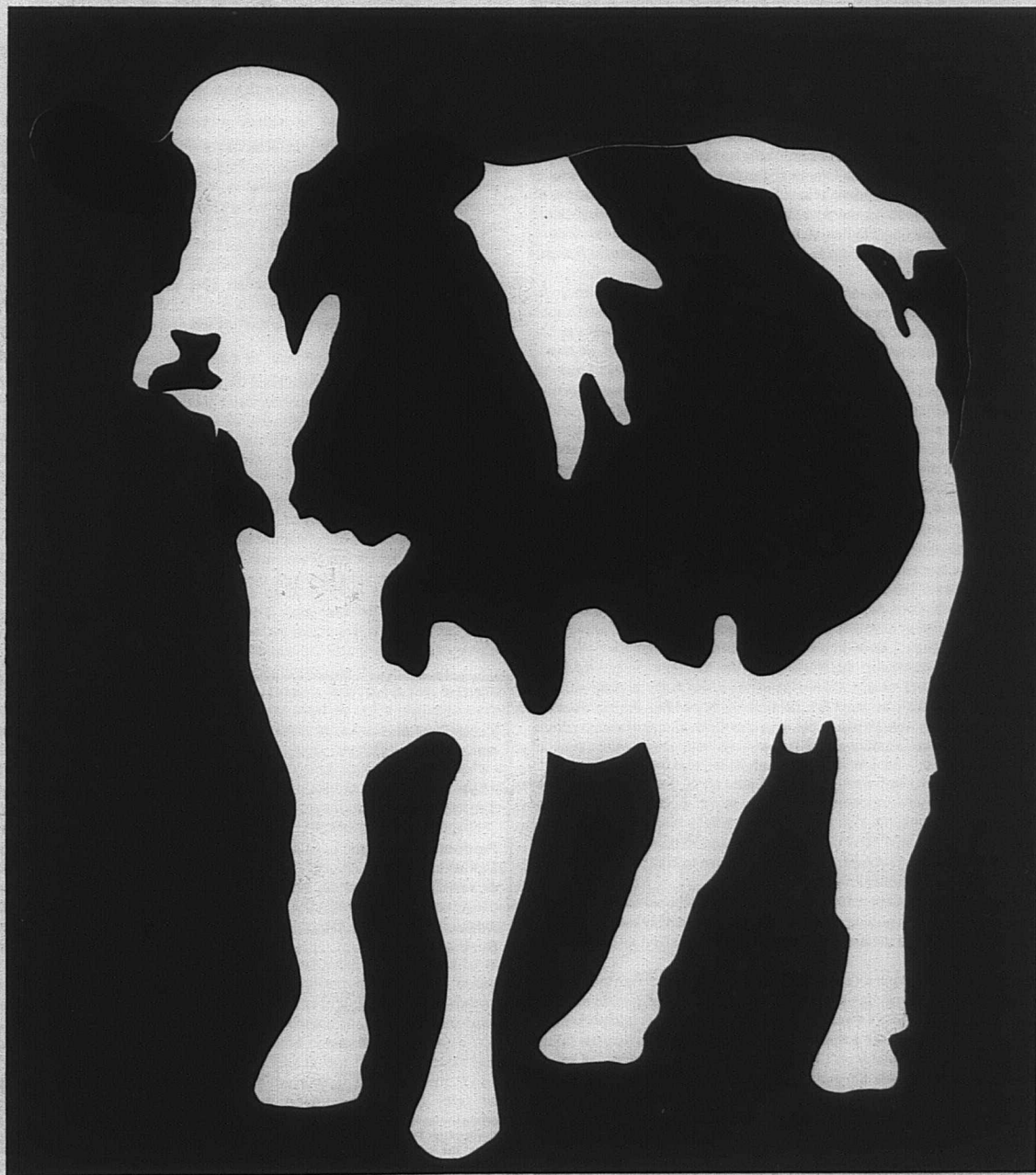


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Pray for Pain

How often do we stop to gather a whole sense of what we do here at Houghton and in the rest of our lives. Being archaically thematic in mindset, I find myself trying to observe a main current to what I am experiencing—a single beam of meaning running through it all.

The first thing that I discover is that a measurable flow or pattern is not easily extracted. The restless multiplicity of event experienced in just a few semesters here at Houghton provides for me a weave so varied that even the boldest patterns or meanings are all but completely elusive. Perhaps, as many would tell me, it is a waste of my time to bother looking for an underlying sense to what I experience. Still, I can't help but ask how I will be able to reconcile the many activities that I've gone through with a single meaning or with some recurrent theme. More often than not, the quest for meaning to all the activity is smothered by the activity itself. The long term thoughts are swept away by a pulsing rhythm of happening and I hardly have time to track down a solid sense of yesterday before I wrap myself in today's thoughts and concerns.

I have organizational responsibilities to attend to, and classes to go to, and reading, and chapels, and movies, and myriad conversations while standing in myriad lines, and all of them contain the moment's importance. All of these tasks and activities vie for my consciousness and in each of them I think I find meaning and content for the time that they last. But hindsight almost invariably reveals hollowness as the things I regarded as important somehow dissolve into emptiness.

I can finally construct a generalization about the mass of event I experience on this earth: each thread and turn on the web of experience that I am crossing is vanity. Even the web as a whole and on its own is vanity. "Familiar words," you say, and ones taken from the preacher of Ecclesiastes, but true none the less.

I think we would do well to take the example of the writer of Ecclesiastes and examine our lives with the perspective of our own mortality clearly in mind.

If I were a dying man, I would probably come up with quite a different picture than the one that usually rushes by me each day, and I doubt that I would allow myself to be fulfilled so easily by my own life. I am a dying man. If only I can remember this fact. My point is this: We need to see the meaninglessness of our earthly lives and feel the pain that accompanies that realization if we are ever going to know what it really means to seek after God. We need to concentrate on examining the thinness of the life that we put so much energy into. Perhaps I veer towards pessimism. Perhaps rightly so. The greatest lesson that we can learn from close scrutiny of this varied weave is that underneath it all—underneath the organizational flurry of commitment, underneath the social, emotional roller coasters, underneath the spark of intellect and learning—we are ultimately unfulfilled and incomplete.

When we begin to feel this root discontent amidst all of the campus busyness we begin to see the true—something to hold onto as our single beam of meaning. This step, though, is only the first step in a search for a clearer consciousness in our daily life. Seeking a view of emptiness in and of itself is nihilistic, but if this search brings us to a position more conducive to right worship, then it is justified and should be encouraged.

We sense in this emptiness a bit of the gap that exists between God and man. This is a gap that should pain us more than any other earthly hurt. Hurting at the thought of the gap is necessary if we are to worship God as he should be worshipped.

Worshipping God means a constant consciousness of our relative position to him. Before we can fully appreciate his majesty, we must realize and fully feel our fallenness. Without fallenness we need no savior so it is important that we have a strong sense of our desperate state. Satisfied people lose the fullness of their need for Christ and won't learn to live a life of worship—of proper positioning, and Christians are no exception. In fact, as Christians with a heightened sense of ultimate history, we should long for our God with a fervor surpassing the longings of the rest of the world.

As long as our business about campus, our intellectual endeavors, and our religious get-togethers give us satisfaction and meaning then there is no reason to search for a Messiah.

I propose that we learn to worship with the longing of one such as St. Anselm when he prays for God's forgiveness and looks upward for meaning in

life. Anselm's cries reflect the consciousness he had of his own position.

Give me then the grace of tears, O blessed and lovely God;
specially for the great sweetness of Thy Love, and the remembrance of Thy Loving-kindness. Prepare Thou this table for Thy servant in Thy Sight, and give me the power that as often as I will I may be filled therewith. Grant, for Thy Love and Goodness sake, that that Thine inebriating and excellent cup may quench my thirst; that my soul may gasp unto thee, and my mind may burn with love of Thee, forgetting vanity and misery.

I propose that we weep. I propose that we should ache with the pain that must have shattered Christ when, on Calvary, his father couldn't look on him. I propose that we pray for an awareness of this earth and its emptiness that accompanies and guides our daily living approach to God. We need to learn to long for salvation and then rejoice in the fact that we are allowed life. We shouldn't seek to flagellate ourselves, but we should allow ourselves to be broken by our own biblical reflection. Vain happiness and contentment is the sign of an unexamined world, and when, upon examining it, we find it empty, we have come to a position—a starting point for a relationship with our Holy God. Pray for a truer vision of our earthly life and pray for pain at the lack of that vision.

J. Craig Henry

The wounded surgeon plies the steel
That questions the distempered part;
Beneath the bleeding hands we feel
The sharp compassion of the healer's art
Resolving the enigma of the fever chart.

Our only health is the disease
If we obey the dying nurse
whose constant care is not to please
But to remind us of our, and Adam's curse,
And that, to be restored, our sickness must grow worse.

T.S. Eliot
from *East Coker*

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BEYOND CANEADEA

by Holly Winters

President Reagan offered a series of executive actions against Pretoria less than three weeks after saying that he "basically opposed the idea of punitive sanctions" against the radically divided nation of South Africa. The actions included restrictions on the export of most nuclear technology, and a ban on the sale of computers to security agencies and on most loans from the United States banks to the Pretorian Government. He also proposed to bar the import of the Kruggerand, the gold coin, subject to consultations with trading partners.

Reagan insisted that he was not abandoning his policy of "constructive engagement," which seeks to influence the South African government through negotiations, but added that he now favored the term "active constructive engagement."

Reagan's sanctions, endorsed by the Republican leadership, effectively thwarted a Democratic effort on Wednesday, September 11 to force a Senate vote on stronger measures.

Meanwhile, the unrest and violent outbursts continue in the black townships of South Africa. Over 680 blacks have lost their lives throughout the last year in the rioting and protests resulting from the apartheid laws observed by the existing white minority South African government. The state of emergency imposed in 36 districts by the South African government has done little to alleviate the problems of violence and killings in black townships. It seems, on the contrary, to have increased the determination and hostility among blacks against the white minority government.

Moscow ordered the expulsions of 25 British diplomats, embassy staff members, correspondents and businessmen in retaliation for Britain's expulsion of 25 Soviet officials last week after the defection of the KGB chief in London. Moscow's action was the largest diplomatic expulsion from the Soviet Union since World War II.

Part of a battalion of Honduran troops moved to the Nicaraguan border on September 15, but no further clashes were reported between the two countries after a 'major' border incident Friday, September 13.

The Honduran Army remained on alert September 15, and the national congress was meeting that morning to discuss Friday's confrontation with Nicaragua, in which Honduran jets reportedly shot down a Nicaraguan helicopter after Nicaraguan forces fired mortar rounds into Honduras. In addition, Honduras has recalled its ambassadors from Nicaragua.

President Ortega of Nicaragua accused the US of having encouraged the Honduran attack. A spokesman for the US embassy in Tegucigalpa denied Mr. Ortega's charge, but said the US Government was "prepared to aid Honduras if asked." A western diplomat said that the Honduran Government had not asked for help.

The national debt, by the middle of next year, is expected to reach two trillion dollars. Like some other milestones in the country's history, it arouses scrutiny and wonder. But unlike some it is more than a rite of passage, reflecting serious problems for Government taxation and spending as well as new strains on the economy.

What distresses economists the most is not the debt itself but the fact that recently it has been growing faster than the economy. The debt is sopping an increasing share of government funds that might be used for such things as food stamps, battleships, or distressed farmers; or that private businesses and consumers might use for investment in the factories and housing that generate economic growth. It remains to be seen what the President and administration who once promised to balance the budget will do at this point.

Conklin: Faculty Missionary to Puerto Rico

by Neil MacBride

This past summer found Dr. Mary Conklin, Associate Professor of Sociology, taking the island of Puerto Rico by storm. Dr. Conklin arrived on June 28 and spent six weeks working as a short-term summer missionary with the Wesleyan Academy. Located in Guaynabo (in the larger San Juan area), the academy is a Christian boarding school, comprised of some 650 children grades K-12.

The student body is a cross section of missionary kids and other residents of the area. Dr. Conklin pointed out that the classes are bilingual from kindergarten through second grade. Beginning with the third grade, English is progressively emphasized and from fourth grade up, 90% of the instruction is carried on in English.

Dr. Conklin performed a dizzying array of tasks during her missionary tenure. Her first two weeks were spent recording grades onto transcripts of students from first through tenth grades. In addition, Dr. Conklin tried her hand at interior design, as the academy had just finished a new addition to their facilities, and she was involved in transporting materials and supplies to the new wing. Much time was also spent in the form of clerical engineering, typing, and filing for the school. The last week in Puerto Rico, Dr. Conklin worked selling books to the school children.

In addition to her responsibilities to the school, Dr. Conklin spent a few enjoyable hours as a tourist and visiting much of Puerto Rico with her fellow missionaries. This afforded the opportunity to observe the culture first hand which she found particularly interesting in light of her profession. Dr. Conklin was particularly impressed with the food, mentioning such gastronomic delights as rice and beans, the macarons, and the fresh pineapple which she found most "pleasing to the palate."

Dr. Conklin expressed a deep satisfaction with her summer ministry referring to it as a "very gratifying experience," and one that was "thoroughly enjoyable." She has already considered a repeat performance next summer, this time in Japan. The Wesleyan Academy was so impressed with Dr. Conklin's work that they expressed an interest in having a group of Houghton students come for a summer to do similar ministries. Any interested parties may contact either Dr. Conklin or Foreign Missions Fellowship.



Faith Behind the Great Wall

In a historic breakthrough on June 17, Dr. David Le Shana on behalf of the schools of the Christian College Consortium signed a student exchange agreement with Peking University. Dr. Le Shana is president of Seattle Pacific University and chairman of the board of directors of the Christian College Consortium.

The agreement makes it possible in the fall of 1986 for three students enrolled in Consortium colleges to study for a year at Peking University and for three students from mainland China to study on Consortium campuses. This is the first time since the Cultural Revolution in 1949 that the Chinese government has officially endorsed study by Chinese undergraduates in American Christian colleges. The new relationship grows out of the new openness to the West initiated by Deng Xiaoping, Vice Premier of the People's Republic of China.

Under the agreement, a Consortium

student will be enrolled in his home college and pay normal fees there but do his work for a year in China. The program will include an extended visit to historic parts of China, including the Great Wall and the Ming Tombs. Provision will be made for intensive work in Mandarin Chinese to prepare Stateside students for study at Peking University.

Peking University, with 12,000 students, is the oldest and most prestigious of the 800 universities in mainland China. It is located in the political and cultural capital of the nation, Beijing, a city of 8 million citizens.

Consortium students interested in taking advantage of this program at some time during their college careers are encouraged to talk with their academic dean or to write for more information from the office of the Christian College Consortium, 6 Pine Tree Drive, Suite 180, St. Paul, MN 55112.

Professors Marked Absent

by Hilary Hashagen

This year marks the absence of several of Houghton College's professors who have left for various reasons.

Professor Mollenkof is presently finishing his MSA at the University of Buffalo. He will be finished in December at which point he and his wife will be moving to Tokyo, Japan. Mrs. Mollenkof has taken a teaching position at The Christian Academy in Japan, where she will be teaching

missionary kids as well as international students. Professor Mollenkof will be working on his own art work as well as critiquing others'.

Professor Gallagher is presently in Baltimore teaching at Loyola College. He is planning on doing some graduate work at Johns Hopkins or the University of Maryland. Mrs. Gallagher now has the opportunity to work in the Intensive Care Unit of the City Hospital as a nurse, which she wasn't able to do while in Houghton.

Professor Gibson went to England on sabbatical last year and decided to stay. His wife is originally from England.

Professor Wheeler resigned to take a position elsewhere.

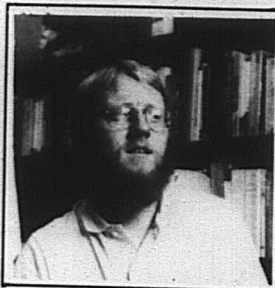
Professor Lionel Basney is taking a year's leave of absence at Calvin College.

"—a meaning." When a seventeen-year-old speaks of this, he is ridiculous, because he has no idea what he is talking about. Now, at the age of forty-seven, I am ridiculous because my knowledge of exactly what I am putting down on paper does not stop me from doing so.

Dag Hammarckjold

Why are these people smiling?

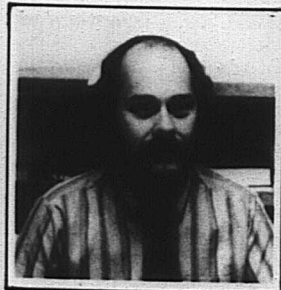
Paul J. Willis—Interim Associate Professor of English: Willis is presently working on a Ph.D. in English from Washington State University. Willis is also an alumnus of Wheaton College and admitted that he prefers the Houghton atmosphere to the 'stuffy' Wheaton atmosphere.



Carlton D. Fisher—Interim Assistant Professor of Philosophy: Besides teaching, Fisher has spent some time pastoring a Wesleyan Church in South Bend, Indiana. He received his Ph.D. from Notre Dame University. Taking note of the area's provinciality, Fisher hopes that "the Star is more interesting than the Olean Times Herald."



James Barnes—Academic Vice President and Dean of the College: Barnes is replacing Dr. Frederick Shannon who is on sabbatical leave. Last year Barnes was the Assistant General Secretary of Education and the Ministry for the Wesleyan Church. Barnes also served as Academic Dean at Marion College. Dean Barnes spent his first five weeks in Houghton living in East Hall with 109 cheerleaders.



David J. Flor—Assistant Professor of Economics: Before coming to Houghton Flor spent three years teaching at his alma mater, Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Flor is a native New Yorker from Rochester, but he has traveled quite a bit in Europe, Portugal, and North Africa.

Beaver to Leave It Here

While most Houghton College students were either relaxing at the beach this summer or diligently preparing for this semester's work load, major structural changes were occurring in our Student Development Office, most notably the absence of Associate Dean of Residence Life, Beaver Perkins.

Perkins has temporarily relinquished her position to pursue a doctorate in higher education at the University of Rochester. Still an active member of the community, she is living at home with her family, while spending Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Rochester.

Paul Kennedy, former Gaoyadeo Resident Director and graduate student, is currently filling Perkins' position as Interim Associate Dean.

When Perkins announced her decision to leave, Student Development reorganized to give Associate Dean Paul Leavenworth greater administrative responsibilities. Both the Assistant Dean of Student Activities and Orientation, Kim Phillips and Kennedy are now under Leavenworth's supervision.

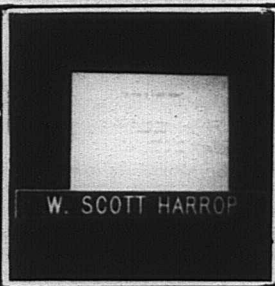
"I have been very pleased with the performance of both Kim and Paul during the demanding time of the opening of school in the fall, and I look forward to their continued leadership," he said.

Perkins decided to take a two-year leave not only for academic reasons but also to take time to think, read and pursue in-depth studies of specific topics of interest. She hopes to intern in the Academic Dean's office during second semester, following her interest in faculty and staff development. She plans to return to Student Development office after the completion of her doctorate.



Janet K. Johnson—Interim Instructor in French and Spanish: Johnson graduated from Houghton in 1983 with a French major. Johnson attended Middlebury Language School in Vermont as an undergraduate where she learned to speak Spanish. Before returning to Houghton, Johnson spent some time teaching at Barrington Christian Academy in Rhode Island. Concerning her relatively young age, Johnson states that "age is not important unless you are a cheese."

Scott W. Harrop—Assistant Professor of Political Science: Last spring Harrop taught at Sweetbrier College which is a private girls' school in Virginia. Harrop has a strong interest in strategic studies—the study of war. Harrop can proudly boast that he "walked down the same sidewalk as Oral Roberts" while attending the university of the same name.



Tommie S. Barnes—Assistant Professor of Education: Mrs. Barnes received an M.A. in Reading Education from Clemson University in South Carolina. Barnes also is an alumnus of Marion College, Houghton's sister college.

New Division Chairmen Named

by Barb Pinto

Houghton College has named two new Division Chairmen for the academic year 1985-1986.

Professor Dick Wing is the new chairman of the Division of Education, and Dr. John Van Wicklin now chairs the Division of History and Social Science.

"I see the job as a huge challenge", says Professor Wing, who traded his positions as Director of Cooperative Education and Assistant Professor of Writing to chair the division. "My teaching will be on the back burner for a while", he adds, "but I still may teach a course at Mayterm."

In addition to leading the Education, Physical Education, and Recreation departments in his division, Professor Wing is also maintaining his position as the college's Administrative Editor and pursuing his Ph.D. in Higher Education at the University of Buffalo.

Wing would like to see a few changes in his division. "I would like to increase enrollment to reflect the job market. There is a great demand for teachers. I'd also like to add a course that provides supervised school experience in the sophomore year. There is a big need for that right now."

Professor Wing replaces Dr. Lola Haller as Division Chair. She is currently on sabbatical in Ohio.

Dr. John Van Wicklin, who came to Houghton three years ago from The King's College, replaces Dr. Kay Lindley as Division Chair. He explains, "Dr. Lindley volunteered to step down to be able to devote more time to teaching. She was Division Chair for the past ten years." Dr. Lindley will head the department of History and Political Science, one of the four departments in the division, which also includes Business Administration and Economics, Sociology, and Psychology.

Dr. Van Wicklin says he has no great changes proposed for the division. "Dr. Lindley has built up a strong division over the past ten years. I have no great plans to revamp."

As for the future of his division Van Wicklin says, "I would like to increase student awareness as to what the division has to offer. Perhaps we would do this by having interdisciplinary chapels to present different perspectives on contemporary issues." He, like Professor Wing, also wishes to increase enrollment in his division.

Both new Division Chairmen have relocated their offices. Professor Wing's new office is on first floor Woolsey, and Dr. Van Wicklin's is located on the first floor of Fancher.

Spurgeon (Spud) R. Wentzel—Associate Professor, Head of Physical Education: Wentzel spent eight years at Barrington Christian Academy in Rhode Island. At Barrington, Wentzel coached varsity cross-country and varsity basketball. Wentzel says that the only reason he is here at Houghton is because he feels that this is where God really wants him.



Charles R. Detwiler—Associate Professor of Biology: Before coming to Houghton, Detwiler spent four years teaching at Stoneybrook Boarding School on Long Island. Detwiler received a Ph.D. in genetics from Cornell University. Detwiler spent nine productive years of his life watching fruit flies reproduce.

Mark Abbott: Love, Service, Privilege, and Renewed Life

The Rev. Dr. H. Mark Abbott, former pastor of the Houghton Wesleyan Church, spoke at the Fall 1985 Christian Life Emphasis Week. He focused on such main issues as love, holiness, and unity as believers at Houghton. *Star* reporter Bryan Vosseler had the following interview with Pastor Abbott.

STAR: Would you give a definition of love?

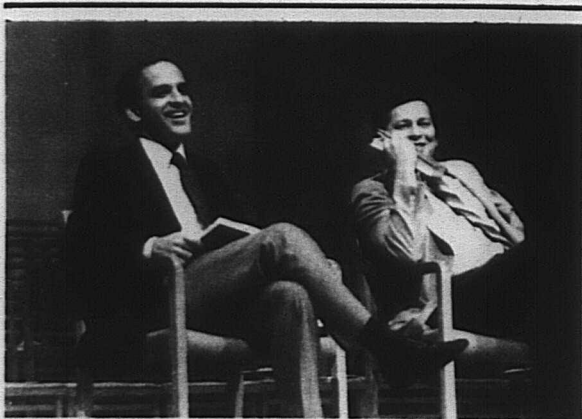
ABBOTT: I think a very interesting treatment of love is in Scot Peck's *The Road Less Travelled*. I think he defines love as the will to extend oneself for the growth of oneself or another person. So love is primarily not just a feeling though feelings may accompany it. It is an act of the will or a commitment towards, and I would emphasize, the growth of another person.

STAR: You said in a previous talk that the way we can love God is by loving others. Could you give us some concrete examples as to how we at Houghton could love one another and therefore love God?

ABBOTT: Obviously there are the internal relationships that you have in a community like this. Relationships which are complex because of the nature of the community. I think to really function lovingly we must treat one another with respect, despite differences. Furthermore, as I remember, you are located in the midst of the poorest county in New York State. At least when I was here there were students who participated in service and work teams that were involved with the surrounding community. There is a tremendous reservoir of talent and ability here which could be utilized to serve and love the surrounding community--the rural poor, which is what Allegeny County is made of.

Then you have the whole business concerning what are your goals in life. Are you simply going to serve yourself? Or are you going to be involved in service? Service if motivated by Christ is an act of love. It is very easy on college campuses these days to become merely preoccupied with getting prepared to earn a living, and to get wrapped up in the predominant materialism and affluence. Is there going to be a service mentality in your approach to preparing yourself?

STAR: You stated that God has given us many privileges and that we should not abuse them. What do you think of privileges such as wealth? Do you think it is important not to abuse it?



ABBOTT: That is very complicated. Wealth or privilege in and of itself is not sinful. It should not make me feel guilty. It is a question of how I use it, or manage it. I think every Christian has to deal with the question of affluence for himself or herself, and determine the kind of approach to it that they should have. How much can I give away, how much should I live on are good questions. I think Ron Sider suggested a constructive thing in his proposal for the graduated tithe; that we don't just give 10 percent as our income escalates, but that we give an increasing percentage of what we have to God.

But on the other hand, I don't believe in asceticism either. I believe that God has truly given us all things richly to enjoy. There is a celebration of life that Christians should be involved in. And some of that costs money. Music costs money, beauty costs money. When I hear a symphony in Seattle it costs me an arm and a leg. But yet it is a worthwhile thing. To build a pipe organ costs a great deal, yet I think it has validity in that it allows us to celebrate beauty. The dollar sign isn't the bottom line on everything, and frugality isn't the upmost virtue.

STAR: What is the crucial factor in having a renewed life in God?

ABBOTT: All the manifestations of a renewed life are based on a relationship--a dynamic, living relationship. Holiness is a product of that.

Service if motivated by Christ is an act of love. It is very easy on college campuses these days to become merely preoccupied with getting prepared to earn a living, and to get wrapped up in the predominant materialism and affluence. Is there going to be a service mentality in your approach to preparing yourself?

Sin is the offending of that relationship. We so often understand the Christian life in legal terms; and sin, salvation, and the works of Christ in legal terms. I think they need to be understood in relational terms, and it is only out of a relationship that all the manifestations spring. If my works don't spring from a loving relationship then they are empty. There are many ethical people in our society. But unfortunately, I think that if their works don't spring primarily from love their doing of good is marred.

STAR: Is there anything that you would like to say that I haven't asked you about?

ABBOTT: I would like to say that having been away from Houghton for three years, I think it is very appropriate that the community affirm the very positive situation that is here. My experience is that many times Houghton people tend to flagellate themselves and say we aren't unified enough or we aren't committed enough. Whereas in comparison to so many Christian places in our country, there is a remarkable sense of community. There is a remarkable commitment to service. So I think there is a really good thing God has placed here and we need to look at it positively and build on that rather than tearing ourselves down.

STAR: When you see something negative that needs to be addressed, how do you go about that?

ABBOTT: I think it is primarily addressed in the context of our relationship with each other. I do not sit in judgement of another person, but because of the loving relationship I may have with that person I may need to express my deep concern about something that is happening that may not be for their good, and in their interests or in the best interests of the Kingdom of God. So I think in the context of love, problems within the community need to be dealt with, not in the context of a judgemental spirit.



WELCOME TO QUITO SUMMER MISSIONARIES

Quito Embraces David, Donna, and Josephine

by Bob Miller

David Manney, Donna Nasca, and sophomore Josephine Finis recently completed a summer missions program sponsored by Radio HCJB (Heralding Christ Jesus' Blessings) in Quito, Ecuador. HCJB Radio, involved in both gospel broadcasts (14 languages to points across the globe) and medicine, also operates hospitals in Quito and Shell, and ministers in rural areas as well. John Peterson, supervisor of the program this year, expressed satisfaction with his summer group's performance. "Everyone had a very good attitude about the working conditions. It has been great to see their growth from the beginning of their time together, and see them jelling as a group," Peterson said.

Donna Nasca's involvement included Spanish television production, while Dave assisted in the mission's Christian Education Department. Josephine, who decided to remain in Ecuador, worked in HCJB's English library. All three Houghtonites, together with 18 other participants in HCJB's summer program, were housed by local full time missionaries.

Manney and Nasca's summer commitment exposed them to both hardship and enjoyment. "I sincerely believe the cultural barrier was harder to overcome than the language barrier," says Nasca. "It was difficult to get used to 'Latin time' at the workplace with people showing up an hour late, or not being able to wear shorts on a sunny day." She also had to adapt to Ecuadorian eating habits. "The foods were sometimes different," she commented. "I once had to eat guinea pig so I wouldn't offend the host!" Having made these and

other cultural adjustments, Nasca enjoyed her work none the less, and the freeing effect it had on heavily burdened full-time missionaries was worth the effort.

Manney's arrival in Ecuador was a homecoming of sorts, as he had lived there 17 years prior to his enrollment at Houghton. "With Ecuadorians that don't know me, I'm usually received as an American, and the usual prejudices hold true . . . 'ugly American.' Once I began to use my fluent Spanish, though, a lot of people began to respect me, and appreciate my insights," reflected Manney.

In reflecting upon their preparation for their summer mission in Quito, Nasca and Manney emphasized study of God's Word in relation to missions, careful matching of career strengths and interests to the mission organization, and particularly prayer. "This is not a light undertaking, but takes a lot of commitment," commented Manney.

Dave and Donna each raised their own financial support, primarily by enlisting the aid of their home churches, friends, and more than a small dose of faith, as Dave affirms. "To have to raise support is to subsist on faith alone. You don't know where the money will come from, but God always provides if we trust Him!"

While neither Dave nor Donna have any long term plans at present for full-time missionary work, both point to their summer mission experience as valuable and relevant to career decisions being made today. Nasca comments, "I enjoyed my time there, but I would prefer to serve the Lord in the States where

Peace Corps: DEVELOPMENT FORUM

Live Aid, Band Aid, We Are The World, USA For Africa; all are familiar words that bring to mind the human tragedy of drought and famine that has plagued the peoples of developing countries that most Americans had never heard of one year ago. There is a new awareness in America, an awareness that each of us can make a difference. The Yuppie mentality of our more recent past is giving way to a resurgence of compassion and concern about how we can best help our brothers and sisters of the world face the complex human problems that have confounded humanity throughout the ages. The Peace Corps, a United States government agency, has been a partner in that effort for twenty-five years.

Peace Corps has purposely chosen to launch its 25th anniversary with a column targeted to universities, colleges, and high schools all over the United States. It was on such a campus that the idea of a "peace corps" first received national attention. Almost 25 years ago, then-presidential candidate John F. Kennedy tossed out an impromptu challenge to thousands of University of Michigan students: "How many of you who are going to be doctors are willing to spend your days in Ghana?" To his astonishment a petition signed by more than 800 students affirming their interest reached him just two days later.

Since that time more than 120,000 Americans have served in the Peace Corps in more than ninety countries around the globe. There are now 6,000 Peace Corps Volunteers serving in 60 countries, more than half of whom are in one way or another involved in agriculture and agricultural-related projects. For example, in countries around the world:

- forestry Volunteers work to curb receding forests by establishing fruit tree nurseries and village woodlots for future firewood;
- energy Volunteers introduce designs for more fuel efficient stoves;
- engineering Volunteers build potable water systems which supply the essential water for cooking and gardening;
- health Volunteers teach family nutrition and basic sanitation practices as well as combat infant dehydration with locally-made formulas.

Individual Volunteers can proudly point to their accomplishments as catalysts for self-help projects. Michael Shean, 27, completed a remarkable task of surveying the soil of one million acres of terrain in Nepal; he recently extended his two-year assignment for another year to oversee one million dollars' worth of projects which will triple the amount of available farmland.

Lynn Blalock, 63, enhanced the quality of native sheep through better animal nutrition, which improved the diet of the Caribbean people, increased the income of farmers, and decreased costly meat imports.

These brief examples are intended to highlight the work of Peace Corp Volunteers in the area of food production. Their efforts and that of their host country co-workers are helping to create a foundation of hope and promise for a future free of hunger, disease, poverty, and illiteracy. Together these collective contributions of people-helping-people in the remote corners of the world demonstrates more than any other measurement the caring and compassion that can be shared when one is given the opportunity to offer one's time and talent.

Peace Corps Volunteers receive extensive skill, language, and cross-cultural training and are provided medical care, transportation, and student loan deferments. Additionally, they are paid a monthly living allowance and a readjustment sum of approximately \$4500 upon completion of service. For further information on the Peace Corps, call 800-424-8580.

I am familiar with the language and the culture. By no means, however, do I consider the trip a failure because of this conclusion! I'm glad I found out now!"

Students interested in missions programs can inquire at the FMF office (downstairs in the Campus Center) or by attending FMF meetings, generally held on Wednesday nights in Fancher Auditorium.



About our cover: It is a cow.
The cow is the official icon of the
1985/86 Star.
The cow is a very noble animal.



Canadian Greg Gidman goes for the ball as Brian Thompson holds back opponent.

Houghton Stymies Bonnies

by Colleen Morgan
and Anne Valkema

The Houghton College field hockey team lost their season opener 0-3 to a more experienced William Smith College team on Friday, September 6 at 4 pm. William Smith came on strong and scored three goals in succession during a fifteen minute interval in the first half. The Highlander team played well defensively in the second half holding William Smith scoreless. Coach Wells stated that the team played well despite their many injuries and the lack of experience most of the team possessed in playing on the college level. Nine of the fifteen players on the roster played in their first college game on Friday.

On September 9, the team traveled

to St. Bonaventure University for their second game of the season. Houghton triumphed over the Bonnies 3-2 with sophomore Ndunge Kiiti scoring two goals and senior Amy Foster adding one.

Coach Wells is enthusiastic about this year's squad, mentioning freshman goalie Colleen Morgan as "an aggressive player." He feels that with the experience of his six returning varsity players, and the added contributions of the novice players, the team faces the prospects of a shining season.

The Highlanders first home game is Wednesday, September 25, at 4 pm against St. Bonaventure. The team invites everyone to come, watch, and help Make It Happen!

New Soccer Suits Prove Successful

by Joan Robertsen and
Prashula Patel

Last Saturday, in their new uniforms, the Men's Varsity soccer team played their first home game, defeating Geneseo 2-1.

It was in the second half that Nfor Tandap finally scored Houghton's first goal, assisted by Greg Gidman. It was also during this time that Coach Burke replaced goalie Tim Kangas with Freshman Jon Retz.

The game finished with a tie score of 1-1, leading the players into overtime. Within the first five minutes, Freshman Dan Meade scored the Highlander's winning goal, once again assisted by Greg Gidman.

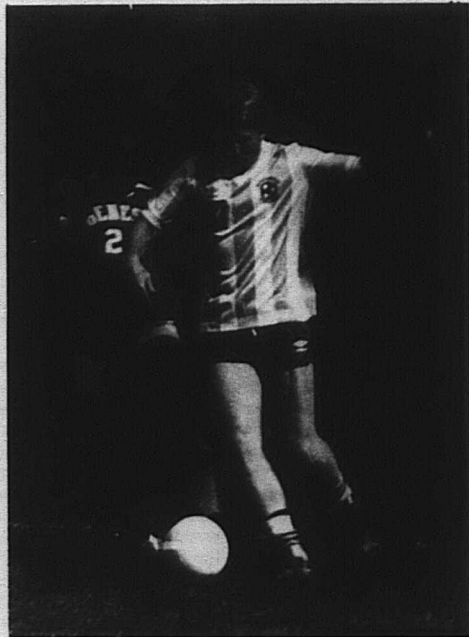
The defensive line played extremely well, allowing Geneseo only a mere ten shots at the goal. This was attributed to the fine playing of seniors Doug May and Matthew Hess, and Junior Tom Patton. Sideline spectator Rick Beird commented, "You

can always count on Doug!" Tim Kangas returned during the second half of the overtime, insuring a victory for Houghton.

Manager Chris Matthews remarked, "I think the team played very well considering the pressure they were under. The linemen did a great job." Houghton had a total of twenty-seven shots on goal.

Earlier this past week, the Highlanders defeated Edinboro at Edinboro with a score of 2-0. Senior Jamie Mullen scored the first goal approximately twenty-two minutes into the second half. With seconds remaining and victory in sight, Greg Gidman scored a second point.

Houghton had a total of twenty-four shots on goal and Edinboro only two. Special recognition was given to Tim Kangas and Dan Meade for outstanding performance. Houghton's next home game is against the University of Buffalo on September 28.



Senior Doug May keeps the ball away from Geneseo. My--what fancy footwork!

Down, But Not Out

On September 10, the Houghton College Junior Varsity soccer team played at Geneseo Community College resulting in a 2-4 loss for the Houghton team.

Freshman Rick Johnson scored on a header from Thom Satterlee, while in the second half center half-back Ron Kuiken made a goal assisted by Johnson.

Fellow teammate Steve Steiner remarked, "I think the whole team worked hard, but the midfield [players] was still not going back all the time."

Last Tuesday, September 17, the J.V. team traveled to St. Bonaventure to play before a small crowd in what was to be the second loss of the season. Only one minute into the game, St. Bonnie scored a lucky shot which set the tone for the match. Stiff defensive moves prevented another goal during the period, but two minutes into the second half found a surprised goalie Tom Cutting striving for a ball that sailed just out of reach overhead. Again, good playing kept more shots out of Houghton's goal, leading to a final score of 0-2.

Commenting on the two losses, left fullback Robert Treadwell feels he is "getting a little discouraged, but we've been playing well. It's just small mistakes that made us lose."

"...It's just small mistakes that make us lose."

Highlanders Trounce Geneva

Houghton women's soccer started their season successfully defeating Geneva College 11-0 at Geneva.

Within the first minute of play, Deb Sperring scored an amazing goal into the right corner of the net. Senior Noel Fleming contributed heavily to the overall score with five goals. Other points were made by Shelly Sperring, Stephanie Button, Sally Stalker, and Lynne Conover.

On September 12, the women's team had their first home game and second defeat (their first loss was to Niagara on September 10) losing to

RIT, 2-3. The women started out with a goal by Freshman Kelli Lies. By the end of the first half, RIT was leading 2-1. Noel Fleming scored a second goal for the Highlanders leaving the teams tied. Spectator Derek May commented, "Noel scored a beautiful goal, preceded by a well executed 'meg'." A 'meg' is an offensive shot between an opposing defensive player's legs. The game went into overtime and ended with a loss for Houghton. Houghton hosts Nazareth at home today at 4 pm.

Women Spike With Success

The women's volleyball team started a victorious season, winning 3-2 against Geneseo Community College. In the first and third games, Geneseo defeated Houghton 7-15, 13-15 respectively. Undiscouraged, Houghton came back to win with scores of 15-13, 15-2, 15-2.

The volleyball team traveled to Pitt Bradford last Saturday to play two opponents, Pitt Bradford and St. Vincent, defeating both schools.

Contributing seven points in the second game against St. Vincent was sophomore Lynn Leathers, making the final scores 15-3, 15-7. In the second game against Pitt Bradford, Cindy Antisdal and Virna Vidaurri scored a combined total of twelve points for their team giving them a victory of 17-15, 15-11. Other outstanding players included freshman Judy Geroldson, and Senior Laura Trasher.

Running On the Right Track

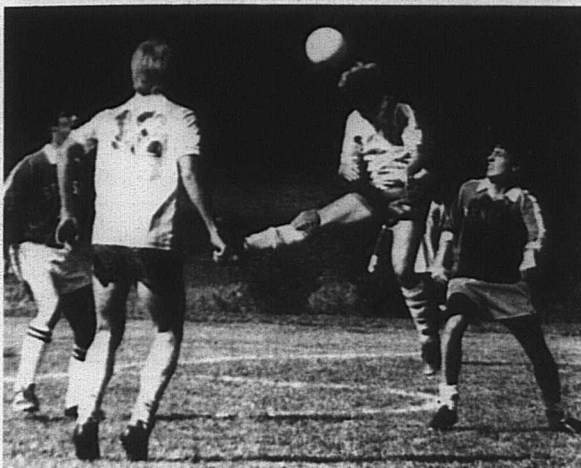
by Mary McCullough
and David Cleveland

On Saturday, September 7, the Houghton College men's and women's cross country teams competed in an invitational meet held at Buffalo State College. Both teams faced some difficult competition, including teams from Kent State, Edinboro, Cleveland State, R.I.T., and Canisius. Tough competitors and hot, humid weather made the race additionally trying. The day ended with the men's team placing tenth, and the women's team being disqualified with too few runners. David Wingard led the men's team, finishing forty-ninth out of 153 men. Freshman Karen Crafts paced the women, finishing forty-third in a field of

seventy-nine. Dave Decker, Houghton's rookie cross country coach, was "pleased with the team as a whole, both men and women."

A week later, both teams journeyed to Geneseo State College to participate in a joint meet with teams from Fredonia and St. Bonaventure. Both the men and women again finished last, but the more moderate conditions made their running more enjoyable. Houghton's John "Hobie" Beeson finished thirteenth out of forty-two to lead the men's team. Mary McCullough led the Houghton's women's squad with an impressive second place finish.

Next week Houghton will again travel to Geneseo in an attempt to redeem their losses.



Varsity freshman sensation Dan Meade reaches new heights!

**"Over 1,000 officials to choose from and I get a moron like you."
—John Mc Enroe to a British tennis umpire**

The Young and the Restless

Dear Craig and Gerry,

This year's crop of freshmen seem to be particularly healthy in all respects. The only respect we'll deal with tonight is the Freshman Rush.

As Seniors, we've had four opportunities to watch this phenomenon. It works like this: after leaving the supervision of Mom, Dad, and the family dog, freshmen strive to express their new-found freedom in ways unappreciated by most upperclassmen. It usually takes freshmen a semester to discover that their urges need not be confined to the Campus Center lounge and East Hall sidewalk. To save them searching, and us indigestion, we'd like to suggest several sites for making up and breaking up, and making up and breaking up, and...

1)The ski slope, during late fall and early spring is a great place to sit and talk, provided the couple next to you didn't have beans for dinner-you guessed it; it's crowded. Wait 'til after midnight.

2)Centerville water tank-If your date asks, "What's that thing?," breathe a sigh of relief to know she hasn't been there before. (The tank provides a great conversation starting tone when hit with a rock.)

3)The Coed (Men's) dormsite pro-

vides a great place to build new relationships.

4)Back roads-Allegany County has backroads like Manhattan will never know. Really.

5)The Music Building-Practice makes perfect and the practice rooms are the practical place...

6)Chapel-Reach new heights in the balcony (Beware Men's Choir practice Tu,Th 11:45). The music library has a wide variety of taped trombone music for those who seek practice in the chapel basement.

7)Havenwood and Canfield houses: you girls know what we mean. Open House-Fri.:7:00-11:30 pm (both).

8)Under the Brookside Bridge-The brook's babble will drown out hers. (Look around before you sit down, and don't giggle at footsteps overhead.)

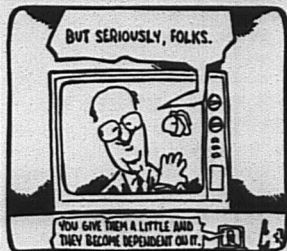
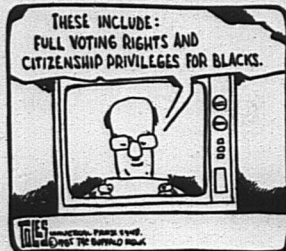
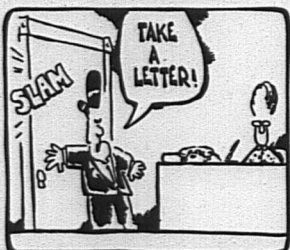
We saved a couple spots for ourselves, but you probably don't need to know about them anyway. We hope we've helped the freshmen, but more importantly, we hope we've saved the Campus Center custodians a little grief.

Two Benevolent (sic) Seniors,

Jim Ladine

Dan Gettman

P.S."And the hounds are off and running..."



Dearest Stars:

First off, I'd like to dedicate this letter to Mom and Dad. They've so supported me in my endeavors that this is the only letter my conscience could allow. Thanks, Mom and Dad, for always being there for me and I know you always will be.

Okay! The topic(s): Freshmen, WJSL, and The Pledge. Follow the impeccable logic, if you will, for fun and insight.

I. Freshmen-Okay, enough already! I see no Statue of Liberty around welcoming any 18 year old brat here from off the boat. Visas please? The only sign I've seen around here saying, "send me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free" was in the bathroom. Too many! Too many! And once again, too many!

Whatever happened to the good old days of enlisting in Uncle Sam's Army after high school, or peddling lint from Madonna's navel door to door, or simply sitting at home to build a pig from a kit? Why college? Why Houghton?

Besides, you're all just one big organized dinkus! Fly, O dinkus be free! Mount up on your dinkus wings like eagles and get way the dink out of here!

(synopsis for dinkoids not familiar with the way of the Dinki: The chief end of Freshmen is to serve WJSL and enjoy it forever.)

II. WJSL-Can I try a new word out on you? Fetid.

They advertise "everything from Amy to U2," but what about all the fetid trash in between? Is anyone really interested in hearing George Beverly Shea's fetid version of "Lola," or nine fetid variations of "Amazing Grace" by The Idaho Association of (fetid) Potato Sowers and Harvesters of the Soul Orchestra and Bell Choir? Fetid!

This is a student radio station the same way that Soviet Russia is a government by the people. I make no personal accusations, I just comment on what I see as a fetid, bloody, stinking mess!

III. The Pledge-I've read and re-read the supposed reforms and changes in the Community Responsibilities booklet and have found only one change from last year: oh my gosh! face cards!! Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha! And it gives me great pleasure to welcome Houghton to the 1800's.

Now for the logic:
•WJSL promotes The Pledge.
•Freshmen form the rank and file of WJSL.

Freshmen promote The Pledge, and as of now they don't even realize that they've signed it!

So every year major change is restricted by dinkus ignorance and fetid propaganda!

Welcome back, indeed.

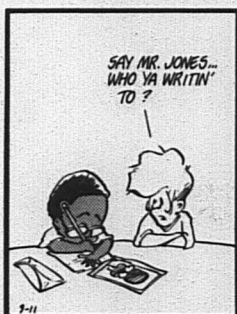
Love, hugs, and kisses,
David Shoemaker
Eliza Johansen

The only alternative to perversity, with its magical and terrible privileges, is banality.

P.N. Furbank

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



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Mom and Dad, having a fun time, I'm back on the third shift!
Love, J.C.

Well Super, imagine my surprise. It's 8 am but we're almost done. Don't bovines make beautiful cover girls? You know, I need to go shoppin' pretty soon. Ger.

Harold, much of this I owe your support. Thanks, and maybe you'll get a letter soon. Or later. Ger



Sleeping! On a Thursday morning?
May it never be so.
Have no more of this, ye sluggards, and join the few, the crowd, the somnolent. *Star* layout night on Wednesday nights; a good place to get copy waxed, fall down and **BE SOMEONE!**

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Harry R.

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This fun you speak of; Dear, you err, e'er none have ever erred.
a tired tuber

Rich,
...then you love a little wild one and she brings you only sorrow, all the time you know she's smiling you'll be on your knees tomorrow
D. Fagan

Attention: Behind the walls college student, seeking correspondence and friendship from sincere and understanding individuals. Am 25, of Black and Native American heritage, will answer all.
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