



Road Construction in Progress.

Entry Construction Is Underway Storm Sewers will be Considered

Construction of a new entrance to the college is now underway. Recent flooding and rainy weather had hindered the project that was scheduled to have been started this summer. The construction is taking place on the corner of Route 19 and Genesee Street, on and around the former site of Poore House.

Plans for the new entryway call for the present section of road that meets Route 19 to be used as a lane for exiting traffic. Entering vehicles will be accommodated by a new stretch of road presently under con-

struction. This section will run parallel to the present road with a median separating the two lanes. The lanes converge near the base of Gao hill.

The median, at present, contains only four trees. Plans for this section include a new sign board identifying the college. Model drawings for this suggest that a foundation of field stone, similar to that used in the construction of many of the campus buildings, will be used to form a base for the signboard.

The visibility of the college entrance is expected to be increased by this construction. Kenneth Nielsen, business manager for the college, explained that this new entryway was part of "the long range plan for the college." When Poore House was purchased by the college in the 1960's the idea of razing it to form a new entrance was in the planning.

Mr. Nielsen further explained that it was partly a "matter of aesthetics" that was behind the planning of the new entrance. Poore House just "wasn't a very attractive entrance

to the college."

Construction of the new entrance is expected to be completed before winter sets in so that the road can be paved with oil and chipped stone, and ready for immediate use. Final surfacing of the road with macadam will take place in the spring. The county has also agreed to repave the road all the way up to the Fine Arts Building.

Possible flooding is also being considered in the road construction plans. Not only is the creek being deepened, but new drainage pipes are being installed. The Town of Caneadea is also considering the construction of a storm sewer system. The installation of such a system could prevent a recurrence of the present flooding problem on South Main Street and provide relief in all areas where any hard rain-storm causes damage and inconvenience. Funding for this project is being sought thru the Community Development Block Grant Program administered by HUD (Housing and Urban Development).

Semester's Current Issues Day Topic America Confronts Middle East Position

What does Current Issues Day mean to you? Perhaps it means sitting in chapel for three hours in the morning and then skipping the afternoon session for one more picnic at Letchworth. Perhaps it's when you get caught up on sleeping, reading or writing letters. If this is true, an understanding of a pressing issue in modern society will be your loss.

The topic of Current Issues Day this semester is "America Confronts the Middle East." The primary question under consideration is "What should American Foreign Policy be in the Middle East?" The morning program is set up in the following order: First a speaker from Israel; second a speaker from the U.S. State Department; concluding with a Faculty panel questioning them on different points. The afternoon session will follow the same format, except a representative from the Egyptian Embassy will replace the Israeli. Thus we will be presented with three points of view.

The representative from Israel is Ariel Kerem. He is the vice-consulate of the Embassy of Israel and he holds a M.A. of history and economics from Hebrew University. The representative from the U.S. State Department is Stephen E. Palmer, Jr. He is the Regional Director of the Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs. From the Embassy of Egypt we will have Mo-

hamed I Hakki. He is currently the Foreign Editor of "Al-Ahram," a prestigious Egyptian newspaper. He also serves as the Minister Counsellor for the Press and Information of the Embassy of Egypt. The Faculty panel will include Stafford Thomas, professor of Political Science at Canisius College, and William Small, presently the Chairman of the Division of Mathematics at Genesee. This man directed tours and lectured in Syria in 1964-1965 on a Fullbright-Hayes Lectureship. Also on this panel will be Dr. Schultz, the Chairman of the Division of Religion and Philosophy here at Houghton.

Joseph Lloyd and John Loftness have co-ordinated this Current Issues Day program. Serving as advisors are Dr. Brackney, Assistant Professor of History and Dr. Sayers, Assistant Professor of Philosophy. They hope to point out to us and help us understand the intricacies of the Middle East conflict, particularly by bringing out the political issues rather than or in addition to the religious aspects only. The reason this topic was chosen is that the Middle East is a "focal point of international politics" and the "most likely place for the next war to break out."

Current Issues Day was instituted several years ago as part of Houghton's educative process. It is an attempt to allow the whole school to focus their attention on, and be in-

involved in, an item of current interest or conflict. Current Issues Day is designed to give information so students can discuss and make decisions on issues of the day. In doing this, it promotes tolerance and intelligent and responsible decision making.

YAO, CDC to Sponsor C.A. Day Wide Selection to be Represented

It is Thursday, November 10, 8:30 a.m. After you finish a bowl of Life Cereal and a cup of coffee, you walk downstairs towards your favorite haven in the campus center. You notice a large group of strangers setting up tables and displays. It can't be the missionaries from FMP conquest week . . . that happened November 1-5. Is it the trustees and friends or another church convention? No, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. the Career Development Center (CDC) in conjunction with the Young Administrators Association (YAO) is sponsoring a Career Awareness Day. Are you a confused freshman, uncertain of which courses to take? Are you a senior with "What will I do when I graduate" panic? Regardless of which class you are in, Career Awareness Day gives you an opportunity to receive information through interviewing Houghton faculty and

representatives from graduate schools, seminaries, the business world and other fields.

Arnold Cook, YAO advisor, and the Career Awareness Committee conducted a survey earlier this year to inform the CDC which types of people faculty members and students would be interested in talking with. This committee consists of: Chairperson Gary Johnston, Janet Crawford, Barbara Marchese and Bob Johnson. In addition, YAO members are acting as hosts and hostesses by taking representatives to lunch and serving refreshments as well as promoting the event by advertising on campus.

The CDC, using the YAO survey of our representative preferences, was able to gain commitments from Ian Lennox of the Philadelphia Crime Commission, Marty Granger of Youth for Christ; Ted Robinson, a graphics specialist who is director of advertising and promotions; and two alumni, Richard Lawyer of Philadelphia Associated Press; and James Finney of the U.S. Department of Justice, who is a son of Dr. Charles H. Finney.

There will also be a reporter from the Olean Times Herald, an engineer from the Kodak Company, and a medical technologist from the Guthrie Clinic of the Robert Packer Medical School.

Houghton faculty, who consider this a significant educational opportunity, intend to make their contributions by having a representative from each division available between 2-4 p.m. to discuss choosing or switching your majors or minors.

If you plan to go further in higher education, there will be a representative from SUNY at Buffalo. Billy Browning will be of interest to those of you seeking a Christian graduate program in psychology. He represents the Psychological Studies Institute affiliated with Georgia State University. If seminary is your goal, there is a large selection including Gordon Conwell, Trinity, Asbury,

Eastern Baptist, and possibly Alliance School of Theology and Missions, Bethel, and United Theological.

The previous lists are certainly not all-inclusive. Some people contacted were unable to make definite commitments, so areas such as social service, television and radio, insurance, Civil Service, and federal government agencies will possibly be represented. On Tuesday, November 10, the CDC, located in the hallway to the left of the Bookstore, will have sign-up sheets for interview appointments on the bulletin boards outside their office. A ditto of interviewing questions you may use will be available inside the CDC office.

As you rush through the campus center to your next class, take the time to stop at the CDC table of general information. All are encouraged to ask questions of Anne Schroer, Director of Counseling and Career Development, and of Betty Daughenbaugh, Job Placement Director. These two women will be of special interest to seniors. Stop and receive pamphlets and information concerning vocational goals. Houghton College recognizes the purpose of intellectual pursuit in acquiring a liberal arts education, but this does not exclude the need for specific vocational guidance. Participation in this events will help equip you to make the decisions of which major to choose and what you should do after leaving Houghton. It will also be a preparation for Career Recruitment Day in March, when it is time to find a part-time summer job, or a full-time job for autumn.

Who are all those strangers milling about the campus center? People who know their field and can give direction in preparation for your future service to God.

Intended

MaryLou Little '78 to Dale Gray '78

Forensic Union Continues To Triumph Wins Fifth Place Sweepstakes Trophy

The Forensic Union continued its winning ways last weekend, placing fifth overall at the Collegiate Forensic Association autumn tournament. Nineteen colleges and universities from New York, Pennsylvania, and New England came to the SUNY Cortland campus for the annual event. Houghton's delegation consisted of five students: Lori Hansen, Scott Shalkowski, Randy Singer, Paul Mathewson, and Bruce Merritt. Accompanying the competitors was forensics coach Roger Rozendal. For their fine efforts the team was awarded the fifth place Sweepstakes trophy — an outstanding accomplishment considering the small size of the team.

Lori Hansen's informative speech on biometeorology won a third place

trophy. In addition, Hansen was awarded a trophy for her fourth place finish in persuasion, in which she gave a speech denouncing mandatory retirement laws. Scott Shalkowski also won two trophies, gaining fifth place in both informative and persuasive speaking. Shalkowski's informative speech presented some little known facts about salt while his persuasive speech was on the punishment of criminals. Randy Singer's efforts in the impromptu category paid off as he won a trophy for fourth place. Singer's consistency in this event is apparent since he was the fifth place impromptu speaker at Clarion State two weeks ago. Paul Mathewson's persuasive speech on the dangers of aspirin and his informative speech about dreams earned sixth and seventh place, re-

spectively. Bruce Merritt gave an informative speech on rats and also competed in the extemporaneous and impromptu events.

The six trophies won by the team at Cortland raises this years total of awards to eleven. With two tournaments remaining this semester, Forensic Union seems well on their way to the most successful year they have ever had. The team left at 9:00 a.m. this morning for Bloomsburg State College in Pennsylvania. The Bloomsburg tournament, by far the toughest on the current schedule, is expected to bring 200-300 competitors from all over the Eastern United States. Thiel College will be hosting its annual tournament in two weeks, rounding out the season's competition.

Guest Editorial

When it comes to international politics, too many Christians assume the attitude: "Leave the heathen to rule themselves." Except in one case — the Middle East conflict. "Let those Arabs have it right between the eyes," these self-styled friends of Israel cry. "With God on the Hebrew's side they're bound to win."

But is the situation that simple? Can the Arabs, comprising three percent of the world's population, be dismissed with one fell swoop of Matthew 24 and a copy of the *Late Great Planet Earth*? Not so fast. The issue is much more complicated.

The present nation of Israel is not one in the same with the one led by Moses, Joshua, and King David. In all of his might, David never had the atomic bombs that State Department officials quoted in last week's *Rolling Stone* magazine claim the Israelites do. And can we be sure that Menachem Begin, president of Israel, gets his battle plans from as reliable a source as General Joshua of old?

Never has the world been so threatened by a war between three or four small, mostly unindustrialized nations. An oil embargo stemming from another Arab/Israel war could throw our global village into an economic upheaval.

The issue becomes even stickier when the United States and the Soviet Union vie for leverage in this most delicate and explosive situation. If there is a likely place for another world war to break out, it is in the Middle East.

The present conflict is over territory. Palestinians cry for a homeland in which they are sovereign. Fearful of annihilation by Arabs, Israel seeks security within "defensible borders." Unfortunately, Israel's proposed secure borders surround land that is home for more than 300,000 Palestinians.

The coming Current Issues Day will go beyond the Hal Lindseyism that often grips so many of us, and will seek to unravel today's most complicated international conflict. Actual spokesmen from Israel, Egypt, and the U.S. State Department will be here, not to give notoriously glib Current Issues speeches, but to confront one another with conflicting perspectives and goals.

Is God concerned about Israel? I would venture to say that He most certainly is. Should America support Israel? I vote yes. But to give Israel blanket approval for her every action because of a divine sanction is naive, if not dangerous. America could find herself in a war where retreat from the great atomic blast will be impossible because the army has just run out of gas.

John Loftness

Houghton Begins Fall Fund Raising Fifty Thousand Dollars Is Required

Houghton College began its fiscal year September 1 with a \$5,000,000.00 budget. Covering 81% of the budget, tuition and fees takes care of all but about \$50,000.00. One area where money is needed at Houghton is the professors' salaries. Several endowments are set up for this purpose. Money is invested in these endowments and the interest received from them is used for the professors' salaries.

According to Dr. George Huff, head of the Department of Development, it is difficult to launch the Fall Fund Raising campaign because of the fund drive for the new Physical Education Center which will cost \$2.7 million in addition to an endowment to care for utilities. The college cannot start building the new gym until 30% of the money has been acquired. As this is a non-income producing building, they must have the cash to pay for it. It is the goal of the col-

lege to have this money by April 1, 1978 so that construction can begin shortly thereafter.

The new gym and the professors' salaries aren't the only expenses Houghton College has. Several of the newer buildings such as Brookside, the Campus Center, and the Buffalo Campus have a debt retirement above the expense of running them.

Most of the money needed for the new gym and these debt retirements is received through gifts. Ten thousand alumni who are very loyal to the college are happy to make gifts to help support the work at Houghton College. Many of them received help themselves while at Houghton. Dr. Huff also stated that several corporations and foundations also give money to support the college. Last year Houghton College received \$19,000 in gifts from corporations and \$40,000 from foundations.

Dr. Huff remarked that it's almost

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We are presently inmates at the Attica Correctional Facility in New York. We are writing this letter, hoping that you will choose to publish it in your campus newspaper.

To an inmate, receiving correspondence plays a vital role in helping to relieve the monotony and boredom of being incarcerated. However, to inmates such as ourselves with no family or close relatives, the letters that mean so much are almost non-existent. In an effort to change this we are seeking interested people to correspond with us. All letters will be greatly appreciated.

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I've made many friends while here at Houghton. At times I've felt the fellowship of Christian community, other times I have felt extremely out of place. In this community of love, mistakes have been made. Yet

we are merely to "forgive and forget", "don't carry a chip on your shoulder", "smile", "be happy", "we are all one", "we love you." Then the questions: "Tell me, do you really tan?" "Oh, I know you can dance, your kind has rhythm." "You talk funny sometimes, come on say some things for me." It's like being on exhibit or being a trophy in a showcase.

Well, back to my friends who make innocent slips of the tongue. I love you all but it hurts when you can't see beyond my skin color. It hurts when you try to be so paternal. Can't you open your eyes a little more to see a person and not a cultural representation? My friends, so often you deceive me yet you've taught me so much about people. If I weren't a Christian I'd say there is no hope, but since we believe in the same God I pray that one day we will reach this brotherhood and unity that so many talk about and few sincerely practice . . . that we may someday see each other simply as people. Maybe I'm being too idealistic, but someone wrote "love covers." It covers a multitude of faults.

Name withheld

I was moved by the editorials in the October 14th issue of *The Star*. The Chapel has been doing double duty for some time and this use has raised eyebrows and blood pressure alike. Psychology majors will recognize Skinner's operent behavior at work, i.e., actions initiated by the organism. Significantly — the responses are more important than the stimulus.

Two types of entertainment are offered everywhere. What better place to deal with the secular side than when you are surrounded by supportive loving people (positive reinforcement.)

Debra Canfield Joins Business Faculty Intermediate Accounting Course Offered

A brand new course taught by a brand new teacher: that's what the Department of Business Administration and Economics is offering for the 1978 fall semester. Increasing growth of registration in this department makes an added faculty member a necessity. Debra (McKay) Canfield has agreed to teach courses in accounting and related areas. She will be teaching the new course in Intermediate Accounting.

"Exceedingly capable" is the comment Arnold Cook, head of the department, made about his former accounting lab assistant. A magna cum laude 1976 business administration graduate of Houghton College, Mrs. Canfield is married to Christopher Canfield, a 1977 business administration graduate of Houghton.

Mrs. Canfield received her M.A. in accounting from Syracuse University in May 1977. Recognized by the New York State C.P.A. Society, they awarded her for the highest grades in the masters degree accounting program. She was also elected to Beta Gamma Sigma, the Business Administration Honor Society.

By May 1978, Mrs. Canfield will

have completed course work for a Ph.D. at Syracuse University. She majored in business administration, concentrating on accounting. She minored in economics and organization behavior.

Mrs. Canfield focused on account-

If suggestive music or other entertainment moves someone to anger or immorality then what better place to deal with it. Do not simply cope! If someone chooses not to deal with it perhaps they should give themselves another option — not win/lose.

Terry Lee ('72)

The other day I was walking past the Student Development Office when I suddenly realized that I am very repulsed by the word "development." I feel like a piece of Kodak Film or a plant that is being bred to bring forth hybrid fruit. That as a human being, I am manipulated by this organization into the person they want me to be, is downright repugnant. (Talk about genetic engineering.)

When I came here I came for an education, not to be changed into the type of person Houghton College dictates I should be. I think the choice of the word 'development' was very unfortunate.

I believe a better word would be co-ordination. The Student Development Office's main purpose seems to be the co-ordination of student's activities in the Campus Center, in the dorm and on the campus as a whole. According to the constitution the Student Development Council "supervises the calendar and activities on and off campus . . . The council is charged with matters of procedure concerning student clubs and organizations, advisory relationships between the faculty, and the various student organizations and the relation of extra-curricular activities to the educational aims and objectives of the College."

I really do wish the title would be changed to the Office of Student Co-ordination, removing the idea that they are making us over.

Ed Hoarsenbach

Mallard Mauled Elephant Abducted

(CPS) — And now here's something from the believe it or not files. A man disguised as a mallard duck was spun around by one wing and beat over the head with his duck bill.

It happened in Seattle. Bob Holt, 20, was dressed as a duck to advertise a local radio station and was attacked on a downtown street by a six-foot bearded man wearing an English driving cap.

Holt said the man grabbed his left wing, spun him around pulled off the duck head and hit Holt with it.

The attacker ran into a hotel where the police searched for him. The man disappeared.

"I didn't speak to him, I didn't flap my wings. I didn't do anything like that," Holt said.

About \$50 damage was done to the duck suit.

(CPS) — Presenting the newest fashion in kidnapping — elephants!

Elephants? Yes, according to the Atlanta based company Munford, Inc., one of their six-ton, 12-foot tall elephants was hustled off by armed men in the Burmese jungle. The kidnappers are demanding \$1,500 for the safe return of the animal.

Munford harvests rattan vine from the jungles of southern Thailand. The vine is used in furniture that is manufactured by Munford. Elephants are used for the heavy labor.

The elephant was stolen Sept. 30. Since then police have arrested three men including one they suspect of being the mastermind of the plot. It is not known yet whether the kidnapping was for political reasons.

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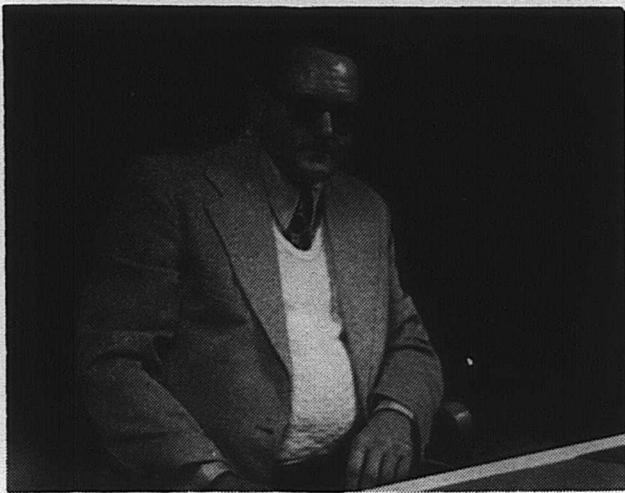
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It was reported in last week's *Star* that "A+ (97-100%) equals 4.0, A (94-96%) equals 3.6, A- (90-93%) equals 3.3 and so on." These figures are incorrect and misleading. There would be neither A+ under the plus-minus system nor any numerical equivalents if instituted. The correct point system would read as follows: A equals 4.0, A- equals 3.6 and B+ equals 3.3.



Mr. Laurence A. Whitehead.

Interview

Mr. Larry Whitehead

On October 17, 1977 Larry Whitehead became the new head of Houghton College security. Many people have seen him on campus. On a few occasions some have stopped to talk with him while others have no idea who this new face is. An air of curiosity seems prevalent among students.

While talking with Whitehead, he shows himself as being a very happy man. His family Deborah, 8, Diana, 5, David, 9 months, and his wife Judith Ann are the number one importance in his life. He loves sharing with his children and when he talks about them, a proud smile overtakes his entire face. "It's thrilling

to me to see how they (his children) are developing," Whitehead said, "You see yourself."

Besides his family, being a Christian and his job at Houghton are next important to him. Working both in the security and business office presents a challenge to Whitehead. However, he has set up "broad goals." "I like to work with people (instead of giving orders without considering the other workers." He strives to make decisions that are to be "something that every one can work with."

Whitehead was a student at Houghton for a year and a half. While a student he began a four-year pastorate in Farmersville Station, NY.

During his last year there, he joined the Franklinville Police Department, where he served for seven and a half years. He commented that "the more things I can do, the better I feel about accomplishing something."

As a child, Whitehead was raised in Conklin, NY (just south of Binghamton,) although he was born in Deposit, NY. He has one brother now living in Freedom, NY who is three years younger than he.

Whitehead does not like to travel a lot because he was "always riding around in a patrol car." Instead, he enjoys getting out into the woods for a picnic or a change from the routine day.

His favorite hobby is listening to his short wave radio. He commented that he has logged 25 of the United States and has 23 confirmed. "It fascinates me," he said. His goal is to log all 50 states.

When the opportunity arises, playing chess is another of Whitehead's enjoyments. (He has, on occasion, played by mail.)

Whitehead has a willingness to serve the Lord and a genuine love and concern for people. We want to welcome him and pray for him as he continues to serve the Lord and the Houghton community.

A.S.A., Houghton Lecture Series Holds Seminar Faculty Members Discuss Issue of Abortion

by John Cox

You are a wife, happily involved with your husband, and eagerly awaiting the birth of the child you carry in your womb. The doctor informs you that the child you're carrying is a Down's child, a Mongoloid. You know that abortions are available on demand. Or perhaps you sit on a hospital's advisory board that determines which of two terminally diseased patients will receive the one donated kidney available. What would you do?

On Friday evening and Saturday morning of last weekend, members of the Western New York chapter of the American Scientific Affiliation, local professors, and students grappled with these and other unwanted, but necessary questions at the autumn meeting of the A.S.A./Houghton Lecture Series in Schaller Hall. The featured speakers, Donald Munro, Brian Sayers, and Warren Woolsey addressed various ethical questions from their respective disciplines.

As a biologist, Dr. Munro began by successfully enlightening, and thus stimulating the audience's conscience by raising the many questions at hand. Warning of the popular press's sensationalism, coupled with a defense for the neutrality of scientific technology, Dr. Munro pointedly raised the issues surrounding abortion. Mothers claim the right to control their bodies. Yet others maintain the fetus' right to live. Whose right is right? Does legalizing abortion make it moral? Are we to view abortion as never being morally acceptable, or permissible only in the case of endangering the health of the mother? Perhaps it's moral to abort if there is a deformed or extremely diseased fetus, or if the woman demands an abortion.

Dr. Munro then raised questions surrounding the use of pre-natal testing. These are tests used to diagnose nearly one hundred diseases developing or established in the fetus. How would you, as a doctor, respond to a woman who wants a "quality" baby, and uses the results of the test you gave her to help determine whether or not she'll choose to have an abortion? What if she wants a girl, and you know she'll have an abortion if she is carrying a male fetus?

In continuing to raise issues, Dr. Munro addressed the subject of organ transplants and genetic engineering. Who is to diagnose the death of the donor? The surgeons involved in the transplants? How should dying donors be treated? In genetic engineering ethics, informed consent from the experimentee is required, but how valid is this consent from children, prisoners, or the mentally

retarded? Perhaps genetic engineering is acceptable for disease cures in diabetics, but how are we to treat some of the more distant future decisions in the area of intelligence or personality alterations? What of euthanasia? How are we to treat dying patients? Is letting someone die the same as actively inducing death? How are we to judge cooperation with a terminal patient's request to commit suicide? Would you leave a bottle of barbituates beside his bed? Can we treat dying humans like we treat dying horses? How do we as citizens cope in a world where the Swiss government recently passed a law permitting terminally ill patients to request mercy killing?

In response to these questions, Dr. Sayers elucidated the role of the philosopher as one who aided in concept clarification and argument analysis. What exactly are the issues? How valid is the reasoning which lay behind some of the actions taken? Dr. Sayers noted that one essential question was at issue: What does it mean to be "human"? If a fetus is human, we murder. If not, we abort. Do we murder dying humans or extinguish living vegetables? From statements such as these, Dr. Sayers observed that there is no essential agreement as to what it means to be human. Further, he stated that "there is no empirical evidence of any sort to tell us what "human" is, . . . because in order to know what evidence would count as decisive in these areas, one must already know what human means. Having two arms would only count as evidence for being human if you already decided that being human entailed having two arms." Thus he concluded that the question of what it means to be human is a genuinely philosophical question.

Having given the extremes in defining what it means to be human, Dr. Sayers resorted to giving a loose definition of human as that which is connected with naturalness, whatever naturally occurs from the offspring. But he felt that even this definition was inadequate.

Dr. Sayers then proceeded to attack some of the reasoning behind actions taken. He observed that many, usually conservatives, who justify an anti-abortion sentiment on the basis of valuing life are those who advocate capital punishment. He also called the inconsistency of these who see an ethical difference between acts of omission, i.e., letting a patient die, and those acts of commission, killing a patient. Dr. Sayers concluded by giving a loose guideline to the thinking Christian: "It is a mistake to regard death and pain

as unmitigated evils, and to consider life as good merely in itself. Life is to be viewed as the condition for the realization of other goods, that life has value as we see in it other values," (i.e. to become the sons of God.)

Then, Mr. Woolsey, in introducing a theological perspective, started by expressing his concern for the proper usage of the Scriptures in relating them to the issues. By cautioning that the biblical injunctions are given to the people of God, and that they may be properly understood, interpreted, and adhered to only in a context of commitment to God, Mr. Woolsey pointed out that the Bible is pre-technological. Thus, it doesn't explicitly address itself to the medical and technological advances of today. The Scriptures must not be resorted to as an arsenal for proof-texting. He brought his discussion on methodology to a climax by suggesting a method based on positive moral presumptions: the goodness of the created order, the value of individual life, the unity of the human family in God, and the equality of persons in God. He further suggested two inhibitory presumptions: the recognition of human finitude, and the recognition of human sinfulness.

Responding to the particular issue of abortion, Mr. Woolsey decisively attacked the common proof-text Exodus 21:22-24, by relating that competent biblical scholars debate the varied meanings of the passage. However, he did point out that its only guaranteed meaning may be seen in the context of accidental harm to the mother, and not one of deliberate abortion. After these few textual considerations, Mr. Woolsey retreated to the speculative questions and resolutions where the discussion seemed most appropriate. In raising the issue on the origins of life, he noted that God has not told us when the fetus becomes a person. But even though God has not told us this, the fact of it does not allow or excuse us from inactivity. We must continue to live with these finer questions remaining ambiguous and unanswered.

Adhering to this suggested methodology, Mr. Woolsey ruled out abortion on demand. But in noting some of the possible exceptions: those of the endangered mother; those of rape results; those of potentially hazardous psychological maladjustment; et cetera. He noted that in deciding for or against an exception requires human judgment, but he maintains that as humans we cannot offer adequate judgment since we don't have all the facts. In that tone Mr. Woolsey concluded his statements.

In examining the presentations,

there were few answers given to the peripheral questions, and the larger questions remained unanswered, unintentionally so, I suspect. The overall value of the sessions lay in the broad illumination of the issues, and in the helpful cautions offered to those who would continue to grapple with these controversies.

Worms Eat Trash

Gays Wear Blue Jeans

Brazil Sells Coffee

(CPS-DL) — A new method of dealing with the millions of tons of trash we produce each year uses worms as its chief modus operandi.

Worms spend their leisure hours digesting all organic material they come in contact with and produce waste, called castings, that reconditions and improves the soil. Of all accumulated trash, about 70 percent is compostable. "That means glue," says David Reinhart of the North American Bait Farm in California, "and that means glucose. Worms thrive on that."

Reinhart is currently experimenting with ten tons of trash in the L.A. area. According to experts, one ton of worms can reduce ten tons of trash to castings in about 38 days.

One advantage to worms, is their exponential rate of reproduction. The red worms favored at North American double their population every two to three months.

Japan is also involved in the worm exploitation movement. The Environmental Development Company presently feeds 810 tons of waste per month to its millions of worms.

Perhaps the most far-out use of worms is a plan contemplated by some Arab countries to use the little wrigglers to reclaim desert land. The plan entails the use of a newly developed moisture-retaining foam, human wastes and 32,000 tons of worms. The countries are hoping to make 115,000 acres of desert into fertile land.

(CPS) — Some students at UCLA, along with students at many campuses nationwide, got some strange looks from classmates on October 14. What the students had in common was that they were all wearing blue jeans. What they didn't know was that the 14th was designated "National Gay Blue Jeans Day" by their campus gay organization.

The idea, originated by the National Gay Task Force, was to have all gay students wear blue jeans for the purpose of "making gayness a little more visible on campus," said Bill Alverson of UCLA's Gay Student

Union. Heterosexuals wearing blue jeans, who may or may not have been aware of the significance, would have a chance to "see what it feels like to be a part of an oppressed minority," Alverson said.

Union member Jay Fisher labeled the UCLA Day successful. "There were a number of people who are not gay and who refrained from wearing blue jeans; there were a number of gays who are recognizing each other on campus; and the non-gays who found themselves wearing blue jeans — they certainly felt what it's like to be labeled and ostracized," he said.

The Union hoped that UCLA's Blue Jean Day would draw attention to California's 'Briggs initiative' that would bar gay teachers from teaching in public schools. The initiative, introduced by Representative John Briggs, will appear on the ballot if its petition effort is successful.

(CPS) — Coffee, the black gold of the working world, could remain expensive if Brazil convinces the International Coffee Organization (ICO) to keep prices artificially high.

Due to severe frosts, last year's prices reached an apogee of \$3.35 a pound. This sudden surge was a boon to a Brazilian economy deeply in debt to US banks. Since then, prices have plummeted as low as \$1.46 a pound.

Stung by the sudden drop, Brazil has refused to sell its futures at any price lower than \$3.20 a pound — 68 percent above the current market price. It hopes to enlist the aid of the ICO in maintaining that price. Many observers recognizing that Brazil is the largest exporter, feel they have the muscle to name their price.

Colombia opposes Brazilian policy as foolish in light of declining world consumption. With U.S. exports down 40 percent, Colombia has reduced its prices to \$1.80 a pound.

The question is bound to be resolved when the ICO meets later this month. Colombia hasn't been invited.



Volleyball Attracts Support of Fans Aggressiveness Inspires Enthusiasm

The Houghton College woman's volleyball team played the best volleyball of the season in the Academy gym on Thursday night, October 27. The strong Syracuse squad was the one for the girls to beat because coaches and officials had ranked Syracuse as one of the top teams in the state. After losing the first game of the match, Houghton excelled both individually and as a unit to take the next two games, 16-14, to win the match.

The team now stands with 15 wins and 7 losses. All six home games were victories. Coach Tanya Shire wishes to thank the fans for their support and enthusiasm. She says the team especially appreciates the spectators not becoming quieter if the first game of the match is lost. "The noise continually reminds us that God's purpose for us on the

court is to do our very best, regardless of the scoreboard."

The squad's next contest will be the District Tournament at the University of Rochester November 5. Houghton needs to take first, second, or a very strong third to qualify for the State Tournament. Mrs. Shire feels the team has the potential, but so do the other six competing teams.

Highlanders Battle Behrend To Scoreless Tie At Home

The Houghton Highlanders' record in Varsity soccer went to 5-4-5 last week with a victory over Canisius College and a scoreless tie against Behrend.

On the 26th of last month, the Highlanders traveled to Buffalo for a game against Canisius College. The first forty-five minutes seemed to go by quickly as neither team could formulate a working offense. The Highlanders had a couple of scoring opportunities in the half, but were unable to capitalize on mistakes by the Canisius defense. The first half ended with no score for either team.

The second half started out as a continuance of the first half as both teams were just kicking the ball back and forth to each other. It wasn't until late in the game when the Highlanders could gain solid ball control. Patience seemed to be on Houghton's side, which eventually paid off as Jon Ortlip fired a hard pass to Rob Jacobson for an easy goal and the victory. Final score: Houghton 1, Canisius 0.

Last Saturday, the sunshine returned to Stebbins Field for a game which placed the Highlanders against Behrend. The Highlanders opened up the game with brilliant passing and ball control. As the first half con-

tinued, the Highlanders had proved their ability to handle the ball. However, ball control does not mean goals and that is exactly what was missing in Saturday's game. Poor concentration, and failure to look for the open man prevented Houghton from getting on the scoreboard. Behrend offered very little pressure and the first half ended in a scoreless tie.

The momentum that the Highlanders possessed early had died somewhat as the second half started. The line work began to get very sloppy, resulting in several unnecessary turnovers. Because of these turnovers, Behrend was given several scoring opportunities, but good defensive work by the Highlanders prevented any goals. The regulation time ran out with the game still scoreless, and two overtime periods proved useless, as the Highlanders added yet another tie to their record. Final score: Houghton 0, Behrend 0.

Today and tomorrow the Highlanders are competing in the NCCAA District Championships. At this writing, the site of the Championships had not been officially announced. This tournament is very important to the Highlanders as the winner will go to the NCCAA Nationals in Tennessee.

A very alert defense hustled to block many successive hard Syracuse spikes. The offense exhibited good organization with accurate sets and well-placed, forceful spikes.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, the Houghton team traveled to Eisenhower for the PCAC (Private College Athletic Conference) Tourney. Out of a field of seven, Houghton placed third behind St. John Fisher and Nazareth. Freshman Mindy Robins of Houghton was chosen for the six-member All Conference Team.

JV Soccer Concludes Season With Assuring Win Over GCC

After six very tough loses, the Houghton J.V. soccer team played superbly as they tied St. Bonaventure one apiece, and then defeated Genesee Community College by a score of 3-1.

On the 25th, the Highlanders hosted the Bonnies for the second meeting of the two teams in which Houghton lost. The Highlanders were looking

for a chance to square matters once and for all when the Bonnies came here. The first half turned into a testing period as both teams searched for each other's weaknesses. The Highlanders' problem was one of defense and the Bonnies were able to penetrate their defense with quick and accurate passing. Bonaventure's passing ability was good enough to back the Houghton defense up to the point where a Bonnie lineman drilled a shot into the goal just past the outstretched arms of goalie John Rothenbuhler.

The second half started out with the Highlanders down one to nothing. To some teams this would have meant defeat; however, Houghton has never had a team which would just give up and die, and the J.V. soccer team is no exception to the rule. Good pressure by the offensive unit soon caused mistakes by Bonaventure's defense, thus enabling Gary Shoenwald to tie the game up with less than twenty minutes remaining. The rest of regulation time went by quickly as both defensive units prevented any scoring threats. The overtime periods proved useless for both squads and the score remained the same at the end. Final score: Houghton J.V. 1, St. Bonaventure J.V. 1.

Last Thursday, the Highlanders traveled to Genesee Community College for their last game of this season. With the line ability strengthened by varsity members Dewey Landon and Jon Ortlip, the Highlanders knew that their chances for winning had been greatly improved. Houghton scored first when Dewey Landon drilled a direct kick into the upper corner of the G.C.C. goal. Genesee was able to come back, however, as they tied the game up with a hard shot past John Rothenbuhler. Houghton's second goal came when Ron Hamilton attempted cross-pass found its way into the Genesee net. Bob Timpson's shot with about five minutes left in the game, iced it for the Highlanders as they won by a score of 3 to 1.

Yes, it is true that the final record was 1-6-1. However, many games that the Junior Varsity lost this year were on unfortunate plays that shouldn't have happened. With all things considered, the talent and ability on the J.V. squad assures Houghton fans of many good soccer seasons to come.

Hockey Team Improves Next Year Looks Good

Five wins. Five losses. A tie. Percentage-wise, this season was not as good as last year's 4-2-2 season. Still, doing well against a tougher schedule of teams, improvement, and domination of most of their games convinces "Coach Wells and the girls" (and many a fan) that Houghton field hockey is here to stay.

"Our front line was made up of all fine players who gave us many good breakaways," stated Coach Wells, referring to senior co-captain Peg Roorbach, speedy freshman Vaneese Evans, high-scoring Deb Kaiser and Sheila Bentley. Bentley, for example, set up the winning goal in the ladies' victorious finish against Genesee Community College on Oct. 26. She beat the defense and saved the ball before it got out of bounds, made a pass in front of the net to Evans who drilled it past the Genesee goalie, winning the game.

Priscilla Chamberlain spearheaded this year's defense, while senior goalie Jan Weber, who has improved season after season, turned in many impressive performances.

Most of the players and their coach agree that the squad dominated virtually all of the matches. Jan Weber felt that the team should have won

four out of their five losses. Many of their goals were taken away — meaning that the offense committed a foul in their attempt to score. But this shows a much-needed aggressiveness which teams need to score and succeed. In the season's opening match the team had twice as many shots as William Smith.

Coach Wells foresees a good nucleus of the team returning next season. He also knows of a great source of potential players — Houghton College. Many other girls could have started this year, and a lot of women wished they could have played but felt they weren't good enough. Coach Wells would like to start a JV team to alleviate this problem. The JV team would come early for pre-season training, but would only practice three times a week once school began. They would have a 6 to 7 game schedule and give the varsity a rough time in their inter-squad scrimmaging. The soccer team has a similar program. How about it girls? Give Coach Wells a hand in pushing for equal rights.

FIELD HOCKEY SCORES

- Sept. 15, William Smith 4, Houghton 2
- Sept. 17, Oswego (SUNY) 3, Houghton 1
- Sept. 20, Genesee CC 1, Houghton 2
- Sept. 24 Univ. of Buffalo 2, Houghton 2
- Sept. 28, St. Bonaventure 1, Houghton 7
- Oct. 5, SUC Buffalo 0, Houghton 2
- Oct. 7, U of R 4, Houghton 0
- Oct. 10, Syracuse 2, Houghton 1
- Oct. 12, Wells 2, Houghton 0
- Oct. 15, Cayuga 0, Houghton 1
- Oct. 26, Genesee CC 0, Houghton 1

Sports Scores

Soccer

Oct. 29 Behrend 0, Houghton 0
Record 5-4-5

Cross Country

Oct. 29 Baptist Bible 21, Houghton 38
Record: Dual Meets 3-5
Total Meets 4-9

Volleyball

Oct. 27 Syracuse 15, 14, 14; Houghton 4, 16, 16
Genesee 10, 3; Houghton 15, 15
Oct. 29 PCAC St. John Fisher 1st, Nazareth 2nd, Houghton 3rd
Record 15-7

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