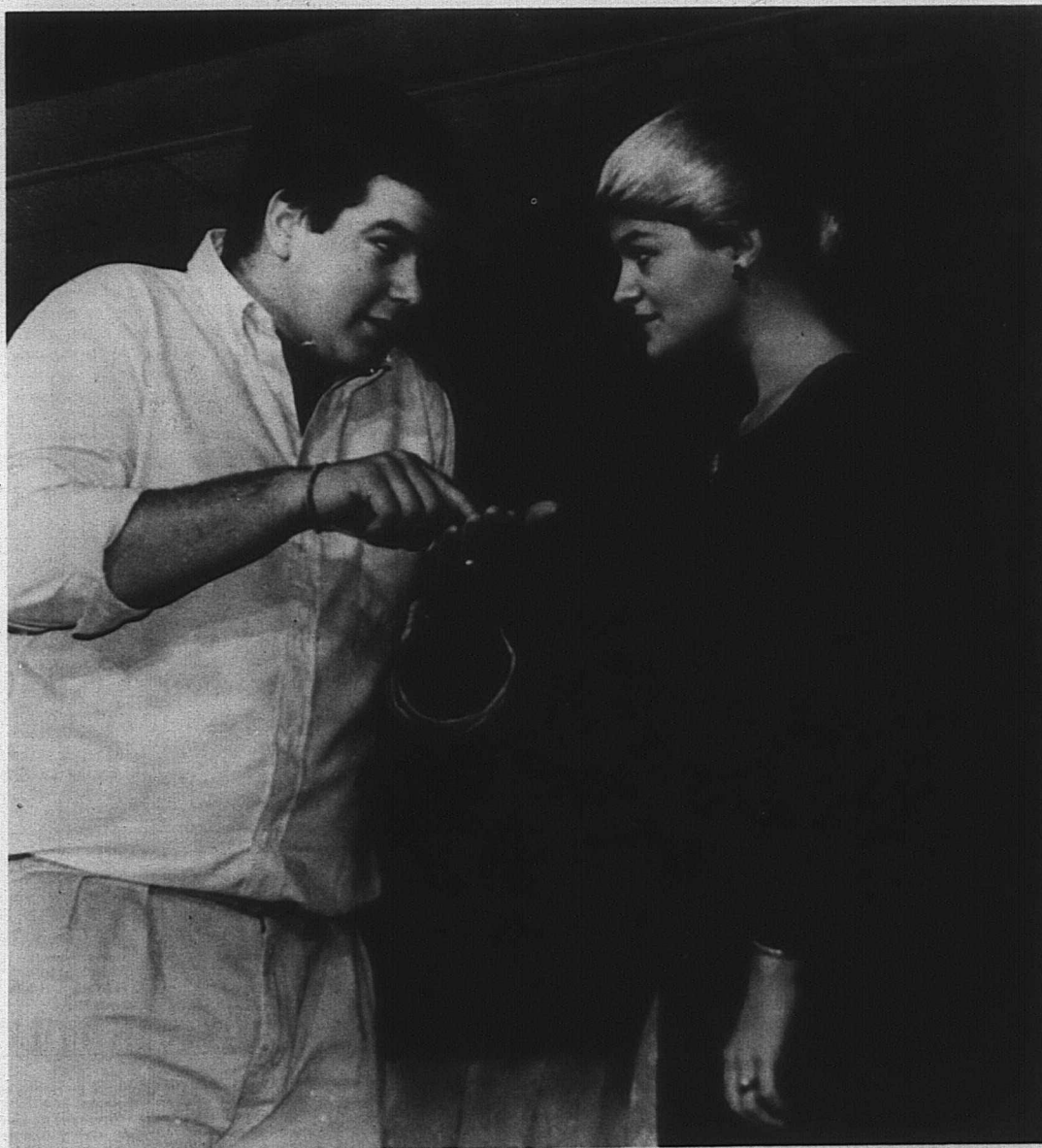


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Balancing Christian Roots

There is a sometimes spoken idea that a college is supposed to change a student, shake up his world view, drive away those naive and narrow-minded biases, replacing them with a world view. Parents are supposed to be shocked by learning that their son or daughter no longer thinks the same way that they do about the issues. This is part of the concept of a liberal arts education (at least as conceived by some).

This idea has presented a tough problem for me. My parents have not, no, nor ever will be shocked at my views. My views on the issues are basically the same as before I came to Houghton. I agree with my mother's editorial (the *Star*, November 7, 1986). Have I failed? Have I refused to let college do the work upon my thinking which it is intended to do? This is a very serious question for me, for if it is true, then I must begin to change immediately, no matter how hard that may be. How can I solve this dilemma?

My solution has been to question the very premise behind the statement which is causing me trouble. If my world view, my "narrow-minded biases," need to be changed, shaken up, then there must be something wrong with them. I asked myself, is there anything wrong with my current "biases?" For myself I have had to say no. They have served me very well as a stabilizing device in my life, as well as being true for what I have been able to prove. My beliefs have given me root, enabled college to make me grow. Without my firm roots college would have treated me like a tumbleweed, blowing me this way and that. Rather than changing my "biases," I think college has extended them. I have learned to encompass the greater part of truth, to grow into it from the truth I now possess, rather than give up the truth I now have for another. Balance, with my roots I learn the principle of balance.

I was born into an American Baptist family, but when I was in first grade we switched to the Caton Bible Chapel, a Fundamentalist church that had broken from the Baptists because of liberal theology in the denomination. From third grade through sixth grade I went to Horseheads Christian School, and from seventh grade through twelfth grade I went to Twin Tiers Baptist High School, both supported by GARB (General Association of Regular Baptist) churches. Here I received a strong dose of Bible, theology, and Calvinism. Without that background I would have been lost in understanding the myriad of religious beliefs prevalent on the Houghton College campus. I learned, and am learning, how many of these seeming diverse views actually complement, or balance out the teaching I have been taught, and also how many of the views, such as whether to immerse three times forward or one time backward in baptism, are unimportant for living together as Christian brethren. Without my roots I feel that this understanding would not have been possible. Yet my views have not changed, they have grown.

In my cultural roots, I come from a farming background, raised with the tales of a tradition that finds its roots centuries deep in the history of England and the Isles, one that demands of me deep allegiance to soil and family. I see my relationship to my culture as a blood relationship: I was born into it and cannot very well work outside the framework it gives me. Historians have termed this tradition the tradition of the Yeomanry, that class of free and independent landholders and tillers of the soil that has existed throughout England's history, and whose members were the key settlers of America. I see myself as the heir of the rights of Englishmen, one of the people Thomas Jefferson was talking about when he talked of the Natural Aristocracy,

or American Yeomanry. My place descends from the middle group of European culture, the main guardian and stay for freedom and liberty, and I see myself as a direct heir responsible for its preservation and the protection of freedom and the land (yes, by fighting if necessary). Just as there is a great cloud of witnesses gone on before to spur me on in the Christian faith, I see a great cloud of ancestors calling out to me from history to do greater things.

That is the vision I have of my culture, the roots from whence I come. Rather romantic, is it not? And certain history students will argue against the real existence of the Yeoman in history, because there is no concrete body of people that fits that definition. That argument is all well and good, but the important factor to me is not how often the ideal fell short in reality, but that it was always there as an ideal to defend and work towards. Forgive me for sounding dramatic, but I see myself as one standing in the break today to defend that culture, that world, and all the while that world is passing away. But valuing my own culture so much, realizing its importance to me and my way of serving the Lord, I am capable therefore to more greatly appreciate other people's cultures, and to insist strongly that they be allowed to retain their culture, as I wish to retain mine. College is helping me

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News

Elsewhere...

by Sharon Wittemann

Moscow— One of the survivors of the 1917 Bolshevik revolution, former Soviet Premier Vyacheslav Molotov, died two weeks ago. Molotov, with many other claims to notoriety, helped create the Soviet state and later served as a close advisor of former Soviet leader Joseph Stalin. He also gave his name to the pact he signed with Nazi Foreign Minister Ribbentrop in 1939. RIP.

Washington, D.C.— The National Conference of Catholic Bishops, after two years of intense controversy approved a sweeping document for social and economic change. Urging welfare programs with "adequate levels of support," the Bishops have drawn support primarily from liberals. Conservative criticism centers primarily around the heavy reliance of the bishops' proposed solutions for poverty on government programs.

Manteo, N.C.— Due to the governments highly successful special breeding program eight of the nearly extinct red walrus were returned to remote areas of North Carolina. If the program is successful, biologists will learn valuable clues to the re-introduction of other species into the wild. Already, one environmental group is pushing for the re-introduction of gray wolves into Yellowstone National Park.

Tucson, Arizona— Plans to open a new uranium mine nine miles south of the main entrance to Grand Canyon National Park have developers and environmentalists at odds. Canyon Under Seige, a Flagstaff-based environmentalist coalition and the Havasupai Indians conclude that the lucrative venture is no bargain at any price.

Bonn, Germany— Soviet-American arms control negotiations are quietly proceeding. Topics of discussion include the Strategic Defense Initiative, strategic offensive forces, intermediate-range forces, and nuclear testing. The Soviets have linked nuclear test limitations to the other three arms issues. There must be agreement in all four areas, they say, or else there cannot be an agreement in any one of them.

News Flash— what could be signs of early man, million-year-old pebble tools and what appears to be a hearth, have been unearthed in a cave in western Turkey. . . We can all rest easy, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced it is reorganizing its staff to concentrate on nuclear plant operation and maintenance, as opposed to plant construction and licensing. . . 16 cities in the U.S. and Canada have been cited as Americas most liveable urban areas. Among them were Denver, Tampa, St. Paul. . . A report written by Undersecretary of Education, Gary Bauer claims that American family life has been damaged by two decades of liberal social experiments: from no-fault divorce laws to permissive sex to the easy availability of welfare . . . the arrival of South African President Peter Botha in Paris prompted three bombings. Responsibility was claimed by the left-wing group Direct Action.

"Frailty, thy name
is woman!"
—Hamlet

Cook's Choice: New Zealand

by Patricia Uleskey

Professors Arnold and Elizabeth Cook will journey back to the country of New Zealand on December 19. Last there in 1979, their two-and-one-half month excursion left them anxious to return. They will depart from Toronto at 5:30 p.m. and arrive in Auckland, New Zealand after a 19 hour flight on December 21.

During their five months of research they will be traveling by car, tenting making day hikes, and staying, for at least part of the time, in a cabin on the Bay of Plenty. For Christmas, they will stay with the Harrison family who are actively involved with Christian youth camps in New Zealand.

Professor Arnold Cook will be

researching the history of the economic development of New Zealand at Waikato University in Hamilton. There are several types of vegetational varieties Mrs. Cook wants to study while in New Zealand. She will be comparing the Kauri forests of northern New Zealand with the redwood forests of California, exploring the Tussock grassland, the cushion bogs, and the man-made forest that have been cultivated on barren sand dunes. She will be able to work with New Zealand's foremost government botanist, Dr. Peter Wardle and also Dr. Mark and Otago University in Dunedin on the southern island. She will have full use of the facilities of this university without taking any courses.

Senate Decides on Gender

by Patricia Uleskey

Janelle Lang, president of Student Senate, opened the eighth student senate meeting of the semester by handing the floor over to Mr. Thom Skinner, director of the Annual Current Fund. Skinner spoke about the possibility of Student Senate sponsoring the Phonathon, Feb. 2-5, 9-12 in cooperation with the development office. He invited 24 college sponsored organizations including classes, academic interest groups, and ministry groups to participate. There will be incentives for student groups. For every 250 completed calls made, \$100 will go into the student organizational budgets. They will add \$50 for every additional 50 calls made.

Last year, the goal for the Phonathon, \$240.00, was exceeded with a total amount of \$267,000. This year's institutional goal is \$250,000 with an actual goal of \$275,000 and a potential goal with student help of \$300,000. All the money raised will go toward scholarships for students with a demonstrated financial need.

The topic of the charity drive was tabled until December 9, the last meeting of the semester, due to inadequate time for group preparation.

Although Student Development committee did not meet, Norm Smith, vice-president of Student Senate, spoke with Mike Lastoria, director of Career Development and counseling

services. They discussed the possible formulation of an alcohol awareness program. They will be creating a survey dealing with the topic of alcohol abuse.

Another topic of discussion was the Christmas mission. Stacie Schrader, head of Christmas missions, expressed her concern about complications that have occurred in the planning of their trip to the Dominican Republic. It has been difficult to obtain flight reservations, shots, and sufficient funds. Stacie commented, "I'm pretty nervous about the whole deal to tell you the truth." An alternative, she suggested, was to postpone the mission effort until spring break when Bruce Hess will be traveling to Columbia and Ecuador.

By far, the major issue of the evening was Current Issues Day. Senate went into an open 10 minute discussion to ponder and debate the possibilities of topics for CID. The issue of AIDS proposed by Dave Wingard and Wayne Hill dropped out and the issue was either to cancel CID for the spring semester or to accept Holly Lang and Randi Mathisen's proposal for the topic of gender roles. This would involve exploring perspectives on issues such as women in marriage and in the work place. The motion to accept gender roles as this spring's CID topic was passed.

Committee Delays Computers

The college's Computer Task Force has delayed recommending requiring that each student purchase a computer upon enrollment.

In a report to the faculty, the task force explained its reasons for delaying the recommendation. They felt that the faculty have not yet had opportunity to prepare for the changes necessary for the students to fully utilize computers. Also, there are several questions as to what type of system the college should acquire, and how it should fit into the college curriculum. The report covered possible options available to the college.

The report listed five major tasks that computers could perform: report generation, remote connection to information sources, use of learning packages, concepts of information organization, and technical calculations. The report did not suggest that academic credit be given for learning computer skills, since no credit is given for learning to use a microscope or the library.

Three possible types of computer systems were considered in the report: distributed, centralized, and networking. Pros and cons were given for each system, but no recommendation was given.

A distributed system means the user has his own small machine and programs, but must use special devices to communicate with other users and their machines. It would give each user his own resources, and the capability to perform most of the five tasks listed above. Communication, however, would be

mostly by floppy disks. This could cause problems of distribution of materials, and create greater pressures for students to copy restricted materials, a serious ethical question.

A centralized system would have a larger machine with commonly used programs shared by a few or many users with relatively easy communication among the users. This would reduce copying, distribution and costs by minimizing the number of copies. It would require the college to own the equipment. Word processing, a time-consuming computer function, however, would slow a centralized system down.

Networking would mean that various machines are connected together for communication, similar to a telephone connection. Networking is great for electronic mail and remote library access, but is expensive, and would be college owned, even if students had their own machines.

The report also covered many questions on the college-owned versus student owned dilemma, such as: how to pay for the equipment, total cost of equipment versus utilization, cost of machines versus number purchased, obsolescence of machines, the personal responsibility attached to personal ownership, space requirements, what to do for outside housing, and the advantage for a student to own his own machine that he can take with him and with which he is familiar.

The report closed by encouraging faculty to discuss the issues informally.

Body Builders

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

by Ruth Ann Lutzweiler

He holds one of those jobs on a college campus no one notices, yet if he weren't around to perform it, many students and faculty would be in the dark.

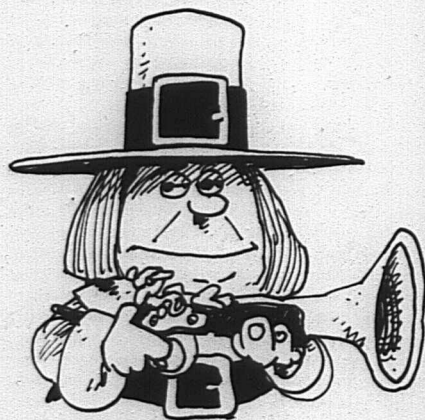
Herman Calderon, a tall, tan, 21-year-old senior at Houghton College, is frequently seen wearing his wide, yellow tool belt, as he stands on a ladder screwing in light bulbs, fixing wires and outlets, and if he's in East Hall or Brookside, charming the girls with his pleasant smile.

For the past three years, Herman has been active with the college's maintenance crew and has learned what he knows through on-the-job experience. Each day he gathers his tools and parts from the maintenance building and proceeds to wherever an electrical problem exists. On one occasion, while fixing a broken outlet in East Hall, Herman decided he didn't need to switch the power off. "Just as a group of girls strolled by, sparks flew all over the place. They screamed and I jumped! But the funny thing is, I did it later and one of the girls from the first group was there again! She thought I was weird," he laughs.

But even if Herman does "blow things up" occasionally, every time someone turns on a light, listens to a stereo, blow dries his hair, plugs in a machine, and runs a movie or slide projector, this former Houghton Snow King's skill may be tested.

Herman is also quick to assist any student in need. "One day before punching in at work I bumped into a friend who couldn't start his car. So I helped him out." Herman is also a student leader, helping freshmen adjust to their new college life by answering their questions, giving them tours, being a friend. When a freshman himself, Herman reached out to Joel Steindel. "Herman is very congenial," Joel states. "When we were freshmen he knew everyone here, and that's how I made friends."

So, not only does Herman Calderon help keep the electric systems going throughout Houghton's campus, but he lights it up as well with his warm friendly attitude . . . and, of course, his smile.



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Arts & Entertainment



Senior Silvey Sings

by Louis Lovestrand

It is not only a language major that must be able to communicate in four languages; a music major must master as many tongues in song. Phil Silvey is one of those talented individuals. A double major in Music Education and Theory Composition makes him a busy person. A half-hour recital is required in order to complete a bachelor of music degree in Music Education. Phil's study is in voice. The coming senior recital is on November 24, at 8:00 p.m. at Wesley Chapel. A baritone, he will have a chance to share a sampling of his study and prove that he has mastered his work. Phil is a student of Dr. Ben King.

The recital begins with an Italian

aria by Handel. Some German pieces by Schumann follow. An interesting contrast begins when Phil sings some Old English songs from the Renaissance back to back with a song in modern English of his own creation. The song, entitled "Beginning," is about the divine creation of the world. French is the tongue of his next few. The recital closes with an interesting twist. Little known to most is that Frederic Chopin wrote solo compositions. Phil sings three solos from this renowned composer. He will be accompanied by Janice Foley on the piano and Judy Widrig on the harpsichord.

The program sounds promising and should interest most everyone. Phil has worked hard for this event. Of course, there is no charge for the event.

**"Ah, why should
life all labor be?"**
—Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Artist Series Present: *The Bartered Bride*, 2001

by Julie Wagner

The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Roberto Benzi, will be the last participant in Houghton's first semester Artist Series program with guest soloist Mahaela Martin this Friday evening, November 21.

An extremely gifted violinist, Martin made her debut at Carnegie Hall in May 1983 after her international career began in 1982 with the winning of the Gold Medal in the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis. Born in Romania, she has done extensive touring in Europe, and has won many other international competitions. The piece she will be performing is Dvorak's Violin Concerto in A minor, Op. 53, which will serve to exhibit her considerable talent.

Roberto Benzi has been the conductor of the Bordeaux-Aquitaine Orchestra since 1973 and has partici-

pated in many music festival internationally. Under his direction, the orchestra has been expanded to include 100 musicians, and three albums have been released to an ever growing public. He has been invited to perform with an impressive number of other orchestras throughout Europe and America, and has also directed operatic productions in some of the foremost theatres found in these countries.

The featured work on Friday's program will be Richard Strauss's *Also Sprach Zarathustra*, or the theme from "2001: A Space Odyssey." Also, the popular overture to *The Bartered Bride* by Bedrich Smetana, an example of Czech nationalist music, will be performed at the concert's opening. The concert is scheduled to begin at 8:15 p.m. in Wesley Chapel, and promises to be a special event in this season's Artist Series.

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develop a greater understanding of other cultures, but only because I have such a great feel for my own, a desire for it within me that enables me to empathize with other cultures. Cross-cultural education and studies are dangerous without this root in one's own culture, because they foster a disregard for all cultures. There is no sense of the uniqueness of each culture, the worth of its endurance. College has once again enlarged my views, helped them to grow, but only, I feel, because I was firmly rooted already.

The original statement, that a college is supposed to change a student, shake up his world view, drive away those naive and narrow-minded biases, replacing them with a world view, has not proved true in my case, yet I do not think I have failed. Rather than shaking up my world view, college has caused it to grow. Perhaps the more correct statement should be that college is to nurse the mind on to greater growth, pruning error, till a more fully minded person emerges. Maybe this is what many people actually mean by the other statement.

Are you a rooted person who feels that college is demanding you to give up your roots? Do not be afraid. Examine your roots, and examine what college is saying to you. Perhaps the two are more complementary than you think. Most students come to this college with at least a few good ideas in their heads. If you have a good idea, do not throw it out carelessly. Defend the background from which you come. I see my duty to be to understand other cultures and backgrounds, but to stand beside my own culture and defend it, just as I stand beside my own family, not because it is better than others, but because it is mine, given to me by God to defend. And if your background has error in it, correct the error, but do not give up your roots. We must be good stewards, balancing the inheritance of the past with the demands of the present.

Respectfully yours,
Jonathan Robords Lightfoot

Sports



Scandal: Danny Meade falls for Scott Parkinson

Turkey in Texas

by Derek May

On the weekend of November 14 and 15, the varsity soccer team won a pair of games to win the regional tournament and advance to the national tournament in LeTourneau, Texas.

Houghton played Nyack on Friday in 25° weather and two inches of mud. Dan Meade finally "broke the ice" with a goal late in the first half. The second half proved to be more productive for Meade as he scored two more times before the final whistle sounded. Jim Cook added a goal to make the final score 4-0 in Houghton's favor. The defense, led by Dave Staples and Brian Thompson, played a flawless game as they held the Nyack offense to no shots.

Saturday's final against Eastern College proved to be an exciting game as it took the Highlanders two overtime goals to clinch the victory. Houghton dominated the whole game but could not seem to find the back of the net. Greg Gidman put that notion to an end with five minutes remaining in

the second overtime as he converted a penalty shot into a goal. Less than two minutes later, Billy Clark put the nail in the coffin as he scored on a well-placed shot over the oncoming keeper. Once again the defense turned in a stellar performance by only allowing three shots. In the two games, Houghton outshot their opponents by a margin of 59-3. (That's why Tim Kangas did not get muddy.)

The men travel to LeTourneau, Texas for their first round game against George Fox College, Oreg., on Wednesday. A victory would bring them within two games of a national championship. Houghton is seeded third out of eight teams which include Grand Rapids, Huntington, Biola, Bartlesville, LeTourneau and Bryan. The soccer team would like to thank everyone who supported them this year, especially this past weekend. We wish we could take you to Texas, but you all will have to hear about our national's victory when we get back.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

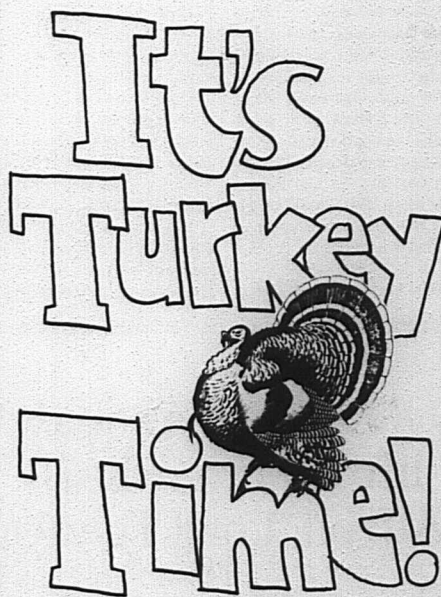


Happy Thanksgiving

For those interested in going to the soccer tournament in sunny Texas, we at the Star have acquired the following information to aid you. These rates are based on flights leaving early Monday from Buffalo and returning Sunday (included are the toll free numbers for reservations).

American: \$700 round trip —800-433-7300
Eastern: \$700 round trip —800-327-8376
North West: \$350 one way* —800-225-2525
Pan Am: \$198 round trip from JFK —800-221-1111
People Express: \$149 one way* —pay number 716-852-1233
United: \$700 round trip —800-241-6522

*one way trip only, due to no available flights on Sunday.



Blonde Seniors in Action



David E. Staples

Alias: Campus Good Guy
Hometown: East Stroudsburg, Pa.
Age: 32
Hobbies: Bicycling, skiing, road rallies and team bowling
Role Model: Bruce Springsteen
Career Objectives: "I hope to complete my undergrad degree with an MBA, and pursue a career in finance. Ultimately I am aiming to involve myself with urban economic reform."
Claim to Fame: Scored the winning goal in Coach Burke's 200th career soccer victory.

Tim Kangas

Sport: Soccer
Major: Biology
Minor: History
Achievements:
Most Valuable Player (1985)
NAIA All District (1985)
4th in the nation (NCAA) for goals per game average (1985)
Team Captain (1986)



Matt Hess

Sport: Soccer
Major: El. Ed./Spanish
Minor: —
Achievements:
Student Senate Christian Service Award 1986
Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities
Editor of AA Alumniogram
Coordinator/Participant in U.S. & International traveling teams
First place in FMF 1986 Writing Contest
Soccer chaplain 1986
3 yrs. varsity soccer

Hats off to Brooks

The 1986-87 version of men's basketball Highlander-style is off to a stunning start. After enduring a 5-22 nightmare a year ago, Houghton began its season with a new coach. Steve Brooks, an assistant at Taylor for three years, took the helm in late August. Although no one on this staff or in the college community expected any miracles, the outlook for the season was optimistic. Already three games into the season the men are undefeated! The Highlanders began their season at the Spring Arbor Tip-Off Tourney against the University of Michigan at Dearborn. Houghton 61, U. of M. 57 with Darnel Lyles crashing for 16 rebounds! In the championship against Spring Arbor, Houghton fought its way to a 78-74 victory, with Jim Leventis hitting for 29 points (including 7 for 7 from the line.) The Highlanders then opened

at home against a young but solid Daemen team. After leading 30-19 at the half, the men caved in to some excellent Daemen pressure which tied the game up. Daemen eventually led, but only for a moment. In a display of character that this team is certain to show time and again this season, the Highlanders stormed back to take the lead. Although it was nip and tuck the rest of the way, Houghton won 67-55. Lyles led all Houghton scorers with 24 points. The story this season has been teamwork and commitment. Coach Brooks has already instilled a real "blue-collar" working atmosphere and it is bound to bring the team a few more victories before it's all said and done. Houghton plays again this weekend when it hosts Conestoga, Humber, and Eastern College in its Tip-Off Tourney.

Wendy's Women Come in 5th

by Cathy Stoner

Despite the absence of their beloved team mascot, Bonabi the Bear, Houghton's eight-woman team drove to the NCAA volleyball tournament at Marion College, IN, on Friday the 14th and returned home with a respectable 5th place finish.

Ending up in second place in pool play, Houghton lost its first match to eventual tourney winner Concordia College (7-15, 5-15), but made history by winning two games in their pool, romping over Greenville (15-8, 6-15, 15-9) and defeating John Brown U. (15-12, 9-15, 15-10.) The team then went on to lose to fourth place King College 8-15, 6-15, which completed the Highlanders' season with a commendable record of 27-17. The tourney's second and third place spots were occupied by strong Marion and Trinity teams.

Senior hitter Virna Vidaurri was named to three honorary teams including All-Tournament, All-American and All-American Academic squads.

She also received the prestigious Susan R. Hellings (an ex-Houghton player) Award for Christian testimony and excellence in academic, athletic, and leadership achievement.

According to Coach Wendy Jacobson, the team's success hinged on "sticking together and encouraging one another," and each member of the small squad "knowing I'm responsible. There is nobody else coming off the bench." After a slump following the District tournament, "We had to do something drastic!" And something drastic they did, making their fourth consecutive appearance at the national tourney after completing a challenging schedule.

All the Marion tournament weekend traditions were observed: bed-breaking, free Pepsi between matches and the inevitable trip to Ivanhoe's for sundaes made to order. The girls can be proud of a good season and can look forward to another winning schedule next fall, although a new mascot may be in order.

The stars at night
Are big and bright (clap, clap, clap)
Deep in the heart of Texas
—Pee Wee Herman

Intramural Update No. 2

by Dave Morris

MVP Karl Terryberry ran for approximately 180 yards with touchdown runs of 20, 15 and 70 yards, and caught one touchdown pass of 45 yards as Bob Hill's "The Lotts" convincingly won the Houghton's "Super bowl Spectacular" 6-2. Before a crowd of about 150, quarterback Bob Hill went 5-9 with touchdown passes of 45 yards, 30 yards and 20 yards. Hill threw for 101 yards. Key plays in the game were given by Crystal Massey and Laura Shannon as they each had a sack that stopped a drive. Also, Brent Poley, Bruce O'Byrne, Steve Mills, Vinney Coniglio and Andrew Knisely all made the "Lotts" run as smooth as a well oiled machine.

Crushing blocks were applied by each player.

"Laing's Gang" connected on two scores as Skip Trudeau threw the ball to John Garlock for a touchdown and handed off the ball on a well planned reverse to Rob Porter. He ran 20 yards uncontested for the other touchdown. Other important players for "Laing's Gang" were J.P. Laing, Allison Mikkola

and Dave Meel, Garlock and Porter.

In the first round of playoff in women's volleyball, the "Rat Killers" of Diane Trasher played the "Old 4th Mainers" of Becky Andrews. In the other semi-final Professor Sue Crider's ladies, the "She-Boppers", will play "1st Old Gold" captained by Lisa MacVean. These games took place on the 18th and the winners play the championship Thursday, November 20. Check the next issue for results.

In co-ed floor hockey played Monday the 17th, Dr. "of doom" Young's, "Universal Juveniles" defeated Jim Harmon's "Shin Shooters" 5-1. Goals were tallied by Jeff "fish" Fry (3), Dave Morris, and Dan O'Bryan for the Juveniles and Jim Harmon scored for his team. Great plays were given by Nancy Ashworth, Chrystal Smith, Peter Anderson, Steve Steiner, and Nora Wenger. Scott Olsen was benched for "academic reasons" by captain and his professor Dr. Young. In the other co-ed semi-final, Bob Hill, Heidi Piper, and Brent Poley each scored two goals as "The Restless Breed" won 6-4 over the "Top Guns." For

the "Top Guns," Paul Beyer and Roy Seland each had two goals to keep it close at the end. There was strong playing by the "Breed's" Chrystal Massey, Deb Baird, Karl Terryberry, and Bruce O'Byrne. Dave Omdal was exceptional in the net for the "Top Guns." The championship will be held Wednesday the 19th, between the "Universal Juveniles" and "Restless Breed."

In men's floor hockey, "So What If We Lose" blew through Steve Riggs' "No Names" 7-0. Three players for "So What..." had two goals a piece: Paul Beyer (Mr. Nice Guy), Wes Becker, and Jim Harmon. Mikal Ranneklev scored the final goal. Tim Swauger had a light time in goal as the defense by Jens Beck, Scott Vallette, and Hank Beekley.

On Tuesday the 18th, the semi-final round of women's volleyball was played. In a very intense game, the "She-Boppers" led by crushing spikes of Mrs. Spike herself, Faith Spurrier, spurred her team on to a 15-9, 13-15, 15-6 victory. This team, made up of faculty and members of the community also had great playing by Lisa Dombrowski, Nancy Spalding, Sue Crider (getting closer to that promise) and Vanessa Finis (awesome serving). The team that came up a little bit short was Lisa MacVean's "First Old

Gold." There was great playing by the sisters Mary and Helen Durling, Sue Merz, and Patsy Cuillo. To meet the "She-Boppers" in the final game will be the "Old 4th Mainers" lead by P.A. King and Becky Andrews. They were winners over the "Rat Killers" of Diane Trasher 15-7, 15-11. Valiant playing was given by Cindy Brannon, Sue Sleigh and a newcomer to Houghton, Mickey Mouse. The championship was played Thursday the 20th.

Meanwhile, out in the snow, the "Melting Pot" scored a championship victory 3-0 against Scott Vallette's "Jerry's Kids II." Goals were scored by Sei Shiina, Rob Jacobson, and Nfor Tandap. For Vallette's team, Doug Newcomb, Scott Olsen, and Dan Pollock played exceptionally well.

In men's floor hockey, "Black Dog" goes to the finals as they defeated "Top Guns" 11-2 before 30 spectators. "Black Dog" was led by captain Bob Hill's four goals, Jeff Fry's three, Brent Poley's three, and Pete Anderson's one goal.

For "Top Gun" Dave Omdal played exceptional as did Roy Seland who scored two goals. At defense, Mark Eckler played tough. The championship game between the "Black Dogs" and "So What If We Lose" was Thursday the 20th.

Let's Horse Around

It is with great pleasure that we report the results of the open horse show held by Brentwood Stables in Angelica, New York on Saturday, November 15, 1986. Following are the placings achieved by members of the Houghton College Equestrian Club:

Wesley Dunham, riding Special Sauce (a horse leased to him by the owner, Ron Johnson).

Open Hunter Under Saddle - 1st place

Open Equitation - 2nd place

Hunter Hack - 3rd place

Wesley Dunham, riding Goldie (a horse he is training).

Green Hunter Under Saddle - 1st place

Walk - Trot Pleasure Horse - 2nd place

Jeanne Harvey, riding Rosendale Percival (H.C. lesson horse).

Beginner Walk-Trot-Canter Equitation - 1st place

(note that Jeanne is a consortium exchange student with us for the semester from Westmont College. Her horsemanship II class and the Equestrian Club are the highlights of her semester here. She has made astounding progress from green beginner to show winner this semester).

Kendra Outlar, riding Blaze (H.C. lesson pony).

Green Hunter Over Fences - 3rd place

Blaze is 19 years old. Kendra schooled him to jump. This was his first time to compete as a show hunter pony.

Jean Reigles, riding HC Daniel (her own horse).

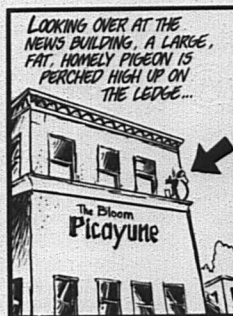
Green Hunter Fences - 1st place, twice!

(Miss Reigles, a member of the H.C. fine arts faculty in voice, is a skilled and dedicated rider who schools her own horse. This show was her first competition over fences. She and her horse are off to a great start. She has always been supportive of the Equestrian Club and we congratulate Miss Reigles on a job well done and obviously deserved win!)



BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



Opinion

Yoder and Crocker on a Higher Calling

Dear Editor,

Mr. Alton Shea's letter on pacifism in last week's *Star* worried me somewhat. Though I do not consider myself a pacifist in the traditional Anabaptist sense, I do believe Mr. Shea did not present a fair understanding of what Christian pacifists believe. I see a straw man in his letter — a big straw man. Christian pacifists do not question the need for order in society as Mr. Shea claims; that is simply ludicrous (at least not the ones I can think of i.e., John Howard Yoder, *The politics of Jesus*). For pacifists it is not a questioning of order in society, but rather a questioning of the nature of secular power in a fallen world.

Essentially, Anabaptists view the nature of secular government (power) in society as part of the fall of man. It is manipulative and even part of Satan's domain (extrapolated from Christ's being tempted in the wilderness). Governments are not seen as part of God's will and are, at best, only necessary evils to ensure the survival and continued existence of mankind in a fallen world. God has not "ordained" governments, but rather "ordered" them (Romans 13:1-2). By this it is meant that God merely recognizes their existence (to quote Yoder) "as a librarian orders books on a shelf." God recognizes governments and even uses them at times as a tool for carrying out His will (i.e., using the pagan governments of the Old Testament to punish the nation of Israel).

Anabaptists today do not see God using governments for His glory and grand plan (for they are fallen), but instead using the Church. The Church being the holy, triumphant community of believers (triumphant over the world's authority due to Christ's atoning work on the cross) — this "salt of the earth" is what God uses today. Christ's work on the cross crushed the worldly powers and

established the Christian church, separate from the ruling authorities, as the means of instituting justice and carrying out order in this fallen world. The church is this "city on a hill."

One implication of this view is this: the question of Christians working in or for the secular government becomes essentially not an issue. Yoder would say, why work for the government to carry out justice (which is fallen, corrupt, and manipulative) when a Christian can work for the Church — the holy ordained community of believers — to carry out justice? Our allegiance as Christians is to the Church, not to some secular, worldly authority.

Passive obedience is the response Christians should take towards the ruling authorities. Christians are to follow the government's rules and statutes only when they are not in contrast to God's higher laws. This passive response is followed not only because God demands it, but also because it is the best way to keep peace in the Christian church and to be productive. Non-violent resistance to governing authorities is necessary when secular governments work contrary to God's laws and begin to tyrannize society.

In Yoder's eyes Christians have a higher calling than to work for the government — working for the Kingdom of God, via the Church is greater.

One may not necessarily hold to Anabaptist theology, or to their view on the role of government in our fallen world, but one should still give it a fair analysis.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Crocker

America the Chosen?

Dear Editor:

Let this be an appeal from a brother to the rest of the body here at Houghton. Please do not assume that just because America started with some kind of Christian roots, that she is the chosen one of the Lord today. A few times during the recent debate quite a few voiced views that since our God is a God of justice, etc., it is therefore somehow justified for American forces to go out to other lands bearing arms, and what not. That somehow America has the right to become the policeman of the world, or that every time America makes a decision to go out to war, it is to fight against the "evil ones." That all wars are fights against the "rebellious spirits," or that America has a duty from God to keep the world from going non-democratic (or non-pro-American). That all American foreign policy decisions are made with the view of the Coming Judge in mind or that, because the Lord will come to judge the wicked, it is justified for America to now act as the universal judge — do you presume when the Lord comes to judge the wicked, that it is only the wicked in non-American lands? That seems to be implicit in some of the arguments I have read so far.

I know that your (I am using the

second person in a corporate sense) national leaders sometimes use such arguments, but dare they stand before things they say to their voters? You do not have the United Nations here. But you do have your brothers and sisters from different cultures who would rather that you not mix your enthusiasm about your country with the common faith that we share. Please do not grieve us with your insensitivity and ignorance about the feelings of people from a culture different than yours. And please be not only sensitive, but also discerning and open-minded. The world beyond American shores is much, much more complex than the simplistic, clear-cut "black-and-white" one that so many of you perceive it to be.

If America's greatness is due to her spirituality (or the presence of spirituality in the land), America's downfall will surely be due to her parochiality. When America goes down, I hope you will not go with her. But that seems inevitable. A good friend of mine once told me that the morality of society in general is on a downward trend, and the sad but true fact is that the Church is following closely behind, keeping just ahead enough to be comfortable.

Sincerely,
Richard Phan

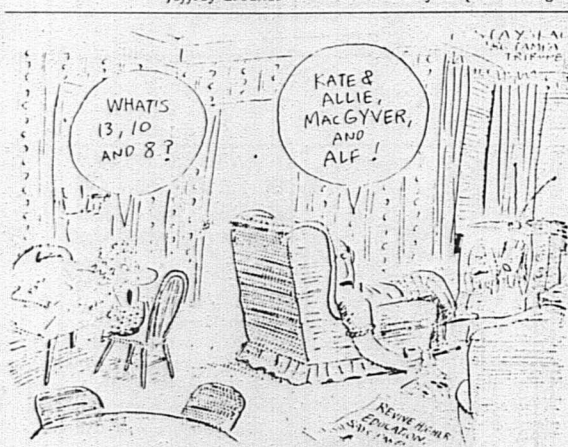
Longing for Opus

Dear Star Editor,

At the risk of being attacked by Jack Urso, I wish to express my opinion. I was very distressed to find that Bloom County was missing from your last issue of the *Star*. I feel that I can speak for most of the students in saying that a *Star* without Opus is like Houghton without the belltower. (We hope it survives!) I hope this error, which I'm sure it was, never happens again. Bloom County is the best reason to read the blessed "paper."

Thanks for listening,
Norm Smith

P.S.—People who hate Opus should be struck regularly like gongs. Of course, I'm sure people at Houghton aren't familiar with the quote "Life is too important to be taken seriously." I think it was Hemingway that said that.



Stoned on Mozart

Dear Jonathan,

This letter is being written for two reasons. First of all, I think Sharon J. Wittemann's letter was great! So having given her my support for what it's worth (if anything), I'll get to the second reason. I have some reactions to the speaker at the FMF Chapel. I would have written sooner but I was hoping that someone else more eloquent than I would write about the subject.

My main complaint has to do with how the speaker would digress from his subject and start to unashamedly pour his opinion into his audience without any kind of factual support. Maybe he was right about disinvestment in South Africa. Maybe it will hurt the Blacks more than it will help them. But should anyone have the right to expect me to come to that conclusion without presenting some kind of logical argument? And would it not be better to talk about apartheid at a time when the topic is appropriate instead of at a chapel that is supposed to be all about the history of missions? I don't object to unsupported personal opinions (like this one) stated in print because the reader can simply stop reading. Chapel attendance, however, is required, and I think we deserve better.

One of the digressions that the speaker took I found especially frustrating. This is so not because I think music is an extremely important topic (How worked-up can one get over vibrations in the air?), but because it has been made into one. Of those who felt Led Zeppelin was a legitimate option for a Christian to listen to, the speaker said that he would pray "for your soul." I find the theology involved in a statement like that ridiculous if not arminian. Nowhere in the Bible do I find my soul is endangered by music. I'm sorry that Led Zeppelin reminds someone on campus of days when they were "dropping acid." But I know of people who get stoned to Mozart. If one of those people wanted to leave his past behind and come to Houghton, would anyone put the same pressure on the Music Department to edit its music as is put on me to edit mine? Author Paul Little writes of a Christian he

met who was convinced that baseball was a sin because it had enslaved him before he came to know Christ. Would baseball be condemned in chapel for his sake if he were here? Would the speaker tell baseball fans that he would pray for their souls?

I hope that chapel speakers in the future will take more seriously their responsibility to their audience to show intelligence and respect.

Sincerely,
Mark Horne

Hot Stuff

Dear Editor-in-Chief:

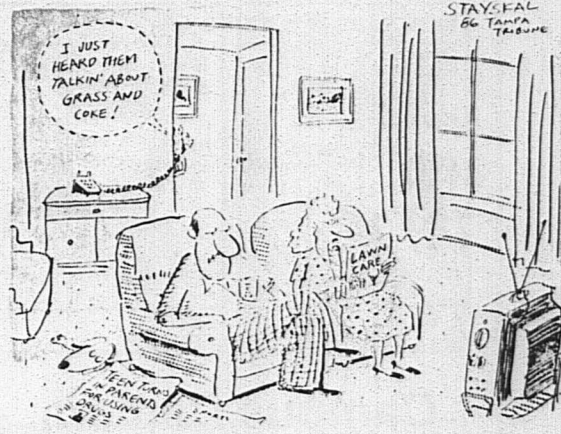
There is an unspoken problem at Houghton: It's too hot in the library! In the 1970's the U.S. Government came out with guidelines saying that for proper fuel efficiency thermostats should be set at 68 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter. This is seemingly unknown here. Teachers and students presently have only one option: open the window. This is wasteful. Why heat the great outdoors? Think of the monetary savings possible with proper temperatures. Students and faculty will be less drowsy also. If enough of you concerned readers address us about this, we'll organize a petition.

Mick Williams
Robert Wuehrich
Dan Zerbe
Fred F. Hartnett
Trevor W. Thompson, R. A.

Missionary Cheer- Leaders

Dear Editor:

More than a hundred years ago, gunboats appeared in the horizons of China's shores. Within a few years, three bloody battles later, China's doors were forced opened to trade. The reluctant Chinamen were put in their place. They now knew who was boss. You see, according to the British politicians who supported this "gunboat diplomacy," the Chinese were ignorant about economics, and about the world. China was not the



Middle Kingdom, as they had incorrectly assumed. No. And, she had to learn the hard way to live with her neighbors. "Sure," said the British public. "Let's go show it to them." So, with cannon fire, guns, bloodshed, and aggression, the West forced China to trade. Do you know why the Chinese refused to trade in the first place? In part, it was because the British wanted to sell opium to the Chinese, rationalizing that they (the Chinese public) wanted it. (Imagine the Colombian cocaine suppliers a thousand times as powerful forcing America to accept their cargo with the same rationalization.) Yes, of course, demand was there. But the Chinese imperial government did not want its subjects to be harmed by the stuff, and wanted to stop the import of opium. The British said, "Let's give them what they want, and if we can make a bundle along the way, so much the better." That, dear friends, was the justification of the "Opium Wars" (not one, but three of them) of the mid-1800's.

Meanwhile, Protestant missionaries had been laboring long and hard in this land of hard-hearted sinners. (I shall not quote from the letters of these missionaries, but suffice it to say that much worse and derogatory adjectives were used to describe the Chinese.) When a woman missionary from America saw the gunboats coming into view, she gave thanks to God, that finally it would now be possible to break down the walls of pride and objections of the Chinese. The missionaries, who were supposed to be salt of the earth etc., were more like cheerleaders to the Western military forces. I could not understand it at first, but when I found out that with the victory of the Western powers came the equally infamous "Unequal Treaties," I began to see the "serpentine

wisdom" of the missionaries. They were now given privileged status as subjects of Western powers. It was definitely easier to tell the sinners, "God loves you." Sure, more Chinese were being converted than at any other time before. More missionaries came into China immediately after the Opium Wars than at any other time in history. So, the gunboats were God's blessings in disguise after all!

Just less than a generation after the last of these wars, groups of Chinese "kung-fu" boxers went about China killing missionaries and Christians (both Chinese and Western), looting and burning down mission quarters, churches, monasteries, and convents. The world was shocked. The "Boxer Rebellion," as it is known, was at least partly a culmination of the years of ill feelings of Western imperialism, perceived or otherwise, of the missionary movement. Christians in the West could not understand it. Many attribute it to the work of the devil, hard-heartedness of the Chinese, etc.

In the early years of this century, a Chinese Christian, referring to this uprising, observed that it is unfortunate that the gospel of Jesus Christ went into China following gun and cannon fire. When I thought about it, I could not believe how Christian missionaries who believed what they profess they do, could stand aside and not raise a voice at the injustice of the West in their dealings with the Chinese, and the imbalance of Sino-Western trade and relations. Then, I read the postscript of Mr. Alton Shea's letter in the last issue of the *Star*. I still do not understand it, but I guess I am not as surprised as before. I still am angry, though. And sad.

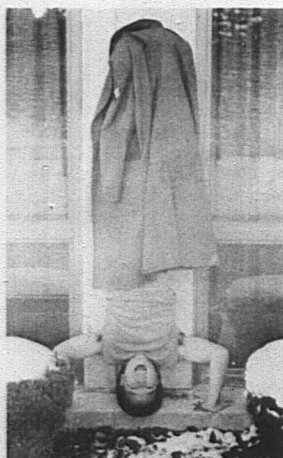
Disgusted, too,
Richard Phan



Campus Camera

Linda Hess

How did the omission of Bloom County from last week's *Star* impact your life?



Tim Aihara
Sophomore

"When the page that I first open to isn't there, I mean, that is total confusion. Was I sad? Depressed? Or confused? well yes!!! I'm also sure that it had something to do with the fact that I sat with a guy in a double feature of *The Fly* and *Aliens* last Friday night!!! (No offense Dave, Susan, and Jodi.)"



Kirk Lederhass
Junior

"I only read Garfield and Peanuts."



Sue Schmidt
Sophomore

"I think it stinks. Bill the Cat lives on!"

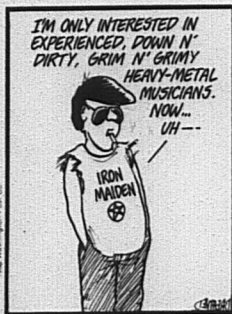
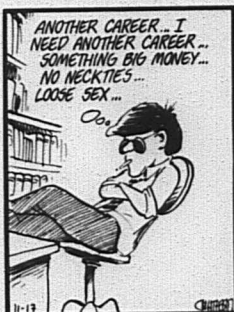
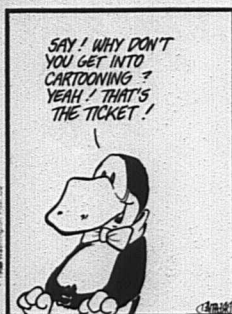
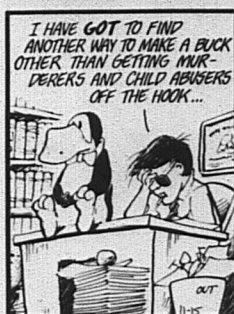


Norm Smith
Senate V.P. and Confused Senior

"I was appalled, totally appalled. I mean is life meaningful anymore? I cried my eyes out! It was awful. Please Jonathan, don't let it happen again. The CID topic should be centered on Opus's gender roles! Ya know! Senate will of course protest this atrocity."

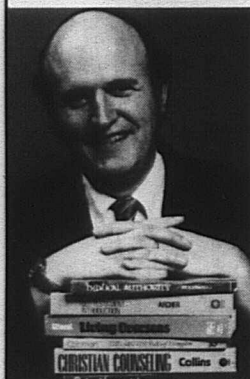
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