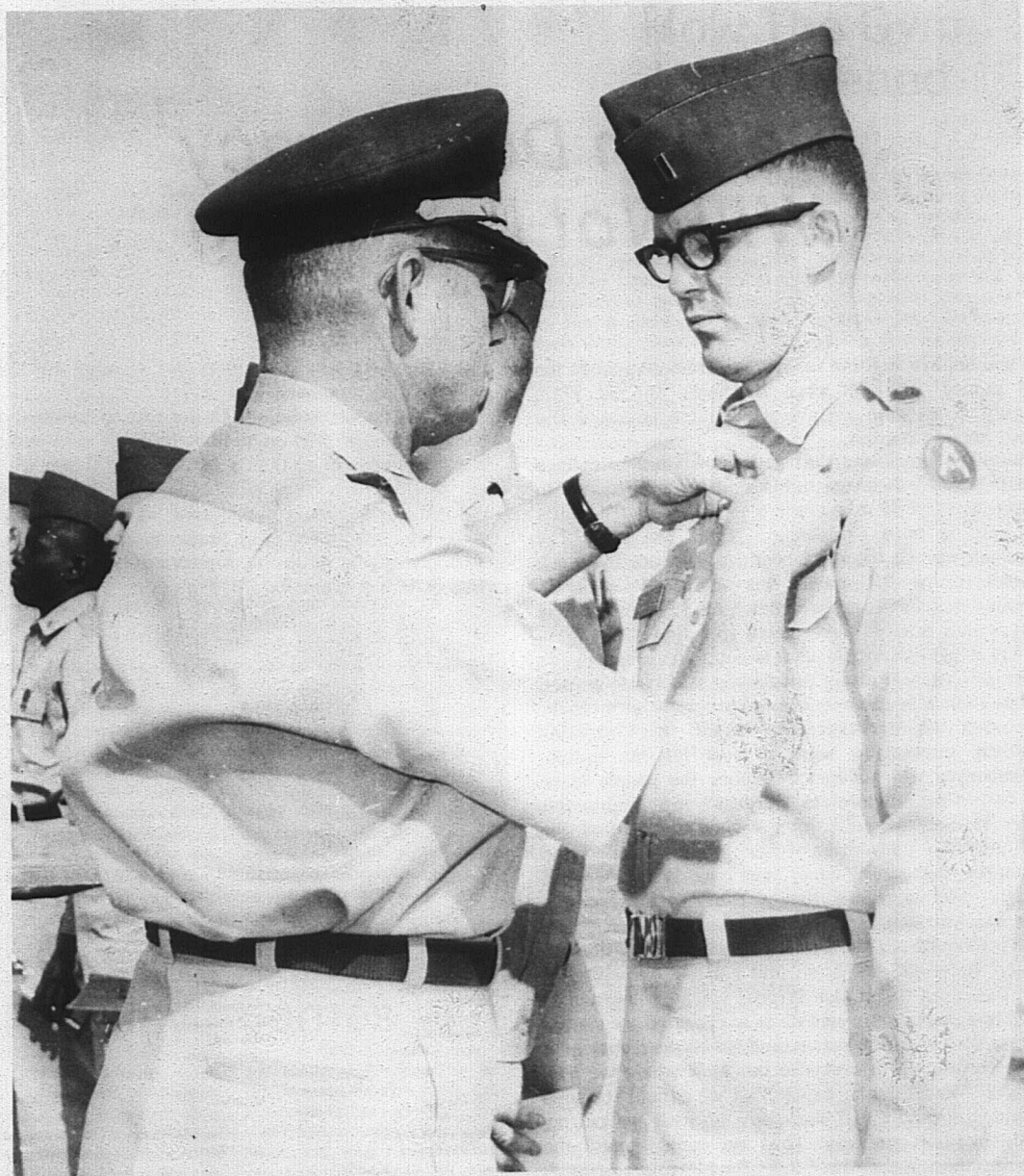


The Houghton Star



Happy Birthday Dean Danner!

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Selfish Democracy Will Not Last Long

Do you believe that the federal government spends too much money, and yet urge increases in the PELL program? If so, then we are part of the cause of the current American crisis.

I do not mean to say that government aid to college students is bad. I do mean that to want the government to cut spending, while increasing a program that benefits one's self, is pure selfishness. "But," we say, "the government spends too much because it spends too much on defense," or "It spends too much on welfare," depending on what camp we come from. The problem is that it is easy to say "Government spending needs to be cut," not so easy to decide what to cut. Each program has its own self-interest group demanding that it not be cut, perhaps yelling for increases in the program. As a result, self-interest, in its aggregate effect, is overriding patriotism, interest in what is best for the nation.

"Democracy will not last long once the people learn they can vote themselves largess" an eighteenth century Englishman said. John Adams, addressing the Constitutional Convention 200 years ago, said "Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide." The two quotes above embody the current status of our nation. As a nation we waste, exhaust, and murder ourselves by voting ourselves the selfish largess we have learned to enjoy. Through our representatives in Congress we control the purse strings of the nation, and spend the money as if it were endless, as it seems to be. As a whole we may realize that something is wrong, that we cannot continue to spend this way, but if somebody suggests we cut my favorite handout, no way! Thus we cannot enact the measures necessary for our fiscal and national perservation.

More broadly, our entire national policy structure, consisting of foreign and domestic policies, is run by this same selfishness. Most acts of our foreign policy, if we traced them down carefully, would turn out to be beneficial, not for the nation as a whole, but for some

particular self-interest group. No wonder our foreign policy makes no sense!

So, what is our solution? Do we vote to increase or cut the PELL program? I am neither bold nor wise enough to touch the answer to that question here. If you want my personal opinion come talk to me. All I will say here is reconcile any beliefs in the need for fiscal sanity with your demands for the PELL program. Have integrity. And do not base your decisions on pure self-interest, that is the way to national suicide.

Respectfully yours,
Jonathan Robords Lightfoot

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Elsewhere...

by Sharon Wittemann

Athens, Greece— More than a million workers opened a week of strikes against the socialist government of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu protesting a government austerity plan. The walkout grounded most flights of the Greek national airline and power cuts affected many parts of the country. What started as a 24-hour strike by the Confederation of Greek Workers expanded into a two-day nationwide general strike including over two million workers.

Washington, D.C.— According to a report from the Americas Watch Committee, a group established to promote observance of internationally recognized human rights, the human rights situation in Nicaragua remains extremely serious. Reports of violations committed include the Sandinista government continuing to neglect the right to due process and the Contras arms conflict, which, according to AWC, "causes great suffering to the Nicaraguan people."

Moscow, USSR— Under a special decree issued by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, an estimated 1,000 political prisoners are being released this month. The growing list of those released so far include religious figures, Jewish refuseniks, Ukrainian nationalists and Baltic literary figures. According to human rights monitors, the prisoners now freed had been convicted for distributing books, for soliciting foreign help, and for offering assistance to families of political prisoners.

Harare, Zimbabwe— Paul Simon and his black South African touring team went to Harare, Zimbabwe, 370 miles north of the South-African frontier to play the songs from "Graceland." Playing for over 11,000 people, Simon expresses an explicitly political moral throughout the show. Mr. Madekela, a South African, intoned a hymn to jailed Nelson Mandela and the entire troupe led the crowd in a rendition of Nelson Mandela and the entire troupe led the crowd in a rendition of Nkosi Sikelele Afrika, the unofficial anthem of South African black nationalists.

Nicosia, Cyprus— Despite the arrival of small amounts of relief supplies, the plight of Palestinians trapped in the besieged refugee camps in Lebanon remains desperate. The camps in southern Beirut remain under tight blockade. Since the fighting began there in October no food or medical supplies have been allowed inside. A British surgeon working in one of the camps confirmed the fact that many of the camp's inhabitants including herself have for the past two weeks been reduced to eating cats, dogs and mules to stay alive.

Busy Barnes

by Patricia Uleskey

The Vice-president of Houghton College is a very busy man. Dean Barnes, Academic Vice-president of Houghton, is also President-elect of Marion College in Marion, Indiana, one of Houghton's sister Wesleyan schools. Interim President for Marion College, Dr. Luckey, has taken ill and has been hospitalized for two weeks with a blood clot in his lung. Dean Barnes has been making major personnel decisions, contract agreements,

and budget reallocations for both Houghton and Marion colleges. Since December, he has and will continue to visit Marion College one week per month until after Houghton's commencement on May 11. He spends an average of four hours on the phone with Marion's administrators every day. He will travel to Marion for their May 16 commencement where he will speak at Marion's Alumni Banquet. He is scheduled to begin full-time work at Marion June 1.

How The Gym Was Opened

by Barb Felder

Basketballs have been bouncing in the gym on Sunday for only a few weeks. To make that possible Houghton wheels have been turning for a year and a half.

Student Senate began the action in October, 1985, by creating an ad hoc committee to investigate opening the gym on Sundays for "purely recreational purposes."

In March, 1986, Senate sent their request for the Sunday opening to the faculty. Because the faculty was overburdened with prior business, Student Senate sent the issue to Student Development.

The Student Development Committee investigated the idea. In April, the committee moved to recommend to the faculty that the gym be open Sunday afternoons from 1:00-5:00pm. They presented their rationale:

1. Results of a random poll of 181 students showed that 82% wanted the Sunday opening and that 54% would use the gym often.
2. Nine out of fifteen evangelical liberal arts colleges surveyed have their gyms (and all their facilities)

open Sunday.

3. The cost is minimal. Paying proctors and electricity for four hours a week is not excessive.

4. Using the gym for recreational purposes on the Sabbath is a matter of individual conscience. Attempts to understand Scripture through sound exegesis have been unable to apply a universal standard that determines activities for all people.

They concluded with a question: "How do we decide an issue where we may lack any strong measure of agreement?"

In October, 1986, the faculty approved opening the gym on Sunday from 1:00-5:00pm.

The final decision was made by the Board of Trustees at the January 15 board meeting when they approved the 1:00-5:00pm opening. Later, the time was changed to 2:00-5:00pm.

After a year and a half of investigation, discussion, and mixed feelings, the gym is open on Sunday. It is used by students, faculty and administrators alike.

Seniors Brunch

by Amy Durkee

On Saturday, February 7, the Senior Class, Career Development, and Residence Life joined efforts to present the first brunch of the soon-to-be annual Senior Brunch Series (also known as "The Graduate II").

The Senior Brunch Series was designed to help seniors make a smoother transition from the college world to the "adult" one. In this first brunch, entitled "Lifestyles of the Young and Wrestling," they dealt with issues such as how to be a Christian in a non-Christian working environment, how to deal with the pressures from church, friends, and family as a single woman going back home, and what kinds of things the soon-to-be-married people in the senior class might be dealing with next year.

Sure, everyone learned quite a bit from each others' experiences and insights. Yes, they were challenged to think about some issues they hadn't anticipated, but equally as fun was the good food and good conversation with classmates.

The next brunch will be held on March 21 and will center on more "practical" issues like what to look for in an apartment, and how to make that tiny paycheck cover all the costs, as well as dealing with insurance and investment possibilities.

The format will be somewhat different in that for this second brunch we won't be in small discussion groups, but will be hearing from some "experts." Still the same good food and conversation is promised.

BSC Plans Pluto

This year the Buffalo Campus will be having a four day winter weekend spectacular. The weekend's theme is Walt Disney Winter Wonderland. It all begins on Thursday, February 26 at 9:00pm with Pluto's very own study break. There will be games, food and fun for everyone. On Friday the 27th beginning at 7:00pm Donald Duck's Theatre will present two Walt Disney movies. On Saturday there will be aerobics and skiing for

the health-minded people. And for those who would like to relax there will be a hayride in the evening led by Goofy. Later everyone will meet in the coffee house for live entertainment and music. To end this perfect weekend there will be a Cinderella's Ball and community dinner for students, faculty, and staff. It's semi-formal, so dress in your Sunday best! Music and entertainment will also be provided.

Funds Re-allocated

by Patricia Uleskey

The need for Houghton College to balance its budget has created the re-allocation of funds and manpower in various academic divisions, faculty departments, and staff offices.

According to Dean Barnes, there will be a merging of the foreign language and the English and speech divisions. The combined division will probably be named the division of languages and literature. Within the foreign language department there will be progressive changes in the German program. Professor Cummings will be retiring at the end of the 1987-88 academic year. Professor Carpenter would continue to teach during the 1988-89 academic year and tentatively, if professor Carpenter stayed at Houghton, the school might retain the German major and minor. However, there would be a stipulation that students who majored in German would study one year abroad. As time goes on, more details will be ironed out, but there are very few definitives at this time.

To strengthen Houghton's existing curriculum, there will be certain re-allocations of funds. For example, the communications department, in addition to replacing the retiring professor Hutton, will be adding one more communications professor. This additional communications professor will teach radio and television and he will probably help in the management of WJSL. The addition of a professor in communications will strengthen the growing communications major and help it to more effectively utilize the already existent facilities such as the television studio and WJSL.

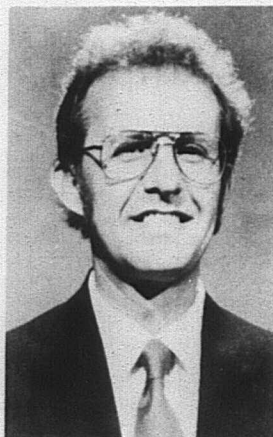
There is a possibility of adding a teacher in the area of elementary education specifically in the field of

special education. This re-allocation of resources will help provide more options for students in expanding fields of interest.

In the physical education department there will be a restructuring of the athletic concentration. Presently, Houghton has only one athletic trainer on staff, Ken Heck. According to accreditation standards, for every one athletic trainer on campus, no more than four students can concentrate in that specific field. If there were two athletic trainers at Houghton then there could be sixteen students majoring in athletic training.

Other changes in various departments include: the replacement of Dr. Kay Lindley in the history division, fall sabbatical for Dr. Munro and spring sabbatical for Dr. Pierzma in the science and math division, and a doctorate graduate leave for Jean Reigles in the fine arts division. In the art department Gary Baxter's work load will be increased to more than part time. In addition the academic affairs council approved new concentrations in photography and graphic design.

In order to provide Houghton College with a stronger overall curriculum, faculty and administration have taken a hard look at programs and student interest level in various academic areas. Rather than taking a drastic cut across the board that would weaken the entire school academically, the administration feels it is wiser to evaluate those programs which are expanding and those that are contracting. The re-allocation of funds strengthens the already thriving programs and enhances the specific areas where there is greater student interest.



Dr. David Thompson

Thompson Lectures

Dr. David Thompson lectured on "Psalms in the New Testament," Thursday, February 19, at 8:00 pm in Schaller Hall as part of Houghton College's annual lecture series.

Thompson is associate professor of biblical literature at Asbury Theological Seminary (KY). He earned a Th.M. degree from that school and later earned a Ph.D. in ancient Near Eastern studies from the John Hopkins University (MD). From 1982-86 he pastored the Aspen Hill Wesleyan Church in Rockland, MD.

Before coming to teach at Asbury in 1976, Dr. Thompson taught biblical studies at United Wesleyan College and Marion College (IN).

Break from Study for "Birth of Blues"

In accordance with this year's Black Awareness Month, BSO will be sponsoring a study break on Wednesday, February 25 at 9:45pm in the campus center dining hall.

The Rev. Joe Turcer, pastor of the Fillmore and Hume Methodist Churches, and Allegany County's resident blues-enthusiast, will present a blues music program entitled "Birth of the Blues," which will chart blues' primitive beginnings to its sophisticated present. Joe will be playing compact disk recordings of blues styles such as Delta, Texas, Chicago, New Orleans, East Coast and Contemporary, and will discuss the origins and derivation of rock and jazz from these blues styles. Among the blues musicians played will be T. Bone Walker, Muddy Waters, Elmore James, B.B. King, and contemporary artist Robert Cray.

All food and music lovers are encouraged to attend this tribute to Black Awareness Month.

CAB Ties Taft

by Brad Runfola

CAB held its first meeting of the new semester Wednesday, February 4, with the main topic being Winter Weekend. A listing of the events was sent out via campus post office boxes. The theme this year was The Roaring 20's. Among the events sponsored by CAB for Winter Weekend were the study break with the Mr. Houghton contest, the Coffee House, and the movie, *The Great Gatsby*, and the spot.

To those who enjoyed the sound quality of the music at the study breaks and coffee houses, you will be happy to know that new equipment is on its way to make the Tim and Nolan Sound Machine even better.

In concert news, disappointing as it is, Mr. Steve Taylor will not be joining us this semester due to technicalities beyond CAB's control. The good news is, Mr. Russ Taft will be coming to Houghton, April 25, during youth weekend. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold to students. CAB is looking forward to a sellout.

If you have any suggestions for activities that you would like to have on campus, please drop a line to Student Senate, c/o Chairman of CAB. CAB meets twice a month to plan and coordinate activities. Your input makes a difference.

State Links Campus

Governor Mario M. Cuomo announced today that \$430,000 in State funding has been approved for NYSErnet, the New York State Education and Research Network. A \$30,000 initial installment of the State aid package has been authorized for the new fiber optic computer network by the New York State Science and Technology Foundation.

NYSErnet—a major cooperative effort involving private industry, academia, as well as federal and State agencies—will link the supercomputer at Cornell University with laboratories and computers at New York's universities and major industrial firms, putting enormous computing power at the fingertips of academic researchers and scientists. When the program officially commences operation this month, NYSErnet also will enable its users to access a compatible National Science Foundation Network which connects the Cornell supercomputer to five other supercomputers around the country and to university researchers in other states.

"Establishment of this advanced digital network enhances New York's stature as the world premiere communications center," Governor Cuomo said. "By pooling the State's vast technology, research and academic resources, New York is laying the groundwork for the next generation of information industries that will fund further economic growth by creating more jobs and new businesses."

Despite its relatively low cost, NYSErnet has significant potential. Through the high speed data communication access the network will offer—(56,000 bits per second—roughly six times the speed of conventional data transmission lines)—users will be able to take advantage of supercomputing capabilities. And with an extra \$1.2 million in federal funding from the National Science Foundation, NYSErnet's communication speed and capability will eventually be increased thirty-fold.

NYSErnet is one of the many programs administered by the New York State Science and Technology Foundation. The Foundation's programs are targeted at the fastest growing sectors of the nation's economy and tie in directly with the State's overall economic development strategy to promote industrial growth and revitalization. This strategy was formulated and is being implemented under the direction of Vincent Tese, State Director of Economic Development.

"This ambitious project is yet another

example of New York's steadfast commitment to place our State on the forefront of technological development and advancement," Tese said. "NYSErnet's futuristic capabilities are precisely the caliber of high tech tools necessary today for building a sound and promising economic base."

Fifteen New York universities, colleges and institutions form the NYSErnet chain. They are: Cornell University; SUNY Buffalo; SUNY Binghamton; SUNY Albany; SUNY Stony Brook; University of Rochester; Clarkson University; Syracuse University; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; City University of New York; Columbia University; Rockefeller University; New York University; Brookhaven National Laboratory (Long Island); New York Polytechnic Institute.

In addition, Alfred University will join the system on its first expansion later in the year, along with two major New York based corporate participants: Eastman Kodak and IBM.

Ronald J. Moss, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Foundation and Commissioner of Commerce, also commented on these State projects.

"The interaction NYSErnet will provide with leading academic and industrial facilities across the State and around the country offers New York's scientists, researchers and other experts unmatched access to key data for our technological and economic future," Moss said.

The Science and Technology Foundation is a broadly based public corporation governed by a Board of Directors. In addition to Chairman Moss, the other Directors are: Gordon M. Ambach, President of the University of the State of New York and Commissioner of Education; David Axelrod, Commissioner of Health; Thomas J. Kelly, Vice President - Information Resource Management, Grumman Corporation; George C. McNamee, Chairman and President, First Albany Corporation; Juliette M. Moran, Vice Chairman, GAF Corporation (retired); Alan J. Patricof, Chairman, Alan Patricof Associates; Emanuel R. Piore, Vice President, Chief Scientist and Director, IBM Corporation (retired); Lloyd M. Cooke, President Emeritus, National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, Inc.; David N. Campbell, Chairman, Computer Task Group, Inc.; and Vincent Tese, Chairman, New York State Development Corporation. The Executive Director of the Foundation is H. Graham Jones.

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.

The Forgotten People

by Dr. Katherine Lindley

"Peace with honor." The war was over. It was January 1973. The Christmas bombings had brought cries of outrage in the United States and around the world; President Nixon responded by indicating to Hanoi that he would halt the bombing if they resumed peace talks. Talks between Le Duc Tho and Henry Kissinger that had broken down in November 1972 resumed in Paris on January 8. To sweeten the pill imposed on South Vietnam's President Thieu, President Nixon promised not only continued support to the Saigon government but that the U.S. would "respond with full force" if North Vietnam violated the agreement. Although Thieu's government never formally endorsed the treaty, Thieu did indicate he would not oppose it. "Peace with honor" allowed American extrication from the war and the return of our POWs. It left the Saigon government intact although the major question over which the war had been fought — the political future of South Vietnam — was left to be resolved by political means although all parties knew the issue would be resolved ultimately by force.

"Peace with honor" was to begin another phase in the thirty-year struggle for Vietnam. The "peace" agreements of January 1973 signalled the beginning of the "postwar war" in which North Vietnam strove for unification of all Vietnam on its terms, and South Vietnam struggled to survive as an independent country. A cease fire existed only on paper. The Saigon government, dependent on the United States from its birth, had difficulty functioning on its own. American war-weariness, the Watergate scandal, and a rebellious Congress left Saigon with decreasing support and eroded its will to resist. The North Vietnamese, somewhat battered from the campaigns of 1972, cautiously regrouped, infiltrated troops and equipment and awaited the opportune time to "liberate" the South Vietnamese. That time came early in 1975. On May 1, 1975, Vietcong soldiers raised their flag over Saigon, now renamed Ho Chi Minh City. Several days earlier, President Gerald Ford had proclaimed the Vietnam war was "Finished as far as the United States is concerned."

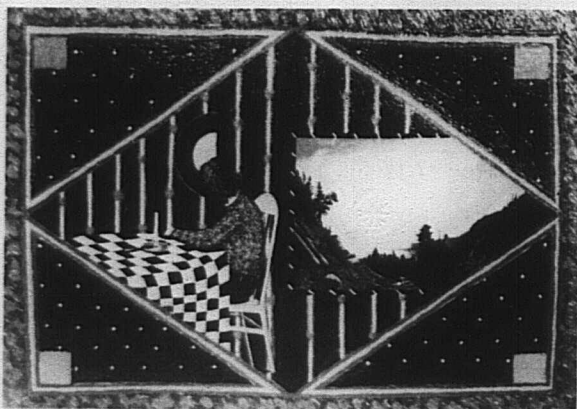
The "dominoes" in Indochina quickly toppled. Indeed, Cambodia fell before South Vietnam; the Khmer Rouge took over the capital on April 17. Thousands of Cambodians had died; now, over two million became refugees. In Laos, the Pathet Lao, making no effort to hide their subservience to North Vietnam, took over the government.

A legacy of our "peace with honor" that we have been reluctant to face, is continued human suffering. For those who have remained in South Vietnam, there have been poverty, oppression, forced labor, and "re-education camps." More than 1.4 million have fled their country leaving possessions and even family behind. The brutal Pol Pot regime, devoted to rebuilding Cambodia for the "Year Zero," launched an effort that resulted in the deaths of two million people. When Cambodia reestablished ties with China, the Vietnamese drove out Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge and established its own puppet regime. Thousands more were killed and others fled their country.

In the refugee camps along Thailand's border, many thousands wait. They cannot go home. Thailand grows weary of their presence. Our government has supplied some assistance in food and medical supplies; it allows a trickle of refugees to enter the U.S. annually. Some private organizations and concerned individuals provide some help.

I wonder if Jesus sometimes weeps over these forgotten people. I wonder how many of us even know they are there.

Arts & Entertainment



The painting is *Weathermaker*, a 1983 acrylic on masonite and wood, by Don Pollack, just one painting in a show currently on display in the Wesley Chapel art gallery.

A Day in the Artpark

by Jonathan Robords Lightfoot

Yield to a stroll through East Hall Artpark, coming to East Hall lounge, February 24, from 8:00-9:30 pm.

The Artpark, an idea the residence life staff took from similar parks put on by cities, will feature college staff, their spouses, and community members creating their art. If you have ever wondered how Big Al Rehn created those ice sculptures he makes for banquets, then you are in luck. He will be there with his chainsaw, creating an ice sculpture. Some other arts exhibited in the art park will be piano improvising, water coloring,

and "throwing pots," which is the term a potter uses to refer to shaping pots out of clay on a potter's wheel.

The atmosphere of the evening will be a park that everyone can stroll through at leisure. It will be a fun time of learning about art through watching artists work, experiencing the process of creation. You can come, become aware of art, and enjoy the talents of the artists. You will also be able to see the artists, people you may already know, in new ways that you perhaps have never thought of them before now. So, come on, yield to a stroll through East Hall Artpark.

Library Acquires CD Player

by Craig Denison

The music library, located in the basement of the Willard J. Houghton Library, recently added a compact disc player, as well as new turntables and amplifiers.

The amplifiers and turntables were manufactured by Technics; the disc player is a Magnavox.

The music department has selected numerous discs for this system and many of them represent the top recordings of the classical repertoire. Some of the artists are Yo-Yo Ma, Dietrich Fischer-Diskau, Neville Marriner, Christopher Hogwood, and Herbert von Karagin. The composers such as Bach, Schubert, Ravel, Brahms, and Glass, represent a wide range of styles and forms.

The best way to appreciate these offerings is to know some of the pieces

and what kind of performances are available.

One disc is Mozart's *Requiem*. If you've seen *Amadeus*, you've heard parts of this. Neville Marriner and the Academy and Chorus of St. Martin in-the-Fields provided the soundtrack. Marriner's conducting is backed by fine scholarship and a tasteful musical. He loves timpani as evidenced in the "Kyrie." You need not worry about turning up the bass, the lower instruments are strong here.

If you are feeling oppressed by God, as many Old Testament prophets did, a *Requiem* will probably express what you're feeling. Mozart's is great because it epitomizes these feelings. Go, have a catharsis.

**A wise man once said:
he who run behind car
gets exhausted.**

—Dana

Explore Kinney Recital

by Hilary Hashagen

Not only is Angela Kinney an exceptional alto vocalist for the famous and ever popular Houghton College Choir, but she is an extraordinary flutist as well. Now the general public has the once-in-a-lifetime chance to attend her senior recital which will be presented in Wesley Chapel February 25, 1987 at 8:00pm. Angela will be performing classical pieces, enhanced by the accompaniment of Steve Mitchell, which were inspired by artists such as Paganini, Caprice, Vaughn Williams, Burton, and Bizet. A piece created by Loeillet will also be presented with the aid of Robert Speicher on the harpsichord.

Angela has been playing the flute

for over thirteen years, but even so, how does one prepare oneself for a senior recital? "Well, you have to skip two weeks of classes and focus on the music. . . it's a time of self-analysis and introspection." Not only is Angela concentrating on this recital but on graduate school auditions as well. Two nights before her senior recital she has an audition at Ithaca, her first choice.

What is she going to do with all this talent? "I'm going to teach college, after I teach high school, of course." Rumor has it that while student teaching at Arcade last semester "Miss Kinney" accumulated quite a following admirers. They'll all be there, why don't you come too?

CAB Meets Again

by Brad Runfola

CAB met Wednesday, February 18, for a very short meeting. CAB is showing *The Karate Kid II* tomorrow night, Saturday, February 21. Winter Weekend reported that everything went well except for ice skating which was cancelled because of adverse weather conditions (no ice). Two spots, a music building spot and a Pizza Barn spot, are under consideration for the future.

Tim and Nolan's sound machine is still back-ordered for more equip-

ment. Two reminders: 1) If you sign the sound system out for an event, it will cost you a nominal fee. 2) Tim Aihara is looking for freshmen students interested in learning how to run sound for future events. CAB Study Break/Mr. Houghton Contest went beautifully (or should I say handsomely). Thanks to everyone who planned, participated, or went to it. Special thanks to everyone for not trashing the dining hall. CAB meets again in two weeks.

Sports

Current Standings for Men's Basketball
as of Tuesday 2/17



INTRAMURAL UPDATE

Spring volleyball games will start just after Spring Break. Get a team together now for either 1) co-ed volleyball 2) men's volleyball 3) women's volleyball. Official rosters are available at the P.E. Center equipment room, P.E. 209, or Student Development Office. The organizational meeting is on Monday, March 2 at 10:00pm in P.E. Center 204. Teams are open to all students, faculty, and staff.

Several championship intramural games are coming up. Men's B league basketball is at 8:00pm February 25. Men's A league basketball is at 9:00pm February 25. Women's B league indoor soccer is February 26 at 8:00pm. Come support you friends in these exciting season finale's.

Men's B League		Captains
The Dumpers	7-1-1	Floyd Green
Return of the Guys from Nam	8-3	Craig Burrows
The "Sort-of" Mead Men	8-3	Wade Patterson
The Sting	5-5	Bob Whiting
Jump Shots	4-5	Chris Bergstrom
Lowlanders	2-7-1	John Morris
Ice Men	1-10	Craig Osterhus

Men's A League		Captains
The Illusions	10-0	Don Purdy
Kings Court	5-5	Saul Maldonado
Boo Foos	5-4	Sei Shiina
Chip's Ahoy	6-4	Peter Roman
Pirannah	4-6	Dennis Dixon
Dry Bones	3-7	Prof. Greenway
Misfits	2-9	Bill Bentley

Also: Men's Indoor Soccer begins next week. Contact your captain for a game schedule.

GO TEAM GO!

by Peter Roman

On Saturday, February 14, the men's basketball team journeyed to Keuka College in hopes of avenging an earlier loss. The game was a hard-fought high-scoring affair that was up for grabs even in the last three minutes. Trailing 71-63, the Highlanders put it into overdrive and outscored Keuka 25-8 to win 88-79. The difference in the game was made by the free throws. Houghton made 31 of 36 from the charity stripe, while Keuka hit 16 of 20.

After that big win, Houghton closed it's regular season against Penn. St.-Behrend at home on February 16. The game was of utmost importance because a loss would have knocked the Highlanders out of play-off

contention. The meeting between both teams was also significant because Houghton had won the first game 55-52. Penn. St.-Behrend was here to avenge that loss. Although the Highlanders led most of the way, the game was still up for grabs with a couple minutes to go. Finally Houghton finished with a 10-2 tear that left the score 76-66 and that's how it ended. The men had another outstanding night at the line shooting 24 for 30 free throws. Houghton finishes the regular season at 13-13.

The Highlanders have qualified for the NAIA District tournament and could conceivably sneak into the national tournament in Kansas City! We wish Coach Brooks and the guys the best!!

Coach Curry Resigns

Terry Curry, women's basketball and soccer coach, is leaving Houghton College. She has been an influential part of the Houghton community for two years and will be missed. In addition to her coaching, she has taught Concepts of Physical Fitness. As head soccer coach, she took her team to Nationals in 1985 where they placed third. Presently, her basketball team is 8-9 with two games left. She was recently nominated to

the ranks of Outstanding Young Women of America for 1986.

Coach Curry has many potential opportunities awaiting her. The most thrilling prospect at this moment is with the University of Kansas as assistant women's basketball coach. The University of Kansas is 28 miles away from Coach Curry's home town which makes it even more exciting. When asked about her thoughts on going from a Christian to a secular

college, Curry replied that she could be a better witness to students in a secular school.

Her basketball players are very upset that she is leaving. As two of her players agreed, "the winning attitude displayed by our coach helped us to play throughout the season with an intensity that convinced us we were winners on and off the court. Coach Curry wasn't just a coach, she was also a friend to her players!"

In her resignation letter, Curry says:

"I wish to thank Houghton College for giving me this coaching position. You entrusted me with such a high calling and with God's help and grace I have done my best. At this stage in my career the Lord is calling me forward to new opportunities of service and greater challenges in women's sports."

Goodbye Coach Curry and good luck!

Opinion

Ambulance Is Charity

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to Miss Durkee's letter on "Ambulance Charity."

Maybe I'm mistaken, but it seems to me that she believed that the ambulance corps serves only Houghton College students. This is not the case. The Houghton Volunteer Ambulance Corps serves the entire township of Caneadea.

By her own definition, the word charity implies giving to others who cannot (for one reason or another) meet their needs themselves. She said that by giving money to the Houghton ambulance, "we are giving ourselves something instead of reaching out to others." I believe that by giving money to the ambulance corps, we are helping others. This is because of all the different people the ambulance helps.

In my opinion, the theme of this year's Senate Charity Drive is a commendable one. I don't believe that she has anything to be embarrassed about.

Thanks,

David Compton

P.S. My definition of charity is much simpler. It is love.

Free in Christ but Shackled by our Workload

Dear Editor,

I suppose this letter could be entitled "Free In Christ But Shackled By Our Work Load?" As I deal with this question, I am encouraged by the recent comments of three Houghtonites, mentioning aspects of the same issue: Dr. Carlton Fisher ("Doing One Thing Well"), Pastor Michael Walters ("Knowing God In The Midst of the Whirlwind"), and Dr. Brian Sayers ("Where's Brian? A Sabbatical Odyssey"). I'll endeavor to add my own observations to theirs, in the hope of provoking thought, prayer, and written or verbal response.

In order to complete a B.A. in four years at Houghton, a student must carry fifteen to sixteen hours per semester. Several of my professors whose courses I deliberately choose because of the challenging way in which they are taught, seek to assign homework according to a 1:2 or 1:3

ratio. That is, homework which will take two to three hours to complete, for each hour in class. Speaking strictly in ideal and mathematical terms, if I am carrying a normal course load, I should thus be spending eight hours a day, six days a week, either listening to a lecture or bent over a textbook. To adhere to this schedule, in my opinion, would be to travel one of the quicker routes to insanity. Yet I also contend that two to three hours of study for each class hour is indeed the minimum amount necessary to appropriate and digest the riches of information offered to us by our professors. For the serious student, then, this dichotomy inevitably results in frustration.

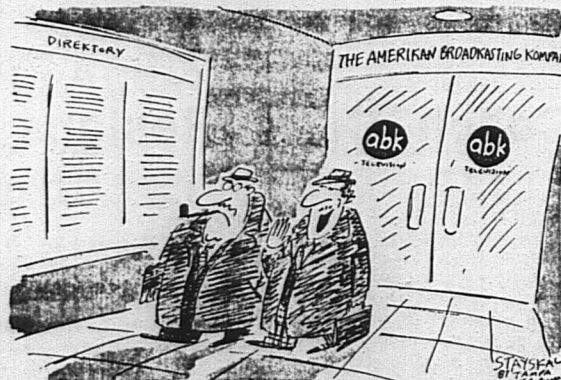
A challenging schedule encourages maturity in that it forces us to set priorities and keep to them. But what are our priorities, as we hack our way through the jungle of Christian liberal arts? Are we primarily interested in getting our work done? Getting enough sleep, food, and exercise? Developing relationships? Spending time with God? Involving ourselves in outreach organizations? Figuring out who we are, why we're here, and where we are headed? If we want to succeed according to Houghton's definition of academic "success," I believe that the question of God-ordered priorities becomes irrelevant. Grades are our god and getting through school becomes our focus; in short, we end up as rats in a rat-race. The lives of many of my senior friends, who are counting the hours until May 11, testify to this conclusion. As they stumble through this final semester half-awake, they acknowledge that this is not "life"

as they would choose it or as God would choose it; yet in spite of their frustration, they have no option but to keep going until graduation. Certainly they are learning the course material, but at what cost?

I submit that ceaseless, frenzied, worried activity is antithetical to knowing God; further, I believe that until we restructure Houghton's educational program, we will continue to discourage the kind of spiritual and character development for which this institution stands. Is our purpose to conform to secular institutions insofar as we cram knowledge into a person for four years and then label him or her "educated?" Or do we seek, in a holistic manner, to mold and nourish men and women of God? In our culture, those without God are desperately seeking meaning; as Pastor Walters quoted: A security blanket of noise betrays the shallowness of [their] inner lives." We need to be a powerful witness of God's character as we demonstrate Him in our lives of unhurried productivity, with each small task filled with meaning because we are filled with Him. Let's consider again whether we are equipping Houghton's graduates to conform to the world's timing and purposes or to show them a better way. Perhaps we need to be willing to prayerfully reduce the demands we place upon ourselves, so that each member of the community (faculty, staff, and students) has a chance to live his or her life ordered by the voice of God instead of by the clock.

Sincerely,

Catherine Tyler



"SURE TV KRITIKS ARE KLOBBING 'AMERIKA', KHEIF, BUT WHO KARES?... PUBIK REAKTION WILL MAKE IT A KOMMERKIAL SUKCESS! "

We Like Houghton

Dear Jonathan,

When we applied to Houghton, we both signed a foreboding-looking document called "Rights of Community Life," more commonly known as "The Pledge." We agreed not to dance, drink, smoke, and we all know the rest. We are writing because we are both concerned and disturbed by the criticisms, cutdowns and "attacks" on the policies in the Pledge. As a Christian community, one of our primary responsibilities is to exhort and encourage one another. St. Augustine once stated:

"In non-essentials — unity,
In essentials — liberty
But in all things — love."

The Pledge is far more than a list of "do's and don'ts; of mandates handed down from a group of men who are now behind the times. We feel that the founders of Houghton College carefully and prayerfully wrote The Pledge as to their interpretation of the Scriptures. We, too, should not be concerned with doing this or not doing that, but with eternal values in mind, we should seek to please the Lord. The question is not whether these controversial issues are right or wrong; rather, are we glorifying God in whatever we're doing as stated in I Corinthians 10:31? The Pledge's purpose is to give guidelines for Christian living here on campus. It tries to suggest ways in which we can keep God "center stage" in our lives.

Some of Houghton's policies may change with time. For example: when our parents came here, men had to wear socks with sandals, and the one vending machine on campus was unplugged on Sundays. (Yes, it's true!) If we believe that The Pledge is indeed based on Scriptural doctrine, then why uselessly argue over the validity of it's requirements. The Bible is not a book of debate. It is a book to believe.

In conclusion, we seek no response to our letter, since we have tried not to criticize or provoke any member of this community. We simply state our concern about the constant ridicule and criticism of The Pledge. We like Houghton!

Sincerely

Brenda Bolton and

Luiza Cafengiu

Urso Responds

Dear Star-lords,

I would like to take time to respond to Carlton Fisher's letter in which he clearly misunderstood what my letter of the week of February 6 was about.

You see I really want to see a sound, logical, supported argument against dancing, that is what I felt I stated in my letter. So far all I have seen on the subject is opinion and conjecture. Sure, I have my own opinion on dancing but my opinion on the subject is not important. People have told me dancing is wrong. I want to know why. Both Mr. Fisher and Mr. Lightfoot tried to tell me and they failed. Mr. Fisher, if you disliked my "attack" (Why is it you respond and I attack?) to Mr. Lightfoot's editorial then say so. you don't need to justify your dislike behind a very sketchy argument against what I had to say.

You took apart my argument, may I "respond" in kind. You were vague when you stated, "Scripture excepted I presume." What in the world did you mean by that? Your statement was in response to my implication that because there is a rule against dancing does not follow that it is wrong. Are you suggesting that there is scriptural proof against dancing socially? If so, why didn't you use it? Could it be that it does not exist? Who can say? You certainly did not. If you are going to make a statement concerning scriptural stances against dancing I would like to see them for myself not referred to briefly.

As far as your use of *The Discipline of the Wesleyan Church* is concerned it should not have been referred to as extensively as you used it. I am not Wesleyan and I don't particularly care to hear what they have to say on the subject. I do, however, want to hear what it is you have to say. Out of your seven paragraphs, you spent four elaborating on Wesleyan rules that had very little bearing on the matter. You see everyone is very aware of what it is the Wesleyans have to say, that's how all this started. Furthermore you spent one long paragraph responding to a very short sentence of mine that was plainly sarcastical in nature (the face cards).

Moving on, *The Discipline of the Wesleyan Church* gave no evidence or support for its rule against social dancing (neither did you or Mr. Lightfoot), it also said in the very next line that I should not attend movie theatres (there's a major



revelation). I want to know why it is wrong to dance socially. I don't want to just take your word for it.

Next you say that one does not need to try an activity to have a valid opinion on that activity. Now if I follow your reasoning then I can say "war is bad" without going to war, or perhaps I can say that interracial marriages are wrong without being in one. Heck, I can even say apartheid is okay without going to South Africa or even that all non-whites are inferior without ever being friends with one. According to your reasoning I can say all that and my opinion would still be valid. I think not. Making a correlation between cocaine and dancing didn't help either. Before I buy what someone has to say on a topic I believe that they have to present me an argument from either a researched or experiential perspective. You and Mr. Lightfoot gave me neither. And as a side note, what the Solid Gold dancers do on stage is not modern dance, they are trained athletes and professional dancers. If I could dance that way I'd be on Solid Gold.

Finally, I was personally put off by your remark, "I certainly pray that you are wrong in suggesting that it is inevitable, given enough time." I'm very sorry Mr. Fisher but what right have you to pray for me and my opinion to be wrong? Did what I conjecture about the future disturb you so much that you would have to pray for me to be wrong?

You state as your last sentence, "Changes will come, of course. I pray that they are consistent with principles which do not change." To change, to proceed into the future while adhering to a set of rules that people refuse to accommodate to future needs and demands is not change. It is fear and compromise.

Giocchino Jack Urso

Cuomo Talks Colleges

New York has long been known for the quality of its universities and colleges. Each year we attract tens of thousands of students from other states and countries who wish to take advantage of the opportunities provided here and who wish to contribute to our strength in the process. Leading universities in the independent sector, such as Columbia and Cornell, are regularly listed among the top ten recipients of federal research and development funds, with the University of Rochester and New York University following not far behind. New York's educational institutions are nationally respected, and they serve as centers for economic development across our state. We must continue to support and enhance these efforts.

It is now time to give our public institutions of higher education that extra margin of support which can allow them to enter the front ranks as well. One quick look at our sister state, California, drives the point home dramatically. In addition to the high rank of Stanford University, there were five units of the University of California among the top twenty expenditures. Neither our State University nor the City University yet has one campus in the top fifty.

As systems, the State and City Universities are relative newcomers to national research competition. For most of the last century, many of the institutions that now comprise SUNY

were the trainers of outstanding teachers for our schools, and the City University's undergraduate preparation of high quality students without regard to their financial ability was and remains legendary. But for a wide variety of reasons, our public institutions were effectively barred from graduate education and its related research endeavors.

This year, we will work for improvements in the ability of the State University and City University to excel in graduate education and research, improvements that will in no way diminish the quality and strength of the leading universities and international level, both for federal and corporate support. I am particularly heartened by the cooperation that has occurred between SUNY, CUNY and our leading independent research universities on such projects as NYSRnet, the New York State Education and Research Network, the new National Center for Earthquake Engineering Research at SUNY Buffalo and the Center for Theory and Simulation in Science and Engineering at Cornell.

Nor should our long-term goal of bringing at least two campuses into the top twenty public sector recipients of federal funds in any way diminish our commitment to see that they maintain their special role as public institutions by promoting the widest possible access to higher education, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

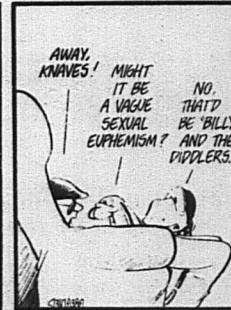
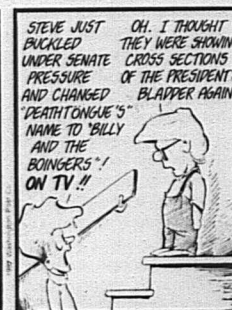
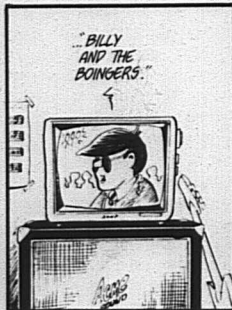
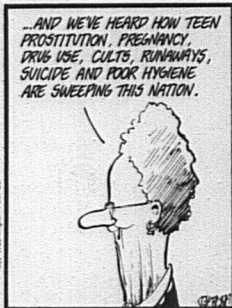
The main ingredients for ensuring full opportunity for New York students are the maintenance of SUNY and CUNY tuition at affordable levels and our support of the Tuition Assistance Program, which now exceeds \$400 million and is the premier state-financed student aid program in the nation.

In sharp contrast to repeated efforts of the federal administration to slash funds available for student grants and loans, TAP has increased by almost \$100 million in the past four years. In the face of rising college costs that threaten the ability of low and middle income students to attend any institution of higher education, let alone the institution of their choice, we shall further restructure TAP program awards, including adjustment of TAP income classifications for 1988-89 required as a consequence of the new federal tax legislation. Additionally, our Scholarships of Excellence Program will continue to recognize and encourage talented New York students to pursue their education at public and independent colleges and universities in New York State.

Governor Mario M. Cuomo

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I hope you ate my portion at the
YAO dinner Wednesday night. Next
time, we'll go for some REAL food...
The Legman

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Chewy came back to Houghton
with a gleam in her eye,
And 'The Jerk' wondered
if she'd found another guy.
She studied and strived
in the library 'till eleven,
But all she could get
was a beat 2.7...

(Continued next week)

Strobords:
You were just incredible this week!
Budbords



Bob—
Have a swine day
on Tuesday.

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Betty-A-Go-Go,
Our clothes are so bright
we've got to wear **SHADES!**
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Lovestrand Live by Louis Lovestrand

“What do you think of future RAs
having to work as desk proctors?”



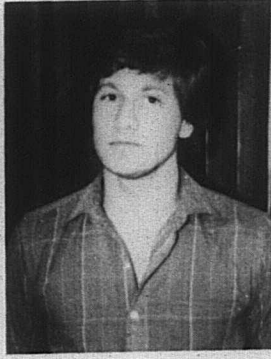
Michelle Tuckerman, RA
Junior

“State and Federal budget cuts are
forcing the school into this decision,
but it is hurting the students who
need the job as DPs.”



Amanda Clemens, RA
Junior

“This will be a new opportunity for
exposure for resident staff — it
should be a fun job!”



Duane Waldron, RA
Senior

“I think it's a darn silly idea; RAs
have their jobs cut out for them as
it is!”



J.P. Greg Laing, RA
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“I think that the RA position is a
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