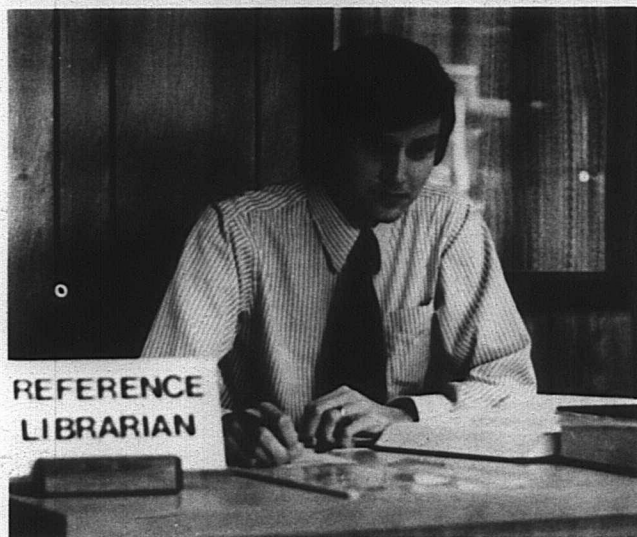


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## College Library Hires Donald Dilmore To be Reference Room Librarian

by Rich Wright

The Willard Houghton Library recently hired its first "Reference Librarian."

Mr. Donald Dilmore comes to Houghton via King's College in Briarcliffe Manor, where he spent two years as a Technical Services Librarian. He also served as a Reference Librarian at Cambsville College in Kentucky. Mr. Dilmore completed his B.A. in literature at Wheaton College and his M.A. in library science at Rutgers University with an emphasis in library administration. Mrs. Dilmore, known as "Mim", also a Wheaton grad, assists Drs. Ross and Schroer in the Career Development Office.

There are two types of librarians—technical services librarians and reference librarians. The former takes care of most of the technical aspects of library science, such as the cataloging of books. A reference librarian, however, is more of a "people person." He teaches people how to effectively use the library. A reference librarian is not a luxury but a necessity. Most college libraries the size of Houghton's have a reference librarian.

Research is the main purpose of any college library—examining the thoughts of others on various subjects and comparing and contrasting these thoughts on our own. And research is Mr. Dilmore's specialty. All he needs to know is the topic(s) a student is interested in researching. Then he can begin the process of finding the student exactly what he needs.

Mr. Dilmore pointed out several important research tools. For instance the vertical file, which indexes all of the library's books and periodicals, will solve many research problems. Mr. Dilmore spent the majority of his summer familiarizing himself with the contents of this file.

He would also like the students to take advantage of the microfilm readers. The library has an extensive volume of periodicals such as *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal* on microfilm. Issues of the *Times* date back to the 1860's, and subject indexes are available. "I'd be happy to teach anyone who wants to learn how to use the machines," says Mr. Dilmore.

In addition, the reference librarian runs the inter-library-loan program. Dilmore notes: "If students can't find the materials they need here at Houghton, we can send off to other libraries, across the country if necessary, and obtain the materials they need on a loan basis for a two or three week period."

This winter the library is expecting a new computer. This will make the researching process even easier. Mr. Dilmore will travel to New York City in January to learn how to operate the new machine. The computer will contain many indexes to books and periodicals not available in the Library's present terminal. Dilmore explains: "Let's say, for example, that you have to do a paper on the effects of Calcium on tumors. You would simply punch those two subjects—Calcium and tumors—into the computer, and in a matter of seconds a print-out will be sent back containing all available information on the subject in terms of books, periodicals, microfilm, etc."

It's helping people in their researching tasks through these various means that Mr. Dilmore enjoys most. His job does involve, however, less enjoyable tasks. "I've had to tell a lot of people to be quiet. I don't want to give them the impression that that's my sole occupation, but I feel that my job here is to help people get the most out of their studies while they're at Houghton, and I'll do anything I

## Weekend Homecoming Activities Emphasize "Tropical Serenade"

by Adele Anderson

This weekend, the blazing oaks of Houghton College will transform to swaying palms. The McMillian plaid will become a grass skirt. Houghton campus will become a tropical paradise. This year's co-chairmen Shirley Anderson and Susan Gaczewski present Homecoming 1979: "A Tropical Serenade."

Today's Founder's Day Chapel initiated the events of this October weekend. Carrying the mace, Dr. Stockin led professors donned in academic robes in this traditional procession.

Friday evening, a student buffet

dinner emphasizing the tropical serenade theme begins at 5:00.

The Homecoming Parade, another Houghton tradition, starting at 12:30, features the four class floats, led by the Grand Marshal, Dr. Stockin.

Judges for the parade will be Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Barcus, Dr. Bailey, Mr. Halberg, Mr. Sellers, and Mr. Rownd.

Immediately following the parade, at approximately 1:00, will be the coronation of the Homecoming Queen. Linda Chaffee, Cindy Martin and Lesley Pryske vie for this title. Their escorts will be Richard Skiff, Wayne Miles, and Robert Tice (respectively). The Junior attendants, Rozanne Wolf, and Ellen Rorvik are to be escorted by Steve Strand and Douglas Roorbach. Escorts for the Sophomore attendants, Marth Manikas and Heidi Pollack are David Tietje and Bernie Decker. The Freshman attendants, Jeannine Sanson and Dorothy Hostetter will be escorted by Perry Bradstreet and David Polizzi.

The Gregg Smith Singers, performers for tonight's Artist Series, are billed as a group of "talented young singers of international reputation." This concert starts at 8:00 in Wesley Chapel.

On Saturday, the J.V. vs. Alumni

soccer game kicks off the Homecoming events at 9:30 a.m. on Stebbins Field. At 10:00, the Woman's Volleyball team battles against Oswego at the Academy gym.

Later, at 2:00, the Houghton Varsity Soccer team competes against the University of Buffalo. The team has yet to be defeated on the home field.

Saturday evening, to round off the day, "The Dove" will be shown at 9:00 in Wesley Chapel, followed by a Senate Spot.

An additional schedule slated for the alumni is as follows: Friday: alumni are free to visit classes; the College Choir welcomes all former members to join their rehearsal at 2:15 p.m.; the Founder's Fellowship Dinner will begin at 6:00 in the Trustees Dining Room. The additional schedule for Saturday is: the Alumni Award Reception for Alumnus of the Year, to be held at 4:00 p.m.; and the Alumni Banquet which will start at 6:00 in the Campus Center Dining Room.

Shirley and Susan say "Thank you" to: Paula Cool, for her work on the posters and programs; and to Mrs. Alderman, Bareiss, Dilmore, Johnson, Lawson, Miller, Saufley, Tromble, and Tucker, for making the Homecoming Court's dresses.

## Profs. Arnold and Elizabeth Cook Complete New Zealand Sabbatical

by Glenn Thibault

With definite goals and many plans, Professors Arnold and Elizabeth Cook left on sabbatical the second semester of last year. The Cooks traveled to New Zealand, each conducting research in their respective fields of study.

"Our purposes in going were quite different between the two of us," said Mr. Cook, "and yet we were able to combine both sets of interests in the things that we were doing."

Mr. Cook, head of the Business Administration and Economics Department, was interested in the attitudes of the people of New Zealand toward work. New Zealand has many social programs which require high taxes. Mr. Cook explored whether or not the programs make New Zealanders better, more productive workers.

The small size of New Zealand allowed him to get a good cross-section of opinion from the entire country, which would be nearly impossible to do in three months in the United States.

Mr. Cook confirmed the conclusions he formed by talking to the U.S. ambassador to New Zealand, government officials, and academicians.

Mrs. Cook, Assistant Professor of Biology, was interested mainly in the botany of New Zealand. Due to the isolation of these islands (1500 miles east of Australia in the South Pacific), about 2500 of the flora were unique.

The flora ranged from 50 ft. tall tree ferns to very tiny Alpine bog plants. Mrs. Cook was especially interested in Alpine flora, ferns, and orchids. She took extensive slides, which she will be using in her teaching.

Probably the most interesting habitats she studied, said Mrs. Cook, were the cushion bogs in the mountains, the tussock grasslands, and the broad-leaved, non-deciduous forests. Another very interesting thing was the young geological age of the mountains (and the lack of humus), because of volcanic activity.

The Cooks travelled extensively throughout New Zealand. They camped in a tent and hiked much of the time. This non-tourist approach—hiking to areas of botanical interest, and sleeping in sleeping bags—enabled Mr. Cook to hold open conversations and get the information and candid answers he needed, from the many

people they came in contact with in the camping areas. (If he had gone door to door, on the other hand, he may not have gotten such open, candid answers).

Since their sabbatical, the Cooks have been asked to speak to several types of groups on different phases of their trip. Mr. Cook hopes to make people in this country aware of what he thinks are the wrong directions they are going in in this country (such as socialized medicine), so that we do not make same mistakes that have been made in New Zealand.

The Cooks also wanted to know more about the spiritual life of the New Zealanders. In such a beautiful country, where God can be seen everywhere, less than three per cent attend church regularly.

At present, every so many years (at least seven), faculty members have the privilege of applying for a sabbatical. In New Zealand, faculty are required to leave the country for a sabbatical every five years. Because of the isolation of New Zealand, universities feel they need to do this to keep up to date. Both Cooks had a very rewarding trip.



# Editorial

Last Saturday, I sat in the library of a nearby college, watching a slow stream of adults (forty-ish I'd guess) amble down the aisle near my carrel.

A student from the next desk commented, "I guess this is Alumni Weekend."

"You guess?" I couldn't help think, "We make a big deal of Homecoming at Houghton. Parades with floats, big games, banquets, concerts. It's old home time to see good friends!"

Alumni Weekend just didn't seem to be much of an event at that college.

I noticed though, that the alumni I saw had dressed for the occasion.

One couple particularly impressed me. Had the man been a Houghton alum; I'd have expected him to reach into his camel-colored ultra-suede sport coat, pull out a check book, and say, "Here's a few million, kids. Go build yourselves a gym. Oh, and don't forget to name it for me."

These two were pictures of success. They even walked proudly. They'd come far since college days. Their alma mater must have been glad to see them.

Just before I lost sight of them, I noticed a flaw in the picture. The woman's blazer lining dangled beneath its hemline.

Immediately my imagination switched gears and I wondered how many hours she had worried over what to wear for Alumni Weekend. The image she'd taken such care to achieve was ripped apart by a polyester lining.

We don't bother to fabricate such images, of course. Christians shouldn't even measure success in the same way. But, we, like they, must be careful to be consistent, even on Homecoming Weekend.

Kay E. Hendron

## Artist Series Review:

### United States Marine Band

by Roderic Hutton

On Friday, Sept. 28, the 1979 Artist Series got off to a flashy start as the United States Marine Band delighted a large and responsive audience through a blend of military glitter and exceptional musicianship. Major John Bourgeois led a highly polished, though occasionally over zealous, troupe in an ambitiously varied concert of medleys, transcriptions of keyboard works, opera excerpts, assorted short works, and, of course, marche.

The technical skill of the individual musicians was above criticism, but they looked beyond their individual talent to focus on producing a unified sound, both within and between instrumental parts. The only difference arose in achieving a balance of power between parts, an especially ferocious percussion section staged a power struggle for control of the louder works.

In the first half of the program, the Marines launched a series of campaigns on predominantly foreign music. After the national anthem and an inspiring march, the band made war on Bach's "Tocatta and Fugue in D minor." They defeated it soundly. This powerful work, originally written for organ, proved cumbersome for a large instrumental ensemble. The band smothered the intricacies of the Baroque style under a relentless mass of sound. The "Second Polonaise" of Franz Liszt enjoyed more success. This piano work suffered surprisingly little in its transcription for band, and the Marines convincingly depicted the tempestuous nature of the piece. The first half also featured two soloists: Frederic Erdman, a cornet player who, by his virtuosity, makes up for what he lacks in stage presence; and Merlin Petroff, clarinetist.

The second half was mostly lighter music: "Second Regiment Connecticut National Guard March," "An American Pageant," a warmly played and warmly received medley of patriotic tunes; the "William Tell Overture;" and the obligatory Sousa, this time a light-hearted suite called "Looking Upward."

The only vocal music on the program was "Avant de quitter ces lieux" from Gounod's "Faust," featuring over-worked baritone Michael Ryan, who doubled as announcer. Mr. Ryan fought a valiant battle against the band, but was hopelessly outnumbered and quickly overpowered. But in an encore, "Sunrise, Sunset" from *Fiddler on the Roof*, Mr. Ryan, accompanied only by a harp, proved

that he is in fact a rich and sensitive baritone.

Throughout the concert, the Marine Band conveyed showiness without being gaudy, drawing attention to themselves, but never at the expense of the music. Displaying appropriately military precision and unity, the United States Marine Band convinced this reviewer that they are second in command to no one.



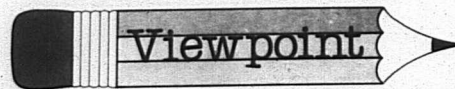
## Baxter Shows Ceramics At Annual Crafts Show

Mr. Gary Baxter, who began teaching ceramics at Houghton this fall, is participating in the 4th annual Maple-Leaf-Viewing-Time arts and crafts show.

The show is at Letchworth State Park's Trillside recreation area on Sunday and Monday, October 7 and 8, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Arts Council for Wyoming County sponsors the show free of charge. Park admission, however,

is \$1.50 per car.

Mr. Baxter is only one of over 70 area artists and craftspeople who will be in the show. Baxter has studied at Brockport and Syracuse, and now lives in Castile. He works in a studio he built for himself that overlooks Silver Lake. Earlier this year, Baxter took first place in clay at the Rochester Curbstone Craft Show.



## Gao Guys Share their Dorm

Dear Kay,

At the top of Genesee St. hill stands an unsightly edifice called Gaoyadeo Dormitory. Built near the turn of the century, Gaoyadeo presently houses about 125 students, at least four rats, one snake, two entire populations of house flies, and several bees' nests. Unaffectionally referred to as 'Gao' by members of the Houghton community, this eyesore has served for nearly eighty years as a reminder that such poorly designed, haphazardly maintained, and inefficiently organized fire traps are definitely inhabitable.

In spite of repeated protests by upset students, parents, faculty, and dorm staff members, Gao has continued to deteriorate over the years. Dirt and dust fill every corner, while broken coat hooks decorate the hallways. Holes from last year still remain in the plaster walls. The bathrooms enjoy a reputation of being the worst on campus. For

example, one toilet remained clogged for two weeks, continually overflowing and leaking into the shower on the floor beneath it. A guest vomitted in the visitor's restroom, and the mess remained on the floor for four days. Half of Fancher Hall is piled in the basement in the form of a mountainous stack of nail-filled boards, which now serves as a breeding ground for rats.

Numberous complaints finally effected some action. The bathrooms are now cleaned irregularly, the hallways swept sporadically, and the stairways mopped once in a while. The main-

tenance department dutifully promised to install screens in the windows in a few months, or whenever it has time—whichever comes first. An administrator personally visited the dorm, but seemed to be more concerned about a neon sign in a window than the filth everywhere.

Yes, let it be known that, not only is Gao a mess, but nothing is being done about it. I urge Beaver Perkins, Dean Massey, Larry Whitehead, and whomever else it may or may not concern to do all in their power to clean up this atrocity.

Sincerely,  
Paul Miller

## Hospitality or Disappointment?

Dear Kay,

A number of students have on occasion, expressed discontent at the lack of opportunity for student interaction with faculty, staff, and other residents of Houghton. However, "Hospitality Night" found many householders waiting in the chapel or their homes for students to arrive. In many cases refreshments were prepared. The result for some was that their guests ignored the invitation and refused them the courtesy of a reply which had been requested.

While many are working to build bridges of communication, love, and caring throughout Houghton in the name of our Lord, it is disappointing to see some of my peers, through neglect and apparent lack of interest, damaging groundwork which is being laid. Respect is a mutual responsibility. Some foundations are yet weak, and need strengthening with the courtesy, concern, and sensitivity which the Holy Spirit makes available.

In love,  
Jeanette Baust

## Award-Winning Novelist Lectures Monday Night

Novelist Shirley Nelson will lecture and read from her award winning novel, *The Last Year of the War* on Monday night at 8:00 PM in Fancher Auditorium. Mrs. Nelson won the Harper-Saxton Fellowship for her novel, which was subsequently published in hardback and then in paperback by Harper and Row, Inc.

Mrs. Nelson resides in Albany where her husband is a professor at SUNY Albany. She is the mother of two college age children and spends most of her time on her own

writing projects. She is a member of Poets and Writers Inc., a NY state fellowship which supports the arts.

Technical and artistic excellence in writing and the relationship of that excellence to a Christian world view will comprise a portion of Mrs. Nelson's remarks Monday evening. She says it will be helpful if her audience has read her book in advance. Bookstore manager, Allen Yanda, says there are several copies still available in the bookstore.

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## Ropes Course Offers Stress Training As Students Caren Across Zip Line



Becky Marshall climbs to new heights.

by Bob Avery

What swings gracefully from tree to tree, leaps from platform to platform high above the ground, and flies effortlessly through the air? No, it isn't some forest creature. It's not Tarzan, either. It is the average student involved in training on the Initiatives course, or "ropes course" as it is more commonly known.

Located on the hill above the ski slope, this course consists of 39 ini-

tiatives designed to foster growth and self-confidence in those negotiating the initiatives.

Based on the premise that when placed in a stress situation, a person will meet the challenge, and thereby grow, the course is set on two levels; the low initiatives that emphasize group involvement, and the high level or individual initiatives.

On the high initiatives, safety is emphasized and belay equipment

is used at all times. These initiatives range from the Pamper pole (swinging from one platform to another on a trapeze, 30 feet above the ground) to the Zip line (350 feet of steel cable suspended across a ravine that one slides down on a trolley).

Originating from hopes of Coach Burke and Mrs. Nielson, the course was designed and built by Ascend, Inc. of Western Pennsylvania. Karen Futo, a member of Ascend here now as instructor for the course (and full-time student, too!), explains that Ascend is a Christian organization whose goal is to teach discipleship through the medium of Wilderness Stress camping. The cost of the three week construction project was funded by BOCES of New York State, as an experimental project of psychological stress training.

Various groups have already undergone the course, including the soccer and field hockey teams, the freshman Highlander program, the residence hall staffs, and several of the P.E. and Psych courses. The general reaction of those going through has been one of amazement at doing things they never felt possible, of feeling more self-confident about facing new situations. Many of the groups have grown much closer through working together, and supporting each other on the course.

When asked what she would most like to convey about the course, Ms. Futo said, "Take the initiative, get involved with this project." Seeing the effect that this new element of life has already had on Houghton, one must agree that it can be counted as a definite addition to the school.

## Highlander Spikers Bow to Competition

by Robbie Robinson

Women's Volleyball season began Sept. 19 after two and a half weeks of practice and drills. Wednesday evening, the team played their first game against St. John Fisher, one of the toughest teams of the season. The starting line-up was Polly Jennejahn, Rosemary Essepian, Joy Ellis, Cindy Rudes, Carol Corser and Debbie Price. Mindy Robbins was forced to be a spectator due to a broken finger. Unfortunately, the match was strongly dominated and won by the St. John Fisher team, but it was not a total loss as the girls realized the need to work together more on the court.

Saturday, Sept. 22 was a day filled with bumping, setting, and spiking at Nazareth. The girls played nine games, including a match with Niagara in which they fought a tight battle but still came up short, and six scrimmages against Union, Nazareth, and Alfred Tech. They won one game and lost quite a few by two or three points.

At the University of Rochester, Mindy was back on the court and Houghton's team was ready to play. They won the first game 15-10, but after three more stiff games which they played with vigor and control, they lost the match to Rochester.

Thursday's double match against Behrend and Fredonia began poorly. Behrend had a good lead of 14-2 in the first game, but

Houghton held them from getting the final with some good serves and returns until the score became 15-9 with Behrend still on top. Behrend won the second game by two points. The Fredonia match was not as close. With the final scores of Houghton-11, Fredonia-

15, and Houghton-6, Fredonia-15, the team still played well.

There many new players on the team this year working hard in practices and supporting each game. The next match is to be played is Wednesday, October 3 at the Academy.

## Soccermen Preserve Winning Season Record

by Scott Meyers

The Houghton soccer men raised their winning record last week to seven wins, no losses, and one tie.

A bewildered Houghton varsity soccer team sneaked a 3-2 victory past host St. John Fisher Wednesday, September 26.

From the opening whistle St. John played a rough brand of Rochester ball that more resembled rugby without scrums than soccer. The officials' allowance of Fisher's rough play confused the more skilled Houghton style of play and the Highlanders were stymied at halftime with a 0-0 deadlock.

Steve Burke, able to perform well under any conditions, scored three second half goals, mostly by determination and individual effort.

With a 3-0 lead well into the second half, Houghton tried to sit back and weather out the St John Fisher offense.

St. John Fisher had other plans, though, and stormed through a disoriented Houghton defense, find-

ing the back of the Highlander's net twice within four minutes.

The purple and gold found themselves looking at a 3-2 game situation with around 20 minutes of play remaining. Finally the team pulled together, mounted a light offense for the remainder of the game and took home a victory.

The Highlander's redeemed themselves after Wednesday's low by playing an excellent Saturday home match versus Behrend on September 29. Both teams were well skilled but Houghton dominated the game with the most play occurring on Behrend's defensive half.

The question of scoring Saturday was not "if" but "how many" and "when". Doug Johnson answered in the second half with the Highlander's only goal prompted by a Steve Burke assist. The narrow 1-0 score belies Houghton's control of the game.

Recently released NAIA standings have the Highlanders ranked sixth in the nation!

## National and International Soviet Troops in Cuba: A Crisis?

by Ed Zehner and Susan Facer

"October Crises was a tragedy. This is a comedy," said Fidel Castro. He was referring to the impasse that the United States and the Soviet Union had reached over the stationing of some 3,000 Soviet troops in Cuba.

He was not the first to compare the current situation with the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962.

Are such comparisons accurate? What caused the present crisis? Is a crisis atmosphere justified?

In order to put the present events into proper context, we examined past US-Cuban relations. We found in the *Political Handbook of the World: 1975* that "Relations with the United States deteriorated rapidly as a result of Castro's strident anti-Americanism, culminating in October 1960, with the expropriation of all US business interests in Cuba. The United States responded by severing diplomatic relations, imposing a trade embargo, and, in April 1961, supporting an ill-fated invasion by anti-Castro Cuban exiles (The Bay of Pigs)."

"Concurrent with the decline in US-Cuban relations, Castro cultivated increasingly close ties with the Communist countries, particularly the Soviet Union, whose emplacement of offensive missiles in Cuba precipitated in the US-Soviet missile confrontation of October 1962." The Crisis was resolved when the Soviet Union agreed to remove the missiles if the United States pledged not to invade Cuba. The United States, at that time, made no stipulations regarding Soviet ground troops in Cuba. However, the Soviets did withdraw most of their 20,000 troops.

Intelligence personnel state that there have been at least 20,000 troops in Cuba since the early 1960's.

Several years ago, intelligence began picking up references to those troops as a brigade, but officials did not consider the information important. When, in August of this year, a US satellite supposedly photographed a Soviet brigade on maneuvers in Cuba with armored equipment, officials concluded that the Soviet troops were combat troops.

Meanwhile, back in Idaho, Senator Frank Church, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was facing a difficult re-election campaign. The conservative groups opposing him attacked his support of the Panama Canal and SALT II Treaties, his early opposition to the Viet Nam War, and his relatively friendly stance toward Cuba.

He struck back at his home in Boise, when he announced the presence of the Soviet troops and warned that the Senate would not ratify SALT II unless the troops left. "Russian troops do not belong in Cuba," he asserted. "The president must make it clear, we draw the line on Russian penetration of this hemisphere."

Church's opponents denounced the press conference as politically motivated, but the press and the Senate followed up on the issue. The Senate Foreign Relations committee conducted special hearings, as Senator Scoop Jackson accused the Soviets of building a "Fortress Cuba", "a major change in what the Soviets and Cubans believe they can get away with in this part of the world." Several Senators announced they would vote against the SALT II Treaty.

The Carter administration was forced to respond. They asked the Soviet Union for a full explanation of the presence of the troops. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance called for withdrawal, terming the presence of the troops "a serious matter." He said he would "not be satisfied with maintenance of the status quo."

The Soviets replied several days later in Pravda, stating that the troops were in Cuba solely for training purposes, they had been in Cuba without changing in size and function for the past seventeen years, and they would stay there. They were not "organized Soviet combat units," claimed the paper.

Meanwhile, some analysts criticized Carter's administration for over-reacting.

"How could Secretary Vance declare that the status quo would be unacceptable for the US when, according to his own admission, he was in the process of trying to find out from the Soviets exactly what the status quo was? Asked Dimitiri Simes of the Georgetown University Center for Strategic International Studies.

Queried an intelligence official, "If Carter has some good, solid information that anything really has changed in Cuba, then why doesn't he come up with it?" Carter has yet to produce the photographs that supposedly show troops on maneuver.

But the "mini-crisis," as the Soviets termed it, refused to go away. Both sides had adopted set positions and refused to budge from them. They conducted diplomatic negotiations in secret for three weeks.

Last weekend Cuban President Fidel Castro spoke at a special news conference and on CBS's 60 Minutes. "A crisis has been artificially created," he charged. The Soviet "training unit" had been "established back in 1962 in the spirit of the October Crisis...Neither in nature, or in numbers, or in any way has the unit changed."

Castro accused Carter of engaging in "deceit...to try to make the US public believe that the nature of the Soviet presence has changed," although he was careful not to deny that the troops were "combat capable."

Obviously agitated and forgetting to stop for his interpreter (rare for a man with his experience), he accused the US of meddling in Cuban affairs. "We are a sovereign country. The United

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## Cuba Crisis, Continued

States has no jurisdiction over Cuba, and has no right to tell us what to do...Cuba has the right to have the troops of another country to assist it with its defense...What the United States should do is not to create a crisis without any legal or moral basis."

In a televised speech Monday night, Carter announced officially that he would beef up US forces in the Caribbean, and that he was setting up a special command for the area.

Countered Castro in advance, "We will not allow ourselves to be intimidated, nor will we be nervous." He suggested that the US "respect Cuban rights," evacuate its Cuban base at Guantanamo Bay, and end its economic warfare with Cuba. He said he was willing to make a contract or his representative, but only if Carter made the first move. (Carter ignored that offer in his speech Monday night.)

Carter had "invented" the crisis, claimed Castro, in an attempt to sabotage the non-aligned nations summit that met in Cuba in September. At that conference Castro had unsuccessfully tried to swing the non-aligned movement into the Soviet camp. He claimed that Carter was trying to use the "crisis" to reverse the slide of his political fortunes in the United States."

Things are not as clear-cut as Castro tried to make them seem, but he may have been close to the truth. Carter has certainly had problems with Congress and the polls recently. It is hardly surprising that the furor that arose in Senate over the Soviet brigade pressured him into taking a hard-line stand.

But Carter may have been motivated by more than the political need to take a stand against Soviet military activities.

Carter's foreign relations intentionally or not has tended toward highly publicized summit meetings and clearly defined confrontations rather than quiet compromises. He has had a tendency to pick out individual issues and blow them out of proportion. He seems to suffer from a "Cubaphobia," partly brought on by the widespread use of Cuban troops in Africa, that led earlier to his unfounded accusations that Cuban troops had invaded Zaire and that they had played a major part in Nicaragua's revolution.

He seems to feel that in general when something goes wrong, he must do something to fix it, even though he may not have the tools to work with. To make matters worse for Carter, US relations with the other nations in general are the worst they have been in years.

Carter's lack of foreign policy tools was especially apparent Monday night. In a speech designed more to reassure the critics of SALT II than to announce his decisions, he said that the Soviets had promised not to increase the size or change the function of the unit in Cuba. He said the US would carefully monitor Soviet and Cuban activity in the Caribbean. Further, he said he was preparing the Armed Forces to better able to "respond" to any Soviet military threats in the Caribbean.

"We do not face any immediate concrete threat," said Carter, "but we do face a challenge to our determination." Carter was certainly determined, but the Soviet troops stayed in Cuba despite his efforts.

Carter tried to "save" the speech with an impassioned plea to the Senate to pass the SALT II Treaty, but the "status quo" has not changed in Cuba, and that is sure to hurt him politically.

The question remains: How did such a small issue get so big? 3,000 troops are certainly no threat to the US. 3,000 troops are certainly no threat to the 200,000 in the Cuban armed forces. They are no more threat than the 5,000 US troops in Turkey, the 38,000 in South Korea, or the 2,500 on Cuba itself are a threat to the Soviet Union.

The Soviet news organ *tass* complained of Carter's inconsistency in saying US troops stationed around the world were "part of a normal interrelationship between major powers" while Soviet troops in Cuba were an "exceptionally sensitive" issue.

Some suggest that the Soviet troops serve the same purpose as the American troops stationed in Germany: to serve as a tripwire guaranteeing massive reinforcements in the case of an invasion.

In any case, there is no logical explanation for Carter's refusal to deal with Cuba, which obviously asked for the troops in the first place. All the negotiations have been with the Soviets.

Carter might have achieved better results by simply letting the matter die and moving to improve relations with Cuba.

Cuba's economy and foreign policy has become increasingly dependent on the Soviet Union, and Cuba is not happy about it.

Time reports, "the Castro regime has been moving away from pure Communism and flirting with supply-and-demand economics.

economics. Castro has also dropped hints in recent months about resuming trade with the US, which had been an overpowering force in the Cuban economy until Washington imposed a total embargo in the early 1960's." In the late 1960's Cuba had been trying to follow an independent foreign policy, but the USSR delayed some oil shipments in 1968, and since then Cuba has followed the Soviet line.

By lifting economic sanctions, as Carter has suggested, the US might loosen the Soviet grip on Cuba. It is certain that the United States has gained little by antagonizing Cuba. We would have to swallow a lot of pride to do it, but we could gain a great deal by dropping our self-proclaimed image as policeman of the hemisphere and treating other nations as equals and potential friends.

We probably won't do anything like that for years. "Turning the other cheek" is heresy in international politics.

## Houghton Women Outrun Buff State

by Denise Woodin

Playing what right halfback Nancy Chrzan termed as their best game yet, the Field Hockey team trounced Buffalo State last week for their fourth victory. After their 2-0 win, with goals by Terry Allen and Tracy Brooks, a pleased Coach Wells brought the team back ice cream as congratulations.

The girls dominated Buffalo State throughout the game, scoring twice within five minutes in the second half. Although Buffalo's girls were big and rough, Houghton moved more quickly and made better passes. Because the ball traveled to her side of the field many times, right wing Tracy Brooks played more than usual in that game. Buffalo appeared to be less experienced as they faced their second opponent, compared to Houghton who had already sailed past four teams, only losing to one of them. In addition to regular practices every afternoon, the women's field hockey team runs 3.8 miles two days before each game, a stretch which includes the steep Centerville Road. With all this conditioning, team cooperation and superb playing, the girls should encounter little difficulty in continuing their winning streak.



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