

# The Houghton Star



## "... And God Rested on the Seventh Day"

The gym has been open on Sunday three times. After years of talk and debate the change finally occurred. No great tremor shook the campus, no collapse of the great moral tradition of Houghton occurred. The change went on silently, quietly, almost unnoticed. Just like the introduction of face cards last school year, the shocking change produced no shock at all. Pastor Walters gave a chapel speech in which he expressed his concerns on the matter, but other than that all is quiet.

Now, it is not my intention to condemn the opening of the gym, but to discuss Sunday observance, and prevent certain dangerous thoughts from gaining ground. Pastor Walters brought out two key points when he said that God himself is our example of resting, and that we need time to be silent, to listen to God. Sunday is the obvious time to do both of these. Opening the gym does not necessarily stop either, for moderate exercise can be conducive to resting the body.

But what about the other buildings? Now that the gym is open some people will start thinking "If the gym is open, then why not the library or the music building?" After all, some people get relaxation from playing an instrument or reading. The problem with that is that if you open the library most of the people who use it will study, and we had final exams moved off Mondays so people would not study on Sundays. If the music building is open on Sundays, music majors will practice for their lessons on Sundays. Then the science building would have to be opened so science majors could work on projects and labs. People would be required to work on Sundays to keep these buildings open. All these people would get no relaxation.

Is there anything wrong with that? People do have work that needs to get done before they can rest. I think that Pastor Walters was right again when he said that whether you rest or not does not depend on whether your work is done.

For all the nearly forty years that my father grew corn, he never worked the fields on Sunday, no matter how good the weather. Other farmers might work the fields on Sunday, but for my father Sunday was a day of rest. "If you can't get the work done in six days, you won't get it done in seven" he would say. Man needs his rest to work

well. Working seven days straight wears a man down.

If it had been my decision, the gym would not be open on Sundays, but now that it is open I do not mind. The relaxation available is beneficial to students. What I do not wish to see is the opening of other buildings such as the library, the music building, and the science building. As college students we must learn to sometimes put down our studies and relax, not just put the books down and enter into some feverish activity. Having the gym open aids that relaxation, if we use it properly; opening the library the music building, or the science building will not.

Respectfully yours,  
Jonathan Robords Lightfoot

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## Elsewhere...

by Sharon Wittemann

**Washington, D.C.** — The Tower Commission, the three-man panel reviewing the workings of the National Security Council, will interview President Reagan a second time to try to establish his role in the Iran-Contra affair. A panel spokesman said the board expects to look at the President's private notes on the arms scandal.

**Washington, D.C.** — This week the Defense Department will send a battalion of men and a battery of field artillery from Fort Bragg, N.C., to Honduras for a joint exercise. The USA, by rotating full-time Army, part-time Reserve, and National Guard units to Honduras for "training exercises," has kept 1,000 troops over there continuously since 1983. The Pentagon says these exercises give soldiers a chance to build roads and airstrips under realistic conditions. It also gives them a chance to get shot.

**Tampa, Florida** — Last week, Carlos Lehder Rivas, long sought by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration as one of three leaders of the Medellin cartel that supplies some 75 % of the cocaine smuggled into this country, was handed over to astonished U.S. authorities, compliments of Colombia. The secure of Lehder at a jungle mansion and his extradition to the U.S. to face drug and racketeering charges was a major triumph for Colombian President Virgilio Barco's campaign to break the cocaine ring.

**Nevada** — The fear of AIDS has chilled the sex industry. Legal prostitution in Nevada has flourished since the 1860's but health officials say patronage of the bordellos has been off by as much as 40 %. Nevada began requiring screening for AIDS in mid-1986. Authorities claim no one has gotten AIDS in any of Nevada's brothels but many unregistered prostitutes work illegally and no one knows if screening has become common practice among them. The assumption is that it has not.

**Islamabad, Pakistan** — Thousands of elite Soviet commandos and paratroopers attacked Muslim guerrilla bases last week in Afghanistan close to the Pakistan border. The major offensive came despite a cease fire called last month by the Communist government of Afghanistan, which is backed by an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops.

## Irma Lameinorini Holds Dinner

Lamkein Hall may need to change its name to Lameinorini after their "Little Italy" progressive spaghetti supper. It will be held Sunday, February 15, from 12:00pm-2:00pm with tickets available for \$3 per person, \$5 per couple (any combination), or \$12 for a group of five (six and under free). Tickets are available at the bottom of the stairs in the Campus Center through Friday. They are also available from the desk at Lamkein Hall through Saturday, February 14.

The Italian meal is being prepared by Lamkein Hall, not the dining hall, and consists of hors d'oeuvres being served on the 4th floor (entry level), salad on 2nd and 3rd, spaghetti on 1st and 6th, and brownies and ice cream on 5th floor. Pictures with a valentine motif will also be taken on the 4th floor.

The proceeds from "Little Italy" will be used for the spring banquet which will be held in March at Salvatore's Italian Gardens in Buffalo.

## Skinner Speaks

by Aku

Barbara Skinner, black leader, opened Wednesday evening's lecture by examining the belief that America is "one nation under God." What would one nation under God be like? Barbara observed that there is very little difference between Christian and non-Christian institutions in the United States. Mrs. Skinner stated that institutions do not have the power to change people for God in and of themselves. As Christians we have a responsibility to each other. Mrs. Skinner believes that the church can eliminate the welfare system. Responsibility for curing social ills resides in each individual who belongs to the body of Christ. God commands us to feed

the poor, a command the church has largely ignored.

Skinner remarked that Christian institutions are failing to set an example in the United States when campuses predominantly lack minority leaders. How do we become one nation under God? How do we show a difference to the world? This difference begins with the recognition that we do not belong to ourselves but we belong to God. The only reason for our existence is for our bodies to become Christ's temple. Consequently, we should demonstrate God's love to others selflessly. Making a difference starts with you and me working together, unified in Christ.

## Students Attend Peace Conference

by Cathy Stoner

On February 5-7, six Houghton residents attended an Intercollegiate Peace Fellowship conference at Conrad Grebel College at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

IPF is a group of 19 seminaries, colleges, and Bible institutes associated with the Mennonite, Mennonite-Brethren, and Brethren in Christ denominations. These "Historic Peace Churches" have their roots in the Anabaptist tradition which teaches believer baptism and the practice of non-violence.

IPF member schools represented at the conference were Goshen, Eastern Mennonite, and Bluffton colleges, as well as Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Swift Current Bible Institute (Canada), and Mennonite-Brethren Bible College.

Houghton's Evangelicals for Social Actions members who attended were: Eric Geigerich, Mikki Paine, Mike Pollock, Lisa Sievenpiper and Cathy Stoner, as well as Jan Kennedy, Houghton's very own intramural athletics director. Representatives from IPF's sponsoring organization, Mennonite Central Committee, were also present.

The conference focused on mili-

tarization and development in world nations. Nicaragua, Horn of Africa, the Philippines, and South Africa were examined with the help of four local leaders. These included Arnold Snyder, a Grebel professor, who worked for six months as co-ordinator for Witness for Peace in Nicaragua. Other activities were group discussion, lectures by Grebel professors, a service project, and a coffee house featuring the musical talents of conference attendees and university students.

Houghton students enjoyed comparing notes and being "like-minded" with other IPF'ers between sessions. Many conference attendees agreed that Houghton, not traditionally a "Peace school," added a refreshing dimension to the group's views on peace issues. Although there was no violent clash of ideologies, the diversity of the institutions represented was striking. Upon discovering the many differences between Grebel's rules and Houghton's Pledge, one attendee remarked, "They're worried about the right things."

Interested in next year's conference? Contact any of the above listed students.

# Yankee Grandstand

*Yankee Grandstand is an outworking of our desire to understand the situation of our neighbors in the world. Our objective is to present a fair assessment and evaluation of the facts and issues. This column will also feature guest writers that have insight into peoples and regions of the world.*

## "Is It Just War?"

by Neil MacBride and David Staples

I hold it, that a little rebellion, now and then, is a good thing, and necessary in the political world as storms in the physical.

—Thomas Jefferson

July 4. Picnics. Fireworks. Red, white and blue. Aside from the obvious, what do Americans really celebrate on Independence Day? Stripped of patriotic euphemisms and noble-sounding freedom, we pay tribute to a violent and bloody revolution, brought on by political and social injustice. Given the talk of revolutionary tendencies in South Africa, it is a necessary to ask of the legitimacy of violent revolution by oppressed people.

Many Americans, and most Christians, do not condone the use of force by blacks in South Africa. With all the hysteria surrounding the geo-political stability, national security interests, and the threat of Soviet influence, the use of violence in South Africa sounds too radical. It is much more comfortable (hypocritical?) for Americans to advise oppressed blacks to "go slow," turn the other cheek, and subsequently look to our Civil Rights movement as a means of effective nonviolent protest. It is easy to advocate such views when our children are not being shot and we are not in fear of having our houses torn down by domestic military forces.

Black leaders, such as Archbishop Desmond Tutu, maintain that the United States employs double standards when it comes to the use of force by South African blacks. Every Fourth of July Americans celebrate a glorious revolution, and pay tribute to founding fathers who advocated the use of force to combat political injustice. The colonial grievances with England should not be dismissed, but they pale in comparison to the present crisis in South Africa. It seems ironic that those ideals and "inalienable rights" that led to our own revolution (not to mention the violence justified to attain those lofty goals) do not seem nearly as relevant when we view the struggle in South Africa.

The use of force is an issue with which South African Christians (while and black) must wrestle daily. Under the apartheid system many Christians are turning to the use of force after years of ineffective non-violent protest. Given the habits and history of apartheid, many believers feel that an acceleration of conflict may be necessary to bring genuine change. In 1985, South African church leaders prepared a report, the *Kairos Document*, in which they asked: "Would it be legitimate to describe both the physical force used by a rapist and the physical force used by a woman trying to resist the rapist as violence?" To draw a distinction between violence and force may be appropriate. It is also significant to look at the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, leader of the German Confessing Church during the 1930's: "To maintain one's innocence in a setting such as that of the Third Reich, even to the point of not plotting Hitler's death, would be irresponsible action." Mahatma Gandhi was not convinced submission was always preferable to forceful action: "Where there is only a choice between cowardice and violence, I would advise violence."

Should Christians condone or even encourage the use of force as a means of achieving justice? Christians may advocate humbly turning the other cheek, or alternatively, we might support a little rebellious "temple-cleansing" in opposition to injustice. The Biblical injunction to promote justice is a primary theme of the Old Testament. Isaiah 1:17 says: "Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the cause of the widow." The Scriptures clearly reveal what our attitudinal response should be to injustice and oppression. An actual physical response is not so clearly defined. Tragically, blacks in South Africa do not have the luxury of theological debates or editorial essays to ponder the question of force. Therefore, as people of God we must support South Africa's blacks in their struggle against the rapist regime now in power. And if we condemn their use of force, perhaps we should evaluate how we celebrate the Fourth of July.

## WJSL Boosts Power

by Barb Felder

WJSL will boost its broadcasting power to 6,000 watts and become affiliated with WMHR of Syracuse.

Increasing WJSL's power from 200 to 6,000 watts will expand their audience potential to 150,000 people. The station hopes to implement this change by the end of the semester.

WJSL will end their affiliation with the Family Radio Network and begin affiliation with the Mars Hill Radio Network of Syracuse, New York. The station has completed their three-year agreement with Family Radio and desires a change in programming. Affiliation with WMHR will officially begin when WJSL begins operating at 6,000 watts.

The Houghton College Radio Corporation anticipates that their new

broadcasting power will strengthen WJSL's academic purposes, be a valuable recruiting tool, better serve the community, and alleviate local television interference.

Academic quality may improve because students will have added incentive to do well. Although there will be no auditions, students will be allotted air time according to past experience. New students will learn first from observation.

General Manager Walter Pickut also hope to eventually add a low power, AM station which will cater more directly to the campus community and give students more flexibility in programming.

A transmitter, which is five-hundred feet taller than the one currently

used, was recently installed on a mountain top near Rushford Lake. This will extend WJSL's signal to Wyoming, Livingston, Steuben, and Cattaraugus counties.

The radio corporation has been planning this power increase for three years. Half the time was spent obtaining an FCC license and the other half was spent gathering funds and equipment.

Many equipment changes were necessary to accommodate this change. According to Pickut, such a transition would have cost the station ten times more if they had not acquired used equipment and relied on contributions.

WJSL is currently funded by the underwriting grants, the Student Activities Fee, Houghton College, and listener contributions.

Pickut welcomes requests and comments from the campus community and encourages all student organizations and academic departments to discover creative ways to use WJSL to convey their own message.

## Internships Available

The National College Internship Service, specializing in internship development for college students, is now accepting applications for Summer 1987 internships.

Placements are available with sponsoring companies in New York City, on Long Island and in Westchester. Placements are individually designed, fully supervised and evaluated. New for 1987: more paid internships.

For more information contact your career and internship placement office on campus or write for application material to:

National College Internship Service  
374 New York Avenue,  
Huntinton, New York 11743  
(516)673-0440



# RA's To Work Desk

by Patricia Uleskey

The Student Senate voted down a motion to send a letter to the Student Development Office expressing "concern" about the Resident Assistant's taking on the job of desk proctors from 3:15 pm until 12:15 a.m.

According to Paul Kennedy, RA's will be working at the desk two at a time, once every other week. They will give up one "on duty" night to work at East Hall Desk. The reason for this change has been stimulated

by financial cutbacks in the Student Development Office. A positive result of this is that RA's will gain more exposure to other students outside the building. Janelle Lang commented that the RA issue will be addressed again at the next meeting.

Mr. Ken Nielsen, Vice President of Finance for Houghton, was the special guest at the second Student Senate meeting of this semester. He discussed the reasons for tuition, room, and board increases. Some of those reasons include: inflation, a 23% increase in insurance rates for faculty, total liability insurance increase, decline in dorm living and empty beds in the dorms, and state aid interest is no longer accumulated from the beginning of the semester. The State gives the college money for first semester in September and money for second semester in January. Before, the state gave the college all student aid money for the whole year in September. He compared the price of attending Houghton College to other Christian colleges and the current trends of price increase. Houghton College is still fifth from the bottom as far as price goes. Mr. Nielsen gave Student Senate a breakdown of the 1988 costs. They were as follows: tuition \$6,000; room \$1210; board \$1385; fees \$270. Mr. Nielsen assured the students that "tuition increases have nothing to do with those new buildings." The capital campaign is covering the entire cost of the building projects. In conclusion, Mr. Nielsen outlined twenty of his detailed responsibilities as Vice President of Finance.

Janelle Lang, Student Senate President, in her president's report discussed items such as lockers and reduced meal rates for commuters, the formation of a student activity fee committee, the possibility of cutting programs, majors, or faculty positions in order to balance the budget and to increase faculty budgets, senate excellence awards, the Dance Committee, and a possible profile series on trustees for the Star.

There were dramatic policy changes during the academic affairs council meeting. There was an addition of two pre-nursing courses: Elements of BioChemistry and Intro. to Microbiology.

Dr. Tyson and Professor Howard will be team-teaching the history course Reformation. In addition, the Religion

major has been revised.

As mentioned earlier in this article, due to cuts in the Student Development budget decreased funds will cause a reduction of desk proctor hours and employees. There will be three new Community Effort (C.E.) floors which will cut three RA positions.

There was a proposal for students to have leadership transcripts as well as academic transcripts. Also there could possibly be the institution of leadership and communication courses for those especially interested in leadership.

The World Christian Fellowship's constitution was referred back to Dean Danner because it's ideology was too similar to that of FMF's.

The Winter Weekend report was given and the events of the festival were discussed including the Mr. Houghton Contest during the study break on Wednesday February 11, the crossword puzzle contest, 20's Aerobics, snow sculpture, intramural basketball, skiing, racquetball, the Senate Spot, the coffee house, the CAB movie *The Great Gatsby*, and the winter weekend banquet.

The Food committee met on February 3 and Big Al discussed his

willingness to decrease commuter rates but this must be approved by Mr. Nielsen. They said the second microwave will be in place after spring break.

The booksale for second semester brought in \$156.00. As usual, there were some complaints but overall it was a productive booksale. Extra books went to the Sri Lanka book fund.

The ad hoc bookstore committee met on February 5 and decided that they would propose the booksale be pushed up to the first day of classes with drop off on registration day. This proposed motion failed.

A motion passed to send a letter to President Chamberlain to appoint a student to the President's Advisory Board (PAB) for student input on the proposed budget cuts.

A motion passed for Student Senate to adopt Student Activity Scholarships proposed by Norm Smith, Vice President of Student Senate. They are to be sent to the Student Activity Fee Committee (SAFC). There has been a 6% increase for next year in Student Scholarships.

Finally, a motion was passed to publish course evaluations to enable students to see the results of the reports.



## Ma Bell Talks

The results of the first week (February 2-5) of the Houghton College Phonathon Student Organization Tallies were as follows:

WJSL and FMF made 407 calls and \$2,310 worth of pledges were made on February 2nd.

On February 3, the senior class made 307 calls and \$1,860 was pledged.

On February 4, BSO and New Covenant made 488 calls and \$3,515 was pledged. The senior class and WJSL made 344 calls and \$4,265 was pledged.

During the second week (February 9-12), the Music Ed. Club and the junior class made 517 calls and \$2,235 were pledged on February 9th.

The sophomore class made 319 calls on February 10 and their calls pledged \$1,220.

## Flapper Festival Format

### Friday, February 13

11:05	Winter Weekend Chapel: "The Roaring 20's"
12:00-1:00	Faculty Picture Guess
5:00-6:00	20's Crossword Puzzle Collection
8:00-9:00	20's Aerobics
9:00-10:00	Faculty versus "The Best" of Women's Intramural Basketball
10:00	CAB Coffeehouse

### Saturday, February 14

#### Happy Valentine's Day!!

10:00-11:00	Class snow Sculpture Competition
11:30	Judging of Snow Sculptures
2:00-4:00	Ski Competitions/Marathons: —Cross Country —Free Style —Slalom —T.K. Obstacle Course
3:30	Racquetball Tournament all day
4:45	Racquetball Championship
5:00	Arrival of Snow Court at Campus Center
8:00	Winter Weekend Banquet/Jazz Ensemble
10:00	Crowning of Snow King in cafeteria CAB Movie: <i>The Great Gatsby</i> Winter Weekend Spot

# Sports



"The Three Amigos — Staples, Kangas, and Gidman!"

## Me and The Championship Season

by David Staples

Enough has been said and done in the last three months to memorialize the 1986 championship soccer team in the minds of this small town. Soon the process of shaping the stories of such and such game and player into fireside tales will begin. Coach Burke in five years will reminisce aloud to inclined young ears about the cunning and chicanery of Gidman, Kangas, and Hess. Our memory will hopefully resurrect each fall in an inspirational speech or two.

I have been the third person asked to write this article. Those most fit declined. I feel like "Mikey," having eaten a mouthful of Life he opens his mouth to show you the pre-swallow stuff. But I want to set the record straight for future chroniclers of the events as I saw them.

Greg Gidman, the kid with small rodents digesting in his calves, before ten thousand head wagging, had-to-be pentecostal Houghton fans, put on a show at the University of Buffalo. The kid with the rad, soon to be fad, doo, as in hairdoo, dribbled the ball for seven minutes, beating all eleven UB players, their coach, his wife,

three small ball boys, and a dis-oriented harbor sea gull before the ROTC program tackled him in the opponents box giving Greg a penalty kick. I say thank heaven for ROTC. I saw it. We won 2-1, and had a nice time of fellowship afterwards.

The team came to expect that of Greg. The unexpected extrasensory stuff came from Tim Kangas. Initially it was rumoured he had begun taking meals with a beautiful young lady. We expected some high energy. Against Alfred though Tim was documented to have levitated for twelve seconds, parallel to the ground, arms outstretched to make a save. I saw it. It was weird science. It has since become old hat that he is taking meals with a beautiful young lady. He doesn't hang with the dudes anymore. He has hearts all over his notebooks too.

Coach won his two hundredth contest in 1986. It was my birthday and I was humbly blessed to have scored the winning goal. It was a hellish shot — fifty yards into a hurricane headwind; you could hear the steel fence around the field hum for twenty minutes after that shot.

My parents were there, they saw it.

We went to Texas on an airplane. Matt Greacen told us it was his first time; he got on the airplane and knew all the stewardesses by first name. I was skeptical.

We won the tournament in Texas. Greg, Brian Thompson and Tim each received deserved recognition for their superior play. The one story that may be untold is the extraordinary performance of Scott Parkinson. He managed three goals, one per game. Someone said he plays for the Scottish national team. If I were you I would believe it.

Toward the end of the season one of the biggest compliments a person could pay me was to mix me up with Brian. Jim Cook's mom even asked me how I liked the cookies she gave Brian. I said I did very much and smiled.

Me and the Championship season is now a memory. I just hope in ten years the stories reflect something of the truth. Keep this as a document by which you can compare the soon-to-be tall tales of our season. You can say boldly, "I know the facts!"

## Women defeat Roberts!

by Pamela Bigham

On Saturday, February 7, Houghton women's basketball team defeated arch-rival Roberts Wesleyan College 75-44. The game was played at Roberts during their Winter Weekend Festival, giving them not only the home-court advantage, but lots of fans as well.

It was a very physical game, with members of both teams in foul trouble. As the clock counted down the final minutes, Coach Terry Curry found that she had only one player that was not in foul trouble. Two had already fouled out, and the remaining five players had four fouls each. However, the women continued to play their game and work together until they finished the job and claimed yet another victory.

Leading the team in scoring was Jodi Carlson with 32 points, followed by Ndunge Kiiti and Michelle Morris each with 12 points. With a current record of 8-7, the women are facing several of their toughest games yet.

They will be playing in Beaver Falls, Pa., on February 13-14 in the NCCAA District tournament. The outcome of the tournament will determine whether or not Houghton will go on to Nationals. Best of luck to the Lady Highlanders!

## It's not over yet!

by Peter Roman

Last Saturday the men's basketball team squared off against Roberts Wesleyan College for the second time this season. After suffering a tough 60-53 loss at home in December, the Highlanders were prepared for a war in the rematch. The war never materialized. Roberts took control of the game early and won a 66-55 decision. The disappointing loss leaves Houghton with an 11-13 record with two games remaining. Chances for a play-off spot are still good. On Saturday, the men travel to Keuka and on Monday, February 16, the season finale is played against Penn. St.-Behrend where the senior players will be honored.



# Intramural Action Update

The intramural championship game for women's basketball is Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00pm. Either "The Globetrotterettes" or the "Old Unknowns" will be taking on Sue Merz's "Suckaheads."

The men's intramural basketball playoffs are February 23. The championship games are February 25.

Co-ed innertube water polo teams are being formed. Co-ed teams must have seven players in the pool at a time. The organizational meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, at 9:00 pm in the P.E. Center 204. Bring an official roster and \$5.00. Official rosters are available at the P.E. Center in the equipment room, PE 209, or the Student Development Office.

## Men's A League Basketball

Illusions	8-0
Chips Ahoy	5-3
Boo Foos	4-3
Kings Court	4-5
Pirannah	3-4
Dry Bones	3-6
Misfits	1-7

## Men's B League Basketball

The Dumpers	7-0-1
The Return of the Guys from Nam	6-1
Jump Shots	4-2
The "Sort-of" Mead Men	3-4
The Sting	4-6
The Lowlanders	2-5-1
The Icemen	1-9

## Women's Basketball

Suckaheads	5-1
Globetrotterettes	3-2
Old Unknowns	2-3
The Lollipops	1-5

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Marriage is an institution.  
Marriage is love.  
Love is blind.  
Therefore marriage is an  
institution for the blind.  
— Nebraska Awgwan

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## Lovestrand Live by Louis Lovestrand

What do you think of the college's  
snow removal efforts?



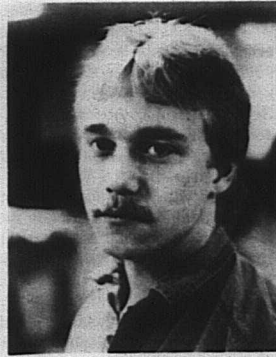
**Rick Yates and Fillmorite**  
*Freshmen*

"You mean they still do that sort of thing up here? What a novel idea!"



**Tim Nielsen**  
*Sophomore*

"As far as I'm concerned, they can remove it all."



**"lb"**  
*Junior*

"They do all right, but I would like to see a path shoveled across the Quad."



**Janelle Lang**  
*Senior*

"Well...don't leave home without your duck boots."

## Opinion

### Dance Defended

Dear Jonathan,

In order to start this letter on a positive note, I'd like to express my appreciation of your editorial on gender. My main purpose for writing you, however, is to make some comments about your previous editorial, "Dance At Houghton?" Though I myself thought Mr. Urso's letter quite sufficiently exposed the major flaw in your reasoning (though perhaps a little brutally), it seems some did not consider it a logical refutation. Apparently, what is desired is a response to your letter that can in no way be perceived as an attack on your person. It is my hope that this letter will be that response.

I think your statement of the pro's of social dancing was fairly accurate. It certainly expressed the beliefs that I have held for the last six years. I sincerely hope, however, that there are more con's to social dancing than you have listed. The first objection you mentioned was that dancing is associated with drinking. Jonathan, what from a Biblical standpoint is intrinsically wrong with drinking? You can't declare something immoral (dancing) by associating it with something else (drink) which is only wrong because it is sometimes associated with a sin (drunkenness). The logic involved is nonexistent.

Your second statement that modern dance tempts one with sensual urges is certainly more common. It is this form of thinking which causes some "Christian" colleges to have "six-inch rules" that legislate how close men and women can be. I do not think there are many people on campus who would agree with these rules. Yet to say that dancing is wrong because of sexual temptation reflects the same reasoning (or lack of it).

Another point of disagreement arises from your description of modern dance and the way you contrast it with square dance. I have done both. My experience, however, has led me to quite a different conclusion. Before I was a Christian, my public school taught us students how to square dance. Believe it or not, our entire orientation in selecting our partners was sexual preference. Looking back on this, I think our behavior was not a natural outgrowth of our sexuality

but a result of too much television.

Later, I discovered modern dancing. In fact, I regularly went to social dances every other week from ninth grade through my senior year. And guess what? I am a virgin. I do not deny that there is no link between dancing and illicit sex. But having watched the behavior of my non-Christian friends I can easily give evidence to a link between any activity involving both sexes (and some involving only one) and fornication. From a Christian perspective, however, I looked at dancing as a chance to interact with my friends and be a witness to those who did not know the Lord. This was very easy to do since the difference in behavior of those of us who were Christians and those who were not was quite visible. In fact, the concept that dancing was somehow wrong did not exist until I read Houghton's pledge. Though I did not understand the reason for what I considered a rather legalistic rule, I decided to agree to follow it because other aspects of Houghton appealed to me.

The only reason I tell of my own past experience, Jonathan, is because you did. I think, however, that general social ethics should not be derived from personal experience since it is entirely subjective, but from Scripture. Yet in these arguments against dancing, the Bible is hardly mentioned. The only verse I ever hear mentioned is that one should not "offend one's brother" (or sister). But are those who use this reasoning willing to accept all the implications it entails? Paul, in I Corinthians 8:9 refers to people whose consciences are weak. Here at Houghton, dancing is considered an activity of the spiritually immature. Yet it seems that Paul thought otherwise.

I agree with you, Jonathan, that Houghton College cannot violate the Wesleyan Discipline. However, it is my prayer that the Discipline will be changed so it is more in line with God's Word.

In response to what you said about the benefits of self-discipline, allow me to close with Colossians 2:20-23 from the NIV: "Since you died with Christ to the basic principles to this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules: 'Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!' These are all destined to perish with use, because they are based on human commands and teachings. Such regulations indeed

have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence."

Sincerely,  
Mark Horne

### Shea's Praise

The Student Senate is to be commended for gathering such a fine roster of speakers for the Current Issues Day. Some of us elders in the village listened to the whole thing and even went to the evening lecture by Dr. House. Walt Pickut's commentary on WJSL at intermission time provided a sensitive and helpful summary while the M.C. Sue Crider kept the morning session rolling in a professional manner.

What about "the rest of the story" as far as woman's ministries in the church? The detailed exegesis of Biblical passages by St. Paul against spiritual leadership for women left some of us out in the cold. Wesleyans have always made provision for the ordination of women to the ministry. Just as St. Paul had to bow to the slave holding society of his day and commend the Spirit of Christ and brotherly love for both master and slave until the centuries later would finally see slave holding abolished in Christian lands, so he had to be careful in a male dominated society lest the new followers of Christ be discredited by women's leadership.

My grandmother Mrs. George Whitney, a resident for some years in this village, founded with the assistance of Rev. Marion Whitney her daughter, the thriving Wesleyan Church of Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. People still recall their annointed

leadership and preaching of the Word. I am sure Dr. Richard Pocock would not mind our recalling that his grandmother Reverend Carrie (Mrs. Merton S.) Warburton founded and preached for years at the Painted Post Wesleyan Church which today is one of the largest congregations in the area. The Salvation Army, godly Quakers, and Canadian holiness groups have had women preachers that would shake the rafters as mighty pleaders for the Lord. We had a lady preacher in Sierra Leone who could outpreach them all. She was a co-pastor with her husband and spoke on the radio for years. I recall an annointed Victoria Booth-Clibborn Demarest related to the founders of the Salvation Army who preached for decades in Canada and the USA with blessing and edification for all who heard her. Who can gainsay the scores of missionary ladies whom the Lord has used so signally as ministers of the Word in dark corners of the world. We cannot box in the Holy Spirit. President Herbert Hoover's mother was a Quaker preacher.

It means something when at Pentecost Peter quotes the verses from the Old Testament prophet Joel, now fulfilled. "In the last days I will pour out my Spirit on all people . . . even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days and they will prophesy" (Acts 2:17-21 NIV). It may be that public ministry in the pulpit by women is not for everyone, but the Lord has a place for them still in His marvelous economy of New Testament grace.

Look in the opening pages of George Elliott's *Adam Bede* for a gospel sermon by an early Methodist lady preacher. And in the closing scenes of the book the author records a Spirit-filled prayer by her for a convicted child-murderer. Those scenes were much of the inspiration for that whole novel.

Altan J. Shea '36

Moroma thinks the  
postage stamp is a dance  
Well, letter.  
— Stanford Chaparral



# Editor Commended

Dear Jonathan,

It is a joy and privilege to have someone like you as editor of *The Houghton Star*. Although I once firmly held to such liberal views as those of your critics, I have (with difficulty and painstaking reflection) changed my mind about a lot of things. Things such as authority, submission, making proper appeals to harsh authority rather than just grumbling, and taking strong stands for traditional morality, etc. I speak as an erstwhile 1960's "hippie," ex-atheist and ex-rock drummer. The change over the past fifteen years has been slow but enlightening.

Most of us are behind you, Jonathan. I guess we are not always the most outspoken. Your stand is good and well-thought-through, and your candor and willingness to learn from your critics bears witness to your Christian character. According to Proverbs, this humility will exalt you to higher realms of influence. It will be fun to watch you soar in the future.

Here's a quote from an elderly brother in Christ who has since gone to be with Jesus: "There is no such thing as a modern-day Christian; only a Christian in this modern day." Some will misunderstand, but you get the drift.

Yours in Eternal Covenant,  
Ralph Traphagen

## Fisher Responds to Urso

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to Mr. Urso's attack on you, your editorial and the college's policy on dance.

He is surely correct that the mere existence of a rule does not prove that the activity prohibited by that rule is wrong (Scripture excepted I presume). And that is true whether it be a Houghton College rule or a directive of The Wesleyan Church. But I wish to thank you for your awareness that those two matters are related. Houghton College is an educational institution of The Wesleyan Church and is not autonomous concerning certain matters. It is required by *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church* to "maintain and promote the doctrinal position of the Church

as set forth in its Articles of Religion, Membership Commitments, and Elementary Principles" (926:2). It is not that these should be free from debate and immune to change; there have been significant changes within the past twelve years. But, it was not within the power of the state of New York ("Sovereign" or not) to change the federal tax code. It has been done, but Albany was not the place to lobby for it. Likewise, if changes need to be made in the Wesleyan Discipline, such change might be possible. But they will not occur in a Houghton College board room any more than they will occur in the board room of the local Wesleyan church.

But what about face cards? Hasn't Houghton College made an autonomous decision on that issue? I don't think so. Face cards are not mentioned in the current Discipline. One of the membership commitments does require that one "abstain from all forms of gambling" (131:7). Elsewhere we read that we should not "engage in playing games which tend to be addictive or conducive to gambling" (187:12). Problems of interpretation are obvious, but I am satisfied that playing any of the games I have ever played with face cards does not violate this admonition for me. This is not an issue of face cards; this is an issue of addiction and gambling. Many of the things we do might be called into question here; for some it might be cards, for others, video games.

Furthermore, the last question was taken, not from a list of membership requirements, but from what are called "Special Directions," specifically given as "official admonitions" and "guidelines," but not as requirements for church membership. These include statements on such matters as equal rights, peace, military service, substance abuse, human sexuality, divorce, abortion, and the one from which the above quotation was extracted, on the "Use of Leisure Time."

And it is in this paragraph that the church's position on dance is found. Again, I believe that it is open to various interpretations: "The Wesleyan Church believes that its members should exercise responsible stewardship of their leisure time. This will include . . . witnessing against social evils by appropriate forms of influence, the refusal to participate in social dancing, the refusal to patronize the motion picture theater (cinema), together with other commercial ventures as they feature the cheap, the violent, or the sensual and pornographic."

Now, back to Mr. Urso. Whatever

"type" you can tell the editor is just by looking at him is irrelevant. Furthermore, even if he is "not the type to try modern dance," that does not render his opinion of it invalid. I am not the type to try cocaine, but trying it is not required for having a knowledgeable opinion about it. Neither is dancing a requirement for having a legitimate opinion about dancing. The editor may have too readily lumped all of modern social dance into sensuous classification, but you show no greater powers of discernment by failing to admit that at least a significant portion of contemporary dance involves some of the dangers the editor indicated. Dancers or not, we all can watch "Solid Gold." Having "had nothing to do with the activity" does not render all of one's judgments invalid. Drunks are not alone in being qualified to condemn drunkenness.

You have no doubt but that "social dancing will one day rear its ugly booty in the gym." I don't know. Right now, I hope not. But more importantly, I certainly pray that you are wrong in suggesting that it is inevitable, given enough time. I hope we continue to make decisions on principles that are not simply adopted from our surrounding culture. Changes will come, of course. I pray that they will be consistent with principles which do not change.

Professor Carlton Fisher

## Ambulance Charity?

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my disappointment with this year's theme for the Senate Charity Drive. The word "charity" implies giving to others who cannot (for one reason or another) meet their needs themselves. Charity, then, does not include giving to oneself. Yet this year's theme for the Senate Charity Drive (i.e. the Houghton ambulance) would seem to be just that. That is to say, we are giving ourselves something instead of reaching out to others.

Consider the following analogy: A family is renting the second floor of a house and decides that it would be a good idea to put up a fire escape. The fire escape is much-needed, as they have small children (and in fact it may be the law for all I know), and will benefit not only the current tenants but those who rent the place in the future. Is the construction of a fire escape on their part an act of charity?

I am not arguing the importance of an ambulance in Houghton; nor am I arguing that the ambulance

should be supported by the community. I am only uncomfortable with the way support money is being raised. I would suggest that an obligatory fee of perhaps \$1.00 per student (added to each student's bill) and \$1.50 per community member. (Perhaps that is too high or too low of an estimate — I don't know — but I'm sure some agreement could be reached.)

I guess I'm just embarrassed that we're using Houghton's only collective form of outreach to do something for ourselves.

Thanks for hearing me out,  
Amy Durkee

## They're Praying

Dear Editor,

"Who's praying for me?" As a freshman student at Houghton College in 1981, suffering from homesickness and increased academic pressures, I often asked myself that question.

The question resounded in my mind when I returned as a sophomore, and a junior and a senior. Each year brought fresh trials. As a resident assistant in 1984 to a group of 19 freshmen girls, (a job I would do all over again), I sometimes carried others' burdens as well as my own. That summer I married my fiancé and came back to Houghton to finish my last year. This was the toughest year of all: Tom and I were separated by 100 miles and only saw each other on weekends the first semester. Who was praying for me?

Not until after graduation when I started working as assistant in the public information office did I receive my answer. I was attending the regular faculty/staff Monday morning devotions in the Luckey Building board room. The leader usually asks for praise and prayer concerns. To my surprise, one staff person asked us to remember returning students and those who couldn't return. Another time a specific name was mentioned. But always we prayed for students. I was impressed.

Throughout my two years as a staff member at my alma mater I have witnessed this true concern for Houghton's students. It doesn't come from an ulterior motive of wanting students well so faculty and staff people can get paid; rather, it comes from a desire to edify members of Christ's family and to bear one another's burdens. I'm thankful to the Lord that people were praying for me when I was a student and grateful now that I have the opportunity to return this gift.

Cordially,  
Cynthia Machamer

# Arts & Entertainment



## The British Columbians are Coming!

The Vancouver Chamber Choir, established in 1971 by conductor Jon Washburn, will play its first Houghton College concert Friday, February 20, at 8:00pm in Wesley Chapel.

This unpredictable, spectacular and memorable twenty-voice ensemble achieved phenomenal growth within the last 12 years. The Choir performs, broadcasts with Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, records, and tours for a rapidly expanding audience in Canada, and internationally. Tenor Nigel Rogers and harpsichordist Colin Tilney have been soloists with VCC. Renaissance through Baroque, Classical and Romantic to contemporary masterworks comprise the choir's ambitious choral season repertoire. The Houghton concert features "Missa Brevis" by Paul Patterson, head of

composition at the Royal Academy of Music in London, "Fire" by Schaefer and "Greensleeves" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, among others. Tickets will be available at the door.

In addition to concerts, the Vancouver Chamber Choir offers workshops and residencies for schools. Mr. Washburn will work on choral tone with members of the Chapel and College choirs on Saturday at 10:00am. The Vancouver Chamber Choir organized and hosted the British Columbia Choral Federation Conference with Margaret Hills (Chicago Symphony Chorus) as guest conductor in 1980 and has just presented the fourth Choral Conductors Symposium/West, an intensive four-day training program for selected Canadian conductors.

Conductor/artistic director Jon Washburn is widely acclaimed in North America for his mastery of choral idiom and technique. He is a frequent guest conductor, lecturer, and workshop clinician. Washburn has conducted in the Netherlands, France, Poland and the United States, and has received several prestigious prizes and grants. He also conducts the Vancouver Chorale which often performs with the Choir. Director of choral activities at Vancouver Community College, Washburn conducts the Madrigal Singers and the 150-voice Healy Willian Choir there. He has made nine phonograph recordings, six with the Vancouver Chamber Choir.

"OLD MEN AND THE SEA"

by Craig Henry



## Part of Her Life

by Julie Wagner

Joni Dunbar, a composition major and student of Dr. William Allen, will be giving her senior recital on Wednesday, February 18 at 8:00pm in Wesley Chapel. Assisting her in the performance of her works will be the Houghton College Philharmonia and Jazz Band, the Houghton Academy bell choir, Doug Allen, Judy Widrig, Christina Nelson, and Beth St. Cyr.

Composing has almost always been a part of Joni's life — she began playing by ear at age four, and at age ten began writing music. She enjoys writing for a variety of instruments, but considers piano to be her best avenue of inner expression — an important element in many of her works.

She has written over twenty-five contemporary pieces that in the future will be performed by Theresa Bagnowski, who has played concert openings

for Steve Camp and Carmen. Also to her credit are three jazz pieces, an art song cycle entitled "The Psalms" which will be performed Wednesday, and over thirty pieces of art music.

Among the original works on Wednesday's program will be "L'amour d'une mere" and "La Joie de Dieu chez soi," or "The Joy that comes from God." The first piece was written for cellist Christina Nelson and attempts to express in sound the various ways a mother shows love to her child, while "La Joie de Dieu chez soi" expresses and attempts to offer back to God the joy He has placed within her life.

After graduation, Joni hopes to continue her study in composition with professional composers, and have some of her works published. Come to the chapel on Wednesday night at 8:00pm for their first performance.

## Bring Ears and Homework

by Phil Silvey

You may have noticed him peering at you through his red glasses from behind the stainless steel shelves of the dishroom as his hands skillfully maneuver food-stained plates and bowls, but have you heard Steve Mitchell play the piano with those same dextrous fingers? If not, you'll have your chance on Monday night, February 16, at 8:00pm when Steve hits the Steinway on Wesley Chapel stage for his senior recital.

"I didn't know what else to do," Steve confessed when asked why he chose to major in applied piano at Houghton, but hear him play once and you are convinced the choice was inevitable. Steve named Karen Carpenter, Dino, and Floyd Cramer as some of his musical inspirations. Vladimir Ashkenazy is his favorite pianist in the world. "I like him because he's short. The only thing I don't like is that he wears turtle necks," Steve confides. (Incidentally, Steve stands a towering 5'6"). He plans to attend graduate school at either the University of Michigan or Westminster Choir College to study piano pedagogy and performance.

His hour-long concert will consist of Mendelssohn's Scherzo a Capriccio in F sharp minor, Toccata in C minor

by J.S. Bach, a three movement Beethoven Sonata in E flat major, Bartok's Two Rumanian Dances, and it will close with Chopin's Ballade in F minor. If none of those titles or composers ring a bell, then possibly a little exposure to some art music might do you good. Steve claims the Bartok is his favorite to play "because it's loud and wild, just like me."

Steve performed this same program at the Newport Assembly of God Church near his home on February 8 as a trial run to alleviate some of his nervousness, as well as save a long drive for friends from home who wanted to hear the recital. Ahead of him is a performance of the Liszt E flat piano concerto with the Houghton Philharmonic in the spring.

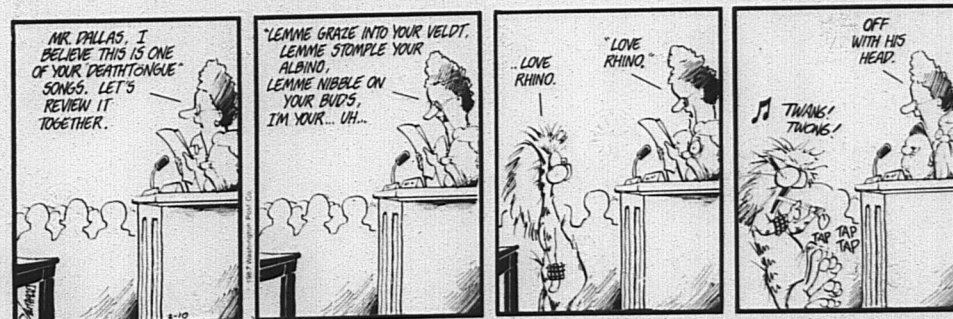
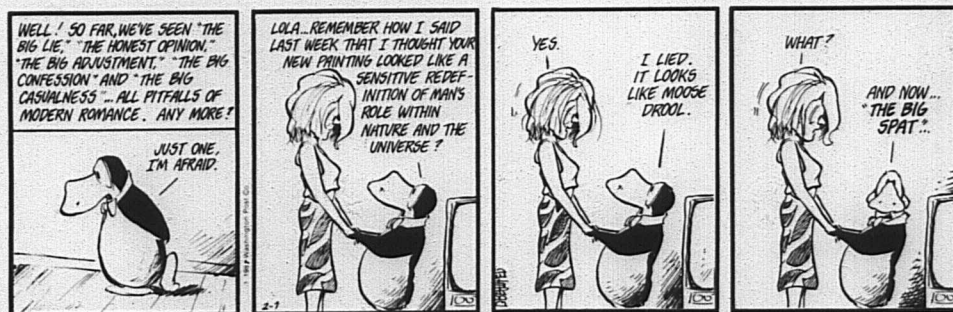
In accordance with tradition, a reception will follow, and the refreshment table will feature bar-type cookies and slushy pineapple-flavored red punch with jello in it. Many will be disappointed to hear that Steve decided to forego his original idea of having little cups of peas and zip lock baggies of coup at the reception, due to the cost of spoons.

Steve invites, "Bring your ears and your homework and enjoy tasty pasteries!" Who could refuse an offer like that?



# BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



# Classifieds

## "A LITTLE BIT OF ITALY"

(Not to be confused with "A Little Italy")

The East Hall Banquet will be held March 21, 6:30 PM at Salvatore's Italian Gardens in Buffalo. Tickets are \$12.00 per person and will be available at East Hall SOON!!

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Love,  
Bunny

The Supra got a flat, oh what a shame. But that was all part of his little game. Chewy came back to the beach with a sigh. And Tut said, "I told you he was that kind of guy."

(Continued next week...)

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—Budbords

A very heartfelt THANK YOU to my benefactor— Thanks for the reception! And for all those who helped and planned— You made my night wonderful!

A. L. Goss

**Holly Lawton—**  
Happy Valentine's Day!!! Hope Kris Kringle brings you nice things...uh, scratch that...Got any clues yet? Not even a hint?

Guess Who

**Numero 35—**

Estoy loca por ti!  
Buena suerte manana,

Con amor,  
Amy

**Dave Harbaugh—**  
Although my name You do not know, I'll tell you In a week or so. But until then, You'll be just fine, 'Cause this is from Your Valentine!

**Bob Morrison—**  
WHY A REDHEAD???  
Everybody knows blondes have more fun.

Love,  
Your Secret  
Valentine

**Angela—**  
You are my reason for being. Be my Valentine for now and for always.

To my Favorite  
**FUTURE Bag-Person:**  
I'm growing to love you more and more...  
You ARE what I want...

Ler's Sister

**Sharon Combs—**  
I know your first love is A.C.O.,  
I'd like to be your second one don't you know.  
When out on the town an evening is spent,  
We'll have quite the time like Lady and Gent...

Love,  
Your Secret  
Valentine

**Charles—**  
We'll live forever knowing together that we did it all for the glory of God.

Ich Liebe Dich  
Wendy

**Kevin—**  
For all you do, this ad's for you. We think you're great.  
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**Renee Potter—**  
Will you marry me? I need a wife by May 11, 1987. Panic is setting in!

Love,  
Your Secret Valentine

**Jon—**  
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(So it's a bit early...)

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