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Houghton Fire Dept.'s pumper and snorkel at Tuesday's Music building fire. Both fires in the music building are of "suspicious origin" says Chief Grant.

Alumni Director Is Sought; Gymnasium Again Postponed

Perhaps some of those men in suits you saw wandering around campus Homecoming Weekend weren't old Houghton grads back for the festivities. They may have been members of the Development Committee on campus for a series of meetings with the Trustees.

The Development office, headed by Dr. Huff, has its center in the basement of East Hall. It is from here that plans for the expansion of college facilities are coordinated and financed. Two committees dealing with

development are the General Development Committee and the Trustee Development Committee. The General Development Committee consists of ninety-one members drawn from various college and church affiliated boards and other related positions. From these, eight members are elected by the Trustees to form the Trustee Development Committee.

The Trustee Development Committee met Sept. 30, and Oct. 1st and 2nd with the Trustees making its recommendations to them. Saturday, Oct. 2 the General Development Committee also met. Member's suggestions concerning future programs were presented to Dr. Huff who will review them with Dr. Chamberlain before they are in turn reviewed by the Trustee Development Committee.

Topics brought before the Trustees dealt with fund raising and distribution of funds. The hiring of a full time Alumni Director was approved. His job will be to improve communication between alumni and the college, making the alumni aware of the college's financial needs. Hopefully the new Alumni Director will be on campus and ready to start work by the first of the new year.

The Trustees also approved a plan to delay the building of the new physical

education complex for one year. This delay will give Development more time to raise the needed funds to begin construction. It is hoped that the new Alumni Director will be able to help boost alumni giving enough to raise a substantial amount of the necessary money in the near future. Dr. Huff believes that there are people who have the money and if motivated by God can give it.

Approved by the Trustees was Development's fall campaign to sponsor more scholarships for needy students. Because these are dependent on gifts to the college their exact amount has not yet been determined. Modest increases in staff and faculty salaries for this fall were also approved. The raises and new student scholarships come as a result of the increased enrollment and liquidation of the operating debt for the college which last June consisted of 128 thousand dollars.

The next big meeting of the Development Committee with the Trustees will be in May. It is hoped that this meeting will find Development in a secure financial position. After the recent fire in the Music Building they may have yet another area of development to deal with in addition to those discussed at their most recent meeting.

Investigation To Continue In Recent Music Building Fires

Contrary to rumor, the Music Building fire on Tuesday had no connection with Wednesday's blaze. Mr. Harold Grant, Houghton's fire chief, said that both fires were of suspicious origin and arson investigators from the State Police together with the County Fire Coordinator's office are looking into it.

Mr. Nielsen, of the Business Office, could not give a definite figure for the cost of repairs, but he did say that the damages were minimal. The janitor's closet in the basement was completely destroyed, along with the supplies and tools kept there. In the attic, rafters were charred and the firemen were forced to chop a hole in the roof. The windowless attic has no means of ventilation so the hole was necessary to let the smoke and gaseous fumes escape. Mr. Nielsen said that most of the damage was from

the smoke. The maintenance crew has already cleaned drapes, carpeting and walls. There have been no reports to the Business office of ruined or damaged instruments, including the two Steinway pianos which were rebuilt in New York this summer. However, though no instruments were lost, the music department's entire collection of opera costumes which were stored in the attic were destroyed.

Comments made inferring that the fire department works too slowly and carelessly were totally uncalled for. Mr. Keith Clark said that everything they did had a purpose. The men covered the instruments to protect them from water damage; they moved the instrument locker away from the flames on Wednesday; and they stayed to help clean up after the fire was extinguished.

We should count it fortunate that both fires were put out when they were, because there could have been much more loss, financially and sentimentally, if the instruments had burned.

Mr. Grant and the volunteer firemen of Houghton are to be commended for their interest and concern for the college and for their efforts, a job well done, to save the music building.

Parents To Observe Student Life During Frosh Weekend

Freshman Parents Weekend is here. This year's theme is "New Beginnings" and its purpose is to familiarize the parents with student activities. Undoubtedly, as Freshmen arrive each September they face many new problems and experience different lifestyles. It is hoped that the parents will find out what it is really like to be a new student at Houghton.

The weekend began with the special chapel service held this morning. The speaker, Reverend Robert Williamson, is the father of Freshman student Janet Williamson. At 8:15 tonight, Houghton will present its second Artist Series featuring Anton Kuerti, a well-known pianist. Mr. Kuerti appeared here last year and was so well liked he was asked to return.

Saturday begins with two full length classroom sessions. Dr. Carl Schultz will hold a Biblical Literature class at 8 a.m. followed by a Psychology class with Dr. Floyd McCallum at 9. The professors will actually lecture to the parents, now posing as students. (No, they will not be tested.) At the close of the classroom sessions, the faculty and parents will meet for an informal

coffee hour to discuss any questions they may have.

A panel discussion begins at 10:30 and the topic is, "What Our Children Are Up To". This will be a question and answer period dealing with what activities the students engage in during their leisure time. Jeff Hoffman, Rick Dickson, and Nancy Lucas, all students, make up the panel.

The President's Luncheon at 12:30 includes music by members of the Freshman Class, and an address by Dr. Chamberlain.

For sports fans, women's volleyball and varsity soccer will be available on Saturday. Beginning at 11:00, the women's volleyball team will play against Geneseo and R.I.T. in the Academy Gym. The varsity soccer game against Roberts Wesleyan starts at 2:30, followed by dinner at 5. Then to make the day complete, the movie "Jeremiah Johnson" will be playing at 8:15 in the chapel.

Jim Spurrier will present a special Sunday School Class at 9:30 for the parents on Sunday morning. Other Sunday School Classes will continue as usual. The weekend concludes with the Morning Worship Service at 10:45.

Hopefully, the Freshman parents will gain much from the weekend and have an enjoyable visit.

Eleven Outstanding Seniors Honored By Being Chosen For The 1976 Who's Who

Each year the most successful and promising college students from all over America are honored by being included in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. They are chosen on the basis of scholastic ability, participation and leadership in academic and extra-curricular activities, citizenship, service to their school, and potential for future achievement. This year eleven Houghton seniors were chosen for this honor by the Dean's Liaison Committee in conjunction with the Deans: Keith Anderson, Kyle Kroening, Daryl Brautigam, David Davis, Kathy French, Stephen Horst, Molly Mann, Richard Pointer, Juanita Smart, Dan Woolsey, and Carol Young.

Keith Anderson, a biology major, has been active in intra-mural sports, PreMed Club, and CSO. He has also been a class president, a member of the Dean's Liaison Committee and an RA.

Kyle Kroening, majoring in Latin, has been an RA, dorm chaplain and president, and ARD of East Hall. She has been a member of Senate and Chapel Choir.

David Davis has been a CSO officer and a member of ACO and the Pre-Med Club. He is majoring in biology.

Kathy French, a humanities and philosophy major and this year's Senate Vice-President, has been *Star* news editor and a member of the English Expression Club, the French Club, FMF and the Lecture Series Committee.

Steve Horst, this year's Senate President was an RA, a Class Chaplain, and a member of the track team. He is majoring in humanities.

Molly Mann, a psychology major, has been active in FMF, intramural

sports, Fillmore YFC, and the Pre-Med Club. She has also been a member of her dorm's Standards Board.

Richard Pointer, a history major, has been active in intramural sports, Senate and FMF. He was last year's Senate Treasurer and has been a member of the Student Affairs committee.

Juanita Smart, majoring in English, has been active in ACO, CSO, and FMF. She has been a floor chaplain and an RA.

Dan Woolsey, an English and elementary education major presently

student teaching, has been active in the Chapel Choir, the King's Court, the English Expression Club, Senate, Senate Spots, and athletics.

Carol Young has been a member of the Faculty-Student Interchange Committee, FMF, CSO, and ACO. She also served as a class chaplain and an RA. Carol is a Christian education major with plans to go into nursing.

Daryl Brautigam, a history major, has been involved in Senate and intramural sports. He has been Vice-President of his class, an RA, and a *Star* news editor.



Eleven Houghton students elected to Who's Who.

Editorial

Academics "vs" Athletics?

Homecoming weekend's *Star* carried an article (buried on the sports page, for some not so obscure reason) on the present status of the proposed gymnasium. It outlined the basic problem as lack of enthusiasm among alumni for the project; and as we all know, dollars and alumni enthusiasm are inseparable as Houghton weekends and rain: very seldom does one exist without the other.

I would like to take the issue of the gym one step farther. It seems to me that the main reason we do not have a gym (or even a good start on one) is the lack of support for it from us — the Houghton students and faculty. The lack of alumni enthusiasm is a direct outgrowth of our own apathy.

Why don't we care? Why was the article on the gym found between Housleague football standings and the semi-weekly summary of women's field hockey? The answer is simple: most of us consider the gym as the pet project of only one interest group — the Physical Education department. We sympathize with their desire to move out of obsolete Bedford into a modern facility, and we agree that the gym will help our sports program, but that's all. We see little if any benefit for ourselves.

That view is absolutely wrong. The gym has a vital importance to the whole Houghton community. If it is not built we will all be the losers.

If there is one thing we are guilty of at Houghton, it is not practicing what we preach. This is especially true with regard to the human body. Almost any Current Issues Day I remember dealt with our Christian responsibility to the whole man: we have been told time and again that we have much more to do than to "just save souls". We must minister to the sick, needy, and poor in physical ways as well as spiritual: we must reach the whole man. And all of us agree — on the surface, anyway.

But the whole man concept does not exist at Houghton. We are reminded constantly that first of all we are students. Studying and academic excellence are always Number One. After that we are spiritual creatures, then social, and finally — dead last — we are physical beings. This order is fallacious and dangerous.

We find at Houghton very few "Whole men". For the most part, we are over-tense, over-stressed, underdeveloped pseudo-scholars, equating Christ's call with fifteen hours a day in the library. We are heedless of the warnings of medical men that unmitigated stress is America's top killer and that physical exercise is the cure for that stress. We oppose the gym because we cannot imagine leaving our carrels and swimming (Yes, even laughing, dunking, diving!) for an hour or shooting baskets, or playing handball.

Perhaps that scenario is painful to some of us. Any lessening in the emphasis upon academics is bound to be bitterly opposed by some segments of the community. "Why, heaven forbid countenancing such a decline!" some will immediately exclaim. The sad thing is that many of the most underdeveloped and overworked students will be the first to parrot such a view.

Whether the gym will foster academic decline or not remains to be seen. I am of the opinion that if something had to go, we could do with a little less of the academic and a little more of everything else. At any rate it will be impossible to tell until the gym is actually in use — and at the present there is no guarantee it will ever come into existence.

Unless our attitudes change, the plans for the gym will remain mired in the financial mud. The Dr. Huffs and Jim Spurriers cannot do it alone. We must get behind their efforts; we must be convinced of the need. The future of Houghton's gymnasium rests with us.

— Daryl Brautigam

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Letters to the Editors

Dear Sir:

On October 7, we were informed in chapel that one of the major reasons for the closing of the tennis courts on Sunday was that the Wesleyan Discipline and doctrines don't countenance such an activity. We would like to explore the question further, and see if we can draw any conclusions from quotations from the Bible, the Discipline, and the Student Guide.

"To safeguard the doctrinal purity of the Church, it shall be required that all (church related) schools maintain and promote the doctrinal position of the Church, as set forth in its Articles of Religion, General Rules, and Elementary Principles." So reads 926:2 of the Discipline. If tennis on Sunday is doctrinally wrong, this statute is why the college would be compelled to prohibit it. The quotation immediately raises the question, "What is the doctrinal position of the Wesleyan Church on Sunday tennis?" (By Sunday tennis, we mean tennis played on Sunday between the hours of noon and 6 p.m. i.e. at times during which there are no scheduled worship services.)

How does the Discipline say Wesleyan should observe the Lord's Day? Members of Wesleyan Churches are expected to "avoid all unnecessary commerce, labors, travels, and pleasures, which do not contribute to the moral and spiritual ends of this day." (131:1) This quotation raises two difficult issues: "What is an 'unnecessary pleasure' and who will decide if it is?" and "Could Sunday tennis ever contribute to the 'spiritual and moral ends of the day'?"

We may begin to answer the first question by again quoting the Disci-

pline: "Every man has an inalienable right to private judgment in matters of religion, and an equal right to express his opinion in any way which will not violate the laws of God or the rights of his fellow man." (137) The decision on whether or not to play tennis on Sunday, and the necessity of it, must be considered a matter of religion. This being so, by the definition of "inalienable right" we see that the individual is the one to make the decision of the necessity of the pleasure. An "inalienable right" can be taken away neither by college administrators, nor by trustees, nor by faculty, nor even voluntarily given up by the individual.

The second question to answer is whether tennis could contribute to the spiritual and moral ends of the Sabbath. If the answer is "no," then we agree that an individual probably should not participate in such an activity. But again, this is a matter of religion, so that according to Wesleyan thinking each individual should decide for himself whether Sunday tennis does contribute to these ends.

We feel that there are situations when tennis on Sunday is indeed of moral and spiritual benefit. Christ said "the Sabbath was made for man," not the reverse. This implies that it is a day in which we escape from "the same old routine," a day in which we can worship God in many ways. The Student Guide agrees with this view when it says, "Biblical teachings regarding the Lord's Day indicate that it is to be a holy and unique day, set aside from the cares and responsibilities of gaining a living, and devoted to spiritual, bodily, and mental refreshment." (p. 27)

Notice the Guide says it is to be a time of bodily refreshment, as well as spiritual and mental. Also, we feel that playing tennis together can strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship that join the players, as they get to know each other better, and can also provide a way to praise God with the bodies which He has made for us. Thus we see that Sunday tennis can promote moral and spiritual ends, for some people.

On the basis of this evidence and reasoning we see that playing tennis on Sunday is not something that Wesleyan doctrine would necessarily denounce or prohibit, although certain Wesleyans could hold that it would be wrong for them. If Sunday tennis is not contrary to doctrine, then the college should not feel compelled to prohibit it to satisfy "Wesleyan doctrinal" demands.

We would hope that the matter of Sunday tennis could be made more consistent with other college Sunday policies. There is no rule banning informal football or soccer games on Sunday; should tennis be the sole exclusion? We thoughtfully wonder. Might we not be closer to Wesleyan doctrine (if that's what we want) if we were to let each individual decide the matter for himself? Again, we thoughtfully wonder.

Sincerely,

Terry Slye
Stephen J. Lennox
Mark K. Lindley
Robin D. Perkins

Editor's Note: The four correspondents are all Wesleyans, each from a different district.

Political Commentary:

Ford: Completing the Test Drive

by Dave Brubaker

The 38th President of the United States addressed an audience soon after taking office. "So much has happened in these few months since you were kind enough to ask me to speak here today. I was then America's first instant Vice-President — and now, America's first instant President. The U.S. Marine Corps Band is so confused they don't know whether to play 'Hail to the Chief' or 'You've Come a Long Way, Baby.'"

The speaker was Gerald Ford, named by President Nixon on October 12, 1973, to replace Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew, who had resigned on October 10 on tax-evasion charges. Generally regarded in the Congress as a "safe and moderate" politician, Republican Ford served for 25 years in the House of Representatives, nine of those as House Minority Leader, before his ascension to the Vice-Presidency. With characteristic sincerity, Mr. Ford accepted the post by stating, "I hope I have some assets that might be helpful in working with the Congress and doing what I can throughout our country to make America a united America."

A 1941 graduate of Yale Law School, Ford spent 47 months in the Navy before returning to a law practice in his home town of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Gerald Ford's unpretentious career began with his first campaign for Representative in 1948. By 1959 he had climbed into the party power structure, to possess the Chairmanship of the House Republican caucus in 1963. Sitting on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, Ford became the Republican party's leading expert on defense budgets.

The man who selected Ford, unable to pass off another Watergate scapegoat or avoid public indignation, released his heavily edited transcripts and hastily abdicated on August 8, 1974. But Nixon's two-year obsession with Watergate, to the exclusion of other Presidential concerns, created an economic and political mess. Economists claimed the United States was in its sixth post-war recession as borrowing costs remained the highest in history, the stock market hovered at a sickly 785 points and in-

flation (at 12%) and unemployment (5.3%) had attained astonishing heights. Further, the Nixon Administration's sudden introversion isolated America's traditional allies and baffled Communist leaders.

Thus, it was a solemn President Ford who delivered his inaugural address in August of 1974. "I have not sought this enormous responsibility, but I will not shirk it. . .", the President began. "I am acutely aware that you have not elected me

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Comment

Senate Report

by D. K. Knudsen

The atmosphere of Tuesday night's Student Senate meeting differed from previous meetings this year in quite the same way freshman class meetings differ from senior class meetings. The noticeable difference occurred due to the presence of parliamentarian David Zwifka. Despite a stricter adherence to Robert's Rules, discussion of the issues were interlaced with inane rhetorical statements by the eloquent and the not so eloquent alike, a malady that has afflicted past senates as well. It seems that many senators have a strong desire to speak, but not necessarily to the issues of the motion.

The motion dealing with the present policy of class attendance came to the floor again as old business and after discussions and amendments, the motion carried. In its final form, the motion reads:

Whereas we the Student Senate believe that personal responsibility is

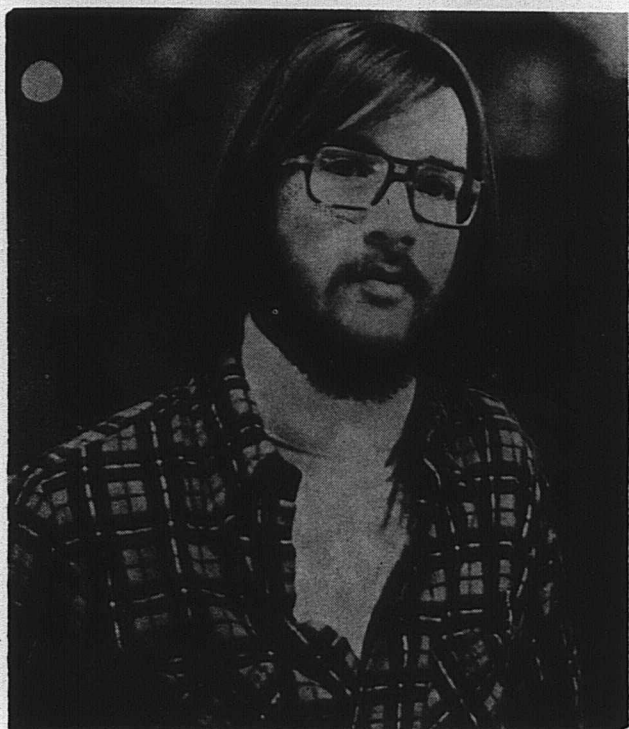
enhanced by individual decision making, in particular as it relates to classroom attendance.

Be it moved that we express our desire to the Educational Policies Committee that they discontinue the policy of dropping an hour of the students' credit for absences over 1/3 class time, and that this be instituted as soon as possible.

Other motions passed included Senate sponsorship of World Vision's Love Loaf program with Cindy Wilt as co-ordinator and the formulation of a Winter Weekend committee.

The Senate opposed a motion that requested the Senate to organize the bowling, chess, table tennis and barber shop quartet representatives that attend the King's Tournament.

There was a committee report that should be of interest to all students who registered their cars this semester. The parking fines committee reported that it was unable to determine what happens to the six dollar vehicle registration fee.



Steve Horst

Interview

President Steve Horst

by Steve Kooistra

STAR: What do you see as the Senate's goals and the goals of your office for this coming year? Do you feel there is less tension this year on the campus?

We don't have presented to us a lot of controversial issues like they have had in the past. There aren't, right now anyway, any real problems, so what we are trying to do is poll a lot of students to be more creative in student development in a constructive way. My office particularly will help build that element of trust among the different bodies that are on campus — hopefully with all groups, and with the administrators particularly because there have been really bad — kind of tense — relations there in past years. Dr. Chamberlain has made all the difference in the world. People really want to work together this year. And so, because we don't have the big issues, we're meeting each other more as friends, instead of protecting our own interests. That's how it has been the last few years.

Everyone felt threatened so they sort of secured themselves off with what they had and then when anyone tried to take that from him it was like cats and dogs. Now people are saying, "Okay, we know this is a community. We know that you are not trying to take things away from us, but are working together for the good of the school." This means or should mean that it is not the advancement of the institution solely, although that is an important element, but also the good of the student body. With the people that we have in positions now things aren't going to reach the magnitude they have in past years. I think they will be nipped in the bud.

Therefore I don't see us working on as public a scale as we have in the past. It's a frustrating thing though; because there aren't a lot of big issues there is very little student involvement in Senate. Generally kids say, "You're just kind of piddling around with picayune things and trying to get a little thing here or there." It's hard for my cabinet and me to sit here and brainstorm up all these things because our own student body is notoriously indifferent. You can propose many different things but it's very, very difficult to get the stu-

dent body involved.

I am afraid, though, that because we don't have these big issues we are going to slip back into our lethargy and not care about getting involved. If things aren't handed to us on a silver platter we are usually more content not to seek them out. Since we don't have to get involved we don't.

STAR: Do you think In Loco Parentis will become a major issue again?

I see in loco parentis as a subtle thing involved in a lot of decisions but not as a full blown issue.

STAR: Do you still feel that you can carry out your campaign promises and platform?

Of the twelve or thirteen things I had listed as my platform, eleven or twelve of these are in the process of being worked out already. I'm not sure they will be fulfilled to the degree I want them to be.

We have a good input into the bookstore but that will take time. I have been to see administrators and staff. It doesn't seem feasible to pursue that. If we changed it would involve a substantial increase in our board. It would be more convenient, but would cost more in the long run.

Concerts

Jackson Browne, Lamb

BROWNE COMES TO TOWNE

reviewed by Randy Baker

The news that Jackson Browne was to appear at Buffalo's New Century Theater brought with it a delicious flavor of anticipation. Houghton's own small Browne cult expected nothing short of a semi-religious experience. Best of all, since the site of this event was Buffalo, tickets could be easily obtained. After all, what would Buffalo want with a Southern California folk-rocker?

Evidently, it was something, for the first show was soon sold out and a second was scheduled. Despite this, eleven Houghton students wedged their way into New Century. The crowd inside was an interesting group in which a kind of extreme informality, perhaps prompted by the balcony bar, seemed to be the standard. The audience may not have been the ideal for a newspaper editor from Philadelphia, but old hippies and mellowed-out anarchists could feel quite at home in its midst.

My first impression of Browne's predecessor, Orleans, was that they rated about even with several local bands I've heard. Upon reflection, I revised this opinion. Orleans performed their pop songs well. Tunes like "Dance with Me" and "Still the One", although tainted with commercialism, sound much better live than on AM radio. Orleans is not a top-flite group — the goals of their music are definitely limited. Yet, they give their pop songs at least a grain of quality.

More than a grain was expected from Jackson Browne and more than a grain was delivered. The show started a little slowly; the opening number was unfamiliar. Browne didn't take long to pick up the tempo. The second song, "Farther On" was warmly received and the next, the familiar "Fountain of Sorrow", seemed to guarantee that the concert would be a good one.

Basically, Browne stuck to doing his newer songs. He played seven out of eight cuts from the *Late for the Sky* album. The only complaint here was that he didn't play the eighth — "The Late Show" — as well. Also performed were two cuts from *For Everyman*, and three cuts from a soon to be released new album. While I can understand an artist trying to get away from his older works,

it was still a bit of a disappointment not to hear some of the old favorites from the first album.

No, Jackson Browne's vocals do not sound as good live as they do on his albums. He, of course, interprets his songs well, but his voice does not fill in the blank spaces of his songs or carry quite the power that it does in the studio. Perhaps he is a better studio performer than live performer. More likely, he is physically and emotionally incapable of putting all of himself into every two-show-a-night tour performance.

Still, on October 6, Jackson Browne put quite enough into his mellower songs to induce one to respond appreciatively to his well written, sensitive lyrics. And when it came time to rock and roll, Browne did that, too. He closed with good renditions of two raucous energetic tunes, "The Road and the Sky" and "Walking Slow".

Seeing Jackson Browne does not leave one bubbling over with ecstasy; nor will his show launch you into the depths of euphoria. After seeing Jackson Browne, I felt rather the simple satisfaction of a hungry man who has just eaten a good meal.

LAMB

reviewed by

Brian "Quincy" Newcomb

Lamb is one of America's fastest growing Jesus groups, and on Friday, October 8th, in Wesley Chapel, they let 530 guests see why. Joel Chernoff, a Messianic Jew, steeped in Old Testament prophecy and full of a New Testament Savior, writes most of their music, plays 12-string guitar, and does all lead vocals. The other member of the band Rick Coghill whose background in secular music is somewhat respectable (he played on the Lemon Piper's hit, "Green Tambourine," along with running a club in Cincinnati that catered to musicians like Jimi Hendrix, Paul Butterfield, Janis Joplin, and Procol Harum), played a phased and wah-wahed acoustic lead guitar, and sang backup vocals. Together their sound is a unique blend of lyrics in ancient Hebrew, modern Jewish melodies, and an American folk-rock feeling. They have released three albums on their own label, Messianic, which are all distributed by Myrrh Records.

Before the 90 minute concert even

began they suffered mechanical problems and the loss of their equalizer. This was only slightly noticeable in the first song, by a booming sound. The audience didn't seem to notice and it was soon corrected. "Baruch Hashem" opened the 16 song set, which consisted of their strongest, most popular material from their albums. Joel, who stutters in speech, sang strongly and with remarkable control. Rick's use of the guitar is unique, getting a variety of sounds not normally heard in this type of group. His lead work seemed for a large part uninspired, but his uses of the instrument as means of expression within the structure of the songs, in rhythms and fills, was merely phenomenal. Interspersed with the music was teaching on Old Testament prophecy, lessons in ancient Hebrew (Moshe, Yeshua, do you remember?), and a discussion of what our Western, materialistic culture has done to Biblical Judaism. The concert was enjoyable but not entertaining; there was no show, just two guys sharing the empirical, objective truth of Jesus (Yeshua) in word and music. I was taught, inspired, and ministered to.

Book Review:

Evangelical Heritage

Review: *Discovering An Evangelical Heritage* by Donald W. Dayton, Harper and Row

reviewed by Kathleen Confer

The evangelical community has awaited a book like this for a long time. It is a concise overview of our past — a radical past which has laid buried beneath current evangelicalism's conservatism and social semi-consciousness. In part, one may even view Dayton's work as a vindication — an indication of our past glory.

In his prologue, Dayton describes and evaluates his ecclesiastical upbringing and education:

While other students responded to calls for civil rights workers or took to the streets in protest about Vietnam, we fought our administration over whether the yearbook could picture male swimmers without T-shirts, struggled for the right to watch TV in the lounge on Sundays,

and wondered if the Christian should attend the theater (legitimate or cinema) or read twentieth-century literature. (p.2)

(If this sounds familiar, it's because it is. Dayton is a 1963 graduate of Houghton College. Tactfully, he does not mention it.)

Dayton presents a sketchy, yet well-articulated history of nineteenth-century evangelicalism. He concentrates particularly on such persons as Charles G. Finney and the Tappan brothers and such institutions as Wheaton and Oberlin Colleges. His main theme is the involvement of evangelicals in abolitionism, an involvement which has been underestimated. Dayton also discusses the evangelical roots of feminism and work with the poor. Many denominations — e.g. Wesleyan, Nazarene, Salvation Army, have this "radical" beginning.

Obviously, one cannot present a complete history of evangelicalism in a 150-page book. Thus, Dayton must highlight and generalize. However, he has chosen his examples well and his interpretations seem valid. He places blame for evangelicalism's deradicalization primarily on Princeton theology ("old Calvinism") and pre-millennial eschatology which resulted in a strong decrease in social action. If the world must get worse before Christ's return, social action is not only futile, it is an attempt to thwart the divine will.

It is unfortunate that Dayton has not offered concrete suggestions for current evangelicals on how to recover their heritage. Perhaps he has chosen to let history speak for itself. And to those who will listen, it speaks clearly and inspirationally.

Intended

Susan E. C. Fisher (78) and David R. Mitchell (76)

Dottie Robertson (77) and Bob Spruce (American Univ. 71)

News Briefs

PITTSBURGH (UPI 10/13)

Medical authorities have ended their field investigation into the deaths of three elderly persons who took swine flu shots in Pittsburgh. They have concluded that the victims succumbed to ordinary heart attacks and did not die from contaminated swine flu vaccine. Dr. Philip Graitcer, a specialist flown to Pittsburgh from the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, said all three victims had heart ailments and could have died as the result of being placed in a stressful situation.

WASHINGTON (UPI 10/13)

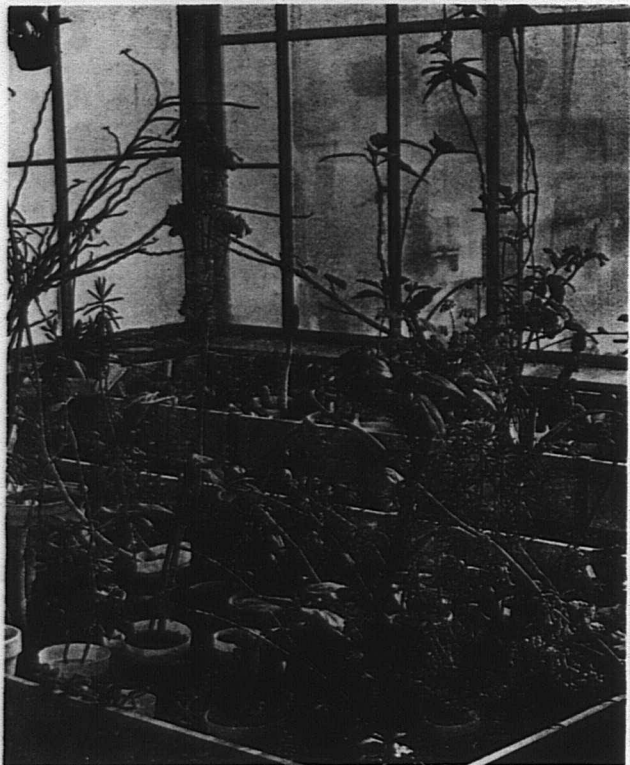
A government study released today says there's a 52 per cent chance that at least one major oil spill will reach a beach or recreation area during offshore drilling near the New England coast. The "risk analysis" was prepared to help the Interior Secretary Thomas Kleppe decide whether to eliminate any of the proposed north Atlantic tracts to be offered at a lease sale next year.

HONG KONG (UPI 10/13)

There are more reports of unrest in China. Sources in Peking told UPI that troops have moved into Peking University and Tsinghua University in the Capital in an apparent move to purge radicals. The sources said there was a report that Moderate and Leftist students clashed at Peking University.

WASHINGTON (UPI 10/13)

Director Melvyn Savage of the Federal Space Agency says the government is thinking of sending astronauts to the Skylab Space Station in 1980. The station was abandoned in earth orbit in February of 1974. The idea would be to send the space station into a higher orbit for possible future use.



The Houghton botany department is under 24-hour surveillance since Wednesday's chapel incident. Students are advised not to converse with their plants until imposters are weeded out.

LATE BULLETIN!

During the October 13 chapel, an otherwise normal platform floral arrangement suddenly became mobile, and with sinister purpose glided noiselessly toward the exit.

Mild-mannered *Star* editor, Dan Hawkins, without even the customary

trip to the phone booth, leaped across the stage and tackled the floral monster.

Hawkins suffered rumpled clothing and a soiled scholarly image. The plant is in protective custody, pending botanical investigation.

A Story Of Gluttony: The Fatal Sin A True Tale of Gastronomic Terror

by John Kelly

(author's note: this following account is a true story of a real man, strange as he may seem.)

No one has ever viewed murder as a pleasant affair. It is an act that is grotesque and messy; filled with sinister plottings, bloody hands and wails of terror echoing in the night. Murder, by its very name, creates the feeling of senseless destruction. People are not pleasantly put to sleep, but are instead attacked with knives, guns, pokers and other cruel and brutal instruments.

However, there is a man who had murdered his victims with a host's grace and who had succeeded legally. He was a Frenchman from the 17th century named Father Gourier. Every year Gourier would choose a victim and gorge him with the richest and heaviest French foods, foods which he himself would eat. The man was fed not once, mind you, but for every meal of every day until he ate himself into the grave.

Being a rich landowner, Gourier would take his subject to the finest restaurant in Paris. Since the meals were free, the man would eat merrily and greedily like a dog with a large and meaty bone.

Gourier laughed and boasted of his achievements. One evening he arrived at a restaurant with a new guest. One of the waiters, expecting last night's companion, asked of his absence. Gourier, shining his hungry teeth, re-

plied, "Oh, I buried him this morning. He was nothing great. I got him in less than two months."

Gourier succeeded with as many as eight victims. But he lost with his ninth life. He chose Ameline, the second assistant to Paris' public executioner. Ameline had a greater appetite than Gourier. In fact, his contemporaries claimed he had hollow legs for extra stomach space. Gourier fed him for two years; but Ameline gained not a single pound.

This upset Gourier and he pledged Ameline's death, even should it cost him his fortune. Gourier started feeding Ameline the heaviest foods, dishes he himself had trouble with. But, Ameline knew of his benefactor's reputation and decided to bite the hand that fed him.

(For historical accuracy, we should note that Christian Guy, in his book *The History of French Cuisine*, claims that a waiter warned Ameline of Gourier's plan.)

Ameline, giving Gourier plausible excuses, started vanishing two to three days at a time. During his disappearance, Ameline would cleanse himself, swallowing large quantities of castor oil and other laxatives. Then, finally, one night the two met at the Cadran bleu, Paris' most expensive restaurant. Ameline conquered sirloin after sirloin, while Gourier futilely tried to keep up. But, the pace got to be too great. Ameline was on his fifteenth round and Gourier on his fourteenth, when the end finally came.

Gourier took a bite and his face turned pale. Ameline, expecting him to sneeze, started chuckling. But, Gourier slumped forward, a crooked smile appearing on his face. And his head fell into his food.

It seems ironic that Gourier should die the way he did, getting his just desserts. And Ameline, we can't truly praise him, for after all he was just doing his job.

Political Commentary

Ford (continued)

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as your President by your ballots. So I ask you to confirm me as your President by your prayers." But the morass which Ford inherited was further complicated by a series of crises in his next two years as President.

President Ford moved first to pardon his predecessor, on September 8, 1974. Public opinion polls soured as Ford announced a "full, free and absolute" pardon for Richard Nixon, and the action shattered Ford's brief honeymoon with his former colleagues in Congress. Aides of the President explained that Ford wanted to spare the nation the pain of watching Nixon go step by step toward the brink (of insanity).

In the spring of 1975 the nation's attention returned to Southeast Asia. The American-supported government in Cambodia and the Saigon regime both collapsed in April. The speed of the fall prompted President Ford's decision, on April 28th, to evacuate Americans from Saigon. Operation "Frequent Wind", as the helicopter airlift was named, flew more than 1,300 Americans and 5,500 South Vietnamese to safety. However, Ford again drew criticism as the evacuation was completed before Congress ever granted him authority to use U.S. troops.

In May of 1975 a rusting old Sea-

Land freighter, the Mayaguez, was seized by two Cambodian gunboats as she sailed in normal shipping lanes in the Gulf of Siam. President Ford viewed the action as a critical test of U.S. nerve. While demanding the release of the 39 crewmen and Captain Miller of the Mayaguez, Ford ordered American forces into the area. The major U.S. assault, which commenced just as the Cambodians released Captain Miller and his men, resulted in the death of 41 Marines and airmen.

The Ford Administration has also dealt with the explosion in southern Africa, resolved the Cypriot conflict, accomplished the evacuation of American civilians from war-engulfed Lebanon, brought inflation down to its current level of 10.8% (though unemployment has increased to 7.8%), dealt with two assassination attempts (September 1975), shuffled the Cabinet (November of last year) to dislodge Secretary of Defense Schlesinger and CIA Director Colby, and erected a campaign organization that defeated Ronald Reagan but trails Jimmy Carter.

In 1974 a black Congressman said, "We're going to smile and say Gerald Ford is a good man. But can he drag us out of the quagmire we're in?" Certainly not all of his actions have been correct, but Jerry Ford's been pulling hard for two years.

Houghton Outscores Eisenhower 7-0 To Pick Up Its Second PCAC Win

by Dave Irwin

The soccer team rolled to its second PCAC win last Wednesday with a 7-0 win at Eisenhower College. Coach Burke expected an easy victory and got it as Al Hoover and Doug White scored two goals apiece and Jim Wills, Robbie Jacobson and Dan Irwin each added one. Houghton completely dominated the game outshooting Eisenhower 29-11. It was goalie Joel Prinsell's third shutout of the season and twenty-third career shutout. Houghton has now defeated two of the four PCAC teams in this northern area of district 19. The remaining

two schools are Roberts Wesleyan and Elmira. The winner of the PCAC becomes eligible for the NAIA district playoff regardless of the team's overall win-loss record. The importance of the win-loss record may be regarded as minimal by some, but Coach Burke doesn't think so. "The team's overall record is definitely significant when it comes down to the playoffs. A team's won-loss record is used to determine the site of the playoff game and in such a situation a home field advantage could prove the difference between the winning and losing."

Not surprisingly the soccer team plays much better at home than on the road. So far this year all but one win have come at home while all three losses have been at away games. Last Saturday, Houghton dropped its record of 4-3-1 by losing to the University of Buffalo 4-3. After holding a 2-1 halftime lead and a second half 3-2 lead, it appeared that a win would just be a matter of ignoring the icy winds and rain long enough to keep UB from scoring. UB tied the game on a direct kick and won in the last minute of the game on a shot from the top of the goalie's box, despite being outshot by Houghton two to one.

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1976 MEN'S INTRAMURAL SCHEDULE

Fall Semester 1976

- Sept. 15 Begin Flag Football
- Sept. 28 Begin Soccer
- Oct. 15 End regulation Flag Football
- Oct. 18 Begin Flag Football playoffs
- Oct. 22 End Soccer & Flag Football schedule
- Oct. 22 Home Run Derby (3-5 p.m.)
- Oct. 29 Cross Country Bicycle Race (3:00 p.m. - Sign up by Oct. 28, 5 p.m.)
- Oct. 29 Three-Man Basketball rosters due
- Nov. 2-10 Three-Man Basketball Tourney
- Nov. 11 Class League and regular 5-man Basketball rosters due
- Nov. 16 Begin class league and regular 5-man Basketball Contest
- Dec. 10 All School Free Throw Contest
- Dec. 17 Wise Man's Journey cross country run (3:45 p.m.) - Sign up by Dec. 16, 5 p.m.

Spaceship Battles Are a Sport Practiced And Enjoyed Today

(CPS) - They sit there ominously in the Stanford University Coffee House, their large screens showing simulated spaceship battles in outer space, their coffers filling the pockets of a Stanford graduate to the tune of \$1,300 each month.

"They" are "Galaxy", a computerized contest for electronic game nuts in which spaceships duel to the finish in ferocious battles among the stars. Contestants stare at the intergalactic battlefield through a large screen and manipulate their spaceships by tiller-like controls on the machine's instrument panel. By all accounts, the competition is fierce. Student Greg White says he plays "Galaxy" six

times a week.

"I've got a job," he explains. "What else would I spend my money on? It's like jousting, you just get in there and kill."

Galaxy is the brainchild of Bill Pitts, who left Sanford in Sanford in 1938 with a degree in statistics. He says each machine cost \$20,000 to build, not counting labor. Repair costs on the two human brains cost \$500 to \$600 each time one malfunctions.

A local high school student who said he played twice a week won a recent three and a half hour contest. "I used to play more but school got in the way," he said as he collected his prize - an afternoon of free games.

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