y. was one that I shall long remember and treasure. As the only former student that the Harrimans asked to be a pall-bearer I had a unique view of what went on. Watching the receiving line that wound around the church, people calmly standing and talking, I was amazed at the assurance everyone had that the accident was in the Lord's will, though they knew not why. The Spirit of God ruled in everyone's heart so completely that the cameramen could not find someone to give them the footage of anger which they wanted.

Inside, the church was packed with over 900 people, none with dry eyes, but none angry. Pastor Butler informed the people of churches that had called to let the family know that they were praying, uniting with their brothers in Christ. The morning of the funeral service a church in Indiana even held a special prayer meeting for the family and friends which was attended by over 250 people.

The accident had turned into a defeat for Satan. Though I and the multitudes of lives who had been touched by the Harrimans and Miss Baldwin still do not understand why God took them from us, yet through faith we understand more fully the perfection of God's plan. The policemen found five Bibles in the remains of the car, and it spoke to them greatly that even the little boy had a Bible with him. Had the accident occurred on any other day of the week but Sunday the Bibles would not have been in the car to serve as such a great testimony to their lives. The Networks could not deny their faith, nor the faith of the unified church, so they ignored it in their television coverage.

The church was in unity that day, but must tragedy always come for us to be unified? One of the most poignant things for me is to hear one brother put down another brother or another ministry. We easily sow discord among the brethren. I am mindful of transfers from sister Christian colleges or former Houghton students putting down the college from which they have escaped. So maybe that college wasn't perfect, and maybe it wasn't for you, that does not mean it is not effectively serving others. Different methods are most effective for different people.

Then some of us judge a brother without checking the facts. I have heard so many people condemn Jerry Falwell for believing something he does not believe, or for saying something he didn't say. Others criticize him because they do not like his methods. Now, I will be the first to admit that I do not agree with everything Falwell says or does, but I keep my own preferences to myself, fearing to tear down one who is doing the work of God and through whom I see God is prospering mightily.

Let me suggest something dangerous: let us try following just one policy of Jerry Falwell's. He has said from his pulpit that he will never tear down another brother of Christ in public. I think we have enough enemies without making enemies of our brothers. Our unity should spread beyond Houghton College. When the world sees strife in the church they can deny our faith. The world could not deny the faith of those who gathered in memory of Stephen Hope, Nathan, and Stephanie Harriman, and Francis Baldwin.

Respectfully yours,
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FACULTY TRAVEL ABROAD

by Barb Felder

Students are not the only ones who were away from Houghton during summer break. Professor Johns, Conklin, and Johnson, among others, ventured abroad.

Language professor Ruth Johns studied Spanish in Mirelia, Mexico from July 18 to August 14 through the National Institute for Study Abroad. While living with a Mexican family, she studied Spanish grammar, conversation, and literature. These experiences enriched her understanding of Spanish language and culture and further prepared her for teaching this year. Johns recommends the National Institute for Study Abroad to students. Johns, a 1984 graduate of Houghton, began teaching Spanish at Houghton this semester.

Sociology professor Mary Conklin spent seven weeks in Southeast Asia touring and working with OMS (Oriental Mission Society). For three weeks Conklin independently explored Hong Kong, China, Singapore, and Japan. She then joined OMS in mid-June. After a ten-day orientation program, she was welcomed to a small town south of Osaka. Conklin taught English conversation and Bible classes at nearby churches and lived with a Japanese pastor and his family. According to Conklin, although many Japanese have "book" knowledge of English, they lack conversational

skills. Her classes attracted both school children and businessmen. Conklin was happy to contribute to the ongoing work of OMS in that community and looks forward to an opportunity to return.

Language professor Paul Johnson led Mayterm in France and co-hosted an alumni tour to the British Isles. During Mayterm he accompanied eleven students to France. Their venture included visiting the Sorbonne, Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, the Pompidou Cultural Center, Versailles, the Palace of Fontainebleau, ballets and other musical performances. Students also took a French conversation class at the Alliance Francaise in Paris. Johnson has taken students to France since 1974. Mayterm in France is offered every other year.

Between France and the British Isles Johnson and others from Houghton attended a week-long conference at Messiah College on the "Internationalization of the Curriculum."

These overseas experiences helped Johnson to gain a broader perspective of the relationship between foreign countries and American curriculum.

From June 17 to July 3 Johnson and President Chamberlain co-hosted an alumni tour of the British Isles. Their group of 37 (24 from Houghton) explored England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland. Highlights included a modern version of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* (contemporary street clothes, motorcycles, and Shakespearean English), the Blarney Castle, The Irish Cultural Center, and other exposure to Irish folk customs. The tour, directed by the American Leadership Study Group, was offered to Houghton students and alumni, their parents, and friends of the college. Next year's alumni tour is Scandinavia and Britain.

Houghton Visits Houghton

by Patricia Uleskey

Amory Houghton stopped by Houghton College on Wednesday, September 17th for a short informational meeting with faculty and students. Houghton spoke to a group of about twenty students and he invited them to participate in distributing campaign literature, phoning to endorse Houghton, and joining a caravan of supporters that would travel throughout the eight counties

of the 34th district. There was also a brief question-answer session. Students concentrated their questions in the areas of foreign affairs, military spending, peace, and the economy.

Houghton is running for the position of congressman in the 34th congressional district to replace congressman Lundine. Lundine is unopposed for the position of lieutenant governor in New York State

SENATE TALKS 'DUMBO'

by Patricia Uleskey

The schedule for homecoming weekend, October 10-12, was announced at this year's first Senate meeting on September 15 at 7:45 P.M. in Schaller Hall. This year's homecoming theme is Disney. Holly Lange, one of the student senators from the Junior class, spoke about the election of attendants, the production of floats for the parade, the Mickey Mouse study break, and the Disney scavenger hunt. Other events include coed "mouse-er-cise" the showing of the movie "Dumbo" and the Senate Spot which will, as usual, follow immediately after the movie.

Other issues discussed were the new open house policies, the contents of the time capsule in the cornerstone of the new dorm, and the illegality of videos being showed anywhere in the dorms, especially in the lounges. New business included a motion to permit a student to be allowed to sit in on Faculty meetings as an observer in order to clarify any misinterpreted communication between student and faculty. A suggestion was made to form an Ad Hoc committee on Service-master and also a motion was made to form an Ad Hoc committee to investigate the prices in the bookstore as well.

Comings and Goings Of Herr Cummings

by Patricia Uleskey

How did Professor Cummings win the battle of Normandy single-handedly? That was the title of a slide show presentation sponsored by the Bereans of Monday, September 15 at 7:00 P.M. in Fancher 118. Professor Cummings showed slides and spoke about World War II and his contribution to the war effort. A private first class bugler in the fifth provisional engineer's special brigade, company C, his "ring side seat" on Omaha beach enabled him to witness and participate in one of the most historical battles of World War II—the Normandy invasion.

As a member of the beach battalion Professor Cummings' weapon specialty was the bazooka. In the cold damp foxholes on the Normandy beach, with bazooka in hand, he peered out onto the open fields seeing the fortified cement German bunker. These bunkers were equipped with powerful tools of war—the 88's—large stationary artillery guns. In addition to being a bugler and an artillery man, he worked as a French translator for his company and he also worked

in grave registration.

He went on to discuss the obstacles and the difficulties of the French geography. The high mounds of stones on the sand dattered tanks from reaching the fields of battle on the countryside. Because these vehicles were tractionless on these piles of gravel, the traffic of tanks and trucks came to a standstill for several weeks. Once the heavy artillery did get onto the countryside, the hedges and trees that partitioned the fields further deterred the travel of the large armored tanks.

Professor Cummings' slides consisted mainly of pictures taken on his return trip as civilian several years later. He showed slides of monuments erected to honor the dead and he told of his attempt and eventual success in finding people whom he had stayed with during the war. He concluded the presentation with a picture of the grave of his best friend, one of the only Christians he met during the war, private Sommers, who was killed during the initial landing on the shores of Normandy

Use it up, wear it out;
Make it do, or do without.
—New England Maxim

MATHIS: Making Lives Count For God's Kingdom

STAR Since you've been here, you've been very popular with the students here on campus. Why do you think that is?

MATHIS The students have been very friendly and polite and I have felt a real freedom just to be myself here. It is not possible to feel that way in every place. There are places that one just can't feel comfortable in—one feels the tension and uptight all the time. So, this is really an indication of the spirit of the student body here at Houghton. Something like the spirit of David and Jonathan that I spoke about.

STAR Your sense of humor and wit makes it easier for us, I suppose. Now, you mentioned in one of the chapel services that some people may misunderstand your humor. Is that always a problem in your ministry?

MATHIS Sometimes, and sometimes, it is my fault, because your humor can go too far, you know, it's out of place. I have that kind of a mind—I think humorous things all the time. Sometimes, it is appropriate, sometimes it's not. Some folks think that humor and preaching in Christianity don't go together, you never laugh at certain things, but I think that is wrong. We are people and we do all kinds of funny things. We need to be able to see the humor in what we do.

STAR It is obvious that humor plays a large part in your ministry.

MATHIS Yes, I like to use it to make people feel at ease. If it puts people at ease, then I like to use it, so that people feel comfortable and relaxed. I also like to use humor to capture people's interest and attention. A little humor now and then helps keep them with you—shows them you're human. And if they understand that you are human, then it helps them to listen to you. I don't like to come across like I am on a pedestal or anything like that. People forget most of what they listen to anyway, so I try to include a story now and then to help them not only to relate, but also to remember.

STAR Yes, one of the problems of meetings like these is that it is so easy for us to forget the commitment we made while we were listening to the message.

MATHIS That's the reason why I try to teach just a major principle and to include a story or an anecdote to illustrate it, so that long after you have forgotten the message, you can still remember the humorous part, or the story. Then, when you need that message, the memory of the story or anecdote will "jog" you to recall the principle that it is intended to illustrate. Of course, the best way to remind ourselves is to stay in the Word and to keep in touch with God. And, the support groups help too. I talked about that one night. Two or three people gathering on a regular basis to support each other in prayer and fellowship will help us remind each other of our respective commitments.

STAR You talked about the need for Christians to be "Moseses" in our society today. The thing that students at a Christian liberal arts college like Houghton struggle with is the fact that we sometimes feel that we are isolated from those who need the ministry that we can offer them.

MATHIS There are a lot of things you could do. First thing I would want to say is that there are a lot of people right here on your campus who are hurting. If you can be sensitive and search them out, you can be working with them without leaving the campus. There are a lot of kids whose lives have been a mess, they have been in all kinds of trouble, they have been hurt by a lot of things. By being available and sensitive, you can have the experience of working and sharing with your classmates. Then there are the people in the community, both old and young, who could be related to. And, I think it would take folks here at the Houghton campus a special effort to actually get into a car and drive to another city somewhere and get involved in some kind of ministry that gets you off the campus, and gets you away from the normal. And, that's hard to do, with all the studies, and all the activities—it would take a special effort. That's not your major purpose for being here, though, and you have to keep that in mind. You're here to build that foundation and get that strength, and if you can add all these ministries, it will help you. But you shouldn't feel like a failure if you can't because you're going to have sixty years of ministry when you get out of here.

STAR What kinds of programs or what kind of things do you do in Taylor to help students serve while still in school?

MATHIS We have a Big Brother/Big Sister program with the kids in our community who have nothing to do with Taylor, so that is a good place for ministry right there. Some of the high schools have kids who are struggling with drugs right now, and we have some of the college athletes come and be Big Brothers and Big Sisters to these kids, to be their role models. We also have a prison ministry. On a larger scale, we take students from the campus—we have a church bus made up with beds, and we can carry about forty kids—so we'll leave at night and drive all night long and be out here in New York City. We spend two days in the city, giving them a kind of a culture shock type of experience. Then we load them back on and take them back to school. We try to take them to Chicago, Detroit, you know—give them different experiences.

STAR There is a trend among people who, while they were in college, were active in different ministries, but when they get out of school and face with different pressures of adult working life, they become less active, and eventually grow "lukewarm." Do you in your ministry try to anticipate this problem?

MATHIS Yes, it is hard for those who have family and a busy job to attend to—it is hard for them to be involved. They are pretty contented just going to church every week. While they are still young, we try to warn them, and try to get them to be committed to try to get them not to fall in to the trap, to use their lives for more than just building a house and being successful on their jobs. That is something you would have to instill on the young people, so that when they leave you—most of our young people leave us, you see, in Upland, kids who grow up in our church, go to college and then they are gone. We don't get them around in our community, so we try to prepare them and hope that later, they would work it out. However, we have many who go out of our church, and they are now serving.

STAR We hear in the media that the young people of today are not interested in service and self-sacrifice, but are more interested in making money and making it big in the world. Do you see that as true among Christian young people, or is there a difference as well?

I see students nowadays more interested in making their lives count for God's Kingdom. . .

MATHIS Yes, there was a period, during the sixties, when the mood was service—join the peace corps, serve others, and so on—and then, there was the whole "yuppies" generation. I am just beginning to see that there is a swing back to the other direction. Maybe we are in a Christian college, but I see students nowadays more interested in making their lives count for God's kingdom, and service. Students are saying, "I want to be more than a housewife," or, "I want to be more than a businessman." This may not be true among the rest of society. Even among the parents of our students, it is sad that, there is a strong push to make our young people fit into the mold. Young people say, "I want to serve," and their parents say, "No, no, no, you go get a good job." I have talked with students here, and they have been very honest with me in sharing with me that their mom and dad don't want them to go into a ministry profession or something—they want them to go make a good living. So if you get that kind of pressure, and in the churches, success is seen as being the president of a company—that puts pressure on the kids. The simple lifestyle is not invoked.

STAR What, in your opinion, is the simple lifestyle?

MATHIS To live on what you need, not what you want—that is to live simply. And, that's tough, you know, in the church there are a lot of wealthy people, and there would be a lot of students in this school who wouldn't be here if somebody isn't wealthy enough to pay for them. It's a dichotomy, and we need to work that out. My theory has always been that a person takes whatever he has and says, "I want all these to be used by Him." That may allow them to have more, but I would still consider that a simple lifestyle. Now if a person says, "10% of what I have is the Lord's and 90% is mine," that I consider a luxury. Most of us can afford to give more and still be very comfortable in life.

I know a man in Oklahoma, who is in oil wells. He live on 10% of his income, and gives away 90%. He has helped hundreds of men to go to the ministry, by paying for their education. He did for mine. He gives away 90% and still is able to live very well.

It is very hard, and the issue is in a man's heart. It comes down to this principle: everything that we have should be used for the Lord's. We should share what we have, and we should see that everything we have is temporary. It's a struggle each of us has to face.

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STAR Even those in the ministry.

MATHIS Yes, and that is sad. There is money to be made even in the ministry. Anyone who graduates with a seminary degree nowadays, is going to have a job which would probably pay pretty equitable with what society pays for a comparable job. Even those in the ministry now need

to be aware of the trap and to keep in mind these pitfalls.

STAR If a student feels led to the ministry, or a ministry type profession, but have parents who object to that vocational choice, what should that student do?

MATHIS Simple. If God calls, go. Now, their responsibility as mature Christians is to help their parents understand their decision. I am not for big rebellions or anything like that. It's hard for parents, and sometimes, it is not just greed on the part of the parents. Often, it is love—the parents know that, for example, if their children spend 40 years on the mission field, they will probably come back after 40 years with nothing. But, it shows a lack of faith in God.

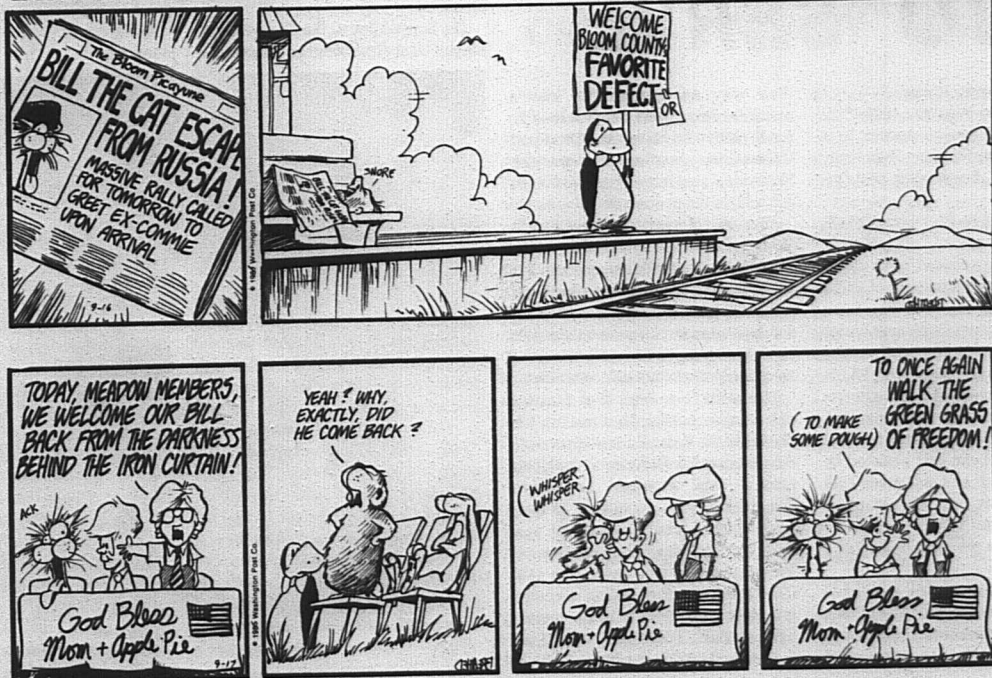
When I was a junior in college, I had the option to work with a junior camp for troubled boys. I had worked every summer since sophomore in high school to pay for school. My parents said no, you've got to come home to work for school. I felt that I needed to go work in the camp to do something to serve that summer. It came down to the point that I had to tell my parents that I'd decided to go work at the camp, and my parents told me that if I did that, then I was on my own the next year, and would not be able to go to school. I would have to stay home and work. I felt like that was where God wanted me that summer, so I went. It was a good summer, and I felt that God had used me.

When I returned home, my parents said, "Now look what you have done, you have to stay out of school for a semester," and there was a lot of tension. I went next door, to cut the lady's grass—she's a widow lady, and for years, I've taken care of her grass. While I was cutting her grass, she asked: "Where have you been all summer?" And we talked, and I said, "Oh, I've been in this camp with delinquent boys." She told me, "Why it's wonderful," and she really enjoyed that. Then she asked: "You don't make any money do you?" I said, "No, not really." And she asked what I was going to do. So I told her that I would be staying home, and getting a job. She said, "You don't have to do that." And she paid for my college, and I went back.

So, God took care of me, and when my parents saw that, it became a good lesson for them. I think some of those kind of things still happen. Sometimes, you stay home and work. You know, you have to do what God says.

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



Sports



Gidman shows who's boss with help of teammate Cook

WOMEN READY TO SERVE

by Cathy Stoner

The Houghton Women's Volleyball team swept its season opener in a tri-match against Geneseo Community College and Pitt. Bradford on Monday, Sept. 8.

Houghton lost its first game (10-15) against Pitt. Bradford, but rallied to the cheers of the enthused home crowd to win the match with scores of 15-12 in the next two contests. The team followed this pattern in its next match against G.C.C., losing 12-15 but winning the last two games 15-11 and 15-13, thanks to a few loyal fans who remained to witness the contest.

This year's volleyball team, coached by Wendy Jacobson and assisted by her husband Rob and volunteer Kirk Sepine, consists of nine returning players. Their play together in seasons past should be a big asset in this fall's schedule.

Last year's experience seemed to "serve" them well in their third place finish at the Brockport Tournament on Saturday the 13th. The girls worked

their way up through the loser's bracket after three tough losses to finish behind Rochester and Brockport Universities, beating Oswego and Fredonia, two significantly larger schools, in the process.

"I'm really excited," says Coach Wendy. "I've been noticing some maturity in the girl's playing and I'm really looking forward to seeing what happens with the team." Coach Jacobson hesitates to compare this year's record with last's because "I signed us up for some pretty tough competition."

She adds, however, that injuries are a concern. Chunks of ceiling tile floated to the floor and one opponent's face was severely flattened in the losing team's vain attempts to return Houghton's vicious spikes. In any case, the volleyball team is off to a flying start and should be well-prepared for post-league play later this fall. Here's hoping the ceiling remains intact in the team's home games against Buff. State and Alfred on Saturday the 20th at 1:00.

COOK BURNS GENESEO

by Prashula Patel
and Joan Robertsen

The men's varsity soccer team beat Geneseo 5-3 on Saturday, September 13. Freshman Jim Cook lead Houghton's scoring with the first two goals for the Highlanders; the second one being "headed" into the net. By half time, the score was 2-1.

The second half began with a penalty kick by Billy Clark. Twenty-five minutes later, Clark scored again. With only two minutes left in the game, Jim Cook secured a sure victory for the Highlanders with the last goal.

Tom Cutting replaced Tim Kangas as goal keeper, doing a good job. Fullbacks Brian Thompson and Mark Estep played an aggressive game, limiting Geneseo's chances of scoring. Senior Eric "Spud" Goodsell and freshman Mike Gish exhibited their fine talent on the field.

The men started their season on September 5 with a 0-0 tie against University of Rochester. They played under lights and on astroturf, conditions which many have never played under. Two goals were scored by Senior Greg Gidman and Mike Gish, however, they were not counted due to technicalities.

On September 9, the Highlanders played their first home game against

Fredonia, who is ranked sixth in the nation.

Fredonia got a lucky break and scored their first goal at 19:17. Jim Cook tied the score by half-time with a goal that was assisted by Mark Estep.

In the second half, Danny Meade scored giving the Highlanders a winning edge. Only ten minutes later, Englishman Robert Beckford, supported by Billy Clark, brought the ball down the field and netted another one for the team. With success in sight, the men slacked off on their defense thereby allowing Fredonia to score three goals. The final score was 3-4.

The referees commented that all in all the game was great and Fredonia won because of a couple of "soft" goals.

Last Tuesday, Houghton played Buffalo State and lost 1-3. Houghton's lone goal was scored in the second half by Danny Meade, with an assist from Canadian Scott Parkinson. Meade booted the ball into the bottom right hand corner of the net. At the end of the second half, with a tie of 1-1, the game went into overtime. Buffalo dominated the game from that point on and scored twice. The next home game is on Saturday against Geneva.



Billy Clark boots the ball

Women Need Goals

The women's soccer team arrived on August 20 with high hopes and expectations for the coming season. After a third place finish at nationals last year Coach Curry is excited about this team's potential. Although some of the stand-outs from last year will be missed, the team is still optimistic. Returning to provide a solid nucleus are Kelli Lies (1st team All-American in 1985), Judy Gale, Deb Sperring, and Alma Lehman to name just a few. Also, with the addition of seven freshmen (as many as five will start) including the acquisition of Anita Dubois, perhaps one of the best goalies the women's team has ever had (no. 1 in N.Y. State in 1985), things will definitely be exciting this year. If that's not enough, Shannon Martin, a junior All-American who transferred to Houghton this fall

will be hard to beat at her stopper position. All things considered, the Lady Highlanders will surprise many teams and, maybe even return to nationals and improve on last year's finish.

However, after four games the Lady Highlanders are still looking for their first victory. The season began with a 3-0 defeat at the hands of Allegheny in a game that was much closer than the score indicated (the first goal coming with 20 minutes left in the game). The women's next foe was Niagara University. Final score Niagara 6 to Houghton 1. Kelli Lies getting the lone goal. The next two games (Geneseo 4-0 and Alfred 6-1) have left the women with an 0-4 record and many are wondering when the pieces will fall together.



MEN ROW OVER GENESEE

by Prashula Patel
and Joan Robertsen

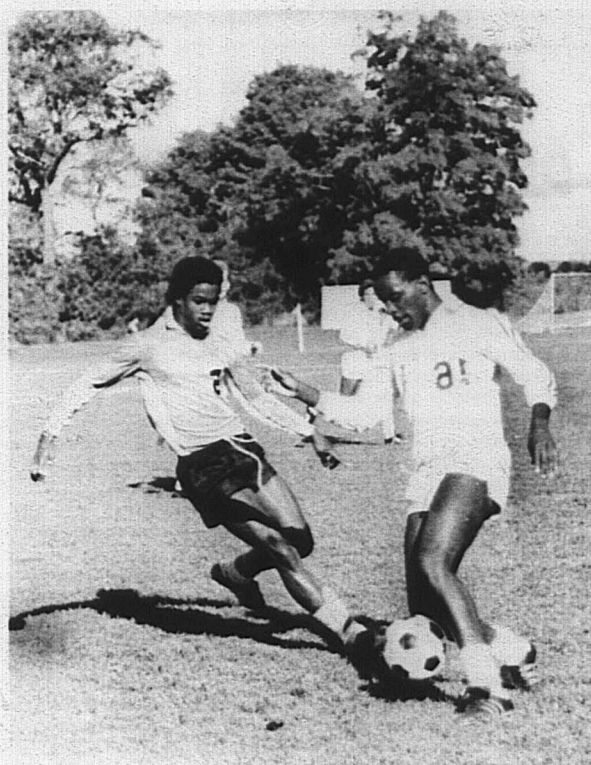
On Wednesday, September 10, the junior varsity soccer team defeated Geneseo in an unprecedented score of 4-1.

Taking the lead within just ten minutes of play, freshman Dave Long astonished the crowd with the Highlanders' first goal. By the end of the first half, Keith Davie also put up another mark for the team.

At 22:49, Geneseo revived an uneventful second half with a goal that slipped by goalie Tom Cutting. During the last ten minutes of play, the Highlanders insured their victory. Dave

Long, with a hard swerving shot put the ball into the left hand corner. Only minutes later, the fourth goal was achieved by Norbert Erich who headed the ball into the net after an excellent cross from Dave Long.

Coach Halberg told "The Star" that the present j.v. team plays better than they have in years. He further commented that the team scored more goals in that one game than almost all of last season combined. He feels his team is enthusiastic, hard working and the best team he's had in years. He's looking forward to a very productive season.



Beckford battles for the ball

CROSS COUNTRY BREEZES

by Paul Allen

The Houghton College cross country team participated in their first dual meet Saturday coming away with two victories from the men's and women's teams.

The women, headed by first year coach Mike Raybuck, easily won their meet against Pitt. Bradford, 20-39. The women looked stronger than ever thanks to a blend of several competitive freshmen and veteran upperclassmen. The race was won by Houghton freshman Marci Skiff in a course record time of 21:26. Marci turned down a scholarship from Edinborough in order to attend Houghton. Senior Mary McCullough

finished a close second in 21:56. Coach Raybuck stated after the meet, "this could be the finest women's team in Houghton's history. We have a great chance of going undefeated."

The men also came away with a victor against Pitt. Bradford. Sophomore "Hobie" Beedon won the five mile race in 28:38, well ahead of second place by 1 1/4 minutes. Finishing second for Houghton, and fourth overall, was Randy Duttweiler. The men's team is comprised of many first year runners. Coach Raybuck feels that as the season progresses many of these runners will develop into stronger, faster runners.

FIELD HOCKEY

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for field hockey, please contact the Star office. Thank you.

Opinion

DIAMOND THROWING

Dear editor of our wonderful student newspaper,

I remember a Pastor Walters sermon that said that religion should be a counter cultural imperative. In that sermon, he articulated that the objectives of religion are to combat the excesses and evils found in contemporary culture (such as humanism, pornography, etc.). Religion is to represent a relevant, positive, alternative that is to be found in Christ.

However, reality proves otherwise. It seems like religion doesn't want anything to do with Christ. We either accept Christ's life and teachings in totality or we fail to acknowledge that His life calls us to be like Him.

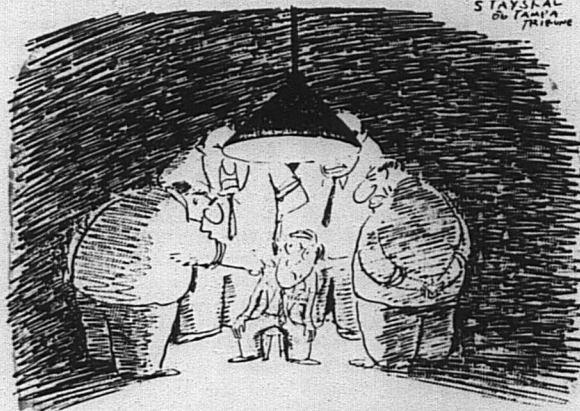
Christianity is a valuable ideal. Therefore, there is an inherent challenge in having reality reflect that ideal. Given our humanness, though, we often fail to accept the challenge. Somehow, we have to transcend our humanness, to want to accept that challenge. If we don't accept that challenge, we negate the worth of Christ's teachings. This results in a one-sided relationship. Any one-sided relationship is destined to stagnate then die.

An article that was written by Soren Keirkegaard is as relevant today as it was in 1855. "We have, if you will, a complete crew of bishops, deans, and priests; learned men, talented, gifted, humanly well-meaning; they all declaim, but not

one of them is in the character of the Christianity of the New Testament. But if such is the case, the existence of this Christian crew is so far from being, Christianly considered, advantageous to Christianity that it is far rather a peril because it is so infinitely likely to give rise to a false impression and the false inference that when we have such a complete crew we must of course have Christianity, too."

If we accept the traditional academic "standards" we (as Christians) are guilty of hypocrisy because we have the power (through Christ) to be better than the standards that impose rigid limitations upon our creative potentiality. If we accept standards that are less than what we are capable of, it is as if we continually throw diamonds down the sewer. This hypocrisy leads to a conservative approach to education that tends to treat students as "tabula rasa." This results in an uncomfoting, insidious lack of flexibility. An inflexible system, ultimately, doesn't allow for growth and its own perpetuation.

There have been several occasions where faculty have given me the impression that they are the end authority in their discipline. Isn't that rather naive? We, as humans, never stop learning. If faculty were more open to give the impression that they care about students as potential fel-



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low scholars, then we could obtain a humbleness that comes straight from the Bible. If we don't engage in true dialogue, we become intellectual bigots. There is no value in bigotry of any kind.

Those of us who are told by such a system that we are mediocre or stupid, are intelligent. Those of us who are told that we are intelligent, are mediocre. What really matters is that we contribute to the finding of truth and anything else of value that may help to resolve or lessen the impact of pain on this planet. We are capable of transcending and discarding forced mediocrity.

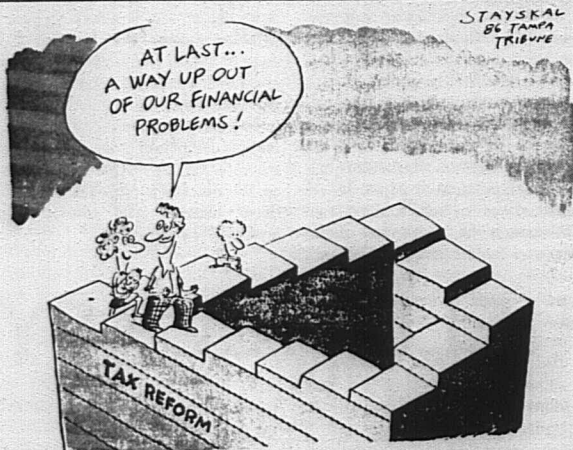
In the final analysis, if an institution that purports to be Christian has damaged a person's perception of his or her own self worth, that institution has failed. Most of us just need encouragement. In Christ, we are the worthy; anything less is a lie. Those that are forced to believe in lies become less of a person than they are. There is no value in lies. Are we producing lies or are we producing truth?

Unless we say anything of value, why say anything at all?

Clear thinking must be an inherent quality of critical thinking. Without clarity, thinking will betray the potential that it has for truth gathering and evaluation. If communication is the objective for critical thinking and if it fails to communicate due to the lack of clarity, it is nonsense.

Christianity will not be accepted as a viable cultural alternative unless we produce a quality example that is able to be on the same level (at the very least) of the best thinkers and leaders of our age. In the "age of information," we must not blindly accept what is presented to us. Nothing is above reproach. One of our greatest weapons is the ability to think and then place our thoughts into action. We have got to produce thought and action that is worthy of us to be called children of the King. We are able. We must.

Tom Bryant
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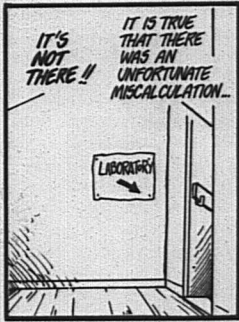


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