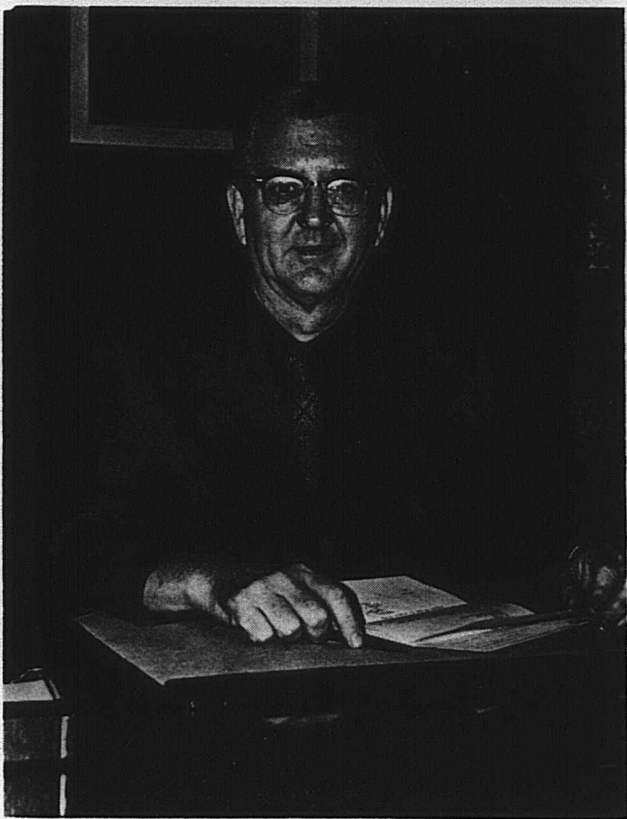


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Dr. Wilber Dayton

## President Dayton Announces Plans to Leave Next August

Our college president, Dr. Wilber Dayton, announced to the Board last May that he will not be available after August 1976 for a second term of office.

After leaving Houghton, Dr. Dayton plans to teach New Testament in a young evangelical seminary of the Wesleyan persuasion in the South. According to Dr. Dayton, he is still as strongly committed as ever to Christian Liberal Arts and to the Wesleyan Church. Nevertheless, he perceives his ministry at this time to be to the greater evangelical and Wesleyan community, by helping to establish this young seminary.

In a letter to the faculty last summer, Dr. Dayton expressed concern about the timing of a change in administration in relation to the report to the Middle States Association in April 1977. This report will present the college's progress in areas of governance, student affairs, and finances. Dr. Dayton realizes that his announcement will, in some ways, make presidential leadership difficult this year. However, it may prove beneficial in that it allows him a de-

gree of impartiality as he works to resolve the difficult problems of governance.

A search committee is in the process of finding a new President. The members of this committee include five Trustees: Mr. Herbert Stevenson, Rev. James Bence, Mr. Edward Sankowski, Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert, and Dr. Daniel Heinz; the Academic

Dean, Dr. Frederick Shannon; the Chairman of the Division of Philosophy and Religion, Dr. Carl Schultz; one elected faculty member, Dr. James Barcus; the General Secretary of Education in the Wesleyan Church, Dr. Leo G. Cox; the Alumni President, Dr. Gerald Lloyd; and the Student Senate President, Mr. Walter Fleming.

## Higher Education Grants Will Increase Student Opportunity

A \$15,925 anonymous foundation grant was one of two major grants totaling \$34,894 which Houghton College received during this summer. This foundation gift is fourth in a series of grants now totaling over \$50,000. The money will be applied toward the cardiac pacemaker research which has been carried on at the college for seven years.

\$18,969 in matching Title VI Federal Higher Education Act grants have been secured in three areas: chemistry, language and psychology. These grants are federally funded and state administered, restricted to the purchase of laboratory equipment and materials. They must be matched by college funds, annually planned in the budget. The criteria for receiving Title VI grants are 1) presented need, and 2) the number of students who will benefit from such grants.

The chemistry department's \$8,750 Title VI share will be matched with slightly more to total \$17,512. This will be used to purchase lab equipment, to keep up with advances in instrumentation for research, and to build a complete collection of instruments in the chemistry department. Money for a communications skills audio-visual series of instructional

aids for the college audio visual department is included in the division grant. Due to these grants, Houghton students will be able to experiment with lab instruments.

The \$7,950 federal share for language division facilities when matched will become \$15,900. This fund will be used toward the purchase of a new Wollensak/3M Company language laboratory system consisting of an intercommunication monitoring console, 20 individual booths, headsets and recorders, a high-speed cassette duplicator, and two major viewers. Students will be provided with the opportunity to view, individually, slides or filmstrips. The new system will eliminate major deficiencies of the present one and benefit language faculty as well as students.

The budgeted \$4,538 for the psychology department — \$2,269 each Title VI and college funds — will be used to purchase basic physiological equipment. This equipment is needed for experimentation with animals and for selected standard human performance and perceptual devices. To correct a lack of visual demonstration devices, the department will also obtain a comprehensive psychology slide series.

## Houghton Community Joined By Nine Incoming Teachers

by David Mills and Stan Klebe  
Nine new members have been added to the Houghton College faculty. Three of them are Houghton graduates returning to teach. Mr. James Gibson, who graduated from Houghton in 1970, received his M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, and expects his doctorate in December, is an Assistant Professor of English; Mrs. Tanya Shire, one of two new Physical Education teachers, received her M.S. from the University of Illinois this year; and Richard Halberg, a Business Administration teacher who is working on his M.A. at Akron University.

Miss Jean Reigles and Mr. Paul Spicuzza have been added to the Music Department. Miss Reigles graduated from Roberts Wesleyan in 1969 and received her M.S. from the University of Cincinnati this summer. Mr. Spicuzza taught at Taylor University for five years before coming

to Houghton. He earned both his B.Mus. and M.Mus. from the University of Michigan, and is a doctoral candidate at Ball State University.

Mr. Ray Rosentrater, the newest member of the Math Department comes directly from acquiring his M.A. from Indiana University. He received his B.A. from Messiah College, and is a doctoral candidate at Indiana.

Mrs. Anne Schroer has been added as a part-time French instructor. Her B.A. is from Defiance College, with a degree in modern French from the University of Strasbourg, France. She has a M.A. from Washington State, and is a doctoral candidate at the University of North Colorado. She also works as a counselor in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

Mr. Thomas Kettelkamp, a former National Basketball coach of Honduras while serving with the Peace Corp,

is a new Physical Education instructor. He received his M.S. in the Sociology of Sport from the University of Illinois in 1972.

Miss Mary Conklin is the new instructor of sociology. Both her B.A. and M.A. were received from SUNY at Binghamton. She spent last year teaching and doing research for a Federal project at Binghamton.

## New Ambulance Will Provide Houghton With Efficient Emergency Precautions

Houghton, being a college town, especially needs adequate and competent emergency protection. Students, who are young, vibrant and energetic outside of the classroom, inevitably tend to injure themselves in the course of all their activity. Sports, that bruising sublimating pastime, ranks high in breeding medical emergencies. Dorm life, with the inherent social traumas, bizarre hours and general craziness, is not without its hazards. But the Houghton community is not only made up of students. In Houghton, as in any other town, there is always a possibility of a medical emergency arising at any moment.

In the past, Houghton has had to rely on nearby towns (such as Fillmore) for emergency medical assistance. Unfortunately, these towns are at least 4 miles away, a distance which can worsen any emergency situation in which time is a vital factor. Also, according to Houghton's Assistant Fire Chief Mr. Ken Boon,

the Brooks Hose Company in Fillmore is one of the most overworked rescue squads in the area. All in the community, including the squad itself, will benefit if some of this pressure is taken off.

So Houghton has begun to better equip itself for emergencies. This summer, through the work of the Fire Department, Houghton has acquired an ambulance. It became available through Mr. John Pember, who is the fire chief of Armonk, NY (a suburb of NYC), and who is also the father of 2 former Houghton students. The 1965 Cadillac is in "superb" condition, according to Mr. Boon (a Biology professor at Houghton), who was favorably impressed with the Armonk Fire Department's vehicle maintenance.

The Houghton Fire Department has looked forward to obtaining an ambulance for over four years. Now that one has become available, the Fire Department hopes that the community will "pitch in" and help

equip the vehicle. Although the ambulance has a stretcher, it lacks a radio, medical supplies, a new resuscitator and most important, a trained emergency squad. The Fire Department is looking to encourage other volunteers in the community — they do not want to use their own fire fighters for the emergency squad. Unfortunately, like most necessary items in life, emergency squad training is expensive and inconvenient. Alfred University, the closest institution offering rescue squad training, is difficult for area working people to reach. Some ideas are being discussed to work out a local training program, but as yet there are no definite plans for this.

Mr. Boon says he hopes the community and college will show their interest and support, as funds are needed for this vital emergency service to be put into operation.

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## East Hall Gets PCB Grad For Dormitory Director

Seven years ago, Kathy Harrington, prospective student, rejected Houghton on the basis that it was too isolated. This fall she assumed the resident directorship of East Hall with a new appreciation of our rural state. As a Christian Education graduate of the Philadelphia College of the Bible, Miss Harrington has worked for the past two years with the American Missionary Fellowship. As a greenhorn resident director, she is

encouraged by the resident life program at Houghton as well as the co-operation of the students themselves. For Miss Harrington, this next year will prove to be challenging and rewarding experience.

Asked about adjustment to Houghton's beautiful woodlands, the new resident director briefly answered, "It's nice, but I've got an itch for a shopping center."



## Editorials

So here we are again at Houghton. Another year stretches out ahead of us, a year of routine: haphazard studies, uncomfortable chairs, long lunch lines. What is it that draws us here? What do we expect to accomplish here? Are we here because Houghton is a fairly nice place to kill four years, or because we are afraid of plunging into the frightening, unpredictable job market? Or are we here to be educated, challenged, disciplined, and transformed into the mythological "dedicated scholars communicating Christ?"

It seems that it would be useful to determine, at each turning of a new leaf, where we are bound, and what we intend to achieve; it is easier to evaluate one's progress when one has a goal to measure against. And, having stated our purposes, perhaps the best way to achieve them would be to set out toward them, instead of rambling around for four years hoping to stumble on success. It often seems as though we start off in the exact opposite direction of where we say we want to go. For instance: If we really desire to grow spiritually, why do we complain so heartily when placed in positions which would teach us needed lessons? If we sincerely wish to become educated, why is intensive study the thing we avoid and abhor the most?

"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front out the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived." (Thoreau) Certainly none of us have "fronted out" all of the essential facts of life, neither have we learned all that life, or, for that matter, Houghton has to teach. In view, then, of the shortness of our time here, let us apply ourselves with deliberation and with a sense of purpose to our tasks at hand, and see how far we can go.

Carol Capra

Late one night a friend of mine was walking through the fields and farmlands of western New York, for reasons I do not at this time recall, although undoubtedly they sprang from pure and charitable motives. He came to a field enclosed by barbed wire, which he nimbly climbed through, being an athletic sort of fellow. After having walked only a few steps he heard a soft but rhythmic noise which seemed to be growing louder and coming his way. Suddenly over a grassy mound there appeared a herd of charging cows, or bulls, in his haste he did not take notice. He realized that this was not a Merrill Lynch, et. al. commercial, and quickly turned, retraced his few steps, and tumbled quite unathletically through the barbed wire.

Life at Houghton requires a constant choice regarding the herd, even though some like to fool themselves into thinking they can remain neutral. The great majority join the herd, some as a definite act of will, others simply slide into it. Some escape, with various degrees of bruises and cuts, at times even gashes. And some are trampled under, all that is left being an occasional "remember when so and so . . ." on a snowy winter night for reminiscences.

This is not a polemic against joining activities and organizations on campus, indeed that would be quite counter-productive, considering that we too have put up our posters asking people to join the Star staff. Everyone has a variety of friends and acquaintances, we all share in some kind of cultural heritage. As John Donne said, "no man is an island," nor were we created for the purpose of becoming islands. With this I have no quarrel.

There seems to be, however, a different type of joining, which goes beyond signing your name on a sheet of paper indicating you are interested in flag football, or German, or Christian education. It is the sacrifice of the individual to the group, an obscene rite which seems especially characteristic of twentieth century cultic observances. Perhaps it is obscene because it is a slow process, hardly recognizable by the individual till he is tied on the altar. During the whole procession up the hill he has been told only that everyone was participating in the festival in some way or another, and if he would only be patient he would find out soon enough exactly where he fit in. It is obscene because it should cause repulsion. And yet there is little anger or even consternation in the faces of those witnessing the sacrifice, they have seen it so many times before.

The herd mentality is not the kind of thing that has any objective outward trappings. The herd wears no uniform, because it lives the uniform. At times it does seem that everyone in the herd is wearing high heeled white and blue suede rock star shoes, or brown corduroy pants, or denim jackets, but that only makes for an interesting sociological statistic. Only yourself and perhaps a handful of close friends can really know if you are part of the herd, can honestly evaluate motives for actions.

But the saddest part of all is that we bring it on ourselves. We allow it to happen. We are not forced into the herd by some legislator or bureaucrat. Our society is not able to make us join, we are always free to reject that pressure. Though the threat of a bullet in the head or some more subtle form of coercion used by most "civilized" nations makes it harder for the individual to act as his true self would dictate, the possibility for choice still exists. Prisoners may be behind bars and under heavy guard in a concentration camp, detention center, or mental institution, but their minds are able to fly back to the homeland, to family and friends, and dignity. It is merely another instance in a long line of self delusions when we attempt to blame outside pressure for our alliance with the herd. As Pogo said, "We have met the enemy, and they are us."

Is there any moral to this? It seems there should be some sort of rousing rhetoric calling down fire and brimstone on someone. But I can't honestly do that. I can't say that those who live the herd mentality are corrupt and sinful. I can say that from a human point of view that kind of life seems wasteful. And God probably isn't especially pleased when his creation is wasted. We are created as individuals, and while we are on earth it seems that we should use our time to achieve as much of our potential selves as possible, to strive for the image of God that was partially lost at the Fall. God is not an amorphous cloud or principle, but is ultimate and perfect personality. In heaven we do not become as God, but rather we are completed, our selves attain their ultimate possibilities, although I admit this is a metaphysical concept of which I understand few implications.

We are left with two options. We can allow ourselves to be shaped by people and circumstances, which results in our thinking as everyone else does. Or we can learn to think for ourselves, and take the responsibility for our actions that result from that thinking. It seems that as students in a Christian liberal arts college we should be learning to choose the second.

Mark Michael

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editors:

In many areas, a Christian will have a different world-view than his neighbors. Since my involvement with activities at Houghton includes helping with the intercollegiate tennis program it is only natural that I have been asked how the approach to athletics at Houghton differs from that of a secular school. The question is certainly proper and I feel one that should be given some serious consideration. Not only is the question appropriate for life at Houghton, but it is also relevant when one ventures into the big "out-there" and is confronted by values and priorities that are often influenced by a sports-minded society.

Thus, in an attempt to initiate discussion, I express my viewpoint in the next few paragraphs. Be assured that I do not consider this material infallible and do invite criticism on any or all of the following. Only as we share spiritual insight will we become a vital, growing Christian liberal arts community effectively serving our Lord.

1. **Perspective.** A Christian's world-view will put the value of winning a game in proper perspective. He does not protest what he considers a bad call.

The plight of the unfortunate cannot be excluded from a consistent New Testament world-view. In this day of mass media with live television reports we are well aware of the poverty of the "third-world." It is not enough to say "Lord, Lord" and then ignore our fellow man. The importance of winning any game pales when compared with the suffering and starvation of people who our Saviour loves. These thoughts, of course, apply to all questions of priority. Let us turn our attention to statements more specifically dealing with athletics.

I have heard it said, "The most effective Christian witness in sports is the person who plays for Christ and wins." I would disagree with this statement most wholeheartedly. Let me instead suggest, "The most effective Christian witness in sports is the person who allows the Holy Spirit to use his life at all times." It is quite presumptuous of us to think we can determine how we can most effectively witness. Only the Holy Spirit knows the hearts and minds of those in the secular world about us. If we are committed to serving Him and we would be most effective by winning in a gentlemanly fashion, then we will win. On the other hand, if a more effective witness will be gained by losing, we will be happy to lose. If we play for Christ, our primary concern is not whether we win nor lose but rather how well we have used our opportunity to witness.

With such a mind set, it would be ridiculous to argue over what appears to be a "bad call." Furthermore, taking literally the injunction of the Sermon on the Mount, one does not even retaliate when the opposition intentionally plays "dirty."

2. **Motivation.** A Christian will perform at his best at all times in serving his Lord. He does not need to be motivated by the desire to win.

Our secular world drills into each of us the importance of being a winner and tries to develop the desire to win. Coaches in a secular setting build championship teams with this single-minded motivation. The adrenalin flows with impassioned speeches of "winning is everything!" We are told that a champion needs to have the desire to win.

How can a Christian excel when he is not primarily concerned with "winning at all costs?" I claim the committed Christian will perform at his best because he excels for a higher cause. Our Lord has asked that we do all things for His glory.

What higher calling for excellence can there be?

Furthermore, in a hopelessly lost cause, the athlete who plays to win will give up. The Christian will continue to play his best in order to serve his Lord.

3. **Respect.** A Christian will maintain respect for the dignity of his opponent. In either winning or losing, he does not comment that he could have done better.

How many times have you heard a loser complain that he had an "off-day" and thus imply that he lost to an inferior competitor. Such comments have no place in the conversation of a Christian athlete. When one loses, it is always appropriate to admit that your opponent performed better than you. Do not partially rob him of his victory!

On the other hand, winners frequently claim to have played poorly and thus imply that not only was their competition inferior, they were worse than they appeared. Christians will not add insult to injury.

Assertions of a poorly played game on your part are but a not-so-subtle put-down of your opponent. This does not enhance an effective Christian witness.

4. **Friendliness.** A Christian will compliment excellence on the part of his opponent. He does not play with unfriendly arrogance.

Comments such as "good shot," "nice play," etc. never hurt personal relationships. You witness best to someone who likes you and your personality. Even though being "Joe Cool" is often thought impressive in the secular world, cold arrogance is not usually conducive to establishing a warm friendship.

5. **Fellowship.** A Christian will enjoy playing with his teammates. He does not harbor feelings of envy or jealousy toward his more skillful teammates. He does willingly help all his teammates develop their skills.

Such things as dissension should be alien to a Christian team. Team

spirit and the desire that your teammates will also excel even though it means you will be a substitute should be a natural by-product of the joy of genuine Christian love and fellowship. Likewise, the first-stringer will be truly delighted when the substitutes have opportunity to play and do perform well.

6. **Spectators.** Since most of us will more often be spectators than actual competitors it is also appropriate to consider the role of the Christian spectator at an athletic event.

A Christian spectator will encourage his team and applaud their attempt to excel. He will also acknowledge excellence on the part of the opposition. He does not holler at referees when it appears that a bad call is made. He does not holler derogatory comments at the opposition.

The Holy Spirit is a gentleman. In reflecting His spirit in our lives we should also be gentlemen. There is no way that I can picture gentlemen hollering remarks at other people. The performance of some of our spectators is almost enough to keep me away from our intercollegiate basketball games. Their actions certainly detract from the enjoyment of the games when I do go. It seems that some spectators feel that they have the night off in terms of consistent Christian living when they enter the gym.

On the other hand, for a positive suggestion, I believe it is not unreasonable to hope that when we play Roberts Wesleyan the fans from each school could vigorously support their team during the game and, at the conclusion of a hard-fought contest, could happily join hands on the playing floor, sing "They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love," and truly appreciate the opportunity to participate with our Christian brothers in an athletic event.

I trust that day might come!

Truly yours,

Richard A. (Jake) Jacobson

## Hey Mac, Got A Dime?

by Doug Gent

One of the curiosities of the current American economic crisis is the possibility of default by New York City. The crisis in NYC came to a head this year when NYC could not meet its financial obligations. Several stop-gap measures were tried, but none could rectify the present situation. The financial crisis is now bigger than the city itself, and the Municipal Assistance Corporation (M.A.C.), a temporary organization created to deal with the financial woes of NYC, has proposed a high risk, last ditch effort to avert default. The proposal calls for state support to the tune of 2.3 billion dollars and reorganization of NYC's financial structure. To give NYC 2.3 billion dollars will bring the state to the brink of financial disaster if the plan fails.

No one can deny that a real crisis exists, and that a solution must be found. What is happening to NYC has tremendous significance for all American cities. Yet, except for the

statistical reasons, no one seems to be asking how NYC got into this problem. It seems that our philosophy of government in recent decades has a lot to do with the problems of NYC. We have seen a general trend towards bigger and bigger governments that are omniscient in dealing with the problems of our society. If a problem comes up we create a governmental agency to solve it. This always entails more and more money; yet has there been a proportionate return on the investment of taxpayers' dollars? More basic is the question of responsibility. Is the government supposed to perform the myriad of functions that it now does? NYC seems to point out the inaccuracy of the belief in an omniscient government. Government can be no more than the men that run the government. From the Christian perspective we can not expect omniscience in government. Perhaps it is time to review this philosophy now before we are all bankrupt.

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This year the Frosh had fun.

## Victors of 1975 Literary Contest Comment on Their Winning Pieces

by Sherm Wolfey

The names and entries of last spring's literary contest winners were released to the press last week here at Houghton College. Three places were awarded in each of the three categories of essay, poetry, and fiction.

In the poetry division first place went to Cindy Hannigan, who graduated last May, and second and third to senior J. C. Tatter. First place in the fiction competition was won jointly by Terry Eplee and Lorraine Mulligan in a photo-finish tie. This was a close one for the judges; a real heart-stopper. Taking first place in the essay genre was Kent Nussey, with second going to Juanita Smart and third place to Steven Kooistra, a sophomore.

Let's begin with a few words about J. D. Tatter's poem, a sixty page epic about his grandfather who apparently walked and talked just like Walter Brennan, and thus became a genuine American hero in the young poet's mind. Tatter explains that it was not only the gentle example and quiet dignity of this man which endeared him so, but also because he drove a Ferrari and played handball until he was ninety-five.

Tatter talks about his art:  
STAR: How long did it take you to write this poem John?

JST: The basic substrate, the rough heart of this poem, came out of three solid weeks of extended, uninterrupted labor. I took breaks only on the average of three hours every night for sleep plus the occasional trip down the hall. I ate my meals while typing and drank gallons and gallons of black coffee to keep me going.

STAR: Down the hall?  
JRT: Naw, actually I whipped it off in chapel one day.

STAR: Oh.

JPT: Eliot wrote his QUARTETS in the waiting room of a Birmingham dentist's office you know.

STAR: No, I didn't know that.

JLT: His wife was having some bridge work done.

Tatter informs the STAR that he is presently hard at work on a new book-length work: this one a poem about his little dog Tuffy who died ten years ago when he fell in love with a Greyhound bus.

Junior Lorraine Mulligan won her first place rating with a truly gripping tale of young love that redefines sensuality as a hard game of field hockey followed by a cold Pepsi. In this story Ms. Mulligan explores the

Lawrencian dilemma of stark passion robbed of its vitality by a materialistic culture and comes up with her own solution to the problem in the form of intramural coeducational sports. The author hints that if men and women, girls and boys spent more time playing volleyball and ping pong together a lot of the world's stickiest problems would work themselves out.

Ms. Mulligan projects her vision of Utopia in terms of one vast gymnasium full of happy couples in gleaming white athletic togs taking exercises together: an international army of healthy, well-adjusted young men and women in Munsingwear marching into the world's trouble areas to organize bowling teams and classes in modern movement.

Lorraine was not available for our interview because she does most of her typing in the girls' locker room. Our reporter was of the opposite persuasion.

Terry Eplee, a senior this year, was more than willing to talk about his writing.

STAR: Terry, can you give us the meat of this story in a nutshell?  
Eplee: You make it sound like a side-dish in a Greek restaurant.

STAR: Sorry.

Eplee: Quite alright. My winning story is called "How I Found the Craziest Man in the World" and basically it concerns the plight of an individual who seeks the craziest man in the world — you know, the most looney, gaga type possible. Now within this simple framework I build the counter-theme which in fact is a critique of crisis in self-awareness and identity, assuming that we are all strangers unto ourselves, not realizing that the visage we perceive in the mirror is in fact the face of a space explorer from the planet Orestes which orbits a distant sun shaped somewhat like Arthur Treacher's head.

STAR: Is this typical of all your work in terms of subject matter?  
Eplee: Right. The Cosmos. All of my stories take place in the Cosmos and deal with the Cosmos. No sirree, you can never write enough Cosmos stories. That's where it's happening.

STAR: Well Terry, you seem to have hit the nail right on the head.

Eplee: I have another story about a man who's constantly followed wherever he goes by two midgets in a helicopter.

STAR: Great, we'll certainly be looking forward to that one.

The literary world is sitting back and waiting while this gifted young artist takes off for unpredictable horizons.

Eplee spends his summers stuffing old Indians and selling them to tourists.

Finally, the essay category is examined.

The winning essay belongs to Kent Nussey, also a senior, for his prose piece entitled "Fear of the Dance" in which Nussey explains why he's a social spastic and harbors a profound dislike for loud music and girls in green kneesocks.

This writer, known best perhaps for his treatise on the role of breakfast cereal imagery in the poetry of Keats, is an oft-times maligned and misunderstood figure in academic circles. Most of his bad press can be blamed on the fact that he insists upon doing a particularly poor Humphrey Bogart imitation whenever he goes and whenever he speaks. This nasty habit has kept him off most of the lecture circuits.

Portions of our interview with Nussey follow:

STAR: Kent, explain the symbolism behind the 'Dance'.

KN: What?

STAR: I mean what are you exploring in the metaphor of human movement and popular music.

KN: Is this a put-on?

STAR: Why, no . . .

KN: Did Hawkins send you over here?

STAR: Who?

KN: I've never seen you around here before have I?

STAR: I don't see how that . . .

KN: What's the capitol of Allegany county?

STAR: Ah, uh, you don't —

KN: How many citizens in the township of Rushford?

Unfortunately Mr. Nussey would only answer questions with more questions and those responses he made which were coherent were entirely paranoid and significant of a dangerously unstable intellect.

**Editor's Note:** John Tatter's comments were taken from his record album "Sounds of the Barn Yard". Kent Nussey interviewed Kent Nussey. And 'Terry Eplee' is the assumed name of well-known local novelist Herman Melville, whose latest book, JAWS, is currently topping the best-sellers list.

## Houghton Attempts Return To Ideal Initiation Rites

"Of course initiation isn't necessary to a college career," one soph commented, "but the people you meet, the friendships you form, and the spirit which results make it an invaluable aid to achieving a full college experience."

This quote from the Houghton Star of '65 and further reports on the "good clean spirit" of freshmen and sophomores shows initiation as it was performed by the "ideal man."

In 1938, the Star related complaints of messiness and wishes for a better control of the "gross aspects" of initiation. The shampoos of peanut butter and marshmallow fluff were just a few of the tortures provided. These were the initiation of the "real man."

This year's rite was an attempt to return to the "ideal." The decision to return to an initiation oriented towards school spirit and fun rather than an opportunity for sophomores to exhibit sadistic tendencies was made only after a long and involved process. Various surveys were taken to give those making the decision an idea of what students thought about initiation. Subcommittees of Student Senate and Student Affairs studied a variety of options until finally recommending the present system. At best, this is only a temporary program, for there are some who would like to see initiation in its traditional form completely eliminated, and others who would like a return. However, the general attitude seems to be that this is an improvement over the past, and yet retains the goals of initiation, which are thought to be necessary, specifically, developing school spirit and easing freshmen into college life. Unity was again emphasized. Fun was the main purpose, rather than the "kill 'em" approach of some years back.

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In 1965, a freshman said, "I thought initiation was great. It gave us something in common. Now I feel more a part of Houghton." In 1975 a freshman said, "I don't think of myself as a masochist. I had my doubts at first . . . but I'm having a great time." So perhaps one tradition is broken, and a new one begun, at least temporarily.

Taking events separately, the exhibition on the quad was the most taxing. The freshmen, dressed in swaddling clothes, crawled and cried at the command of the baby-sitters. Using the traditional marriage proposals, kissing mills, and salutes, the sophomores kept their charges working right through dinner, the first non-spaghetti initiation supper in years.

The hike followed, leading to the bonfire, which closed Friday's activities. In the morning, came the "other" hike, kangaroo court, and the Soph-Frosh football game. The Saturday morning hike had comparatively poor attendance and little enthusiasm. Kangaroo court was a return to the Honor Court of yesterday. With the faculty helping, it proved to be a popular event.

The Soph-Frosh football game at 11:00 closed the weekend with the sophomores winning 27-14. Game and audience analyses were aptly provided by sophomore Dan Hawkins and John Kelly, a junior.

Overall, the administration found the weekend very pleasing. Only two minor injuries resulted which caused a far lighter work-load for the Health Center than experienced with past initiations. As Dean Harter said, "If initiation puts people into the health center, it is wrong."

## News Briefs

WASHINGTON (UPI 9/17)

By a vote of 50 to 43 the Senate today approved a proposal to prevent H.E.W. from using federal funds to force communities to bus students. The effect of the legislation is unclear. No federal monies are used for school busing and most busing orders have been the result of court orders. The anti-busing provision is part of a 36-billion dollar appropriations bill.

NEW YORK (UPI 9/17)

New York City teachers returned to their classrooms today but there were new walkouts at schools in Indiana and New Jersey. With the settlement in New York the 11-day-old Chicago teachers' strike is again the largest in the nation with 530,000 children still on an extended summer vacation. Thirty-two separate strikes and lockouts in Pennsylvania are keeping another 121-thousand youngsters out of class.

BEIRUT (UPI 9/17)

The Lebanese government is again threatening to call in the Army if fighting between leftist Moslems and right-wing Christians in Beirut does not stop. A cease-fire between the rival militias was announced yesterday but lasted only hours before machine gun and mortar fire broke out again. At least seven persons were killed and 20 wounded in today's fighting.

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE (UPI 9/17)

The Governor and the executive council of New Hampshire made it official today — John Durkin won yesterday's special senate election. Durkin's victory over Republican Louis Wyman was officially tabulated and certified giving the Granite State two Democratic senators for the first time in history.

WASHINGTON (UPI 9/17)

Former C.I.A. director Richard Helms told Congress today he assumed his verbal orders to destroy the agency's stock of poison were carried out in 1970. They apparently weren't because some of Helms' underlings decided President Nixon's directive to destroy chemical weapons did not apply to the C.I.A. Helms said if he had it to do over he would have issued written orders.

## Schedule of Events

Saturday, Sept. 20 — "Hearts and Minds", Conference Theatre, UB

Wednesday, Sept. 24 — Friday, Sept. 26 — James Whitmore as Harry Truman in "Give 'em Hell, Harry!"

Olean — Castle 7 & 9 p.m.

Wellsville — Bradford 2 — 2, 7:30 & 9:45 p.m.

At the Movies —

Olean Castle — Rollerball, 7 & 9:15 p.m.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Rolling Stones, midnight

Palace — Jaws, 7 & 9:15 p.m.

Wellsville — Babcock — Walking Tall Pt. 2, 7 & 9 p.m.

Bradford 1 — Jaws, 7:30 & 9:50

Bradford 2 — Drowning Pool (P. Newman) 7:30 & 9:25





The practice pays off, sometimes.

## Bright Outlook For New Soccer Season As Houghton Wins Its First Game 3-2

Fall is usually a bright spot on the Houghton sports scene, as our perennially winning soccer team starts action. The Highlanders, with the psychological edge of last year's strong (11-1-2) season behind them, expect the coming year to be as rewarding.

This year's co-captains are Dave Hansen (Senior-halfback) and Dave Wells (Junior-fullback). Although the team lost some key players through graduation, the incoming freshmen will provide the needed reinforcement.

Johnny "Cool" and Dan Irwin will play line, Ronnie Barnett will play halfback, and Steve Lennox will be a goalie. Returning veterans include: Tom Fiegl (Junior-line), Rick Correll (Sophomore-line), Alvin Hoover (Sophomore-line), Edwin Obieke (Junior-line), Dan Woods (Senior-line), Jim Wills (Junior-line), Dave Irwin (Junior-line), Patrick Okafor (Senior-fullback), Paul Stevenson (Junior-halfback), Glenn Irwin (Senior-halfback), Dan Dombrowski (Senior-halfback), Scott Brinkerhoff (Junior-fullback), and Joel Prinsell (Junior-goalie).

Hard work has been characteristic of this year's team. The players showed their dedication at the outset by sacrificing two weeks of summer vacation, and returning to Houghton early to practice. These practices were twice daily, totalling about five hours of hard exercise a day.

The two scrimmages played to prepare for the regular season are a good indication that this effort has paid off. Houghton won both, with scores of 4-1 and 7-2.

In Houghton College's first soccer game of the season, the team came up with a win over Saint John Fisher's eleven, defeating them by a score of 3-2. Contributing to the team's offensive punch were Dan Irwin, Tom Fiegl, Edwin Obieke, Ron Barnett, and Alvin Hoover.

The first goal of the game came on a Fiegl cross to freshman Dan Irwin, who in turn headed the ball in. The second goal was scored on a head shot by Edwin Obieke from a cross from Ron Barnett. The last goal for Houghton came from a great one-man effort by the Georgia hippie, Alvin Hoover. He broke through the Fisher's wall of granite to fire a driving low shot to the left-hand corner of the goal. Houghton played a good game even though the players were hampered by strong winds and cold weather. After the game the co-captains Dave Hansen and Dave Wells said the game went well but they discovered some problems in the game plan. They said the problems will soon be worked out and they will be ready to meet Fredonia State.

## The Highlanders Split a Doubleheader With St. Bonaventure; 1-10 and 5-4

The Houghton College Highlanders baseball team earned a split in their fall opening last Wednesday at St. Bonaventure's McGraw Jennings field. The Bonnies beat Houghton 10-1 in the first game but the Highlanders came back to take the second game 5-4.

Bonnie pitcher Steve Zelinski struck out 11, walked but one batter and held Houghton to but 3 hits in the opener, two by Carlos Martinez and one by Dave Bither.

The Bonnies scored first in the second inning with two runs on four hits. But Houghton bounced back in the fourth with one run, product of Bither's double and Martinez' single.

The Bonnies blew the game open with their fifth inning six run outburst which was highlighted by a two run homer and a bases-loaded triple.

The Highlanders bounced back in the night-cap although starting pitcher Bob Chaffee needed help in the seventh as the Bonnies rallied for four runs.

The game was a pitcher's duel until the sixth inning when Houghton first drew blood. Mark Kalata walked, stole second and was brought home by Al Webster's double.

Houghton added some much-needed insurance runs in the bottom half of

the seventh when it sent all nine batters up.

Ken Loomis started the festivities when he got hit by the pitcher. The Bonnies were able to get the next two batters out but that was all. Dave Hagle walked and Bither was intentionally walked to load the bases. The Bonnies' strategy was to work on Kalata who already had three strikeouts. That strategy quickly backfired as Kalata smacked a three run producing double over the left-fielder's head. Martinez then added the much-needed fifth run with his single.

In the bottom half of the seventh the Bonnies refused to die as they also sent all nine batters up. Last minute jitters (reminiscent of last year's club), three bases on balls, two errors and but one hit enabled the Bonnies to come up with four runs before the Highlanders could manage to collect themselves in order to get the last out. Outstanding for Houghton at the plate were Al Webster - three hits, and Martinez - two hits.

The Highlander fall baseball team is looking forward to a great year under the direction of new head coach, Thomas Kettelkamp. In asking Mr. Kettelkamp what he thought he could do to turn Houghton's dis-

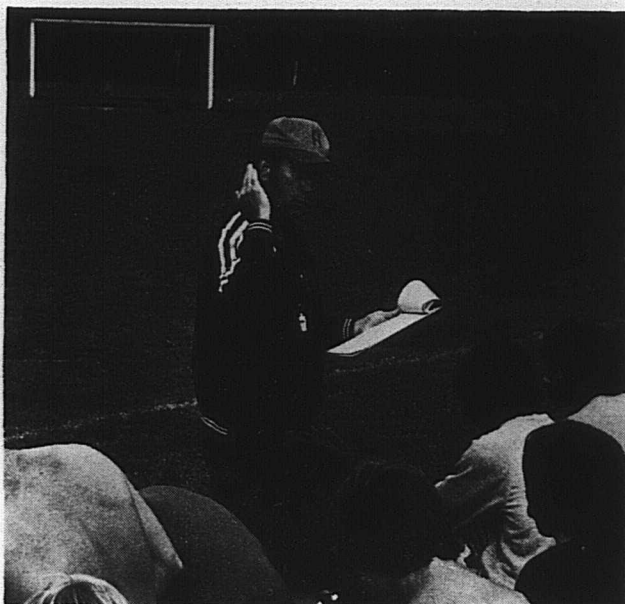
mal baseball program around, he replied, "We're going to begin by doing one essential thing, something that hasn't been done in Houghton. We're going to be serious about baseball."

This was plainly demonstrated during pre-season training in which Coach Kettelkamp stressed rather strongly the fundamentals of the game.

The team has fourteen more games scheduled this fall against Utica, Geneseo, Eisenhower, Fredonia, St. Bonaventure, Mercyhurst, and Niagara.

The team is composed of: Seniors—Mark Kalata, Jim Steinbiser, Steve Greenfield, Dave Swann; Juniors—Dave Bither, Jim Casagrand, Paul Wager, Carlos Martinez, John Roman, Al Webster, Bob Chaffee; Sophomores—Paul Clark; Freshmen—Dave Gifford, Leslie Tenney, John Wilson, Ken Loomis, Al Blankley, Dave Hagle. There are more players whose names were not on the roster due to the fact that they arrived late.

You are urged to come out and support Houghton's new baseball program with enthusiasm. The Highlanders are in action next on Sept. 21 at Geneseo at 1 p.m. Their home opener will be Oct. 3 vs. Fredonia at 1 p.m.



Coach Burke gives last minute pointers.

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