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Bad Wires Cause Power Cuts and Call In Repairmen

by Denise Whipple

Houghton College students found themselves in darkness on Monday evening, September 17, 1979, between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. An interview with Mr. Paul Crane, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, sheds some light on the subject.

Maintenance had been receiving reports of flickering lights and short power losses on the grounds. An investigation of the electrical situation found there to be malfunctions in the primary underground cable. The cable contained faults in the wires which caused the intermittent power transmissions.

This cable was installed only ten years ago, and a portion of it had already been replaced last winter because of similar difficulties. The power company took responsibility for the faulty cable and provided the new cable needed. However, Houghton College paid the labor and installation fees, as replacement work began on Monday morning. Installation of the new cable, running from the Campus Center southwest towards Fancher Hall, the library, and the science building, is expected to be completed by Friday, September 28, 1979.

The college's electrical power is transmitted over this primary cable. A second, auxiliary cable also runs underground through the campus. This cable is even older than the one presently operating. Mr. Crane commented that this cable should also be replaced to ensure a reliable auxiliary electrical system.

Saga's Born-Again Christian Determines Nielsen's Choice

by Shirley K. Anderson

Saga is here. Due to the significant rise in food costs over the past three years, Houghton was forced to disband its former self-supported cafeteria and begin its search for an independent food service.

Ken Nielsen, Houghton's business manager said, "The College thoroughly investigated four separate food service chains and received proposals from all of these companies." One of the services was turned down due to its lack of experience with other schools like Houghton.



A Flea Infested Cottage?

Steese Is Rid of Fleas Girls Move in For Good

The fleas that plagued Steese House residents for the first several weeks of the semester have been successfully exterminated.

Fleas were first noticed in Steese by senior Melanie Mossman and her roommate, senior Robin McDonald, student teachers who moved into the house late in August. Soon fleas were also reported by seniors Karen Finnemore and Ruby Doller.

It is conjectured that the fleas came from a pet kept by one of the summer occupants of the house.

The business office and the Student Development office were made aware of the problem of Steese House resident directors Roy and Toni-Lynn O'Shaughnessy late in August. The college decided to try to exterminate the pests using its own equipment, rather than hiring a professional exterminator. Steese House was evacuated the weekend of registration, September 1-3. Meanwhile attempt at extermination was made. The

attempt proved unsuccessful.

During this time, Steese residents were being housed in the East Hall guest rooms at the college's expense.

After two unsuccessful attempts at extermination, the business office decided to call Hygenic (Continued on Page 4)

Co-op Provides Nutrition For Poverty Stricken Students

by Patty Lawson

During the summer of 1979, there was discussion among interested people about forming a food co-op in Northern Allegany County. Nadine Teichert-Coddington was instrumental in making the idea a reality.

Nadine contacted Clear Eye Corporation, located in Savannah, New York. Clear Eye will deliver food in bulk to any place in the United States that orders 700 lbs. or more of food per shipment.

The pioneer order went out August 17. Sixty-four families had ordered 2,600 lbs. of food. Each family paid a \$3.00 membership fee to help defray costs of running the co-op.

Although each family or student may order as little or as much of an item as desired, the overall shipment of the item arrives in 25-50 lb. sacks, with the exception of pastas. These come in 10-25 lb. sacks. If there is enough of a demand for an item, that item can be ordered.

Clear Eye delivered the first order on August 28 to the Village Church kitchen, the most convenient location for distributing the food. People who had ordered food had brought their labelled containers to the kitchen the previous day. Workers were then able to fill the containers after the truck had arrived.

At specific hours, customers picked up their food. Leftover food from the large sacks could be purchased at the time of distribution. Orders go out approximately once each month, and deliveries arrive about two week after the order is placed.

A variety of items are available—anything from dried beans, flours, and pastas to fruits, juices, and oils.

"The purpose of the co-op," said Nadine, "is first, to provide food at a lower cost; second, to provide food that is unavailable at local stores; and third, to provide food of high quality that doesn't contain added sugars or preservatives."

"At first, continued Nadine, "I had hoped that only a small number of people would get involved until we could get the system established. But that didn't happen—there was an overwhelming response. I'm encouraged by the response, though. Now we must prepare as much as possible and be patient with how it goes. People should be eating nutritionally, and the co-op provides good, quality food."

Students are also welcome to join the co-op. Order blanks will be available in the Student Development office. Several students may together pay a "family" membership fee rather than the \$1.50 fee for a single person.

EMC Introduces a Pledge Revision

HARRISONBURG, Va. (CCNS) — A revised "statement of commitment" for students, faculty and staff members of Eastern Mennonite College is being introduced as the 1979-80 academic year gets underway.

The statement is the work during the past school year of Wesley Rediger, director of student life at EMC and his student life staff who worked with numerous student and faculty groups, the August issue of the EMC Bulletin reports.

Involved in the review process as well were the Trustee Student Life Committee, EMC's Parents' Council, the Alumni Association board of directors, and Mennonite Church conference officials.

Finally, the full trustee board approved the final text at its May quarterly session, "noting with favor the positive spirit of wording and the process by which the statement developed," according to the EMC Bulletin.

"I hope people can view the life-style statement as an outline, to help them understand the goals of the community rather than as a set of restrictions imposed by the institution," Mr. Rediger said.

"All we ask," he emphasized, "is the student's best effort to maximize his/her own development and the common good of the community."

The text of the statement follows:

"Eastern Mennonite College seeks to relate biblical Christianity to the liberal arts, sciences, fine arts, professional programs, co- and extra-curricular activities, the community, and to one's personal life. It is, therefore, assumed that all members of the EMC community desire meaningful involvement in liberal arts education in a Mennonite context. The student, by enrolling, accepts responsibilities of membership in the college community. The students, faculty and staff commit themselves to be facilitators and learners in this educational process.

"Eastern Mennonite College holds that the Scriptures establish the basic principles that should guide our personal development and life together. These include: the Lordship of Christ, the responsibility to love God with all our being, love our neighbor as ourselves, seek after righteousness, practice justice, help those in need, forgive others, seek forgiveness, and exercise freedom responsibly with loving regard for the sensitivity and weakness of others.

"As a member of a community based on Christian principles, I will strive to maintain stewardship of mind, time, abilities, funds, opportunities for intellectual and spiritual growth, and care of my body. Realizing the destructive character of an unforgiving spirit

and harmful discrimination based on racial, sexual, cultural or religious prejudices, I will seek to follow Christ's example of unselfish love in my actions, attitudes and relationships.

"As an opportunity to integrate corporate worship and intellectual growth, I will attend the College Assembly as outlined in the faculty and student handbooks.

"I also recognize that some social practices are harmful to myself, as well as harmful and offensive to others. Therefore, respecting the values of others and the goals of EMC, I recognize my responsibility as a member of the EMC community to refrain from sexual immorality, gambling, dishonesty, abusive language and the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco and illegal drugs. In the same spirit, I will refrain from dancing as it does not advance the unity of the contemporary Mennonite Church. I will also exercise social responsibility in my standard of living and use of economic resources.

"I view this statement of commitment as a positive and constructive aid in my personal development. I accept this pledge with the other members of the EMC community to carry out this commitment in a spirit of openness and helpfulness through confrontation motivated by love."

Editorial

Have you heard the latest? Have you told a friend? Quiet now . . . we don't want to let any of this out...but did you know the U.S.S.R. is now attacking U.S. civilians at the gut level?

Well . . . in case you've been a party to these and similar nasty rumors, S.A.G.A. does not stand for Soviet Attempts to Gag Americans.

I call them "nasty" because they are that, as well as unnecessary and degrading. Certainly SAGA has made changes. Last year many of us wanted change. "What?" you say. "Small deserts, bland macaroni, no sugar on the table?" Perhaps we'll be healthier without these trifles.

SAGA offers students a wider selection of entrees at each meal than last year's food service. The choices don't stop there. They generally give us two choices of vegetables; three deserts; fruit; soda, punch, water or milk to drink. There are enough salad possibilities alone to create a complete meal.

That's more than we saw last year. That's more than most of us see at home.

Do leftovers offend you? How do you feel about rising board prices? And how does "good stewardship" jive with needless waste? "Mom's Home-cooking" may be savory, but chances are that Mom steps to the same drummer as Don Faubert and SAGA.

It seems that the "in" thing to do at a meal is to criticize the food, no matter who's running the service. Sort of lets people know who knows good food. The cool, cynical critic.

I see something else happening, however. I see J. Experience striding away from the salad bar, tray loaded with food, to befriend J. Unknown. The conversation sounds like this:

"Hi! My name is J. Experience."

"Oh hi. I'm J. too."

"So what year are you?"

"Class of —"

"How'd you get to Houghton?"

"Route 19"

"What's your major?"

"Haven't decided yet."

"Oh . . . well . . ." J. and J. sit in silence. Experience stabs a noodle. The last "opening question" on the list died. Desperately trying again, "So . . . what do you think of the new food service?"

"It's not really that . . ."

Triumphantly Experience forks some lettuce, mushroom, and tomato together and says with lowered voice. "Hey get this . . . somebody told me SAGA stands for Soviet Attempts to Gag Americans!"

Unknown is unimpressed and replies, "Gag yourself"

Kay E. Hendron

Album Clearance Unexpected

Dear Editor:

Hanging out the dirty laundry is never fun. It reflects terribly on the household. Regardless of the aspersions cast on WJSL and the student body as a whole, a certain situation sickens me, and I must speak out. The best handle for this problem is "Christian Theft."

On Tuesday afternoon (9/25) some unknown individual kicked in the screen mesh, reached in and unlocked the door of my Program Director's and Music Director's office. This individual proceeded over to a locked cabinet, pryed off the lock hasp with a screw driver, and

picked up several copies of records. (The records had been locked up to stem the theft of records which we have encountered in the past.)

I might have understood the poor thief's mental ills if Punk Rock, New Wave, Or even Disco records were stolen. What transcends my comprehension is the ills which would allow the theft of Christian records. To our Christian thief: I pray that if your conscience doesn't catch up to you that the lyrics will.

In love,
Brian Warner
General Manager, WJSL

Senate Report: September 25 Meeting

by Graham Drake

President Leah Omundsen opened by reminding the Senate about the Senate Chapel on Oct. 9. The Chapel will speak to the changes in chapel scheduling next semester.

Next semester the school may set up a Free University Seminar. The seminar might cover automatic maintenance for those who know little about tinkering with their Toyotas. Another course might stress cooking skills. Either proposed course would be useful to men or women.

Academic Affairs Council has asked Pres. Chamberlain to come in to discuss the present situation of the Buffalo Campus, says Doug Roorbach. Priscilla Chamberlain reported on the first Student Development Council meeting. The council passed constitutions for the Art Club and the Class of '83.

Ed Zehner disclosed Financial Affairs Council's decision to cut

summer tuition rates by 20 percent in 1980. May Term tuition will be the same as regular term rates. According to Dr. Schultz, a need for more tuition income conflicting with a desire to discount summer course rates led to the decision.

Jeanette Baust asked Senate to consider appealing next semester's reduction in chapels. She cited "possible discrepancies" that moved the school to take such action.

Several Senators were elected to committee positions. Tim Benning will serve as Student Development Trustee's Resource Person and Leah Omundsen as Trustee's Resource Person. Senate elected Bob Ellis to represent his colleagues to the Food Committee.

Park Smith commented on the problem with missing or damaged game equipment in the Campus Center. He asked for suggestions on how to handle the situation. If positive enforcement fails, some

Dear Editor,

Kathy Confer's letter (Star, September 21, 1979) raises a number of interesting points about last year's Boulder as a symbol of Houghton College and the quality of its social life. Among other things, she complains that the '79 yearbook is "stilted" and "tasteless" and that it reflects a "naive, summer-camp mentality" which apparently pervades Houghton.

Kathy graduated from Houghton in 1978 and now attends the University of Buffalo. She is therefore in a good position to compare these two schools. Although she does not say so, presumably "serious thought and action" can be found in the latter institution to the same degree it is lacking in the former. According to her, serious issues like "nuclear energy, human rights, wife and child abuse" are given only token attention here.

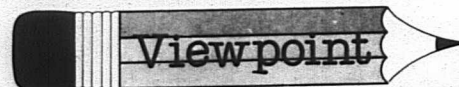
To the extent that her criticisms of Houghton are warranted we should welcome her observations. (I am speaking now of the "more unsettling question" concerning "The Houghton-as-an-island" issue, and not of the demerits of last year's Boulder). However, some doubt exists in my mind about the validity of her comments.

First of all, I too have spent some time on (4) other campuses (including a large university—at the height of the Viet Nam war protests) and I cannot conclude that Houghton out-trivializes them all. In fact, I tend to conclude the opposite. While the "big issues" were routinely presented at the university, the vast majority of students appeared to be concerned exclusively with "me and mine". Since the university had twenty-five students for each one of Houghton's, it wasn't ever too difficult to find someone who was concerned about anything you could imagine. In short, the "serious thought" of the university student is often only a superficial manifestation. As for the other three liberal arts colleges I have attended—even this superficial concern was totally lacking. In other words, I suspect that Houghton compares favorably with other schools its size—even though the best leaves a great deal to be desired.

kind of game control might have to be established.

Senate approved an appeal that the Trustees amend the Constitution to allow two student representatives to sit on the Academic Affairs Council. Responding to a concern Doug Roorbach raised, Priscilla Chamberlain urged the Senate to include a by-law on selection, pending Trustee's approval. The by-law would require that these representatives be from diverse majors.

Treasurer Ed Zehner moved that the Senate request a \$1.00 increase to the Student Activity Fee to raise more funds for chapels. Senators saw the action as too arbitrary a method of increasing the Chapel Committee Budget. Some feared a dangerous precedent as well. Jeanette Baust spoke in favor of the increase. More outside speakers, she reasoned, will help break down the Houghton-as-island image. The motion, however, did not pass.



Is Houghton Really an Island?

However, there is a more important comment I wish to make on Kathy's criticisms. By omission, she seems to discount the widespread concern for spiritual well-being and commitment to Christian values as evidence of "serious thought and action". I, for one, do not hear conversations around here limited to "the banal level of evangelical cliches", (nor did I find them throughout the Boulder). Perhaps one's relationship to Christ (and, in a different vein, to Houghton College) influences whether a "praise the Lord" is perceived as a sincere statement or as a banal cliché. (I am aware that this last sentence carries a sting within it; whether it is correct in its analysis is for all to decide; whether it applies specifically to Kathy is for her alone to decide. In any event, I do not write this as a condemnation).

And finally, I cannot seem to get myself worked up over the inappropriateness of ice cream socials. In fact, I rather like them. Now, I

realize that this is not Kathy's criticism, but she comes dangerously close to saying this; i.e., "serious thought and action are quite peripheral to the pursuit of fun (and) games...". Fun and games are fun—but only for those who are willing to define them as such. To "sophisticates", they are merely silly activities, but (since we're the ones having all the fun) we win. Again, I've been at other schools where "fun" consists in large measure of sexual exploitation, drug abuse, superficial personal relations, and where a party couldn't be called such unless everyone eventually passed out. Fortunately, at least most of us here are free of that sort of "fun".

This Friday evening some students and my family are going up into the woods for a campfire. We'll sing some songs, tell stories, play games, and—who knows—maybe someone might say "Praise the Lord." I don't plan to feel guilty whatsoever.

Rich Perkins

Crowd Etiquette Improves

Dear Kay:

As coach of the soccer team, I appreciated the letter to the editor in last week's Star. I was concerned about some remarks which I heard from the crowd.

I have talked with the soccer team and with some of our leading spectators about behavior at soccer matches. The conduct of the spectators and players at the Geneseo game was excellent. I trust Anne was there to see that her concerns were received positively by her fellow students.

The soccer team knows that they have "the greatest" fans of any

our opponents. We love our fans and thank the entire community for the support given game after game.

As coach of the soccer team, I am proud of the players and the effort they are putting forth in soccer. The team lost several talented players from last year's squad but are working hard to continue soccer's "winning tradition." I also believe the players are conducting themselves very well as Christian gentlemen.

Doug Burke
Soccer Coach

Your Throat IS Red Enough

Dear Editor:

Marilee Banner's letter of September 21, 1979, causes me to ask some questions, namely:

1. Why would a nurse ignore a cough, sore throat, and severe fatigue? As even a layman knows, those are symptoms that signify something;
2. Why would a nurse say, "YOU CANNOT SEE THE DOCTOR"? Certainly a student can see the doctor; it's one of the services the Student Health Fee provides for the student body;
3. Why would a nurse lightly dismiss the appearance of blood in someone's sputum? Anyone with a history of weeks of coughing, sore throat and severe fatigue is signalling something when they also show blood in their sputum.
4. Why did Marilee's roommate not protest her treatment to her R.D., the Director of Health Services, or the Dean of Students?

5. Why would any M.D.—in Florida or otherwise—send a student back to school with "lungs half full of fluid"? That doesn't sound like usual treatment for such a serious condition;

6. And finally, did Marilee's letter contain "the facts, just the facts, nothing more, nothing less," as she stated?

After reflecting on these questions, I conclude that those may have been "the facts" as they were reported to Marilee, but I sincerely doubt that they were the facts as they actually occurred.

In any case, the Health Center Staff would love to meet and talk with Marilee's roommate (and Marilee, too)—with or without red throats.

Sincerely,
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Film Review:

"Fiddler on the Roof"

by Tim Craker

A fiddler on the roof—
a most unlikely sight!
It might not mean a thing—
but then again it might!

Those who have seen "Fiddler on the Roof" (and who hasn't?) will know what I mean when I say that



Ann and Dee kick off soccer season

much of the movie is apt satirical material for the Houghton "community."

The audience watching the film the other night certainly seemed to sense that as they laughed while watching a God-loving man break our "pledge". And—in case any

one has forgotten—out there in the worldly film theaters the scene in which Tevye bravely and grandly announces that he is going to dance with his wife receives hardly a titter from the audience.

But here—nowhere else—but here, at Houghton, that line, "I am going to dance with my wife", received one of the largest laughs of the evening.

The laughter was not derisive, guided at neither Tevye nor the issue of dancing, but it was a sign of released tension and of admiration for Tevye's bluster and bravado. I am almost tempted to wish that the Trustees had been here to hear the laughter.

But I have resolved to stay away from satire as much as possible. Not for Houghton's sake, mind you, but for the film's. For I am convinced that "Fiddler" is a film worth discussing.

If I am critical of the film at times it is only because I liked the film—just as your parents spanked you because they loved you. (That should go without saying—but I thought I'd mention it, since in these days of communion and solidarity I would hate to be branded a critic and risk excommunication.)

As a genre, the musical film has severe limitations. The marriage of music and drama often produces a sterile hybrid that requires every ounce of an actor's energy just to keep the show from falling apart. It is just this energy, though, that makes musicals so enjoyable.

If used wisely, a musical's limitations may add to the success of the musical. Let me give you an example.

Probably the most famous song in "Fiddler" is "If I Were a Rich Man". Now, this song is not famous because it is so fine. Nor is it famous (I think) because they like Tevye.

If anyone had stopped to think about what they were watching they would have concluded that the song and scene were severely limited. The lyrics tend to be clichés and the music is banal. But only a suicidal person could watch Topol portraying Tevye and not be

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Intramural Teams Form

by Denise Woodin

They go by names like Brian's Bayside Babes, Pounders, Dudley's Dudes and the Second Mainiacs. While they may not equal the Houghton Highlander in playing ability, they make up for it in enthusiasm. Take the team who headed for the field at 9:00 on a chilly Saturday morning and still reserved enough energy to scream and hug each other after their first goal of the season. Although they do hold practices and try hard to win, the girls emphasize fun and team spirit instead of skill.

Participation in women's intramural soccer has been growing. Last year their teams numbered from six to twenty-two on a team. In most cases, each floor or hall, under the leadership of their R.A.'s, form one team. According to Deb Crider, one of the organizers for the Second Mainiacs, playing soccer together serves to unite the floor and helps the women get to know each other.

"It also gives girls who have never participated in sports the chance to play on a team."

While the Houghton women have been busy men have not remained idle. Men's intramurals include both football and soccer.

There are six teams in both soccer and football. The team names alone indicate the creativity and enthusiasm of the players. Panthers, Steelers, Teetotalers, Rowdies, Groggy 'T', the Goons, and the Stress Club have all met on the gridiron. The soccer competition includes Boanwergs, Synergy, Freshmen Peles, Rowdies, Hos-tile, and the yet to be named third floor Shenawana team.

The competition gets intense but the main goal is fun. Some teams have fun and win. Others just have fun.

By now, most squads have competed three times. Schedules are posted in Bedford Gymnasium for anyone who is interested in getting out and supporting intramural sports.

Hungry for News About the Snack Shop?

by Adele Anderson

The grand opening of the Country Store Restaurant will be on Wednesday, October third, at five o'clock.

The restaurant idea has been thrown around for a while, but no one has done anything about it. So this year, Don Faubert put the idea into action. He decorated the restaurant with items donated from the community. Red-checked table clothes and candles will be added for atmosphere. There will be a hostess, waiters, and waitresses to serve you.

The menu will include entrees such as steak, shrimp, scallops, roast beef, turkey, ham, a daily special, and two sandwich items (roast beef or ham and cheese). The prices will range from \$4.50 to \$5.50, which include the entree, an appetizer, salad, rolls and butter, two vegetables, and a beverage. Dessert will be extra.

Reservations should be made in

advance so that one dollar can be deducted from your bill.

"At first," said Mr. Faubert, "we'll have a 40 person limit." (So make your reservation early.) The restaurant serving hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 5-7 p.m. Since the facilities in the snack shop are so limited, some of

the food will be prepared upstairs in the kitchen.

For those of you who prefer just a "snack", the Country Store Snack Bar is open Monday through Friday from 7:30-3:30 and 8-11 p.m. On Saturday, it will be open 8-12 p.m. and on Sunday from 8-11 p.m.

Nobel Prize Winner to Speak

(U. of R. News) Sir George Porter, Nobel Prize-winner in Chemistry and Director of the Royal Institution of Great Britain and Fullerton Professor of Chemistry, will speak at the University of Rochester on Thursday, October 11, at 8 p.m. in Hoyt Hall on the River Campus. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Porter will deliver the first Richard W. Roberts Memorial Lecture. His topic will be

"Evolution Under the Sun: Does It Have a Future?"

The lecture is being sponsored by the University's College of Engineering and Applied Science in memory of Dr. Roberts, a 1956 graduate of the University who died in 1978.

Porter is known in Britain for his activities in science education and in the interpretation of science to non-specialists. His Nobel Prize in 1967 was awarded for his studies of extremely fast chemical reactions.

National and International

Pope John Paul II to Visit U.S.

by Susan Facer

Yankee Stadium will be packed out on Oct. 2nd, but not with baseball fans. The rush will be to see Pope John Paul II preside at a mass. Tickets to the event are as hard to find as those to any World Series game. A crowd of 80,000 is expected to attend. The scramble is on for tickets allocated for the mass by New York State's local dioceses.

The Pope's schedule takes him from vast metropolises to a tiny rural village, from slums to the splendor of the Federal Mall in Washington. According to the Vatican itinerary, Pope John Paul II will arrive in the United States at 3 p.m. Oct. 1 at Boston's Logan Airport, where First Lady Rosalynn Carter will greet him. He is expected to ride a motorcade through the city of Boston to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, and celebrate mass for several hundred thousand people on the Boston Common. The pope declined an invitation by Sen. Edward Kennedy to visit the nearly completed John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.

On Oct. 2, the Pope leaves Boston for New York. U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim will greet him at LaGuardia Airport. They will travel by motorcade to the United Nations, where the Pope will address the General Assembly. Later that day, the Pope will visit St. Patrick's Cathedral and finally motor through Harlem and the South Bronx to Yankee Stadium.

On Oct. 3 the Pope will go to Madison Square Garden for a meeting with young people. He will deliver a major address on freedom, democracy, and religious liberty. After driving through Brooklyn to Shea Stadium, the Pope will head on to Philadelphia. The next day, Oct. 4, John Paul will leave Philadelphia for Des Moines, then fly to Chicago to celebrate the feast of St. Francis.

The Pope will leave Chicago on Oct. 5. He is scheduled to arrive at Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Maryland. He will helicopter to the Reflecting Pool near the Lincoln Memorial. After lunch, he will arrive at the White House where he and President Carter will speak from a platform on the North Lawn. The morning of Oct. 7 will see the Pope at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Pope will then go to the Federal Mall where he will celebrate mass for as many as one million people, an event expected to climax his tour. By 8 p.m. Pope John Paul is expected to leave Andrews Air Force Base to return to Rome.

U.S.S.R. Sanctions Afghani Coup

by Ed Zehner

Emperor Bokassa I, who has ruled the Central African Empire with an iron hand for the past fourteen years, was deposed last week in a coup led by Mr. David Decko, one of his closest advisors.

Mr. Decko, a former president of the Central African Republic, called the coup a stroke for freedom and decency and promised a return to republican government. France, the former colonial ruler, officially welcomed the coup and promised economic aid and police assistance to help the nation get back on its feet.

Bokassa had been censured internationally for his tyrannical rule.

Many compared him to Adi Amin, especially after his murder of 100 school children last March. The emperor was deposed while he was away on an official visit to Libya.

Emperor Bokassa I Deposed

by Ed Zehner

In an attempt to get a better handle on events in Afghanistan last week, the Soviet Union sanctioned a bloodless coup. Prime Minister Hafizullah Amin replaced President Noor Mohammed Taraki and purged the Cabinet, apparently to forestall a military coup.

Taraki himself had gained power in a military coup encouraged by the Soviets seventeen months ago.

The reforms of his leftist government provoked the rightist Moslem tribesmen of this country who rose in revolt. The Soviets apparently hoped that a new government would placate the increasingly powerful rebels.

Shortly after the coup Mr. Amin proclaimed a general amnesty to all fighters. But the rebel leaders denounced the proclamation as a trick designed to split up their movement.

Afghanistan has been called by some the Soviet Union's Vietnam. The Soviet Union is deeply committed to the future of this country. It has sent several thousand civil and military advisors to assist the Afghan government. So far it had avoided direct military involvement in the civil war, although this strategy may change.

Last week the Soviets were reported mobilizing paratroop units near the border. The Soviets apparently realize that open involvement would further antagonize Afghans. As it is, individual Soviets try to hide their nationality for fear of physical assault. They sometimes tell those who ask that they are Americans.

Although the Soviets are hard-put to find a way to quell the rebellion, they are free of one of the drawbacks that hampered the American effort in Vietnam.

Opposition to the Vietnam War grew as the media focused the nation's attention on the war and the issues raised by it.

Young X-Country Team Shows Promise ; Runners Improve After Training

During the past week, the Houghton College cross-country team continued its busy schedule with meets against Roberts Wesleyan, Eisenhower, University of Buffalo, and Hartwick College.

On September 19, the young Houghton team, comprised almost entirely of first year runners, journeyed to Roberts Wesleyan college for their first dual meet of the season. Instead of meeting a traditionally weak Roberts squad, the Highlanders competed against the finest Roberts team in years. Led by Kelly Long, Roberts placed five runners in front of Houghton's first runner, Keith Solomon, to cop an easy 15-44 victory.

The following Saturday, the cross-country team traveled to Eisenhower College to face University of Buffalo, Hartwick, and host Eisenhower. Houghton fared much better in this contest than they did against Roberts. The Highlander's Mike Raybuck and Kevin Kaltenbaugh both broke into the top ten finishing 4th and 10th respectively. It was not, however, enough to win the meet, as the runners suffered a disappointing fourth place finish in the team scoring; U.B. on top with 39, followed by Eisenhower-45, Hartwick-63, and Houghton-68.

Despite the losses, the Houghton team has improved. With all of the top five runners from last year absent, including National contender Mark Anderson, the team has had to rebuild. Training started only one week before the first meet; it was not really enough time to "get into shape" for a five mile race. So

with a few more weeks of training, and the continued work of transfers Mike Raybuck and Keith Solomon, freshmen Kevin Kaltenbaugh and Mike Chrzan, along with junior Al Herman, the

Houghton College cross-country team should see vast improvement—improvement enough to qualify some, if not all of the runners for the national races to be held in November.

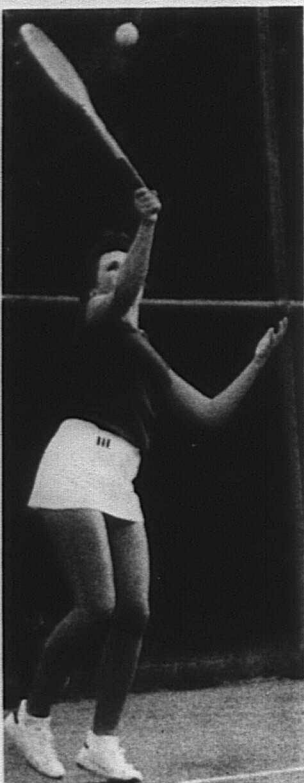
Tennis Has a Rough Time

by Ann Major Stevenson

On Monday the 17th of September Houghton played Eisenhower at home. The day's tennis was enjoyable and showed a vast improvement on behalf of the Highlanders. Cathy Crishy played a long match for first singles and only lost by a narrow margin in the third set tie-breakers. Her score was: 1-6, 6-3, 6-6 and 4-5 in the tie-breakers. Deb Persons beat her opponent convincingly 6-1, 6-2 and boosted the teams morale in the process.

The first doubles provided some excitement with a determinedly disputed line-call followed by their first victory of the season 2-6, 6-4, 7-5. Although the team still did not manage to pull off a win they had the best score of the season—Eisenhower 3, Houghton 2.

This was followed by another home match, on Saturday, September 22, against Niagara. The team has never done worse. The final result was Niagara 5, Houghton 0. The best match of the day was played by the number three singles, Kathy Johnson and she gamely fought on to be defeated in two set tie-breakers. Her score was 6-6, 6-6, but unfortunately she lost both tie-breakers 3-5.



Cathy Crishy takes a serve.

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charmed beyond words and reflection.

The fact that when we think of the song we think of Tevye waving his arms above his head in time with his short, choppy, vigorous steps is proof that Topol's skillful channelling of his energy successfully carried the scene. Unfortunately, not every song or scene met with the same success.

But a musical needs more than sheer energy to succeed. The energy must be channelled into some sort of arrangement of events as well as into characters. This arrangement need not have a particular meaning outside of the musical's infectious, exuberant, energetic character—but "Fid-

ler" does.

The music, then, is more important than the traditions. It is no accident, I think, that the film begins with a view from the rooftop of Tevye's, and ends with camera looking up at Tevye, leaving his traditions, his home behind, and yet almost dancing as he carries his burden and the fiddler plays. Life is affirmed, then, both through metaphor and vivid energy create for us a vision. A vision of Tevye as a man that suffered through his three "temptations", the destruction of his homeland, the breaking of loved traditions in such a simple, unaffected, noble way that we should do more than applaud the film, we should emulate him.

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Field Hockey girls warm up for a game.

Highlanders Defeat GCC

by Denise Woodin

The women's field hockey team added two victories last week, bringing their record up to 3-1. The Highlanders faced Genesee Community College at home Tuesday and defeated the visitors with goals by Grace Ann Godshall and Terry Allen. According to right halfback Nancy Chrzan, Houghton worked well together and played strongly with many good passes. Genesee, which has developed a reputation for being a tough team to beat, failed to score against the

Highlanders.

Although they were not playing as well as usual, Houghton dominated St. Bonaventure in an away game on Thursday. Right inner Lori Capone swept past the home team's defense to give Houghton their third win of the season with a final score of 1-0. Grace Ann Godshall, who scored a goal in Tuesday's battle against Genesee, suffered a cut and swollen lip when she was hit in the mouth and could not play against St. Bonaventure.



Doug Johnson and Steve Burke work ball against Genesee

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Sanitation, Inc. in Erie. Again, Steese House residents were moved to East Hall, and stayed there from September 9-12. Student Development told them they could re-enter on the evening of September 12, says Toni-Lynn O'Shaughnessy.

On September 12, Mrs. O'Shaughnessy phoned the business office to see if the house could be re-entered. The business office told her that they had forgotten to call the professional exterminators.

The O'Shaughnessys moved back into the house at approximately noon September 12.

According to Roy O'Shaughnessy, before he and Toni-Lynn had finished their lunch, the exterminators had come in, sprayed the infested rooms, and left, saying that there was no need for evacuation and the girls could move back into their rooms at any time. The exterminator's only caution, says O'Shaughnessy, was the the floors were not to be swept for two weeks.

O'Shaughnessy reports that there have been no fleas in the house since. He went on to say, "Despite all the confusion, we really don't feel that any individual office was to blame."

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