

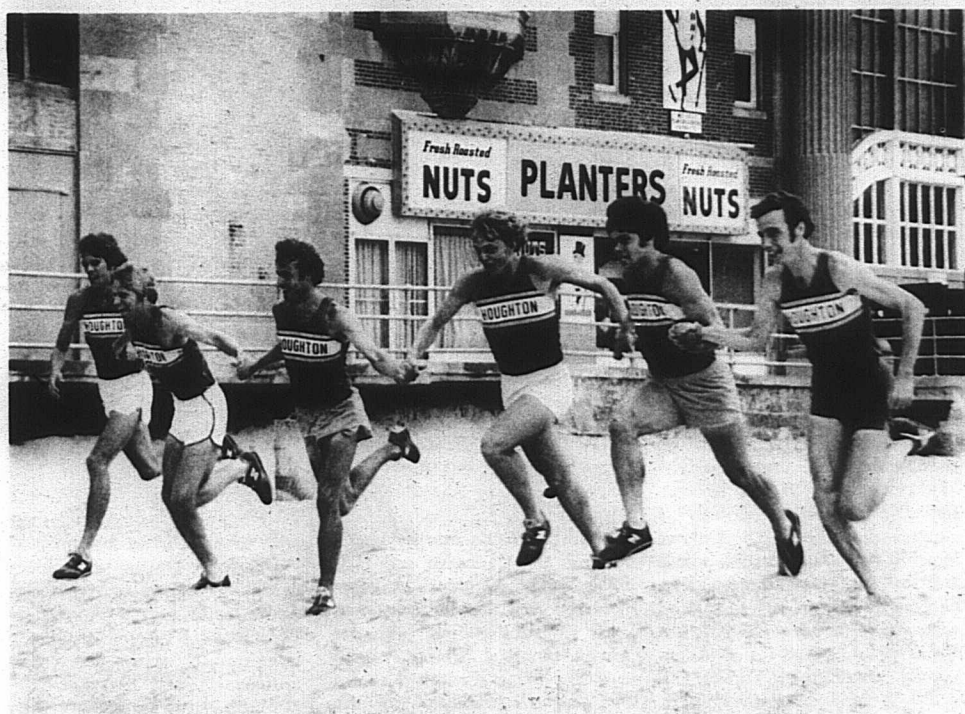


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Heck, Perkins, Blankley, Brautigam, Higle, and Hannold finish their trip.

Six Runners Cross Country Two-Year Dream Realized

by Dwight Brautigam

"Running across the country! Are you guys crazy?" This was the opening sentence of the tract we handed out to hundreds of people this past summer. To explain the full meaning behind this statement and share all of our experiences and blessings, more than one *Star* article is needed.

First of all, though, we would like to answer the three most common questions asked of us since we've finished our trek:

1. Yes we ran (on foot) all the way across the United States (every inch!), in relay fashion.
2. We wore out only two pairs of shoes each.
3. Yes, it was worth every blister — mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Houghton College was the primary sponsor for us six students (Al Blankley, Dwight Brautigam, Ken Heck, Dave Higle, Rob Perkins, and Boyd Hannold—'78 grad.). We were to be an outreach team to churches, youth groups, and any others we happened to meet as we ran across the U.S.

The idea originated in the minds of Al and Dwight during their sophomore year, only then it was a crazy dream. That "dream", however, became a reality due to the graciousness of God and the college's openmindedness.

It took us just over two months to make the almost 3200 mile run from Aberdeen, Wash. to Asbury Park, NJ. Running individually and in pairs, we averaged 60-70 miles per day six days a week. Each runner averaged 15-20 miles daily. The responsibilities

of driving the motor-home and cooking were rotated daily (ask Rob about Al's "Montana spaghetti").

Our experiences included wilderness and midnight runs, running through the cold Rocky Mountains and the hot, humid plains, and injuries to both ourselves and the motor home.

But were we crazy for doing this? We might have been if we had no purpose for running. But we did. It provided us with a great opportunity to share the importance of Christ in our lives with those we met.

Besides the obvious benefits of publicity for the college and the numerous significant blessings which we received from the trip, we feel certain that the trip was successful as a ministry for Christ — the main purpose of our trip. The informal ministry involved such things as visiting a lady in a nursing home in Washington, taking time to talk to a lonely man in Montana, staying up late with park ranger to share what Christ means to us, and visiting a middle-aged woman who was dying of bone cancer. These were only a few of the opportunities which we saw the Lord open up to us. In every situation we could see that the Lord was using us to minister to others. Our more formal ministry with pre-arranged churches and youth groups also evidenced fruitfulness by the unfailing generosity and sincere appreciation from those that we shared with.

Through this past summer, we have grown to a richer appreciation of many things, but most importantly we have seen the power of God working in our lives and the lives of others that we met.

Houghton Acquires New Computer Student Opportunities Expanded

by Chan Chan

Houghton College installed its first computer, an IBM model 1130, in January of 1969. The computer cost the college approximately \$80,000. The 1130 was located in Russell House, where the East Hall parking lot is now situated. Upon completion of the new science building the computer was moved to the present computer center, room 120. In subsequent years of operation, the IBM 1130 has proved itself to be a reliable and useful tool to Houghton College.

As the college expanded its curriculum and enrollment, the need for a more diversified technological computer became apparent. Accordingly, the PDP 1170 system (8 units and 16 terminals) was added to the Computer Center last June, at a cost of nearly \$111,800.

The PDP 1170 has greatly improved the potential of Houghton's computer center. The old computer had 8K memory units whereas the PDP 1170 has 128K memory units. The IBM 1130 line printer printed 80 lines per minute while the PDP 1170 prints 300 lines per minute. The cycle speed of the 1130 is 3.2 micro-seconds; the cycle speed of the 1170 is 980 nano-seconds (Cycle speed measures how long it takes the computer to respond to one statement). The new computer has a tape drive unit, a punch card unit, and hopefully

in the near future a graphic terminal. None of these options are available on the IBM 1130.

There are several reasons for Houghton College's choice of the Digital PDP 1170 over the comparable IBM 34 system. The IBM system was not available at purchase time. Also the IBM computer is adapted for business, rather than for academic use. Systems 34 is limited to 8 terminals, while the 1170 (PDP) has a capability of 64 terminals. Finally, the 1170 is several thousand dollars cheaper than its IBM counterpart. The new computer is a time-sharing system; it allows all 16 terminals to program into the central computer at the same time. For security reasons, each programmer must have an account number and a password.

With the advent of the PDP 1170 Houghton College has expanded its computer science course offerings. According to Dr. Lindley, head of the science and math departments, Houghton will eventually offer a minor in computer science. A major may also be instated, as competent faculty members become available.

The Digital PDP computer's acquisition has also caused the formation of the Houghton College Computer Club, or HC³ (H-C-Cubed) for short. Presently it is being sponsored by Dr. Trexler and Chan Chan. It had a preliminary meeting on September

18. The first actual meeting, opened to all interested students and faculty was held on September 25.

The club is dedicated to the following threefold purpose:

1. To further awareness of computer facilities.
2. To function as a service organization in development of application programs to meet various needs.
3. To increase knowledge in the field of computer science.

Interested students can contact Dr. Trexler, Chan Chan, or Bob Wilson.

"Days of Dickens" Return to Houghton Traditional Homecoming Weekend Planned

by William J. Dennis

"Days of Dickens" is the theme for this year's Homecoming to happen Oct. 6-8 with speeches, Founder's Day, a float parade, the crowning of a queen, a soccer game, banquets, a movie, and a Senate Spot. As tradition dictates, there will be a Founder's Day Chapel on Friday morning, giving special recognition to Alumni and professors. Following chapel, Alumni will have the chance to visit classes of their choice all afternoon.

At 5:00 p.m. Friday the college will sponsor a *Days of Dickens* dinner, the dining hall being

furnished in the old English inn setting. At 6:00 p.m. there will be a Founder's Fellowship Dinner in the Trustees Dining Room. And at 8:00 p.m. all music patrons will congregate in Wesley Chapel for the season's first Artist Series featuring The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.

Saturday will provide the main thrust of the weekend. After breakfast at 8:00 a.m., ex-athletes of Houghton will challenge the J.V. soccer team to a soccer game. Lunch at noon will be followed by the Days of Dickens parade, in which each class float will pass with a decorated theme such as

"Tale of Two Cities," "Great Expectations," "A Christmas Carol". Finally, the Homecoming Queen will be crowned on the steps of Luckey Memorial.

The varsity soccer team, at 2:00 p.m. will take to the field to play their annual Homecoming game. At 6:00 p.m. the Alumni banquet will be served, and at 9:00 p.m. the movie "Great Expectations" will be shown in Wesley Chapel, followed by the year's first Senate Spot.

The weekend will finish with a pre-church Bible study, Morning Worship, and a Farewell Dinner, starting at noon on Sunday.

Editorial

Now is the winter of our discontent
Made glorious summer by this sun of York;
And all the clouds that lour'd upon our house
In the deep bosom of the ocean buried.
Now are our brows bound with victorious wreaths,
Our bruised arms hung up for monuments;
Our stern alarums changed to merry meetings,
Our dreadful marches to delightful measures.

King Richard III - Shakespeare

At Houghton it is no question that people complain — many times too often and for no good reason. Sometimes I wonder if this pastime could make it as an intra-mural sport. We could get faculty sponsors and T-shirts and really chop each other up. But let's face it. How often do we realize the grace God has bestowed upon us? After not just a winter of discontent, but spring and summer and fall multiplied by I-don't-know-how-many years, we have come to a season worthy of praise. We now have a church in the community that is integrating with the college scene, a church whose pastor and assistants care about and are striving to meet the need of students, faculty and Houghton in general. Our new administrators have seen the ills of bureaucratic legalism. They have attempted to move in a more positive direction, emphasizing the personal development of the individual student as a synthesis and not a bunch of godly ingredients that bakes itself into "a whole person."

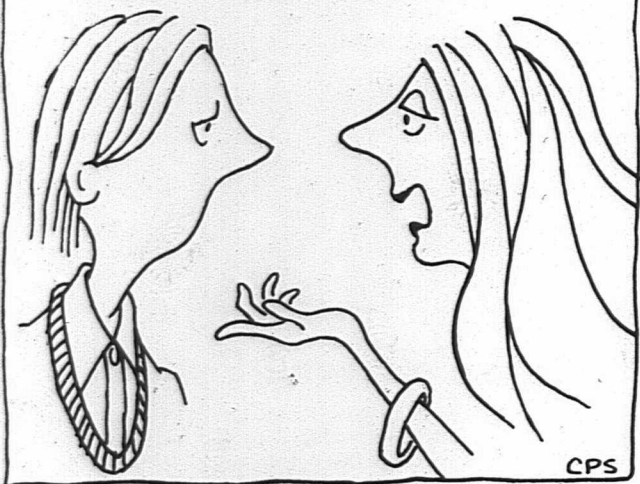
These changes merit praise. Vocal praise. But of course that does not mean that everything is right and nothing is wrong. Even Richard III had problems. Yes, now is our season, a season of praise, but only so because momentarily there is not quite as much to criticize. Therefore it is very difficult for me to act as a catalyst to bring about antagonistic response.

At this point, I don't think that Houghton needs antagonism.

When criticism is necessary I will deal with it. In the meantime . . .

Charlotte M. Dexter

I MEAN, THE ENGLISH
LANGUAGE IS SO
EXPRESSIVE, YOU KNOW?
SO, I MEAN, **VITAL**, YOU
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Viewpoint

To the Editor,

Challenging ethical or religious positions can be a sticky problem at Houghton, since much of what is uttered from the pulpit is accepted as pontifical authority. However, many of the prevalent attitudes that come from chapel speakers and the student body need challenging.

Recently, from the pulpit, we were told that secular music was not edifying, and it would be a service to Christianity for us to cease with that and play something spiritually wholesome. I have several problems with that thought, and what I perceive to be the philosophy behind it, but here I would just like to raise a few questions for thought. What constitutes "good music," and "edifying"? Exactly what is it you are trying to foster when you use these terms?

I would use neither good nor edifying in describing what has been playing in the Dining Hall lately. In my opinion, reflection reveals this type of music as emotional prattle and theologically ridiculous. If one is conscious of not being "worldly" I suggest that they take a closer look at popular Christian music and its subtle philosophy (not necessarily within the text) and compare it to our marketing-oriented society. And if one is concerned about the "world" and wants to minister to it, maybe it would be wise to understand it. "The world's music" might be an

inroad to the attitudes and thinking of our secular culture, as "our" music reflects our thinking. As long as I see that to be possible I plan on disdaining the

superficiality, easy-believism and reward-oriented music of the Gaithers and the John Petersons of Christian "pop".

Michael E. Horsman

Student Senate Report

Student Senate met on Tuesday, September 26. Terry Slye, President, announced that President Chamberlain will be holding a meeting on October 10 at 4:30 in Schaller Hall to discuss the decisions of the Trustees meeting which will be held October 5-6. Academic Affairs council reported that Prof. S. Hugh Paine will be addressing the students, faculty and alumni on Founder's Day. Several changes have been made in the Houghton College Catalog. Instead of the present option of taking two out of the three Western Civ. courses to fulfill general ed. requirements, students will now be required to take a four hour course which will survey the Renaissance through the present age. The Finance Council passed a scholarship for Canadians which will help to offset the rate exchange between the Canadian and U.S. dollar. The Student Development reported that the Freshman Class Constitution has been approved, that the old policy concerning playing cards still abides and that a new policy for the wearing of shorts in campus buildings is being drawn up.

Parents' Weekend this year to include both upperclassmen parents and Freshman parents, will be October 20-22.

Dave White reported developments in the MacMillan's Company, the student public relations arm of the college. Five students from each class will be nominated at respective class meetings to serve in the Company. These students will work in conjunction with the College in the areas of institutional advancement, admissions, and public relations.

A motion was made and carried to: 1) act to ensure that each Current Issues Day committee this year has \$600.00 with which to work; and 2) to create a college budget specifically for Current Issues Day, budgeted at \$1200.00 per year, beginning with fiscal year 1978-79.

Charlotte Dexter was elected as student representative to the Artist Series Committee. Tim Benning was elected student at large on the Lecture Series Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

MacMillan's Company Developing Communication Goal to Unite Alumni and Prospective Students

MacMillan's Company, the public relations arm of the student body, will begin its '78-'79 year with a completely reorganized function and purpose. The group, composed of five representatives from each class will be working with both the Admissions department and the Alumni Affairs office. Their goal: developing better student communications both with alumni and prospective students.

Under the new organizational structure, Mac's Co.'s two-fold purpose will be carried out in numerous functions. Its members will represent the students at Alumni chapter meetings. They will also assist in sponsoring special weekends on campus. Homecoming, college nights and many other special activities. Beyond this, their activities will include making editorial suggestions to college publications (*The Milieu*, Admission's recruiting literature and Institutional Advancement brochures). Mac's Co. also publishes its own newsletter monthly. One of Mac's Co.'s most ambitious goals this year is active involvement in bringing new students to Houghton by acting as campus hosts, corresponding with applicants and assisting with new students' adjustment to college life.

Mac's Co. has monthly meetings which will begin in October. On the agenda of these meetings

will be guest speakers, time for student feed-back and the planning of activities.

This year's officers are: Dave White, president; Lynn Hamill, V.P.; Priscilla Chamberlain, secretary. The remaining members will be chosen in the next two weeks from nominations submitted by either student senators or faculty.

In an interview with Mac's Co. president Dave White, he com-

mented: "We're excited about the reorganization of Mac's Co. Now students can really get involved in the advancement of the college. The possibilities for this year are only limited by our involvement and our imagination."

MacMillan's Company needs interested, concerned students. If you'd like to serve, contact a senator, a faculty member or a Mac's Co. officer to place your name in nomination for membership.

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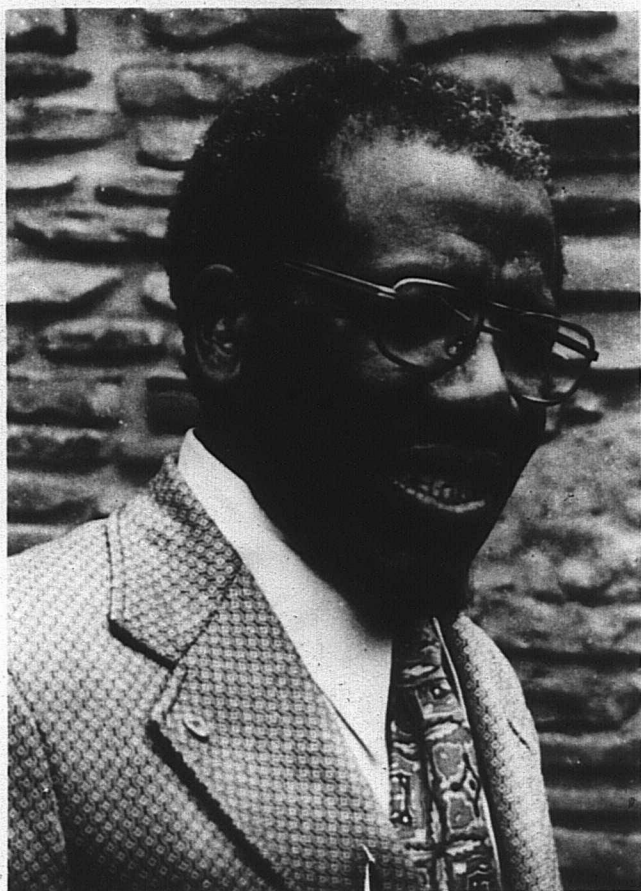
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Dr. John Perkins

Dr. J. Perkins Speaks on Human Rights Defines Contemporary Church Function

by Konrad Emmert

On September 21 Houghton College's Lecture Series for the 1978-79 academic year was inaugurated. The lecturer was John Perkins, founder and president of Voice of Calvary Ministries. In addition to the Thursday evening lecture, Perkins also spoke in the college chapel on both Thursday and Friday mornings.

The three sessions were designed to lead into one another. The topic announced for the lecture was, "What It Means to Be The Church: Reflections on Mission and Human Rights."

During the Thursday morning chapel session, Perkins laid the groundwork for his lecture by "giving the rationale for my being here" in the form of his testimony of the way God had brought him to the particular ministry in which he is involved. Perkins told of how he grew up in a family of sharecroppers during the Great Depression in Mississippi. Learning about the black man's

place in a white man's world in rural Mississippi came through such incidents as working for absurdly low wages and seeing his brother shot down by a white man.

After a move to California, and an enlistment in the armed forces, he got a job in a rapidly growing corporation and found himself as a reasonably affluent and satisfied person. But God broke into his non-religious life by the example of the Apostle Paul who lived for others by the power of Christ.

From that time Perkins realized he must return to Mississippi and begin to deal with the situation where the Church of Jesus Christ had lost all relevancy to the needs of the people, black and white. This problem of the Church's lost identity and how to restore it was the focus of the Thursday evening lecture. Perkins' purpose there was to pose questions and give solutions to the problem of "reconstructing the church."

Perkins used the New Testament Church at Antioch as his example of a "cross-breed" multi-racial church, "the kind God wanted to see." He said that the power of the Gospel is "to burn through barriers" and that the Church, as a replacement of Christ's Body on earth, is to create an environment where the Holy Spirit is working, where God is present, and so a place where people are being saved.

Perkins tellingly pointed to the weakness of many evangelicals who "think that faith is separate from works." He illustrated this from the book of James in per-

haps the strongest part of his presentation. He also pointed to other weaknesses in the Church, such as the lack of accountability to a local church body, and the fact that evangelism is attempted within the church whereas the church is the place for nurture and the world is the place for evangelism. Perkins emphasized that we must make the love of God real in the world by making the needs of others our own, and by dealing with felt needs, something which Perkins feels that evangelicals have neglected to do. He closed the lecture by suggesting that our strategy should involve relocation of the church in areas of need, a trust in the power of the gospel to reconcile, and a prophetic calling of the world to account. This accounting must be required of all systems — whether socialism, communism, or capitalism.

The Friday chapel was basically a restatement of Perkins' major contentions but in a different context — that of Nehemiah and how he dealt with exploitation and suffering. He stressed the fact that we are stewards of God's resources. And he re-emphasized the fact that the church must find a place in the community of need.

Perkins provided for Houghton another valuable reminder to make us dissatisfied with the level of our Christian commitment. He gave a timely warning of the dangers of carelessness as well as of legislated caring in the welfare system, where human dignity is denigrated and people are enslaved by their needs.

Mr. Wright Comes to Houghton Admires the Campus Personality

by William Townsend

Wandering about Houghton this semester is a young, blonde-haired, blue-eyed man — a new professor, a professor in transit. His name — Mr. Robert Wright. He can be found most often, I presume, in the halls of Fancher, perhaps consoling the freshman student shocked by the rigors of Principles of Writing. He is also teaching Linguistics and Semantics and British and American Lit. He gives the appearance of a confident and relaxed man. (more relaxed than the novice journalist interviewing him.) As mentioned, he is a professor in transit. Up to this point he has obtained a B.A. from Duke University, an English major with concentration in applied linguistics and medieval literature, and a masters from the University of Indiana, with concentration in linguistics. After Houghton he intends to continue his education, procuring his doctorate with medieval literature as the principal area of study.

Asked about Houghton as a community, Mr. Wright said that, in general, he was pleased, and that he admired the unique blend of the spiritual and academic. When asked about the value of Christian Colleges in modern culture, he said that he sees great potential in them, yet they could be doing far more. He said that at times the Christian perspective can be helpful as a teaching aid. For instance in his British and American Literature course, the similarity of beliefs between himself, the students, and the various authors is helpful in giving insight to the works being studied.



Mr. Robert Wright

When asked about his personal life, Mr. Wright said that he desires an integrated life. He loves scholarship and teaching, but he does not want scholarship to re-

move him to a hermitage of thought. Personal relationships are as important to him as scholarship and above all, he desires a vibrant spiritual life.

Bowling Alley Is Still Operating Patrons Ask Community Support

by Carol Hazard

Last semester a rumor was circulating that the College was going to sell the bowling alley because it has been losing money. Unlike most rumors, this one was true.

The Business Office had until April 31st to sell the bowling alley, (Mr. McCarthy was warned well in advance so that he could look for other employment). However, the effort was unsuccessful as prices offered by potential buyers just weren't high enough. Treasurer Kenneth Nielsen said that two very low offers were turned down.

There is, however, another important and perhaps more influ-

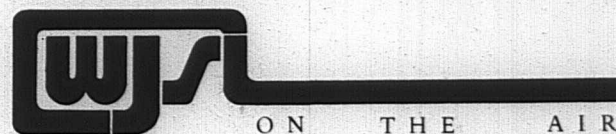
ential reason why the bowling alley was not sold. Six ladies of neighboring communities approached President Chamberlain on behalf of the bowling alley. Chamberlain promised these ladies that if they would organize two more leagues, the College would consider holding onto the bowling alley. Well, they did it, and that means a rise in the alley's potential income.

So, the Houghton College bowling alley will be open for business this year. Mr. Nielsen said he could not be sure of whether there would be future efforts to sell it, because bowling alleys are simply "not easy to peddle."

Ice Cream Party

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Volleyball

The Women's Varsity Volleyball Team, coached by Mrs. Tanya Shire, is headed for a winning season. Their style has already challenged the men's volleyball club, scrimmaging against them on Tuesday night. Height and power were advantages for the Men's club, but loyal fans did not leave disappointed. The girls had fantastic bump-set-spike series, and were very consistent in receiving and absorbing the ball on smashing spikes.

Gretchen Berquist, Rosemary Essepian, Sandy Gorman, Polly Jennejahn, and Mindy Robins are returning players. Carol Corser and Ann Taylor are upperclassmen playing on the team for the first time this year. The promising talent of Freshmen Dawn Dieter, Joy Ellis, and Becky VanHousen has already been shown

by their confidence on the court. This year's co-captains are Cindy Chrzan and Carol Kai Smalley.

The girls traveled to Nazareth College in Rochester on Saturday, Sept. 23 to face some strong rivals. Houghton had a long battle against the strong offense of Nazareth. The height advantage gave Nazareth the match. Excellent blocking and spiking by the Highlanders brought both Union and Alfred Tech to their knees. The girls' serves were a high-point, being much more consistent and powerful than in the past. The team met St. John Fisher in the last match of the day. Houghton "showed their stuff" as they rolled, dove, and dug for the ball. They held the lead for two of the games, but Fisher came back and took the lead to win.

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Outdoor Club Plans Activities Various Fall Outings Scheduled

If you want to participate in weekend camping, horseback riding, biking, backpacking and canoeing, you should participate in the Outdoor Club.

The Outdoor Club is a "non-competitive recreational organization," says leader Thomas Kettelkamp, and is "geared to student interest." The ODC is open to the student body and funded by the Student Activity Fee. Kettelkamp invites any group of students to come to him if they would like to organize weekend outings.

One of the first outings will be an overnight bike trip to Letchworth. Students are asked to sign up four days in advance, and

are informed that this list is not intended to obligate continual support. Future activities will include winter-survival and orienteering — a new sport involving direction-finding in the wilderness using a compass and the stars. Skiing and Orienteering may even be offered for competition in the Spring semester, says Kettelkamp. The ODC also hopes to buy some rubber-rafts for use this spring.

Coach Kettelkamp has high hopes as he begins his third "official" year with the ODC. He urges students to take advantage of this opportunity. Sign-up sheets for the fall activities will be posted in the Gym office.

Soccer

Houghton's soccer team continued its undefeated ways last week with shutout victories over Eisenhower and Geneseo, 7-0 and 3-0 respectively. These scores do not indicate the ability of our team, however, as both opponents were not as skilled, but were hard-working teams.

Houghton started slow in the Eisenhower game, playing rather sloppily and allowing the Generals to get to the ball first. Johnny "Cool" scored first for Houghton,

and then Ken Obiorah scored the first half's only other goal. In the second half our team warmed up with five goals into the net, three of which were by frosh Doug Johnson, another by Kenny and one by freshman Al Buchart. Senior Dan Irwin had three assists in the goal-scoring spree.

This past Saturday at Geneseo, the soccer players once again did not play their finest against a hustling but inferior Geneseo squad. Despite a rather sloppy

Cross Country

This year's cross country team is a young and inexperienced team, yet it is having one of the best starts for any such team that has represented Houghton in the past few years. Despite the permanent loss of Todd Bullock and Dwight Brautigam, and several minor injuries to the rest of the squad, Aaron Shire's team still has been impressive in its first three meets.

The season began with an invitational meet at Delaware Park in Buffalo. Houghton finished fourth in a field of five schools, all of which are larger than Houghton. In the two other meets held so far, Houghton has defeated Roberts Wesleyan and Hartwick, while losing only to a vastly improved Eisenhower team. Leading these victories has been frosh Mark Anderson from Maine, with times that are nearly the best in Houghton history. The team also relies on captain Rob Perkins sole returning letterman Al Blankley (who promises to keep Mark from being lazy), and several others. The team is one of the biggest Houghton has ever had, and it looks as if a .500 year is likely.

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Baseball

Last Friday the baseball team traveled to Olean for a double-header against St. Bonaventure. In the first game the Highlanders played some good ball and received a strong 8 strike-out effort by senior pitcher Bill Evans. However, they lost the game in the 7th inning when St. Bonaventure ignited for 4 runs and left Houghton on the short end of a 7-6 score.

In the nightcap Houghton came back to post a 10-8 victory and gain their first victory of the young season. Freshman pitcher Bill Philpot, with help from sophomore Marc Dickenson, garnered the win and received welcomed help from the hot hitting Highlander team. Dave Prostone with 3 RBIs, and Dave Hagle and Marc Dickenson with 2 RBIs apiece, led the attack as the Houghton team exploded for 13 hits. Guy Hays, who went 4 for 4, and Rob Reese and Rick Lockhart, who each went 2 for 3 also added strong contributions to the offensive surge.

HOUGHTON SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

Varsity H-3 Geneseo-0
H-2 St. JohnF.-0
JV H-2 St. Bon.-1
H-0 Alfred Ag.-1

CROSS COUNTRY

H-38 Eisen.-21
H-28 Hartwick-30

FIELD HOCKEY

H-0 Buff.St.-2
H-2 St. Bon.-

MENS TENNIS

H-0 Canis-7

WOMENS TENNIS

H-0 RIT-5