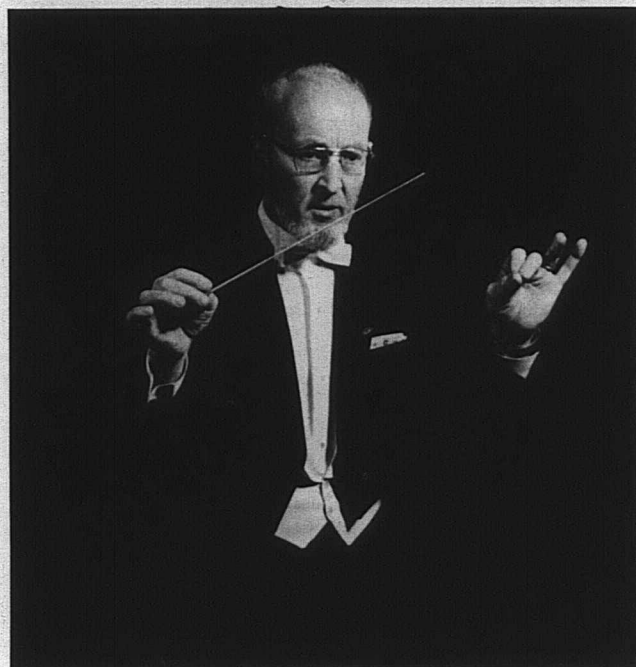




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Prof. Clark: Leaving for Washington, D.C. to work with the Hymn Society.

## Keith Clark Leaving HC

Mr. Keith C. Clark, Associate Professor of Brass Instruments, will be leaving Houghton College this summer to assume duties with the Hymn Society of America as Consultant and Assistant Project Director for the Dictionary of American Hymnology in Bethesda, Maryland.

Mr. Clark retired as Solo Cornet with the United States Army Band of Washington, D.C. in 1966, coming directly to Houghton College as a teacher of trumpet, conducting and hymnology. For twelve years he was conductor of the Houghton College Symphony Orchestra. He initiated the annual Young People's Concerts in 1966 and the Honors Concerts in 1971.

The orchestra grew from twenty-five members in 1966 to over sixty in 1976-77. Local performances included symphonies by Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schumann, Dvorak, Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Vaughan Williams, Howard Hanson and Charles Ives.

While teaching at Houghton, Mr. Clark served as President of the National Church Music Fellowship, Vice-President of the National School Orchestra Association, Board of Directors of the American Youth Symphony and Chorus, Project Director for the International Trumpet Guild and Contributing Editor for *The Instrumentalist* magazine. His articles have appeared in *The Hymn*, *International Trumpet Guild Journal*, *The Instrumentalist*, *New York Brass Conference for Scholarships* and the *National School Orchestra Association Bulletin*.

Mr. Clark began teaching trumpet in 1941 while a freshman in high school, and later as a trumpeter with the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra. While in Washington, D.C., he taught at Washington Bible College, Montgomery College, and Ellsworth Studios. He

was music director for the choirs of four churches in the District of Columbia and Virginia.

Clark began his collection of books about hymns and church music thirty-three years ago while teaching courses at Washington Bible College. The Clark Hymnological Library is now the largest private collection of its kind in the U.S., with over 9000 volumes. Mr. Clark's *Selective Bibliography for the Study of Hymns* will be published in June by the Hymn Society.

Mr. Clark spent part of last summer working with Dr. Leonard Ellinwood, Project Director for the *Dictionary of American Hymnology*. The *Dictionary* was begun by the Hymn Society in 1953 under Editor Henry Wilder Foote of Harvard University. The Hymn Society of America plans to publish the multi-volume *Dictionary* in the near future.

## Horst Receives Fellowship for Study



Horst: Summer studies in Latin American Literature.

by David Foster  
Mr. Ray Horst will be studying for eight weeks this summer at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. A Houghton professor of Spanish, Horst is able to pursue this study through a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The general topic of the seminar is an examination of the self-perception of the Latin American, with emphasis on the "forgotten people" at the bottom of the social ladder. Horst's personal proposal is "to study Latin American perceptions of North Americans as found in twentieth century Latin American literature."

He plans to spend most of his research time sifting through drama, poetry, and novels for representative North Americans.

tered around the fact that because faith is so intertwined with belief it requires that we examine what we believe and that we are able to provide reasons for this belief. It centered around the fact that we should have beliefs and have reasons to support them.

Barb's personal advice to the students as she leaves is, "Live one day at a time and enjoy each day."

Valerie Crocker, a life-long resident from Akron, Ohio (Dr. Shannon's hometown), is a performance major here at Houghton. Valerie commented on her academic success saying "I think it might be a fault that I have for not being able to work for anything less than that. I just can't work and settle for less."

"I really enjoyed my studying. I enjoyed learning and hearing what the different teachers had to share. My professors shared their lives in the class and I could see how their subject fits into their lives. I really appreciated that. They inspired their students to love what they are doing."

Val participated in many activi-



Barb Schmitz

ties during her Houghton career. She was in choir for all four years—Chapel Choir during her freshman year and College Choir during her last three years. She is an active member in the Piano Ensemble, played intramural sports during her freshman year, worked as a DJ at WJSL for one semester (this semester she did the Classical Show on Sunday afternoons), and spent one semester in Orches-

tra. "I really learned a lot from that," she commented, "I play the percussion and I learned a lot about rhythm." She also served on the Student's Advisory Committee, which was a chapel subcommittee which helped to plan the worship chapels.

"One thing that brought joy to my life when I was here was that I got to know the people in the community from sitting by them in church and other places. They invited me up to their houses. That really helped to restore my soul a lot of times," Val said.

Valerie's topic for Wednesday's chapel centered around her definition of goodness that she developed over the last four years. "I used to think that goodness had a lot to do with a lot of things that you do. But I found out that it is not so much what you are doing but what you are being," she said. "This has a lot to do with whether or not you are walking with the Lord. I have to walk every day with the Lord. Not that I have learned the secret of it, but I can see how important it is."



Val Crocker

Val has been accepted at Hart School of Music, providing her future husband Jeffery Stark ('79) can get a job in Hartford. If she does attend Hart she will study Piano Pedagogy, which will enable her to teach at the college level. "My goal is to be a college teacher or else to teach piano in my home," she said. "I would also like to do some work for the church."

Val's words of wisdom to the students is, "Appreciate what we have here at Houghton. It's not always going to be this way. We might always have the thinkers and we might always have the delinquents. We will always have to balance our priorities."

"The friendships which I have developed and the encouragement that people have given me are my biggest assets I've achieved while I was here," Val said. "I have learned how to give to other people."

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## No Exit

"Let's get out of here."

A universal password. You hear it on the Flintstones. You hear it in the gangster movies. The slicked-down Humphrey Bogart type suggests it to the gum-chewing chinchilla-wearing blonde babe in practically all of the twentieth century's more important love scenes.

At last Monday's Senior Skip Chapel, "let's get out of here" lighted upon my ears again. No one shouted those precise words—or, heaven forbid, sang them to the tune of *I Am Woman*. But they came pretty close. It seemed that most of the chapel was devoted to the ecstasy the Class of '80 would receive once they had doffed the tight-fitting purple and gold corset. Only at the very end of their Roast of the Rock did they admit "Houghton...we're going to miss you."

By artistic standards such an unexpected reversal at almost the last minute of the performance isn't convincing. Of course, we can't judge the bulk of senior sentiment by their performance. What most seniors probably feel (at least the seniors I've spoken to) is a mixture of joyous relief and the sadness of separation. Most are excited about the future prospects. Four years of exams, bills, papers, engagements, joys, sorrows, love, peace and the rainbow, too, can take their toll on anyone. Houghton has given them all it can offer. A change comes, a new light shines; something different is afoot.

For seniors going on to jobs or grad school, and the rest of us heading to three months of McDonald's or summer missions, "let's get out of here" shouldn't mean "Thank God I'm out of that purgatory. Now paradise begins." As one professor pointed out shortly after that first "peeling out" Monday, "the tests don't end here." The format changes, but the demands of life don't decrease.

We remember, too, that for many of us Houghton doesn't simply mean all these exams, bills, and Fried Rice Casserole a la SAGA. If Houghton has anything to offer besides the bare outlines of a B.A., it should be good friends and maturing experiences.

Except for the hermits and free-lance accountants among us, most of us will have to live and work with other people. We may do this with some of the people we've met here; we certainly will keep in contact with those who sincerely have made an impact on our lives.

Then there are those maturing experiences: the D- on the essay you thought the professor would submit to *Atlantic Monthly*; the alienation you felt when your good friend suddenly became your worst enemy, and the relief you felt when he's your good friend again; the fiancé who transferred as a subtle way of breaking off eternal bliss; an unexpected scholarship; God answering and not answering.

Sure, these kinds of friends we could have met anywhere, these kinds of experiences we could have endured/enjoyed wherever a hundred dozen young adults gather. These very friends, though these very experiences came from Houghton, the place God brought you to. We may forget about the "tares in the wheat of God's truth" bookplates, or refuse to open any more letters that begin "Dear friend of Houghton: As you know, we are in the process of constructing a new gymnasium...." Yet none of us can deny that Houghton helped make us what we are.

So fine. Let's get out of here. (Personally, I can't wait to see Piccadilly Circus.) Just remember one way or another, we're always coming back.

Graham N. Drake

## Rep. Holtzman Opposes Male Draft Registration

(Washington, D.C.)

Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D-N.Y.) denounced yesterday's vote by the House of Representatives providing funds to register males between the ages of 18 and 20.

In a speech on the Floor of the House, Rep. Holtzman said, "Ours is a government of limited powers and to permit substantial government interference in the lives of Americans—as this bill does—there must be a clear and substantial justification. No such justification exists."

Rep. Holtzman stated that there is not military need for pre-mobilization registration. Citing a Congressional Budget Office estimate that only 7 days would be saved in registering Americans before mobilization, and noting that we already have 2 million people in our armed forces, Rep. Holtzman continued: "What then is the justification? Clearly, to send a 'signal' to the Russians. But this bill send no signal of national resolve and unity. Instead of unity, it will lead to protests and demonstrations, since refusing to register is a crime with a 5 year penalty. The bill will lead to the prosecution of our own youth. Compulsory registration under these circumstances will tear the country apart."

Rep. Holtzman agreed on the necessity of protesting the Russian aggression in Afghanistan, but not with compulsory registration which she views as an empty symbol. "Forcing our young people to register will not make Russians pay any price. Instead we should concentrate on getting out allies to join with us in banning the sale of sophisticated technology to Soviet Union, and in boycotting the Olympics. These measures would extract a real penalty."

Dear Graham,

On Tuesday night, April 29, the Student Senate considered a motion that would have recorded their disapproval of the present chapel suspension policy. The motion was defeated by a vote of 12-9, with 3 abstentions. This motion was simply an effort to register discontent with the present extreme policy of suspending, for one week, anyone who misses more than 10 chapels. An alternative, less severe, policy was ready for consideration, but the motion did not obligate the Senate

## Senate Report April 29th Meeting

by Meg Martino

Led by Tom MacIntyre with scripture and prayer, the second Student Senate meeting of the 1980-'81 year opened.

In a brief presidential report, Lois McAleer informed senators of the Day of Prayer scheduled from 6 pm April 30 through 6 pm May 1, 1980. The purpose, Ms. McAleer explained, is to unitedly ask God's blessings on financing the new gym. Ms. McAleer noted that announcements had been sent to all students urging them to sign up for one or more of the fifteen minute intervals of prayer.

Since the Senate will not meet until next fall, she stressed the importance of student input before the end of the semester and also said that Vice-president, Ed Zehner and Secretary, Sue Facer, would be available for student concerns during Mayterm. Ms. McAleer also announced that Naomi Ruder would serve as Parliamentarian.

A major portion of the meeting was devoted to discussion of a motion regarding the chapel suspension policy. Rich Hawkins moved that the Senate send to President Chamberlain and Dean Massey a notice expressing dissatisfaction with the present suspension policy which follows excessive chapel absences. "In our opinion, (this policy) is not in the students' best interest," the motion continued. The supporters of the motion noted the discrepancy in proportions between the number of allowable missed classes per total classes versus the number of chapel "cuts" per total chapel sessions. Those opposed to the motion voiced concern that a mandatory chapel rule would become a mockery if more absences were permitted. After much discussion, the motion was defeated in a roll-call vote, 12-9, with three abstentions.

In a committee report for Academic Affairs Council, Glenn Piper announced that the calendar for the 1983-'84 school year had been approved. The council tabled a motion to use the same format for faculty evaluation next year reasoning that they should first have sufficient feedback on the success of this year's assessment procedure. Mr. Piper also noted that SUNY's Environmental Science and Forestry School in Syracuse requested consideration of a dual two-year plus two-year program leading to a degree in Forestry or related field.

Bob Felder reported for Athletic Committee. Dean Massey submit-

ted to the committee a proposal to cut down the sports program due to financial problems in the budget. The committee rejected the recommendation to drop varsity and club baseball and women's softball. They agreed that women's soccer and field hockey should both be offered next Fall, with evaluation following to determine which sport should be continued. The committee recommended that a sub-committee be appointed to study the possibilities of swim and wrestling teams for the future.

Vice-president Ed Zehner reported for Campus Activities Board, first thanking all senators and others who helped to make the Imperials concert a success. He mentioned that a Midnight Breakfast sponsored by Saga would be held Wednesday evening. At that time, trophies would be awarded to the winners of the Campus Center Tournaments, followed by cartoon showing for all. The movie, *Fast Break*, will be shown Saturday and is the last CAB event this semester. He mentioned briefly the tentative concert plans for next year which include Daniel Amos and the Phil Keaggy Band. Tom Keye, who came to Houghton this year with his version of C. S. Lewis, will also be returning.

In old business, the following persons were elected to council positions: Academic Affairs—Glenn Piper and Doug Roorbach; Financial Affairs—Pat Smith; Institutional Advancement—Tim Nichols; Student Development—Paul Miller and Naomi Ruder. From these two, elected to serve as the Resource person to the Trustee's sub-committee on Student Development was Paul Miller.

Committee elections resulted

with the following persons chosen: Christian Life—Brad Smith; Judiciary—Bob Matson, Meg Martino, Mark Kinde, and Bob Gillcash; WJSL Programming—Rich Walton and Dale Shannon; Magazine Subscriptions—Faith Brautigam and Andy Mullen; Cultural Life—Bud Nelson and Glenn Burlingame; Food—Lori Amitrano, Sally Lawrence, Ted Johnson and Don Gallagher. The Booksale Committee will be elected by mail as moved by Doug Roorbach.

### Intended

The second-mainers of '76 would like to announce the engagement of Cheryl (Walsh) Wallschleger ('80) to James Fink ('79)

The girls of 3rd Old East and the guys of Leonard Houghton are happy to announce the engagement of Debbie Cook ('81) to Tim Kingsolver ('81)

Sally Lawrence and Sue Swimley are pleased to announce the engagement of their cousin Sharon Kellogg ('82) to Randy Freeman ('80)

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## Commentary Chapel Policy Needs Revision

to adopt this alternative. Your senators were given a chance to stand in defense of students against a policy that operates by intimidation, and by ignoring the larger issues of chapel quality and student attitudes.

But do not give up hope. Dean Massey, who was at the meeting, seems to have a better understanding than your senators that the present policy may need to be revised. I urge you to support him in finding a less extreme, more just, and reasonable approach to this problem

Glenn Harris



## A—V Dept. Switches on the Color

Houghton College President Daniel R. Chamberlain has announced a grant of \$49,825 by the Carnahan-Jackson Foundation of Jamestown, NY, made in support of the college audio-visual department's expansion into color television—phase one of a ten-year modernization and growth program.

Assistant to the President Richard Lane worked with Business Administration Professor Arnold Cook and Audio-Visual Equipment Supervisor Gary Johnson in preparing the grant proposal. The proposal pointed out that existing black and white equipment thought obsolete and prone to break-down already serves 26 percent of the students. The new equipment, which is to include a basic color studio and portable package, control console, lighting, a character generator, portable video recorder, editing equipment and tapes, will accommodate science and fine arts students as well. The Admissions, Alumni, and Institutional Advancement offices expect to use color video tape to provide up-to-date, personalized views of the college to prospective students, alumni and other college

friends, as well as document local figures and events for college archives.

Professor Cook, who coordinates Houghton's audio visual program, said the grant "culminates a five-year effort to codify needs and move from black and white to color technology." He added that "receipt of the grant now is especially timely because the BOCES network television signal has just become available in Allegany County."

In addition to expanded academic programs at the college, Mr. Cook envisions that the new equipment made possible by the grant "can provide a programming resource to the country while expanding the public awareness of the college." Serviceable black and white equipment will be used in support of continuing education programs at the college's Buffalo Suburban Campus and for Taping and review of athletic events.

Mr. Johnson anticipates that the first demonstration video to be made available for the BOCES network will be faculty recitals and other fine arts programs, and sees acquisition of the color equipment as a first step toward

full production unit capability.

Final equipment selection and purchase, together with remodeling of campus studio facilities, will take place over the summer.

## Learning in Wilderness

The Highlander Wilderness Adventure, consisting of initiatives here at Houghton, backpacking in Pennsylvania, and rock climbing and rappelling in Canada will provide experience in the direct living in the outdoors for incoming freshmen and transfer students this summer, says Professor Doris Nielson. In addition, the Highlander Wilderness Adventure "will try to stretch the people physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually — while also giving kids a chance to know other people."

"We would like students to tell freshmen and transfers about the program," Mrs. Nielson stressed.

"Highlander Adventure was a chance for me to build relationships with incoming freshmen in a way that's hard to do during the school year," freshman Rick Plucknett commented.

This year the physical education department hopes to double the number of students involved—from the fourteen last summer to 28 this summer—and from two groups. Both groups would be in activities together, but would backpack separately.

Included in this ten day trip, in which each person will earn two hours of college credit, will be times of individual Bible study, discovery times, and group rap sessions.

"While we were out on the ropes course, or the cliffs, or the trails, I often wondered what had inspired me to put myself through the Highlander; it was so hard and trying sometimes. But looking back on it now and seeing how much I learned about myself, especially my limitations, I know it was worth it," related Tina Hansen, who went on the trip last summer.

Jim Barton recalled, "I liked the fact that it was so physically demanding. It gave me more self-confidence."

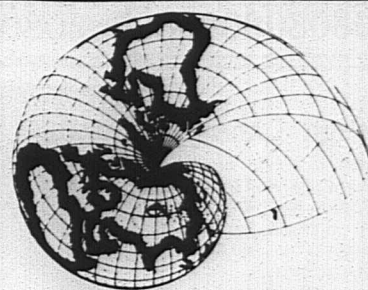
## AFA Ends

by Adele Anderson

The following people have fulfilled the requirements for Red Cross Advanced First Aid Certification: Paul Anderson, Diane Ayers, Louise Bagley, Leslie Blanchard, Ellen Chappell, Chrissy Combes, Esther Dajnowski, Laurie Davis, Karen DeVitry, Dinah Doller, Mark Farnsworth, Don Gallagher, Betsy Leake, Joyce McDonald, Wayne Myles, Mark Ohl, Duane Orton, Jane Parks, Linda Peterson, Julie Sawyer, Laurie Sawyer, Chris Schulz, Carolann Stehling, Susan Stevens, Janet Sullivan, Joyce Sullivan, Donna Whitehead.

The course, held Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., required extensive time, study, and practice from each student. A Saturday session from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. rounded off the required hours necessary for the certificate.

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## World Scene

by Ann Morris

### Kennedy, Bush Gain Marginally

Sen. Edward Kennedy won the Pennsylvania primary last week by a slim 10,000 vote margin. While the victory gave a psychological boost to the Senator's campaign, it did not change the delegate count appreciably. Carter received ninety-two delegates to Kennedy's ninety-three. In the Republican contest, George Bush defeated Ronald Reagan by a margin of 54 to 45. However, Reagan was not stung by the defeat as he still managed to get 40 of the state's 83 delegates. In fact, Reagan finally predicted "I think I will win the nomination."

### Hostages Released in Bogota

After sixty-one days of painstaking negotiations the siege of the Dominican Republic embassy in Bogota, Colombia finally ended. Fifteen members of the so-called M-19 guerrilla organization who had held the embassy were flown to Cuba and given sanctuary by Fidel Castro. The remaining twelve diplomats including US Ambassador Diego Asencio, were then freed. Initially, the terrorists demanded \$50 million in ransom and the freedom of hundreds of jailed comrades. However, the Colombian government refused to consider these demands.

The guerrillas began releasing some of their fifty-six hostages and eventually settled for safe-conduct passes out of the country. In addition, some \$2.5 million in ransom was paid by private sources. One concession was made by the Colombian government: to transfer prosecution of all political prisoners from military to civilian courts.

### Rescue Ends in Disaster

After six months of frustrating negotiations with Iran, President Carter ordered a hostage rescue attempt on April 25. The attempt ended unsuccessfully with the death of eight American servicemen. Planning for the rescue mission began last November shortly after militants captured the Embassy. Although some details have not been released this is apparently what happened.

Six C-130 Hercules transport planes carrying 90 commandos and loaded with helicopter fuel, weapons and communications jamming equipment took off from an Egyptian air base and landed in Iran on Thursday. Eight Sikorsky RH-53 helicopters took off from the warship Nimitz in the Arabian Sea. One helicopter returned to the carrier due to equipment failure and another was forced down in a sandstorm. The six remaining helicopters continued to their rendezvous with the transports near Tabas, about 200 miles southeast of Tehran. The commandos, equipped with non-lethal chemical weapons, were scheduled to climb over the Embassy wall Friday at midnight. Helicopters would return the Americans to the transports for an escape flight to Egypt or Western Europe. Unfortunately, one of the six remaining helicopters malfunctioned. Since the plan required at least six operational helicopters, the President aborted the mission, at 2:15 a.m. Friday. While refueling before the evacuation a helicopter collided with a C-130. Both caught fire. Eight men died and five were injured in the ensuing blaze. At 4:00 a.m. the field commander ordered his men onto the remaining transports, leaving behind the dead.

The failed rescue attempt left US allies complaining about Carter's inconsistent policies again. None of the allies were consulted about the mission in advance and, in fact, had been promised that the US would take no military action until mid-May. One reason why the allies voted to impose economic sanctions on Iran last week was their belief that such sanctions would delay military action.

A top Common Market official wondered "Why does the US count on the Europeans so much when what the Europeans do turns out to be irrelevant?" The allies went to "great trouble" to form a common position of support for Carter only to confront "another flip-flop" in US policy. The allies are concerned that military action could push Iran towards the Soviet Union.

President Carter promises the US will continue to push for international economic sanctions and other non-military pressures on Iran. In addition, an administration spokesman stated that further military measures were not ruled out.

Fortunately, Iran reacted to news of the rescue attempt with marches instead of the executions they had threatened in the event of US intervention. Administration officials are even optimistic about President Bani-Sadr's plan to disperse the hostages throughout Iran. Such a move could be a first small step in permitting the Iranian government to take control of the hostages from the militants holding the Embassy.

## Schultz, Parker Publish

Two Houghton College personnel—Dr. Carl Schultz, Chairman of the Religion and Philosophy Division; and Mrs. Dionne Fuller Parker, Director of Student Health Services—have recently had articles accepted for publication.

Dr. Schultz's article "The Political Tensions Reflected in Ezra-Nehemiah" was published by Pickwick Press of Pittsburgh in March as part of a larger volume of works entitled *Scripture in Context: Essays on the Comparative Method*. The volume contains papers researched and written during a 1978 summer seminar on "Biblical History in its Near Eastern Setting" sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities at Yale University. During that seminar, Dr. Schultz worked under the direction of Dr. William W. Hallo, Curator of the Babylonian Collection, using the biblical text and extra-biblical literature in studying the historical relationship between the Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah. Dr. Schultz noted his resulting chapter "deals with the

post-exilic tension between the returning Judeans and their northern neighbors, the Samaritans." These tensions, he found, were at first political rather than religious. He concluded, "The Neo-Babylonian text serves a comparative purpose, enabling us to understand the biblical text."

Mrs. Parker's paper, "A Health 'Happen-In Booth' in the Campus Center," has been accepted for publication in the June issue of the *Journal of the American Health Association*. Submitted to the clinical notes section of the professional college health journal, the article gives the "how-to" details of holding campus health fairs as initiated here by Mrs. Parker and currently sponsored by the Houghton College Health Center. Mrs. Parker also mentions some beneficial results of the health booths—"more student involvement; the availability of case-finding in a more informal setting; the health-educational thrust; and the fact that people feel freer to talk about health concerns there than at the Health Center."

## Trustees' Meeting Report

by Paul Miller

The cost and construction of the new gym dominated much of the talk at the trustees' meeting on April 23. It is estimated that the gym will cost over two-and-a-half million dollars so far, approximately half of that money still needs to be raised.

President Chamberlain noted that the College has a credit option available if it cannot raise the money in time for the completion of the gym. Chamberlain also stated that construction of the gym would not stop if money could not be raised in time.

The trustees also concentrated on balancing the budget of the school in the near future. They gave particular attention to the salaries of administrators. Administrators of the College receive

salaries that are three-to-four thousand dollars lower than the average salaries of administrators at Consortium schools. Because of the problems with budget, the trustees decided not to take immediate action on the salaries.

The Board then deliberated on and approved a plan for setting the salaries of staff workers. The plan calls for twelve grades of staff workers, with each grade based on the level of responsibility of the particular job of the worker. Each grade is subdivided into six steps, based on the seniority of the workers.

The trustees approved a computer science minor and discussed student housing, focusing especially on the fate of Gao and the plans for a new men's dorm.











## Notwithstanding

# The Maple Leaf Rag: Unraveling the Mystery

by I.M. Death

I can only hope to uncover a few of the manifold treasures to be mined from that literary mother lode, *The Maple Leaf Rag Plays No More*. I view this work as a tapestry, a harmonious whole woven from countless disparate threads. I will attempt to describe at least some of the many threads that run through the work.

One of the unifying threads of the tapestry is the journey motif. It is a familiar motif, but Drake uses it skillfully, giving it an unusual twist. The places met on this journey represent the different stages of Anyman's moral development.

Hank (our Anyman) first journeys to Niagara Falls, the lover's ideal location. This stage (Niagara Falls) I shall call the "aesthetic stage" (with a tip of the hat to Kierkegaard)—a stage in which the bestial impulses reign. Hank, realizing the inadequacy of this stage journeys on.

The Happy Wanderer (Hank? Well, not so happy when he finds that it's closed) is closed.

Hank's disappointment is not, however, due to his own flawed moral character. Rather, his frustration is the result of the iron-clad rule of an impersonal force, a puritanical Canada. Canada represents any society. Society is oppressive. Society is a prison.

But can Hank claim immunity from responsibility for his future by claiming to be socially determined? Isn't he exercising "bad faith?" After all, the Chinese can escape society's control. (These profound questions are best left to future essays—such as in a July issue of the *Star*.)

Recovering from this profound disappointment (the beginnings of Angst), Hank ventures on to Toronto. Toronto is the city of promise, the city of clean streets and subways. Toronto represents the "ethical stage" of the journey.

But in Toronto, fulfillment is not to be found. Disappointment is often success's traveling partner.)

The restaurant Hank visits, Mr. Submarine (beneath the sea—a baptism? a rite of purification?) is a kind of purgatory, "a purgatory of tempestuous dreams smothered in onions and mayonnaise." Onions, as any respectable literary critic surely knows, represent man's search for meaning in life. Man peels away, layer by layer, getting closer to the core, but in the end he is left with nothing (except onion rings and weepy eyes)—absolutely nothing. (This metaphor is

a brilliant foreshadowing of the end.) The mayonnaise is the glimmer of hope. Mayonnaise is the elixir of life, the liquid in Ponce de Leon's fabled Fountain of Youth. Mayonnaise gives us a respite from Nothingness. But a respite from what?

Mr. Submarine is, nonetheless, a sort of purgatory, a way station in the upward climb. A climb to where? (Is there a heaven? Or is our climb endless and futile?)

The Royal Ontario Museum (representing Man's glory) was to be the next stop. But again, puritanical Canada, looming even larger, intervenes. Closed.

Jill's next question clues us in on Hank's ultimate destination. He (she? it?) asks, "did you finally make it to the Maritimes?" The Maritimes represent man's longing to return to his original state ("merry times—the aesthetic stage). But isn't this paradoxical? Man's journey goes in a circle. When man goes back to the starting point, however, he will know the place for the first time (hollow thanks to T.S. Eliot for that literary quip).

But Hank never makes it back to the original state. (Why did he ever leave the original state? This is part of the paradox of human existence. (I, for one, am comfortable with this paradox.) Hank runs out of gas (more precisely, his car does)—a muted prediction of the economic collapse of the U.S. All the gas stations are closed. Puritanical Canada—society—is an awesome machine. There seems to be no escape from it. Man's technology (represented by the car) has hemmed man in. Man's creation prevents him from returning to his desired state.

The scene closes. *The Maple Leaf Rag* (the anthem of society) plays, then dies. Is this the end of society? Does society's end entail man's end? Answers are hard to find. The final line, "THE CURTAIN FALLS...FOR GOOD," is ambiguous. Is it good that society ends? Can man stand so much freedom?

Would an ending such as I have suggested (the death of society be consistent with the rest of the work? What could have brought about the collapse of the society? These questions remain unanswered.

The answers are embedded in the enigma called Drake. The unearthing of the answers to these complex questions is the immense task that confronts future Drake scholars.

## Jack Will Coach Houghton Hoops

by Brian Davidson

Next season there will be a new face on the bench of the Houghton basketball team. His name is David Jack. No, it's not the one who sings at Senate Spots or plays on the soccer team; it's his uncle, and he's not a player. The elder David Jack will be the new head basketball coach.

After Coach Rhodes resigned

following this year's season, he left the coaching position open. Mr. Alderman, a former teacher of Mr. Jack while at Canisteo, recently made the hiring official.

Mr. Jack has had eleven years of coaching experience. He spent three years coaching in Illinois, five years at a high school near Syracuse, and the remainder of the time at the Canisteo High School. His high school has won at least

one section championship under his direction at Canisteo.

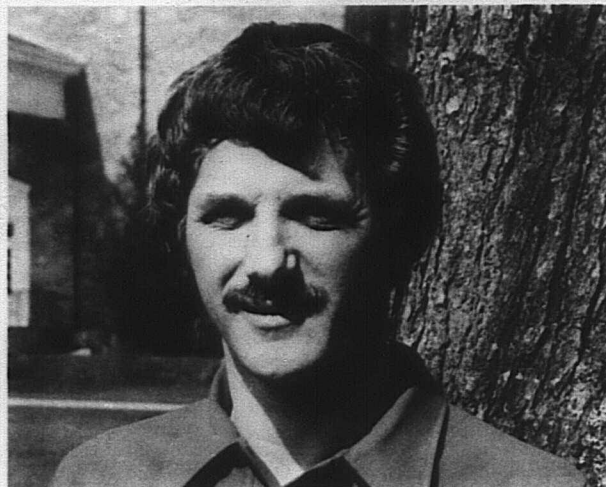
Recently, Mr. Jack made a visit to Houghton and held a team discussion informing the team of a few of his thoughts. He also had a private discussion with each individual team member. The response to these talks, according to the basketball team members, seemed quite positive. Tedd Smith, the Most Valuable Player of this year's squad, likes Mr. Jack's enthusiasm. He also feels that Mr. Jack has an abundance of basketball knowledge. Coupled with his enthusiasm, the team's chances of a winning season look bright. Freshman Scott Bartlett also feels optimistic about the team's chances next year.

Basketball calls for dedication and a lot of concentration from the players, according to Mr. Jack. He also thinks basketball is a demanding sport and that the players must go after it in that manner. Every person on the floor should be part of the game, Jack feels, scoring or contributing in some manner.

He further stressed to each player a self-analysis. Each player must decide what two or three things about his game are the best and work toward perfection of those areas over the summer.

Team members hope Mr. Jack's addition will enable the team to have a winning season, but one thing definitely looks certain to them, and that's some added excitement. "I feel that he's going to add a lot of excitement to the program," said a team member.

"When we move up to the new gym, it's going to be a whole new ball game," said a member of last year's JV with Mr. Greenway.



Coach Jack: Basketball requires dedication, concentration, and self-analysis

## Auburn Eggs Khomeini

Auburn, Ala. (CH)—Auburn University faculty and students had a chance to vent their frustrations over the Iranian crisis recently when the College Republicans sponsored an "Eggaholla the Ayatollah" demonstration.

Students and professors tossed eggs at a canvas drawing of the revolutionary Iranian leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, and the event

proceeded smoothly until one student decided he'd seen enough.

Screaming "Khomeini is not the cause of all the problems in the world," the student tried to tear down the egg-covered canvas, as surprised participants looked on. The campus police were called to break up the confrontation, but the counter-demonstrator disappeared before they arrived.

## Women's Softball Captures Wins

by Brian Davidson

After dropping their first five games, the girls' softball team is coming on strong. The Saturday before last, the girls annihilated Robert Wesleyan in a doubleheader played here. In the first game, Houghton defeated Roberts 19-2 behind the superb pitching of Robin Pettingell. The win was their first of the season. The Roberts defense was very suspicious, committing numerous errors which aided our potent offense.

In the second game, the girls once again put it to the Roberts team and in particular to their catcher. The girls were able to steal eighteen bases, enabling them to win 18-9. Cindy Royston pitched in the victory.

On Tuesday of the same week, the team tried to make it three in a row against a fine Canisius club. Robin Pettingell got the team started right, easily handling the first set of batters in the first inning. Then freshman Karen Tworzydlo got the hitters going in the bottom of the inning. The hitters behind her followed with sharp line drives resulting in base hits.

Before the inning ended, the team had battered around, scoring five runs. But with the aid of three errors in the second inning, the Canisius team cut the deficit to two, scoring three runs. The Highlanders were not content with a two-run lead, thus pounding out more hits and scoring four runs in the second inning and extending their lead to 9-3.

By the time the Houghton hitting attack completed its day's chores, the run total reached fourteen, which extended their streak to three.

The team has come a long way

since their opening practice in the Academy gym. Their enthusiasm, team spirit, and desire to work hard has already made them one of the best women's softball teams Houghton has ever had. The Oswego coach told the team that they were a strong club, improving 150% from last year. She also added that in a year or two, Houghton may very well have one of the premier pitchers in Western New York in Robin Pettingell.

Coach Burke feels that it's a real shame the team is only considered a club team. He also added that he really has enjoyed coaching.

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