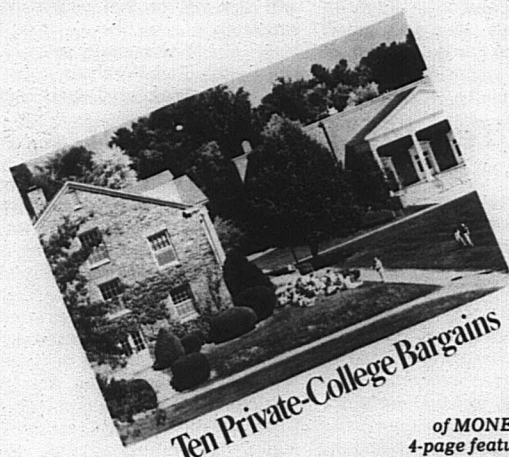


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First page
of MONEY Magazine's
4-page feature by Lansing
Lamont which called Houghton
College a "private-college bargain."

County Petitioners Seek Referendum on OTB Vote

by Denise Woodin

After the board of legislators approved the legislation off-track betting in Allegany County this September, the opposition was allowed forty-five days to gather 1335 signatures for a referendum. Local Churches, concerned residents and Houghton's Student Ministerial Association increased the number of signatures to 1758 names by the time the legislature clerk received the petition in early November. If the signatures are verified, the legislature will set a date for a referendum. The referendum would take place either on a special date or at the general election next November.

Houghton Wesleyan Church Pastor Mark Abbott opposes legalized gambling. In addition to the moral arguments against the principles of betting, he cites good social and economic reasons. "It [gambling] hits the poorest the hardest," Abbott claims, "and there is a high percentage of low-income people in Allegany County." He also feels that the legalization of off-track betting would tend to invite people to gamble. "Gambling is an increasingly recognized problem today. There are now two to ten million compulsive gamblers in the United States," Abbott pointed out.

On the other hand, legislator Ray Copley, who voted in favor of the legalization of OTB, doesn't feel that it will affect Allegany County that drastically, not even the poor. "The people who are going to lose money are the people who have money in the first place," said Copley. He doesn't believe that compulsive gambling is a problem, nor does he believe that the legalization of betting relates to the growing number of compulsive gamblers. What bothers Copley is the prevalence of alcohol and drug abuse. He stressed that that problem deserves more attention than off-track betting. But as he steered back to the topic of OTB

and the referendum, Copley concluded, "It's going to go. I have no doubts."

If Pastor Abbott and other church members have their way, off-track betting will be outlawed in Allegany County. For the present, however, one thing remains clear, the racing horse fans must cross the county line to place their bets.

Students Fasting at Notre Dame Raise Money for Cambodian Hungry

Notre Dame, In. (CCN) Nearly 1,200 students at Notre Dame University are fasting each Wednesday noon, with the 75 cents their lunch would have cost going into a fund to help hungry people help themselves out of their "hunger cycle."

But the 11-week, semester-long project, called World Hunger Coalition, is designed not only to raise money for hungry people, but to raise the "awareness among students of poverty in the world," coordinator Michael Stegman told *Christian College News*.

A "Faster's Mass" during the Wednesday lunch hour in a dormitory chapel enables the 1,193 participating students "to reflect on the plight of the world's impoverished," he said. The campaign is intended to be both a spiritual and educational experience, in addition to raising funds.

This is the fifth year this World Hunger Coalition campaign has been conducted at Notre Dame, which is part of a larger effort to help students at Notre Dame and nearby St. Mary's College become "concerned about world poverty."

In the past years, money accumulated in these campaigns held each semester—has gone to such church-related agencies as Catholic Relief Services and Church World Service.

However, Mike—a senior from

Fort Thomas, Ky. majoring in government/international studies and German—said a student committee will give the money to "smaller projects" which assist hungry people in getting out of their rut of poverty, without regard to the projects' religious affiliation.

Since the students pay for all their meals at the beginning of each semester, the university dining hall remits 75 cents for each student who skips a Wednesday lunch, but only if every Wednesday lunch is skipped.

Mrs. Dilmore Coordinates New Job Location and Development Program

by Denise Woodin

More jobs are now available to Houghton students, due to both the 1976 education amendment to the college work-study program, and the leadership of Mim Dilmore.

Houghton's new plan, called the Job Location and Development Program, seeks off-campus employment as an alternative to work study. Traditionally, only needy students were allowed on-campus jobs, but this program finds employment for people of any financial background, including those who just want some extra spending money. Although only three or four

At the beginning of the semester, 1,271 students signed up, but four weeks later, 1,193 were still participating. If those students continue until Dec. 12, when this semester's campaign ends, a total of \$9,842.25 will have been accumulated.

During all of last year, something over \$6,000 was contributed by participating students. However, the Wednesday evening meal was designated as the "fast meal," felt by many to be more difficult to skip.

New York colleges currently use this method, any college with work-study can have it.

Houghton chose Mim Dilmore last summer to coordinate the program. Mrs. Dilmore, who acts as the link between employers and students, explained the program's two parts. Phase one, called Students in Off-Campus Services, starts this week with Mrs. Dilmore contacting the students to find areas of interest. At the same time, she will be uncovering needs in the community, and, then she will match the two.

Money Magazine Rates Houghton A "Bargain" among Private Colleges

New York (CCN) Two Christian College Consortium/Coalition member schools among 10 colleges which *Money* magazine considers to be "the best—and most affordable—of the country's four-year, co-educational, private liberal arts colleges."

They are Gordon College, Wenham, Mass. and Houghton College, Houghton, N.Y. These ten schools are also on a list of 123 which the Carnegie Council on Policy Studies in Higher Education has rated as tops.

Criteria by which *Money* selected these colleges include those whose entering freshmen score between 450 and 600 (out of a possible 800) on the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SATs). It only chose colleges having tuition of \$4,000 or less and total annual costs per student—tuition plus fees, room and board, books and supplies, personal expenses and travel—under \$6500.

In addition, each school enrolls at least 1,000 full-time undergraduates, admits a substantial number from out of state and provides campus housing for most of them.

"While several of the schools chosen have a strong religious affiliation, none is openly sectarian in its teaching, and all admit students regardless of race or religion," writes Lansing Lamont, author of the article, "Ten Private-College Bargains," appearing in the November issue.

The ten schools "are by no means the only ones that qualify," he points out. "But these ten meet all of our criteria while offering something special in atmosphere, academic commitment and extracurricular activities."

Here's what he writes about Gordon College:

"What Bible-oriented Gordon, with its evangelical Protestant tone, lacks in jollies—no fraternities or sororities, no drinking or smoking—it makes up for in the beauty of its setting and the rigor of its education. Students and teachers enjoy close rapport. The elm-studded campus sprawls over 800 acres on the historic North Shore. Students have ready access to some of the best ocean beaches around and skiing in nearby New Hampshire, as well as the Boston Symphony and the Red Sox just 20

miles away.

"Gordon's study program, taught by a faculty that is 90 per cent Ph.D.s, includes a core curriculum designed to expose students to a prescribed range of subjects. Psychology and education are standout departments; education specializes in training students who will later teach mainly below the high school level. A special perk is a study seminar that features a ten-week guided summer tour of the Continent. Soccer and basketball are the most popular sports."

Concerning Houghton, Mr. Lamont notes:

"As with Gordon, there's a distinctively religious tilt to this school, run by Methodists. Chapel is compulsory, but academics are largely non-sectarian and only ten per cent of the students major in religion; most choose arts and science or education studies. The music and biology programs are especially strong."

"More than 80 per cent of the pre-meds get admitted to the medical schools of their choice. Wilson Greatbatch, inventor of the fully implanted cardiac pacemaker, teaches in the physical sciences. Located 65 miles from Buffalo, the 300-acre campus lies along the Genesee River, amid gently rolling ski-and-hiking hills. Soccer is the premier sport."

"Many New York State resident students can secure state-government loans of up to \$2,500 a year."

The eight schools in *Money's* list (as listed by *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*, tenth edition) are: Albright College, Reading, Pa.; Hope College, Holland, Mich.; Carroll College, Waukesha, Wis.; North Park College, Chicago; Central College, Pella, Iowa; Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Ala.; Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore.; and St. Mary's College, Moraga, Calif.

Phase two extends into the summer where, students may be placed in summer jobs which correspond to their major. This will give them an edge when they graduate because of experience already gained in their field. Mrs. Dilmore feels that these jobs, supplied by Houghton Alumni, friends and parents, will benefit the employers as well as the workers.

Any interested students should contact Mim Dilmore in the Career Development Office. "I can't promise everyone a job," she admits, "but I can try."

Editorial

Since 62 U.S. citizens became former-Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi's ransom in early November, news of Cambodia has faded into the background.

That's understandable; we're deeply involved with Iran. While the American hostages are victims of international crime, the U.S. is sheltering the Shah. While Americans suffer political violence both here and abroad because of the Iranian crisis, some U.S. citizens protest, too.

Should we see war, a U.S. sailor recently assured me, eligible men will soon find draft cards in their mailboxes. "Women will be drafted too," he continued; "there just won't be enough men to go around."

Yet, everyday, while we self-consciously speculate on our nation's future, thousands of Cambodians die of starvation.

What are we to do? speculate how many lives the cost of a pin-ball game could save? eat an extra helping of mashed potatoes "for the starving children in Cambodia"? say thankful "grace" before meals more religiously? put ourselves out? How convenient must involvement be?

Many students in state universities, private secular colleges, and Christian colleges fast once a week and designate that their portion of food service cost be sent for Cambodian relief.

Returning to Houghton, a letter to this week's *Star* suggests several ways students can contribute aid to Cambodia.

Even more conveniently, Student Senate's charity drive is seeking to raise dollars to provide food for those now starving. It couldn't be easier to give.

Do yourself a favor. This Christmas, send help to a Cambodian.

Kay E. Hendron

"Community" and "The Community"

Dear Doug:

Your concern over the use and abuse of language here at Houghton is admirable. I also applaud your criticism that the misuse of language is harmful.

However, I do not agree that the term "community" is one that is overused, but certainly it is misused. At the very least, community is not widely understood. For people who insist that we are a part of a great collectivity called the "body of Christ," our ignorance of the characteristics of such collectivities is shocking. Therefore, I would like to respond to the content of your editorial and perhaps assist in breathing life into the lifeless term "community."

What we normally consider "community" should not be confused with the term "the community." So, big deal, you say. For Houghton the difference is critical. Sociologists of community have come to agree on three minimal characteristics of community: locale, common ties, and social interaction. When speaking of "community" (as opposed to "the community"), we refer to the latter two characteristics, common ties and social interaction. It is this definition that leaves your term "community" lifeless. All of us at Houghton prefer to think of Houghton in these two more abstract terms. Perhaps this is because our bent toward individualism allows us to fill in the blanks without facing the collectivity in giving content to the term. As Nisbet has written, "community" is "a high degree of personal intimacy, emotional depth, moral commitment, social cohesion, and continuity in time." Recognition and definition of "community" is the effort of the collectivity through negotiation to set itself apart from all other collectivities, to identify itself as a reality apart from the individuals composing it. Thus, if "community" is a lifeless and meaningless term in the Houghton context, it is because we have failed to give it the meaning that makes so many other words useful. We are guilty of rape, yes, but we have not "squeezed the life out of" this word.

Before deciding whether the above term "community" is adequate for our collectivity, another term should be examined, "the community." "The community" refers to the basic component of locale. This comes to us in the tradition of an agrarian society, going where the food was or where the herds could graze. It is clear that the emotional attachments to a locale were limited by movement, a feature not unlike the transient character of the student population at Houghton.

Now we do have a dilemma. Houghton's Christian heritage calls for commitment, cohesion, and continuity in time, but locale and a transient population suggest a limitation on the former factors. Can we have our cake and eat it, too? The above distinctions make it difficult. We may forever be in search of "community" while avoiding the facts that make "the community" (locale and transience) a reality.

As a word of encouragement, social scientists are currently caught in such a dilemma. Com-

Dear Editor:

Doug Roorbach's editorial in the 11/16 *Star* assails the use of ill-defined words—particularly the words "fellowship" and "community." As a person who loves well-chosen and clearly-defined words, and who also cares very much for the social manifestations of these two particular words, I support his position.

However, I take unholy offense at his suggestion that somehow the Sociology Department has added to this confusion. To wit: "Unfortunately, not only students practice this abuse (i.e., misusing the word community). The word 'community,' for example, is in our pledge, our Master Schedule (course #360-357), and almost everywhere in between."

munity is at a critical point in the larger society. Modern technology (in Houghton, the demands of competitive higher education) poses a threat to the search for "community" that our Christian sense calls for. As well, the same technology (here the necessary transcendence of parts of "the community") threatens "community" and the locale concept of a collectivity. The result is a crisis in the world at large and at least food for thought in Houghton.

Doug, I agree that "ambiguity reigns and issues remain unfocused," but that is because we do not know what we mean. We have colluded in a conspiracy not to understand. To understand, to identify ourselves as a meaningful community, requires activity commensurate with the results of collective negotiation. Even more problematic, however, is defining the type of community we can be given the limitations suggested above.

Thank you,
Winston A. Johnson
Instructor in Sociology

War With Iran: Look on Both Sides

Dear Kay:

While a student at Houghton, very little of my time was spent thinking about news events outside of Houghton. Perhaps this was wrong, but nothing of the magnitude of the Iranian-American crisis occurred during those four years.

While watching the news recently, I got the strongest impression that a war was inevitable between Iran and the United States. I will not classify myself as either a Hawk or a Dove because the issue is not clear. However, should more lives be needlessly lost? Think of Vietnam and now Cambodia.

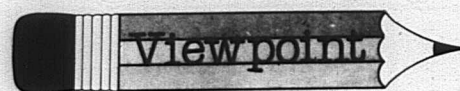
Before jumping wholeheartedly into conflict, we should all consider some important questions. Just how many of the Iranian people are behind the Ayatollah in his beliefs? After all, does the television news media always reflect actual conditions overseas? (Think about it. From that same media I recently saw a story about

Tehran which showed daily life right down the street from the Embassy. It sure did look peaceful to me.) Don't the Iranian people know what "crimes" and "treasonous" activities the Shah committed during his reign? If so, why the need for a public trial?

Now, on the other side. Did not the U.S. Government and the CIA know the possibility of revolt against the U.S. Embassy before the actual takeover? Why take unnecessary risks with lives? With recent events in Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, just what is behind all of the anti-American sentiment? Is all of it due to terrorist activity?

This situation should be studied very carefully before jumping into war. If the words of a student captor are to be believed, the Americans are kept under good conditions. If so, perhaps we shouldn't be too hasty in military action.

A concerned alumnus,
Timothy K. Sinclair



Word-Lover Defends Use of "Community"

Now, if this is not intended by Doug as a suggestion that those associated with Sociology 357 are guilty of misusing the word "community" (i.e., the course's title), then Doug should take careful note of his misuse of words. On the other hand, if he did mean to suggest this, then he's got it precisely backwards. Instead of adding to the confusion, Sociology 357 ("Community," taught by

Winston Johnson, 2B, 3 TT, W320—plug, plug) represents a scholarly attempt to carefully clarify that term as it applies to modern society.

I trust that anyone as interested in the term as Doug appears to be will sign up for that course immediately.

Communally yours,
Rich Perkins
Sociology Department

Helping Them Face It

Dear Kay:

I want to commend the anonymous someone who finally had the courage to speak that unmentionable word, "homosexual," in the last issue of the *Star*. I think it is time that we, the Body of Christ, addressed ourselves to the issue of homosexuality instead of fleeing in horror every time the subject comes up. God loves all persons, including homosexuals, and I believe we have a responsibility to stand beside our Christian brothers and sisters who are wrestling with this problem. In no way am I condoning homosexual behavior; all I am

trying to say is that we ought to be willing to cry with, pray with, listen to, and support in any way we can those who are striving to find Christ as the answer to this, as well as any other problem. Each one of us can think of times when our friends have helped us through hard times. We must not deny our brothers and sisters the support they need in facing the problem of homosexuality. I refer anyone who might be interested to the February 1978 issue of *His* magazine for a more in-depth treatment of this subject.

Sincerely,
Linda Peterson

Notes on the Current Issues Issue

Dear Kay,

I would like to respond to the letter concerning Senate's Current Issues Day topic selection.

Two excellent topic proposals were made at the October 23 Senate meeting. The voting that took place on November 6 was publicized through the *Star* and campus posters. Senators actively sought the opinions of their constituents, using them to determine their vote. Therefore, the decision was made with student preferences in view.

"The Sociological and Psychological Aspects on the Cults" is definitely a current issue. We are and will be affected by the activities of today's cults. We will be approached by their believers as they seek to propagate their views, as we were last year when members of the Unification Church came to our campus. Problems like rape, child abuse, and conflict in the Mid-East have also existed for centuries, but we still need to become more informed and be able to respond to them.

Yes, we should also be aware of the pros and cons of nuclear energy. Perhaps the matter could be addressed through other issue-awareness programs such as the Lecture Series, classroom special

speaker funds, or films and literature. Someone might also work on it for 1980's Fall Current Issues presentation. But I hope that even if cults was not our first choice for next semester, we will not ignore the opportunity to learn about their symptoms and effects on us and our society.

Finally, as announced in the November 6 Senate meeting, and as recorded in the posted minutes and the *Star*, there is an ad hoc committee studying the purposes and procedures of the Current Issues concept.

Leah Omundsen

Don't Give Up

Dear "Anonymous Humanist,"

Despair is not your only alternative.

Though the questions your letter raised are far beyond my field, I know there are people in Houghton who could help you; people who would be glad to talk or write if you'd like to do that.

Since I don't know who you are, I've reserved P.O. Box 1283 in your pen name and will write more to you there.

Love,
Kay Hendron

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Senate Report

This week's Senate action focused on elections to Senate and various committees as well as a number of committee reports.

Leah Omundsen announced requirements for those planning to run for the Senate Cabinet. Submissions of petitions for Cabinet candidates are due on March 3, 1980. Candidates will give speeches on March 10, and the students will vote on March 25. The new Senate will meet on April 8. In order to qualify, candidates must attend two Cabinet meetings and four Senate meetings.

Ms. Omundsen also reminded division representatives that their divisions must elect new represent-

atives by March 1.

When Senate met, Senators had nominated eleven students to fill the newly-created slot on the Academic Affairs Council. Because of the large number of nominations, the Committee on Committees had requested that Senate send them the names of the four candidates with the highest number of votes for review. Senate will then select from these four. The candidates are Charlotte Dexter, Glenn Piper, Leslie Blanchard, and David Ragonesi.

This action occurred immediately following an amendment to the by-laws of the Senate requiring that the two student

representatives to Academic Affairs cannot come from the same academic division.

In another election, Bob Felder was chosen to represent the students on the Students Activity Fee Review Committee.

In committee reports, Doug Roorbach informed Senate that Academic Affairs had approved the B.A. in Art as well as funding for five faculty sabbaticals. The committee also voted to reaffirm the no-excused-absence policy for class attendance.

Financial Affairs Council, according to Ed Zehner, authorized a change in room deposit policy. Students withdrawing from Houghton before the end of an academic year will be refunded a prorated portion of their room fees minus a fifty dollar penalty.

Campus Activities Board would like to purchase a new sound system cases and spotlights, Craig Long reported. CAB is now seeking a publicity manager to handle entertainment advertising. The publicity manager will be a non-voting member of the Board.

Graham Drake spoke about Chapel Committee's concern over the control booth workers' lack of training. He also spoke about suggestions given by small group chapel leaders on music.

Priscilla Chamberlain noted several areas on discussion from the last Student Development Council meeting. The date of the Junior Senior Banquet has been changed, Ms. Chamberlain noted. SDC talked about Athletic Committee and their long-range goals for sports programs. Next, they discussed a report from Christian Life Committee on the present status of class prayer meetings and outreach organizations. SDC has also been working on a gun policy, which includes a ban on possession of handguns.



The Houghton College Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Donald Bailey will participate in the 14th annual series of six Yuletide Madrigal Dinners with performances in Buffalo, Houghton, and Cuba. Beginning January 7 the group—select vocalists from the 50-voice College Choir—will begin a one week tour of colleges, high schools and churches in Florida. Some 4500 people are expected to meet the Chamber Singers during the tour and Dr. Bailey anticipates that new students may be one result of the effort. The six-concert tour will perform from Brooksville to Miami.

Cambodian Crisis: How You Can Help

Dear Kay:

I would like to address this note to my many brothers and sisters on this campus who feel the frustration of being rich Christians in a hungry world and not knowing what to do about it.

Certainly the scripture passages....

"Lay not up treasure on earth" Matt. 6:19-21

"I was hungry and you fed me" Matt. 25:32-46

"If a man is rich and sees his brother hungry, and does not help, how can he say he loves the Father." I John 3:17-18

are a few among many that challenges us to reevaluate our stewardship of the wealth that we have.

In particular, in recent days we have been made aware of the famine among the Cambodians. However, it appears there is nothing we as individuals can do to give direct aid. Even though the United States government is at this time thwarted in any attempts to relieve the situation, there are Christian organizations which are able to provide direct aid.

So for those of you who at this time of Thanksgiving and the time of approaching Christmas festivities would like to share your wealth with some hungry folk whom our Lord loves, I am enclosing the following information:

World Vision International
Box 0
Pasadena, Calif. 91109
plans to send \$50,000 of food direc-

tly to Phnom Penh. This is to be followed by a \$250,000 shipment of food as soon as the government permits. TIME magazine indicated that WVI was one of the few agencies allowed to distribute food inside Cambodia.

Map International
P.O. Box 50

Wheaton, Ill. 60187
sent \$35,000 worth of medical supplies to Phnom Penh on November 9th.

Finally, in the refugee camps in Thailand,
CAMA Relief Fund
Christian & Missionary Alliance

Neither the Closet nor the Arena

Dear Kay:

Is ethics a public or a private affair? Socrates found a middle ground: he largely avoided the public political arena (read College newspaper) for good prudential if not providential reasons. Yet he did not offend the state and lose his life by making it a private matter, either.

Perhaps all that Dr. Sayers is saying in response to Mr. Toman and friends (read me) is that philosophy flourishes as persons walk and talk and eat and drink together.

Sincerely,
Hubert Morken

P.S. I wonder if the historical evidence which Sayers says supports the conclusion that prophets do not foster debate over ethical and religious issues applies to all

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is supplying food to the Cambodians. In fact, one of our former students, Gary Johnston, was pictured in TIME magazine as he was working with this organization.

I don't think a signature effects the validity of the preceding thoughts, and since it might detract by discussion of who expressed them rather than their content, I wish to close simply with

Love,

from a Rich brother who struggles, as many of you, with wealth and a proper sense of stewardship.

Giver Becomes the Receiver

Dear Kay,

May I take this opportunity to offer a response to the various thoughts that have been (and still are being) directed to me as a result of my recent letters to the Star about holiness, public indifference, debate etc. I would like to kill two birds with one stone. That is, I want to (a) explain why I bothered to write at all and (b) avoid any more public discussion of these issues.

The following quotation from Emerson expresses a belief of mine:

Commentary on the News

Prime Minister Joe Clark Faces Mounting Opposition

by Ed Zehner

Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark's Progressive Conservative government faces rising opposition within the House of Commons. The Conservatives lost by-elections last week to fill two vacant seats. The elections leave the Progressive Conservatives with 136 seats to 114 for the Liberals and 27 for the New Democratic Party. Joe Clark's government has already survived three no-confidence votes in the short time since gaining power, squeaking through with the support of five members of the right-wing Social Credit Party.

Following the results of the elections, Liberal leader Pierre Trudeau promised to keep the Conservatives "hopping." Some Liberals predict another no-confidence vote and a winter election when the budget is presented to the House on December 10.

That seems unlikely, however, because Trudeau has resigned as party leader. He will continue to serve as leader until a replacement is elected in March. Trudeau, who has led the party for the past ten years, said he resigned because the party needed a new image. It is thought that many voted for Clark in the last election as a reaction against Trudeau.

Fumes Leave Feds Fuming

by Susan Facer

Hot air has plagued Washington D.C. for years. Just recently this problem has worsened dramatically. According to the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which supervises almost everything Americans eat, drink, breathe or wear, has been spewing cancer-causing chemicals into the air from its own Washington laboratories. The FDA admits to discharging more than 38 pounds of toxic and cancer-causing chemicals into the air daily, but claims such amounts pose no threat to public health and safety. Rep. Elliott H. Levitas (Dem.-Georgia) isn't so sure. He states, "I find it singularly out of character for an agency such as the Food and Drug Administration to say there's nothing wrong with a little poison." The FDA also maintains laboratories in Philadelphia, Chicago, Seattle, and Denver.

Senate and Faculty Agree To Four Weekly Chapels

by Adele Anderson

On November 28 faculty voted to retain the four chapels per week policy. This final decision came after much discussion among faculty and students.

Last spring, President Chamberlain appointed a committee of faculty and students to study the purpose and procedure of chapel quality. This committee recommended that chapel be decreased to three per week. Faculty voted during May term, and a majority agreed.

When concern arose over this change, the student senators began

a surveyed class opinion. Senate discussed the matter and voted to recommend four chapels per week.

"Each senator voted according to the response he or she received from class members," said Leah Omundsen, student body president. The Senate then submitted the recommendation to faculty.

"Since enough interest and concern was evident, the faculty had further discussion and a re-vote at the November 28th faculty meeting," said Dean Shannon. By a majority vote, the faculty recommended four chapels per week.

Houghton's No Exception

Dear Kay,

In response to the "anonymous" letter in the last issue.

Though I have lived at Houghton for little more than one year, I find this school to be no exception to the others I've experienced and any other place I've lived.

One of the major problems here is loneliness. Our psych books say that everyone gets lonely sometimes and I notice it among every group on campus from administration to first semester freshmen. Why do we so often consider ourselves the only ones dealing with feelings of isolation?

Could it be that homosexuals in our midst might be seeking a level of acceptance which is lacking even among the general population? I remember absorbing the jolt of discovering the homosexuality of certain friends of mine and I realize that committing myself to freely accept you and support you as you struggle (as we all struggle) to please God, will not always be easy. But if anything that Christians say means anything at all, we must make this commitment to you and to one another.

Pat Cunningham

Sports Editorial:

Behind the Team—A Great Coach

by Scott Myers

Our soccer team has known for a long time what a great coach it has in Coach Burke. Recently some outsiders have noticed, too; particularly the NAIA. By a vote of its 200 member coaches across the nation the NAIA has named Mr. Burke its Coach of the Year.

The 1978 Houghton soccer team ended its season with a 17-1 record, no doubt a good year. In some minds, though, there may have been a question of, "How could you help but produce a fantastic season like that one with all the raw, natural talent on that team?"

These same people, at the beginning of the 1979 season asked the question, "How could a team that

lost so much talent in one year, players like Irwin, Barnett, Sylvester, Coolman, Obiorah, and Austin with a broken thumb, recover in a single year? They won't be very good until next year."

What these people fail to appreciate is that a team is more than just a bunch of players. It is a union of three parts; the players, represented by their skills, the spirit of the team, and the coach. This year the team only lost some of one of these three parts. Perhaps this year, should such an award be given, the Highlanders might not have received a Players of the Year award, certainly not over last year's group. Had a Team Spirit on the Year award

been given, the Highlanders would have had a good shot at it. The team spirit is also a fusion of three sources: the players themselves; the fans; and the coach. The players have had a high morale from the first day of soccer camp back in mid-August. The fans have consistently been the best, enthusiastically supporting the team both home and away.

But the final element of both team and spirit is vital to both. Without a coach there could of course be no proper team. Without a good coach, there could be no team spirit. Without a great coach, there could be no great team. The 1978 Houghton soccer team was a great team, but many attributed its greatness, disproportionately, to the skill of individual players. The 1979 Houghton soccer team is a great team, but this year more than other years, it is apparent that a great coach is behind the great team.

There is a Coach-of-the-Year award; and for taking a team that nobody thought could match the previous year's record (a team that maybe had not enough faith in itself), developing the full potential of each player so that a "Podunk Town Houton Islanders" could beat teams like SUNY Binghamton's, produce a season record of 18-2-2, win a national championship the same year, and himself have a career record of 133-54-19, Coach Burke surely deserves the NAIA's Coach of the Year award.

Coach Burke said that he was honored and surprised by the decision. He added that he would like to thank the college for its support and for allowing the team to participate in the NAIA.



Junior Ann Dudley makes an outside attempt.

Alfred Upsets Varsity

The Highlanders basketball season opened Saturday night, December 1 with an away game at Alfred Ag. Tech. Houghton took an early lead and ran the score up to 15-6 in the first quarter. Alfred then adopted a full and half court press which they used on and off for the rest of the game. Alfred gained a lead the Highlanders couldn't overtake for the rest of the game.

Jon Keith sparked a comeback in the fourth quarter that nearly brought Houghton into the lead, but Alfred's domination of the boards, a quick-outlet passing and fastbreaking prevented Houghton from pulling ahead.

Houghton led Alfred in shots taken 85-78, but only sunk 34% while Alfred shot with 52% accuracy. High scorers for the game were Ted Smith with 16, Del Stevens with 9, and Bruce Alsop with 8. Brian Rhoades led the rebounding by pulling down 13 and Ted Smith took 8.

Coach Rhoades said that this year's team has more depth and experience than last year's team. They have only lost one player and gained 5; one moved up from JV, one freshman, one sophomore transfer, and two who have returned to the team this year.

Rob Dultweiler played JV last year as a freshman and this year is playing varsity. Tim Edwards, who started varsity soccer this year, has an excellent shot and defense, and is expected to add much to the team. Del Stevens has taken the place of Russ Kingsbury who graduated last year as one of the team's tri-captains. Mike Blackwell, who played JV his freshman year, has transferred back to Houghton and is now playing varsity.

Coach Rhoades said that much of the team's potential for the year depends on how the big men work the boards. If they get on this job and the team as a whole ups its shooting percentage, prospects for the season look pretty bright. This year's players have a lot of talent, but still need to put it together a little more before they can play at their potential. Rhoades added that the toughest games are from now until Christmas.



Bruce Alsop goes up for two.

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to

Timothy L. Hutton ('79)

Women lose to Alfred

by Denise Woodin

The Houghton Women's basketball team suffered a disappointing loss to Alfred University in their first game of the season last weekend. While Alfred, who put through thirty-one percent of their shots in the first half and twenty percent of their shots in the second half, the Highlanders made only nine percent of the shots in the first half and seven percent in the second half. They left the score at 19-52. Martie Winters, a high-scoring guard, sank three baskets—one in the first half and

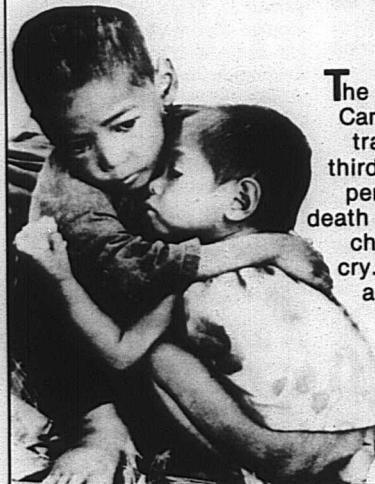
two in the next.

Captain Ann Higley feels that the team, which features six returns from last year, has much potential. Despite last weekend's beating, Houghton's women look strong with a good bench. Although Houghton's offense trailed noticeably behind, their defense struggled valiantly against Alfred.

The Highlanders have higher expectations for future confrontations. "We have it there," says Higley, "But it just wasn't working this time."

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