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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Wm. Mann

U.S.A. - The recent disclosure that a scientist has successfully cloned a human embryo, splitting a single embryo into identical twins and triplets, has sent moral ethicists into a round table of discussion. ("Can a cloned embryo be frozen and then used later to produce a twin for organ donation?")
Bosnia - A massacre in the village of Stupni Do has been documented by the U.N. specialists team. Although unable to arrive in time to prevent the slaughter, photographic and forensic evidence is now available for the U.N. projected war crimes panel which will try the perpetrators.
Peru - A new constitution was approved by a 55.3% vote in this first-ever referendum for Peru. The government has been battling leftist guerrilla groups, including Shining Path, and now are eligible for a reelection bid in 1995.
Israel - Jewish settlers in the West Bank have lashed out against the killing of a settler, despite Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' pleas not to take law into their own hands. Israel and Palestine are still trying to negotiate peace plans despite these erratic outbursts.
Russia - Russian politics has reduced itself to "haggling over election rules," with the Cabinet split into two distinct camps for the Dec. 12 election date. Radical reformers are behind President Boris Yeltsin, Russia's Choice election bloc, while more cautious reformers have joined the Russian Unity and Accord bloc, under Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin.
Ireland - Twenty-four people were killed within 9 days, including 7 (5 Catholic and 2 Protestant) in the quiet mixed community of Greysteel, but both Prime Ministers, Irish, Albert Reynolds and British, John Major, pledged to find a peace formula.

How does a change in your status affect your financial aid?

Angela Fulkroad

Affording a liberal arts education is difficult for most college students. In many cases students are responsible for paying their own way through college. Is it possible for these students to declare independence? Does getting married affect financial aid funding?

According to Troy Martin, Director of Financial Aid at Houghton College, "a student cannot just claim to be independent, he must meet the requirements of the state and federal governments to be recognized as independent." In order to be recognized as independent by the federal government, an individual must meet any one of the following six requirements.

1. Twenty-four years of age.
2. A veteran of the U.S. armed forces.

3. A graduate student.
4. Married.
5. An orphan or a ward of the court.
6. Have a legal dependent other than a spouse.

Any one of these six requirements will result in automatic independence. There are also special circumstances in which a student can be declared independent (abuse in the home, a student being thrown out of the home, etc). The government allows the Director of Financial Aid to review a student's application if a special circumstance exists. After evaluating the information, the Director of Financial Aid may declare the student independent. Martin requires third party documentation to verify the student's claim before he makes a

decision.

The federal and state governments have different definitions of independence. In order to be considered as independent by the state of New York, one must:

1. Be at least thirty-five years of age or between the ages of twenty-two and thirty-five if one has not lived with his parents for more than six weeks the previous year.
2. Not be living with his parents the current year, and will not be living with his parents the next year.
3. Not be claimed by the parents as an income tax exemption; the parents may not provide more than \$750.00 support per year to the student.

Like the federal government, the state also recognizes special circumstances, but the state and not the Director of Financial Aid makes the final decision.

A parent's refusal to help his child pay for college is not considered a special circumstance by either the state or the federal governments. "The government expects parents to help with education. The students that are hurt the most are those whose parents choose not to help financially. These students often have no other choice than to attend a community college because it is difficult to work your way through a higher cost private college," says Martin. These students are affected because even though they are responsible for their own college finances, they still must submit their parent's income tax information. If these students were independent, they would only be required to submit their own income tax information thus (in most circumstances) qualifying them for more financial aid. For example, Jen's parents make \$80,000 annually and Jen has a summer waitressing job and makes \$3,000 and is a dependent, the

government will determine eligibility for financial aid. If Jen's parents decide not to help Jen financially and the government does not feel that she is eligible for financial aid based upon her parents income, Jen is expected to pay her way through college with \$3,000, and what ever amount of money she can make while she is going to school in addition to the possibility of a student loan. Even community colleges cost more than \$3,000 a year.

Marriage also affects financial aid in the eyes of the federal government because if one is married he/she is automatically considered independent (this does not affect state aid because New York State does not recognize a married couple as automatically being independent). Financial aid is typically higher for married couples, but Martin warns students not to use an increase of financial aid as a reason to get married while going through school. "There are additional expenses that the students need to consider such as paying rent, and budgeting grocery and utility bills," says Martin. A student's financial aid eligibility is determined as of the date the form is completed. If a student completes the form in February and gets married in May, the student will only receive the financial aid that he/she qualified for in February; the form cannot be updated based upon marriage. Martin advises couples to wait until they are married before completing the Financial Aid forms. However, if the student is not planning to be married until the middle of the school year, it is wise to fill out the form before the wedding in order to be considered early in the awarding process. Martin urges all students that are considering marriage, as well as those who have questions about financial matters, to make an appointment with him.

On the way to District playoffs



The women's soccer team finished their regular season 11-6. Junior Nicole Droppa will play with the team this week as they strive to win the district championship. Story, p. 4

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Challenges of reaching youth to be raised at URBANA 93

News Release

The unique challenges and opportunities present in efforts to reach the world's children and youth with the gospel will be a focus of URBANA 93, InterVarsity Christian

Fellowship's 17th triennial student mission convention, to be held at the University of Illinois in Urbana/Champaign, December 27-31, 1993.

One-third of the world's population is under the age of

15, and the Missions Advanced Research and Communications Center (MARC) estimates that more than 80 percent of the world's young people are growing up in non-Christian settings or non-Christian

homes.

And yet, says URBANA 93 Director Dan Harrison, approximately 85 percent of all people in North America who

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News Release

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Julie Risser gives junior recital in Wesley Chapel

Jennifer Watson

On Wednesday evening, October 27th, an audience of approximately 100 people was present when Julie Risser gave her junior recital in Wesley Chapel. Julie is a student of Dr. Dplores Gadevsky, and this recital fulfills part of the requirement for her Bachelor's Degree of Music. Her perfor-

mance was excellent, with pieces from Johann Sebastian Bach, Ludwig Beethoven, Charles T. Griffes, and Frydryck Chopin. The audience was clearly delighted by Julie's playing and her choice of pieces. After the recital, a reception was held downstairs in the art gallery of the Chapel.

URBANA 93 deals with reaching children

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commit their lives to Jesus Christ do so between the ages of four and 14 years old.

"We want to help the students at URBANA 93 to see how important and strategic it is to reach the world's children and youth with the gospel and expose them to the opportunities available," Harrison says.

Roxanne Grego, a missionary with Latin American Mission specializing in children's ministry, will speak at URBANA 93 on "God So Loves Children and Youth." She and her husband, Robert, work together teaching churches how to evangelize and disciple children. They also instruct them in how to create ongoing children's programs in their churches and communities.

Yet there are many hindrances to young people in need of or searching for faith in Jesus Christ, according to Bryant Myers, director of MARC; hindrances which include:

High mortality rates. Every day, nearly 40,000 children under the age of five die. The greatest danger of death exists among youngsters in Africa, Brazil, Cambodia, Indonesia, the Middle East, South Asia, and the Andean countries of South America.

Poverty. Cities in the Two Thirds World are growing at a phenomenal rate. Consequently, urban slums are growing. Of the 600 million people living in urban slums today, more than 74 percent are children and young people under the age of 24.

Rejection. Millions of youngsters, particularly in Latin America and South America, are street children. Some statisticians believe that 100 million children (18 percent of all children under the age of 15) live or work on city streets. The figure for Brazil, alone, is approximately 7 million.

Exploitation. An estimated 300 million children under 15 are being exploited for child labor, especially in Asia. Authorities recently discovered 6,000 children working in slave-like conditions in a Peruvian gold mine. As many as 126 million

child laborers are working in India. In addition, there are an estimated 10 million youngsters caught up in the world's six industry (child prostitution, sex tourism, and pornography). **Gender Bias.** The worst off are girls. Two-thirds of the world's 130 million children with no access to education are girls. In the Two Thirds World, girls consistently get less food, health care, and education.

What is the church to do? According to Myers, "radical transformation is required."

"Ethical and moral standards that value children and life must be reintroduced into the governments, churches and business of this world," he asserts. "Greed... must be exposed and called to repentance. Lust must be publicly denounced and ended. And poverty, so acute that families are driven to treat their children as economic assets to be sold, must be eradicated."

"These actions are gospel business," Myers insists. "They are the business of Christian mission."

Grego agrees, stating that "those kids don't need professionals and they don't need theologians. What they need is someone to give them love," specifically the love of God.

URBANA 93 Director Dan Harrison says that the convention will seek to educate students and potential missionaries about the plight of children worldwide and their desperate need to hear the gospel. But like Myers, Harrison believes that "anything less than a whole gospel is not enough."

"We must not present ourselves to others just speaking the gospel," Harrison explains. "We must present ourselves as servants of the gospel prepared to speak God's Word, but also prepared to wash their feet, give them bread and fish, heal their brokenness, and walk alongside them."

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, an interdenominational campus ministry, has 750 chapters on both secular and Christian college campuses in the United States.

October snow spooks Houghton area

Doug Gillham

The calendar said Halloween, but Houghton looked more like Christmas last Sunday as six to twelve inches of snow fell on the area during the weekend. It was one of the region's heaviest October snowfalls on record.

The final week of October did get off to a very pleasant start, as sunshine dominated through Wednesday. Tuesday almost felt like Indian summer as the temperature soared into the upper 60's.

However, quick changes in the weather are to be expected this time of year, and Wednesday night was no exception. A cold front brought rain followed by wet snow early Thursday morning. Though there was no accumulation here in Houghton, up to two inches coated the surrounding hill tops.

Warmer weather returned on Friday, but yet another cold front crossed the area Friday night. At the same time, a storm system was gaining strength down in the Gulf states.

The storm with its abundant Gulf moistened clouds moved northward along the Appalachian Mountains Saturday

morning and interacted with the cold air mass moving in from the west. As a result, snow developed in an area stretching from Arkansas to Ohio and over into central New York. Heavy rain fell along the East Coast.

Only an inch of wet snow accumulated on grassy surfaces in Houghton on Saturday evening, but up to six inches fell in the higher elevations. However, Old Man Winter still had a few more tricks up his sleeve. A second area of low pressure developed behind the first early Sunday morning. The counterclockwise rotation around the low brought a northeast flow of very cold, moist air back into the area.

Snow was falling in earnest again by 4 PM, and with the temperature at the freezing mark it quickly began to accumulate on the roads and grass. By midnight, 6.5 inches had fallen, and another 1.5 inches fell early Monday morning.

The area looked like a winter wonderland Monday morning as the wet snow clung to every twig, leaf and power line. The weight of the snow brought down many tree

limbs, causing damage to parked cars and power outages across western New York.

Though some minor lake effect snow is not all that unusual for this time of year, a storm system of this magnitude is. Much of the United States experienced a very early taste of winter this past weekend.

Snow was reported as far south as Atlanta, Georgia on Monday morning. Black Rock Mountain State Park in northern Georgia reported 2.5 inches. Closer to Houghton, some of the hill tops in Cattaraugus county and in northern Pennsylvania received 18 inches of snow.

Numerous temperature records were also broken. Amarillo, Texas dipped down to 14 degrees Fahrenheit on Saturday morning. Many of the reporting stations in the Gulf states were colder than Houghton on Monday morning.

Winter really does seem to be in a hurry to arrive this year. The temperature failed to rise above the freezing mark on Monday, and yet the normal high is in the low to mid 50's. However, if you hate winter, do not despair just yet. An early season snowstorm is rarely an indicator of what lies in the months ahead.

Inmates take Houghton courses through HEOP

News Release

This fall the Regents Commission on Higher Education called for a major restructuring of the way in which New York delivers and supports higher education, based on the conclusion that New York State's "higher education asset is eroding."

In presenting the Commission's final report to the Regents, Commission Chair Victor J. Riley Jr. urged higher education and the State to provide the leadership for the restructuring.

"For colleges and universities, this means thoughtful redirection of current resources to new and more cost-effective ways of reaching their goals," Riley said. "Above all, higher education must embark on a path that will demonstrate to the public and to the State that it is committed to significant change while preserving the best of its traditional roles."

"For the State, too, there are difficult choices," Riley continued. "To preserve the investment already made and to receive its returns in the years ahead, the State along with local governments must make the choice to provide the resources necessary to enable higher education to serve New York into the 21st century."

The 48-page report, "Higher Education, New York's Opportunity Industry: Sharing the Challenge," includes 35 recommendations (pp. 21-42 of the report) which affect nearly every aspect of higher education delivery and support. The Commission also identified roles for all the partners — the Regents, colleges and universities, students and their families, businesses, the State and other governments — in this process.

The Regents established the Commission on Higher

Education in June 1992 to study and make recommendations on how New York State conceives, organizes and funds its system of postsecondary education. Victor Riley, the chairman, president and chief executive officer of KeyCorp, an Albany-based financial services company, chaired the 18-member panel of distinguished civic, education and business leaders.

In his presentation to the Regents, Riley highlighted four changes which he said are critical for the Commission's recommendations to be effective:

- * Grant public institutions greater independent authority to operate their campuses; to not only have the responsibility and accountability for efficiently managing their operations, but the authority to do so.

- * Maintain a healthy independent sector. On the sole basis of avoiding costs, this sector is a bargain for the State. Private institutions educate a large proportion of New Yorkers who would otherwise attend public colleges and universities at a higher cost to the taxpayer.

- * Higher education institutions must accept greater accountability and responsibility for the stewardship of the resources under their control. For all aspects of their operations, institutions must regularly review and report on their performance.

- * Public and private institutions must rethink assumptions about curriculum, processes, organizational structures, and the mix of technology and personnel. New York's established goal of "Quality and Access With Choice" must include a new and equal commitment to "Cost Effectiveness." There is the

highest imperative, therefore, that on every campus faculties, department heads, deans, heads of administrative services, and

academic executives jointly participate in this process.

The Commission report stresses cost effectiveness, calling only for funding increases "that promise a return on the State's investment in higher education."

The report also notes the far-reaching impact that higher education, "New York's Opportunity Industry," has on the State's economy.

"We are well aware that over the years the State and the people of New York have made a tremendous investment in higher education in the belief that higher education is New York's economic, social and cultural gateway to opportunity. The returns on this investment have been manifest to almost everyone," the report states. "In recent years, however, as the economy weakened and as tuitions rose at a pace considerably in excess of inflation, there has been a progressive erosion of support for higher education and a corresponding deterioration in quality."

The Commission found that the diverse nature of New York's system of higher education provides its fundamental strength. Riley told the Regents, "Though comprised of a variety of public, independent and degree-granting proprietary colleges and universities it is, a system of interrelated parts which complement each other. The Commission emphasizes the value of this **total network** of diverse institutions."

More than 1 million students are enrolled at the 248 public and private degree-granting colleges and universities in the State. The institutions directly employ more than 210,000 persons. Higher education contributes almost \$40 billion to the State's economy, eight percent of the total output of goods and services in 1989, 1990.

Editor's note: H.C. receives no money from the state because it is a Christian institution

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ALL CAMPUS BULLETIN

A number of people have been asking me, particularly since the men's soccer reunion, what will happen next as we search for a successor to Coach Burke. Doug and Esther have given many wonderful and productive years to Houghton and the soccer reunion was a fabulous tribute to the influence of their ministry on so many lives down through the years. We want to wish them well as they plan their retirement together but look forward to continuing to have them in the community and involved in the life of the college, particularly with Doug's role with the summer soccer camp.

Shortly I will appoint a search committee to work with the President and myself to establish the procedures and conduct the search for a new soccer coach. At the time we appointed Skip Lord as the Athletic Director designate, we selected him to chair the search committees for both men's basketball and men's soccer. It is my intent to include the following representatives on this committee: Skip Lord; a teaching faculty member; a faculty member from the area of physical education and recreation; a representative of the Athletic committee; a senior student member of the varsity soccer team; and a staff member or administrator. I will serve as a resource person to this committee of six members.

We want it to be clear to all that the President and I expect this committee to search thoroughly and creatively for an individual who can maintain our program at its current level and move us to new levels of excellence in the future. Under Doug Burke's leadership Houghton soccer has become a program of national stature and it is our intent to keep it that way.

Tentative Time Schedule:

Have Search Committee appointed - Early November

Begin work on advertising - by mid-December

Initial Screening of applicants - February 1994

Selection - mid-March

If you have suggestions which you would like to make to the search committee I would be happy to be the conduit for receiving those suggestions either about the process or about people that you would like to see considered in the process. I would prefer that you submit those suggestions to me in writing.

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Country of the Week: *Canada*

Wm. Mann

The October 25th Canadian national election had heads spinning as Jean Chretien and the liberals won 178 seats in the 295-seat parliament (up 79 seats from last election). The conservatives went from a majority ruling of 153 seats down to 2! What filled the void was even more bizarre. The Bloc Quebecois, gaining 54 seats, is a three-year old party based in Quebec, with the political mandate to separate from the rest of the provinces. The Reform Party, based in Alberta and led by evangelical

Christian Preston Manning, gained 52 seats, and wants reductions in social programs such as welfare and old age security, tightened immigration, and removal from NATO.

There has been a general shift in feelings over the past decade as Canada has sought out an identity for herself in the global scene. Greatly overshadowed by former Prime Minister Pierre Thidean's political guidance, who led the country from the late 60's into the early 80's. Canada lost some of her moorings when he changed the Constitution in

1982. Until then, Canada was a self-governing dominion in the British Commonwealth, acting under the British North American Act of 1867.

Thidean's alterations allowed Canada to amend the Constitution without any British okay.

There have always been two official languages to the country, French and English, as well as two systems of law: civil (in Quebec), and Common Law (in English Canada). Under this system, the French kept to themselves, and the rest of the provinces let them. But lately the country has begun to talk about "rights" (an American term, foreign to Canadian diction) and as the French get louder in demanding theirs, the other provinces have begun to develop a voice of their own. Thus, the counteroffer of the Western-based Reform party (made up mostly by disgruntled Tories), angry at all the immigrants inhabiting southern Ontario and taking away Canadian jobs.

Eastern Canada is economically strapped, fishing four months of the year and collecting "pogey" (unemployment benefits) the rest - funded by Ontario tax payers. They want concrete help from the government and cast all their votes but one (32 seats) to the liberals, who had better listen. (The new Prime Minister, Jean Chretien, has his work cut out for him in Canada.) NAFTA will be ratified on January 1,

yet Chretien wants to renegotiate this package which was supported only by the exiting Conservative Party.

Canada has been involved in free trade with the U.S., since 1988, and though many people on the street feel that this is what is stripping away Canada's jobs, staticians say it is actually increasing jobs (not in manufacturing, but in the service sector). Canada has a high unemployment rate, 11%, and several hundred thousand on welfare.

There is also the G-7 to deal with. Chretien is faced with the largest foreign debt among the seven nations involved, 43.8%, while Italy, the next closest, has only 14.9% and the U.S. has 6.4% debt. This makes Canada volatile in the world money market. They must convince foreign banks that she can be counted on.

Back home, the debt is two thirds the Gross National Product, 68.3%, compared to 20% in the mid-70's, and 36% in 1982. Therefore, most of their tax dollars go to pay debt (something that Kim Campbell wanted to correct in five years!). Chretien platformed on job-creation, which will increase debt, suggesting a \$6 billion public works program, and limited debt control. This was the political ticket because Canada responded overwhelmingly to this once doubtful "yesterday's man." Chretien worked under Lester P.

Peirson, Pierre Trudeau and John Turner. Now, he has a chance to shine on his own.

Will Canada get sucked down into the American political and economic scene? (Kim Campbell thought so, as she imitated Clinton in her deficit-reduction platform, electronic courthouse meetings, and rhetoric about changing "the way we do politics in this country.")

Yet, Canada is deeply entrenched in "politics for the good of the community." Hence, socialized medicine (something Americans don't understand, but greatly fear), government regulated Postal Service and television (CBC puts out some of the finest Canadian stuff!) and baby bonus (\$36.00 per child, per month, till 18!)

How they will find their identity in the days ahead is anybody's guess. But Canadians don't just live in igloos and say "eh" and "zed." They are the proud producers of the Canadian Arm on the space shuttle, high-tech computer hardware (ranking fifth in the world to the U.S.'s seventh), and such notables as Dan Ackroyd (Coneheads), Mike Myers (Wayne's World), Michael J. Fox, Wayne Gretsky, Paul Schaeffer, and Saturday Night Live producer, Lorne Michaels.

And by the way, there is a growing contingency of Canadians here on campus.

Getting an international job

Gladys Middy

"If you've been longing for an international career, isn't it time for you to think about specifics?" -Susan B. Larsen

On September 16, 1993, a group of Houghton students decided to do just that. Carolyn Crouch, Erik Fabrin, Bill Howard, Igor Verenich, and I attended a workshop on how to get an international job, sponsored by the Buffalo and Erie county public libraries. This workshop included speakers from the academic and business worlds, the volunteer sector, and from the government.

The main emphasis of this workshop was on the importance of international education in a global economy. The first speaker, Dr. Jean-Francois Gounard, Director of International Students Association at SUNY Buffalo, stressed the need to have international students in the U.S., especially in the western New York area. The SUNY system itself has about four thousand international students, and each year the university makes about forty eight million dollars in fees from the foreign students. Overall, the American universities make about three billion dollars a year from the international students. Dr. Gounard said that there are a hundred and twenty-two firms, just in the western New York area that are owned by fifteen different countries. I was surprised to find out that the grocery store chain TOPS was owned by a Dutch company.

International education is becoming more of a necessity today than it was ever before. Approximately 80% of all American made goods now

face a direct competition at home or abroad. Since few American business leaders or employees can speak any foreign language, it forces corporations to increasingly hire graduates from abroad. More than 20% of American corporations are now conducting business abroad. The percentage of scientific research published in other languages is also fast increasing. Therefore, it is really important to learn a foreign language, and to keep up with international and domestic affairs.

There are many international job opportunities for students with Bachelor's degrees. A few examples of what students can do are a) working as a peace corps volunteer, b) foreign service secretary with the U.S. department of State, c) information officer with Foreign Broadcast Information, d) entry-level jobs with the U.S. department of Commerce, e) opportunities with the United Nations and Nonprofit International organizations, and f) teach English abroad. Some helpful resources that the Career Development Center has to expand your knowledge of international jobs include: the 1994 CPC Job Choices manual, the Overseas List and Directory of Jobs, and Careers Abroad.

A wealth of information was given at the workshop for American students seeking jobs within the U.S. and overseas. Information was also given on starting small scale, and medium scale businesses. If you are interested in any of the organizations listed above, please contact the Career Development Center for more details.

Cross Country teams win districts, prepare for nationals

Doug Gillham

Both the men's and women's cross country teams took first place at the District 18 Championship on Saturday, October 30, at Westminster College in Pennsylvania.

The men's team battled the cold and snow as they defeated Geneva, St. Vincent, and Westminster to claim the District Championship for the fourth year in a row. Many on the team ran their best race of the year, as everyone pulled together for the most important meet of the season. The margin of victory over Geneva was four points.

Leading the way for the Highlanders was sophomore transfer Jason Wiens, who took second place in his first district meet. Close behind, Tim Thurber ran his fastest time of the season as he took third place in the race. His younger brother Lee also ran a very

tough race as he placed fifth.

Kenley Perry outkicked two Geneva runners in the final stages of the race to finish eighth. Nathan Howes missed much of the season with a knee injury, but still finished a very strong eleventh. Runion, Munro, Bedford, and Gillham also ran very strong races in support of the team. The team score of 29 was their best since the streak began.

Saturday's victory was particularly sweet for the four seniors on the team, Tim Thurber, Eric Runion, Mark Munro, and Doug Gillham, as the team won every year they competed. Tim Thurber and Eric Runion were there for all four of the championships.

The women also battled the elements as they defeated Geneva, Westminster, St. Vincent, and Carlow for their second District Championship in three years.

Leading the way for the women's team was Naomi Castellani, as she captured the individual district title for the third year in a row. Heather George and Trisha Demperio were also amongst the leaders as they finished third and fourth respectively.

Amy Chamberlain overcame a season of illness and injury to finish tenth in her first race since early September. Chapin, Grooms, and Rosser also ran very strong races as Houghton defeated second place Geneva by 17 points.

The women's team also had four seniors on the squad. It was the last District meet for Heather George, Trisha Demperio, Mim Grooms, and Shelly Rosser.

With these victories, both the women and the men have qualified for Nationals, to be held in Kenosha, Wisconsin, on November 20th.

Women's soccer finishes regular season 11-6

Eric Stroom

The regular season has come to a close, and the women's soccer team is about to enter the playoffs for the second straight year. After fulfilling everyone's expectations, the Lady Highlanders are well on their way to a district title and maybe more.

Houghton finished the season with two away games. The first was Thursday, October 28, at Fredonia. The playing conditions were awful. The men's soccer team had played there the day before, and the field was a mess. It had also rained earlier in the week so the field was extremely muddy.

Fredonia got out to an early lead in the first half, scoring three goals. They passed the ball well, and an effective offside trap stopped a number of Houghton drives. Braving the hostile crowd, the Lady Highlanders jumped back into the game by scoring two goals early in the second half. Both came off of the foot of Danielle Phillips with Jamie Gardiner assisting.

For a while the women looked like they were changing the pace of the game in their favor but Fredonia stuck with their lead. As the final minutes

and then seconds ticked off the clock Houghton tried repeatedly to score again, but was unsuccessful. Breaking their winning and shutout streak, Houghton fell to Fredonia 3-2.

Of much greater concern, however, was the final game of the season on Saturday, October 30 at Seton Hill. By then the Lady Highlanders had already clinched a spot in the district playoffs, but this game would determine whether or not Houghton had home field advantage in the semifinals. According to Head Coach David Lewis, "The team came out really strong despite awful weather." When asked if he was afraid that the loss to Fredonia would affect their spirits he answered, "Yes, I thought about it, but they were totally psyched."

Houghton had never beaten Seton Hill before, and this might have had an effect on their opponents. Lewis said Seton Hill looked laid back to the point of indifference. Well, they got quite a surprise from the Lady Highlanders. The women exploded into the game with sophomore Kathy Hibbard scoring five minutes into the first half. Houghton scored again five minutes later and a third time within 25 minutes.

By the end of the scoring feast, Jamie Gardiner had tallied three goals, and Hibbard, Heidi Gugler, and Nicole Droppa each had one as the Lady Highlanders cruised to a 6-1 win over Seton Hill.

Coach Lewis tried to put the 11-6 season into perspective. "The year before I started here the girls were 2-14-1. In my first season we improved to 5-10-2. Last year we were 9-9. This team has made obvious improvements culminating with this season." The hard work paid off.

On Wednesday the Lady Highlanders host Seton Hill for the district semifinals. The winner of that game goes to Geneva College on Saturday, to play the district championship. The winner of that game goes to the regional tournament the following weekend. That tournament represents the best of 24 schools from the Northeast. If Houghton should capture the regional championship they will travel to Nationals for the first time since 1985.

Saying that the women have fulfilled expectations is an understatement. They have learned how to incorporate individual skill into winning games. Now they are about to sweep into the playoffs and continue their winning spirit.

Record-breaking win leads men to district championship game

Michael Maloney

As expected, Houghton cruised through the District 18 semifinals last Saturday by crushing Westminster 6-0. This win places HC in this Saturday's championship game, giving Coach Burke's team a chance to claim the district title for the fourth consecutive year.

The game, which was played in the season's first snow fall, saw a long-standing school record erased as junior forward Jamie Wellington registered his twenty-first goal of the year. That score wiped out the old standard of 20 set by Steve Burke and Randy Levak. "It's a relief to get it over with, and no longer have the pressure to do it," Wellington says.

Wellington just barely beat senior forward Dan Dominguez to the record books, for in this same game, Dominguez scored twice to tie the old mark of 20 goals.

Other players to score against Westminster were freshman Dave Dominguez, senior Jeff Howe, and junior Terry Merchant. Merchant scored on a second-half penalty kick after midfielder Andy Tressler was taken down in the box. One of Dan Dominguez's two goals was on a penalty kick as well. Overall, the Highlanders outshot Westminster 28-3.

Goalies Dave Dixon and Dan Schilke chalked up a combined shutout, making that Houghton's eighth shutout in

nine games.

Only Geneva or St. Vincent stand in the way of a Houghton four-peat. Geneva looks to be the toughest of the two. Houghton just edged them 2-1 earlier in the season. "When we beat them 2-1, we played our worst, and they played their best. We played well for only ten minutes of that game and scored two goals in that time. I don't think they'll show us anything new," says sophomore forward Bob Schwaner.

Wellington sums up his sentiments on the upcoming game more simply: "We're gonna crush them."

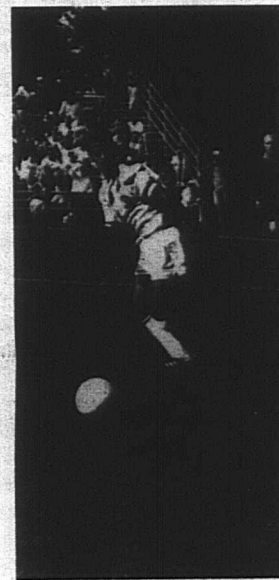
Senior midfielder Eric Webb says, "We're going to have to play better than we did against Westminster. We need

to get guys healthy. There are a few key players with injuries. They can still play, but they're hurting."

Dixon is slowly recovering from a fractured rib and a bruised sternum and heart that he sustained from a kick to the chest October 23 against Nazareth. He missed the following game against Fredonia. Wellington

and Schwaner are both struggling with nagging knee problems.

A win in Saturday's championship will send the team into the areas in Philadelphia, but the men realize that they must take one game at a time. "It doesn't matter who we play on Saturday, either Geneva or St. Vincent. We can't look beyond that game,"



Jamie Wellington broke the record for most goals in a season during Saturday's game against Westminster

Women's volleyball finishes home play this weekend

Julie Claypool

The Houghton women's volleyball team went 1-1 this past weekend as they faced Westminster and St. Vincent Colleges on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

The Highlanders got off to a rough start against Westminster, losing in three games to the first ranked team

in District 18. Coach Lord commented that the loss was disappointing, but he also acknowledged that the Highlander team has not played or practiced with its full starting line-up for over two weeks.

Injuries have included Sheri Lankford's lower back pain, April Stone's shin splints, Evie Schneider's sprained ankle, and Barb Murray's hand which has been hurt since her trip to the Ukraine this past summer. Becca Pifer has also been out with sickness and is now recovering enough to play at least front row in the rotation.

While the team has depth and a number of people who can step in and play, Coach Lord acknowledges that volleyball is unique in that it is a rebound sport with no chance to stop

the ball as in basketball and to some extent, soccer. Because of this, team work becomes crucial, and the "chemistry" developed between those who play together most often is hard to replace or to regain after two weeks of juggling players.

Westminster's match found the starting line-up back together, but the team made more mistakes than they should have, even for just regaining their starters.

The Highlanders, however, did not give up and came back the day after to soundly handle St. Vincent College, winning in four games. A strong net game and overall hustle to dig all volleys helped propel the team to win. More importantly, the team regained confidence in themselves as a unit and overcame the vestiges of nagging injuries and sickness.

Assistant Coach Judy Fox was impressed with how the team pulled together after losing the night before, and both she and Coach Lord viewed the weekend as a springboard for championship matches coming up November 11 and 13.

The Highlanders are currently 18-5 overall and 9-5 in the district.



Julie Claypool bumps the ball.

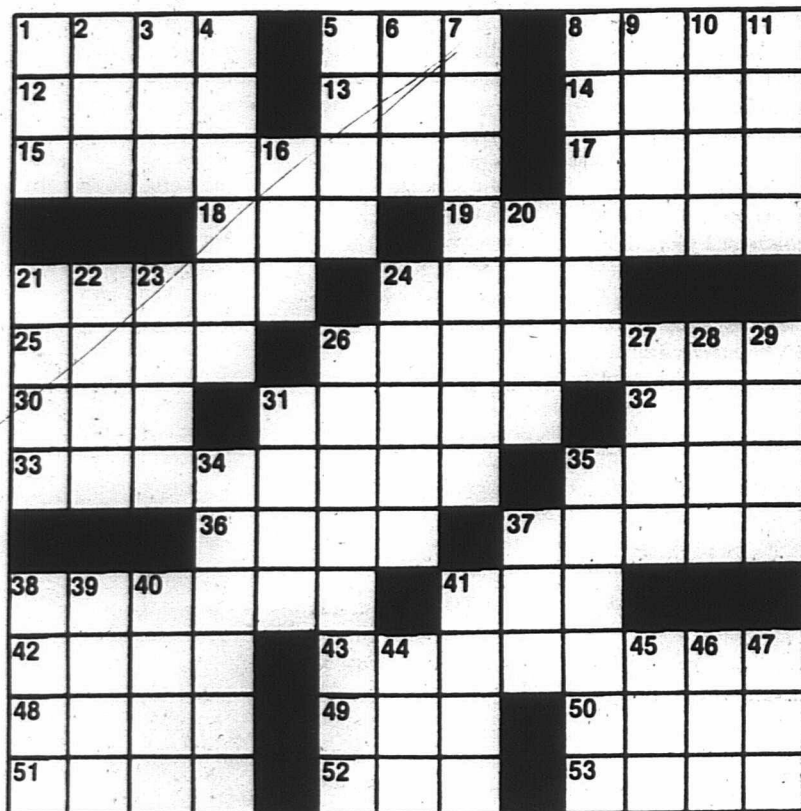
Sports Briefs

Field Hockey

The field hockey team won their final two games last weekend to end up 9-5-3 on the year. There are no district playoffs in field hockey, so the Lady Highlanders will not have a chance to prove themselves in the post-season. They ended their successful season by crushing Alvernia 5-0 and

squeaking by Eastern 2-1. Junior Brenda Pettygrove and freshman Angie Baruffi scored twice, while junior Rachel Lang added one more in the Alvernia victory. Against Eastern, Pettygrove and sophomore Joy Orlemann tallied one a piece. Next Week: Hockey wrap-up.

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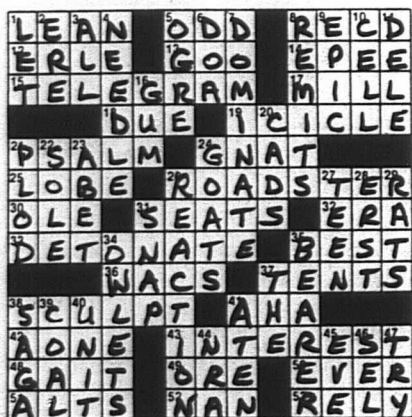


ACROSS

1. Slim
5. Strange
8. Received (abbr.)
9. _____ Stanley Gardner
13. Baby noise
14. Fencing sword
15. Wired message
17. Grinding machine
18. Owed
19. Hanging mass of ice
21. Sacred song
24. Small, pesky bug
25. Part of ear
26. Open automobile (early)
30. Shout of approval
31. Chairs
32. Period of time
33. Explode
35. Prime
36. Women in army
37. Canvas shelters
38. Carve or model (slang)
41. Exclamation of surprise
42. The best (slang)
43. Curiosity
48. Horse movement
49. Metal-bearing rock
50. At any time
51. Altitude (abbr., pl.)
52. Nancy's nickname
53. Depend

DOWN

1. Lease
2. Ever (poetic)
3. Every
4. Pointed steel
5. Monster
6. Not alive on arrival (abbr.)
7. Control
8. Pays
9. Heroic poem
10. Prison room
11. Delete (Printer's mark)
16. Chic
20. Rude men
21. Walk heavily
22. Alone
23. Encourage wrong doing
24. Rams
26. Action in reverse direction
27. 13-19 years old
28. Formerly (arch.)
29. Rodents
31. Break
34. Baby owls
35. One who brings forth
37. Article
38. Norse prose
39. Ember
40. One
41. Rating a woman likes to receive
44. Rifle group (abbr.)
45. Night before
46. Select (abbr.)
47. Attempt



Puzzle #144

Letter to the Editor

RESPONSE TO THE GOOD NEWS OF CONSERVATIVE THOUGHT

It is unfortunate to realize that there are some individuals who express an argument based on their extreme conservative views without sufficient facts. This results in the lack of respect for one of the most important institutions of the United States, The Presidency. I am saying this in response to a column published in the *Star* on October 28th. This column stated "The recent debate about violence on television goes to the heart of our political way of life. It says as much as anything about Clinton's lack of respect for the Constitution and his plans for this nation." This columnist is out of control! What is this quote trying to imply? It appears that no matter what Mr. Clinton's administration does, it will always be wrong and disrespectful to the Constitution, just because they are democrats. Is this an intelligent argument?

I am aware that Houghton College is predominantly conservative and I believe most conservatives in this community listen and try to understand some of the liberals' approach to politics. I also know that

there are a good number of liberals on campus who are intimidated and afraid to express their opinions.

Houghton College needs room for other ideas, let's not be closed minded. It is unhealthy.

By writing this letter, I am not trying to endorse any political view, by any means. I just want to encourage those individuals who have strong views against this "Conservative Thought" column. It is important to be open to other opinions, instead of just listening to one based on the political passion of an extreme conservative, who appears to be blind to reality and lacking in understanding of other political approaches.

If you decide to publish something try to have your facts and arguments supported by accurate information. This way you will succeed in making an intelligent argument.

Remember that freedom of speech is one of the most important principles of the Constitution. You should be grateful for the fact that you live in a country where you still have that freedom. Do not be afraid to express your views, whatever they may be.

Ricardo E. Romero

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"Take Five" On a Clear Day...

I have come to believe that not everyone likes Houghton weather. Students have been known to complain that it's too cool, too damp, too grey, for too long. I have been known to grumble on occasion too. One friend from my early years in Houghton complained that 1985 had no summer. The week of hot weather that usually appears in July did not satisfy his need for sun and warm air, but he was raised in California so he had warmer expectations. Two years later he moved back to L.A.

To each his own, as they say. No knocks here, but variety is nice. I lived two years in California

myself, where, despite the colored lights neighborhood merchants hung from palm trees the day after Thanksgiving, I found it hard to get into the Christmas spirit. I discovered I missed the seasons. Some years later I endured the hottest summer of my entire life in Virginia and promptly decided the early springs and late falls were not sufficient compensation for me. Lots of people like the heat, so I left it to them.

I spent the first decade of my life in Wyoming where snow did not fall, it was carried in on the west wind and piled high on one side of the house. The other side remained bare. I remember walking the half mile to school backward in minus 30 degree air to avoid the penetrating wind that cut in around my scarf and froze the glasses to my face. I mention this only because I am getting old, and as all old people agree, winters aren't what they used to be.

I spent the second decade of my life in New Hampshire, whose weather is rather like the weather of western New York. So, all in all, I like the weather here. I would probably order fewer grey days if the weather makers were to consult me, but clouds and general gloom do tend to heighten the intensity of the good weather days. I like the cool summers, I like the winters, snow and all, I like the immense green joy of spring. And while I resist the American Urge to name a "best" of everything, if I had to choose a favorite time of the year, I would choose fall.

October this year, the month just finished, was an October beyond all expectations. On its good days, and there were a fair number of those, when the cool dry air turns the blue sky radiant and when the trees have lost their summer greenery for something, remarkably, better, only to lose even that, the

pleasure of being out-of-doors in October is beyond description. October is unique in its particulars but similar in intensity to the sweetness of fresh strawberries during the third week of June. Or to the fragrance of lilacs in mid-May. It is worth the other eleven months just to experience October once a year.

One of the ways I respond to October is to pick up leaves and carry them with me to examine. A day later, or maybe two, they dry up and lose their surface brilliance, but for a short time I can sit and

admire them. Another way I respond is to write. October is a good month

for writing as it is for other things. The following is a poem I began on October 8, thinking it might hold a certain October essence even after the month had dried up and blown away.

Where October Leads

Have you forgotten how
October

shifts
quickly
from gold/
yellow
through rainbows of red, red
into
browns and brown/
yellow?

In this morning's cold
rain
branches grow
prominent
like veins on an old man's arm
a skinny old man
whose body has shed
its vibrant summer colors
who stands transfixed
over smoldering fires
over smokey
pungent fires.

Later, after
slow
weeks of dormancy,
bone-chilling cold
fur-raising cold,
one grey afternoon
you
emerge
into air filled
with large
wet
flakes,
winter's first sur-
real snow.

When I finished the poem, I thought I would have to add a footnote about how October often brings us a first brief taste of winter. But as I write these last words — on October 30 — I see against the dark pines the year's first small white flakes drifting easily from the bright grey clouds, marking, on schedule, our clear shift into November.



COLUMN

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TTTTTTTTT TANGENTS SSSSSSSSS In and Not of, Part II

"And now, I said, let me show in a figure how far our nature is enlightened or unenlightened: —Behold! human beings living in an underground den, which has a mouth open towards the light and reaching all along the den' here they have been from their childhood, and have their legs and necks chained so that they cannot move, and can only see before them, being prevented by the chains from turning round their heads. Above and behind them a fire is blazing at a distance, and between the fire and the prisoners there is a raised way; and you will see, if you look, a low wall built along the way, like the screen which marionette players have in front of them, over which they show the puppets."

The above quotation was taken directly from Book VII of Plato's *The Republic*. It is probably one of the most famous passages in the work, known as "The Allegory of the Cave," in which a story is told of prisoners chained since birth, facing a wall where all they see are each other and the shadows of objects cast by a fire behind them. One day, a prisoner manages to get out of the cave into the outside world. As can be expected, he is more than amazed at the beauty of the new found world. For the first time in his life, the prisoner has seen a glimpse of true Reality. When he returns to the cave to share his findings with the others, one can imagine their

disbelief, since they see only what their captors allow them to see.

The allegory represents, according to Plato, one's ascent to Truth. Plato describes the cave and shadows being representative of the microcosmic material world, and the outside world being the spiritual realm. The prisoner's journey from the cave into the outside world, then, represents the soul's passing from the physical to the Real.

Even though Plato has been dead for some time, his work lives on. Allow me to share a simpler, more contemporary application to Plato's allegory. Imagine, if you will, students attending some sort of higher educational institution where they are told what to believe, what to think, and what is right and wrong. They are handed a set of values that are considered the ideal standard, and to disagree or question them would mean expulsion — something not very characteristic of liberal arts.

If the given student survives four years of this type of education, he or she is then set free into the real world. The student may enter their new environment and discover that there isn't, as in George Orwell's 1984, a "Big Brother" watching over the situation. A new sense of freedom then

penetrates the thinking of the graduate, tempting him or her to try things they never could because they never had the choice. This new concept of choice confronts the graduate with the question of abiding to the narrow world view established through their education, or to compromise their indoctrinated faith. Well, one can't really create shades of grey in what they have been told is either purely white, nor can they rewrite someone else's doctrine.

Thus, they would either totally reject their learned behavior and

do what they please, or adhere to their brainwashing.

In a way I feel sorry for these people. To take a narrow world view into the workplace, the government, or even the church and expect all people to be in total agreement with you must be very disappointing. I wonder how people like these survive under such evil conditions as our totally depraved world supplies. Maybe the solution is for all these closed-minded types to unionize (granted they do not dispute the smallest detail). I know, why don't they just defect to some other part of the world and create their own separate country? Wouldn't it make them happier? That is the literal interpretation of living in the world and not of it, right?



COLUMN

ARON
KIMMERLY

Good News of Conservative Thought

I'll admit that the present state of affairs frightens me, and the prospect of the future gnaws at me. I see very little to make me think the future will be any better than the present, and I see a lot to make me think it could be a good deal worse. There are global forces at work in our world; forces of a scope and magnitude difficult for me to grasp; forces impossible to escape, much less influence.

And I write a column in the school newspaper at a little Christian college. I've been very involved in College Republicans. My representatives in Washington get letters from me and I write letters to the editor. I am in all things dutiful and just as futile as I am dutiful. I worry about things I can't change and do my best to persuade others to worry about them. I might as well be

fishing for whales: even if I caught one I couldn't hope to reel it in.

All of these things are entirely out of my control. In fact, they're entirely beyond my ability to influence. But God is in control of all of these things.

We live in a daunting world where we're confronted by the impossible size of things hostile to us and the frustrating depth of our own inadequacy.

We get tired of fishing for whales when we realize that we'll never catch any. But we're all called to do things that we can't do, like being holy and changing our world. A thing might be impossible for me but when I fail to try, I take away

from God the opportunity to work through me.

God told Jonah to go preach in Nineveh, as if Jonah could ever convert so evil and hostile a city. Jonah was understandably reluctant. That would be like God asking me to go and stop the fighting in Bosnia.

But the lesson we have to learn from Jonah is that if we don't try to catch our whales they will swallow us, and as long as we are trying, God will

be faithful to do the rest. Jonah did preach in Nineveh, and Nineveh did

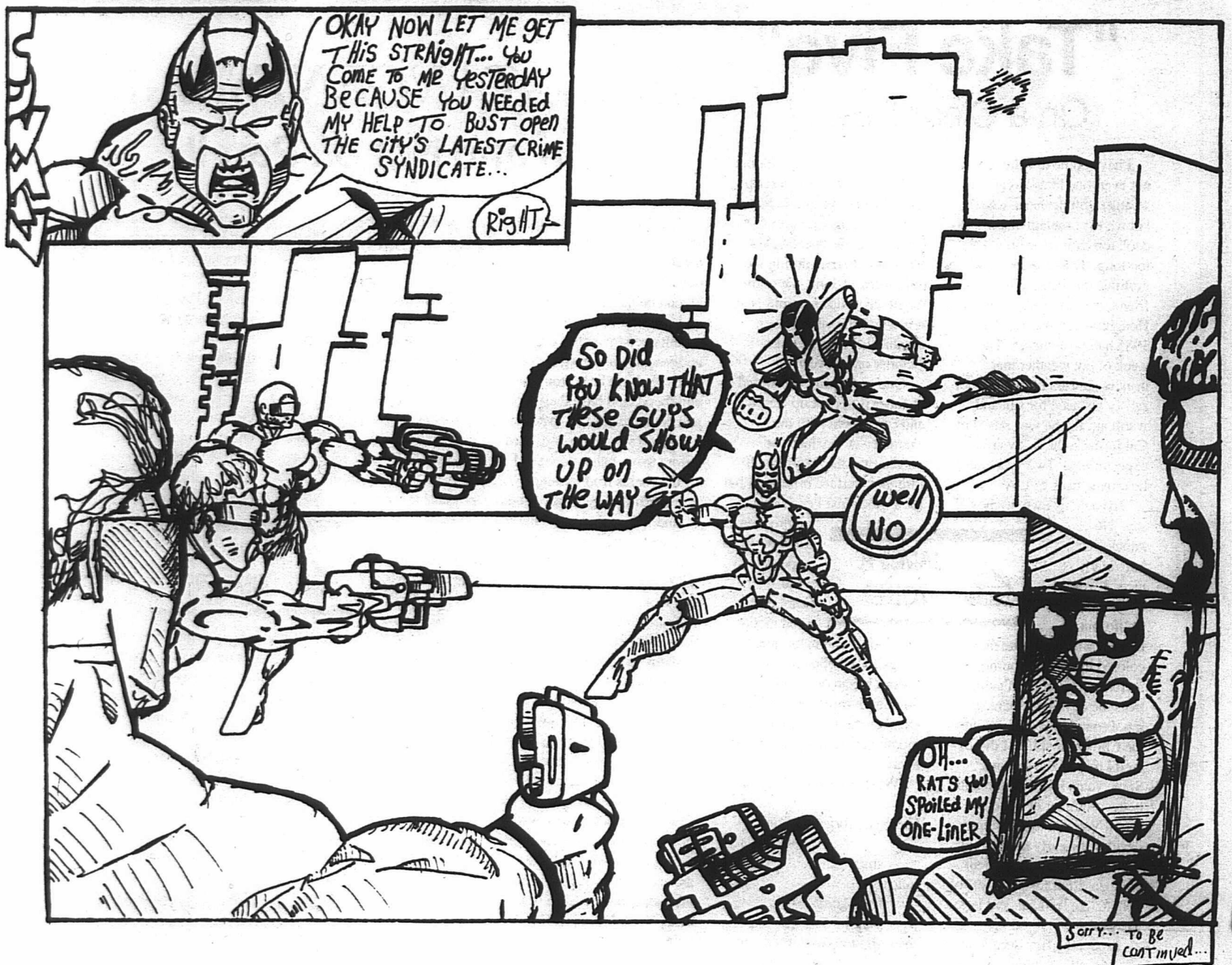
repent. God didn't have to obliterate Nineveh after all, and that's an important thing to remember in these days of urgency.



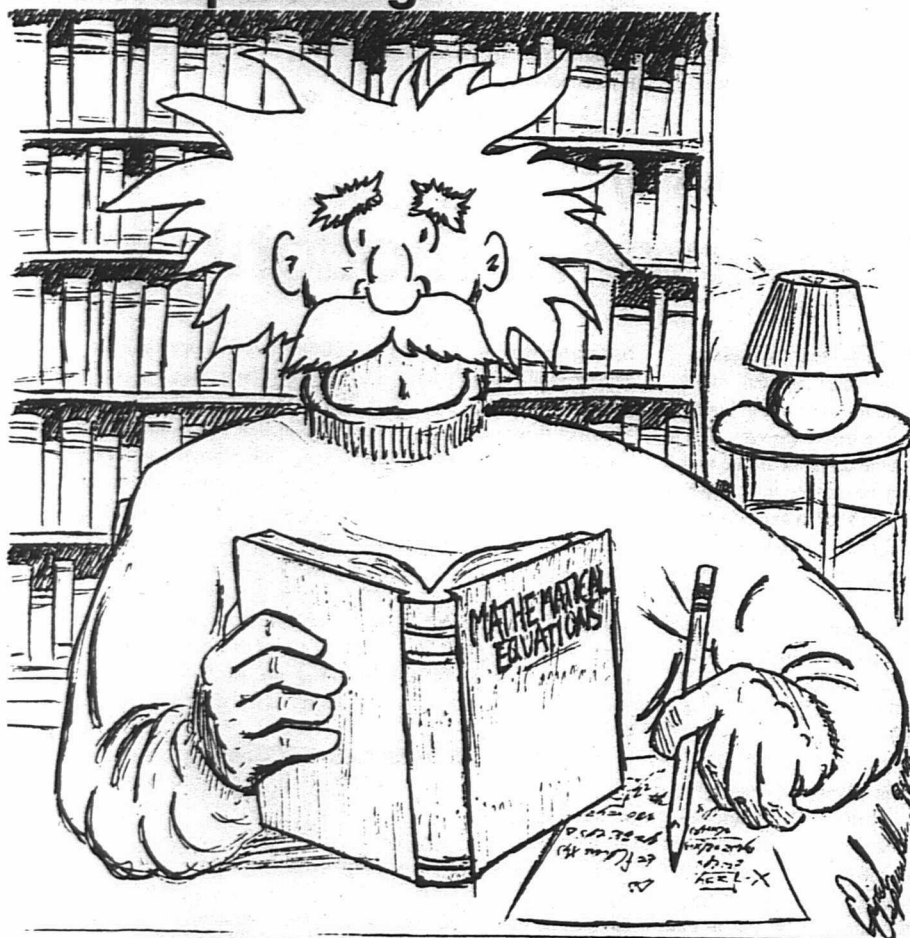
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UTILIZING HIS WORLD FAMOUS THEORY OF RELATIVITY, ALBERT EINSTEIN DISCOVERS THAT TIME REALLY DOES FLY WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN