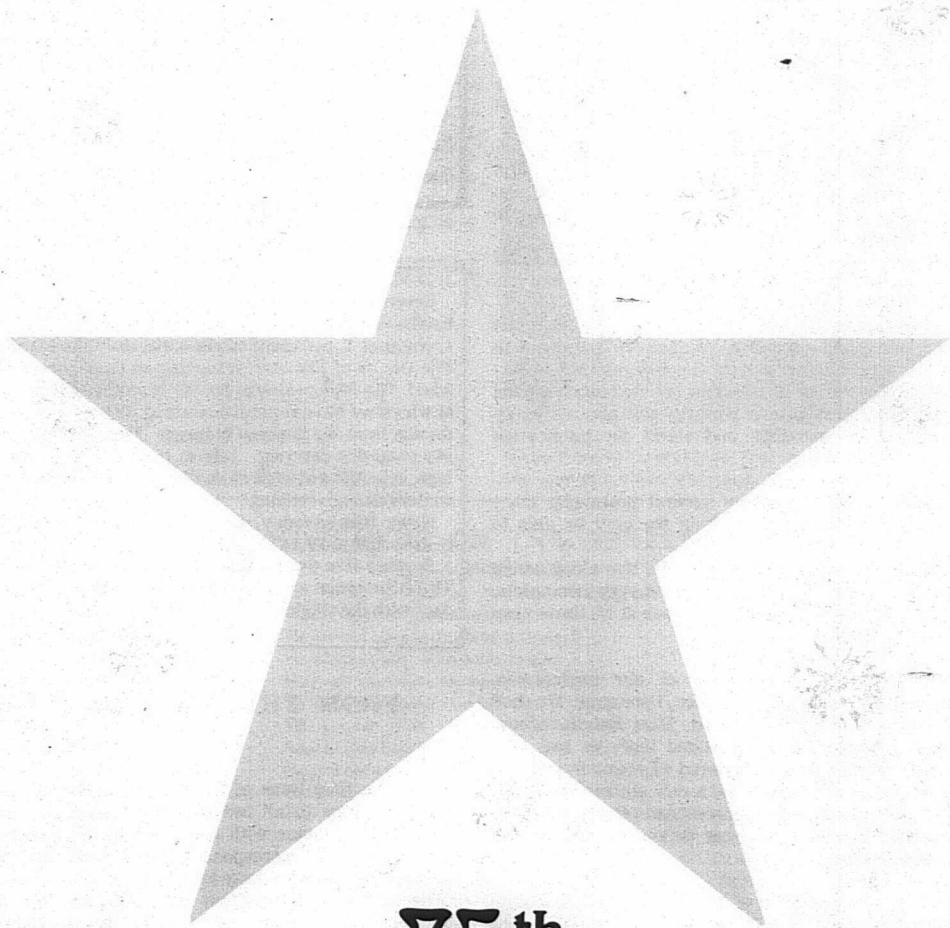


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Excerpts from THE EDITORIAL (presumably by Alison Edgar, Editor-In-Chief) in the first issue of THE HOUGHTON STAR, Volume 1, Number 1: February 1909.

EDITORIAL

Our business manager, Mr. Wright, has extended greetings in behalf of the school to all interested in the work and students of Houghton Seminary. With him, we heartily desire a fuller acquaintance with our friends throughout the Connection. We join in his plea for co-operation and encouragement in our new venture.

We feel we must make some explanation of the work we intend to take up and of the reasons that prompted us to assume this new responsibility.

In the first place, we would say, this issue, while indicative of the quality of work we shall do, is rather an introduction to our future issues than a sample of them. We have indicated in it some of the general lines with which our interest, as a school, is concerned. The article on Prohibition in this number is intended to be introductory to a long list of reform messages. We are intensely interested in reform work along every line where conditions seem to us to demand it.

We expect to make you very soon acquainted with our faculty. We wish everyone to whom this paper goes might know them personally. Their devoted lives and fine scholarship are a blessing to the students of which they are more and more sensible.

We expect to have in all our future issues at least a page and a half devoted to personal items. Miss Shirley Keyes will have charge of this feature and will commence her work next month.

The literary societies are greatly valued at Houghton. The programs are exceedingly interesting and instructive. We believe that they can be made to contribute largely to the interest of our paper. Mr. LeRoy Fancher, who has in this paper an introductory article describing the history and aims of the Philomathean Society, will give us every month some account of its meetings and select for publication specimens of its work.

We have among our younger students several promising story writers. We are sure you will enjoy anything we may be able to obtain from them.

We have now indicated something of the general line along which we expect our paper to develop, but our plan is as yet very incomplete. We are daily receiving valuable suggestions and are at all times open to criticism and advice.

And now we come to the second part of our explanation. You have heard of the three classes of great men, I presume. We shall have to, we fear, be ranked with the third. Miss Estella Glover thrust our greatness upon us. We have talked more or less of a college paper for years, and vaguely considered ways and means, but it remained for Miss Glover of Kansas and a new student this year, to actively inquire into the subject, to correspond effectively in its behalf and to talk us all into a sense of our deficiency and a lively enthusiasm for the new project.

So much for the birth and prospects of the infant, you will wish to know something about its christening. A list of names offered by the students was made out and voted upon by the Faculty and student-body in chapel assembled. *The Houghton Star* suggested by Mr. LeRoy Fancher was chosen, and was approved by the staff.

We are perfectly well aware that the journalistic firmament is already ablaze with stars - some of them burning with rather a baleful light, kindled we fear at no hallowed shrine. Yet we take this name reverently upon our lips and pen, feeling the eternal beauty of a metaphor which no amount of use or misuse can cheapen, and praying that as the stars of Heaven shine forth with the light God stored in them long ago, into the sunless night, and break up its darkness a little, so our words may go forth to lift in some degree, in their narrower circle the darkness of the sin-shadowed world in which we live.

The Houghton Star

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Seventy-five years ago this month, Alison Edgar, assisted by Estella Glover, edited the first issue of the *The Houghton Star*. Volume 1, Number 1, consisted of six features: *The Kingdom of Iniquity*, *The Gleam of The Star*, *Houghton on the Genesee*, *The Value of an Ideal*, *The Philomathean Society* and *The Neosophic Society*; three of which we have reproduced along with the editorial and an introduction from the business manager. They started *The Star* as a literary magazine carrying: reform messages, accounts of revival meetings, selections of work from the literary societies, stories by young writers and advertising.

News, then as today, was hard to come by and not a main feature in the original *STAR*.

Seventy-five years later, Carol LiCalzi Allston assisted by Ann Major-Stevenson and a dedicated staff continues to edit *The Houghton Star* with the original aims in mind.

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

With this first issue of *The Houghton Star*, Houghton Seminary sends greetings to all her friends. It seems to her that her very formal acquaintance with them should cease, and that she should enter into friendly correspondence with them. May we not ask that all her friends encourage these advances?

The students of Houghton Seminary who are interested in the welfare of Alma Mater - and we may assure you that there are no students who are not, are also interested in their school paper, and expect it to contribute largely to the success of their school.

We ask for the co-operation of all of the old students, the co-operation of every one interested in our educational work. May we not ask that every one to whom this first issue comes will become a permanent subscriber? The editing and managing of a paper is entirely new work to the present staff and we are meeting many questions which we hardly know how to settle. We shall, no doubt, make many mistakes before everything runs smoothly, so we will very gladly receive any suggestions that our subscribers wish to give. Again let us ask your co-operation, for without it we cannot accomplish our purpose, but with it success will surely crown our efforts.

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THE VALUE OF AN IDEAL.

by J.S. Luckey

God created man in His own image and gave him the power of choice. Is it any wonder that the Psalmist said, "What is Man that Thou art Mindful of him?" But the power of choice involves great responsibility as well as great opportunity. It means that each person determines his own destiny and this destiny never becomes higher than the person's ideal; it may become lower, but it never can become greater. Here then is the value of an ideal - it is the "Pattern in the Mount," the model which our conscience urges us to attain. How well we succeed depends upon other conditions, mainly upon our will power.

What is true of the individual is also true of an institution, if we consider an institution as a person representing the collective mind of its constituents. Hence it may not be amiss in this, the first issue of our college paper to ask every friend of Houghton, especially every one of the student body and every one of the alumni, what are you contributing toward a high ideal for Houghton College? Whatever else is contained in this ideal, its foundation must be "The best and most complete development of the whole man." Heretofore Houghton's brightest jewel, its "Kohinur," has been its Christian Standard. I believe we all say as with one voice, "This standard must be maintained." The next question is to what degree can Houghton give the best and most complete mental development to its students? This question is most deeply concerned with the college work and is of vital importance to the church. If Houghton is to become a standard college, if we set this ideal before us and ever attain it, the church, the alumni and every friend must unite their energies to secure the end.

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HOUGHTON ON THE GENESEE.

by J. A. McPherson

O Muse, come, sing a song to me,
Of Houghton, Houghton on the Genesee,
How in the days not long gone by,
'Twas "Jockey Street" to passers-by.
Old men most wise and ladies too
Tell us these tales, we believe they're true:
How J.L. Sullivan, the fighter great,
Walked the street with heavy weight;
Jockeys drove nags to quickest time,
When the roads were good and the weather fine.
They sang this song as they rode along:
They sang it lustily, they sang it strong:
Of all the places I love most to be
'Tis Houghton, Houghton on the Genesee.

O Muse, these people further tell,
That Jockey street was a gate to Hell:
Men gathered here, on the sacred day,
To curse and to swear, to race and to play.
One day there came to Tucker Hill
A man with a purpose, an inborn will,
To do the right, for the good to pray,
To fight all evil night and day.
He came to work and he came to do,
He came with a purpose firm and true.
He sang the old song to a different tune,
He sang merrily as birds in June:
Of all the places I love most to be
'Tis Houghton, Houghton on the Genesee.

He chose a sight at the foot of the street,
Where lofty hills and valleys meet.
He worked away in sunshine and rain,
He worked away, 'twas not in vain:
His heart was brave, his hand was true,
He worked in brick and mortar too,
Till yonder walls, Houghton Sem., in name,
Rose to view both bold and plain.
He sent out a call for Holy men
To fill the halls of Houghton Sem.
The students came, the great and the small;
They came singing that's best of all:
Of all the places I love most to be
'Tis Houghton, Houghton on the Genesee.

Time went on, it marked each day,
Jockey and fighter passed away.
The good old man has gone to his rest,
He's now reclining on Jesus' breast.
The school goes on, it has prospered well,
The town is called, not the gate of Hell,
'Tis the way of Heaven, the town of God,
'Tis the home of the pilgrim, 'Tis free from the rod.
His saints are victorious, the Sabbath they keep,
They come at his call, they follow like sheep;
They shout as they walk, the welkin doth ring,
As marching along, they triumphantly sing:
Of all the places I love most to be
'Tis Houghton, Houghton on the Genesee

O Muse, one thing I would question about,
Why went jockey and race-horse out?
What means this praise in hearts athrob
Instead of the cursing yelling mob.
Why is it now, instead of the race,
We meet the student with earnest face?
'Twas the school, you say? You speak right well,
'Twas the school, indeed, closed the gate of Hell,
But who made the school? not the holy man,
He laid the foundation, he set the plan.
But you, fellow students, as you've marched along,
Have made the school by singing the song:
Of all the places I love most to be
'Tis Houghton, Houghton on the Genesee.

Now, fellow students, the Muse will relate
The future of Houghton, her fate and your fate.
Just as her past has been moulded by you
There hangs her future, plastic 'tis true,
Just waiting your hand, skilled in the art,
To mould and to fashion each beauteous part.
The bulwarks of Houghton are not in her walls:
The defence of our college is not in her halls;
Ye are the bulwarks; and yours is the shame
If Houghton goes backward, not onward in fame.
Press into the battle; march bravely along,
Shouting in triumph, and singing the song:
Of all the places I love most to be
'Tis Houghton, Houghton on the Genesee.

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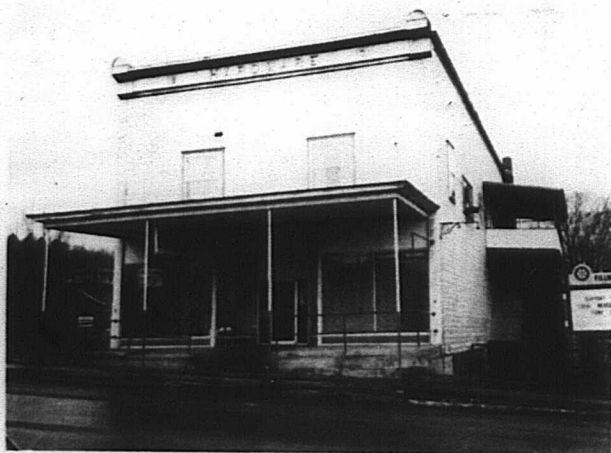
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THE GLEAM OF "THE STAR."

by Stanley Wright

We need not go far beyond the circle of the brilliant rays cast by the great arc-light of Modern History to find a world without a printed page. The production of books in any form was so expensive that their possession was limited to the wealthy. Knowledge, the chariot of progress, drove most heavily for as yet no wheels had been fitted to it. But the mind of invention, ever alert to the needs of the hour, made such a condition remain a fact of Medieval History. With the introduction of the printing press a new order of things began. Today the statement made so long ago is doubly true, "Of the making of many books there is no end." We can no longer wait for the slow arrival of the daily paper but, hour by hour the editions fall from the great presses almost at our doors. When we see long trains running here and there, loaded with mail for a million reading tables, it seems almost an imposition to increase the burden of literature that those tables are bearing. Indeed it is little less than an imposition unless that which is sent forth has a mission and it is only the consciousness of a mission that gives us courage to place before the public *The Houghton Star*.

It may be that no great astronomers will advance and contest the claim of first noting our appearance. Yet may it not be that this *Star* will influence the thought of the world as much or at least play as great a part in shaping the destiny of the world as have some of those distant points of light whose discovery has created so much emotion among scientists.

We may not know the exact character of the star which the magi followed, but we do know that as they journeyed from the East, guided by its rays, they found in a little village the world's great Teacher. If there are wise ones today, from the East, West, North or South, who will follow the gleam of this *Star*, they will find in a little village among the hills of Western New York some of the followers of that Teacher, teaching yet the great truths which He gave to the world. They will find a new life beginning; they will find swinging open before them doors of possibility and opportunity of which they never dreamed, doors that no man but themselves can shut.

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never become a dead issue. Give 'em light.

Frederick D. Shannon

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The "Christian" Solution

A lot of Christians jumped on the Nuclear freeze bandwagon last summer. Many argued that if one is truly a Christian, he or she must support the movement to freeze the current level of nuclear armaments in the world. There are two main claims that bear mention: 1) that many Christians support the nuclear freeze, and 2) that all Christians ought to support the nuclear freeze because it is the *Christian approach*.

The first statement is in itself legitimate enough; many Christians do support the nuclear freeze. However, although I am a Christian, I do not support the nuclear freeze, nor do I wish to comment on the merits of that movement. Rather, I want to discuss the second statement, as I see a growing number of Christians trying to find the "Christian" solution to all the world's problems.

The great danger is not that Christians are trying to find the answers to social problems in today's world, but rather that many Christians believe that the scriptures spell out one solution to each social problem that is so morally excellent that it is "the Christian view." Allow me to illustrate.

Not too long ago I attended a Fundamentalist conference. These people were convinced beyond any doubt that the Christian approach to economics was capitalism. And why? Because they could support their claim

with biblical passages. But also not too long ago I attended what you might call a meeting of left-leaning Christians and they informed me that God is a socialist—again with the support of Scripture.

Now, it appears that one of these claims is untrue. God can't be both a capitalist and a socialist in His economics.

Then again, perhaps it is not necessary to decide which evaluation is right and which is wrong. Perhaps the question as to what economic ideology God holds simply does not apply. In my view the Bible does not address the issue of economics, nuclear weapons, or turnip farming on Mars, except in a most general way—the way which is summed up by the call to "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This really does not speak to the issue of capitalism versus socialism, or the nuclear freeze.

Believe it or not, many capitalists adhere to that system because they believe that capitalism works best for the good of all mankind, and no one I know of opposes the nuclear freeze because he or she favors nuclear war. Many people on both sides of these issues believe that what they are advocating is best for mankind—and to that extent they maintain the golden rule. That is not to say that there is no correct solution. There are many sincere people who are sincerely wrong. And as I believe that a nuclear freeze may actually make war more likely, I think the freezers sincerely wrong.

So where's the difference between my view of right and wrong and those who believe in finding "the Christian view?" When we speak of "the Christian view" on arms control we are in effect bringing the full weight of the church, the scriptures, and Christ himself on an issue. There can be no derivations. "The Christian view" is the only approach we can accept. But what if "the Christian view" turns out to be wrong? Suppose that my view became "the Christian view": all Christians would oppose the nuclear freeze and the arms race would continue. Then suppose a war broke out, and after digging out of the rubble it becomes evident that a nuclear freeze would have averted war. Assuming we thought the right nuclear weapons policy would prevent war, we would then be forced to say that we, the eternal body of believers, and the scriptures, were wrong. And by making opposition to the nuclear freeze an essential part of our beliefs we would call into question the general truth of Christianity. But if I, Fred Havener, a Christian who opposes the nuclear freeze because he thinks it an error, turn out to be wrong, then I can say, "I was mistaken." My opposition to the nuclear freeze does not make up an essential part of my Christianity, and well that it should not.

There are some things that all Christians must believe in to be Christians, such as Jesus' death and divinity, the Resurrection, the Trinity, and so on. Over the ages, the Church has gotten into trouble when adding to the essentials of the Christian faith. We in the twentieth-century church face the same temptation.

Yes, we must seek to promote economic and political justice, and world peace, but we must seek to bring about world peace with a spirit of humility, recognizing that we don't have all the facts and that we may be mistaken.

We should continue the debate to try to find the best way to solve the world's temporal problems, but we must never allow what we perceive as solutions to those problems to become one of the pillars upon which we build our faith.

Fred Havener

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HEMISPHERES

by David Seymour

Has the Reagan Administration really slashed government aid to college students? Hardly. Though the President originally sought to cut Pell Grants by 40 percent, little change has actually occurred in the program's budget. And Federal spending for Guaranteed Student Loans, the private lending program run by banks but subsidized by the government, has nearly doubled since 1980, despite Reagan's efforts to curb the growth of outlays. A consolation for the overburdened U.S. Treasury: the default rate on National Direct Student Loans, a lending device which provides direct government aid for moderate and lower-income students, has been falling in recent months after rising to worrisome levels in the 1970's.

One measure of economic activity the news media rarely mention: the level of employment, as opposed to the level of unemployment. The latest figures show 99,093,000 civilians hold jobs, down less than a million from one year ago. In fact, the number of employed Americans has actually increased by about 150,000 since Reagan's first budget went into effect in October of 1981. Why, then, has the unemployment rate ratcheted up to 10.8 percent? Because the economy must grow at 2 to 3 percent a year merely to absorb new entries into the work force—caused by 1 percent annual population growth and the yearly flood of high school and college graduates. Thus, just to keep the number of "jobless" Americans from rising, the number with jobs must constantly increase.

U.S. troops deployed overseas at the close of 1982 totalled 543,400—up nearly 29,000 from 12 months earlier, the Pentagon reports. The greatest number, of course, remain stationed in West Germany: over a quarter million, a regular counter to the concentration of Soviet forces across the border in Russian-dominated East Germany. The smallest number, 40, serve in Honduras, a new addition to countries seeking protection from communist takeover. The growing American presence in the world now involves over 27 countries from Iceland to Australia. The only unaffected continent: traditionally anticommunist South America, dominated by its own armies.

Support for new American nuclear weapons to be deployed in Western Europe late this year varies from country to country. West Germany's Chancellor Helmut Kohl strongly supports U.S. plans to place 96 "Cruise" and 108 Pershing 2 Missiles in his country. But popular opposition and March elections could result in withdrawal of Bonn's support for the new weapons. Anti-missile sentiment also threatens Great Britain's allegiance to the NATO nuclear modernization program. Belgium and the Netherlands are the most reluctant to take the missiles, while Italy strongly endorses the missile package. Barring a breakthrough in arms negotiations in Geneva, the new deterrent will be installed to diminish the threat posed by hundreds of Soviet intermediate-range missiles already existing and pointed at Western Europe.

Does the United Nations worsen world tensions? The U.S. Ambassador to that body, Jeane Kirkpatrick, thinks so. In a recent interview with U.S. News & World Report, the diplomat said the U.N. "has several very constructive purposes—humanitarian and scientific and technical kinds of tasks. But promoting international amity is not its strong suit." She said U.N. involvement in particular issues aggravates conflicts by "globalizing" them, i.e. bringing uninvolved countries into discussions of regional disputes. "Specific, concrete debate is transformed into a big, global ideological debate." When asked if this means dissolution of the U.N. would actually promote peace, Kirkpatrick's first reply was "I didn't say that. You said it."

Controversial Speaker Cancelled

by Walt Pickut

Father Daniel Berrigan, a Jesuit priest, author, and poet, was convicted of felony in federal court after breaking into government offices to pour sheep blood over the Draft Board's files during the Vietnam War.

He was invited to speak at Houghton's lecture series on January 20.

The invitation was revoked about two weeks before he was to speak.

Berrigan's fame as a pacifist and anti-war activist was not the only reason for the invitation, according to English professor Dr. Lionel Basney, who had extended the invitation for the college.

"I had wanted to bring him here for a long time," said Basney, who added that Berrigan was a four-time National Book Club

Award nominee and noted for his humanitarian work with the incurably ill.

"He takes his vows seriously," Basney said, but preferred not to speculate on the possibility that college administration revoked the invitation due to Berrigan's use of violent methods in a pacifist cause.

Dean Shannon stated that Berrigan's appearance on campus was judged to be more probably divisive than constructive. He acknowledged that neither approval nor disapproval of Berrigan's appearance was unanimous.

The decision to revoke the invitation was made by Dr. Chamberlain, Shannon said.

Chamberlain is currently in Washington on college business and unavailable for comment, according to his office.

Senate Prolongs Debate

by Beth Sperry

A twenty-minute debate over the fate of Current Issues Day punctuated the lengthy February 1st Senate meeting. The proposal, which advocated concentrating funds for the currently semi-annual day into an improved yearly event, was defeated. Senate seemed to agree with Tom MacIntyre's sentiments that the recommendation of the advisory committee would remove much of Senate's control over the day.

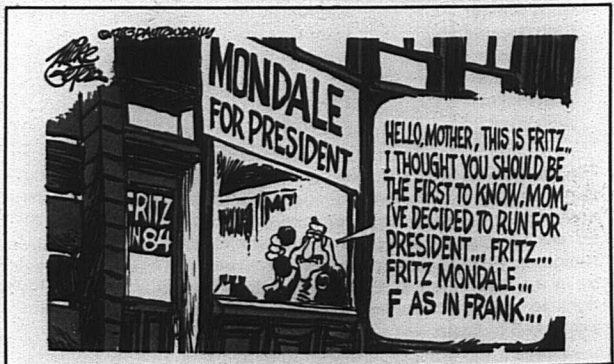
The WJSL committee report raised questions concerning moving the old transmitter from its current position atop Shenawana dorm to a less troublesome site on the edge of college property. Some advocated purchasing a new transmitter.

A lab fee for students working at the station for academic credit also came under discussion.

A senate ad hoc committee reported on the possibility of video games for the campus center basement. They recommended installation on a trial basis, pending Student Development approval.

The daily 11:00 am to 1:00 pm closing of the library was raised. This saves the library six labor hours a day, a necessity in the face of the impending 5% budget cut back. The lunchtime closing, it was reported, represents an attempt to avoid cutting into times of heavy student use.

The film review committee rejected *Fame*, replacing it with *Rocky I and II*.



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As a Music major and a Christian, I am becoming increasingly concerned about the crass commercialism that is rushing, not creeping, into the music ministry in the Church. Merchandising sacred and gospel music has become big business. To quote one author, "The ministry of music is for sale. The moneychangers are setting up shop in the house of God again, and people are rushing to patronize them."

The Christian "Star System" has been around for quite a while, but in recent years it has undergone rapid expansion, until now it has all the trappings and glamour of the commercial entertainment industry. Christian artists and organizations use the same buzz words as the secular music industry: "Shows," "gigs," "acts," "making it to the top," "number one," and "stars" to name a few. Recently I heard an announcer on CBN TV advertising a Christian music special as a "Christian Hall of Fame." Pardon me, Mr. Bakker, but doesn't Paul teach us that no Christian is above another? Where is scripture is there support for such a preposterous idea?

Confusion has also resulted from the familiar tension between *ministry* and *entertainment*. "Ministry" can no longer be taken at its face value because it has so frequently been used as a cover for a commercial motive. Although we may enjoy the ministry of music, its primary purpose must not be entertainment!

George Frederic Handel's classic statement in 1741 after the premiere of his *Messiah* is still valid: "Sir, I should be sorry if I only entertained them; I had hoped to make them better." Remember: That a person has been emotionally excited doesn't necessarily mean that God has been glorified.

Christians are paying a big price to support their musical heroes. Some gospel singers demand fees of \$10-20 thousand dollars per concert. Fees of \$2-3 thousand dollars are increasingly common. Record sales after concerts are a "must", and Christian record companies now gross over 100 million dollars per year. The commercial music industry is cutting itself in on the profits by purchasing controlling interests in most of the Christian recording companies. Even WORD music, long-time kingpin of Christian music, is now a subsidiary of CBS

corporation.

Airplay on Christian stations has become economically necessary to promote record sales. Many companies have revealed that they want more Christian radio stations; to spread the gospel? NO! So that they can get more exposure for their artists and their "product". Christian TV has only compounded the problem. Worrying about "image" has resulted in such practices as using one group to tape the music for a telecast, but using a younger looking group to lip-synch the actual program.

More and more Christian artists are attempting to "cross over" from Christian to secular stations. Former TV talk show host Bob Eubanks, now manager for Andre' Crouch, candidly states that the success of achieving a cross-over depends on choosing music that is not "overly loaded with the message." Alan Parachini recently wrote in the "NY Times" that leading music programmers agree that "most strictly secular stations will not program Jesus music unless its lyrical message is veiled, or at least largely unintelligible."

Name me one so-called Christian song that has "made it" onto secular charts that isn't either watered down or dried up. The example that comes to my mind right now is the hit "Do Right" of a year or two ago. The "Message" of this song is that "we just can't keep on livin' like we're livin', and we must do right so that he (whoever that is) will be our guiding light." Claiming that this will minister to those who haven't heard is ludicrous! Only those of us who *knew* it was a Christian artist would *guess* that it was a Christian song, and then we should recoil from the blatant "be good and you'll make it" theology!

The overblown commercialism that is so prevalent in Christian music is a threat to the integrity and unity of the Church, its true God-centered musicians, and, in the broadest sense, the spread of the gospel. These so-called "servants" are eroding the basis of the very precepts they claim to be spreading. In hot pursuit of the almighty dollar and the praise of men, many are leaving behind their purpose: to praise God and edify their fellow believers.

Mark Nabholz

Winter Festival '83 (Feb. 7-12)

Monday: Campus Store SALE!!!
Varsity Basketball (pizza shootout)
Tuesday: Hug Day
New Covenant BAND
Weds.: Give a Friend a gift TODAY!!!
RELAX--Take a Study Break
Thurs. Semi-Formal Carnation Day
Floor Hockey Tournament
Friday: Shorts, Sweats, Take a Break it's Friday
Swimming Events
Movie of the week--That DARN Cat!!!!



Dear Carol,

Persons in the Houghton community such as Mr. Alton Shea and his son, Jonathan Shea, awe me with their commitment to better what the Lord has entrusted to the college. They have shown their concern by suggesting practical ways of improving WJSL's ministry as well as by sending notes of encouragement to me.

I thank them for their sincere interest in building up the station.

The idea of a full time manager is a good one, provided that the manager is a student and that the antenna is moved off Shenawana. A situation where the manager is not a student will lead ultimately to a decrease of students working at the station. A full time manager receiving a staff salary could do the work of twenty students. Those colleges which have a staff manager only have a handful of students working at their stations; therefore, only a handful learn about radio broadcasting. In the past few years, WJSL has increased its membership to between seventy and eighty students. One of the main purposes of WJSL is to "provide a means for student training and experience in radio broadcasting" (Operational Guidelines for the WJSL Student Radio Organization, approved by the Board of Directors of the Houghton College Radio Corporation March 2, 1982.) A manager other than a student one would deny potential students the positions for training in management and program directing.

Also, I would like to suggest that a student manager operating the station year around should receive a full scholarship since s/he would be giving up a summer job and vacations. And the community would have to supply the funds for an additional five months of teletype service and programming and technical costs.

But before the community begins discussing a full time manager, I think we should consider

the responsibility we have to broadcast to the surrounding areas since CBN withdrew its station. Moving the antenna out of the valley and buying a solid state transmitter would send our signal to Buffalo while remaining at our current power of 195 watts.

This semester I am trying to locate funds to purchase a transmitter and finance the antenna move. If anyone has ideas how to acquire the finances needed to make such an advancement, please let me know.

In addition to the syndicated shows broadcast last semester, there are "Listen", a show that discusses problems that college students face; "Forces Which Move the World", an examination of world religions; and "Understanding" a series about the problems unique to the youth, middle aged, and elderly to name a few.

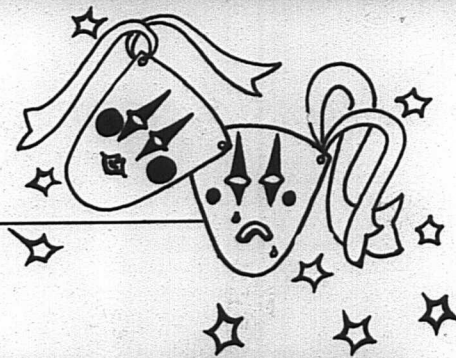
Ten students earning academic credit are producing local shows using the faculty, staff, campus speakers, and community members. One student is producing a daily devotional time hosted by area pastors.

And one very special event WJSL is broadcasting is a radiothon which is taking place this weekend. By the time the STAR is circulated, the radiothon will have been going for ten hours. From 6:30 am Friday, February 11 to 4 am Sunday, February 13, there will be special guests and programs airing on WJSL. During this time you can participate in our ministry by making a challenge donation, a matching contribution, or a pledge. A portion of the resulting funds will be given to the outreach account for the maintenance of the outreach cars.

Finally, I would like to thank the Sheas for their support and all students and community members who have encouraged the staff this year.

Sincerely,
Karen Blaisure
General Manager WJSL

INNOVATIVE THEATRE



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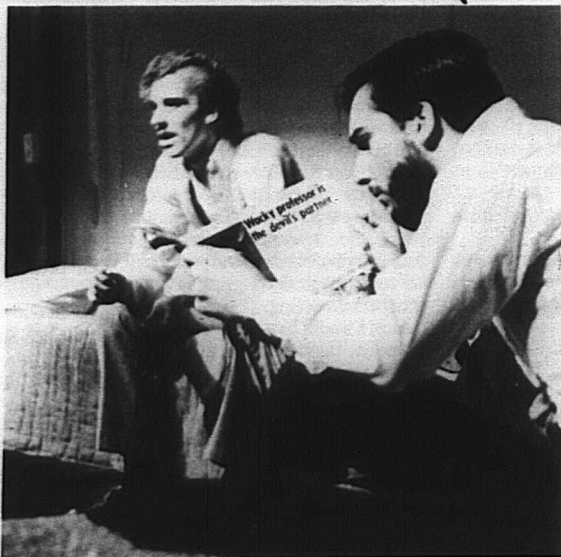


Jonathan Matthews and Karen Blaisure

"What did
you say
'what' for?"



David Shoemaker and Shirley Gray



The
Dumb
Waiter

David Shoemaker and Andrew Ruda

The English Expression Club
presents
Three One-Act Plays
February 3 and 5 at 8 o'clock
Fancher Auditorium

THE CLOWN

"The Kid's a Clown.
Best one I've ever seen.
He kills me."

Neon flashes outside.
The ragged half-curtain
Hugs and comforts the pane.
The Kid drags up the steps
And enters the shaking trailer.
He slams the twisted screen
And does not notice
As it bounces on the frame
And swings open.
He shuffles to the mirror
And looks into the unbroken corner.
He slowly washes off the happy face
That winks at him from the glass.
He leans on his elbow
And watches the face
As it twirls and dances
Around the drain
Then is sucked and gurgled down.

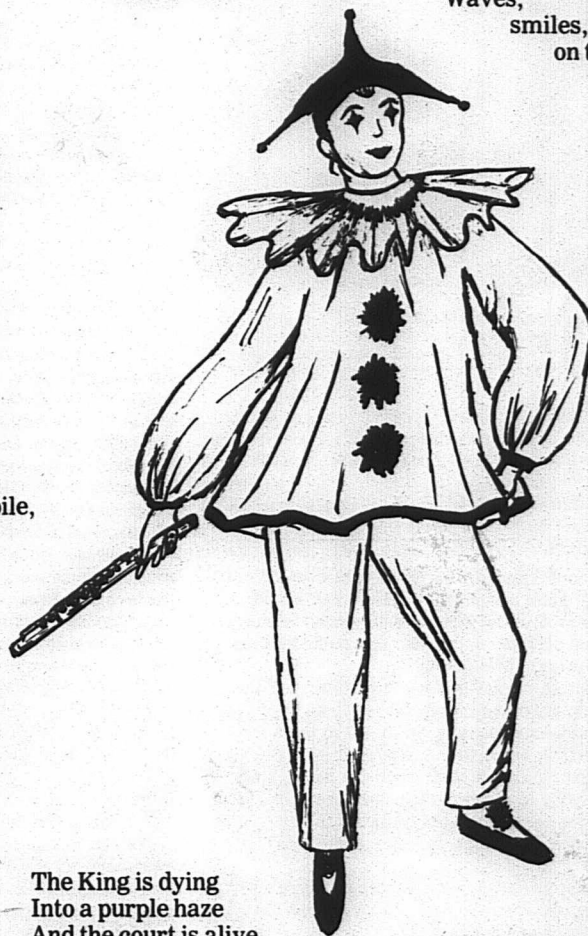
The mirror no longer grins,
But sits and stares back at him.
He wipes a finger through the dust
On the counter,
Tosses his clothes into the wrinkled pile,
And sighs himself to sleep.

"The Kid's a Clown.
He kills me."

By
**David
Shoemaker**

ONE ON ME

Seaside bar
Drinks roll in and down
and out
Smashed
smashing against jagged
Bottles standing upright
Like vintage mercenaries
imported for battle.
Waves,
smiles,
on the rocks.



THE JEST

The King is dying
Into a purple haze.
His veins are shrinking
And the gilt-crown
May soon clatter noiselessly
On the royal tile.
The jester grins
A half-cocked smile.
He giggles and puns
Until dismissed.
As the jester limps away
From the crowded, lonely room,
He feels the knife-sharp
Stab in his back
And falls with a smack
Onto the gray-smooth-stone floor.

The King is dying
Into a purple haze
And the court is alive
With healers,
prayers,
comforters.

The jester is dying
Into a gray haze,
Alone,
alone.

And he laughs to himself
As the King cries,
and dies.

The Jester king is dead.
Long live the Jest.

ALL-NIGHTER

Yawning,
Leaning over the paper,
Squinting the sleep out.
Sipping black coffee
Wondering what time it is.
Studying late night.
Stretching backwards
Hearing the tired muscles
Screaming.
Hoping this is the last time I'll be
Staying up all night
Reviewing these stupid particples.

AGREE TO DISAGREE

A young man, serious about living out his faith, organizes a protest march on a nuclear energy plant under construction near his city. He is convinced that such potential destruction to humanity must be averted. It is his conviction that God desires - demands - that such destructive activity be halted. And so he takes bold action.

In the same city, a Christian worker ministering among the elderly poor has been struck by the plight of her clients. She has seen how energy costs have eaten up their small fixed incomes. She has seen them stretch their food budgets until nutrition levels have rendered them susceptible to sickness. She has seen them huddle in their inner-city homes wrapped in coats and blankets attempting to conserve their dwindling social security checks. Compassion pushes her to urge public officials to hasten completion of the nuclear energy plant which promises some relief for the poor.

A 19 year old Christian watches with deep concern as world tensions mount. The conflicts in Iran and Iraq and El Salvador trouble him. The presidential order that all draft-age males in the United States register spurs the young man to carefully evaluate what the Scriptures have to say about war. He sincerely desires to live out the values of the Kingdom of God. Through prayer, study and listening to the counsel of other believers, he arrives at a decision: he will not register! In this act of civil disobedience he will take his stand for what he is convinced is the cause of righteousness.

Another draft-age Christian has been watching the same events. He, too, is concerned at the turmoil in world affairs. The presidential order has been disquieting to him, as well. He is convinced that war is wrong - all war! Yet he is confused by the Biblical directives to obey the authorities which God has placed over him. He is caught in a tension between what appears to be two evils. He seeks the counsel of older, wiser men of the faith,

he searches the Scriptures and spends long hours in prayer. Finally he emerges with a decision: he will register as the president has ordered. He has concluded that this is obedience to the word of God.

Why do Christians not agree on such important matters? Is it because some are not as spiritually mature as others? Or is it that some (because of their hermeneutical ability) have been able to gain more accurate insight into the Word of God? Surely God doesn't contradict Himself, does He? What shall we do then with these well meaning Christians who come up with answers different from the ones God has clearly revealed to us as His truth?

Perhaps we should try to educate them, impart the truth to them. Then if they refuse to accept it, we can cut them off from our fellowship. After all, Christ did say, "I came not to bring peace but a sword." Surely peace at any price is not the answer, is it?

One of the things that continues to nag at me as I take up causes for the Kingdom is the I.D. mark which our Lord said all "card carrying Christians" would display: "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another." To be sure, there is nothing distinguishing about holding a position, engaging in a debate, staging a protest, or building a case. Such blend nicely into the dynamic of our world. Whether we pledge allegiance to the Moral Majority or the radical minority, whether we vote Republican or Democrat (or Independent of Libertarian or Socialist) makes no visible statement to the world about our commitment to the Lordship of Christ. We may join pro or anti nuke, life, draft, ERA, or defense bandwagons, and for all the right reasons, but this will not cause us to shine like lights in darkness. Such affiliations may express our convictions, but they will not distinguish us from the rest of society as "Christ ones."

There is one distinguishing activity so rare in this world that people are awestruck when they observe it in action. It is more disarming than SALT II talks. It is more reconciling than Camp David peace accords. It is more convincing than all the arguments for and against abortion, gay rights or the authority of Scripture. It illuminates the minds of men far more than Christian TV or political debates. And it is not an option for the Christian. It is a command!

Unfortunately, this activity is only seldom seen amidst our diversity. It is often talked about but quickly abandoned in the pursuit of "rightness." I suppose that building cases for or against issues is a great deal more exciting than loving each other; such allow us to win, or at least compete. But love lays down its ego, its case, its defense for the sake of a brother - and that isn't fun! We even find it easier to pursue the Great Commission than we do to practice this New Commandment. And yet, our Lord saw love as being so vital that He spent his last night emphasizing and re-emphasizing it to his disciples. He assured them (and us) that he would reveal himself to them, give them his Holy Spirit to teach them, grant all that they ask, give them peace and joy, and call them his friends if they would but obey him by living out his love. (John 13-15) And would it be easy? Is laying down your life easy? Yet this, said Christ, is how it is to be measured.

But what about the issues? Shall we not take stands on matters of such grave importance as human rights, war, and even life itself? Of course we should. We must! But this is not to say that all Christians will take the same stands. As long as we are fallen, as long as our perceptions are colored by our experience, as long as we have blind spots, as long as we have different personalities (aggressive and passive, patient and impulsive, philosophical and practical, creative and rigid), we will continue to come up with different answers. We will disagree over disarmament and genetic planning, over movie-going and laetrile. Yet somehow in the tension between the poles, God continues to work. Love will lead us to an appreciative understanding of the unique contribution of each member of the body; the tension is thus creative. However, without the willingness to lay aside, at least for a time, our own position in order to affirm our dissenting brother, the tension will undoubtedly be destructive. I suspect that Christ is working overtime these days healing the ears (and egos) of those we have slashed in his defense. Perhaps it is time we put away our swords and begin displaying the mark of "Christ ones". Love.

Bob Lupton

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SPORTS

Seniors Capture Title

by S.R. Toman

Nine thousand screaming fans packed the Houghton College Field House, Wednesday night as the senior women tromped on the juniors, 137-30. The undefeated Seniors brought the delirious crowd to its feet time and again during the championship game with unbelievable playing.

The seniors dominated from the opening tap, won by 6ft. 2in. center Karen Blackman. Robin Pettingell captured the ball and took off down court for an easy lay-up. The senior surge tallied 28 unanswered points before even having to set up its defense. "Those poor juniors," said ambidextrous guard Mel McKnight, "they just didn't have a chance. Ability-wise, they didn't even come close to us."

"They could do no wrong," claimed senior Coach Mark Christopher, formerly UCLA's men's varsity coach. And he was right. The seniors' crisp passing never missed and they shot an unheard of 97.4 percent from the floor. Team high scorer, Mary Beth Fuller, averaging 43.6 points per game, is the key to the senior's offense. "Where there's an opening, she

finds it; where there's not, she makes one," attests teammate Marla Nielsen. Fuller led the seniors with 39 points.

The second half told the same story. The junior team scarcely even had a chance to set up its offense, let alone score, although Kathy Banker and Linda Bowman each netted an admirable 8 points. Senior Tracy Brooks played a stupefying defensive game. Quick and crafty, she struck before her opponent knew she was there. Brooks made a record high 27 steals.

The highlight of the game, had to be Deb "Cosmic" Price's slam dunk with 6:66 left of game time. The force of her dunk shattered the backboard. (Autographed pieces are for sale in Houghton's Campus Book Store.) The crowd never recovered from this feat and thereafter the players had a difficult time hearing the referees' whistles. When asked to comment on the game, center Karen Blackman replied, "I just hope I score as high on my test tomorrow as I did tonight (24)."

David Bradford, who left his coaching job at USC to coach the



Class League Champions. from left to right: Robin Pettingell, Tracy Brooks, Mary Beth Fuller, Deb Price, Becky Thorn, Marla Nielsen, Linnae Cain. Missing from Picture: Mel McKnight, Karen Blackman, Cindy Chamberlain.

Houghton seniors claimed "These girls are terrific! Nothing can stop them. Nothing. Trainer Terri Hare concurred.

Leadership scholarships have been awarded to all players on the senior team. The team leaves Houghton on Monday for sunny California where they will play in the National Class League Championship game.

According to player/owner Linnae Cain, who "calls the shots" for the team, they will travel directly from California to Europe for a road trip throughout the Continent. When it was pointed out that such a trip would conflict with classes, she replied, "Oh, we're all dropping out. The scholarships we received were in cash. We'll take the money and run."

Washington Skins Miami

by Dave Sawyer

Fullback John Riggins led the Redskins' offensive charge as Washington defeated the Miami Dolphins 27-17 last Sunday in Superbowl XVII.

The final AFC-NFC clash of the season took place before 103,667 fans, the second largest crowd in superbowl history. Sunday's superbowl was a climatic end to a frustratingly anticlimatic season, and the record books prove it. Seven play-off records were broken in the two and one half hour battle.

John Riggins powered his way to 166 yards, rushing seven yards more than Miami's total offensive effort! It was Riggins' fourth game 100 yards in the play-offs. He is also the first NFC player to gain over 100 yards in a superbowl. These

new records, combined with an unprecedented 38 carries and a record 43 yard touchdown run, allowed John Riggins to be unanimously voted football's most valuable player, and the Washington Redskins to be crowned world champions.

Miami stole a quick seven points on a 76 yard Woodley Cefalo connection 5:54 into the first period. The Skin's Dexter Manley forced Woodley to fumble, setting up Washington's first score, a 31 yard field goal by Mark Moseley. Fourteen plays later Miami's Uwe von Schaman answered with a 20 yard field goal, making the score 10-3 Miami.

The Redskins followed through with an 80 yard, 11 play series. Washington finally evened things

up with a 15 yard touchdown link up between Joe Theismann and Alvin Garrett.

On the ensuing kick-off, Miami return man, Fulton Walker added his name to the record book when he returned Moseley's kick 98 yards for a touchdown. Walker now holds the record for the longest kick-off return. He is also the first player in superbowl history to take one in for a touchdown. Washington made one last unsuccessful stab at Miami's goal before retiring for the half, 17-10.

The second half was all Redskins! Washington's defensive line held Miami's ground attack to 34 yards, while the secondary drowned the Dolphins' passing game to minus 17 yards in the air. Washington's offensive line, affectionately known

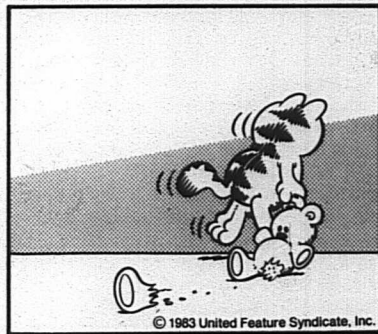
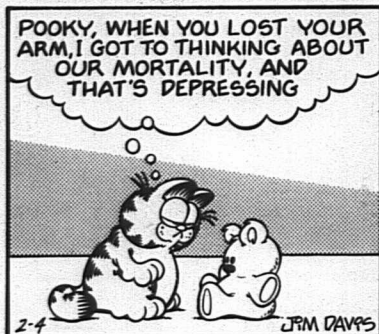
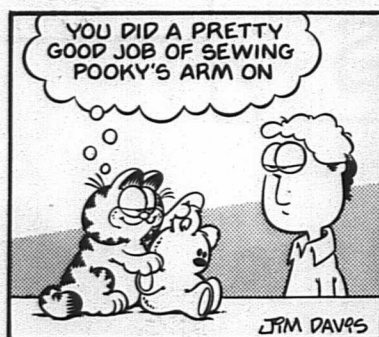
as "Hogs", continued to make the Riggins' running game very effective by dominating the Miami defense.

Washington made the score 17-13 early in the third quarter with another Moseley field goal, this one from 20 yards out.

The game breaking play came early in the fourth quarter with Washington in a fourth down, one yard situation. The shortest yardage play turned into a 43 yard touchdown run and a Superbowl record when Riggins ran around the pile up, over a Dolphin cornerback, and into the endzone.

Washington finally clinched the lead late in the fourth with another Theismann pass. This one connected with receiver Charlie Brown making the score 27-17.

Men's Intramural Basketball Championship Game will be played tonight at 6:30 pm in the gym.



PHOTOGRAPHERS, remember that February 14 is the deadline of the STAR photo contest! Entries must be in the STAR office by 1 pm, and will be judged by a panel of four judges on technical quality, aesthetic appeal, and general composition. Winning contributions will appear in upcoming issues of the STAR and LANTHORN, with cash prizes going to first and second place winners.

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Attention: There will be no recital of the Chamber Orchestra and String Ensemble this Wednesday evening as previously announced.

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The movie "Martin Luther King: An Amazing Grace" will be shown on February 10 in Wesley Chapel at 8 pm.

"You can't live with 'em; You can't live without 'em" Davis House is once again proud to announce the engagement of yet another of its inhabitants. This time it's

Mark Whitman ('83)
to
Sandra MacCarn ('83)

Congratulations and Best Wishes! Love, Tom, Jack, Wes, Jamie, and Jeff.

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