

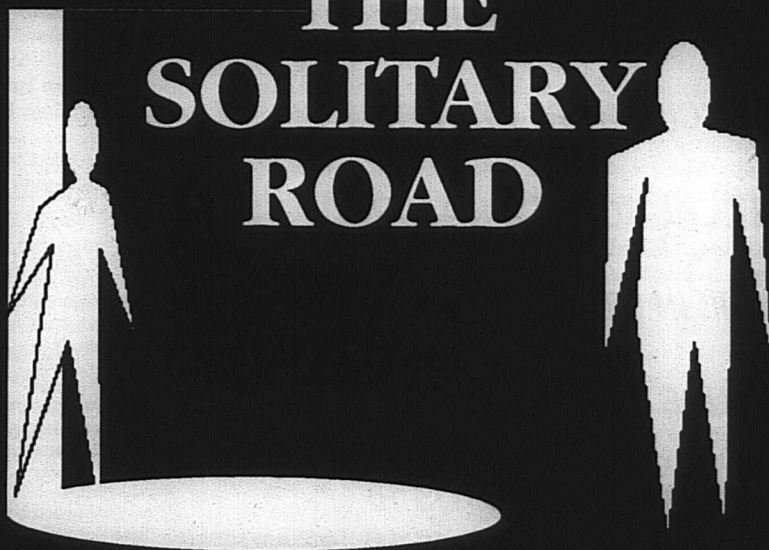
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Recently a "chapel task force" was proposed and designed, with the purpose of evaluating the current chapel program and discerning possible areas of improvement. This is valuable, necessary work that the task force is doing, because the two hours we meet every week are important hours—hours in which we learn a bit more of what it means to be followers of God and to be a community. In short, we learn what it means to be part of the Kingdom of God. Any way in which the program can be brought closer to realizing its full potential is to be greatly encouraged.

The task force will, no doubt, be asking us for our thoughts on chapel. It would be extremely helpful to them, and to the Kingdom as a whole, if we distinguish between a) the genuine problems which we may believe are inherent within chapel and b) the things that we, personally, just don't like. In other words, my dislike of a certain kind of chapel service shouldn't be a factor; the true factor should be whether that particular kind of service brings us closer to God and to one another.

A major problem with the chapel program lies not so much with the chapels themselves as with the congregation. Too often, we walk into Wesley Chapel after an arduous 10:00 exam or whatever with the attitude not of a worshiper, but of a critic. We find fault in the

worshippers or critics?

by L. David Wheeler

length of the service (failing to realize that everybody else in our 11:45 class will be similarly late and therefore nobody will be late), the inflection of the speaker's voice, the speaker's style of speaking, the relative formality of the service, even the subject matter itself. In so doing, we preharden our hearts to the messages God desires to bring us.

God once used an ass, a donkey, to speak to a wayward prophet. Doesn't it stand to reason, then, that He can and will speak in ways that we aren't "used to" or "comfortable with"? That He might, for example, reveal the marvelous and mysterious ways in which He has worked through history by educating us to the effects of the Wesleyan movement on society? That He might use a dry, undynamic speaker in order to get us to listen more intensely to the message rather than the medium? That He might use a Homecoming chapel (or something similar) simply to get His children to enjoy time with one another? That He might speak to us through a fun-

damentalist preacher and a Biblical scholar and a bunch of clowns and the Apostle's Creed and a recycling advocate and the scripture songs of Rob and Wendy Jacobson and the profound words of *God of Concrete, God of Steel*—and see no inconsistency whatsoever in His means?

It would be quite good if, when we walked into Wesley Chapel, we all tried to lay aside our biases and our presuppositions about what the chapel experience should be like, and instead opened our minds and hearts to receive the message the LORD transmits through His servants. We aren't to turn off our brains; we must still think critically—but there's a difference between critical thinking and thinking like a critic.

If we start adopting this attitude and practice toward chapel, I suspect we'll have made the chapel task force's job significantly easier. More importantly, we'll be closer to behaving like a Kingdom; and that, I hope, is our ultimate goal. ☆

apple fritters and motherly advice

and other essential services of the new information center

Formerly known as East Hall desk, the new Houghton College information center (now located in the main lounge of the campus center) offers a variety of services to students and

visitors to the college. Below is a list of the main services provided by Mrs. Brenneman and her sixteen student employees.

- Lost and found
- Games—including pool, ping-pong, Monopoly®, Clue®, Trivial Pursuit®, and others—on a check-out basis.
- Magazines and newspapers
- Change
- Stamps

- Dry-cleaning
 - Guest reservations for East Hall
 - Main switchboard
 - Free candy
 - Maps and directions to a variety of services and locations
 - Apple fritters on Wednesdays
 - Motherly advice
- Future additions to the information center may include a dating service (courtesy of Mrs. Brenneman), a comfortable couch, and free coffee and tea. ☆

THE SOLITARY ROAD

by deborah carr

singleness as a meaningful alternative



If you've stood by the campus center stairs at meal times, you've probably seen the posters that advertise weekend movies. The prices read: \$3.00 per person, \$5.00 per couple. As a student, to be part of a couple on this campus is to be approved. What happens to those of us who, for various reasons, aren't part of a couple?

I wondered how far beyond college these subtle messages pervade. To find out, I interviewed five faculty and staff and one trustee (Dr. Mary Conklin, Dr. Sue Crider, Ms. Sharon Givler, Dr. Richard Gould, Ms. Lawrie Merz and Ms. Priscilla Ries) about their lives as single adults here at Houghton. Their experiences differed from person to person; it was difficult to typify their general experience. There was, however, a common thread of ideas focusing on the advantages and disadvantages of being single.

When asked if they felt the single adult was a deviance from the accepted norm, reactions varied. Three of the six people interviewed did not see their singleness

in conflict with societal norms. On the other hand, some assented that singles just don't conform to the expectations of others. Ms. Merz expressed that some people think of the single adult as one who is "biding time," with the implication that a single adult is somehow incomplete, waiting to be made whole. Dr. Gould agreed that, in a sociological sense, the single adult is seen as a deviant. To illustrate his point, he observed that the evangelical church is couple and family oriented. He said the Roman Catholic Church is more successful in recognizing the call to celibacy, even though there is heavy emphasis on the family.

During the course of interviews, I noticed a common reliance on the provision of Christ in daily life. Trustee Priscilla Ries said that, for her, "the personal reality of the Lord Jesus Christ is absolutely essential... to be practiced from the first waking moment, on a daily basis." Dr. Crider countered the misconception of the incomplete single. There is no need to be reconciled to a "lesser" state; personal wholeness can be experienced

through God. "[I'm] free in the Lord to do the things He's wanted me to do." Dr. Gould tries to avoid being critical of those who don't understand the single lifestyle. Most importantly, he looks to God to sustain him and values a close circle of friends who understand him and accept him as he is. Furthermore, he feels it is important to avoid self-pity, to go on with life and take the initiative in meeting people.

With any lifestyle, urban, rural, married, or single, there are a number of concomitant advantages and disadvantages. What are some of the disadvantages perceived by single adults here at Houghton? Two of the most common were informal matchmaking and the third party problem: not fitting into the couple orientation of some social gatherings. "Trying to play Cupid" reflects a lack of understanding on the behalf of most married Christian adults, that the single adult is, as Dr. Gould put it, "somehow living out of God's will." Also, Dr. Gould said that people often don't understand the needs of single adults during crisis situations, such as hospitalization.

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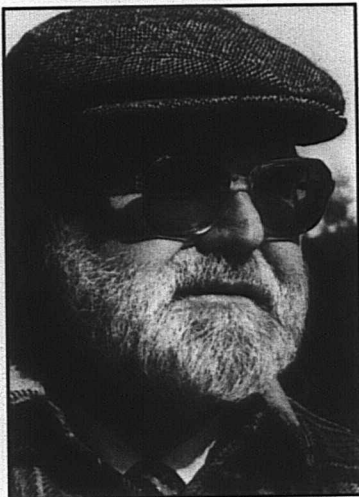
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He felt there was a need to "put feet and hands to prayers."

Although not purposefully excluded from conversations, Ms. Merz and Ms. Givler mentioned the difficulty in relating to conversations where the topics revolve around children, often one of the foci of married couples. It was also mentioned that sometimes people assume that singles have more free time, when in fact they might not. Some assume that because a single adult does not have a spouse and/or children, they are probably not as busy as married people. Also, some people may, with good intentions, try to match singles up with other single adults, because they assume all singles have so much in common. Obviously though, there are more factors to friendship than whether a person is single or not. Dr. Conklin mentioned the awkwardness that can arise in situations where she must attend conferences with male colleagues. Sometimes it seems that the male colleague must define his relationship with her, so that others will not assume that their relationship is inappropriate. She said



DR. MARY CONKLIN
(I. Rocha)



DR. RICHARD GOULD
(I. Rocha)

she does not feel this is a concern in a secular setting.

As mentioned, every lifestyle has its advantages. Freedom and flexibility were the two most commonly noted: flexibility and freedom to travel, to give in ministry, to develop one's own identity more fully, and to spend more time with students. Without the concerns of immediate family, it is much easier to be more spontaneous if the opportunity arises.

How does the Houghton community meet the needs of single adults? Some feel very comfortable with informal groups and believe that there is positive interaction among singles on the Houghton campus, while others feel a more formal organization is needed. Dr. Crider mentioned that when she first came to Houghton, Pastor Walters met with her to discuss the organization of a singles' group. However, she favored a more informal approach than the typical singles' ministry. Instead, you've probably seen her up at the gym, competing with her volleyball team.

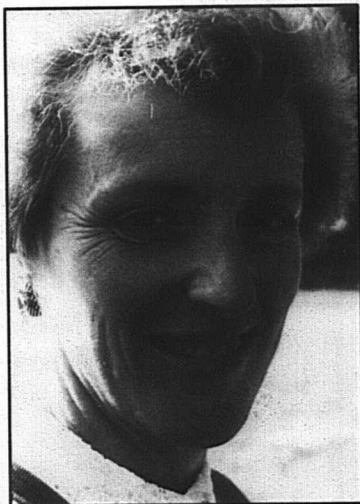
Overall, there is a need for the

Houghton community to recognize more consistently that not all people, whether by choice or not, will marry.

As you can see, there are some situations that are common to single adults, but if you were to spend time talking with each of the people interviewed, I believe you would see a number of different ways of life, experiences, and life choices. Much of the problems singles face can be traced back to our own misconceptions of who singles are. Summariz-

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ing, Ms. Givler said she'd like to see "people attended to because they're people." It is impossible to code single adults in a stereotypical fashion; instead, we need to minister to the whole body of Christ and take individuals for who they are. ☆



DR. B. SUE CRIDER
(I. Rocha)

On Monday, October 1, President Daniel Chamberlain held a press conference in which he discussed the results of the recent meetings of the Board of Trustees. This press conference, according to Student Senate President Mary Biglow, was designed as "an attempt to further communication between the students and the administration."

In this year's fall meeting, held on September 28 and 29, the trustees made several significant decisions. They agreed to, among other things, approve the proposed political science major, endorse an undergraduate ministerial training program, and grant tenure to Dr. Sue Crider.

The political science major, which had already been approved and recommended by the faculty, has been anticipated by students for some time, with the number of students interested in a major growing each year. The status of the major is now in the hands of state educational officials; however, Pres. Chamberlain indicated that, pending state approval, the college hopes to have the major in place by the fall of 1991. "We have the materials put together," said Chamberlain, who also indicated that Houghton would hire a second faculty member to join Dr. David Benedict in the political science department. (see related article, page 8)

The trustees endorsed an un-

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THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

a report on the annual fall meeting of the board of trustees

by L. David Wheeler

dergraduate ministerial training program, as well as naming a committee to put together a similar program for adults going into ministry as a second career. They also discussed the possibilities of developing graduate programs in ministerial studies and education. The undergraduate ministerial program, Chamberlain informed, has already been developed by the Religion and Philosophy Division; it now has to go to the faculty and then to the General Secretary of Education and the Ministry of Wesleyan Colleges. The adult ministerial program, having not yet been approved internally (college) or externally (state), would, in a best-case scenario, be functioning by the fall of 1992.

As for the graduate programs, Chamberlain indicated that if the two programs under consideration now are devised and accepted, other programs (specifically music) may loom on the horizon. Graduate programs would "probably have as their locus of operation the Buffalo Suburban Campus," due to greater ease in recruiting graduate students. When asked if the long-term goal for Houghton is university status, Chamberlain responded, "That's one of those things you sometimes dream about. It's up to far more people than I." When the Christian College Consortium was founded, the administrators talked of establishing a cooperative net-

work among the member schools, a "nationwide university with different schools specializing in different fields," in Chamberlain's words. This obviously hasn't come about.

As well as granting tenure to Language and Literature division chair Dr. Sue Crider, the Board also announced upcoming sabbaticals for Profs. Halberg, Perkins, Stevenson, and Wing; and approved the granting of an honorary degree to Dr. William Allen.

The Board also examined the state of admissions: 25 more students than projected enrolled this year, all 25 being transfers from the defunct Allentown school United Wesleyan College. "We're grateful for these gains," Chamberlain added, mentioning that Alfred and St. Bonaventure have experienced downward trends in enrollment of over 100 students since last year. The retention rate at Houghton this year (88.7%) is, according to Chamberlain, higher than has been experienced for years.

After a period of questions regarding the Board decisions, the floor was opened to any questions or concerns about Houghton in general. During this time, Chamberlain and Dean of Student Development Robert Danner explained the purpose of the chapel task force. According to Danner, the main areas of concern are attendance, the purpose of chapel, and the planning of each semester's allotted chapels. ☆

UNIQUENESS AND INTELLECTUAL CHALLENGE: INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM ENTERS SECOND YEAR

by thomas woods

"The program was like an intellectual Highlander," said Karen Millman, who participated last spring in the Buffalo Suburban Campus Interdisciplinary Program.

On October 25, Dr. Brian Sayers will give a chapel address on the program, which was initiated during the 1989-90 academic year and will begin this January for the second time. During an interview, Sayers alluded to a brochure about the program and some comments students made at the end of the past spring semester. There are three rumors circulating about it, according to Sayers: there is no pledge, there is no chapel, and there is a lower cost. The first rumor is a false one.

"I was no longer juggling five semi-related courses around trying to make sense of it all," said one student who studied in the program last spring. This comment refers to the block structure in which the courses are taught: one at a time for four hours a day Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. When the first course, "Depression in Young Adults" (taught by Dr. Van Wicklin), ends February 1, students have three days to make the transition—

complete assignments, evaluate the previous course, and possibly make program corrections—and then move on to the next course. The other three courses—"Friends and Families: The Literature of Contemporary Relationships," "Images We Live And Die By," and "The Life and Writings of Soren Kierkegaard"—will be taught on the same three week schedule, with transitions planned in. There is a canoeing/backpacking course planned for a week before Easter break begins, for which physical education credit is available for those who need to get it.

"I needed a break from the typical lecture and textbook learning," said another student in the program last semester. The Interdisciplinary Program is a supplement to the traditional education. According to Sayers, the courses tend to overlap, so that things learned in the first class won't be forgotten as soon as the second begins. The broadness of education is therefore realized. One lecture on brain research made by Dr. Paul Young compelled students to consider male/female issues. The alternative education, as Sayers called it, is also atypical because students

push each other more *outside* of the classroom, with most of the learning taking place this way, he said. Because all the students live together on the small campus, interaction takes place outside of the classroom. Sometimes the class leaves the classroom for a trip to an art museum, another college campus, a night lecture somewhere off campus, or even to Toronto.

"This student-teacher distinction seemed to break down under the non-traditional assumption that all are students and all are teachers," commented one student. Courses, said Sayers, are guided significantly by student interest. The integration of student interest and academic rigor makes students self-motivated. Their input makes the course more interesting for Sayers to teach. "I learn more," said Sayers, "because I don't control it as much."

There are many ways to fit the Interdisciplinary Program into an already busy schedule. There are flexible credit options, which means it is possible to get upper level social science credit or upper level literature credit from the same course by concentrating one's work in one of those two areas and by working

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uniqueness. . . (continued from pg.7)

with a professor from the right academic division. Depending on how much work one undertakes, the credit can be for three or four hours per course, so that the program yields between twelve and sixteen credits. By taking only twelve credits in the program, students can cross register in Buffalo area colleges on Tuesdays and Thursdays, which are free from program activities.

Part of the integration of the program requires students to participate in community service. Such organizations as Habitat for Humanity, The Hunger Task Force, Friends of the Night People, the City Mission, and the Haven House augment course learning. One of the purposes behind this requirement is to give an opportunity for service or worship (since there are no chapels).

Taking part in the Interdisciplinary Program is also a learning experience in lifestyle. Students must prepare their own meals, provide their own access to medical care, and arrange their own entertainment. For this reason, among others, the total cost of a semester is significantly lower.

While this is only the second year the program has been in action, its planning was started seven years ago by Dr. Katherine Lindley, Beaver Perkins, Prof. Jack Leax, and Sayers. Through later planning stages the program was helped by Drs. Carl Schultz, Sue Crider, and Daryl Stevenson either in person or intracampus. The program is limited to twenty students, some of whom will be coming from Consortium colleges. The first twelve students applying will be sure to find room, but after that students will be placed on a waiting list. ☆

POLITICAL SCIENCE: FROM GLIMMER TO REALITY

by kimberly mann

Twenty-five years ago, the idea of a political science major at Houghton College was no more than a glimmer in the eye.

On September 28, this glimmer became a reality as the Board of Trustees officially approved making political science available as a major.

Dr. Blaine David Benedict, formerly of the United States Department of State, was instrumental in the change in Houghton's curriculum. Beginning as a proposal in June, the professors in the History and Political Science Department worked out the program over the summer. At the faculty retreat, the professors learned that the Board of Trustees were to meet early. This left little time to begin the tedious process of getting their idea approved. "It was a challenge to get it together in four weeks," said Benedict.

After hearing the rationale behind making political science a major, the Department of History and Political Science approved the idea. Then, the proposal was passed down to the Division of History and Social Science and approved. Following this, the proposal went through Academic Affairs, where it was approved and recommended to the faculty and voted on. Finally, it came to the Board of Trustees and met with approval.

"I have never seen a proposal for a major go through so smoothly and quickly. It is a miracle of God that it happened," remarks Benedict.

Benedict presented several key points in his argument to establish political science as a major. For one, no Christian college in New York State has a political science major. Since many of Houghton's students come from New York State,

Houghton would be able to fill this need. Due to geographical proximity, most of Houghton's prospects interested in majoring in political science currently go to Messiah.

Second, national and regional statistics demonstrate that political science programs are growing. Christian colleges offering a political science major report expanding programs, according to the American Political Science Association Survey of Political Science Programs from 1985-1990.

Third, Houghton has produced outstanding political scientists who wanted a political science major but settled for an alternative.

Fourth, since the introduction of the political science minor in 1965, an increasing number of students have requested a political science major.

Benedict expressed that Houghton can expect at least 20 majors the first year of full major status. According to growth patterns at comparable Christian colleges, it should plan for expansion to at least 45 majors in the first four to five years.

Growth in the program is anticipated in two forms. One will be made through an active recruiting effort by the political science faculty working in close cooperation with the Admissions Office personnel. Second, students presently at Houghton who may change majors to political science will most likely come from History and the Social Sciences. While this will be a temporary shift in interest, the main goal is "to get new students on campus," according to Benedict.

Financing a political science major is essentially inexpensive, for no labs or supplies are needed. The only expenses derive from professors, books, and computers. ☆

AND IN OTHER NEWS

by mike ballman and ken cole

DUKE SHOCKS ANALYSTS

The strong showing by David Duke, former leader of Louisiana's Ku Klux Klan, in his bid for U.S. Senate, shocked national and local political analysts.

Duke, running as a Republican, was able to capture 44% of the vote in Saturday's open primary. Although he did not secure enough votes for a victory, he received much more than the 30% he was projected to receive.

Political experts were baffled that he was able to gain such a large portion of the votes despite the controversy that clouded his campaign. On Thursday of last week, Ben Bagent, the official Republican candidate, withdrew from the race and urged all his supporters to vote for the Democrat Bennet Johnston. The Republican National Party also pleaded that Republicans not support Duke.

Some analysts believe that Duke's strong showing reveals a growing resentment of whites towards minorities in Louisiana, a state where many white residents feel the stress of unemployment, are outraged by governmental affirmative action programs that favor minorities.

Duke openly advocates a "commitment to the principle of equal rights for every American" as a response to this growing sentiment against reverse discrimination.

SAVING THE CHILDREN

Last weekend, President Bush joined 34 other presidents, 27 prime ministers, a king, a grand duke, and a cardinal, among others, at a United Nations meeting entitled the World Summit for Children. This meeting is the first of its type, and is the result of pressure on world leaders to reduce the plight of children worldwide.

150 million children under the age of five suffer from malnutrition. 30 million live in the streets, and 7 million have been driven from their homes by war and famine. The world leaders endorsed a ten year plan to reduce mortality rates and poverty among children, and to improve access to immunization and education.

FIRING THE FIRST SHOTS?

In Jerusalem, steps are being taken to prepare for a possible Iraqi attack. Statements made by Hussein that he would "fire the first shots" tended, understandably, to upset the Israelis.

Israel's past policy (indeed, it's doctrine) supports the idea of swift preemptive strikes in order to neutralize the enemy. The U.S. presence in the Persian Gulf, however, has the tendency to keep Israel in check. Israel does not want to turn Arab opinion by moving rapidly. Also, Israel is deferring to U.S. pressure to avoid conflict until necessary.

GLASNOST HITS WILLARD J



an h.c. news release

Houghton College students will soon have access to reference books published in Russia since the advent of "glasnost." Four books reflecting the current culture of the Soviet Union will be part of the Houghton library as a result of a new education exchange with the USSR. Houghton is one of 33 colleges in 15 states that are charter partners in OPERATION KNIGI ("Knigi" is the Russian word for books.)

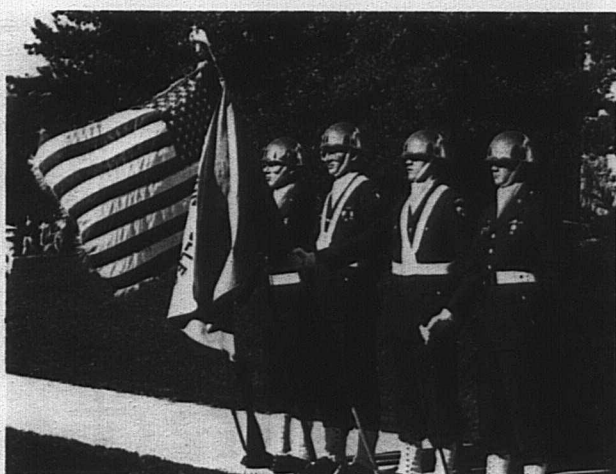
An unprecedented agreement between Inform-Systema of Moscow and First Foundations, Inc. of Memphis, TN, sets up the exchange between higher education libraries in the two countries. Under terms of the joint venture, sets of four American reference books are to be placed in university libraries throughout the Soviet Union over the next several years. In turn, an equal number of private colleges in the United States will receive sets of four books in English from USSR educators. Books are exchanged in the names of the participating schools by First Foundation, Inc., a non-profit research organization.

The Russian books are expected here during the fall semester. Titles include *Soviet Encyclopedia*, *The World of History* by B.A. Rybakov, *Human Beings and the Noosphere* by N. N. Moiseev, and *Another Chance Won't Be Given*. The books being sent from America are: *Webster's New World Dictionary*, Third College Edition, *The Beginning of the Republic* by Clarence Carson, *The Story of the Constitution* by Sol Bloom, and *The Bible*, Russian Synodal Edition. ☆

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SCREEN:
A PICTORIAL
ANTHOLOGY

photos by ivan t. rocha





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**stephanie slaughter and robert fink,
after the crowning of the queen;
the winning junior class float;
and dr. benedict's highland terrier
(most appropriate for the occasion).**

page 11 clockwise from top:

**stephanie, rob, and
members of the court; the rotc color
guard; houghton angels (?); and the
rushford bandwagon.**



soccer HOUGHTON DEFEATS EASTERN

by nathan ransil

The Houghton College men's soccer team recently defeated Eastern College in front of a huge homecoming crowd, raising their record to five wins, three losses and two ties. The final score of 1-0 seems to be illustrative of the Highlanders season to date.

Though the defense has been awesome, allowing only four goals all season, the offense has been unable to provide enough goals of their own to guarantee the win. Head coach Doug Burke, who recently became one of two active coaches to be inducted into the NAIA Soccer Hall of Fame, feels that the team has leveled off at neutral. He recognizes that scoring goals is harder than preventing them, but says the lack of goal production is not because the team is preoccupied with defense. "We spend a lot more time working on the offense. I'm hoping for a breakthrough in scoring," said Burke. "If we don't score,

we'll have a hard time."

Burke praised a few players in particular who have been performing well. Starting goalkeeper Chad Groff has been outstanding in the net. Burke also acknowledged Stephen Munyard, who is playing very consistently at stopper, and fellow freshman sensation Dan Dominguez.

Dominguez was recently moved to forward in hopes of sparking the offense, and it paid off, as he scored the lone goal against Eastern. Dominguez feels comfortable up front and says "We know what we have to do, and how to do it... we just have to concentrate on putting the ball in the net, and stop choking." Forward Randy Levak added, "It comes down to concentration and desire up front. I'm hoping to improve in both very soon."

Look for the team to turn it up a few notches as they enter the final stretch of the season. ☆

HOUGHTON RUNNERS DEFEAT PITT-BRAD

The Houghton track team fared extremely well on Homecoming weekend, during which it soundly defeated the Pitt-Brad squad.

Five Houghton runners placed in the top seven in Saturday's race. Senior Jon Cole and freshmen Eric Runion and Tim Thurber took the top three spots, while senior Bernard Waugh and freshman Charlie Roberts placed sixth and seventh.

Scoring is tabulated by adding the placements of the team's top five runners together. The lowest and best possible score, therefore, is 15, achieved when a team has five runners placing first through fifth. Houghton came away with a score of 19 (just four points away from perfection) while Pitt-Brad accrued a score of 48.

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After the Budget scare of '89 and a semi-rocky start to the 1990 season, it appears as if the Houghton women's field hockey team is back in full force.

In their most recent outing on homecoming weekend, the women suffered a disappointing loss to Eastern College. The score was 1-1 after regulation and the women from Eastern managed to score two in the overtime period to nullify Houghton's tough performance throughout the game.

Outstanding players include Laurie Sheets, Houghton's main scoring threat and front line player. At midfield Janet Kirschner does a good job keeping the ball on the other team's side, making Sheets's job a lot easier. Defensively, first year player Britton Sylvester has proven herself valuable and im-

proves with each game.

"We need to be more aggressive," said sophomore Kim Roberts when asked how this year's team could improve. So far this year the team has posted a record of 4 and 4. The Highlanders will have plenty of opportunity to improve their record; the team has three more regular games, as well as the P.C.B. tournament, to make this season a success.

Fan support on homecoming weekend was excellent, and the team would like to see that type of support continue. Make time to catch one of their home games, and listen at night for a band of victorious stick wielders from downtown Houghton cruising the strip and screaming thunderous victory yawns. ☆

field hockey EASTERN DEFEATS HOUGHTON

by dan noyes

Sorry, we goofed!

In our past issue an error inadvertently found its way into the article entitled "Womens' Volleyball Improves Record" (pg.14). Where it says, "...they are **not** off and running. . . ." we really meant to say, "...they are **now** off and running. . . ."

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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The Black Hole

M.L. TAYLOR

This past summer I had the opportunity to visit one of the world's up-and-coming tourist attractions: Antarctica. While there, I stopped by the local rookery to chat with some of the yokels about current events. Upon my return from the habitat, I found one of Antarctica's most prominent figures wandering around our base camp. This was fortunate (although highly improbable) for me, for I did not wish to spend much of my time scurrying around looking for him while I could instead be out with the other members of my tourist group, pestering the local life-forms.

The individual to whom I spoke, Mr. P. Pomeroy, a distinguished male Emperor Penguin, holds the chair for Rookery Local 243 and had many good things to say of the new developments here at Elsworth, a U.S. site. This stately young Emperor, sporting a slightly mottled beak and built-on formal wear and standing at the modest height of two-and-a-half feet, is at the forefront of Antarctica's new plan to undermine many environmentalist groups that hinder the development of this great frontier. I decided to play "A Dozen Questions" with Mr. Pomeroy. [I would have played "Twenty Questions" but some other publication does that already.] Mr. Pomeroy ensured me that it would be more appropriate to refer to him as Roy.

Star: How does the constant tourism affect you and your rookery?

Roy: Having more people here is a very educational experience for myself and the other members of Local 243. It's much better now than a few years ago. Why, just the other day some guy made us a Saran-Wrap bridge over Carbon Creek. I really used to hate swimming across that thing . . . all that sludge clinging to your suit makes for some hard, cold nights. Do you know how hard it is to mate covered with grade 'A' crude?

Star: Are there any benefits to having humans around?

Roy: Yeah, sure. Besides the bridge, we have all the creature comforts that any upstanding penguin could want. Deodorant for those times when the smell of fresh krill just doesn't make you feel penguinly enough to face the

day. During the dark months there's those wonderful kerosene lanterns to snuggle up to. Just you, your mate, and some good smoked bait. We just use the stuff left over from what you guys don't use.

Star: What about the ozone depletion—the hole forming over this continent? Does this worry you at all?

Roy: Are you kidding? I've got a friend that just finished doing his fifth commercial spread for some beer—can I say beer?—company in California. Bird, he has got it made! Sun, women, free suntan lotion . . . I would kill for some warmer weather here. Go ahead, bring down some aerosol cans so I can help. Do you know it gets down to almost two-hundred below here? And that's not including the wind-chill! No, I wouldn't mind a little global warming comin' my way. It might even melt off some of that pack ice inland. I've always wanted to see what was in there. Maybe after it gets a little warmer I'll take a stroll over there.

Star: But, aren't you worried about ultraviolet radiation, you know, melanoma and all that?

Roy: Buddy, look at me. Do ya' really think with all these feathers that I'm gonna have a problem with sunburn?

Star: If you had a chance to switch places with anyone, who would it be?

Roy: You! You're the one with the parka on. You're the one that's going back to—what's that place called?

Star: Houghton—

Roy: Yeah, Houghton, where it's warmer. Hey, is that anywhere near Buffalo?

Star: Uh—yes . . .

Roy: Oh. Well, then, never mind. Could I borrow your parka?

Star: I noticed that since last year, there has been a continental effort to Localize rookeries. Why is this?

Roy: Prince William Sound. We all figured if the Fishermen's Local could sue the bazongas off Exxon, then if we Unionized we could maybe get a piece of the action if the same ever happened here.

Star: Well, rumor has it that the oil companies are trying to locate oil reserves by ultrasonic echolocation only a mile from here. How do you suppose Local 243 will feel about his?

Roy: Echolocation? Is that what that was? I thought I was just having gastrointestinal problems last night. No, I don't care if they drill as long as they don't spill it. I mean, how much damage can they do, you know? It's just drilling, it's not like they're coming here to strip-mine.

Star: But some companies do want to come in to mine. What about that?

Roy: Really? Well as long as they do it further inland it's no down off my beak.

Star: So, you think it would be profitable to bring industry here?

Roy: Heck, yeah! What's a little smoke billowing here and there or a little landfill every once in a while? I mean, you live with that stuff every day and look how good you're doin'. Sure, I'd even take some of that toxic waste stuff if you've got any. I mean, how hazardous can it be? You're not glowin' yet. And I think it'd be fun to have our own "KEEP OUT" signs. We've never had one of those.

Star: What about the environmental impact?

Roy: Environment?!! Here? What, are you pullin' my flipper? The only environment we have here is COLD! Who needs cold? I mean, look at this beach. How many beaches have you seen covered with ice? Do you think it's fun laying out on a bed of ice? ROCKY ice. Gimme some sand, some sun, and some babes, and I'll be just fine. Ta' heck with this environment. I want another one.

Star: What do you think of making Antarctica an international reserve park?

Roy: Personally, I think the idea sucks zooplankton. How the flip are we supposed to make a living down here standing around getting our pictures taken by some Japanese dude with a wide angle lens? We want a slice of the pie, man. We're all tired of just waddling around listlessly. It's time we took a stand. I know a lotta birds that'd really like to work on one of those drilling sites. Remind me to tell the guys about that later.

Star: But aren't you worried about a negative impact on this environment by industry?

Roy: I thought you said you weren't from one of those ninny environmental organizations! Look, man, we've been here for a couple thousand years and you humans never bothered to let us in on this technology stuff. We've been left in the dust and we're not going to take it anymore! It's time we had some revenue. What this continent needs is a good GNP, not a grant from WWF or NSA. Bring down the drills, we'll help as much as we can. Just remember though, don't screw up like you did in Alaska or Southern California or we'll hafta take you to court. Then who'll be sorry they messed with Antarctica, eh?

MAIL



Dear Dave and Ivan,

This letter is a response partly to the articles in the last issue of the *Star* on the Mideast Crisis (inappropriately called a war) and partly in response to what I perceive around campus that U.S. military presence—and by logical progression, war—in the Mideast is God's will.

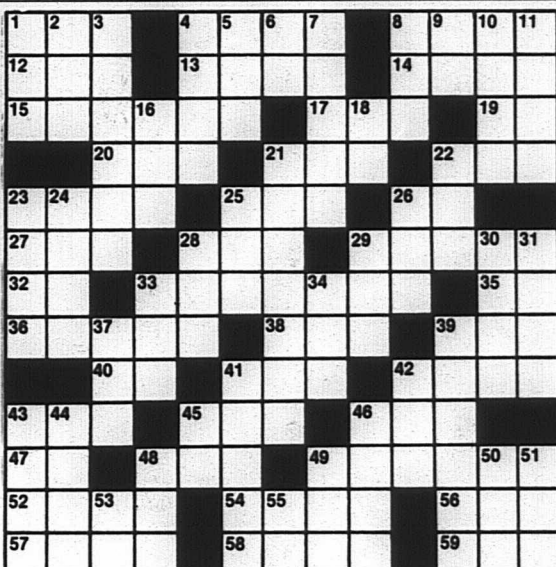
Now, I don't usually quote from the Bible, but I feel it's appropriate now because others are making vague references to "God's will," "God's plan," "the soon return of . . . Jesus Christ."

The passage of Matthew 5:38-48 includes Christ's commands to turn the other cheek, love our enemies, and pray for those who persecute us. This includes Hussein, Hitler, and Homework Mongers.

I cannot understand—even in the knowledge that God has willed war in the past—how we can sanction U.S. military build-up *anywhere*, much less in the oil fields we don't need.

With more dialogue desired,

Thomas Woods



ACROSS

1. Scottish cap
4. Oral
8. County in Florida
12. Southern state (abbr.)
13. Against
14. In the middle
15. Give in
17. Vigor
19. Sun God
20. Boy
21. Inferior
22. Edge of cloth
23. Always
25. Create current of breeze
26. Leave
27. Small rug
28. Heat source
29. Courtesy title for woman
32. Exist
33. Sand build-up on shore
35. 4th musical scale note
36. Law
38. Sick
39. Tap gently
40. Actual weight (abbr.)
41. Morning breakfast item
42. Cut
43. Fall behind
45. Pertaining to (suf.)
46. Small, temporary bed
47. I am (cont.)
48. Employ
49. Not awake
52. Bastion
54. S.E. Asia bird
56. Recent form (pref.)
57. Great Lake
58. 12 months
59. Three (pref.)

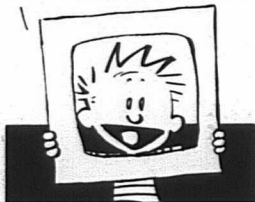
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1. Blacktop
2. Beer
3. Wooden hammer
4. Fine beach footing
5. Picnic pest
6. Indefinite pronoun
7. Couch
8. Water barrier
9. Be
10. Disastrous
11. Cheese
16. Listening organ
18. Division of the psyche
21. Wound cover
22. Built to transport bricks
23. Send forth
24. Holds flowers
25. Good time
26. Fish
28. Sit (p.t.)
29. Bad (pref.)
30. From a distance
31. Spouse
33. Repair with thread
34. Large
37. Pester; annoy
39. Inventor's sole right
41. Foe
42. Poland (abbr.)
43. Living organism
44. Love
45. Exist
46. Former Russian emperor (sp. var.)
48. N. Amer. Indians
49. Collection
50. Ever (Poetic)
51. Hawaiian food
53. Southern N. England state (abbr.)
55. You (Poetic)

Puzzle #126

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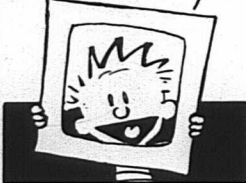
HI, I'M CALVIN, EMINENT TELEVISION PERSONALITY, HERE TO TELL YOU ABOUT NEW, IMPROVED "CHOCOLATE FROSTED SUGAR BOMBS"! I LOVE 'EM!



THEY'RE CRUNCHY ON THE OUTSIDE, CHENY ON THE INSIDE, AND THEY DON'T HAVE A SINGLE NATURAL INGREDIENT OR ESSENTIAL VITAMIN TO GET IN THE WAY OF THAT RICH, FUDGY TASTE! MM-MM!



YES KIDS, YOU'LL LIKE 'EM SO MUCH, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SIT STILL! REMEMBER! IT'S THE CEREAL I GET PAID TO RECOMMEND BECAUSE I'M FAMOUS!



WHAT DO YOU THINK? ARE YOU FILLED WITH THE DESIRE TO EMULATE ME AND EAT THE CEREAL I ENDORSE? IF NOT, I CAN REPEAT THIS EVERY 20 MINUTES.



WHAT A RIP-OFF! THEY SAY IF YOU CONNECT THESE DOTS YOU GET A PICTURE, BUT LOOK! I DID IT AND IT'S JUST A BIG MESS!



I THINK YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO CONNECT THEM IN THE ORDER THAT THEY'RE NUMBERED.

