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World Wide Evangelism Runs Amuck

The following is a guest editorial submitted at the request of the editor.

While describing the roots of our Christian Heritage, a speaker in chapel last week casually remarked that from 800—1500 A.D. nothing substantial occurred in Christendom. Lately I've heard a lot about being 'World Christians'—to be aware of our unity with Christians from other nations. Here, in chapel we had, supposedly, a classic example of a world Christian. Well traveled and bilingual, this man sets an example that most would like to aspire to. I think, though, that it would be more appropriate to term him a 'World Evangelical Protestant.'

Yeah well, nothing did happen from 800—1500 A.D. except that if it weren't for Charelmagne, a Roman Catholic, we'd all be 'World Muslims.' Still, that's no big deal, after all there was nothing going on in the Dark Ages—people just gathered muck on feudalistic estates and twiddled their thumbs waiting for the Renaissance. Then one day the Medici family said "Hey, lets have some light on the subject." Martin Luther came along; tried to set the Pope straight; didn't get immediate results or his money back; so he started Protestantism. That's when the history of Christendom began. Of course, I am being quite sarcastic—if you didn't notice, that's quite sad.

While the phrase 'World Christian' may sound noble it is meaningless. The 'world' part is a good idea but which 'Christian' are we talking about? A missionary came to my history class last week and shared the need for Christians to evangelize Europe. Afterwards, our professor stated that we should all work on learning at least one foreign language. We can't efficiently reach the Italians if we don't speak Italian. Our curriculum is being internationalized so that we can learn to better communicate between different countries. Ah yes, progress. Erstwhile no doubt well-intentioned Protestants are still witnessing to my Roman Catholic friends at Houghton. They've probably read the chic publication tracts that says the Pope is the Anti-Christ. He must be: he drinks wine and worships the Virgin Mary.

A man who just recently died was taken on a tour of heaven by St. Peter. Passing a room full of candles and icons the man asked St. Peter, "Who's in there?" St. Peter responded "The Greek Orthodox." Passing another room emanating Church Latin the man once again asked

"Who's in there?" St. Peter smiled "Oh, that's the Roman Catholics." Finally after a full day of touring they came to a quiet room. "Who's in there?" the puzzled man asked. "Shhhh!" St. Peter replied "That's the Protestants, they think they're the only ones here."

I sincerely question the value of becoming acquainted with multitudinous cultures when Christians are profoundly ignorant of their own cultural heritage.

Respectfully,
Sharon J. Wittemann
President, Bereans

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Elsewhere...

by Patricia Uleskey

Bonn, West Germany— West Germany's opposition Social Democratic Party (SPD) suffered heavy losses in November 9th state polls in Hamburg, one of their main bastions of power, while Chancellor Helmut Kohl's conservatives made a strong showing.

Dublin, Ireland— Police in the Irish Republic were on full alert Sunday, Nov. 9, after Protestant guerrillas from Northern Ireland planted explosives in Dublin and threatened with car bomb attacks. Two grenade devices were planted in garbage cans on Dublin's main thoroughfare and exploded Friday night causing minor fires but no injuries.

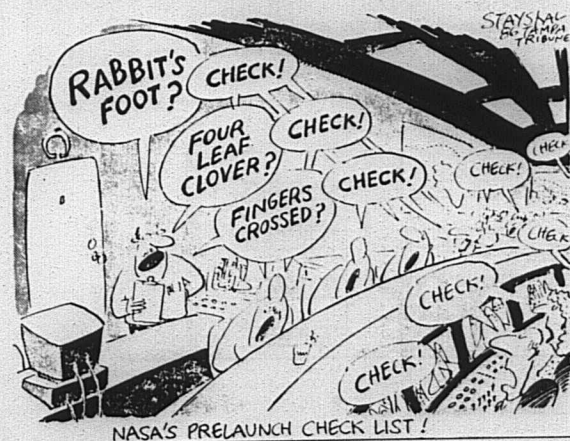
Amsterdam, Netherlands— A spillage at a Swiss chemical plant near Basel caused Dutch engineers to close sluices and locks this week in an attempt to protect the country's extensive inland waterways from contamination by toxic waste flowing down the River Rhine. Thirty metric tons of toxic waste is contaminating a 60-mile-long stretch of lowlands.

Maputo, Mozambique— South African allegations that Mozambique and Zimbabwe planned to overthrow the Malawian government have been flatly denied by Mozambique government officials.

South African Foreign Minister Roelof Botha said a document was found in the wreckage of a plane in which President Samora Machel was killed. This document supposedly showed that Machel met with Zimbabwean officials to plot the overthrow of Malawian President H. Kamuzu Banda.

Peking, China— Japanese Prime minister Yasuhiro Nakasone's 2-day visit to Peking is expected to emphasize recent improvements in Sino-Japanese relations. China's large trade deficit with Japan and Chinese interest in attracting more Japanese investment were expected to top the agenda of the talks.

Alleged US deals with Iran to free hostages in Lebanon hurt White House credibility and split the administration... Because of sliding profits, mergers, especially in the oil industry, corporate charitable giving will fall 2.5% this year... Coke, Celtics, "American Bandstand"—a flood of stock offerings is hitting Wall Street; it's a buyer's market... Experts respond to a Carnegie Foundation report that finds problems and solutions for American colleges.



Loan-ly Business

by Lori Booser

All federal aid programs will receive increases in 1987-88. President Reagan signed the legislation on October 17.

Recently, Troy Martin, Assistant Director of Financial Aid for Houghton College, attended the annual New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association Conference. During the conference, 800 members received updates on the financial packets available to students.

The first change will occur in the Pell program. The Pell program will increase from \$2100 to \$2300 with additional increases of \$200 each year.

Another change involves the federal government's Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG). This campus-based grant is currently \$2000. In 1987-88, it will increase to \$4000. Martin explained that the total sum never goes to just one student. The college spreads the money out to students with additional financial needs.

The third change is in the National

Direct Student Loan (NDSL), now called the Perkins Loan. This loan is obtained through the college. The current six-month grace period for repayment will increase to nine months next year.

Students will also find a change in the Guaranteed Student Loan. Right now they may borrow \$2500. However, next year, freshmen and sophomores may borrow up to \$2625, and juniors and seniors up to \$4000. As in the past, the actual amount received will be less than that sum.

While the federal government increases loan amounts, it will also raise the interest rate from the current 8% to 8 1/2% for the first four years of repayment and then 10% the fifth year and beyond.

Because of these changes, students will benefit from the extra financial aid, but a slight drawback will occur at graduation. Students taking ten years to repay their Guaranteed Student Loan could owe as much as \$25,440 just on loans.

CID— AIDS or Gender

by Lorry Arnold

The seventh meeting of the 1986-87 Student Senate was called to order at 7:45 Tuesday night.

The most time-consuming issue for the evening concerned the topic of CID. Only one group had prepared a possible topic: Randi Mathisen and Holly Lang with "designated gender roles in society." After Randi and Holly's presentation, however, a new topic suddenly emerged: "AIDS" presented by Wayne Hill and David Wingard. Since the AIDS topic had not been researched thoroughly, the senate decided to table the decision for which topic until the next senate meeting.

A motion was made to reschedule the next senate meeting from Tuesday the 25th to Tuesday the 18th due to Thanksgiving break. The motion passed.

A motion was made to send a letter to the appropriate authority to initiate an investigation of the security officers. This motion passed.

Another motion was moved to send a letter to the publications committee concerning the irregular publication of the Star and the sparsity of news in the issues. This motion also passed.

The academic affairs council reported that Dean Barnes accepted the presidency at Marion College starting next year. CAB announced that the movie "The Color Purple" scheduled for Nov. 15 would not be shown because it required a \$600 deposit which would be wasted if the film was rejected by the film review committee. A junior spot will be held in its place unless the juniors can not fill 45 minutes of time.

A request had been sent from senate to the faculty for a student representative in the faculty meetings. This request was denied by faculty due to the fact that some faculty members may be intimidated by the presence of a student.

The charity drive will be one of the main topics at next Tuesday's meeting.

The \$4 Million Building We Have The Technology

by Lorry Arnold

Plans for the construction of a new academic building entail the razing of Gaoyadeo and Woolsey Hall and the relocation of Fancher Hall.

The new building will house five academic divisions: English and Speech, Foreign Language, History and Social Science, Religion and Philosophy, and Education. Each division will have its own reading/study room similar to those in the science building.

The proposed structure will consist of 45,000 square feet — that's three times the size of Fancher. The cost is estimated at \$89 per square foot — that's over \$4 million.

The building will be constructed on the present site of Woolsey and Fancher Halls. Woolsey Hall will be torn down as soon after Commencement as possible. At the same time, Fancher will be lifted off of its foundation and moved to a new one located on the Gaoyadeo site. The new foundation will be built this spring as soon as weather permits. Gaoyadeo will be torn down this winter. Construction of the new building is expected to begin this summer with the completion date targeted for the fall of 1988.

The reason why the new academic

building is not simply going to be built on the vacant Gao lot is because the site can not accommodate such a large structure. The Woolsey/Fancher site is considered the most suitable.

Fancher Hall is going to be relocated rather than demolished because of all the history behind the building — it was one of the first buildings on campus. Also, Fancher was completely remodeled recently, costing several thousands of dollars.

Woolsey Hall is being demolished altogether partly because it is neither energy efficient nor fire rated.

During the one year interim when the new academic building will be under construction, Fancher Hall should be functioning status quo in its new location, but special accommodations will have to be made for the classes and offices housed in Woolsey.

Some tentative plans are to move the offices to one of either Moon, Bedford, or Pickle houses. Some classes may have to be held in science labs; others may be held in the East Hall recreation room or even in various parts of the cafeteria. There is also a possibility of lengthening the teaching day to accommodate the classes.

Body Builders

Fourth in our weekly series that highlights the less-visible members of the Houghton community. We encourage students, faculty, staff, and community members to think of a less-visible member of the body of Christ at Houghton College and to submit a column about that person for use in this series.

by Julie Beth Siemens

Tokens of love are all around Joan Miller, from the Billy Joel poster that gazes at her from the wall to the rainbow of "thinking of you" cards and postcards from alumni and friends who "still haven't forgotten." Hers is a life filled with making people happy while satisfying the many on-the-job demands she meets every day.

Of her life before Houghton, the Friendship, New York, native says, "I worked at Friendship High School doing much the same job I do here, but then I became a Christian, and I thought it would be nice to work at a Christian school. I applied at Houghton and got the job. I've worked here for the past eight years and I couldn't be happier."

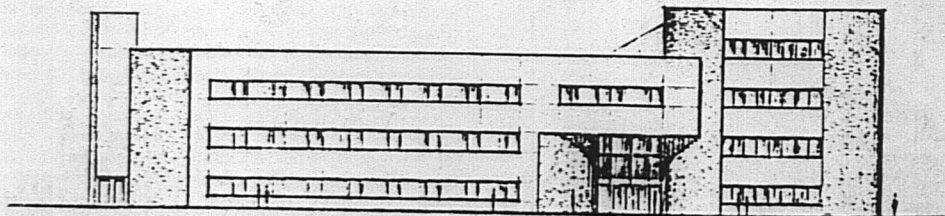
Her job includes being secretary for both the English and Speech and Religion and Philosophy divisions. "I know that the tasks I perform are mundane—basically it's just secretarial work; you know, typing, busiwork, that kind of thing, but I like my job a lot."

On a typical day, Miller is at work at 7:30 a.m. to prepare fresh, hot coffee "so people won't come apart at the seams." From then on, it's typing and taking care of the little things that need to be done. "Although," she grins, "every once in a while for some reason a teacher will have to leave the class, and I'll get to go down and start a video tape or something." She giggles, "I love it when I get to do that."

Asked what she likes most about the job itself, she says, "Well, the people around here keep it interesting. One day, I got a call from Dr. O'Byrne who told me to grab my camera, and he'd be up to get me in a minute. We ended up around the side of Fancher Hall where we found Dr. Mullen on a ladder washing the first-floor windows. That was a particularly fun day. I meant to ask him if that job was in his contract."

Away from the daily pressures of work, Joan likes to avoid spiders, anchovies, and people who ask, "How are you?" only for conversation. She explains "Once an effusive woman, whom I had known years ago, stopped me in a shopping center to gush 'Oh, Jo, how are you?' When I quietly replied that I was dead, she blurted, 'That's just marvelous! Let me tell you about my...'"

With her trademark smile softening, Joan looks thoughtful as she adds, "I really like Houghton people—people with sincere smiles that are there because of the joy of the Lord in their hearts. I love hugs—hugs are the wonderful warm fuzzies that brighten your heart; Billy Joel! I love music and especially Billy Joel. Oh, and classical, too, I'm just learning about that."



Artist's conception of new academic building

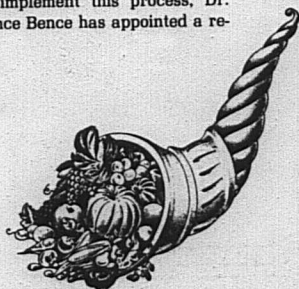
Dare to Dance?

At the recent Board of Trustees Meeting, the Board referred for action to the Student Development Committee an issue which had come up in the April Board Meeting and had been discussed by the Student Development Committee at its September meeting. The issue surfaced with a question concerning the propriety of having a classical ballet as an event within the Artist Series. As the Student Development Committee discussed that subject, it was decided to recommend to the Board that the issue be discussed in substance over the period of this academic year, but the committee recommended to the Board that the subject be handled from a predetermined position. It seemed wise to members of the Student Development Committee to state at the outset that the college's position against social dance would not be changed. However, other aspects of the dance (art dance, liturgical dance, and folk dance) would be examined and definitions concerning those forms of dance along with a recommended position would be helpful for the Board to consider at some later date. Therefore, the following charge was given to the Student Development Committee by the Board of Trustees: 1) the committee is given the task of defining other forms of dance (e.g., art dance, liturgical dance, folk dance), and recommending a college position on forms of dance other than social dance, and 2) the Committee, as a part of its work, is requested to bring back to the Board a written rationale for the current position against social dance.

To implement this process, Dr. Clarence Bence has appointed a re-

presentative working group to study the issue and to bring back a recommendation to the Student Development Committee. The working group will consist of Dr. C. Nolan Huizenga from the faculty; Miss Priscilla Ries for the Board of Trustees; Miss Janelle Lang the President of Student Senate; Mr. Kenneth Heer representing church interests; and Dean Robert Danner, who will chair the committee.

As the committee begins its work, Dr. Bence is soliciting input from those in the college community who wish to contribute to this discussion and to the committee's consideration of this issue. He is interested both in position statements and in bibliographic information which the community might believe to be helpful. He is stipulating that input be written and that it should be directed to any of the committee members named above. It is the committee's intent to work through this process during the fall semester with an initial draft of the committee's report available for preliminary review by the Student Development Committee at its January meeting. The committee hopes that the final recommendation from the working group can be ready for consideration by the Student Development Committee and the full Board at the April 1987 meeting.



Scholar-Tips

by Lori Booser

According to Troy Martin, Assistant Director of Financial Aid for Houghton College, approximately 72% of Houghton students rely on loans to make their financial obligations each year. To alleviate the strain of loans, the financial aid office at Houghton strives to aid incoming students by offering five different scholarships.

To receive the \$1450 Presidential Scholarship, a freshman must rank in the top 10% of his class and score 1100 on the SAT. The recipient is chosen because of the incoming freshman's high school record of music and sports activities, leadership strengths, and community services. This year, only six students received this scholarship.

The Stephen W. Paine Scholarship gives \$1160 to students who score 1200 on their SAT and rate in the top 5% of their class. The Scholarship Committee (members of Admissions and Financial Aid) choose recipients based on the nominations they receive from the division heads and on the financial need of the student. Ten students received this scholarship.

The \$580 Trustee's Scholarship

is given to freshmen scoring above 1200 on their SAT or ranking in the top 5% of their high school class. The Scholarship Committee decides who will receive this scholarship based on financial need. Twenty students received this award this year.

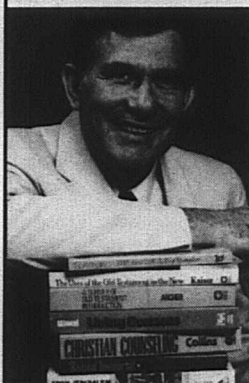
Both the Trustee's and Paine scholarships are renewable for freshmen maintaining a 3.0 grade average, sophomores a 3.1, and juniors a 3.2. Both scholarships give an additional \$200 toward students who need the extra finance.

The Freshman Scholarship automatically gives \$485 to freshmen scoring 1100 on SATs or ranking in the top 10% of their graduating class. Seventy-six freshmen received this one-year award in 1986-87.

The fifth scholarship is the Houghton Honor Scholarship. This is awarded if a freshman has been nominated for the National Merit Scholarship. This student may then receive from \$500 to \$2,000.

According to Troy Martin, other factors influence a student's decision on a college, but "financial means are one top deciding factor."

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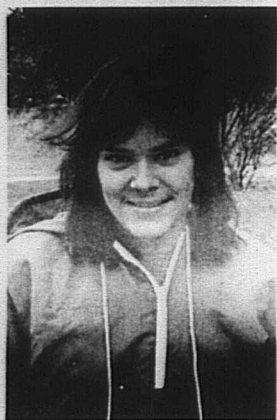
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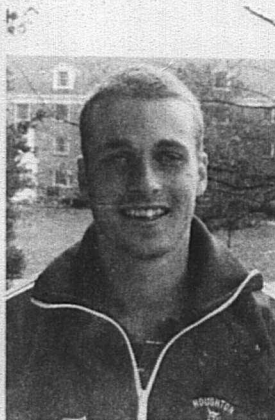
Seniors in Action



Virna Vidauri

Sports: Volleyball, Track
Major: Biology
Minors: Math, Chemistry
Achievements

District All-Tournament team in '84', '85, and '86.
National All Tournament team in '85.
Vassor Tournament team in '84.
College record in javelin throw (111').
Placed 2nd in javelin at National in '85.



Greg Gidman

Sports: Soccer, Track
Major: Bible
Minor: Physical Education
Achievements

NCCAA All-American soccer team in '84. N.Y. State Division III soccer team, honorable mention in '84.
NAIA All-District in '85. 4th place at National in mile relay in '85.
3rd place at Nationals in mile relay in '84.

Lang's Gang Squeezes Orange Crush!

by Dave Morris

The past two weeks of intramural play has resulted in the lead-up to the play-offs. On Monday the 10th the 1st football play-off game took place as "Orange Crush" was finally crushed 3-1 in overtime by "Lang's Gang." Skip Trudeau, at quarterback (who faintly resembles the Chicago Bears' Jim McMahon and William "The Refrigerator" Perry) played a great game. In the thick of things with Trudeau, John Carlock ("Mr. Stick-um") Julie Button, George Wilson, and Allison Mikkola powered the "Gang." For the "Crush," Cathy Stoner, Dan Wood, and emotional stabilizer Rob Treadwell, kept their team in there till the end. At press time, Bob Hill's "The Lotts" will have played Dan Houghton's "Green Giants." The winner of this game will have played "Lang's Gang" in the Houghton Super Bowl Thursday night under the lights across from Shenawana dorm. Look

for more next week.

In co-ed floor hockey the season ended Monday Nov. 10. No. 1 floor hockey team, Dr. Young's "Universal Juveniles" will play the No. 4 team Jim Harmon's "Shin Shooters." Also Bob Hill's "Restless Break" plays Dave Omdals "Top Guns," the winner will play next week Monday or Tuesday. In men's hockey played on Monday the 10th, a game that meant a lot to many people, was played between "So what if we lose" and "Black Dog." The game was a very well-played game with emotion flowing as 50 to 60 fans watched "Black Dog" win 7-2 as Brent Poley fired 4 shots in, to put the team in 1st place in the men's league. Due to the goal margin, "Black Dog" will be no. 1 and play no. 4 "Top Gun". No. 2 "So What if We Lose" played Steve Rigg's team "No Name" in play-offs this week. Playoffs will be Monday the 25th or Tuesday the 26th.

An Awesome Season!

by Paul Allen

On Saturday, November 8, the Houghton cross-country teams competed in the NCCAA National Cross-Country Championships. The race was hosted by Cedarville College at John Bryan State Park in Ohio. The racing conditions were perfect: a flat, grassy course, a little mud, a competitive field, and temperatures in the seventies.

The women's race was first. The first Houghton runner to cross the finish was Mary McCullough in 13th place. The top 10 runners earned All-American status; Mary missed by only three places. Freshman sensation, Marci Skiff, came in 28th with a time of 21:05. A few spots back was Karen Crafts in 39th (22:12) and Janet Russell in 42nd (22:48). Freshmen Lisa Strand and Pam Bigham rounded out Houghton's team by taking 45th and 53rd place. Out of the 17 colleges represented, the Houghton women took 6th place overall.

The men's field sported 20 teams from all over the nation. The Houghton men ran well but the competition proved superior. Led by Hobie Beedon in 36th place, the men's team took 12th place overall. Dave Wingard and Brad Trail ran excellently and finished the five mile course in 29:12 and 29:28 respectively. Coming in next in 87th was Randy Duttweiler at 30:11. Seniors Paul Allen and Ned Farnsworth finished together in 32:01 and 32:25. Tim Paulding suffering from a knee injury, courageously finished in 36:58.

The meet was over but the trip back proved more interesting than

the meet. The team, all 14 of them, exhausted, starving, and agony-ridden, squeezed into a dirty blue van for the nine hour journey home. Along the way, they ran over several skunks, and got pulled over by the police for driving the wrong way on a one-way street. They stopped at a Pizza Hut and had an eating contest, which Randall P. Duttweiler won. (He ate 1½ pizzas!). Pam Bigham dominated the girls by inhaling seven pieces of pizza, a loaf of garlic bread, and a pitcher of Pepsi.

Both cross country teams enjoyed winning seasons. They have made new friends, ran a lot of miles, and had a lot of fun! Congratulations on an awesome season!



He Ate 1½ Pizzas!

MEN'S BASKETBALL: article will appear in the next issue of the Star. The team's first home game will be played this weekend on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Come and cheer the guys on to victory!

MEN'S VARSITY SOCCER: exciting action this Friday November 14 vs. Nyack College at 2:00 p.m. If the men win, they will play on Saturday against King's College for the right to go to Texas during Thanksgiving for Nationals. Come out and support your team even though it will cost you a dollar!

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Blosser Brings Art to Houghton

by Ted Murphy

Nick Blosser is an artist from Mount Vernon, Ohio. He teaches at Mount Vernon Nazarene College and Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. Mr. Blosser received his B.F.A. and M.F.A. from the Ohio State University. He has received numerous awards for his paintings including Best of Show in the 71st Columbus Art League Show, a \$5,000 Ohio foundation grant in 1984 and the Prix de Rome prize for painting from the American Academy in Rome. The Rome prize enabled him to study and work in Rome at the Academy for one year. He and his wife have travelled extensively throughout Europe and the United States.

Mr. Blosser's paintings reveal a sophisticated naivete and a refined

sense of color and form. At first glance, his paintings appear too simple, almost childlike. However, through closer inspection one can see the rich atmosphere of paints which reveal numerous color nuances. His shape reductions are carefully formed to flatten space and isolate fields of color.

These compositions are at once joyful and troublesome. There is a feeling of unease in many of his paintings. Blosser uses a variety of subject matter in his work. For Blosser anything can become important and meaningful if given the time to see and develop it through his work. Blosser's work will be on display along with Jim Linehaus' small acrylic paintings through the first week in December in the Wesley Chapel Gallery.



Brenneman Satisfies Curiosity

by Barbara Baker

The play "The Curious Savage" will be performed Friday and Saturday November 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. with a matinee on Saturday at 2 p.m..

Ethel P. Savage has ten million dollars to give away to people with a desperate need to be foolish. But her children believe the money can be put to better use—their own. Consequently, Mrs. Savage finds herself in "The Cloisters," a home for people who have trouble facing life straight on. But Mrs. Savage finds some unlikely allies in the guests at "The Cloisters," and the three Savage children contend with everything from stuffed porpoises to unexpected blackouts in their singleminded pursuit for money and "family pride." Come and see what happens when wealth and power pass beyond the admirable and attain the ridiculous.

Bruce Brenneman, who directed this play before with high school students, chose to do the play again to see what different interpretation could be brought to it by college students. He says he has not been disappointed. He also said that one of the great things about directing plays at Houghton is "Being able to take people from all over campus who don't know each other and see the new friendships that develop, along with the working relationship the actors establish among themselves."

Mr. Brenneman picks plays in which there is not one main character, where the entire focus is not brought down to one person. This is true of "The Curious Savage." There is a title role (played by Hilary Hashagen), but for Brenneman, the other roles are just as vital.

Special note needs to be taken of some particular people who sometimes escape notice in these productions.

First is Tom Cutting. Tom is the set designer, builder, and stage manager. He is responsible for getting everything organized that has to do with the stage. He deserves the credit for finding someone to build the bay window, and for setting the window on the stage himself. Also, the stage crew deserves recognition for painting and nailing and doing the general dirty work no one else has time to do.

Bill Dunkerly is a junior this year and has done lighting for most of the shows in the past three years. His assistant, Ann Bruce is a freshman this year. Bill is training Ann to take over lighting when he graduates.

Lastly there is Rose Beardsley, prop and knick-knack finder extraordinaire. Rose spends her own time to find both needed props, and extra things that make rooms look authentic, which is sometimes hard to achieve when your theater doubles as a classroom.

"Truth is generally the best vindication against slander."
—Abraham Lincoln

Opinion

Urso Slams Opinions

Dear Jonathan,

I write this letter because I am at the point of throwing up whenever I read the opinions in the *Star*. So far most of the letters, right or left, have had the clear-headed sensibility of a woman in labor. The letters last week (except for Donna Nasca's) seemed to prove that perhaps man has evolved apes. No I take that back; apes aren't as stupid.

I would think that as Christians we would find more to write about than complaints about The Pledge, the pledge, quotes in the *Star* and belaboring an argument about war that you started.

I mean, come on Mr. Shea. Do you really think people who go watch "sex scenes" at the movies Saturday night go to church on Sunday? I think the former may provide a little bit more excitement to those who like to watch those movies as opposed to liturgical readings. If John and Charles Wesley are turning over in their graves, it may be to get a closer look on the world to see how to help it, not just write letters about it. And frankly it will be easier to change the name of the chapel than to change the activities of the people inside. I don't like what my peers do sometimes either, Mr. Shea, but let us be real, okay? This is 1986 not 1936 (your stated year of graduation). And by the way, can you imagine Jesus killing an Indian to preach to an Indian & I can't either. Also, Mr. Shea, officers of the government do need to honor the state, but not before God (Give unto Caesar...). Murdering a criminal for his crime doesn't solve the problem of the existence of that crime or

prevent anarchy as you suggest. All it does is release you from feeling any guilt or responsibility to the victims, or your society, by the implementation of the methods of a Neanderthal civilization.

Mr. Fountain, as far as your "opinion on Christian concerts is concerned, does everything a Christian do have to praise God? If so, do I praise God when I release gas? To remove something from your life, or to look negatively at something, that does not help you praise God or assist your Christian walk is stupid. But hey, that is just my opinion, right. I mean church here at Houghton does not help me praise God or assist my Christian walk, but I don't look down on it either.

Let's get off The Pledge's back, shall we? Please do not assume The Pledge has a responsibility to represent Houghton College just because they go to school here. They play to entertain and for whatever other reasons. They don't have to represent the college and I don't think the college is particularly excited about The Pledge representing them. And Mr. O'Brien, Christian songs are not as popular as secular songs, and since The Pledge serves to entertain people they need not justify their existence by playing music they do not like. You say there is no difference between movement and social dancing. Even if I agree with you who says social dancing is wrong? A man who died before the turn of this century or you? I mean, who are you that I should believe any value judgement you make? You quote Romans 14:21. I'll grant you that, but what if not being able to dance, or whatever else, offends me? If everyone ran around trying to please everyone else we'd be a world full of President Reagans. I mean, I'm real sure Christ was

concerned about not offending the money changers.

Oh, Mary Beekley, Lisa Sievenpiper, and Holly Lang. It's always refreshing to hear from egocentric feminists. Perhaps next week you'll rake the letterhead style over the coals?

Everyone here at Houghton College is so concerned with logic and pleasantries that we are fast becoming impotent Christians who care more to elaborate on rock bands named after furniture polish in the more perfect Aristotelian logic than to feed some starving old woman in the same county they live in. What am I doing you may wonder? Keep wondering. It's none of your business. I am not going to prove myself to anyone just to back up something I have to say. I'm not trying to prove I'm right and everyone else is wrong, but I was so tired of listening to you people and not reading any sane statements in this rag. I just thought I'd speak my mind, and that's all.

Giocchino Jack Urso

Single and Superior

Dear Jonathan,

I disagree very strongly with the opinions expressed in your mother's guest editorial, about the so-called "superiority" of women. The "protection and "cherishing" of women by men have long been subtle expressions of an underlying assumption that women need to be protected and cherished because of their inferior intellects and abilities.

To be "freed" from the responsibilities of men is to be restricted from the opportunities which should rightfully be ours. I find the attitude of men who wish to "honor" me because I am a woman to be extremely patronizing.

As for Mrs. Lightfoot's advice that we view Christian marriage as a fulfilling of ourselves as women — I am fulfilling myself as a person right now. My womanhood is complete in my own identity and in my relationship with Christ, and whether married or single, I will never, ever depend upon any man for my fulfillment.

To those such as Mrs. Lightfoot who speak of a "higher level" of superiority, I reply that there is no higher level than the equality of women and men as persons.

Sincerely,
Randi S. Mathisen

Gong Rings On

Dear Editor:

"Certain _____ should be struck regularly, like gongs." Fill in the blank with one of the following:

elderly people
children
overseas hostage victims
Blacks
American Indians
foreigners
"poor folk"
animals (laboratory or household)
Which ones are funny?

Sincerely,
Sue Budz

"Often an entire city
has suffered because
of an evil man."

—Hesiod



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Alumni Echoes Own Opinion

Dear Friends of Houghton,

I think that *The Houghton Star* would be a better use of paper if its contributors would approach their task (contributing) with a less pompous attitude. I've seen a few issues of the *Star* this year and I have been very bummed out to see so many people take their own opinions (and other people's too) so seriously.

Please remember that the world is going to be a frustrating, non-ideal place every single day until our Lord returns. Let's not write letters (and editorials too, Jon) as though they contained the one little nugget of

truth that could make the world a "flowery" place once again. Not even this wonderful masterwork of literature and reasoning is going to improve the *Star* very much, I'm sure.

I love just about everyone I know in Houghton and I want you all to remember, as you pick up your poisoned, pompous, or opinionated pens, that you may just be about to do more harm than good, and that you might just be all wet.

See you real soon! Why?...

Jim La Dine '86

P.S. Why don't I just go ahead now, and apologize to anyone that I may have offended?

I deeply regret that I offended _____ (your name) in the above letter, which appeared in this very issue of the *Star*. I am very sorry (that you misinterpreted me). What I meant to say was...



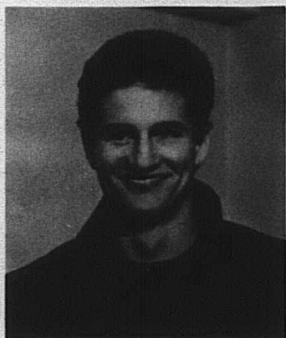
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Campus Camera

Linda Hess

Ken Nielsen is anticipating the renovation of the dining hall in the future years and encourages student input.

What Changes Would You Like to See In The Dining Hall?



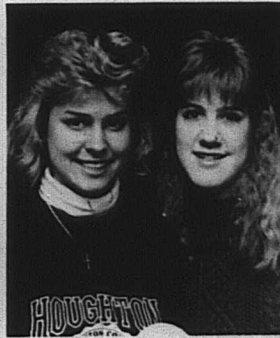
David Alan Hentosh
Sophomore

"Maybe a soft ice cream machine or a P.A. system that works."



Pam Hayes
Sophomore

"The dining hall seems adequate to me. There are other facilities at Houghton College that could use some renovation."



**Jodi Lettsome and
Martha Paine**
Freshmen

"Tables and chairs that don't rock!"



John Oak
Petrified Senior

"Toothpicks on every table."



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