

The Houghton Star



Season's Greetings!

by Berke Breathed

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A novelty to most, the seatbelt will take getting used to by many New Yorkers. But by January 1, the law says all of us, including Craig Henry, will have to be wearing one.

Belt Your Family— Save Their Lives!

Albany, NY—Local, state and federal government agencies, citizen groups, businesses and professional organizations are pitching in to help New York State's landmark safety belt law succeed. It is the first mandatory adult safety belt law in the nation.

The law—effective January 1, with an information legal warning period that began December 1—will potentially save 300 to 400 lives, reduce or prevent more than 70,000 injuries, and save as much as \$250 million each year for New Yorkers. It is expected to serve as a model for safety belt laws in other states.

Such diverse groups as the State Police, the NYS Medical Society, the New York Public Interest Research Group, the NYS Society of Professional Engineers, the Professional Insurance Agents of New York, the New York State Coalition for Safety Belt Use and the New York State Automobile Dealers, Inc. have announced their support of the law.

Sponsored by State Senator Norman J. Levy (R-Nassau) and Assemblyman Vincent J. Graber, Sr. (D-West Seneca), the law requires that all front seat occupants use the safety belts provided in the automobile, and that all children under age 10 be buckled up, no matter where they sit in the vehicle. Children under age four must ride in federally-approved child safety restraint devices.

Drivers may be issued summonses if they or any of their passengers under age 16 are not in compliance

with the law. Occupants age 16 and older may be ticketed themselves if they are not complying.

During December, law enforcement officers will issue warnings about using safety belts or restraint devices. As of January 1, 1985, violators are subject to a fine of up to \$50 for each offense.

Although safety belt use is advisable for the overwhelming majority of auto occupants, physicians will be authorized to give some medical exemptions from the law. The exemptions, carefully delineated by the NYS Medical Society, should be given before persons are stopped for violations, not after.

In 1983, 741 reportable accidents occurred everyday in New York State. Of those, 64 percent resulted in death or injury. Research shows that 50 to 65 percent of these deaths and injuries could have been prevented with safety belts.

"The non-use of safety belts impacts negatively on society as a whole, not just the person killed or injured," said Motor Vehicle Commissioner John Passidomo, replying to safety belt law critics. "Government mandates safety devices such as brakes and brake lights, safety glass, turn signals, mirrors and headlights. It regulates when, where and how fast traffic flows. Requiring the use of safety belts is just another step in making New York State's highways safe for everyone. It improves the public health without added cost."

Alumna Leaves \$\$\$

by Jonathan Robords Lightfoot

A former Houghton resident and member of the class of 1925 has left a sizeable bequest to her alma mater.

Mary A. Churchill of Philadelphia, PA has bequeathed \$51,995 to Houghton College. The bequest, undesignated, will go into the unrestricted gifts fund in accordance with college policy.

Though born and raised in Houghton, Churchill has been gone from the area for so long and returned so infrequently that few people now in Houghton know who she was. Frieda Gillette, former head of the Division of History and Social Science, supplied the following information about Mary Churchill.

The Churchill family has a long connection with Houghton. Mary's grandparents once hosted Willard J. Houghton for dinner and confided to him their problem of educating their daughter Anna. Houghton suggested that she should go to what was then Houghton Seminary. When they said they didn't have enough money, he told them he would supply the funds for Anna's education at the seminary. This aunt of Mary's became Anna Boardman Smith, one of the early

missionaries to Sierra Leone.

Mary's father, Louis Churchill, moved the family to Houghton. They lived on Centerville Road at what used to be known as the Clark Farm and now belongs to the Camp Meeting Association.

Presumably Mary went to the district school and Houghton Seminary, seeing there was no other school for her to attend. She did go to Houghton College, and was a member of the first class to get degrees, the Class of 1925. During this time she was often known as Mamie.

Soon after graduation, Mary left Houghton and went to Philadelphia where she found employment. On occasion she returned to see her aunt, Mrs. Abby Bowen, who ran the Bowen House, but other than these visits, Churchill's contact with the college was limited.

Gillette said the gift demonstrates the impact Houghton College can have on its students. Their contact with the college after graduation may be small, but Houghton has made a contribution to their lives great enough to lead them to remember the college years later.

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Project Ethiopia

by Doris-Ann Iradi

Thanks to those who gave generous donations during the Senate Charity Drive chapel, those who participated in the fast on November 29, and faculty, staff, students, and their families who have sent donations intra-campus, "Project Ethiopia" has received \$1,841.24 towards the goal of \$5,000. Other activities include the following:

Pizza—When one mentions "Project Ethiopia" while ordering a pizza, The Brass Unicorn and Big Al's will make donations toward the charity drive.

Candy Grams—Decorated candy canes with messages attached will

be sold for 50¢ each during lunch and dinner on December 7, 8, 10, and 11.

Rummage Sale—"Rummage" can be donated for the rummage sale to be held on Monday, December 10 in the campus center lounge. Dorm residents can leave any articles at designated areas in each dorm. Ask RAs for the areas' location. Those who live off-campus can contact Bob Miller to pick-up any "rummage."

Love Loaves—Filled "Love Loaves" can be sent to Senate intra-campus. Please leave the Love Loaves at the mailroom window. Extra Love Loaves will be distributed during the candy gram sales. All are reminded to bring their Love Loaves home during Christmas break, and to return them after vacation. Any questions should be directed to Mary Beekley or Jane Miller.

Film—Proceeds from the movie "Jailhouse Rock" to be shown 8pm December 7 in Wesley Chapel will go to 'Project Ethiopia.'

Ethiopians Are People, Too!

by Bill Wichterman

"We can't just sit back and do nothing. We have to try."

Christians must attend to the needs of the world, no matter how small their effects may be.

Even Marxist nations like Ethiopia merit Christians' help.

So said Holly Winters, Craig Henry, and Bob Miller, members of the steering committee of the local chapter of Evangelicals for Social Action (ESA) which is responsible for coordinating the Ethiopian relief fund for the Senate Charity Drive.

The committee members admitted that the drive's effect will be relatively minute compared to the problem. "But we have to make an effort," said Miller. Winters cited Jesus' commands to attend to humans' physical needs, adding that Christians are required to help needy people, despite their inclinations.

The students also defended their desire to help the poor of a Marxist nation. "They're still people," Henry pointed out. He referred to the biblical teachings against prejudice to justify sending aid to Ethiopia. "Plus, most of the people are removed from the political scene. Our responsibility is not limited by national boundaries," said Miller. The magnitude of the Ethiopian crisis is far more grave than problems of the US, he added. Henry said that the nationality of needy people should be "irrelevant" to Christian concern.

The drive brought in \$543 during the Charity Drive chapel and has received about \$1100 since then, said Miller. None of the ESA committee members anticipate collecting less than \$5000 by the end of the drive.

Although he admitted that \$5000 will not remedy the crisis, Miller affirmed that "any effort whatsoever will make a difference."

Skinner Stresses Social Justice

by Faith Haines

"Where are the people of God in the great social issues of our time?" asked Tom Skinner, president of Tom Skinner Associates, in chapel last Wednesday, November 28.

Skinner's two-day visit to the Houghton campus included Tuesday prayer meeting, Wednesday chapel, and meetings with various organizations. He also attended several classes.

Skinner stressed social responsibility by pointing out that God commanded Christians to occupy the world and be its light. He said, "Light only makes sense in darkness." According to Skinner, Christians are frightened of going into the world and afraid to get involved because they might lose their testimony. Skinner countered, "How can they lose it when they are giving it away?" Such anxious Christians Skinner labeled "God's retarded children."

Tom Skinner's concern for social problems prompted him in 1964 to found Tom Skinner Associates (TSA). An interdenominational service organization, TSA ministers to the poor of the US and several third world countries. The main goal of this New York City-based organization is to raise Christian leaders from the poor who are "technically and spiritually excellent," said Skinner. TSA provides information to the poor so they can make intelligent decisions about

Christ. Once the decisions are made, the individuals are disciplined and taught employment skills. Potential leaders are trained and sent to conquer the inner cities for Christ.

TSA also works to establish ministries on predominantly Black campuses across the US. Campus ministries have been established on the campuses of Howard University in Washington D.C. and Norfolk State University in Virginia.

TSA provides counseling, penpals, and other services to those in prison.

The organization sprang from its founder's search for a gospel witness in cities. After his conversion, when in his teens, from a Harlem street gang, Skinner noticed the lack of missionaries in the Black and poor communities around him. He concluded, after reading through the Scriptures, that God is not bigoted but His children are. Skinner's next step was to stand in the gap and begin a ministry to the poor.

Skinner's ministry has taken him to many areas of the world and to many people including former US President Jimmy Carter. During Skinner's time as chaplain of the Washington Redskins, he met President Carter who also had an interest in the urban poor.

Skinner's travels brought him into contact with former Houghton College president Dr. Paine. Dr. Paine conferred on Skinner an honorary doc-

torate in 1972. Skinner said that Houghton College recognized his work at a time when many Christian leaders looked down on him. He appreciates that.

Tom Skinner's message to Houghton students is three-fold:

1. Recognize the heart of God is with the poor.
2. Begin to see urban centers as mission fields.
3. Pray for local ministries that help the poor.

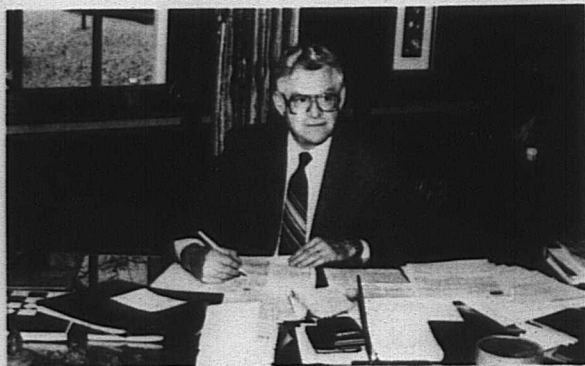
When asked what Houghton students

can do for the poor besides pray, Skinner responded: "I think they can identify in their local area somebody that is ministering to the poor and find ways to support them." Skinner also mentioned national organizations they could support such as Voice of Calvary in Jackson, Miss. and The Christian Training Center in Los Angeles. For further information on TSA's work write:

Tom Skinner Associates
505 Eighth Ave.
New York, NY 10018



Tom Skinner, well-known Christian speaker, spoke in chapel last Tuesday on social action.



Shannon Anticipates Year of R&R

by Jim Daniels

Academic Dean Frederick D. Shannon will be taking a year's leave of absence at the end of June 1985. It is to be a time of "refreshment" and a time of "renewing myself professionally," he said.

Shannon came to Houghton in 1958 as a chemistry teacher. During that time he has only taken one study leave (1962-1964) to complete his doctorate. He was a member of the Chemistry faculty until 1973, at which time he accepted the position of Academic Dean. He has held the office since then.

Presently much of the dean's time is devoted to the Middle States review.

Shannon doesn't yet have plans for his leave, but hopes to travel and pursue some avocations and personal projects. Primarily, he is looking forward to personal renewal—spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, and professional.

It is a strong possibility that he will resume teaching chemistry upon his return. Anticipating this, Shannon said he would like to spend time up-

dating his knowledge in advancements in areas of synthesis and methodology.

A search is being conducted for Shannon's replacement, and the dean commented, "I'm already praying for that person."

"I am looking forward to a life without committees," the dean said, though he intimated that it would be brief and not permanent. Shannon also looks forward to greater contact with students and a return to the excitement he finds in teaching.

Shannon cited several aspects of his job as Academic Dean that facilitated his personal growth, including "understanding the complexity of an institution and finding what makes it click." He also mentioned "working with people who care strongly about issues, and finding ways to use these energies constructively."

Though he is not a Houghton graduate, Shannon feels closely tied with Houghton. He came here as a young teacher, and loves it still. "Our roots are here now," he said.

Aware of Your Financial Aid?

Albany, NY—Governor Mario Cuomo has signed a proclamation declaring January 7-11, 1985 as Financial Aid Awareness Week in New York State. The week is being sponsored by the New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association, representing all sectors of the higher education community.

The goal of Financial Aid Awareness Week is to assist college-bound students and their parents in their quest for information concerning financial aid and their eligibility requirements.

"It is fitting that the state with the first and—currently—largest student grant, scholarship and loan

program recognize the importance that (Financial Aid) plays in the access, choice, and utilization of post-secondary education," Governor Cuomo indicated in his proclamation.

Members of the New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association (NYSFAAA), comprised of over 750 financial aid administrators from over 350 New York State post-secondary institutions will be available during Financial Aid Awareness Week (January 7-11, 1985) to offer advice to students, parents, and high school counselors at its toll free Financial Aid Hotline: 1-800-FIN-AID-0.

Covering All Corners

by Jon "Snake" Merrill

Washington, DC—Officials of the Soviet Union and the US agreed on Thanksgiving day to resume arms control talks. The meetings were curtailed last year when the Soviet delegation left in protest of the US deployment of Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in Western Europe. Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and US Secretary of State George Shultz will meet on January 7 and 8 in Geneva. Statements were released simultaneously in Washington and Moscow saying that the powers have both consented to initial talks aimed at "achieving mutually acceptable accords on the entire complex of questions concerning nuclear and space weapons."

The Soviets claimed that the new talks with the US will be a continuation of detente, but showed no intention to concede on the issues of US deployment of missiles in Europe and the increase of US defense spending. The talks in January are evidence that President Reagan intends to keep to his promises made in this year's campaign of discussing arms control issues with the Soviets. Having to deal with the President for another four years, the Soviet Union appears to see the return of negotiations as necessary if some form of agreement is to be obtained.

Seoul, South Korea—North Korea demanded punishment for the US and South Korean soldiers involved in a shoot-out Friday, November 23 across the demilitarized zone (DMZ) which separates the two Koreas. The incident started when a Soviet student defector dashed across the demarcation line into South Korea. Three North Korean soldiers were killed and another was wounded in the skirmish which lasted 40 minutes. Meanwhile, one South Korean soldier was killed and one American sustained neck wounds. Meeting at the Korean Military Armistice Commission on the following Monday, Communist North Korea demanded a US and South Korean apology and that they return the Soviet student. The US-led United Nations command said the defector fled voluntarily, and that US and South Korean guards did not begin shooting until the North Korean opened fire on the student. It was claimed, by both sides, that the shooting marked the worst violence in the DMZ since the Korean War 31 years ago.

Renovations Raise Senate Eyebrows

by Hilary Hashagen and Jim Logan

At the December 4 meeting of the Student Senate, Kevin Simme announced the decisions of the Student Development office regarding changes in the Campus Center basement.

As of January 1985, YAO will move its office to the room CSO now occupies. CSO will then share the Campus Life office. Big Al's Pizza will then take over the YAO office, after the wall between that room and the snack shop is removed. In addition, a convenience shop, selling such items as soda, instant soup, and candy, will open in part of the Lost and Found office. These projects will begin during the Christmas break.

In other business, the CAB committee will meet on December 14 to discuss

possible themes for this year's Winter Weekend. If they do not come up with a theme, the Weekend will be cancelled. Suggestions may be presented in person or delivered to committee members.

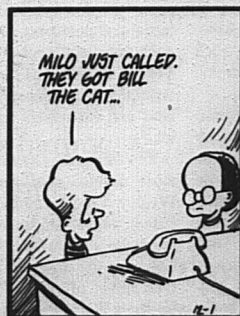
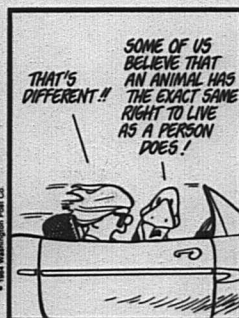
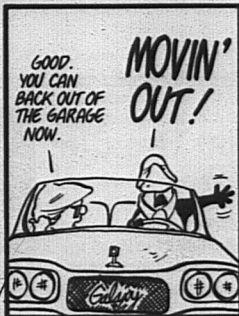
Student Senate cabinet elections will be on March 15. The platforms for each candidate are due at the Star by March 5, and candidates will make presentations in chapel on March 5. Primaries run on March 12.

Finally, Financial Affairs committee discovered that, due to an accounting error, the Christian Life Fund did not receive its budgeted funds. To compensate for this, the Senate budget will allocate \$270, both this semester and next, to that fund.

**"Every New Year's Eve I sit and watch New York City have fun."
—SLParker**

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



Fine Arts

Can You Handle Handel?

Houghton College and the Houghton Wesleyan Church are co-sponsoring a "Messiah" Sing-In on Sunday, December 9, at 3:00 pm in Wesley Chapel.

College and Church Choir Director, Dr. Bruce C. Brown, is organizing the event—a one-time performance *without rehearsal* of the solos and choruses of the Christmas section of Handel's "Messiah." Brown decided to try the Sing-In format at Houghton after participating in several such informal concerts at Westminster Choir College last summer. He noted, "the singing's not terribly polished, but it is great fun, and a chance [for people] to sing what they often hear but never get the opportunity to sing."

Dr. Brown noted, "Any area residents wanting to sing in the concert are welcome; participants can bring or borrow a score for the afternoon."

Messiah soloists include these College Choir members: Kathleen Dennison, Gato, NY, and Ann Goss, Lancaster, PA, sopranos; Rachel Mann, Lockport, NY, and Frances Nabholz, Miami Springs, FL, mezzo sopranos; Andrew Leverenz, North Huntingdon, PA, tenor; and Doug Allen, Gowanda, NY, and Kevin Schmidt, Petersburg, NY, basses. Houghton College Assistant Professor of Organ, Miss Susan Randall, will provide piano accompaniment.

The concert is open to the public at no charge.

Greece is the Word

by Norm Biller

On January 19, Kodak Corp. will present a multi-media production on the country of Greece. This presentation will be held in Wesley Chapel and is sponsored by YAO. Tickets will cost one dollar and will be made available to students sometime before the end of first semester. Buy your tickets early because over Christmas vacation they will go on sale to the general public. Watch for further details.



While the Wise Men bring their gifts to the Christ Child, the Waverly Consort brings a gift of sight and sound this Monday evening.

Consort Sings In Season

by Gerry Szymanski

This Monday, December 10, the Houghton College Artists Series will be presenting a very special holiday event as a part of its 1984-85 season: The Waverly Consort in a presentation of "The Christmas Story."

Fully staged, costumed and lit, the Waverly Consort will perform in the tradition of medieval church dramas and mystery plays, employing theatrics and song to tell the tale of the Incarnation. The eight singers and five instrumentalists will utilize over 50 reproductions of medieval musical instruments with such unusual sounding names as rauschpfeife, citole, shawm and rebec. Drawing from actual manuscripts dating from the tenth to fourteenth centuries, the Consort will detail the Biblical narrative in story and song.

The program is divided up into seven sections: Prologue, The Nativity, The

Journey of the Magi, Herod's Court, The Adoration, The Slaying of the Innocents, and Epilogue. The form of drama was used widely by the Church in the Middle Ages to convey vividly the message of the Bible to the illiterate parishioners. The same plays to be performed were in actual use in French, English and Spanish cathedrals between the 13th and 15th centuries; their Latin text and music intact.

The Waverly Consort was organized in 1964 at New York University by its present director Michael Jaffee and is consequently celebrating its 20th anniversary. Choosing from a long-neglected repertoire of great music from the 12th through 18th centuries, the Waverly Consort is considered to be the foremost professional organization in the early music field. Time remarks, "In the

U.S., no other group approaches the task with more style or verve. . . ." while Newsweek stated "the Waverly Consort combined high emotional intensity. . . a haunting mix that is the special glory of music."

Featured on numerous television specials and programs, the Consort tours and performs sellout concerts each year at Lincoln Center in New York. The group has impressive discography, recording on the Vanguard label and exclusively for CBS Masterworks.

The Waverly Consort will be the most unique performance on the Wesley Chapel stage in the past fifteen years. Students are urged to purchase a ticket (\$7.00 at the Music Office or the door), or to use the one free ticket offered to each student for the Artist Series. The concert will begin at 8:00 p.m.

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The Bottom Line

by Rich Rose

Album title: *Valotte*
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Producer Phil Ramone, whose clientele include Billy Joel, has done a superb job doing justice to the phrase "like father like son." With one small exception, there is an absence of John's usual "no God, only love and peace" message.

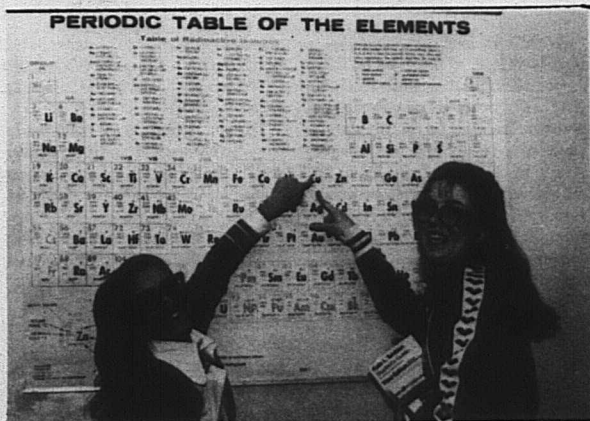
Musically, *Valotte* is right at home with its soft rock sound; it blends in very well with today's radio hits. Several cuts have already reached the airwaves: "Valotte" (the title cut), "Too Late for Goodbyes," and "Jesse."

Most songs deal with love of a girlfriend, some in the same old way, some with a new twist, "Too Late for Goodbyes" for example: "Ever since you've been leavin' me, I've been wanting to cry/Now I know how it feels for you I've been wanting to die/but it's much too late for goodbyes." And I'm sure you have heard: "Sitting on a pebble, by the river, playing guitar" from "Valotte" (lyrics Chrisma Music/Chappell Music).

Julian's debut is a nice album. It won't be a classic, but it is a fine first effort. *The bottom line is:* If you liked the music of John, then put Julian on your list.

P.S. *The Bottom Line* would like to thank all those who contributed bits and pieces, with special thanks to Craig Henry. Keep those turntables spinning!

Fine Arts Editor's note: Thanks Rich! Good luck in your new life outside of Houghton!



Some of the more unstable elements on this periodic table are scientists, Cheryl Perry and Ellen Whitney.

Maybe to those who love it's given to hear
Music too high for the human ear,
Clear as hydrogen,
And singing. . . .

—Bruce Cockburn

"Dancing in the Dragon's Jaws"

A Night of Fireflies Lights Up Houghton Stage

by Jaynn Tobias

I suppose that some people, when they saw the advertisements for "A Night of Fireflies," thought, "Geez, another play about death. I'll bet it's real depressing." But I suspect that some of those people, after watching the three one-acts performed in Fancher Auditorium on November 15, 16, and 17, might have discovered that rather than seeing depression, death, and dying, they actually saw hope and life and living. Granted, all three plays *did* confront the issue of death, and all three *did* deal with failures and frustrations, but they also left the audience with an affirmation of living and life.

Louis E. Catron's "Where Have All the Lightning Bugs Gone?" traces the very strange conversation struck up by a very strange Boy (David Shoemaker) with an almost equally strange Girl (Hilary Hashagen). During the course of the play, the Boy becomes a chameleon of characters, instantly changing from John Wayne to a little boy to a professor to a soldier, depending on his thought or whim. The Girl, who at first is put off by the Boy's advances, soon begins to switch from little girl to sexy, but stupid, student to sweetheart just as often as the Boy changes.

Shoemaker mastered his character changes with subtle alterations of his stance, or his tone of voice. Unfortunately, his natural grace with these changes made Hashagen's character switches look stilted, and more forced.

"It pays to do things well"—even if one is not so sure what is being done. Happily, the cast of "The Sandbox," written by a master of Theatre of the Absurd, Edward Albee, did do things well in this play that can leave an audience as confused when the play ends as it is when the play begins. In the course of the story, Mommy (Elizabeth Sperry) and Daddy (James Tysinger) bring Grandma (Leisa Burhans) to the beach to die. While the Musician (Mike LaBelle) discordantly plucks his guitar and The Young Man-Actor turned Angel of Death (Pat Tibbles)—flexes his pectorals, Mommy screams, Daddy whines, Grandma throws sand, and all wait.

I appreciated Sperry's and Tysinger's middle-aged couple, complete with loud, overbearing wife and not-so-bright, doormat husband. Burhans portrayed well a sick, nasty old woman. Her role troubled me slightly, however, since she played a similar part in last year's "The Shadow Box." As I watched her wrinkle her eyes and sneer, so well, but so familiarly, I hoped that someday we might see her fine talent in other roles beside crotchety old ladies.

When Edgar Lee Masters wrote *Spoon River Anthology*, he wrote it as a series of poems to be read, not drama to be performed. Shoemaker and company are to be commended for their excellent work in bringing the Spoon River Cemetery to the stage. In this final "Firefly" play, six actors portrayed 45 of the town's dead, sharing their frustrations with, and their reflections on their former lives, and their present death.

Cast members had the opportunity to play a variety of characters. While Mike LaBelle portrayed a gambler, a blind fiddler, and a man buried with his dog, David Shoemaker enacted the part of a misplaced Jew, a bitter scientist, and a memorable demented pyromaniac. James Tysinger successfully played several frighteningly believable Falwellian minister types.

Hilary Hashagen's roles, including a girl fallen into the ways of sin, a depressed wife, and a sweetheart, varied little from Southern belle mannerisms and accent. She did, however, vary from her usual to portray Lucinda Matlock, a contented old woman who states that it "takes life to love life." Elizabeth Sperry slinked exceptionally well through her many "bad woman" roles: a countess who was poisoned by her husband, a minister's wife who visited most of the men in town, an immigrant who bore an illegitimate son, and a woman who died in Joliet prison because her nineteen-year-old lover murdered her husband. Happily, Leisa Burhans played characters beyond old ladies. Her crippled poetess and her Chinese immigrant murdered by a minister's son were memorable. But I think my favorite character, not only of Burhans but of all the Spoon River people, was the Village Atheist, who, although all her life had resisted the spiritual, now reflected, "Immortality is not a gift; immortality is an achievement. And only those who strive mightily shall ever attain it."

Failures. Frustrations. A few achievements. Reflections on what might have happened or should have happened in a lifetime are not always pleasant. But I applaud the cast of "A Night of Fireflies," its director David Shoemaker, its stage manager, Craig Henry, and its advisor, Norm Jones, for offering these affirmations of hope, these sparkles of life and living, on a seemingly depressing topic—death.

Sports

Women's Hockey Ends With Tournament

by Lynne Ross

The women's field hockey team finished out their season with a tournament hosting King's and Eastern.

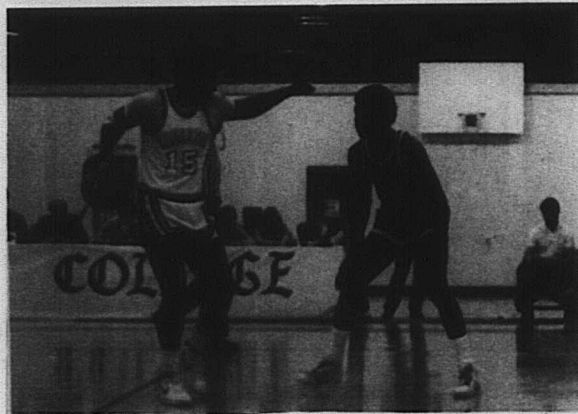
Eastern won the tournament with King's coming in second and Houghton third. "Eastern was the best team here," said Coach Wells. "We lost to Eastern 2-0 even though we played a good game." Coach noted that Eastern has three very strong backs which helped to control the game. Houghton then went on to play King's and came out on the short end 3-0. "We had the ball downfield," Wells said, "but we just could not score." Houghton was even with King's on shots, (13-12) but had seven more corners than King's. Though Houghton seemed to out-play King's, they could not get the ball in the net to score. The tournament did have a high point for the Highlanders as Kim Dunbar was named one of the Outstanding Defensive Players of the tournament. Shelly Talbott of Eastern shared in defensive honors, while Letty Gali of King's was named Outstanding Off-

sive Player.

Even though Eastern won the tournament, their players failed to win any awards. "I think what happened was that Eastern was so strong all over that it was hard to single out any one person," said Coach Wells. "The other teams were weaker, so the outstanding players were easier to pick out."

Houghton closed out the season with a 4-10 record and a total of 12 goals. They were led by Ndunge Kiiti (four), Cathy Weaver (three), Amy Foster (two) and Holly McAbee and Lori Singer (one each). Goalie Peggy Wraight had 162 saves. Coach felt that one of the most consistent players was Barb Felder, while Holly McAbee was one of the most improved.

What's the outlook for next year? Positive! The team loses only two seniors; Jona Paris and Peg Wraight. Hopefully all the other players will return, and with a few new players, that team can look forward to a good year.



Derrick Barnes leads the offense in Houghton's 78-65 victory over Roberts Wesleyan Wednesday, December 5.

Men's Basketball Continues Winning Ways

by David Mee

Coach David Jack made it very clear from the outset of the 1984-85 Highlander basketball season: That this year will be the toughest schedule Houghton has ever faced. The Buffalo State Cole's Classic, held on November 30 and December 1, provided one of the challenges that Jack spoke about.

In the opening game of the tournament, Houghton faced St. Lawrence University, a perennial basketball power from upstate New York. Behind Jeff Anspach's 23 points and a fine defensive effort, Houghton held off a rallying Saints squad 66-55. Houghton built up a fifteen point lead in the first half, but led by only seven at the half-time. Again, with the help of a fourteen to two spurt in the second half, the Highlanders went up by seventeen points. A number of different rallies kept the game within St. Lawrence's grasp until the final minutes. The combination of Derrick Barnes' ball handling and Anspach's

offensive talents put the game out of reach. Buffalo native Rich Mancuso added twenty points in the Houghton effort.

The championship game on Saturday afternoon pitted the Highlanders and nationally renowned Buffalo State. The first half belonged, for the most part, to Houghton as they used both a fast-paced and a slow-down offense to their advantage, leaving Houghton ahead by one point at intermission.

As the first half was a Houghton half, the second half belonged to Buffalo State. In the first ten minutes, the Bengals 12-point lead was too much for the Highlanders to overcome. Buffalo State triumphed 85-77.

The Cole's Classic honored Jeff Anspach with all-tournament team honors. Other Highlander standouts included defensive efforts from senior Ron Duttweiler and junior Houghton native Bill Greenway.

Field Hockey Statistics 1984

RECORD: 4-10

	HC	OPPONENTS		
Shots on Goal	250		307	
Penalty Corners	99		108	
Goalie Saves	162		95	
	GOALS ASSISTS POINTS SHOTS			
K. Dunbar	0	2	2	40
B. Felder	0	0	0	7
A. Foster	2	0	6	40
H. Gehman	0	0	0	2
N. Kiiti	4	0	8	54
H. McAbee	1	0	2	14
J. Paris	0	0	0	1
L. Sanger	1	0	2	2
C. Weaver	3	0	6	34

It's-a been-a nice. Later.
—Vinny C.

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Bill Greenway adds two to the score against Roberts. Jeff Anspach grabbed top scoring honors with 24 points.

Women's Soccer Concludes Season

by Noel Fleming

The Houghton women's soccer team concluded their season with a 4-10-1 record. Although the women lost ten games, they faced five of the top fifteen teams in the state.

Coach Smalley said that the team's high expectations at the beginning of the season were not fulfilled by the win/loss record. However, that may be due to "the loss of Lynne Conover and Noel Fleming (injuries), and to the inexperience of the squad. The team consisted of two seniors, four juniors, eight sophomores, and five freshmen.

Houghton put a total of 29 goals in

the opponents' nets, but Smalley agreed that it was "lack of ability to put the ball in the goal that hurt us."

Defensively, Houghton allowed 33 goals to enter their own net. However, 18 of the 33 goals were scored in the first four games. The defense which used to be the team's weakpoint became their strongpoint and Paula Maxwell became a very strong goalkeeper.

Coach Smalley concluded that the "highlander of the season was the development of skill in specific team members: Kris Hall, Alma Lehman, and Sally Stocker.

Men's Soccer 1984

RECORD: 8-8-1

NAME	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
Ortlip, Dan	11	7	29
Gidman, Greg	11	4	26
Irwin, Jon	8	6	22
Mullen, Jamie	2	10	14
Clark, Billy	4	1	9
Glick, Myron	2	1	5
May, Derek	2	1	5
Ashley, Mark	0	3	3
Goodsell, Eric	1	0	2
Estep, Mark	1	0	2
May, Doug	0	2	2
Hobba, Bob	1	0	2
Wing, Ed	0	1	1

SAVES

Eckman, Ken 80-7.2 ave.
Kangas, Tim 21-3.5 ave.

GOALS

Houghton 43-2.5 per game
Opponents 34-2.0 per game



BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



Letters

Cheering, Not Jeering

Dear Thea,

It is a privilege to be able to describe the students at Houghton College as courteous, caring young adults. I was extremely disappointed by the actions of a number of our fans at the Roberts Wesleyan game during the recent tournament. I am aware that the "newspaper stunt" is not new, but I had hoped it would not be repeated again this year.

It seems to me that when we invite schools to Houghton to compete with our varsity teams, that we as spectators are in a "host" position. When the opposing team is introduced to us before the game it seems only appropriate that we listen to these introductions respectfully and respond with polite applause, both in friendly greeting and acknowledging them as worthy opponents. The opposing team is composed of individuals who have feelings. They are skilled in basketball and deserve our polite recognition. I find it hard to believe that young adults would be so rude as to respond with the "newspaper stunt." I trust that our athletes will be welcomed in a friendlier manner when they visit other schools.

Since I'm writing, let me make a few more general comments. It is certainly good to cheer for our players and to shout encouragement. However I am definitely unhappy with some of the remarks that are directed at opposing teams and referees. This "hollering" comes not only from students, but also from faculty and administrators. I am embarrassed to realize these people are recognized as representatives of Houghton College. Is it ever proper for a Christian to be "hollering" at someone because of one's mistake? In fact, you can omit Christian. I don't really think that decent, respectable people "holler" at each other. It is certainly not one of the distinctives of a liberal arts education!

Look at the logical implications of our actions. If we indicate we think the other team is unworthy and incompetent, then what honor is there if we either win or lose. If we win, we beat a poor team. If we lose, the implication is even worse. I suggest

we treat our opponents with respect. I think it is definitely proper to give recognition for an excellent play. This does not detract from our own team, we can still support them with enthusiasm. To acknowledge the fine play of our opponents is certainly an appropriate Christian response. Furthermore, it enhances the quality of victory or defeat of our own team. If we win, we have beaten a skilled opponent. If we lose, we lost to a good team.

Let me mention another point. It seems to me to be common courtesy to allow the opposing teams to shoot their "free-throws" in silence. It doesn't say much for our confidence in our team if we don't feel they can win without our wild distractions when the opposing team shoots free-throws. To be honest, when our fans act with that much discourtesy, I am pleased to see the opposition score. I find no satisfaction in winning a game where the outcome might have been influenced by our rude behavior.

Now a word about the referees. They probably do make mistakes. I'm sure they realize this without our "hollering" at them. I suspect some of the referees are not Christians. I wonder what they think about Christianity after refereeing a game at Houghton.

Just before Thanksgiving we had an excellent chapel talk on being "salty." The thought also applies to athletic contests. It would be nice to know that the teams that visit us, as well as the referees, will go home with a memory that the fans at Houghton were different. Let's support our team with enthusiasm but also relate to the opposition and referees with the "salt" of Christianity.

I hope the preceding note might cause some thought about spectator participation at future games. For those of you who agree that your actions might have been considered rude by our brothers from Roberts Wesleyan, I have a further suggestion. I think the investment of a stamp and a little time to write a note of apology to the Roberts team would be quite proper. You can address the note to:

Coach Ken Sisson
Roberts Wesleyan College
2301 West Side Drive
Rochester, NY 14624

As we finish the season, let's remind each other to be "salty" spectators, encouraging our own players to excel, give appropriate respect to our opponents, and possibly even find

some good things to say about the referees who serve in an often thankless job.

We sing a song in worship. It begins "We love you, Lord, and we lift our voice. . ." It concludes with "let me be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear." The last line applies not only as we sing in chapel on Sunday, but throughout the week in all our communication, even at basketball games on Saturday night.

Your fellow servant,
Jake

Supper's Not That Great

Dear Thea,

The other day I was lounging innocently in a typical twenty minute lunchline. Glancing about, I pondered the thought that if gluttony matches fornication in sinfulness, why, we're harboring quite a few porno stars right here in this small Christian liberal arts college nestled in the rolling hills of western New York. I think at least Freud's with me on that one.

All that aside, hunger pangs were spurring whirling visions in my cerebrum (or whichever part of the brain hunger whirls in front of) in the form of a luscious slice of turkey divan trickling past my uvula. (Divan, by the way, is a baroque form of the word *divine*—baroque, of course, originally meaning twisted. Music history offers alot more practical knowledge than some might suspect.)

Anyway, I was just progressing to the front of the line, and to the part of the vision where I choke to death on an especially hard piece of gravy, when . . . suddenly, quickly, swiftly, and without warning, a large, lurking, mysterious, ominous, three more dramatic adjectives, shadow loomed over me. My gaze slowly traveled from it's sources feet to head, a journey of some nine feet, and I shook in my shoes as—well actually, I shook in my socks which were in my shoes which were—well, what I realized was that I'd just been cut in front of by none other than the truly horribly distastefully fearsome LINUS BUTTUS.

Hunger overcame fear. Besides, never having worked in the inner-city, I reasoned that all people are reasonable within reason. I think at least some quack psychologist is with me on this one.

"Uh, Linus," I ventured, "this is

my place in line. Why don't you get in the back where you belong."

"Grunt," he said.

"Listen, Linus, I'm serious," I said jokingly. "I've been thinking about this for a long time now. When people butt in line it really bugs me. You know why?"

"Grunt?" he asked.

"Because—think about this carefully. When you butt in line, for no excellent reason, you are actually by your actions making the clear statement 'I am more important than other people.' Now, do you consider yourself more important than all of these people behind you?"

"Grunt. I never said that," he said.

"No. But your actions speak louder than words. Actions are a better indicator of what someone believes than what they say." (I thought it best to define the cliché for him.) He looked thoughtful. "Butt."

"No ifs, ands or butts, Linus."

"I don't think."

"That's where your problem started. Try some other lines, Buttus."

"Hey, Why are you making such a big deal out of nothing? People are starving in Ethiopia, and you're hassling me about a stupid little thing like this?"

"It's essentially the same issue, Buttus. (I learned this over-simplification tactic from the presidential debates.) People who don't care enough about others to allow them their rightful place in line aren't likely to care enough about Ethiopians to really help them out either. Besides, I read in the *National Enquirer* that the famine started when everyone decided to buck the line and no one ever reached the front."

"No kidding?"

"No kidding. So whaddaya say? I'm awfully hungry, so just kinda slide on back there now buddy, okay?"

At this point Linus bashed my face into the ground with a large plate of lasagna. All I remember after that is being swept into a dustpan by some dishroom personnel, and as I headed for the garbage hearing Big Al's voice making a muffled announcement. (I know now it was the speaker system and not my state of consciousness that muffled it.) But, heck, I figured; it's probably worth it, if I can recount my story and a few more people decide not to act out the statement "I'm more important than others."

Yours Truly,
Craig Seganti

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An Answer To Prayer

Dear Thea,

I am writing this present letter for two reasons a) to publicly apologize to Prof. Mullen and b) to clarify my accusations against Indira Gandhi.

I am sorry for attacking Prof. Mullen's prayer. I should not have attacked a prayer for India, though I meant no malice or disrespect. I appreciate the prayers he delivers in chapel, and I hope he continues to pray for world peace and world leaders.

What I wanted to do was to show that Mrs. Gandhi (In my viewpoint) should not be glorified as a ruler. I had hoped she would be removed as a ruler, not killed as a person. I felt (and still feel) that killings done on her orders have been unjustified. Unity of the state does not justify murder. (And if you want to argue about the American Civil War: India has a 3,000 year old history of trying to disunite, and they have completely different religious, social, and language groups). I felt she had made no inroads towards changing the political, social, or economic order away from an elitist rule. I also think that taking martial control of a country is being oppressive. Logically no one disproved these accusations in their letters. (They did prove I shouldn't attack prayer).

In reply to the feedback I read, I

appreciated most of it. I enjoy argument and I like people to attack my positions logically, but I don't have to take insults. I also resent people who say I am entirely wrong because I've never been to India, never met Indira Gandhi, or I have no sense of Indian history. I am not a dolt; I can read and analyze. I also care about internationals, that is why I wrote the letter. I care about people enough to say something when they are murdered, Hindus. Muslims. Sikhs. or anyone. I also appreciate the group of people who said they are now praying for me to become a Christian. You can stop; I'm saved.

Humbly yours,
David Horton

Women: The Root of All Evil

Dear Thea,

After the lambasting that Dave Horton received in last week's Star, I think it's about time I clean up this whole mess.

The "Indian question" is a lot bigger than Mrs. Gandhi. I'll tell you that much alright. We must look at the broad picture, look at India in relation to her Central American neighbors. That's what I'm talking about. Look

at El Salvador and Uganda; prime examples of Central American leadership at its best. And do you want to know their secret? I'll tell you: they're run by men! In the political stability that is Central America, India stands out like a sore finger. "Get a man in there," that's what I've always said. Did you know that India was the only Central American country run by a woman? Well, that's the whole thing right there. India banged her ugly scandal in face of the Marshall plan and the Viet Nam War and everything else Ronald Reagan has tried to do down there. That's why I'm so peeved.

Rudyard Kipling, who spent most of his life down there in India, diagnosed the problem over three centuries ago. He said, "A woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke." I guess that just sums up everything I've been trying to tell you about why I think India should get right out of Central America and move to England or Japan or something.

Sincerely,
Michael P. LaBelle

Immoral B Flats?

Dear Thea,

B Flat is b flat. Thank you Tom Skinner. But to deny the morality or

immorality of a part does not make the whole amoral. That is, Big Ben cannot be lifted by one man simply because any of the thousands of components within Big Ben can be lifted by one man. Tom Skinner has argued from the part to the whole, ignoring melody, harmony, and rhythm. Who will deny the emotional effect of music on the listener? Who will deny the immorality of 145 decibel blasts of b-flat from my portable stereo at 8 pm on a Thursday night around finals time in the periodical stacks at the library?

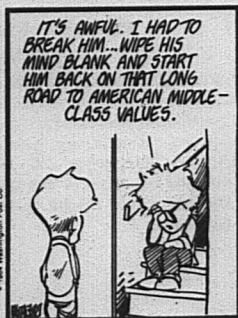
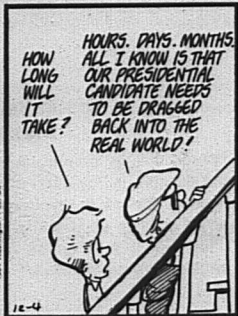
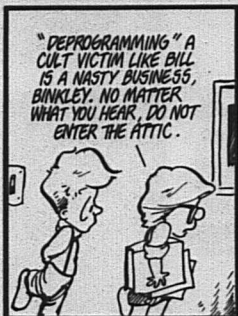
Music can be misused, and if a new child of God is in a position where he must dishonor God it would be a stronger testimony to silently withdraw than to prophet-like condone.

Perhaps everyone recognized Tom's several logical fallacies (part to whole, ad hominem ["Don't judge God by his retarded children;"] stupid Christians believe that. . .), straw man ["Christians want good ol' Bobby to come to church and entertain them now."] and I have only demonstrated my grasp of the obvious. But I thought it needed saying.

Tom had only good exhortation concerning the primacy of commitment to God alone. I was inspired by his zeal and foresight, but I cannot buy into the idea that music is purely cultural.

Sincerely,
Bruce Kornhaus

BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

Man on the Street

At what age did you stop believing in Santa Claus?

Jeff Crocker



Lori Boseck
Senior (Sort of)

"I had my suspicions since I was 3½ months old that were confirmed when we moved into a house with no chimney. Dad always had cookie crumbs in his mustache on Christmas day."

"Last week—when I wanted to review his latest album and called the North Pole, only to get a recording from Dial-a-Santa."

Richard Rose
Sophomore

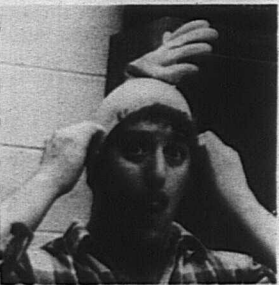


Prof. Elizabeth Cook

"Santa was always 'fun!' Christ was Christmas. Mom taught us so that we caught the true meaning from the beginning. I can't remember any of us five being disillusioned!"

"My second grade teacher broke the news to me and 30 of my classmates. It was a shock. We've hated her guts to this day."

Marc Troeger
Senior



David Ford
Freshman

"I'm a mature pre-med; I conclusively proved that the species *Santus Clausus* is extinct last week."

"In kindergarten the over powering evidence from my peers crushed my belief. From then on I was a skeptic."

Prof. John Tyson
Prospective Student



Prof. Brian Sayers

"When I was five. My brother and I booby-trapped the Christmas tree and when it fell on him, I could hear my dad cursing us. It was quite a disappointment to all of us. I think Dad was unhappy too."

"When I was coming home on the schoolbus, the older kids were making fun of the younger kids on the bus who still believed. I felt like a third grade imbecile and kept my mouth shut."

Kristin Bennett
Freshman



Barb Vogt and Bryan Vosseler
Juniors

"What? There is *no* Santa Claus?!!!"

"I was ten years old when I stopped believing in 'the big guy.' My father told me he committed suicide."

Tim Valdez
Struggling Sophomore



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Editorial

The Other Washington, D.C.

Editor's note: John Bernbaum ("JB") keeps himself busy as Vice President of the Christian College Coalition and Director of the American Studies Program in Washington, DC. Plus he loves his wife.

My morning began with a gathering of evangelical leaders at a black church in the heart of Washington, DC—a gathering of people concerned about the plight of the poor in our urban centers. Inner-city pastors and social activists were present along with leaders of national evangelistic organizations and several Congressional officials. Speaker after speaker painted a poignant picture of our nation's capital, the other Washington, DC, the one you seldom see on the evening news. Not the marble monuments, the stately Congressional complex, the vaunted columns of the Supreme Court, or the White House rose garden; rather, the other parts of the city.

Inner-city pastors described the conditions of our beloved capital in these terms:

- one out of five families in the District has had one or more family members in prison;
- 35% of the heads of households have never graduated from high school;
- 40% of the families in Washington live on less than \$10,000 a year;
- the infant mortality rate is 1/3 higher than the national average, which puts it in the range of developing nations of the third world.

Subsequent speakers went on to describe the "face of poverty" which was present throughout the nation.

Tears were in everyone's eyes when a black evangelical "prophet," John Stagers of ONE Ministries, rose to his feet and pleaded with us to stop all the talking and get to work. "People are dying on this block every day," he cried out. "Don't let this be just another briefing on the poor!"

With those words ringing in my ears, I got in my car and drove home to suburban Maryland. That night I opened my Bible to the Psalms and the words of the 146th chapter seemed to leap out at me:

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save...

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is the Lord his

God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them—the Lord who is faithful forever.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoner free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the way of the wicked.

(Ps. 146:1-3,5-9 NIV)

What a statement of who God, Jahweh, is. Not only is he the Creator of the universe, but the Psalmist identifies him as the one who cares about the poor, the "bottom" of society.

In light of the picture of inner-city Washington which I had just heard, these words had a compelling force to them. The thought that kept going through my mind was: I need to have my heart broken by the things that break the heart of God. If the God of the universe identifies himself with the poor, how could I do anything less?

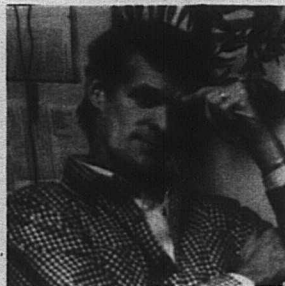
The next morning I was struck by the stories in the *Washington Post* about passage of the largest defense bill in the nation's history, \$280 billion. Even those who generally favored programs for the poor over military expenditures, the reporter wrote, were rolling over, talking one way and voting another. Just like the year before, military budgets were passed almost without objection, while programs for the poor were curtailed.

I could not help thinking about Psalm 146 and the briefing on inner-city Washington. Ignorant of the glaring realities of poverty in their midst, the "princes" in whom we have placed our trust were spending billions in pursuit of a national security which "cannot save."

Do we, as citizens, think we are becoming more secure by this enormous investment in weapons, while at the same time our cities are rotting and poverty is rampant? Scripture would suggest that our priorities are upside-down. If we want real security, just treatment of the poor, the hungry and the oppressed is where we should begin. Not only is that what God desires, but it results in strengthening our nation.

Doing justice is an essential part of national security.

—John A. Bernbaum



Prof. Rich Perkins

"Well, let's see, when I was five, I guess. It was my first instance of what I would call 'true debunking.' Something deep within my reductionistic soul told me that 'this just ain't so.'"

John Garlock

Sophomore

"Around age seven I guess, but I still pretend! It's part of the 'American Illusion.' Besides, I really don't care. I am Jewish."





“Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city
of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord...

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace, good will toward men.”

—St. Luke 2:10, 11, 14 (KJV)

Classifieds

It's not easy to leave a place where
God has shown His love to me
through special people like you,
but I am confident that it's His
will. I rejoice and will let Him lead.
Your encouragement, laughter, hugs,
smiles, prayers, and love for Jesus
will never be forgotten. Thank you
for helping me to be more like Him.

"I love you with the love of the Lord,
I love you with the love of the Lord,
I can see in you the Glory of my
King,
And I love you with the love of the
Lord."

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Loyal supporters: Gail, Lyn, Lisa,
Hope, Barb, and Sue are pleased
to *finally* announce the *long a-*
waited engagement of
Linda Lewis (85)
to
Timothy Deeks (85)

Congratulations, Heather!
Love,
Nancy and Peggy

Doug & Wendy Whiner
are *very* distressed
to announce that the
wedding plans of
Sharon L. Regal (85)
to

David G. Sawyer (83)
have been delayed
by Uncle Sam. See you
in 4 years, Sawyer!
(Never in Kenya have
we seen such duress!)

The A-Team wishes Pam Walker a
Merry Christmas.

Dearest P.S.,
Yes, I love you!!
Thanks for all your concern and
patience.

Love,
K.R.

The A-Team will conduct their
semi-annual "Freshman 10" weigh-
in at the bottom of the cafeteria
stairs after supper, Monday, Dec. 3.
Remember- "Only you can prevent
the freshmen 10."

—VBN & Mr. T

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