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Dr. Jon Tal Murphree speaks during one of the spring semester's CLEW services. Discussing a range of topics from being an exhausted student to deciding on marriage, Murphree succeeded in relating to the student body.

Murphree: "Love Is Not A Feeling"

by Stacey Ake and Sally Parker

"Here's one principle that helped me: never let schoolwork interfere with my sleep."

Jon Tal Murphree, spring semester's Christian Life Emphasis Week speaker, used to follow that advice during college. "If you can live as normal a life as possible," he continued, "which includes adequate sleep and diversion, recreation, and physical exercise, you can do better in the long haul."

Murphree is someone who knows what it's like to be an exhausted student; he served as a pastor during his first year of seminary at a church 110 miles from school. Physical weariness wasn't his only woe; like many college students, he struggled with temptation.

"My feeling is that you don't have to go out into the world to experience temptation. There are struggles here that may be different in nature from some you may find in another place. But that doesn't mean they're any less intense."

One issue some Houghton students wrestle with is marriage. Some want to find a mate soon—if not during college, then immediately after. Murphree recognized that Houghton is a good place

to look for a potential spouse, but warned, "I'd be looking here, there, and everywhere else." Since Christians are out in the whole world, students here should recognize that they are not limited to the choices Houghton offers.

Murphree was 34 when he married; many students today would dismay if they knew they were to wait that long. For Murphree, it was a chance to be "at home" with God before he faced the many new demands of marriage.

"It's perfectly human and natural when a person is swept up in a new affection," Murphree believes. "If this pre-empt's one's commitment to Christ, then it becomes dangerous."

Murphree also emphasized the element of commitment involved in loving.

"Love is not a feeling; it is a moral command, and therefore it is a matter of character, rather than sentimental emotion." To love Christ, as well as one's spouse, requires character and commitment. And the holy condition of our hearts eventually will be put into practice as we live out our love for Christ.

Consortium Opens Peking Trade Route

OCC—Effective in the fall of 1985 it will be possible for students of the 13 schools in the Christian College Consortium to take some of their studies at Peking University in the People's Republic of China.

Preliminary arrangements were worked out by Carl H. Lundquist, President of the Consortium, with officials of the Ministry of Education and Peking University in an October visit. These are now being refined by the academic officers of the Consortium and will be finalized during the visit of a presidential delegation to Peking University in June.

This will be an exchange program in which undergraduate students from China will come to study at Consortium colleges and Consortium students will go to China. The exchange will begin with three students from each nation in September, 1985; and, on the basis of a successful experience, the number will be increased annually.

The China experience can be for one year or longer and, aside from

transportation, will be covered by the normal tuition paid to the home college. The American student in China will be considered a member of the student body in America so that his regular financial aid will apply. The work at Peking University will be in Chinese, making a working knowledge of that language necessary. This can be acquired in this country.

An occasional Institute in Chinese Studies also may be developed as a part of the program. This will be conducted at Peking University in the English language. It will be a more intensive one-semester program for a dozen or more Consortium students accompanied by a Consortium teacher.

Both programs will include an extended visit to other parts of China, including the Great Wall and the Ming Tombs.

Students interested in the 1985 inaugural program are invited to secure more information from the Consortium office, 4105 N. Lexington Ave., Suite 107, St. Paul, MN 55112.

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Students Awakened By Inner City Reality

by James Daniels

A friend brought me into the city. On our way to the mission, I saw five teenagers clustered in a doorway. One of them had a pinch bar and a sledge hammer in his hands, preparing to bust a three-inch lock from the door. The street was jammed full with people who walked by, ignoring the teenagers. Welcome to Paterson.

I was the first of ten Houghton students to arrive at the Star of Hope Mission in Paterson, NJ. The others showed up soon after, ready to begin the Urban Mission Project.

Each of us was confronted with the desperate reality of the "bag people," people "down on their luck" with no place to live. We sensed their frustration in being bound to such a meager existence. Some were former mental patients recently released from institutions; another was an epileptic who could not understand how to take his medicine; many of them were terminally ill.

The purpose of our two weeks in Paterson was to get involved in various mission programs operating in the city. We participated in everything from street evangelism to construction, working in a food bank, soup kitchen, men's shelter, after-school center, and the mission itself.

The food bank received donations from companies in the area from their surplus storage, and distributed the food to established pantries in churches throughout Paterson and neighboring urban sites. Full course lunches were served at Eva's Soup Kitchen to people who lived on the streets; and the men's shelter provided homeless men with dinner, showers, and a warm

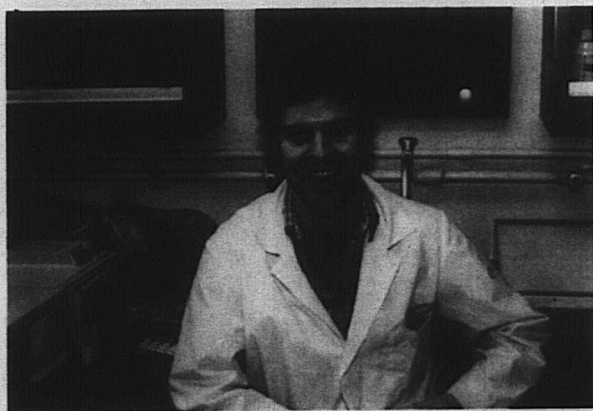
place to sleep. At the after-school center, we were able to work with the children of the area during games and classroom settings.

Working in the inner city seemed to affect many of the participants similarly. At the base of it, many students found their life outlooks challenged.

One participant, Jill Bovard, a junior, put it this way: "Before going to Paterson I wasn't really aware of the injustices and oppression built into our system. Growing up in a predominantly white suburb, you don't walk around feeling that the world is an unfair place. The poor in Paterson feel victimized."

Many of us also felt "rich" compared to the poor we saw. For once, we were in the minority. The city is one-third black, one-third hispanic and one-third mixed races. We found that in the cities of America there are those who have suffered under the structures of society. They are left dependent on those who are sensitive enough to care. Pity is not welcomed in the inner city. It cries for a heart of compassion.

Paterson's Urban Mission Project supports ministries and churches, enabling them to reach out to the poor and destitute around them. There is a love and sensitivity toward the street people of Paterson and a vibrant Christianity. Those people who came to Eva's Kitchen often expressed their appreciation for the concern they found. One old, black gentleman in a tattered wool coat sang, "One day at a time, sweet Jesus, that's all I'm asking of you; just give me strength to do everything that I've got to do...One day at a time." That is how they live.



Thomson Research Furthered By Grant

HCP—Robert C. Thomson, a Houghton College senior chemistry major from Annandale, NJ, has won a Rochester (NY) Academy of Science Research (RAS) Award. The award—among a series of Academy grants bestowed annually upon selected undergraduate researchers—is the second in two years given to a Houghton College student.

Thomson is doing research into the design of an implantable glucose sensor for diabetics, building on work

initiated by 1983-84 RAS award-winner Terry S. Ruhl of East Aurora, NY. Working with Dr. Irmgard Howard, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Thomson is investigating methods of achieving long-term stability in a sensor which would detect high concentrations of blood glucose. Ultimately, such a sensor could be miniaturized, implanted, and connected to a pump which would then deliver insulin as needed. The Rochester Academy of Science grant enables purchase of needed supplies for the research.

Houghton's Future Doctors In High Demand

CCN—Graduates of the pre-medical and pre-dental programs at Houghton and Wheaton Colleges, and of the pre-medical program Bethany Nazarene College in Oklahoma, have an acceptance rate at medical schools throughout the country about 75 per cent higher than the national average.

The national average, of which these schools are a part, is 48 per cent.

At Bethany Nazarene from 1975-83, the acceptance rate was more than 83 per cent. During the past 10 years, between 80 and 90 per cent of Wheaton's pre-med students were accepted. At Houghton College, the acceptance rate has never fallen below 90 per cent during the last 15 years, including 100 per cent several years, officials of the three colleges say.

Dr. Munro, head of Houghton's Biology Department, verified these figures, while revealing a list of hundreds of Houghton graduates who have gained acceptance into medical school since 1945. He emphasized the importance of looking at the achievements of Houghton's other departments as well.



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Cort Crumbles Capitalism

by Bryan Vosseler

John C. Cort, publisher and co-editor of *Religious Socialism*, and freelance writer discussed Christianity and socialism with Houghton faculty and students on Wednesday, January 30.

In a short interview, Cort expressed the benefits of socialism over other ideologies. In response to the idea that capitalism needs and flaunts unemployment, he replied, "I think it is very shortsighted, all this crap about 'supply-side [Reaganomics]'. What keeps business going is the man. And what has created depressions is too much supply and not enough demand."

"Keynes was right in this aspect. It is demand that brings prosperity. The problem of the great depression was because before that in the 1920's, there was total supply-side economics. There was prosperity for awhile. There were no rights for labor to organize, no unions, no worker's compensation, no social security, no Medicaid; none of those 'burdens of business.' Government was totally off the back of business. 'Get the government off the back of business and everything will be rosy'—supply-side economics. This caused the greatest depression in the world. Thirty per cent of the people were unemployed and the world economy collapsed."

Cort thinks that the US can do a better job. If we raise taxes of the rich, and maybe those in the middle class, a more humane result would occur. After all, other democratic societies have done it. "During the years 1959-76, our national unemployment rate was 5.3%, considerably lower than it has been in the 1980's."

But for those same years average unemployment in France was 2.5%, in Sweden 1.9%, in Japan 1.4%, and in West Germany 1.2%."

In viewing economy as a balance between supply-side and demand-side economics, Cort says, "The US economy can do a much better job, a much more Christian job."

To illustrate, he quotes from Matthew 25. "This tells in the last judgment how the King separates the sheep from the goats. It tells us who will go to heaven and who goes to hell. 'I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'"

"Do your planning for others. Of course, if you are going to be anxious to feed them, clothe them, and shelter them, then there has to be a lot of planning. A friend of mine said, 'To feed the poor and hungry was a simple imperative, but it was not a simple undertaking.' The planning is therefore directed at others and not yourself. Socialism, as a word, was first used by a preacher in 1832, 16 years before *The Communist Manifesto*. He defined socialism as the opposite of individualism. Individualism is the basis of capitalism. Adam Smith said to seek your own personal interest and profit, and the 'invisible hand' will work all things for the good. Instead of those who love God, and all things working for the good, it's for those who seek their own interest that all things work together for the good. Get the Biblical Christians back on the right track to what the Bible is really telling them."

In response to the question of how

Senate Elections Loom On Horizon

by Hilary Hashagen

Vice-president Marc Troeger addressed the topic of elections at the first 1985 Senate meeting held January 22. All petitions are due at 5 pm February 19. Each petition must have 50 signatures instead of the required 25 signatures of previous years. Platforms are due by 4 pm March 5, and the election speeches will be made March 6. Primary elections will be held March 12, and the general election will be held on March 15. All candidates are required to attend the cabinet meetings held on February 12 and 25 as well as all Senate meetings until the elections. Prospective candidates with questions should see Troeger.

Senate president Kevin Simme brought his report before the Senate, announcing vacancies that need to be filled in the following councils: Financial Affairs, Academic Affairs, Judicial Affairs, and Cultural Affairs. He also announced that Dr. Perkins had expressed an interest in establishing an ad hoc committee to debate the legitimacy of Current Issues Day, as well as to take a poll of the students in order to establish student support of it. Dale Hursh and Steve Breneman will be serving on an ad hoc committee concerned with CID. This year's CID has lined up speakers from the State Department and a professor of Latin American Affairs from Michigan State.

The recent Trustees' meeting established the new plan to build one men's dormitory in place of the two that were previously planned. This dormitory will be at the creek site across from Gao dormitory. This change resulted from problems with the architect and builder as well as maintenance costs. They also announced that there was a budget increase of 9.8% raising the cost of attending Houghton College up to \$7,000. Professors' salaries are to go

up 7-12%, which Simme said is "a very good thing."

The Student Development Council is reevaluating the school's policy on the playing of face cards at Houghton College. Simme said that he wasn't sure that face cards were the most important issue to be dealt with at Houghton, and he thought that there were important issues underlying this one.

The Senate Charity Drive for Ethiopia has collected about \$4,400. When the love leaves are opened, the total is expected to meet the Senate's goal of \$5,000.

A tentative schedule was brought before the Senate regarding Winter Weekend. This year's theme is Mardi Gras, and the weekend will include a masquerade dinner where the Snow King will be crowned, a Saturday brunch, snow sculptures on the quad, The Wiz, and a lot of jazz. There will be a jazz music spot following the movie.

John Brown made a motion to suggest that the Health Center be opened on three afternoons and two evenings per week to accommodate those who have 1:15 classes or work in the afternoons. The motion was carried unanimously. Brown also moved to establish a four-member Health Services Committee "to serve as a liaison between the students and the Health Services office." This motion was also carried unanimously.

The graduated grading system was brought up by Professor Sayers as old business. He said that the faculty had been discussing the system and wondering if Senate had any input. He also stated that the faculty tended to get caught up on what graduated grading system to go with. It was resolved that the Senate had no official point of view and that it would prefer that the faculty make the decision on its own.

this would politically affect a Christian, he replied, "He would look for political candidates more interested in helping others than themselves. It's not easy to find them, but a hint would be one that stays away from single-issue politics."

"Why is it that those politicians who seem most concerned to protect the life of the unborn somehow lose interest in protecting life after birth? After birth their interest seems to focus mainly on making war and helping rich people make money, which inevitably means that poor people

must be deprived of the fuller life and ever-threatened with no life at all, and the rest of us must be faced with an escalating ride toward nuclear oblivion."

"I feel that the government should have a safety net for the poor. Above all, making sure that everyone works. We must establish the principle that the state must be the employer as a last resort. I would prefer to have people employed by private business or corporate business, but if not, then the state has to give jobs to those who are unemployed."

Covering All Corners

by Jon "Snake" Merrill

Washington, DC—President Ronald Reagan was sworn in on January 21 for a second term and called for a freeze on federal spending next year. Forced inside due to gusting winds and sub-zero temperatures, both the President and Vice-President George Bush repeated their oaths of office in front of a standing crowd packed into the rotunda of the Capitol. Declaring that the "new beginning" he sought four years ago has been accomplished, Reagan stated, "The time has come for a new American emancipation—a great national drive to tear down economic barriers and liberate the spirit of enterprise in the most distressed areas of our country." Reagan also said that he will again promote a balanced budget amendment in order to "control government's power to tax and spend."

As Reagan begins another four years as the United States Chief Executive, some issues remain prominent among the President's concern. First, with the resignation of his chief White House advisors and the change of five of the 13 cabinet positions, the Reagan administration will test whether or not it is still capable of repeating the relative success it had in the previous term. Second, will Reagan abide to his campaign promises of not raising taxes while cutting the federal deficit? Are either the Social Security or defense programs to be included in spending cuts? Can the economy maintain its present gradual growth? Having gained a minor victory in arms control talks with Soviets, which will begin in March, can both sides agree on a final solution? Although Reagan claimed his "Star Wars" program as purely a defensive system, the Soviets believe that it will be used for offensive purposes. Will Reagan remain committed to promote "Star Wars" or will he concede since the Soviets are again negotiating?

On January 22, twelfth anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion, President Reagan promised to 70,000 Pro-Life supporters: "I am proud to stand with you in the long march for the right to life." Will he continue to back rightist positions on basic moral issues such as abortion, school prayer, and ERA?

Having been charged for illegally supporting counter-revolutionaries and mining harbors, President Reagan decided January 18 that the US government will refuse to take part in further World Court proceedings in which Nicaragua's Sandinista government has filed suit. Officials at the US State Department claimed that Nicaragua has used the World Court, the judicial organ of the United Nations, for "political and propaganda purposes." Believing that the World Court is determined to favor Nicaragua, a State Department spokesman hoped that "the Court does not go the way of other international organizations that have become politicized against the interests of the Western democracies." The President also suspended negotiations with Nicaragua, which began last June, because the Sandinistas seemed "uninterested in serious exchanges."

Although the Court would have no practical way of compelling the US to submit with any ruling, the Reagan Administration came under sharp criticism from Nicaraguan leaders and US Congressmen. Most legislators are troubled by the decision and fear the possibility of the United States' image being damaged among allies and neutral nations. The withdrawal may reduce Reagan's support in Congress in regards to the approval of continued aid to anti-Sandinista contra rebels. The Nicaraguan ambassador to the US said the President's action "does not bode well for a peaceful international order based on respect for the principles of international law, self-determination, and independence."

New York—After winning the first two rounds in his \$50 million libel suit against *Time* magazine, former Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a setback when jurors, in a January 24 verdict, ruled against him.

Earlier last week jurors decided that *Time* defamed Sharon for repeating that he had "discussed" revenge with Lebanese Phalangists at a meeting the day after President-elect Bashir Gemayel, a Phalangist leader, was assassinated in September 1982. The next day, Christian Phalangist militia massacred hundreds of Palestinians in a West Beirut refugee camp.

In declaring the second verdict, the jurors regarded *Time*'s February 21, 1983 cover story statement that reported Sharon had "consciously intended" for Christian Lebanese militia men to massacre the refugees as false. Yet Sharon failed to win his suit since the jurors were not convinced that *Time* had not practiced "actual malice" knowing that the defamatory material was false.

Although *Time*, and the media as a whole, was saved from having their "freedom of the press" redefined, the magazine's credibility was impaired when the editors admitted that a key portion of the cover story was wrong. One of *Time*'s authorities asserted that "we will see fewer suits" from public figures against journalists. Will government officials, such as General Westmoreland in his suit against CBS News, become reluctant to defend their respectability in courts? Will journalists become increasingly cautious while reporting and investigating controversial issues? These questions will be answered as the press and the government react to this verdict.

Palo Alto, California—While finishing a record-breaking season, the San Francisco 49ers defeated the Miami Dolphins 38-16, in Super Bowl XIX. Miami led 10-7 at the end of the first quarter, but the 49ers took the lead with three touchdowns in the second quarter. In the second-half of play the San Francisco defense did not allow the Dolphins to score once. Eight-four thousand fans at Stanford Stadium, 15 minutes from San Francisco, saw the 49ers win their eighteenth game, an NFL season record. San Francisco's star quarterback, Joe Montana, won the game's Most Valuable Player award by completing 24 out of 35 passes, while throwing three touchdown passes and running for one himself. Montana was the game's MVP three years ago when his 49er team won Super Bowl XVI. San Francisco running back, Roger Craig, broke a Super Bowl record by scoring three touchdowns. After the game, 49er coach Bill Walsh proclaimed, "We're clearly the best football team that is competing today." Some football fans are claiming that this 49er team is one of the greatest in the history of professional football.

Chamberlain Announces Budget Increases

by Lorry Arnold

Faculty pay increases, face cards, and the replacement of Gao dormitory were all topics of Wednesday's Community meeting.

To start off, Dr. Chamberlain reported that he had received a 20-page report from a Middle States evaluation team that visited the campus in December. According to Dr. Chamberlain, the report was "extremely complimentary," although it contained a few recommendations which will be taken into consideration.

President Chamberlain also revealed that the Student Development Council had no recommendations for the Board. The council had been asked to examine the present rule concerning the use of face cards. That examination is still under way.

The External Affairs Committee received over one million dollars in gift monies. This is an increase of 28 per cent from the \$812,570 received last year.

Dr. Chamberlain had quite a bit to report from the Financial Affairs Committee. According to the Committee, the college is presently \$83,000 in the black, even though expenses have increased.

According to Dr. Chamberlain, the

average yearly costs for students will be raised next year to \$7,660, a 9.8 per cent increase from this year's average cost of \$6,975. In a consortium of 16 Christian colleges, Houghton presently ranked fourteenth, being the second least expensive school. With the proposed student cost increase, Houghton may yet maintain its present ranking, but there is a chance that it may rise to thirteenth.

In an effort to attract new faculty members, Financial Affairs Committee also recommended a salary increase for present faculty members. The Trustees decided on a minimum pay increase of 7% with a 12% increase for higher professors.

President Chamberlain also reported a change in plans concerning the replacement of Gao dormitory. Originally, two buildings were to be constructed. That idea was reconsidered when an architect recommended that one building, about the size of the Brookside dormitory, be constructed. The Trustees approved this recommendation, and decided to increase the cost of building to about two million dollars. The Board hopes to begin construction in the spring so that the new dormitory will be ready by next January.

Fine Arts

Randall Explores Contemporary Sound

Last Monday, January 28, 1985, Assistant Professor of Organ, Susan Randall performed in faculty recital. The program included music by Lubeck, J.S. Bach, Sweenlinck and two twentieth century works: Prelude, Adagio and Chorale Variations on "Veni Creator" by Maurice Durufle and selections from Organbook III by William Albright. Fine Arts Editor Gerry Szymanski talked with Professor Randall about life in Houghton and her recital.

STAR: You are still in many ways regarded as a new member of the Houghton community. How has the process of merging into the community been?

Randall: Well, it's been interesting. As far as merging into the college community, it's been relatively easy. Most of the students are so friendly, and so are the faculty. As far as living in Houghton as a town, that's been a little bit different, mostly because it's so small. I think that it's that way with anybody else who comes here.

STAR: Could you tell me a little about your college and graduate schooling?

Randall: I did my undergraduate work at the University of Iowa, getting a Bachelor's degree in music. I finished my Master's degree a few years ago at the Eastman School of Music. I'm still working on my doctorate, and I hope to graduate this spring or next fall.

STAR: You and "Big Al" Rehn are the freshman class advisors. What kind of experience has that been? Are the freshmen really as "rowdy" as we think they are?

Randall: From what I can tell, yeah. We've had a few problems, but it's been okay.

STAR: About your recital last Monday, what led you to choose such contemporary works such as Durufle and the Albright?

Randall: Well the Durufle I've always wanted to learn, and I just started that this past September...I guess because of the different colors that you can get out of the organ in the Durufle. My favorite is contemporary music, and I think the Albright is fun to play.

STAR: Speaking of Albright, *Jig for the Feet* made a great impression on me. I sat in the balcony, and I could see you hard at work on it. I know that it was

subtitled *Totentanz* or *Death Dance*. What do you envision when you play a piece like that?

Randall: I guess I don't think programatically at all. When I think as far as interpreting that, I think of very strong rhythm because it's a dance, and even stronger because it's a dance of death. That's mostly what I was worried about, keeping a strong rhythm.

STAR: Sometimes I think the audience here tends to think a little too programatically.

Randall: Sometimes that helps, though, in a piece like that; it gives the audience something to envision. But for me, it was a lot of fancy footwork.

STAR: The Bach "Wedge" Fugue in E minor is a powerful piece. This year is the 300th anniversary of the birth of Bach, and certainly he has contributed a vast amount of organ works. Is Bach your favorite composer? If so, what is it about his pieces that you like? If not, who is your favorite and why?

Randall: I don't think that I have a favorite; it's whatever I'm working on at the time. Bach is certainly one of the greatest organ composers, especially in a piece like the "Wedge;" he's so good at writing a lot of ideas and lots of breadth into a piece that makes the organ sound so majestic. It's such a well-written piece; technically it's hard and very stylistic.

STAR: You prefer contemporary music.

Randall: Well, contemporary is easier to relate to than perhaps baroque. Perhaps for me it's easier to play than baroque.

STAR: That's very interesting because I know that Professor Stowe was interested in pre-baroque music, and it's great that those of us who have been here a few years can be treated to both pre-Bach and contemporary music. Durufle's piece was especially recent, composed only seven years ago. Tell me about his style.

Randall: He has written a *Requiem* that's gorgeous, and you'll hear a lot of that in his other pieces. I think generally that his style is tended towards vocal music. He's quite an improviser. He's still at the church of St. Etienne-du-Mont in Paris, and he improvises the service.

STAR: A very beautiful piece, very soothing. Thank you very much.

Randall: Good. Thank you.

At the Movies

Brian: Well Craig, here we are, our first column of 1985. Thankfully we lived through 1984, which will long be known as the year movie tickets went up and quality went down.

One of the bright spots in my movie-going over Christmas break was the film *Jonny Dangerously*, starring Michael Keaton, Marilu Henner and Joe "Saturday Night Live" Piscopo. Keaton plays the gangster Johnny, who rises through the world of crime to the head of a mob. Johnny keeps his criminal life a secret from his family, and ironically it's his younger brother who graduates from law school, becomes the D.A. and puts Johnny away. In the process, he picks up songstress Marilu Henner.

The movie was full of cliches as far as gangster flicks go, but that eventually works to its advantage when one realizes just how sarcastic and tongue-in-cheek it is. The writers seemed to take the plot of every mobster film ever made and exaggerated them to the hilt.

Craig: Now I'm sure there are many of you who have seen *Dangerously* and are wondering why we would review this instead of *Dr. Zhivago*. You're probably thinking about how silly and meaningless it was, too. Granted. But obviously, that was not the intention of the film. *Dangerously* takes aim at comedy and not once it delivered. The SNL daring combined with *Airplane* cornball humor tickled my fancy. If you prefer subtle, sophisticated snickers, this movie could be too dangerous for you.

As for performance, this movie would drown without Michael

with Craig Denison and Brian Chilton

Keaton and his timing. But poor Piscopo, they should have had a mannequin play his part! But how well can you act with a character as deep as the *Knight Rider*?

Brian: I thought that this movie had lots of that "subtle, sophisticated" humor in it; like when Keaton and Marilu Henner go on a lover's stroll and end up promenading from the Golden Gate Bridge to the plains in Kansas.

And for those who don't like subtle humor there was enough slapstick such as the gangster who had problems swearing. I felt that was everyman's (and woman's) type of comedy.

As for Joe Piscopo—he works well on *Saturday Night*, but this movie was too much of a challenge it seems.

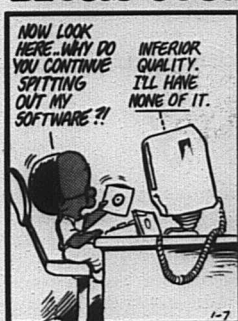
This movie was one of the funnier that I've seen in a long time. My only caution is that the humor in it tends to be a little off-color. The conservative Houghtonite may opt for a late showing in the campus center lounge (couples invited) for an evening of comedy. Apart from this, I give it a big thumb's up.

Craig: I still say give Piscopo a *real* part and he'll bring it to life. As for your enthusiasm for its universal appeal, Brian, I ask to see the diverse reaction of the student body to *The Great Evangelical Disaster*. I think the responses would be similar. Universal, it ain't. If you're in a crazy mood, *Dangerously* could be your movie. If not...uh...er...try *Places in the Heart* or something.

Next Week: Craig and Brian propose a boycott.

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



Editorial

The Same Old Story

Some students wonder whether this year's Winter Weekend theme of Mardi Gras is appropriate for Houghton. Others wonder what the fuss is all about. Still others wonder what the theme is. There are those who don't wonder about it at all. So goes a typical Houghton event.

When Pearllette Brathwaite, this year's Winter Weekend organizer, told me about people's uneasiness regarding the theme, I laughed. Realizing Mardi Gras is usually celebrated as a major drinking party full of debauchery—not the sort of wholesome activity encouraged at Houghton, I understood the students' concern was logical. Brathwaite explained to me that Mardi Gras, originally a religious holiday, has turned secular. She plans Houghton's Mardi Gras as a festival of music, color, and light celebrating the approach of spring. Thus we can reclaim the secular as our own.

A lack of information caused the confusion and hesitation in accepting the Mardi Gras theme. People didn't understand what the Winter Weekend committee was up to. Because no one submitted themes to Senate by the deadline, Senate had two choices: they could cancel Winter Weekend or let CAB pick the theme. After examining several proposals, CAB selected the Mardi Gras theme because of its organization and potential. CAB discussed the concerns but decided channeling Mardi Gras back to its roots would make an appropriate celebration. Thus, although the drawbacks were considered in CAB, they were not aired in Senate. Therefore, senators could not inform their classes. A lack of information caused justified concern.

The fault does not belong to Brathwaite, class officers, CAB, or Senate. Each acted in a proper manner to save Winter Weekend. Actually, the blame belongs to every one of us who did not submit a topic but assumed that the details would be taken care of.

This is not the first time that apathy almost robbed Houghton. An appeal was made for Current Issues Day topics. Thankfully, a few people came through,

and CID should be an informative and thought-provoking event this year.

As CAB chairman Marc Troeger noted, we always demand fantastic entertainment, but we won't work for it. Homecoming 1984, a success by anyone's standards didn't spring into being one afternoon. Many people put many hours into its inception, planning, and execution. Troeger wondered "Do people think John Brown and Sarah Schmitt snapped their fingers, and Homecoming happened?" Studies come first at Houghton, as they should. But, too many of us only concentrate on our notes, texts, and GPA's, or worse yet, on nothing at all. We don't get involved, as usual.

An event at Houghton shouldn't be like pulling wisdom teeth—an anticipated pain and a relief once it's over. Successful activities do involve effort; however, they shouldn't be ignored or passed on in hopes that they'll disappear. They might.

We can start today to generate ideas, themes, and topics for next year. We can barrage our senators with questions and ideas and watch for deadline dates. Faculty, Student Development, and community members are untapped resources.

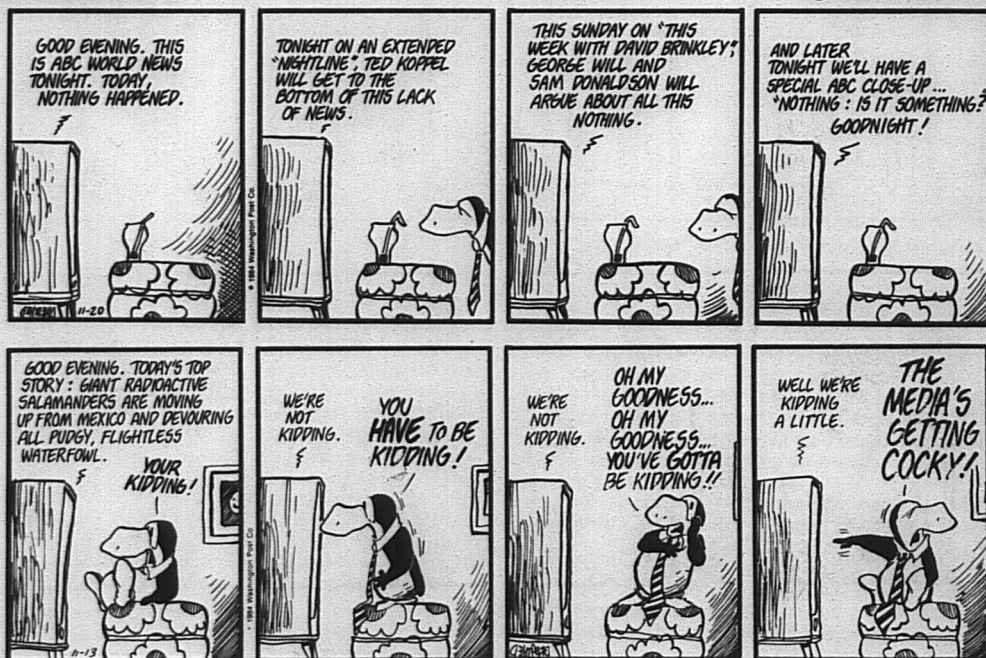
"Big deal," we say. "So what if we don't think of a Homecoming theme? Who cares if CID is cancelled? It won't matter as long as we graduate." That's where we're wrong. We are, supposedly, intelligent and clever liberal arts students. Why can't or don't we care enough to accomplish more at Houghton than making the Dean's list? How can we pretend to be educated and able to function after graduation when we can't handle the seemingly insignificant problems at Houghton? If we are to consider ourselves legitimate solvers of society's woes, we must start here.

Once again I quote Troeger: "It's not easy to get people involved, but it's easy to get them to complain."

—Thea Hurd

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



Letters

Saving Sakharov

To the Editor of the *Star*,

Unless reports of his death are given in the meantime, I urge all at Houghton College to write a letter along the lines of the following to the Soviet government regarding Dr. Andrei Sakharov and his wife:

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to request that you release Dr. Andrei Sakharov and his wife from state-imposed "internal exile" in Gorki. Dr. Sakharov is a champion of human rights and I believe it would be a credit to the Soviet government were he allowed to travel and express himself freely.

Letters can be addressed to:
Chairman of the Supreme Soviet
c/o The US Mission to the United Nations
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New York, NY 10017

Sincerely,
Richard Perkins

Rings and Wings

Dear Thea,

This is meant to be an official "print-in-the-*Star*" letter. It's been too long since my name was printed in Houghton's illustrious paper.

I write in great emotion, an appeal to the Houghton public: I seek the ultimate, genuine Buffalo chicken wing recipe.

Your marriage-hungry senior women ought to realize it's not so glamorous in that sought-after state. Here I am, in Roanoke, Virginia, uprooted from my snobbish New England coastal homeland and plopped in the South where the people say "y'all" among other ungrammatical utterances, resigned to a future of vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms and meals of chicken.

My freezer is beginning to accumulate chicken wings, leftover from cutting up whole chickens (the cheapest way to buy it) and there lieth my dilemma: what to do with them. Hence my appeal to the land of the barbecued wing. How do you make that great sauce?

Thanks for the print space, Thea. May the great bird of the galaxy bless your planet.

Jennifer Thirsk Raff
4806 Mews Hill Dr. SW
Roanoke, VA 24018

Beating the Bug

Dear Thea,

The flu season has hit Houghton. Coinciding with biting cold and bitter winds, the flu-bug has many "under the weather," yourself a recent victim.

To satisfy your journalistic curiosity about this illness, I am answering some of the most commonly asked questions concerning flu.

Q: Is flu caused by Christmas vacation?

A: No, it only seems that way. When tanned people arrive on campus, untanned people naturally feel sick. Flu is caused by viruses best

known to us as Types A, B, and C. Biology professors probably know some other names; you could check with them.

Q: How can I tell if I have the flu?

A: Flu is like love—you know it hits you. Specifically watch for a fever (100 or more), chills, headache, aching body and—here TRUE love and flu differ—nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Q: Is chicken soup good for flu?

A: Chicken soup is good for many things, but that's not the point. With flu we need to treat the symptoms, and that means with a fever your body needs fluid replacement. So soups, juices, and water are necessary. For headaches and aching joints or muscles, take two Tylenol every three or four hours. For nausea, vomiting, diarrhea take two tablespoons of Pepto-Bismol every four hours for a day. Get extra rest to help your body fight off the illness. And if you don't feel better in a day or two, or appear to be getting worse, call the Health Center.

Q: What about antibiotics?

A: They're wonderful, but they won't prevent or cure the flu. Flu is caused by viruses and antibiotics work against bacteria.

Q: Will I catch the flu at basketball games?

A: Life is full of questions, isn't it? Viruses are spread through the air when people cough, sneeze and breathe on us, and crowds—movies, games, dormitories—are an ideal place for this to happen. Viruses are also spread indirectly through door knobs, telephones, and shared toothpaste and towels, for examples. An infected person can pass the virus for about a week after the first appearance of symptoms.

Q: To prevent flu, shall I transfer to an isolated, rural college seven

miles from any known viruses?

A: Well, it didn't work for you, did it? You might better put your efforts into good health habits and keeping well. Eat a proper diet; get adequate rest and regular exercise. Avoid unnecessary exposure to or close contact with people who obviously have flu or colds.

I hope this information is helpful, Thea. If you should suffer a relapse after reading this, you know you can call the Health Center 8 am-8 pm. For emergencies nights or weekends, call East Hall switchboard to contact our on-call nurse.

Sincerely,
Dionne Parker
Nurse Practitioner
Health Center

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SPORTSVIEW

Bowl a Bust?

by Dave Mee

Advertisers spend more than a million dollars for 60 precious seconds of America's most captive audience. Glued to TV sets across the country, sports fans gather to view the culmination of weeks of promotion promising "a game to end all games." Oh, but you say you'd rather be at the game? Forget it. You'd have a better chance getting the space shuttle for your date Saturday night than you would a ticket to the Super Bowl. But as another Super Bowl has passed, why has the "Super Sunday" once again turned into a "Mundane Monday?" For 19 years we have expected a tremendous finale, one that every sports fan would talk about until next season. But as predictable as winter in Houghton is, so is the absence of a truly great Super Bowl—especially recently.

There's no doubt that the 49ers and the Dolphins were the bookends of the '84 NFL season. No Super Bowl prediction has ever been argued more intensely. Marino or Montana? Walsh or Shula? We heard it all and from every possible angle. But again, that January clash in the sun was a relative flop. As the 49ers were running away with the trophy in the second quarter, the big bubble had burst. Dolphin fans began to talk about next year even before the half-time show. With such explosive teams, everyone had hoped for an exciting finish. Maybe Marino would throw a long bomb to Mark "Super" Dupre, or Ray Wiersching would kick a 60-yard field goal with a second remaining.

Sorry.

There never seems to be a shortage of excitement in the World Series or the Stanley Cup Playoffs, or, for that matter, the NBA finals. So why not the NFL? A best of seven in pro-football would be nice, but totally unrealistic.

So let this be a lesson. Get excited *after* the Super Bowl (if your team wins), not before in anticipation of a great game. The odds are heavily against it.



Patty Ryan bids for a field goal as Jodi Carlson boxes out for the rebound. The Alfred Tech Pioneers nipped the Highlanders in a well-played game Monday, January 28. The women will face Elmira Saturday, February 2 away and host Geneseo Monday, February 4.

Houghton Tops Hartwick And Buries Canada's No. 1

by Dave Mee

Top notch competition has characterized the Houghton Men's basketball season, and Saturday January 26 was no exception. Before a partisan Houghton crowd, the Highlanders shot down Hartwick College 66-61. The Warriors entered the contest ranked number two in New York State and number six nationally in the NCAA Division III.

Led by a fast break offense, Houghton rebounded from a 10-2 first half deficit to reel off 18 unanswered points on their way to a two point intermission advantage. What began in the first half continued in the second as the Highlanders ran up as much as a 22 point lead. Balanced scoring was again the story with four of the five starters in double figures. Bill Dockery captured game honors with 16 points while Derrick Barnes added 15 points and 12 assists.

With two straight wins under their belt, the Highlanders headed north of the border for a Monday night game with Canada's number one ranked collegiate team, Sheridan College. Again the first half was close, with Houghton owning a two point spread at the half. But behind a 17 for 17 performance from the free throw line in the second half, Houghton blew the game wide open on their way to a 79-59 win. Jeff Anspach was deadly from the perimeter cashing in a game high 30 points. Bill Dockery and sophomore guard Josh Merrill dumped in 16 points each. The win was Houghton's third in a row and marked their fourth triumph in five outings.

The Highlanders' record now stands at 12-6 because the University of Buffalo was forced to forfeit their December win due to an ineligible player.

Women Kick Keuka, Tumble To Tech

by Deb Fink and Patty Ryan

The women's basketball team defeated Keuka College Saturday, January 19, 59-41. After trailing 6-0 in the early minutes of the game, they exerted a strong team effort narrowing Keuka's lead. Keuka never threatened Houghton's half-time lead of 32-14 in the second half.

Jodi Carlson topped team scoring with 20 points and rebounding with 17. Sandra Brockman, a transfer student, contributed to the Highlander win with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Jackie Woodside also sparked the team effort posting six assists.

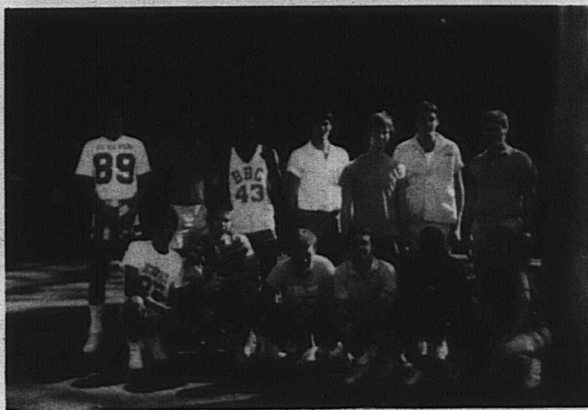
The Houghton Women's basketball team lost a heartbreaker 65-56 on Monday, January 28 to Alfred Tech. The final score was misleading as the Highlanders held the Pioneers to a slim lead until the final few minutes

of the game. Houghton, 3-6, anticipated a tough game from the Alfred Pioneers, who sported an 8-2 record.

Coach Bob Smalley felt that the key to the Houghton loss lay in their 27 turnovers which by and large consisted of unforced passing errors. Alfred took advantage of the bad passing and responded downcourt. Smalley felt that the girls exerted a good team effort throughout the game and although the defense needs more work, he commented that the team has begun to realize its potential.

Jackie Woodside lead the team in scoring with 19 points; Lisa Starks and Jodi Carlson followed with ten points each. Seattle transfer Sondra Brockman and freshman Lynne Leathers also deserve recognition for their overall play.

Over 1,000 officials to choose from, and I get a moron like you.
—John McEnroe,
to a British tennis umpire



The Houghton basketball team takes a "time out" to pose in front of the Dole Pineapple Plantation in Hawaii. Along with some pineapples, the team gathered two wins and momentum for the second semester.

Highlanders Hula To 2-2

by Dave Mee

The Houghton men's basketball team spent the first two weeks of 1985 on the island of Oahu in Hawaii. The final tally of the Highlanders' trip stood at 2-2.

Game one in Hawaii pitted Houghton against an experienced and physical Hawaiian Marine team. As the first half ended, the Highlanders took a mere two point edge into the locker room. But behind the shooting of the ever-consistent duo of Jeff Anspach and Josh Merrill, Houghton opened up a lead that the Marines could only close to four points as the Highlanders won 74-70.

Games two and three were an opportunity for the purple and gold to test themselves against two of the NAIA's top ten teams. In the match-up versus Hawaii Pacific College, a 39-33 halftime lead for HPC was built upon in the second half as the Sea Warriors used enormous depth to wear down a Highlander squad that sported only eight players. With one of the nation's biggest players, a 7'1", 295 pound center, Houghton was forced to rely on outside shooting. Hawaii Pacific would prove to own the "downtown" shooting honors, shooting a torrid 60 percent.

Chaminade University was next. The Silverswords had been, and remain, the talk of collegiate basketball. This year alone, the Honolulu school has knocked off a pair of

giants: Louisville and Southern Methodist in back to back contests. None the less, the Highlanders played a controlled first half and entered the second with the game in reach. A spurt by Chaminade early in the second half was the key to their victory. Defense proved to be the cog in Houghton's play.

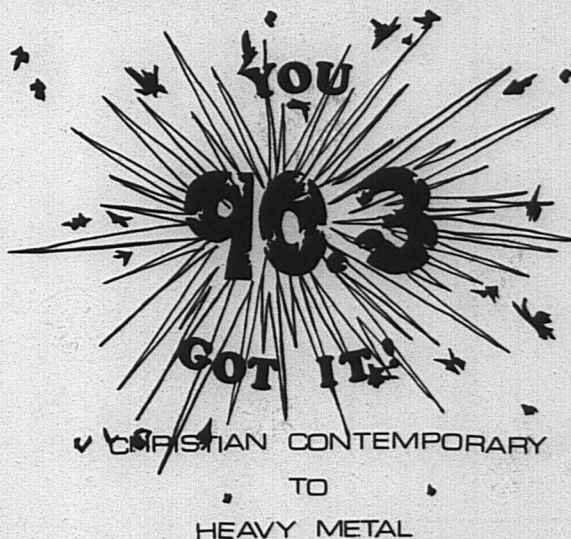
Saturday, January 12, was the last contest in Houghton's Hawaiian stay. It was also the best game from a Houghton standpoint. An early 10-2 start was enough to spark the Highlanders to a deceptive 98-86 victory. Behind Anspach's 27 points, 23 of which came in the first half, and Merrill's 26, Houghton led by as many as 28 points in the second half. Leading the Houghton attack was senior point guard Derrick Barnes. Barnes, who currently ranks among the top five career assist leaders in New York State history, continued his role in Hawaii as Houghton's "quarter back." Currently he's scoring at a 14 points per game clip in addition to his familiar lead in assists at seven per game.

The trip was not only an opportunity to play basketball some 6,000 miles from home, but it served as a chance for the team to grow personally in their close living arrangements and morning devotions. With the 2-2 Hawaiian record, the Highlanders would return to experience a very successful start in the second semester.

I don't know that I changed
all that much. They just
found somebody worse.
—Jimmy Connors,
denying he has mellowed

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