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Clockwise from top left: DiBlasi, Goudy, Davis, DiTullio.

Four Houghton Students Participate In Washington Internship Program

Four Houghton students are among the eighteen Christian college students from across the nation chosen to participate in the Christian College Consortium American Studies Program. Bob Davis, Hope DiBlasi, Sheila DiTullio, and Mark Goudy will live and study in the capital, gaining first-hand experience and studying American culture from a Christian perspective.

The program began September 6. During the first week, students began classes, became acquainted with internship assignments and toured Washington.

Students serve individual internships in various agencies and offices in Washington for 15-20 hours each week. They meet twice weekly with the other students and the program director, Dr. John Bernbaum, for a seminar discussion and study of political, diplomatic, and social issues.

Internship opportunities vary and a student's college major and preference are taken into account before placements are made. Whenever possible, the student is placed in an office with a Christian who can aid the student in integrating his or her faith in the daily work situation.

Taught in monthly modules, the seminar considers such topics as the U. S. Congress, State Department, National Security Council, and Fine Arts in Washington. Experts in each area are guest speakers for seminar sessions.

Dr. Bernbaum, on leave from the State Department, explained the philosophy of the program: "The American Studies Program is designed to bring together the study of a discipline with a real life-work situation, and to integrate Christianity with all

areas of life instead of compartmentalizing it off in a corner."

The program is in session from September through June. Students can have between one and four months study. Bob will finish in November; Sheila, Hope, and Mark will finish in December. At present the only internship assignment we know of is Hope's. She will be working in the office of Representative Stanley N. Lundine (D-Jamestown), working with staff members researching legislative issues.

Changes at Consortium Colleges As a Result of Title IX Ruling

CCNS — Students returning to college this fall may be surprised to find a variety of minor — and not-so-minor — changes on campus. Men may be serving food in the cafeteria alongside women for the first time, and women doing building and grounds maintenance. The women's field hockey team may be practicing at the prime 4:30 p.m. time instead of their usual 4:30 a.m. Some women students may discover that they are no longer locked in their dorm at midnight — or the men may discover that their dorm is now locked at 12:00, too.

Th changes on campus are diverse, but for the most part they stem from the federal regulations known as "Title IX" which prohibits sex discrimination in education. The regulations went into effect last year, with a July 21, 1976, deadline for institutional self-evaluation. On many campuses, this self-study has turned up discrepancies that must begin to be equalized before the three year federal compliance deadline.

Even before Title IX went into effect, most colleges were voluntarily attempting to provide equal opportunities for both men and women students. As Tom Englund, Dean of Students at Gordon College (MA) put it, "Title IX has just brought things

around a little faster."

As college administrators studied every aspect of campus programming and regulations, they were surprised to find some unexpected inequities and righted them as quickly as possible. "Two years ago we discovered that men had been getting steaks before athletic events and women were getting brown bags," admitted Gene Habecker, Dean of Students at George Fox College (OR). Women athletes at George Fox now enjoy pre-game steaks as well.

Although some discrepancies can be adjusted easily, others take time, money and long-term planning. The athletic program has been the area hardest hit by the Title IX regulations, and, unfortunately, this is also the area in which wording of the regulations seems most vague. Said Tom Englund, "We spend a lot of our time just saying, 'What in the world does this mean?'"

In an effort to comply with Title IX, many colleges have added women's sports programs this year. Women at Gordon College will have a tennis and junior varsity field hockey team for the first time; Bethel College (MN) will add a women's cross country team this fall. Other changes include upgrading present

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Development and Fund-Raising Now Under Leadership of George Huff

Development is vital to private liberal arts colleges. Present plans for Houghton include construction of a physical education center near the tennis courts, removal of Bedford Gym, and construction of a fine arts building.

With private colleges folding up at a rate of about one per month due to bankruptcy, cautious and careful planning is crucial. Two years ago, a fund-raising campaign started for

the new physical aducation center. Soliciting gifts from college friends and alumni, developers had hoped to raise at least \$2,400,000 in three years and begin construction in 1977. When information first came out, the estimated cost of the building was three million dollars; the cost is now risen to five million dollars. To date gifts for the construction of the new gym amount to only \$129,000.

The task of raising funds is headed

by Dr. George Huff, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement. He explained that operation of the college alone costs five million dollars each year. Income from tuition and fees does not completely cover expenses in the building maintenance, current funds, and professors' salaries. In order to augment college income, development personnel are hoping to collect \$250,000 to fund a chair of science, \$250,000 for a chair of religion, and the same for a chair of music. Alumni, corporations and foundations with interests in these areas are asked to contribute to these chairs, the interest from which will be for payment of professor's salaries.

Another source of income comes from the area of deferred giving. Men from Development are asked by churches or by elderly individuals to inform them about estate planning. Ralph Young and others point out the importance of drawing up a will and the advantages of annuity trust agreements.

For a Christian the job of soliciting funds presents an interesting dilemma. On the one hand the desire to contact and impress wealthy people in order to recruit their support is inevitable. Without one or two large donations in the near future, construction of the physical education center won't begin this summer. But this appears to violate James' exhortation to show no partiality and to make no "distinctions among ourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts." (James 2:4) Dr. Huff and his associates carefully avoid pressuring people into decisions or employing deceptive means to solicit aid. Rather, they see their job as one of informing people of Houghton's needs and then, "You've just got to pray that the Lord will open people's hearts."

Local Church Continues Search While "Local Talent" Fills Gap

Pastor Dorsey has left the Houghton Wesleyan church — and it appears he will not be replaced in the near future. Instead, various speakers from within and outside the community will be bringing the Sunday messages.

Why hasn't the local church been able to find a pastor? The answer, according to Rev. Ralph Young, vice-chairman of the church, is not inefficiency or a lack of diligence on the part of the church leadership; rather the opposite is true. The search committee has been selective and thorough in screening available candidates and making a list of them according to preference. Rev. Young said that the committee, comprised of himself, Louise Prinsell, Dr. Calhoun, Dr. Pockock, Dean Liddick, and Mr. Woolsey as a consultant, has drawn up a comprehensive "pastoral profile" to guide them in their search for a pastor.

The product of their work is a list of around 20 people, ranked in order of preference. So why still no pastor?

Several "highly available" people are limited by present commitments, Rev. Young said, indicating that when those commitments expire, the Houghton church will get some candidates.

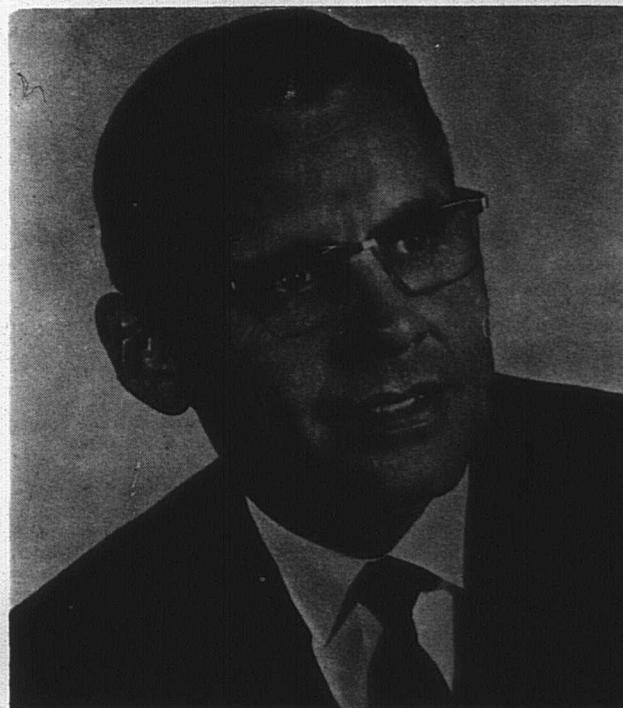
Recommendations are still welcome. The committee will consider anyone who can fit into the Houghton community, who is a good pastor with a Wesleyan and Biblical background and who can relate to both young and old.

In the meantime the church will have a "shared ministry using local talent." The church leadership is anticipating "good services, continuation of fine spirit, and good attendance."

Here is the schedule for the rest of September and the month of October:

- Sept. 26: Rev. Alexander H. McNally (presently a pastor in Canada, formerly homiletics and speech professor at Nyack)
- Oct. 3: Rev. Ralph Young (A.M.)
- Oct. 10: Prof. Harold Kingdon (P.M.)
- Oct. 10: Chaplain Bareiss (communion Sunday)
- Oct. 17: Dr. Chamberlain
- Oct. 17: Dr. Schultz
- Oct. 24: FMF Conquest — Rev. George Dee.

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Dr. George Huff

Editorial Where the Air Is 'Foul and Fair'

The first thing I did when I came back to Houghton was sniff the air. I had detected some uncertainty in it when I last sampled it in May. But this month it's different. It's not any cleaner; it's not any less smoky (to use a metaphor); it's not particularly fresher, although I could detect a new scent in it.

But the uncertainty is gone, wafted away, perhaps, by a fragile breeze that seems to proceed from Luckey Building. From the President's office. It's a new movement in the air, coming from a new direction. All I had ever seen around that office before (if indeed I ever saw any movement) were those tiny tight little whirlwinds that kick up leaves and dirty papers.

And that new scent. It's a delicate smell, high and sweet. Everything and everyone seem to be giving it off. The air is just clear enough now to let you smell it, faintly.

This scent is producing a mild euphoria in all who breathe it. They are more hopeful than before, and they seem to be more happy about the way things are going now.

Compared to the way they felt before they caught a whiff of this new air, though, they feel atomic. That's dangerous, because, as I said before, the air isn't any cleaner or much clearer. And it's far from being clean or clear enough. There are still some smelly piles of garbage laying around. Some people are still wearing their old clothes. Some doors and windows aren't open to the new air yet.

Things may get worse before they get better. There's a lot of dust to be blown out, and cobwebs to be swiped out of corners, even in the President's office. Everyone is going to have to join in the house cleaning. A good deal of it has already been started, thanks to our guest "janitor" last week.

The small changes in the atmosphere at Houghton are not enough. They mark a starting place, but they are only a sign of new things to come. The hopefulness in the air has to condense and come down, like rain, to wash the dirt out of the air and help us see one another more clearly.

Daniel Hawkins

If anything is clear in the interview with Dr. Chamberlain in this issue, it is that he intends to take his major dealings with students through Student Senate and its committees. Students now have a clear voice, and there is hope that Senate will finally become effective in more than entertainment. But with this opportunity comes responsibility: more students must become involved with Senate, and those who are involved already must not discharge their duties in the lackadaisical way that has been all too common in the past. Otherwise, we will be speaking from a weak position when we speak about what we feel is best for us. But more about that next week. —D.P.H.

In Memoriam

On September 17, Bruce Wilson died due to a respiratory arrest for which doctors have been unable to determine a cause. Bruce was a junior here at Houghton and was 21 years old. A memorial service was held in Wesley Chapel last night.

Because of Bruce's interest in and enthusiasm for Houghton sports, his friends have chosen to express their feelings for him in the form of a trophy to be given each year to the champion intramural basketball team. The trophy is to be displayed in a case for which Student Senate will undertake fundraising. The case is destined for the new physical education complex now being planned.

"When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'" (1 Cor. 15:54)

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Potential First Families Evaluated; Who Can Best Endure Scrutiny?

by John Kelly

Everyone tells us how important this year's elections are. After all... it's the Bicentennial year. But, yet the statistics show us that not too many Americans really care about the elections. While 55% of all registered voters actually did vote in the 1972 elections, experts are predicting that less than 50% will do so this fall.

Americans have to realize that this election is important. Sure Ford may be ineffective with a Democratic congress and sure ole Jimmy lacks political experience. But, the people are forgetting one great issue — the media.

For the next four years, either the Fords or the Carters will be probed, photographed, gossiped about and slandered. What the voters don't realize is that they have a chance to decide just who they are going to be watching. Let me show you how this issue shapes up.

First, who do you want to see displayed on TV, in magazines or shown kissing Brezhnev? Jimmy, with that smile and honest look of concern on his face? Or Jerry, a man with a stiff jaw who's ready for action? It's a tough choice. If Jerry is elected, we'll hear about his fun weekends of skiing at Vail. Jerry's so athletic! But, Jimmy. Why, we'll be visiting Plains, Georgia, watching him play softball or eating fried chicken with the Allman Brothers.

Look at the wives. Do you want to watch Betty Ford bump and dance with Tony Orlando for the next four years? I have to admit, I like Betty. She's honest, outspoken, and isn't afraid to step away from her husband and give her own views. But, Rosalynn Carter has a lot going for her also. The doll-like wholesomeness, the servitude of a devoted wife, Rosalynn could be the perfect White House hostess. But, while she gains in the quiet Carter manner, Betty still comes way ahead in spontaneity.

What about the kids? Here is where a campaign can be won or lost. Jimmy and Jerry have one daughter a piece. But there's a big difference between them. Amy, Carter's eleven year old child looks to be a blue-chip choice. She'll spit on photographers, kick Jimmy on the peanut shell and do anything an innocent, precocious girl will do. Imagine the drama when Amy punches her first boyfriend in the face or the tension when she calls Fritz Mondale a "screamin' eagle." This lust for life has not been seen since Caroline Kennedy's term.

So, what about Susan? Well, she certainly has style. She carries herself well and adds a flair to the White House. And if Jerry is elected, we'll be hearing about Susan and her camera and her flings with the White

House photographers. Yes, she'll be getting a lot of bad exposure.

The sons could also be important. Jack Ford is 6' 1", an attractive figure for young conservationists and younger teeny-boppers. Steve, his brother, is a freespirted bronco-buster. Both give positive impressions. But, while Jack Carter lacks his father's teeth, he still inherited his dull innocence. In fact, Jimmy's nephew in San Quentin is much more interest-

ing. And if Jimmy's elected, maybe the two can switch places.

Anyway you figure it, it's the voter's decision. Do you want Jimmy Carter at the baseball season opening, throwing peanuts from his left hand, forgetting the ball in his right? Or do you want Jerry Ford to bang and dent three private jets with his head and fall on his face in front of a foreign dignitary? Remember, it's your choice.

Changes at Consortium Colleges Under Title IX Rules (continued)

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sports programs — buying new uniforms and equipment, offering new facilities and adding coaching staff. Roger Davis, Athletic Director at Bethel College, said that the Bethel women's basketball team will have their own balls for the first time this year, and will no longer have to use the men's basketballs after they are through with them. Although the addition is a fairly minor one, Mr. Davis believes that it will be a major impetus for boosting team morale.

The Title IX regulations specify "comparable opportunities" for both sexes, but athletic directors are anxious to point out that this does not mean immediate equalization of budgets. At colleges with football teams, the budget for that single sport is often more than double the budget for the entire women's athletic program. Athletic directors cannot rob from the rich and give to the poor without further complications, but they can begin to reconcile the differences.

Some small colleges find that increasing the women's athletic program is especially difficult because the men's athletic program is already running on a bare bones budget. Gordon College has no football team, and, as Tom Englund puts it, "Their is no fat in any of our athletic budgets. No one is getting an abundance of money."

Another area affected on many campuses by Title IX is housing. Houghton College (NY) had been housing women students in college facilities and subjecting them to closer supervision and regulations than the men, who were free to live off campus after their freshman year. This fall all freshmen and sophomores will live in college-owned dormitories, while juniors and seniors of both sexes will have the option of living off campus or in college dorms. Because women will now be living in community housing, Houghton has stepped up security and added lighting (Ed. note: When? Where?) — a plus for the men living off campus, too.

Gordon College also had to balance regulations when they discovered that women's dorms were locked at certain hours and men's dorms were always open. Instead of removing the locks on women's dorms, though, they added combination locks to all doors. Students are free to enter the dorms at any hour through this system, but the added security gives men the same protection from intruders as women.

At Wheaton College (IL) a long-standing requirement for "all qualified male students" was a military science course (ROTC) during their freshman year. The college was faced with either requiring the course for both sexes, or dropping the requirement for men. The course requirement was voluntarily dropped last year, well ahead of the federal compliance deadline.

Although some Christian college administrators originally feared that Title IX would interfere with the schools' religious distinctives, most have come to the conclusion that Title IX has little or no effect on the religious character of the school. Gordon College questioned a portion of the regulations which stated that women could not be dismissed from a school for pregnancy. Believing that illegitimate pregnancy was inconsistent with the Christian commitment of the college, the school requested clarification of the regulations in light of their religious beliefs. Federal officials replied that the college was free to dismiss illegitimately pregnant women as long as offending males were disciplined equally.

The general reaction on Christian campuses to the Title IX regulations has been positive. Business Manager Kenneth Nielsen at Houghton College said, "In summary, changes made by Title IX have been healthy, and have not conflicted with religious distinctives."

Gene Habecker believes, "Title IX is a beginning, not an end. Self-study and evaluation is an on-going, healthy process."



Dr. Daniel Chamberlain

Interview

Dr. Chamberlain on Relationships

Last week, the Star resumed its dialogue with Dr. Chamberlain, this time asking him about presidential relations with the student body. The following are excerpts from the interview.

Dr. Chamberlain, we students sense a positive and hopeful attitude here, due, in part, to your presence on campus. What spirit do you sense among students?

I sense a spirit of cooperation, a spirit of optimism, of willingness to work together as a community. The task is for us to maintain that. In the long run good relationships are based not just upon optimistic feelings but upon deep trust. I hope we can build on the basis of the current openness and optimism so that when a disagreement comes, we can still trust each other and we can still work together.

How would you define an ideal president-student body relationship?

There needs to be a good relationship with the formal organization, a good structural relationship. Clear, frequent communication with the Student Senate president, editors of the paper, and other student leaders. To help that happen, I've set up a meeting every Wednesday with the student

body president. I've suggested to him to bring other students with him on occasion.

Beyond that, I hope to have a range of informal relationships. Structures by their nature build in filters. If I ask your opinion on something, you can give me your honest opinion, but it will have gone through your filter nonetheless. Too many filters create a certain amount of distortion. It's important for me to have informal student contacts.

I'm going to try a number of things. One I call 'random conversation'. Twenty or twenty-five students will meet with me somewhere on campus, or (I hope) up at my home when we get a little bit more settled, and we'll talk and get to know each other. Also, one of the dorms has invited me to speak with them, and I'm going to do that at Shenawana, September 28. A student invited me to have lunch with him, and I want to make myself available for other kinds of informal contacts as well.

So you propose to be highly visible on campus?

I hope to be. I don't have a big barrel of sermons somewhere, but I'd like to be involved in chapel once a week, to introduce the speaker, for example. I am scheduled to speak four times this year. Also, I hope my schedule will permit me to be involved in intramural teams consisting of faculty and staff — the Drybones, I believe they're called?

You place a value on communication with students. In the past, there has not existed such openness with students as you propose. What are the limits on the student's right-to-know?

You have to decide at what point the project you propose to communicate is mature. You don't want to have

things go off in a different direction, and make people feel they've been misled. The question is: How far do I let something develop before I communicate it so that I can communicate accurately?

To what extent can students determine the developments on campus, especially as regards student affairs?

It depends on the issue. But, for example, there are students on the Students Affairs committee. Many of the policies that affect students would be discussed there even before I hear about them. This gives students an opportunity to provide input, even in the formulation of the question that needs to be considered, as well as the policy that provides the answer. Student representation on committees ought to be taken seriously. It's not tokenism.

Students on committees have two very important functions. One is to contribute a student perspective. The other is to communicate the decisions and the rationale of the committee to the other students.

How about developments that take place outside of student committees? What access do students have to that kind of information?

Through the administrators that have that kind of responsibility. You have to work, to a large extent, through the given structure or you will destroy the structure. I have a weekly meeting with the Dean of Student Affairs. For matters that more directly affect students, I would talk with the President of Senate. I am also in the fortunate position of having a daughter as a student. I have an opportunity for very informal exchange with her and the friends she brings up to the house. I try to keep the antennae out to see what's happening.

Fine Arts

Summer Movies

by Dan Hawkins

I admit it. I did see *Midway* this summer, and yes, I paid three dollars fifty cents to get in. But I also saw *Gus*, a Walt Disney production about a Yugoslavian mule which kicks field goals for the worst team in the NFL. And I have the same excuse for seeing both of them: my eleven-year-old brother took me. And he loved them. I thought *Gus* was the better picture.

That should give you an idea of what this summer was like for cinema fans. Pretty barren. Granted, summer is a slow season for the industry, but this was the slowest I've ever seen. It was like a long fall from a low hill.

Let me start from the top and work down. The best movie I saw this summer was *Silent Movie*, a Mel Brooks film. (It's still making the rounds in Olean and other minor cities.) I saw it three times. The comedy is up-front, and Brooks gives a broad performance, milking everything from TV ping-pong to Chinese restaurants for laughs. The movie's gimmick is that it's silent, meaning that no one speaks a word except . . . but that would be telling. It deserves more than a paragraph, but better you should go and see it than read about it.

Just for the record, many of my friends who saw both *Silent Movie* and Neil Simon's *Murder By Death* thought that *Murder* was funnier. It's a clever film about all the world's best detectives, but it runs out of material about twenty minutes before it runs out of story. The ending is very tedious.

By now you must have the idea that the summer was long on comedy and short on drama. It's true. The closest I got was *Bingo Long's Traveling All-Stars and Motor Kings*. (I stayed away from *The Omen* because of its obvious parallels to *The Exorcist*; stories of Satanic horrors are anything but entertainment.) *Bingo Long* is about a barnstorming black base-

ball team of the 1930s. It is full of both fun and tragedy; the fun is during the games — the team is baseball's answer to the Harlem Globetrotters — and the tragedy is the indignity that these proud men have to suffer because the white league has turned its back on them. A sterling performance by Billy Dee Williams as *Bingo Long*, an unusually loose one by James Earl Jones, and lots of neat music to boot.

Action-adventure films were in surplus this summer. Two big stars, Burt Reynolds and Charles Bronson, weighed in with *Gator* and *St. Ives*, respectively. *Gator* marked Reynolds' debut as director and included the stunning Lauren Hutton. *St. Ives* gave us a toned down Bronson; he only kills one person. Both films should confirm their stars' reputations as good box-office.

But there were better action flicks. *Robin and Marian*, a Robin Hood film (with Sean Connery and Audrey Hepburn in the title roles and Nicol Williamson as Little John), and *Swashbuckler*, a pirate movie (Robert Shaw, Genevieve Bujold, and (again!) James Earl Jones) were comforting returns to the old adventure stories. The only problem with them was that both casts had their tongues planted so firmly in their cheeks that the romantic messages of the old films came out garbled.

So did the message of *Mother, Jugs, and Speed*. Although Bill Cosby (*Mother*, for some obscure reason) turns in a fine comic performance as a hard-nosed ambulance driver, the comedy of the film is ruined by a perfunctory injection of very bad melodrama and some crude and tasteless incidents involving sickness and violence.

By the end of the summer, I felt like *The Man Who Fell To Earth*. In the film, David Bowie plays an alien come to earth to find water for his drying (and therefore dying) planet. He meets a corporation lawyer (played to perfection by Buck Henry) and gets him to set up an immensely profitable company based on a number of nifty gizmos which Bowie has thought to bring from home. Of

course the competition gets jealous, and finally succeeds in knocking him off the pinnacle of power. His tormentors do show some small consideration, for they do not kill him; they reduce him to an alcoholic and then let him be, because he's "had enough." And so have I.

Star Forum

Apartment Controversy

by Sharon Brautigam

In spite of recent changes in housing policy, there is still one policy that is a "bone of contention" to many students. This is the policy that states that no single student may live in an apartment without special permission.

At present, the only student that has the assumed right to live in an apartment is a married student. There is one obvious reason for this — there are no college facilities for married students. To many single students, however, it appears that necessity is not the only reason for this assumed right. The other reason and one obviously discriminatory to single students is the assumption, conscious or unconscious, that married students are more mature than single students, in spite of the fact that single students are the same age as most married students. A married student can freely live in an apartment. A single student of the same age must obtain the rarely granted "special permission" from the Dean's office.

Some students feel there is an economic factor involved in this issue. They suspect that if apartments were available, many single students would choose to live in one instead of dorms, causing college housing to be less than full and therefore causing a loss of money for the college. The college requires its dormitories to be filled before students may go to outside housing. Some suspect that this policy exists so the college will receive the maximum amount of money possible. This policy is not however

purely a college regulation. N. Y. State requires the college to fill its dormitories first because of the loans that are still being paid. Still, there are many surplus students after the dormitories are full, some of whom might choose to live in apartments if that option was open to them.

There is yet another factor involved in the "apartment controversy", the pragmatic one. With a rising number of married students there are less and less empty apartments in which

a single student could live. To many, however, this is not a factor. What is at issue is the right to live in an apartment, not the possibility of doing so.

The fact is, there is no rationale offered for refusing single students the right to live in apartments. Why are students who in the eyes of the world are legally responsible adults, denied the right to live in their own apartments at Houghton College? This is the real issue.

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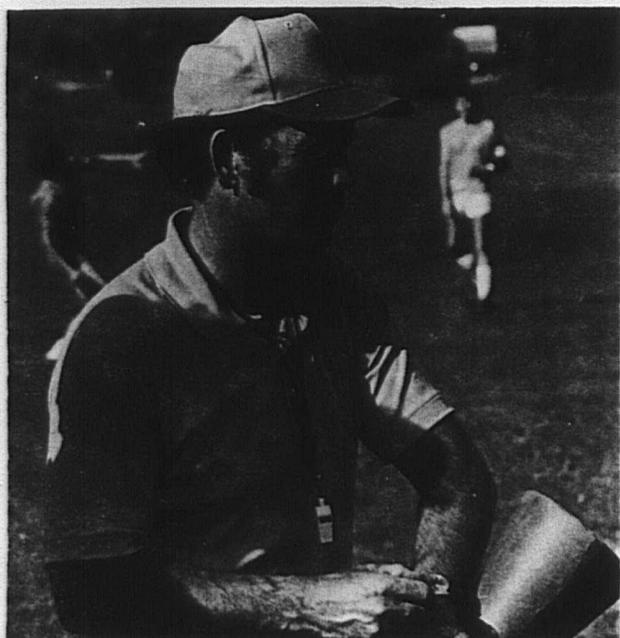
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Houghton is a haven for victims of the "Soccer Syndrome." They are the students who wander down to the soccer field on Tuesday afternoons with nothing better to do, or who are drawn to soccer games by the roars of the crowd on sunny Saturdays. The game of soccer is growing in favor with the American sports fan. While it does not yet rival professional football in popularity, at a college where no football is played, soccer sure beats everything else.

Soccer is a fast paced game. There are no time outs. Substitutions can only be made when the ball crosses the end line. The referee only stops the clock when a player is injured. To someone seeing a soccer game for the first time the game looks like organized mayhem. Players seem to be running everywhere chasing a ball which appears to be kicked randomly

around the field. This appearance is heightened by the fact that in soccer there are no set plays.

Ideally, though not as often in actuality, the eleven men on a soccer team are working deliberately and harmoniously to bring the ball under control and move it towards the opponent's goal. Players are assigned positions and areas of the field for which they are responsible and although setplays are not utilized except on free kicks, play "patterns" are very much used to penetrate the opponent's defense.

In an effort to make you, the fan, more aware of what is happening on the field when you watch the soccer

team play, the sports staff of the Star will be writing articles from time to time on soccer basics, styles of play, and soccer strategy. If anyone has any questions which they would like answered by either the editors, a player, or even Coach Burke on any aspect of soccer, strategy, rules, or fundamentals, feel free to address your questions to the Star sports editor. Feel free to write any letters to the sports department expressing your views on any sports activity or program here at Houghton. Due to the nature of sports, its wide participant and spectator appeal, the sports section should be a forum for open discussion.

Chess: Game of Kings and Pawns Alike To Enjoy New Opportunities at Houghton

by Dr. Brian Sayers

Did you know that the **second** book published in the English language (1474) was a book on chess? That chess has been played for fifteen centuries, that it was probably invented by Buddhist monks as a bloodless substitute for war, that it has been regarded as a symbolic form of father-murder and as an outlet for pent-up aggression and sexual drives, that Napoleon, Rousseau, Dickens, Lincoln, and Che Gueverra (to name a few) were all avid players, that no computer is a match for a fairly good player in this area, and that over 25,000 volumes (more than that for all other games combined) have been written as a tribute to this "royal game"? It is the most widely diffused game in the world and universally considered the most challenging and exhilarating. No other activity apart from religious movements has ever attracted such single-minded devotees. There is something about this 'game' that strikes a responsive chord in men and women the world over.

"Chess", said Tarrasch, "like love, like music, has the power to make men happy." In reality, it is too serious to be a game, too frivolous to be a science; it is, instead, an art, and at times becomes art pure and simple. Yet it is also more than art; it shares with all arts the quality of "utter uselessness" but at the same time fulfills many beneficial functions. Witness the following poem written over a thou-

sand years ago:
It (chess) soothes the anxious lover's care,

It weans the drunkard from excess;
It counsels warriors in their art,
When dangers threat, and perils press;

And yields us, when we need them most,
Companions in our loneliness.

Chess is still a game, however, and like any game involves a struggle. The genius of chess lies in the nature of that struggle: one unparalleled in the creative artistry it engenders. The great chess master is both pugnacious and creative. He possesses a contemplative spirit sensitively attuned to, and combined with, a killer instinct, an aggressiveness which is inflexible in its desire to crush an opponent. It is like the scientist's stern resolve to make the world reveal its secrets to him by the very force of his intellect, like the painter's consuming drive to lay bare the nature of life on a canvas covered with the paint of his imagination.

But for most of us chess is simply fun. There is no luck involved, there are no inherent advantages for male or female, young or old, student or teacher. You pull all the strings, you make all the decisions, and the chessmen dance to your command. In a sense you do everything and in another sense you need do nothing at all. Having learned the basic moves of the game, you need only abandon

yourself to the **demon** of chess and bask in pure unadulterated pleasure. You may play quickly without care, you may strive to improve your powers of concentration and imagination, you may relax, or you may exert yourself.

And now you have the opportunity to do all this in the company of interesting and friendly people. Whether you are a beginner or an expert you can play chess how you want, with whom you want, and at the level which is your pleasure. It is a change, it is a rest, it is a magnificent social activity, it is a completely different world, and it is here at Houghton. The chess club meets **tonight 6:30 Student Lounge.**

"In this grand kingdom of the mind all are free, all equal, all happy."

Baseball Record Stands 0-4 As Team Falls To Utica

Before a large and enthusiastic crowd of as many as 18 people, the Houghton baseball team dropped two more games on Wednesday, September 14. These losses to Utica College, coupled with two earlier defeats to St. Bonaventure left Houghton with a record of 0 wins and 4 losses.

In the first game against Utica, Houghton, aided by a better than usual defense, and a respectable pitching performance by left-hander Kevin Bubb, kept the score down, but still lost. Houghton managed only one hit, an infield single with two outs in the seventh inning by freshman Rob Reese. Dave Michael and Paul Wager contributed with some fine defensive plays in the field.

In game two, Houghton appeared a different ballclub, jumping to an early 3-1 lead and holding a 3-2 lead until the fifth inning. In the fifth however, Utica, aided by walks, sloppy fielding, and mental errors, erupted for four runs. They went on to score three more in the sixth and seventh for an eventual 9-3 win. Pitcher Bill Evans was the hitting standout with a two

run triple and proved, despite the score, that he has the potential to be an outstanding pitcher in the future.

In the second game, starting third baseman John Roman suffered a broken arm on a play at third base. This leaves Houghton minus two starters as rightfielder Jeff Tarbox is sidelined with a sprained ankle.

So what can be said for the remainder of the season? First of all the team has a lot going against it. Included here could be such things as inexperience, a highly competitive schedule, a loser's complex, and lack of support from the college community.

Secondly, there are some bright spots. Take, for instance, catcher Guy Hays, who until three weeks ago had never caught in his life, but who has shown marked improvement in every game and the determination to continue to do it better. Others, also, could be mentioned.

Outlook? A lot of mistakes, it is true. But there is improvement. Perhaps even enough to win a game — or two.

Summer Missionaries Remember Their Term of Service as Time Well-Spent

While many Houghton students sold encyclopedias, bagged groceries, counselled at camps, and fled to the beaches, one special group spent their summer working for missions in various parts of the world. In addition to the twelve summer missionaries supported by FMF were a number of others who raised their support through churches, friends, and various organizations.

Although their summer mission experiences were quite varied, the students voiced similar reactions, such as, "it was the best summer of my life. . . I learned so much. . . I just want to go back. . ." Summer missions opened many eyes to strange

cultures, challenging opportunities, and the realization that full-time missionaries are indeed human.

Kim Beach assisted in surgery, a pharmacy, and a children's clinic, initiated the area's first Bible study for young people, and helped deliver five babies in a Sierra Leone hospital. With only one doctor and two nurses staffing the 73-bed facility (which serves more than two hundred outpatients a day), Kim's abilities were never wasted. The shortage of qualified personnel prompted Kim to express her desire to return, perhaps for another short term, perhaps for

a longer period of time.

Dan Woolsey plastered walls, hammered partitions into place, and learned to appreciate the privileges which Americans often take for granted, as he helped to renovate the girls' dorm at the European Bible Institute in France. Culture and communication differences caused Dan to claim the command and promise of Colossians 3: 23, "Whatever you are doing, put your whole heart into it, as if you were doing it for the Lord and not for men, knowing that there is a master who will give you your heritage as a reward for your services."

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