

The Houghton Star



Let Us Seek Peace

"Silent night, Holy night,
all is calm, all is bright . . ."

The song drifts softly and intently through the air as before my eyes a small drop of brilliance radiates its warm light upward and outward. There are many of these small drops of brilliance in the room, each feeding itself from the slender wick and soft wax of a short, thin candle. As we sing, I, three or four years old, look entranced into the flame of my candle, my hand protected from the dripping wax by a small circle of paper around the candle's middle. My family stands around me, my mother's warm eyes gleaming down upon me, keeping an eye on me and my candle. A sense of awe pervades the congregation, coming from the radiant drops of brilliance, or the transcendent power of song, or perhaps from another, deeper source. Whatever the source, the awe stills my child's heart and penetrates my simple child's understanding. All hearts present are at peace and in peace. This is Christmas Eve.

My mother has always said that it does not feel like Christmas to her without a Christmas Eve service. The peace of that moment, with the candlelight and music, sweep aside the bustle and scurry of the Christmas season for her, till only the pure heart of Christmas remains. My brother, my sister, and I were all dedicated at Christmas Eve services. The year I was dedicated my father was holding Robert, trying to be solemn, while during the whole service Robert tried to blow out father's candle. The year Richelle was dedicated a fuse blew on the milker pump, and father had to run to Horseheads for a replacement. Needless to say we were late, but mother called the pastor and told him to wait, that we would be there. We made it, and the service did well calm our nerves from the stress of the day.

The Christmas season was always full of other events before the Christmas Eve service. We children made the dough, rolled, cut out, baked, and iced Christmas cookies. From off the slope of our own hill we chose and cut our Christmas tree, bringing it down to the house and trimming it. As we grew up we became involved in the school choir and the annual Christmas cantata. The Christmas banquet and the Church Christmas program soon followed. Our holiday season became filled with more events, more rehearsals, more hassles.

When I was seven my family left our church where the sermons came from "Peanuts" and Reader's Digest to go to another church where we were better fed. Our new church, however, did not hold a Christmas Eve service,

and mother missed not going to one. Thus came the idea to hold our own service. We sang carols, lit candles, and father read the Christmas story. At the end we turned out all the lights but those on the Christmas tree. Silence, lights, music, all gave a peacefulness, a calm to the holiday. In the morning we three children would be up early, tearing into our stockings, and eagerly waiting for father to come in from the morning milking so we could open the rest of the presents, but, somehow, the awe of the previous evening pervaded our joy of Christmas Day, giving it focus.

Years go by, and as the childish excitement of opening presents fades, I find it helpful to pause in the Christmas season, as I still do on Christmas Eve, to find peace. Finding peace helps me to regain a true childlike joy in receiving gifts, and starts to return the focus of my mind back to what is truly important, both in Christmas, and in all life. Let us seek peace, and the Prince of Peace, this Christmas season.

Respectfully yours,
Jonathan Robords Lightfoot

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Elsewhere...

by Sharon Wittemann

Johannesburg, South Africa — The South African government has reported its detainment of 256 youths under the age of 16 who are being held without charge under state-of-emergency regulations. Anti-apartheid monitoring groups have estimated that between 1,300 and 4,000 children under the age of 18 are in detention and have appealed for their release before Christmas.

Manila, Philippines — Communist leaders warned the Philippine government Monday that a 60-day cease-fire agreement to go into effect Wednesday was in jeopardy because the Army insists on its right to arrest guerrillas caught bearing arms and to send patrols into their strongholds. Communist leaders also claimed that a lasting peace in the Philippines is impossible unless US military bases are closed.

Washington, D.C. — Officials of Iraq claim that US weapons have helped Iran. Iranian forces, aided by US-made TOW armor piercing missiles, captured Iraq's Faw peninsula last February. The Faw campaign was the last major action in a war that has since settled into a stalemate. US military analysts state that the TOW (tube-launched, optically tracked, wire guided) missiles could well have given Iranian forces an edge on the Faw battlefield. But they add that it is unlikely the weapons were decisive in the battle, if they were in fact used there.

Boston, Ma. — The Canadian government had successfully brought five Red Army "deserters" to Canada from Afghanistan last month without promoting economic retaliation from the Soviet Union. Canada's "mission delicate" was accomplished when Canadian ethnic groups of Russian and Ukrainian heritage pushed Ottawa to come to the rescue of the soldiers — most of whom had been in the hands of the anti-Soviet Mujahideen since the fall of 1983. Any deserters, returning to the Soviet Union are either imprisoned or executed. Through cooperation with the Pakistan government and a Canadian lawyer the operation was a success. The lawyer, Serge Jusyp, would like Canada to bring in thousands of Afghan refugees as immigrants along with some children badly injured by Soviet butterfly mines.

Paris, France — Protestors of a controversial reform bill in France have won concessions by the French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac. Although the students triumphed, the events left a bitter legacy in the minds of many and opened deep social division that will take time to mend. Socialist opposition members have claimed that the government failed to control the police and have used them in a way to discredit the student movement.

You Can Say Yes

by Lori Booser

As of Jan. 1, 1987, President Reagan's reauthorization bill will change the status of independent students, according to ACT Financial Aid Services.

Previously, applicants had to answer "no" to three questions for the previous two years. Had they lived with their parents for more than six weeks? Had their parents claimed them as a tax exemption? Had they received more than \$750 worth of support from their parents?

This next year, however, an applicant will be considered independent if any of the following seven qualifications is true: (1) being 24 years old (born before 1/1/64), (2) being a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, (3) being an orphan or ward of the

court, (4) having legal dependents other than a spouse, (5) being an unmarried undergraduate not claimed by one's parents or guardians in 1985 and 1986 and having received at least \$4000 in income and benefits during those years, (6) being a married graduate or professional student whose parents or guardians will not claim him or her in 1987, (7) having an aid administrator give an applicant documentation of his or her independence because of unusual circumstances.

Although independent status implies maturity, that status will not give students a large increase in financial aid. In fact, they will receive \$850 less from TAP and a maximum of \$2300 from the Pell grant.

Spiritual Gifts Bestowed on BSC

By Jack Youngberg
BSC Reporter

The Reverend Kenneth C. Knappen, Senior Pastor of the Randall Memorial Baptist Church in Williamsville, New York was the featured speaker for the Buffalo Suburban Campus's fall Christian Life Emphasis Week. Reverend Knappen's chapel topic was "Spiritual Gifts."

Reverend Knappen used Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12 as the basis for his presentations. Knappen said that "the gifts are for the Church age which began at Pentecost and continues now until the time of Christ's return." He stressed in his talks that we need to have a balance when using the spiritual gifts. At the beginning of CLEW he defined the gifts as "special abilities graciously bestowed upon all Christians by the Holy Spirit." These bestowments include both the ability and the desire to serve the Lord effectively in a personal and specific way.

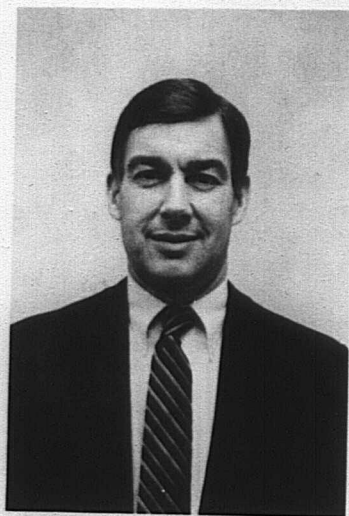
Knappen detailed his sermons with descriptions of the different gifts, such as speaking, service, teaching, and encouraging. He closed his mes-

sages by explaining how the gifts fit into the Church today and how students can apply their spiritual gifts.

Knappen, a graduate of Trinity Seminary and Divinity School, spoke briefly with the Star following the closing chapel. When asked how the Church could overcome the rift that is sometimes caused by the discussion of spiritual gifts, Knappen had a ready answer: "We need to realize that as Christians, we have to treat each other as brothers and show each other mutual respect. Also, we have to understand that we are not the same and that we each have different gifts. Sometimes we get to feeling that we have the corner on all that is right in Christianity. It is of utmost importance for us to be sure that we use discernment in the area of spiritual gifts. If we are not balanced, we could become self-centered, which would lead us to spiritual pride."

The students were encouraged by Knappen to stimulate the use of gifts in the body of Christ. He suggested focusing on the book of Romans, particularly chapters 6-8, and chapter 12.

When they saw the Star
they rejoiced with ex-
ceeding great joy.
—Matthew 2:10



Barnes Becomes Marion President

by Richard Phan

Houghton's Academic Dean, Dr. James Barnes, is going to take on a new job next summer. He recently accepted an invitation to become the president of Marion College, Marion, Ind. Dr. Barnes came to Houghton in the fall of 1985 as the new academic dean, and early this semester received a call from the presidential search committee of Marion College, his alma mater, to consider taking up the position.

At a recent interview, Barnes told the *Star* that "the decision to return to Marion was a very difficult one." He added that when he first made the decision to come to Houghton, that decision was "accompanied by a long term commitment" to Houghton. However, when he received the call from Marion, President Chamberlain assured Barnes that he would be released of his commitments here if that was the way the Lord seemed to be directing him.

Barnes added that the time he spent at Houghton has been really positive. "I have found the students here to be delightful, willing to share." Dean Barnes feels that many of the students at Houghton have "good insights" and that "the institution needs to hear what they have to say." One of the more "delightful" parts of his job here at Houghton, says Barnes, is the reading of course and major evaluation forms. He is impressed with the quality of the response from the students and feels that they are largely "very insightful and gracious."

Barnes has nothing but praise for

Dr. Chamberlain, "the great mentor," and feels that his time of working together with faculty and administration here has greatly benefited his personal and professional life. "I have learned a lot from both students and faculty; they have taught me many valuable lessons." One lesson that Dr. Barnes singled out is that of the value of spending different, informal time with students and listening to them. "While we were here, we made it a point to have meals regularly at the Campus Center dining facilities, and will continue similar practice when we move to Marion."

Although only having been here for such a short time Barnes is appreciative of the new friendships that he and his family have developed and they are leaving with "mixed emotions and a deep sense of gratitude" for the opportunity of having been able to share their lives with those in the Houghton community who have been "patient with us as we made mistakes." Barnes feels that the two years at Houghton have given him new perspectives on many issues. He has been open to new ideas, and the experience has helped him to revise his opinions on some issues. "I feel I am less parochial and less provincial as a result of the two years at Houghton College."

Looking forward to his new assignment at Marion, Dean Barnes is excited at the opportunities that lay ahead at Houghton's sister Wesleyan college, which is at the threshold of new growth and development.

Senate Selects Ambulance

by Patricia Uleskey

The final assembly of the student senate of the 1986 academic year convened on December 9 for what turned out to be a two and a half hour marathon meeting. The spectrum of crucial topics discussed included Winter Weekend, the Charity Drive, and next October's CID topic proposal.

Tim Fuller, director of admissions, opened the senate assemblage with a short introduction to the purposes of the admissions department here at Houghton College. Fuller discussed three major points regarding his present concerns regarding present and future recruitment of students.

The first point was that the decline in population, by 1995, will cause a sharp decline in student enrollment. To combat the struggle for students, the admissions department is constantly searching for innovative ideas to attract more students to Houghton College. The goal for this year's applications submissions will be 820 so as to admit approximately 380 new students for the coming academic year. Presently, 421 applications have been submitted, and this is in correlation with the expected goal of 420 to date.

The second issue Fuller spoke about was the Retention Committee. The Retention Committee is a committee that attempts to keep the student who, once accepted, may wish to leave. This committee explores the possibilities of improvements of campus. For example, they have worked on such issues as opening the library during lunch, institution of the PACE program, improvement of intramural sports, and the institution of the 8:30 service in the village church. Fuller urged the student body to notify the Retention Committee of things that may need to be different in order to improve the quality of life on campus.

The third point stressed increased student awareness and involvement concerning pressing issues such as increases in tuition cost and increased quality of life on campus.

In Janelle Lang's president's report, she reminded us that January 27 will be the first senate meeting of the new year. Unfortunately there is no "Christmas card" from Senate this

semester in the *Star* but next semester she promised a welcome back message from Senate in the first edition of the new year. She stressed that the Dance Committee needs written student input on how their constituents view ballet, cultural and liturgical dance, so as to form a position of the topic before the next trustee's meeting. She also mentioned issues like concerns of the commuter student and increased support for the Phonathon. They were followed by a Happy "monotone" Birthday to Dave Wingard.

The report on the Academic Affairs Committee discussed the possible increase in recruitment of learning disabled students and they also modified the required hours for two courses in the education major.

The Student Development Committee discussed parent's insight, the Young Republican's constitution was passed in spirit, and the Phonathon was mentioned.

CAB plugged their movie *Back to the Future* that is to be shown this Saturday. There will be two showings, the second immediately following the basketball game. The Russ Taff concert contract is being read and discussed. It will be Houghton's most expensive gig to date with a price tag of \$10,000. The new sound system has arrived—two speakers and a mixing board, but unfortunately two monitor tracts are not operational.

There will not be a Christmas mission to the Dominican Republic. There were complications with funding, the EAPE's contacts in the Dominican Republic were less than cooperative, and there were no guaranteed flights available until mid-January. Instead they have begun working on an Easter mission to Ecuador, or Columbia with Bruce Hees and OMS. They need a minimum of five committed people by the end of January so now's the time to consider an Easter mission.

Norm Smith brought up some old business, namely, he moved to "un-table" the topic of Winter Weekend themes. There were no suggestions. Norm Smith proceeded to move to put CAB in charge of Winter Weekend and that motion carried.

The topic of the Charity Drive was the first issue taken up under the heading or agenda of new business. Amy Livermore, Houghton Volunteer

Fire Department ambulance attendant, presented their plea for funds to help pay off an outstanding loan of \$6,000 at 6.5% interest on the new \$10,000 ambulance. Thus far, the department has saved and paid off \$3000 and there has been \$825 worth of memorials given to the fire department. They will receive \$1,000 from the county next year. This still leaves the fire department with a \$6,000 debt. Amy Livermore suggested a wide variety of additional fundraisers besides the annual yard sales, lobster dinner, and pancake dinners.

Tim Valdez spoke on behalf of the Sri Lankan Colombo Bible College fundraising proposal. \$10,000 was the goal for this group. In Sri Lanka \$10,000 is 350,000 Rupees and this would cover the cost of the land and buildings for the proposed Bible college in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Seven students are committed to doing a short-term mission this coming summer to Sri Lanka and this group's goal was to be able to help fund as well as build the Bible college. 100% of the money would go directly to Wesleyan World Missions and this would give Houghton College an "opportunity to

share in the vision with us," said Tim Valdez. This group had innovative ideas for fund-raisers as well.

Mary Beekley and Amy Durkee proposed that this year's charity drive be centered on the Buffalo chapter of Habitat for Humanity and their low-income housing renovation projects. Their monetary goal was \$6,000 and one of the advantages of this project was proximity. Hands on involvement has already spurred interest and trips to aid in the renovation. They said if there was interest more trips could be planned in the future.

After Senate voted with a show of hands for all three topics individually it was decided that this year's charity drive should be centered around the community's new ambulance.

Also, West Bank politics will be the topic for CID in October 1987. Audrey Vitols, with the help of Carmen Ranalli, presented a crucial and convincing topical discussion on the urgency of student involvement in Third World politics. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Norm Smith remarked, "This was the longest senate meeting I have ever been to."

Gender Roles: Sex in '87

After much deliberation on the part of Houghton faculty, and Student Senate, a decision was made in the Nov. 18 Senate meeting to continue Current Issues Day for this spring. This year's committee has chosen Gender Roles as it's topic for the Feb. 4 presentation. The general question considered will be "What does it entail to be a man or woman in 1987, and what are the repercussions of these designations."

It is difficult to predict specific speech topics without full knowledge of speakers. Some specific questions which could be dealt with are "Is it fair to men to assume that women are more competent at raising children in all situations?" or, "When a woman lawyer's partner expects her to do all the 'busywork' and leave the 'important' business to him, is he simply continuing in the assumption that women should always be secondary to men, or actively subjugating her?"

The student committee is fortunate to have advisors who are encouraging and competent. The faculty and staff advisors are Dr. Mary Conklin, Dr. Paul Young, and June Skula, all of whom have solid backgrounds in both nontradition and traditional gender roles. (For our purposes, gender roles are understood to be the social distinctions others make, and the expectations they have, on the basis of whether a person is male or female.)

This year's Current Issues Day program is also being overseen by a "steering committee," whose members are Janelle Lang, Dr. Rich Perkins, and Dr. Irmgard Howard. They have encouraged the student committee to be innovative with the day's structure. Presently, either a debate format, or a panel of guest speakers, with discussion moderated by a member of the Houghton faculty is being considered.

The student committee, as well as their faculty and staff advisors will be working long hours to plan a memorable and relevant Current Issues Day. If you are concerned that some areas of the topic will not be covered properly, or have questions, please send them to box #1140.

Discover Terrorism

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Time Inc., under the auspices of *Discover* Magazine, will sponsor a major world conference and exposition, "Terrorism In A Technological World," to be held January 20, 21, 22 in Washington, D.C. A unique feature of the conference involves a planned satellite linkup with leading colleges and universities whereby students and faculty will actually participate in the conference as it happens.

Discover Publisher James B. Hayes stated that, "Over the past 20 years, terrorism has become an ever more frightening and powerful weapon. But the role of technology in this deadly war has not yet received adequate attention—in spite of massive media coverage."

Discover Magazine devoted a large segment of its June issue to an in-depth feature on the subject of terrorism and technology. "The rise in the use of terrorism and the technology that makes so much of it possible are inextricably linked," Hayes said. "We cannot solve the problem of one without understanding the power of the other. *Discover* is seeking to broaden that understanding."

This gathering will provide an opportunity for world leaders to explore the causes of and policy options to this human tragedy without the polemics of an ideological agenda. The stature of speakers and the vital nature of their subject ensures that the conference will be closely followed by a worldwide audience, Hayes added.

"After doing all we could to locate the most innovative and insightful men and women to participate," Hayes said, "we came to the conclusion that the conference would be further enhanced by an interaction with students and faculty on college and university campuses from all parts of the country."

Hayes noted that otherwise it would be very difficult for student body organizations to bring these speakers to their campuses on an individual basis. The technological accomplishment of this linkup will present a large and distinguished group of in-

ternational leaders before a vast audience of students and faculty. Hayes anticipates that this technologically facilitated face-to-face meeting will provide substantial benefits for both groups.

"If it is the addition of technology to terrorism that places societies at risk, we must use technology as well or better in the pursuit of peace than those who would destroy it", Hayes said. "I can think of no single group with a more acute long-term interest in this problem than the student-age population."

Among those scheduled to address the conference are: King Hassan of Morocco; Vice President George Bush; Hoddging Carter, Assistant Secretary of State of Public Affairs during the Carter Administration; Carl Persson, immediate past director of Sweden's National Police and President of Interpol; Dr. Jeffrey Rubin, Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School; John R. Simpson, Director of U.S. Secret Service; Ambassador Bruce Laingen, former Charge d'Affairs, U.S. Embassy in Iran and hostage in Iran; Sam Donaldson of ABC News; Dr. Willibald Pahr, Secretary General of the World Tourism Organization; Robert Lamb, United States Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security; and others.

The three-day conference will consider 27 specific topic areas, among them: Assessing the Threat to Technological Societies; Modernizing National Police Forces; The Media—Participant and Observer; Tourism and Terrorism; Societies at Risk; Computer Security—National Security; The Costs of Countering Terrorism; New Terrorist Weapons—The Nuclear Threat; Terrorism, The Long War; State-Sponsored Terrorism; and the Psychology of Terrorism.

University and student body officers wishing to receive more information about participating in the January satellite linkup should call 1-800-523-5948, in Pennsylvania 1-800-637-8509, in Canada, 1-800-345-3496.

"Ignorance is not
innocence but sin."
—Robert Browning

Basileia Liberates Africa

The following is an abridged version of the December 5 chapel talk given by J. Railey Gampah.

Records indicate that evangelicals in the world today number probable from 245 to 262 million. The majority of this growth is taking place in the Third World, Africa being no exception. An estimated 16,000 or more converts are added every twenty-four hours in Africa, we are told.

But lest we overly rejoice and miss the boat, let me remind you of something. If all you hear out of Africa concerning the Church is news about a phenomenal growth, I am afraid you are half-informed, and therefore dangerously misinformed, for half-truth is just as misleading as un-truth.

While the missionary enterprise in Africa has succeeded particularly in raising up Christian nationals in strategic parts of the continent who are courageously bearing the gospel torchlight, converts in Africa are generally babes in Christ and not weather-beaten veterans of the faith. Most cannot read and write; the majority of those who do have never looked inside a Bible before.

And yet, foreign mission boards tend to confuse numerical growth with quality, often granting autonomy to young and older churches without much preparation in leadership training. The fact is that quality comes by training; quantity is never ever a substitute for quality. The cry of the African Church is, "Give me both qualitative and quantitative growth." It is not an issue of choosing between the two options but choosing both. The African Church cannot become fully self-governing and self-propagating until it becomes equally self-supporting. That is only possible through training, the method for ensuring quality.

With so great an influx of new believers daily, the need for theologically, technically and vocationally trained African Christians is obvious. The African Church stands at a crisis point today. To celebrate the birth of a child and yet fail to ensure its productive growth and development is to relegate that child to non-existence, and so goes the African Church. If adequate training does not come soon enough to the exploding churches of Africa,

Ron Blue of Dallas Theological Seminary has warned of what to expect: "a warped, ill-contrived, self-wrought theology will develop that may be so far removed from the Bible that it will hardly be recognized as Christian. God-starved believers will sacrifice their prized possessions to forge some golden calf that they can see and worship. Blinded Christian neophytes will grope for a leader and will embrace whoever might come along." Blue added, "When new Christians are not adequately taught in the Word of God, they naturally devise their own standards, their own regulations, and their own systems of religious experience. Rampant legalism and complex religiosity are but symptoms of a more severe disease — Bible anemia. Crippled saints will manufacture crooked canes on which to lean while they hobble through life." (Loving God's Word by Taking the Gospel Next Door and Around the Globe, 1986).

To provide an opportunity for Bible-centered Christian higher education for the Church in West Africa, the Basileia Foundation was established and incorporated in the State of New York over a year ago. The not-for-profit evangelical mission agency is based at Houghton and headed by a seven-member board of directors comprising well-known American evangelicals including college administrators, professors, missions executives and former missionaries to West Africa.

The proposed Basileia University will be established in Liberia, West Africa, by the grace of God. Founded in the 1820's as a home for liberated American Blacks desiring to relocate, Liberia today has a population of over two million comprising the settlers, African tribal groups and many nationalities. Liberia maintains historic and special relations with the United States: its capital city, Monrovia, is named for former U.S. President James Monroe; the American dollar is its legal tender while the free enterprise capitalist system is practiced; English is used for administration, education and commerce; and the Liberian Constitution is closely modeled after that of the United States.

The Basileia Foundation also specializes in Christian community

development, medical ministries, general community services, evangelism and leadership training, Christian day school development, media ministries, and raising support for needy national evangelists in Liberia.

You may support these ministries with prayer, financial contributions, unwanted books, equipment and clothing for tropical use.

Meanwhile, a volunteer Director of Financial Planning and Develop-

ment is needed immediately to establish and coordinate a fund drive for Basileia Foundation ministries in Liberia. He or she will be assisted by the founder and general director of the organization.

Those wishing to be on the mailing of the organization or to respond to any of the above needs may do so by contacting:

BASILEIA FOUNDATION, INC.

Post Office Box 67

Houghton, New York 14744

Body Builders

by Dara Barber

She sits in a small enclosed cubicle, responding to the vast array of flashing buttons and numbers in front of her. Around her head, she wears a gadget that appears to be a hearing aid with an arrant wire leading to her mouth. Calendars cover the walls, and from among the lists of college activities and telephone numbers peeks a snapshot of her three daughters. This is switchboard operator Louise Gingrich, the voice of Houghton College.

Mrs. Gingrich handles all incoming calls, takes messages for both students and faculty, and handles calls of distress. She recalls one plea that came to her not long after starting the job. "I was alerted that the sirens in Gao were going off, and I was to notify the fire department. I was a little unsure of what to do, so I asked my supervisor. He said to place the call, but before I had the chance, another message came in reporting that there was no fire, just electrical problems. I breathed a sigh of relief and went back to work. Things like that can happen at any time, and make my job exciting."

Often her voice gives incoming students and financial supporters their first impression of Houghton. Louise has a friendly voice on the phone and that makes a nice hello for Houghton, say many people across the campus.

Being polite and courteous on the phone isn't all she has done while at Houghton. In August 1985 Mrs. Gingrich arrived to begin work as a word processor secretary. "I know it's been said before, but I knew God led me here." A year later she started as the switchboard operator, a job for which she was well prepared. Mrs. Gingrich served for two years with the New York Bell Telephone "Please, Thank You" system before moving to the Philadelphia College of Bible, of which she is a graduate. "Being a pastor's wife for 20 years has also helped me to be more understanding with the callers."

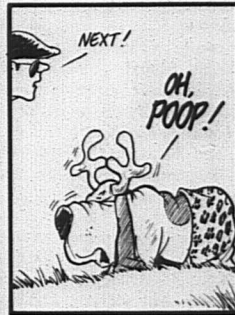
"I have learned a lot too because I have had to answer so many questions from parents and villagers just inquiring about the next lecture to be held on campus." Between calls, Louise Gingrich declares "My job is exciting and busy," and that's what she likes about being the voice of Houghton College.

"The only person I respect more than a good man is a good woman."

—Theodore Roosevelt

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



Sports



Sparkinson Sets Texas on Fire!

by Derek May

The Houghton College men's soccer team travelled to Longview, Texas for a four day, eight-team tournament.

Their first test came against George Fox College of Oregon. The Highlanders played very uncharacteristically and lacked any real passing game, but they came out on top 1-0 after Scott Parkinson converted a Billy Clark cross into a goal.

Houghton's next game, on Thanksgiving Day, pitted them against Huntington College of Indiana. Coaches Burke and Halberg were very thankful as their Highlanders played one of their best games of the year. It only took two minutes before Jim Cook found the back of the net with a beautiful shot from the outside. Was it luck? Of course not, luck is for rabbits. About

seven minutes later, Parkinson struck for the Highlanders second goal of the game. Huntington came back with a goal after there was some confusion in the Houghton backfield.

With about 25 minutes left in the half, the Huntington keeper committed a foul which resulted in a penalty shot for Jim Cook who converted it for his second goal of the game and a 3-1 Houghton lead. That wasn't all; Greg Gidman showed some of his magic and snuck one by the keeper. At half-time it was Houghton 4, Huntington 1. The score did not change in the second half as a result of strong defense by both teams. The Highlanders were led by Brian Thompson, Matt Hess, Dave Staples, and Matt Greacen. This 4-1 victory sent Houghton into the finals against Biola University of California.

Biola had a very loud cheering

section, led by Houghton's first victim, George Fox College. Staples quieted them down quickly as within six minutes, he scored a well-placed shot which was created by the aggressive playing of Dan Meade. Gidman was not satisfied with a one goal lead, so he worked his magic again. Clark ripped a shot from the right wing which hit the crossbar and rebounded out to a crashing Gidman. Gidman put the ball in the back of the net giving the Highlanders a 2-0 lead, only 10 minutes into the game. The defense played strong again, but gave up a penalty shot on a controversial call. Biola scored and closed the gap to 2-1.

The second half featured stronger defensive playing anchored by keeper Tim Kangas. Houghton was looking for another goal to put the game out of reach, and who else but

"Mr. Consistency" Scott Parkinson provided the key goal with a shot from about 18 yards out, which found the net at the far post. The win gave the Highlanders the NCCAA Championship.

The whole team played exceptionally well and special recognition goes out to Kangas, Thompson, and Gidman who made the all-tournament team. The Highlanders elected Parkinson to the all tournament team as an honorary member. Gidman also received most valuable defensive player and was named the tournament's overall MVP. Greg Gidman has been selected for NAIA all-American. Congratulations!

Great year guys, now let's think about next year. Special thanks goes out to Jon "Gonzo" Retz, who let Tim Kangas wear his keeper shirt and his gloves.

Seniors in Action



Judy Gale

Alias: "Tarheel Gal"

Major: Physical Fitness Specialist

Minor: Psychology

Sport: Four years of soccer: 1 yr. at University of N. Carolina, 1 yr. Essex Community College (Md.), 2 yrs. Houghton.

Awards: AIAW Championship Team, NJCAA All-American, NAIA All-District, All-Regional, All-American Teams, NAIA Academic All-American Nominee, 86-87 Varsity Captain.

Position: Striker

Future: Grad School—Exercise Physiology, international athletics missions.

Barb Felder

Major: Communications

Sport: 4 years field hockey captain 3 yrs., Most Valuable Defense Player 2 yrs.

Position: Halfback and link

Organizations: During 4 years: CSO, ACO, WJSL, PACE Leader



Eileen Reed

Alias: "Ener"

Sport: Volleyball

Hometown: Tonawanda, New York

Major: Physical Education

Achievements:

4 years varsity volleyball team captain (1986). District All-Tournament Team (1986). 95% setting average (1986 season).

Life Goal: To be 5'2"



"Men celebrate Brockport Victory with cake!"

They prove you can have your cake and eat it too!"

Sparkweather Sets Gym on Fire!

The men's basketball record stands at 6 wins and 3 losses. Since our last report, Highlander victories have come over Conestoga (71-58), Eastern College (a thrilling 64-63) win in the Houghton Tourney finals, and a major upset of previously unbeaten SUNY Brockport 88-85 in overtime.

After winning their first five games, Coach Brook's troops struggled through three consecutive losses. The first loss was a heart-breaker to NAIA district 18 foe, Westminster 62-50. Following the Thanksgiving break Houghton ventured out to Malone College in Canton, Ohio for their third tournament. In the first game the men suffered their worst defeat of the year to Grace College 77-52. In the consolation game, they played Malone and lost again 79-60. Although it was a poor showing for a team that could do great things this year no one has lost hope.

The team has been plagued by sickness and injuries (Geoff Steadman is out indefinitely with torn knee ligaments). Also, the schedule

has been merciless. On Monday Dec. 8, the men limped home from Ohio to face undefeated powerhouse Brockport State. The Highlanders, giving everything they had, stayed close long enough to be down only 3 with 5 seconds to go. That set the stage for one of the most dramatic conclusions the Houghton gym has ever seen! Darnel Lyles dribbled the length of the floor and pulled up to shoot a 3 point shot that seemed to hang in the air forever! When it finally came down the buzzer sounded and the score was tied 76-76!

The overtime session was not quite as exciting until with 17 seconds left and the score tied at 85 Houghton called a time-out. The Highlanders got the ball to Brad Starkweather who, from the same spot Lyle's 3 pointer had come, canned another 3 point shot at the buzzer to win the game and send Brockport home in a state of shock.

On Saturday the men play arch-rival Roberts Wesleyan at 8:00 p.m. at home. Come and support the team!

Carlson Sets Team on Fire!

by Pam Bigham

The van horn blared last Wednesday night when the Houghton women's basketball team returned from their second game of the season. The lady Highlanders had just pulled off a 53-50 victory over Daemen College.

The women played an intense game from the moment they stepped onto the court. Forcing Daemen to play a quick-paced ball game (Highlander style), Houghton was aggressive, moved the ball quickly, and played a very intimidating defense.

Leading Houghton in scoring was Jodi Carlson with 16 points, followed by Ndunge Kiiti and Michelle Morris with 10 points each. Pat Cooney pulled down 17 rebounds and Jodi Carlson added 15, as Houghton out-rebounded Daemen 50-34. Cathy Valotta had 5 steals for Houghton.

The women played an excellent game, well-deserving of the fun time and great meal they had at Labella's afterward. And with a record of 1-1, the team spirit was high on a laughter-filled bus ride home.

The team squeezed out another victory Saturday afternoon at their first home game. Defeating William Smith College 49-47, the Houghton women are now 2-1. The ball games so far have been too close for Coach Curry who set a new college record Saturday, eating three and a half packs of Roloids.

Leading the team in scoring and rebounding was team captain Jodi Carlson with 15 points and 9 rebounds. The scoring was evenly divided between four of the starters; Michelle Morris (12 points), Ndunge Kiiti (10 points), and Pat Cooney (10 points). Cathy Valotta had seven assists and four steals.

The women face a difficult week, playing away against Buff. State Tuesday night and away against Alfred Thursday night, finishing the week with a home game against arch-rival Roberts Wesleyan College Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Come catch the excitement!



"The Lotts have luck!"

Sticks under Fire

by Dave Morris

The first series of intramural sports for the 86-87 school year have come to an exciting conclusion under the leadership of Jan Kennedy and supervisor's Bill Bentley. Sally Gregory, Lisa McKinley, and Dave Morris. There were five fall sports: women's volleyball, men's soccer, co-ed flag football, co-ed floor hockey and men's floor hockey. These sports consisted of 38 teams with some 475 students, faculty and staff participating.

Two championships unreported up to now are co-ed floor hockey and women's volleyball. The co-ed floor hockey championship game found Dr. Young's "Universal Juveniles" meeting Bob Hill's determined "Restless Breed." For the "Juveniles," Nancy Ashworth scored early in the game, followed by two goals by Dave Morris. Jeff Fry closed the scoring for a 4-3 victory over "Restless Breed."

As for women's volleyball, the "She-Boppers" lead by Professor

Crider, Vicky DeFilippo, Faith Spurrier, Vanessa Finnis, L. Domrowski, and a host of others played a super game in winning the first and third games for the championship. The "Old-Fourth Mainers" played all three games very close, just losing the first, winning the second and losing in the final game by a 15-12 score.

Professor Crider promised earlier in the semester that her team would win the championship, and with an undefeated season "they did it."

Intramurals Fire Up

by Annie Lennox

It was no leisurely game of floor hockey played on November 20, at 10:00 p.m. Crowds lined the railing above the gym to see the men's floor hockey championship game between Bob Hill's "Black Dog" and Randy Duttweiler's "So What If We Lose," which proved to be the most exciting game of the season.

With Vinnie Coniglio in the goal for "BD" and Tim Swauger as keeper for "SWIWL," the teams were ready for action. A "BD" player took possession of the ball as the whistle blew and their team started out strong. "SWIWL" came out cautious offensively but soon matched the pace and played shot for shot with the other team. The ball was played evenly in both ends of the court with neither offense penetrating the goal until "BD" player Jeff Fry, assisted by Brent

Poley, scored with 8:49 left in the first half. "SWIWL" fought to even the score and did with 5:46 on the clock as a perfectly executed slapshot from Paul Beyer found the back of the net. Possession continued to switch from one offense to the other until there was 2:49 left in the half and "BD" sent a powerful Pete Anderson shot past the defense and into the cage.

With the fans yelling for their favorite teams, the second half began as intense as the first ended. Approximately five minutes into the second half, Beyer scored his second goal of the evening but before he could say "Pavlechiek," "BD" player Poley pulled the game back into their favor with another goal, bringing the crowd to their feet. Beyer, with the help of his teammates, answered with his third goal, the game's only hat-trick, sending both teams into a

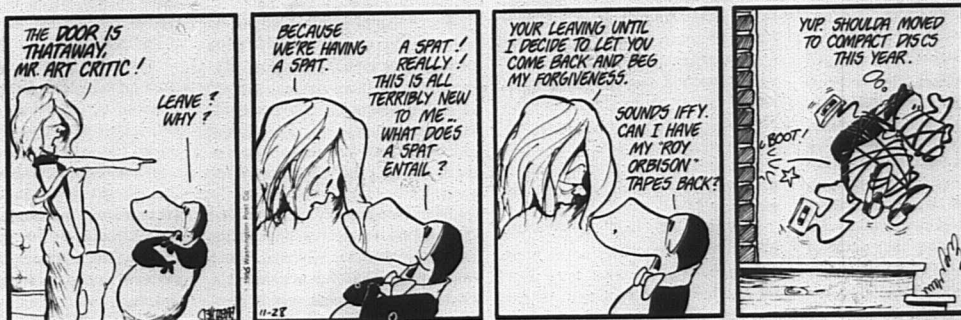
frenzy. As the game intensified, the teams played more aggressively and physically, several "BD" players taking turns in the penalty box.

With the score tied at 3-3, both teams played at breakneck level. The "BD" offensive line of Hill, Poley, and Fry attacking the "SWIWL" defense, and the "SWIWL" offensive team of Mikal Rann Klev, Beyer, and Jim Harmon bringing the ball down to the "BD" defense, were relentless. The teams were playing neck and neck in skill and intensity, giving both goalies a tough workout.

The tie-breaking goal, scored from the point by "SWIWL" defenseman Jens Beck, with 5:53 left in the game, had championship written all over it as the "BD" team battled unsuccessfully the remainder of the game to score once more.

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



Opinion

More Flack From Women

To the editor;

Why is it that you continue to print quotes that suggest the inferiority of women? "Frailty, thy name is woman." (Nov. 21 *Star*) certainly doesn't connote a positive image of women. It instead suggests that we are wimpy and weak. If this quote, or any other previous quote, similar in content, is not supposed to convey this sort of message, you have confused a lot of students. Do you not have better material to print? Couldn't that space be used in a more constructive way?

Also, why is it that you don't print Bible verses in the *Star*? The Houghton *Star* is a Christian newspaper, correct? It would be a nice addition to the *Star* and I think it would build up people a lot better than some of the quotes you use to fill that space. Please consider this suggestion.

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion.

Sincerely,
Kris Olsson

Here's the Beef

Dear Editor,

I have a beef. Last Monday night the men's basketball team played Brockport College in the Houghton gym. Much to my dismay there was only 150 students in attendance. This is disgusting. We are a school of 1200 students. Only 150 students have the interest in supporting our school and basketball team?

Well, I feel sorry for our student body. Especially those who did not attend the thriller overtime win of our team. Not only was it exciting for our players, but the electricity displayed by the fans was, I feel, an integral part of the Highlander win. I see little excuse for any student not attending. You may say, "But I have exams coming up," or "I had a paper due." Well maybe you should think about the sacrifice the players

make in order to represent our school and Christ. You can't take two hours out on a Monday night to support your school and the players on our squad? But you can take two hours to listen to tunes, watch the *Cosby Show*, or go to Big Al's for wings?

I would also like to express my feelings about our 1986-87 basketball team. You guys are a great representation of our school and Christ on the court. Thank you Coach Brooks for your spiritual and athletic leadership you've attributed to the program this year. We have a bunch of over-achievers on the team and we never give up. For example, with 20 second we were down and it looked like it was curtains for the Highlanders, but our scrappy bunch of hustlers never said die. They fought back, put the game into overtime, and then took the game for the victory.

Well that's my beef and all I can say is that I expect to see at least 500 students at the next game. Join me and the Houghton Zoo in cheers and jeers. The next game is tomorrow night against Roberts, our arch-rivals. The Houghton Zoo will be painting our faces. Look for details where the pre-game face-painting will take place.

Let's get out and support our school and the great bunch of guys on the Houghton men's basketball team.

Disgusted yet hopeful,
FRIDGE

Caccia Hits Horne

Dear editor,

I would like to respond to a letter by Mark Horne, particularly to his comments on music. I suppose that his criticisms about the speaker are fair, that it is wrong to condemn something just because you associate it with past sins. However, I am unconvinced that the refutation of the speaker's argument vindicates the act of consuming any message that accompanies a song. I refer to Philipians 4:8, "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things." It seems clear that this tells us to let our minds dwell only on thoughts that

can be characterized by this passage.

I suppose that I should qualify this point before someone misinterprets me. I am not promoting censorship of thoughts that consider things that are uncharacteristic of the descriptions in the Philipians passage.

It is obvious that this is not what Paul intended. If he had considered these guides to limit all thinking, then he could not have written about evil men who opposed the gospel, Philipians 3:18,19, because he would have had to consider their words, which were untrue, which is uncharacteristic of the descriptions that he gives in Philipians 4:8.

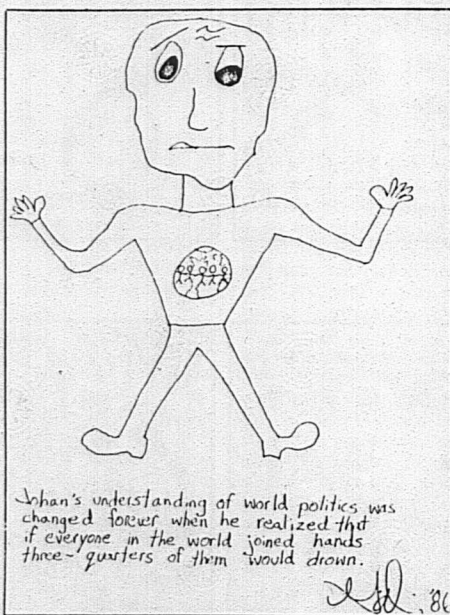
I think that a qualitative distinction must be made between the notion of considering something, and that of letting your mind dwell on something. I would have to say that letting your mind dwell on something is to allow that thought or idea to influence your unconscious response mechanisms and attitudes. By the term influence, I mean that it alters one's behavior patterns and attitudes even if only in degree.

Assuming that you accept what I have said so far, the next question is, "How does this apply to music?" I must argue that if one listens often to a song, that the tune and lyrics will be absorbed by the mind. As my own experience indicates, the words that belong to a song which I enjoy, will run through my head. If I have chosen to listen to a song and its words are in my mind, then it seems reasonable to me that this state is equivalent to dwelling upon the lyrics of the song.

I suppose that the conclusion is obvious, but here it is anyway. If you believe that the Bible is true, and if you want to obey its truth, including the Philipians passage, and if your mind dwells upon the messages of songs to which you listen, then you will want to listen only to songs that cause your mind to dwell on things which are compatible with the characteristics described in the Philipians passage.

Sincerely,
David C. Caccia

P.S. — Please don't read more into my article than I wrote. I am not necessarily condemning all or any Led Zeppelin songs because I do not know about what they sing. Neither am I throwing out all songs by non-Christians and accepting all songs by Christians. Each work must be considered separately.



Paine Questions Bloom

Dear Editor:

How important is it to a Christian college to have in its campus paper the "humor" that Bloom County provides? Sure, there's some cute-

ness about some of the characters Breathed has deployed, but what is funny about some of the antics he pulls them through — like getting soused, and "scream(ing) vulgarities at women," or the character with the inevitable fag hanging out of his mouth who defends murderers and child abusers and considers turning to pimping? And the list could go on.

The Bible calls those who laugh at sinful things "fools" (Prov. 14:9, AV). Apparently not many are aware of this fact — although you might be surprised at the number of your readers who instinctively would like it better if your comic page were

cleaner.

There is a more subtle effect being accomplished by this sort of garbage, even in those who resist it. A certain tolerance is being built up in the person who is merely passively resistive. After a time one finds that their mind is being invaded gradually by ideas which at one time were repulsive.

God certainly does not think that sin is funny. Can He be pleased at all with the work of a cartoonist that portrays any phase of it as funny?

Respectfully yours,
S. Hugh Paine



What Do You Think?

The following survey is being conducted by the Star staff to help us determine how well we are serving the college community and what we can do to better serve the college community. Please answer the poll as honestly as possible by circling your answer to the question (where applicable). Return the survey form to the box at the bottom of the Campus Center stairs, or mail it intra-campus to The Houghton Star.

1. What is your sex?
A. Male
B. Female
2. Which category do you belong to?
A. Freshmen
B. Sophomore
C. Junior
D. Senior
E. Faculty
F. Other
3. What section do you read first?
A. Editorial
B. News
C. Sports
D. Arts
E. Opinion
F. Bloom County
G. Classifieds
H. Campus Camera
4. What sections do you not read?
A. Editorial
B. News
C. Sports
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H. Campus Camera
5. In general I
A. Agree with the editorial
B. Disagree with the editorial
C. Do not read the editorial
6. I think the editorials are
A. Well written
B. Average
C. Poorly Written
7. Which editorial did you like most?
A. Must Tragedy Come for us to be unified
B. Paid for with Blood
C. Why be Merely Harmless
D. Singin' in the Rain
E. Equality no way, Women are Superior

- F. World-Wide Evangelism Runs Amuck
- G. Balancing Christian Roots
- H. Let Us Seek Peace

8. Which editorial did you like least?

- A. Must Tragedy Come for us to be Unified
- B. Paid for with Blood
- C. Why be Merely Harmless
- D. Singin' in the Rain
- E. Equality no way, Women are Superior
- F. World-Wide Evangelism Runs Amuck
- G. Balancing Christian Roots
- H. Let Us Seek Peace

9. What suggestions do you have for future editorial topics? for the style of the editorials?

10. The news coverage is

- A. Excellent
- B. Good
- C. Fair
- D. Poor

11. The Arts page is

- A. Excellent
- B. Good
- C. Fair
- D. Poor

12. The Sports page is

- A. Excellent
- B. Good
- C. Fair
- D. Poor

13. What do you think of Bloom County?

- A. Enjoy it immensely
- B. Enjoy it
- C. It is okay
- D. Dislike
- E. Offended by

14. In general, I would rate the Star this semester

- A. Excellent
- B. Good
- C. Fair
- D. Poor

15. The main weakness of the Star is

16. The main strength of the Star is

17. Comments

Campus Camera

Linda Hess

***Would Santa say that
you have been naughty
or nice this past year?***



Deb Carrier
Senior

He'd think I was naughty
because I am a deviant.



**Charlotte Smith,
Melissa Roberts,
Karen Entingh,**
Assorted

"Definitely nice — we delivered a
very special gift to a friend of ours
... Merry Christmas."



Brent Speicher
Sophomore

"Probably nice. I have been a good
little boy, or at least I have tried to
be a good little boy."



Paul Fancher
Junior

"Pops would say that I'm naughty
— the long hair thing bothers
him."



Stuart Fletcher
Senior

"He would think I was nice
because I do my homework."



Santa Convict

"Incredibly naughty. Last year on
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Monsieur Haggerty & Rogers:
Merci beaucoup to the two
neatest "frosh" on campus. Don't
forget to write! Salut.

--"Heartbreaker"

"Oh Tee Blip" to all you Chinese
McDonald fans!

DON'T MISS WJSL's "Crazy Christmas Kick-Off" featuring some of the expected and unexpected in Christmas songs. On Monday, December 15, join Rockin' Rudolf, seven to midnight, for an earful of excitement. Tune in to WJSL, 90.3 FM.

To Signed?

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E.G.

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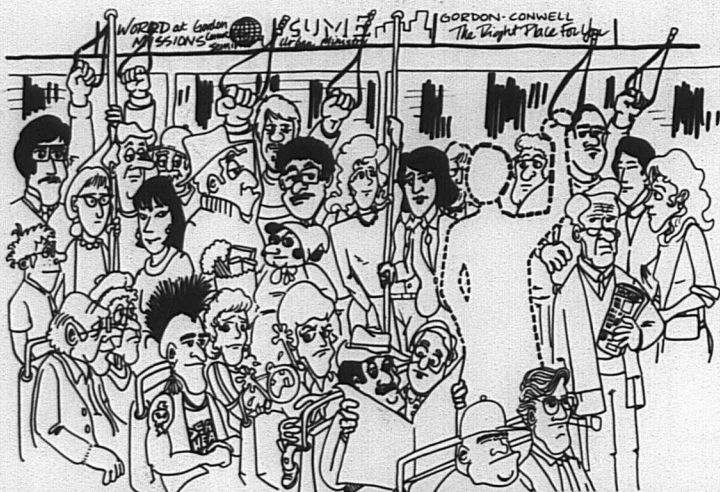
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