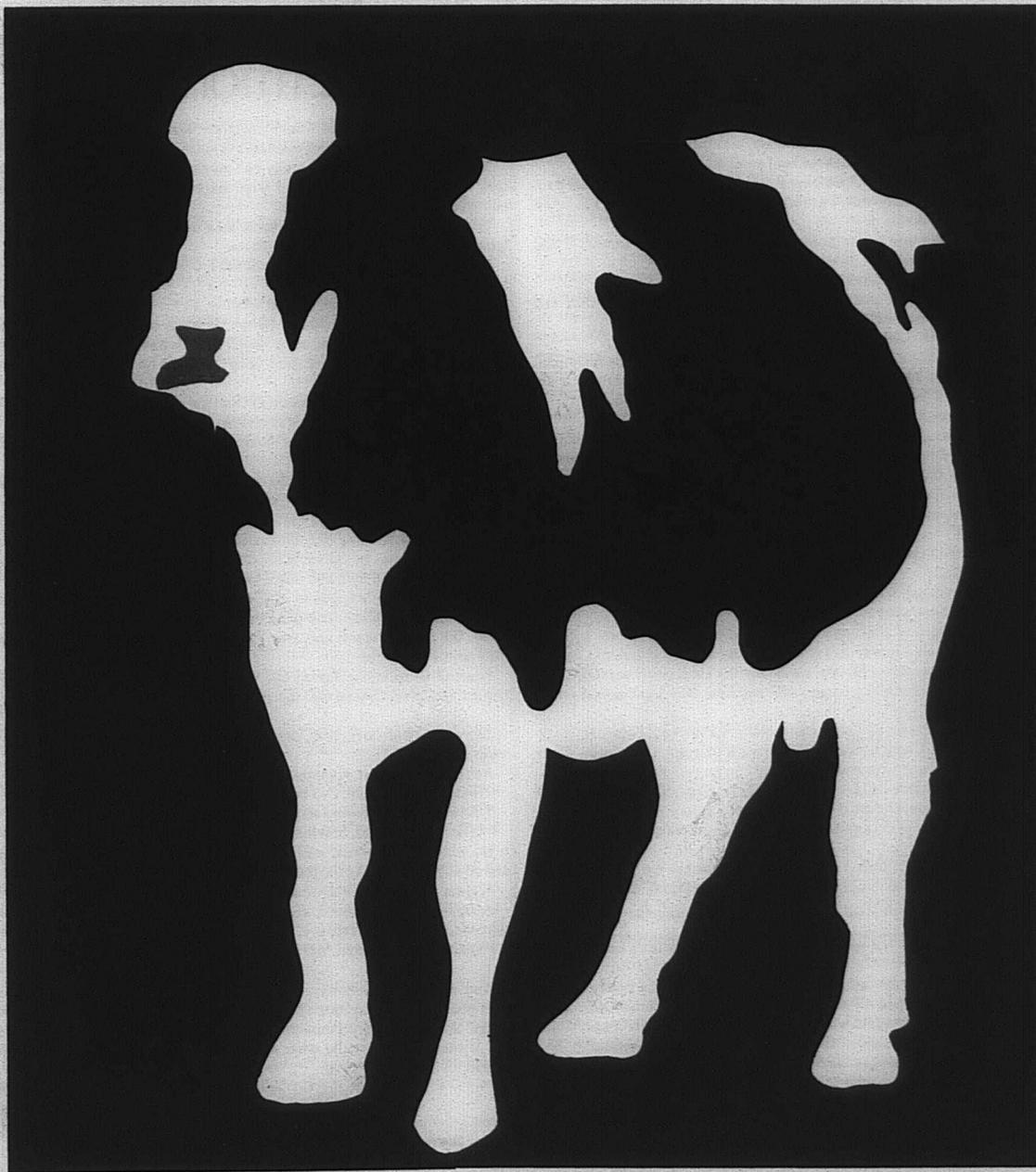


THE HOUGHTON STAR



THE HOUGHTON STAR

Remember This?

Appearing on the back page of Issue #1, it's taken all semester for someone to have enough bowling spirit (and guts) to write us a story. What follows, I'm sure you should agree, is quite...bizarre...

I had poured my fifth cup of java that night, burning the midnight oil on the Johnson case, when the ding-a-ling machine started up. "Yeah, Ed Nauseum here, if you've got the crime, I've got the time."

I could tell by her wails the dame was upset. "It was...it was horrible...oh, Mr. Nauseum..." I turned on the decoder, and through her choking sobs, I deciphered the location and what the beef entailed.

"I'll be right over, doll-face." Sipping the last drop of black gold and marveling at how good it really was, I grabbed my hat from its stand, ran down the stairs and hailed a cab.

Ching, the Chinese taxi driver pulled up to the curb. "Lois Lanes," I told my leering driver.

"What it's to you, pudendum?" asked Ching.

"That's private eye not private parts. It's worth a ride to the alley and some change in your meter thing, Ching," I said.

"Holy schmoke, Ed, right away."

In a while, I was there. The neon screamed out in the fog-shrouded night. "Have Fun, Go BOWLING Tonight." Stepping past cigarette butts and old Wrigley's, I entered the joint.

"Haven't seen you in a while, Ed."

I knew that was coming; always blunt but with a heart of gold, that's my Lois. Her girth had increased under that apron she wore, but the smile told me that she was the same bartending former *Daily Planet* reporter I've always known.

"Yeah, well, you know how it is, Lois, a case here, a case there, don't have time to bowl."

"That's not how it used to be, why, you would come in every night for some fun in the alley, Ed."

"Times have changed, and so have I, now I find a body or two in an alley for some fun. So where's the tart?"

"In my office, she was pretty shook up. It was all pretty messy. I better warn you though, she's a looker, but she's got a head on her shoulders."

She was one of those silver blonds, you know the kind, pearl earrings, pill-box hat cocked at that alluring angle, soft red lips, that hip-hugging white silk dress...

"Mistah Nauseum, it was..." she cried, seeing the brim of my fedora.

"Hold it doll-face," which she certainly was, "I want the scoop. What were you doing here, and who were you with?"

"It was Luigi," the dame said, a pout growing on those red lips. "I...loved him...we were to be married next week, but now...this!"

She burst out in sobs, and I left her with Lana Lang, Lois's top barmaid.

"The broad is shook up, Lois, I couldn't milk her, so tell me, what went on in here tonight? Who's this Luigi character? And what does this have to do with bowling?"

"Well, it all started..."

Harps glissandoed and the world became a dreamy place as Lois told the sordid tale.

"I was racking up the pin-setter at about 8, the place was pretty empty, being a Monday night, when all of the sudden, in he comes, Luigi Dalicopala with that floozy in my office. He was all decked out with his white hat, white tie, white carnation, white shoes, white socks, white belt, white under..."

"Cut the color scheme, and get to the story, Lois."

"So the G wants some bowling shoes, not any shoes mind you, they've got to be white, pure white, with white shoelaces. I couldn't help him there."

"Why not, I thought all bowling shoes were white?"

"Well, mine are all kind of gray, you know how many thousands of times they've been worn. So then he gets mad."

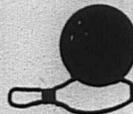
"And what could happen then?"

"All of the sudden, a hush comes over the alley, and then this fog comes

ATTENTION JOURNALISM STUDENTS:

ENTER THE NATIONAL BOWLING COUNCIL'S BOWLING WRITER'S COMPETITION!

The National Bowling Council is awarding 8 cash prizes to amateur bowling writers for the best bowling-related stories as judged by an NBC-nominated panel.



through the door, followed," her voice grew louder, "by a man I can only describe as," and then her voice suddenly dropped, "shadowy."

This was good for Lois, usually her journalistic skills aren't up to par as they used to be. It was too bad what happened between her and Kent, it ruined her career.

"But Ed, the most important thing was his bowling ball, it was...char-treuse, and he came after Luigi with it—"

"Stop Lois, I've heard enough, just tell me one more thing, what size were his shoes?"

"Size nine chukka boots, Ed, but why?"

Instantly, dissonant chords with trumpet squeals clashing against screaming violins filled my ears. I knew what was up, and I knew it good.

"Nothing Lois, I'll be back soon, keep the dame on ice. I think I know what we're up against."

I left the Lanes, my head spinning from the awful music which still blared in my brain. How could I bring myself to tell Lois something I couldn't even admit? This kind of sick crime could only be committed by one man, the *Mystery Bowler*.

Walking back to HQ under the streetlight, I reviewed everything I knew about the *Mystery Bowler*. He came from out of the gutter, wording his way up the alleys, almost making the Pro circuit. And then it happened, in a freak accident with a bowling ball, his pudenda were made inoperable; ever since then he strikes out at all virile bowlers, sparing no one, even well-dressed mafiosos. But could I pin him down before it was too late?

The noise finally stopped in my cerebral cortex, as I compared the situation to a dirty styrofoam cup lying there on the sidewalk. Yeah, the city, hot, filthy, full of life's worst and even the best, and me, Ed Nauseum, one lonely joe against the world.

Attempting to reflect a bit on the whole infrastructure of integral mathematics, I decided I would can this guy if it was the last thing I did.

The office was dark, and lonely, but not lonely enough; something didn't seem right.

As I took off my hat, my greatest fear became reality.

"Hello Mr. Nauseum, I've been waiting for you."

That cold metal pressed on my spine was real, I had felt it before.

"What do you want, *Bowler*? I've got nothing against you."

He whirled me around and held up two pipes with a chain in between. I stared at his numchuks for the very first time.

"Nauseum, you make me sick."

I cringed as he advanced, my heart palpitated as he came forward, folding the awesome weapon into a...hanger.

"Shall I take your coat, Ed?"

And with this coat-hanger we bring you to the end of Part 1. Stay tuned next year for more exciting episodes. Will Ed ever find out what happened to Luigi? Will the tart (still unnamed) be locked in Lois's freezer forever? Does the *Mystery Bowler* really wear size nine chukka boots? Be patient, faithful reader...

Gerry Szymanski

About the Author:

Gerry Szymanski, a Kouprey from Cambodia, tells the *Star* he has long felt the need for quality journalism with a bowling world-view. "Ed Nauseum is my humble contribution," he states.

BEYOND CANEADEA

by Holly Winters

With battle lines drawn over unresolved problems, the most loaded political term at the Synod of Catholic Bishops in Rome has an anomalous ring. It is the word *mystery*.

Traditionalist prelates, led by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, set the agenda by saying the Church had lost much of its sacred quality and needed an infusion of mystery.

For the most part, the traditionalists have used the term as a rallying point around which to promote a highly Roman, hierarchical view of the Church. In its practice of authority and sacraments, the Roman Catholic Church is seen as a gift of God and as having structures and a nature that are basically unchanging.

The professed aim of the traditionalists is to promote an interpretation of the Second Vatican Council, which the Synod has been assigned to review, in a rigorous manner that focuses on its consistency with tradition, rather than on its spirit of liberalization.

Against this stance, sometimes called the *vertical* view, are liberal bishops who see the church more as a local, communal society of believers living out the Christian life at the practical *horizontal* level.

While traditionalists present Vatican II as a complete package guaranteed by the mystery of the Holy Spirit, liberals make the point that its treatises were compromise versions of struggles that involved both human and spiritual elements.

Routine intelligence exchanges between the United States and Israel have been "temporarily suspended" in the wake of the Pollard spying affair, senior officials from the White House confirmed Friday, December 6.

Officials stressed that high level political and military contacts between the two countries have continued despite the arrest in Washington November 21 of Jonathan Jay Pollard, charged with selling military secrets to Israel.

But what one knowledgeable Western source described as "informal meetings" between the two nations' intelligence communities have stopped.

The suspension demonstrates that despite Prime Minister Shimon Peres' qualified apology Sunday, December 1 for the incident, damage may have been done to the close working relations between Israel and the United States that will be "difficult to repair."

The House proposed \$10.6 billion for college aid next year, including financial help for a new generation of older, "non-traditional" students such as mothers returning to school. The move is seen as a rebuff to President Reagan's fiscal 1986 budget proposal to slash federal aid to college students by 25 percent and to eliminate Pell Grants for more than 800,000 students.

A five year extension of a wide variety of federal aid programs for students, colleges, and universities through fiscal 1991 was passed and sent to the Senate on a 360-67 roll call vote. Senate action is expected early next year.

The Contadora Group nations on December 6 struggled to keep alive their three-year-old peace effort among signs of a deepening rift between Nicaragua and three other Central American nations.

One "well-placed" Latin American official said the foreign ministers of the four mediating nations—Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela, and Panama—were very pessimistic about their chances of moving forward.

February Weekend: Fifties Frolic

by Denise Yourth

"The Fifties" will be this year's Winter Weekend theme according to Lisa Dombrosky and Amy Towers, coordinators of the event, and advisor Dr. Kay Lindley. "We wanted a theme that everyone could participate in," Dombrosky explained.

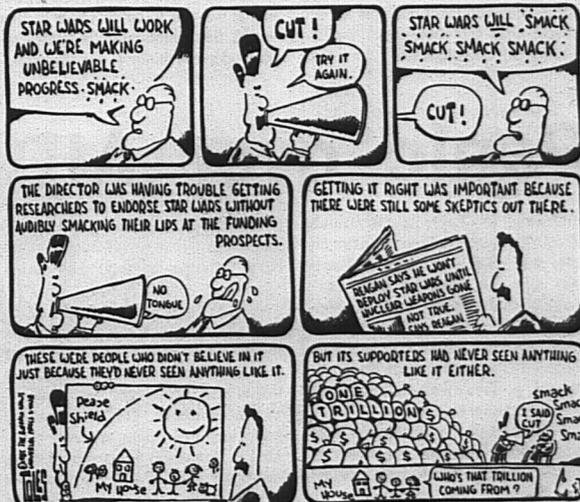
The weekend will kick off with a study break on February 12 featuring a Fonzie look-alike and nerd contest. Since the fifties were characterized by people doing crazy things, the committee plans to stage numerous competitions in which students will be encouraged to demonstrate their originality and talent. Dombrosky mentioned jello-slurping, hoola-hoop, and chug-a-lug competitions, and the classic "cram as many people in a car as you can" challenge, as part of

the itinerary.

Chapel on Friday will follow a Pep Rally theme, and the esteemed winners of Thursday night's competitions will be interviewed.

Plans are incomplete as yet for Saturday but the committee promises that the annual snow sculpture contest and banquet will be part of the day's events. During the banquet, which will use a High School prom as its theme, Houghton's 1986 Snow King will be crowned. Afterwards a movie (tentatively "Grease") and a spot will conclude the weekend's program.

Towers encourages everyone to bring back creative ideas along with (David) Letterman sweaters, white socks, and poodle skirts after Christmas break. "Practice your shoo-bops," she advises.



Adding to their gloom, Nicaragua's Deputy Foreign Minister, Nora Astorga, unexpectedly boycotted a breakfast meeting, December 6, with ministers and other Central American nations.

Miss Astorga told reporters that the Contadora group should give priority to ending United States "aggression" toward Nicaragua. "This is the central issue," she said. "Without agreement between the United States and Nicaragua, the rest has absolutely no meaning or importance."

Last September the Contadora Group completed its draft regional peace treaty, but Nicaragua has refused to sign it unless the United States pledges to end its support for Nicaraguan rebels based in Honduras.

Conference Discusses World Needs

Leaders at Christian colleges and overseas ministries met October 3-4 to explore ways to join forces to meet the spiritual and physical needs of hurting people around the world.

The Consultation, held on the campus of Warner Southern College (Florida) was called by Dr. Tetsunao Yamamori, president of Food for the Hungry, Dr. LeRoy Fulton, president of Warner Southern College, Dr. Ted Ward, dean of international studies, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Jerry Ballard, executive director of World Relief. About 35 invited persons, including Dr. John Bernbaum, director of the American Studies Program, also participated.

Yamamori said evangelical agencies sometimes have difficulty finding personnel with both spiritual commitment and professional skills. "Right now it seems we have to go to seminaries and Bible colleges to find people with the theological qualifications of missionaries," he said,

"but we have to go to secular schools to find people with the professional skills of relief and development specialists."

"How we can complement each other's efforts can no longer be left to a hit-or-miss basis," Dr. Yamamori said. "A united effort cannot be put off, unless the Christian world is willing to see millions of people swept away by hunger, poverty, illness and avoidable death."

Bernbaum will serve on a task force charged with surveying relief and development agencies to determine the skills and characteristics needed in Third World programs. This information will determine what types of training opportunities will be recommended. These opportunities will then be compiled in a catalog for Christian relief and development workers.

"Christ-centered liberal arts colleges can offer the natural bridge between spiritual commitment and professional skills. We want to encourage Coalition schools to develop programs in cross-cultural studies," Dr. Bernbaum said, "particularly related to the Third World. One of the characteristics of Christian college graduates should be a global vision for meeting the needs of hurting people. If we are to be servants in this world, this vision must be firmly implanted in the minds of our students."

Panic over AID

Chicago, IL—Each year thousands of college students face the grim reality that they won't receive financial aid—not because they don't qualify—but simply because they didn't meet early application deadlines, reports Kathryn Rosypal, President of Great Potentials Resource Center, a nationwide financial aid information service.

"Throughout the Spring and Summer, GPRC receives hundreds of letters from frantic students requesting financial aid information for September. They have no idea that most application deadlines occur in March for aid needed in September," said Mrs. Rosypal. Although some private sources of aid have deadlines as early as November, while others have deadlines as late as June, over half of the application deadlines occur during March.

"Most colleges don't have established procedures for informing students in general about financial aid procedures," said Rosypal, "consequently unsuspecting students miss

out on receiving much-needed money due to ignorance about the time-consuming process involved in obtaining aid."

All college students should begin looking for aid in the Fall for the following September since at least nine months is needed to obtain required forms and meet early Spring application deadlines. This is especially important for college students planning to attend graduate school since many sources of aid for graduate school have January application deadlines.

GPRC helps students find non-governmental sources of financial aid by matching the student's personal data with the eligibility requirements of thousands of private sources of aid to find assistance which suits each student's special needs. This Center services both college and graduate school students. For free information, write: GPRC, 2529 N. Richmond St., Chicago, IL 60647. Specify if you require undergraduate or graduate aid.

Senate Finds It All Out

by Lorry Arnold

The Houghton College Student Senate met Tuesday, November 3 discussing topics ranging from Winter Weekend to the possible probation of all men's sports.

The Athletic Committee reported that there is a possibility that all men's sports be put under probation because of certain cases of ineligibility found in student records. The case has been sent to a national committee and is pending their decision.

No topics were set forth for this year's charity drive. Student Senate President Bill Wichterman stated that if no topic is suggested by the next senate meeting, "there will be no charity drive this year."

The Campus Activities Board announced that the Randy Stonehill concert which was cancelled due to

Randy's illness has been rescheduled for Youth Weekend next semester. Phil Keaggy was scheduled to perform during Youth Weekend but he had to cancel because of schedule problems.

The EEC play, *J.B.—A Modern Version of Job* which was scheduled for last weekend has been rescheduled for this weekend because those involved were not fully prepared to perform.

A move was made that \$200 be sent to Messiah College to help them with expenses for the Christmas Mission Project in Mexico. The motion was approved.

The theme for Winter Weekend, Feb. 14 and 15, was also approved. The theme is the fifties, complete with hula-hoops and poodle skirts.

Students Become Word Perfect

Business and History students have been using computers to enhance their learning experience in a \$45,000 computer laboratory located in the downstairs hall between Fancher and Woolsey.

The laboratory houses 16 IBM PC's which are linked to four dot matrix printers. An accounting software package and *Word Perfect*, a high quality word processing program are currently being run on these computers.

Installation of the laboratory is partially the result of a recommendation by the Middle States Evaluation that the college increase student access to computers and the use of computers in connection with the academic experience. A computer Task Force was formed, headed by Science Division Chairman Kenneth Lindley, to receive proposals from departments requesting computer access for their students.

The committee determined that accounting students, and students enrolled in History Seminar would especially benefit from computer use. "Computers are an integral part of the business world," says current

director of the laboratory, Dr. John Van Wicklin. "It's important that our business students graduate having had experience with accounting programs."

Van Wicklin adds that the word processors are of great assistance to the students enrolled in History Seminar, a course which requires extensive writing. "The word processors simplify the writing-refining process which leads to better quality work," he said.

Van Wicklin emphasized that students are restricted to using the computers in connection with specific assignments given in specific courses. "The computers are not for general use," he said.

Though the laboratory is not equipped to serve the needs of the entire student body, Van Wicklin says that its use will not be limited to the History and Social Science Division. Other departments are welcome to present proposals for its use.

Van Wicklin and David Frasier, operational director, are monitoring the laboratory in order to evaluate the need for expanding computer facilities elsewhere on campus.

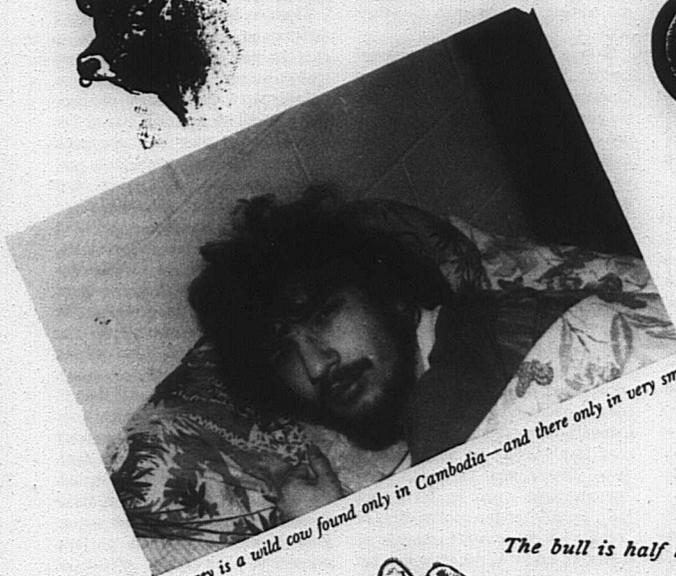
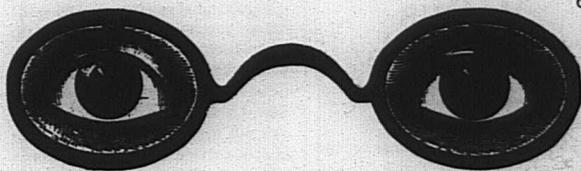
BIGGLE COW BOOK
COW-LORE FOR THE
BENEFIT OF MAN



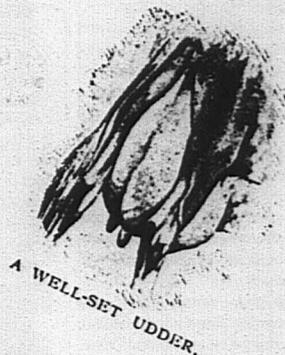
Page O' Fun!

The manure from well-fed cows is estimated to be worth \$2.00 per ton

O lente, lente currite noctis equi!



This kouprey is a wild cow found only in Cambodia—and there only in very small numbers.



A WELL-SET UDDER.

The bull is half the herd.—Old Saying.



A FAMOUS YOKE. "JOE" AND "JERRY." TOTAL WEIGHT 7300 LBS.

FRISKIES.

To scratch a nervous heifer between her fore legs has a wonderfully soothing effect.



Buttermilk is somewhat like skimmilk in composition, as will be seen by the analysis. It has some value as a beverage, but its usual destination is the swill-tub.



A FAVORITE.



The Wassail Bowl



HEREFORD STEER. Hereford cattle, known for their white faces and superior quality meat, are very popular in the United States and are also raised in many other regions of the world.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO YOU

Propaganda Versus Blandness

Dear Craig,

I write this letter in response to your "Editorial #7" (*Star*, 11/20: the one which starts with the Eckhart quote: "Only the hand that erases can write the true thing." Good quote.)

Your point, I take it, is that educated people (and especially those who claim to be educating... namely professors) ought to express ideological viewpoints with an unmistakable reserve. To discount all opposing views is to propagandize, not educate. "We need education without indoctrination."

I agree.

But I have trouble with your assertion that there are a few such professors here. Really? "Propagandists?" Point them out.

Without some documentation (a little finger pointing if you please), your editorial position is bland. Who could disagree with it? Somebody like Hitler maybe, but not too many others. On the other hand, plenty of people may disagree with your particular example of "indoctrination"—that is, if you'd give us one. Then perhaps we could debate the merits of your example, and I think that would be a valuable process. Maybe.

Of course, I'm coming at your editorial from my own biased position, so it's appropriate to lay that position out now.

The problem, as I see it, is that your call for "an education that does not indoctrinate"—while perfectly proper in itself—may actually reinforce what I see as an equally disturbing response on the part of some professors around here, namely, the response which leads to no public response at all. On anything. They avoid the charge of "propagandist" by studiously avoiding all controversy. Could it be that this sort of non-response is even worse than propaganda?

I look back on an undergraduate education that was largely bland and tasteless. I paid tuition to hear professors play it safe. As I remember it, none of them had an expressed opinion on anything worth arguing about. I'll name names here: I went to Wheaton College between 1961 and 1965, and with respect to the problem I'm addressing in this letter, it was awful.

There we all were—attending what we thought was a "leading Christian liberal arts college," in the midst of the Vietnam buildup, and in the middle of the civil rights movement. And what did my psychology, anthropology, religion, literature, biology, philosophy, an classics professors have to say on these and other ideologically-charged issues? **Nothing.** Not one colorful bombast; not even a little rant; not one chapel service in which the words "justice," "Christian responsibility," or "moral duty" were used. Nothing. Silence.

But we did learn lots of facts.

If only one of my professors would have had the guts (if that's what it takes) to express some kind of ideological position. (And when I say this, I am not referring to "devotional talks." For the most part, these were as bland the lectures.) Had they taken some sort of position, at least I could have pondered it, thought it over, discussed it with my friends. I think we could have handled that, even as "maleable freshmen," to use your phrase. At least I would have been warned.

Instead, what we got was an education from professors who acted as if all the really important ideological struggles had ended before 1960.

After graduation, I went (or was sent, I'm still not sure) to Viet Nam, where I "fought for my country." It was horrible, of course; all wars are horrible. But this one was unique. It had no point to it. There was no mission, no ideology. It was mean-

ingless, and a meaningless war is worse than any other kind.

I was at fault for not looking into the matter of US foreign policy more than I did (which was nil). Nevertheless, my undergraduate education did nothing to encourage me otherwise.

So here I am now (where I never expected to be)—a professor at a Christian liberal arts college. What's my purpose? What am I supposed to do—repeat all the blandness I was taught? There are students here who expect exactly this. They want to know what "the right answer" is. They want to know exactly "what I expect" on every paper, down to the last detail. Arguments confuse them. Strong opinions scare them away. Different points of view threaten.

I refuse to pretend that what they really need to hear are facts: on the class structure of the US; on the way social order is established and maintained; about how social reality is humanly constructed. There are very few "facts" on subjects like these. There are "themes," and "perspectives," and so forth, but few "facts." Yet the construction of "reality" is the central message of sociology, and it is the main link between my discipline and Christianity. You cannot integrate faith and learning by means of facts... although goodness knows, some of us try.

Perhaps some students who just want facts think they are being pro-

pagandized. In a way, maybe some of them are being propagandized. But if the alternative is the same old safe, tired, bland, pointless and dangerous game of "here's a fact; there's a fact"... well, count me out.

Given my biography, perhaps you'll understand why I'm not ready to cast the first stone at these alleged "indoctrinators" you see around here.

Even with the needed changes that you call for in your editorial, I'm willing to bet that their approach (whoever these propagandists are) is superior to a lot of things that otherwise pass for "education."

Propaganda under the guise of liberal education has its problems, and some of them are serious. But some of the teaching alternatives commonly adopted by professors in an effort to stay away from the appearance of evil—the evil of "propagandizing students"—seem to me to be worse. I know that in issuing your complaint against professional ideologists, you weren't calling for tasteless, bland, fact-oriented courses. But be warned: there is plenty of this sort of thing around, and its effects are worse than the ones with which you are concerned. The major effect of facts-oriented education ("training" really) is a deep and on-going intellectual sleep.

Whether we realize it or not, we can't afford to stay asleep.

Richard Perkins
Professor of Sociology



ROTC Rebuttal #1

Craig and Gerry:

Peter Schultz's letter in the November 20 issue of the *Houghton Star* presented no new ideas. His words could have easily have been taken from those of Ronald J. Sider, a founder and major leader of Evangelicals for Social Action. So as they say, fight fire with fire. I do not agree with Schultz (nor with Sider, his mentor), and will use my own outside source, Franky Schaeffer and his book *Bad News For Modern Man*, to take apart Schultz's argument.

Schultz said that "It seems to me that it [the issue of the ROTC on campus] comes down to supporting an institution of physical force and killing. Why do governments have armies? (1) to impose their ways on other people, and (2) to keep another government from imposing itself on them. Terrorists have similar reasons." His comparison with terrorists leads me to assume he does not think favorably of defense, an assumption he confirms in his following statements. He says "We need not protect our way of life or our physical and verbal liberties and freedoms by force. This is not the way of Christ. . . Our American comfortableness is more a detriment at times to the gospel than a catalyst." He clinches his argument with the statement "So let's put our swords (rifles, nuclear weapons, etc.) down, as Christ asked one of the disciples to do in the garden, and love our enemies to life in the real Kingdom—not to kill them in defense of an earthly, man-made government of lifestyle."

Sider calls this view "the way of the cross." He would have the US channel its defense spending into educating Americans in the methods of non-violence and non-cooperation (the methods used by Gandhi in India). Although almost certain that disarmament would lead the Soviet Union to invade the United States, Sider justifies this move by saying "If hundreds of thousands of committed, praying Christians died in a [non-violent campaign], I predict we would see the most rapid expansion of the Christian faith the world has ever known."

Schultz also says that "Only God has the judgment to give and take human life." In other words, man is fallible, and so is human government. Neither men or governments have the right to take the life of other humans. From this I conclude that murderers, terrorists, and traitors cannot be executed because of the inability of governments to judge them. But if the government has not the capability to judge the cases of murderers, it surely has not the capability to judge any case. Nor does any man have the right to judge another, if Schultz is right. As Schultz quoted, we are to "Turn the other cheek: when someone performs what we think is evil against ourselves or our family. If someone is raping your wife, the most you can be expected to do is resist by non-violent, non-cooperative methods. I can visualize a husband trying to resist the rape of his wife by non-violent, non-cooperative methods. Better yet, as the Bible says, "If someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well," if someone wants to rape your wife give him your daughter to



rape as well. I suggest we stop while we are ahead. This is madness.

What about Sider's claim and Schultz's intimation that oppression would cause revival? Let us postulate another possible method to bring about revival, and for argument's sake let us put it in the mouth of the right wing Christian camp.

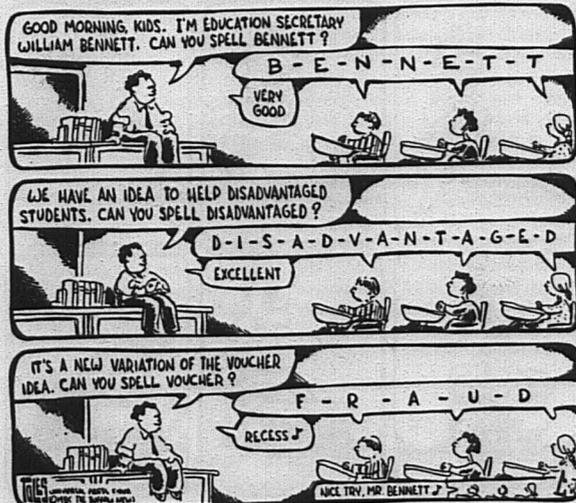
For our scenario let us use Jerry Falwell (Houghton's own devil incarnate). Suppose Falwell was demanding a buildup of US nuclear forces, to be used within the next year for a first-strike against the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, and China. This first strike is to annihilate all military and civilian targets in those countries. Furthermore Falwell is demanding this as the only Christian response. He is justifying this destruction with the statement that it would be "a good price to pay in view of the fact that the few who were left would turn back to God in a massive revival and that all of this apocalyptic upheaval would hasten the return of Christ." And beyond all this he is demanding that the US government train Christians to follow the example of King Richard the Lion-Hearted, starting a new series of crusades to "spread the Gospel," assuring us that this would lead to "the greatest revival the world has ever known" (in case anyone is in doubt, Jerry Falwell espouses none of the above positions).

Both views, one sincerely held (Schultz's), the other only hypothetical (Falwell's), claim to bring revival by the murder of millions of innocent people. Neither reason nor Christian love and sympathy could support such wanton destruction. One plan uses no force, the other too much force. What we need is the

moderation expressed in Philippians 4:5. Governments must have the power to protect their citizens, but must use it right. The wise man knows how to use power aright, just as he knows how to use knowledge aright. We are stewards, and one of the things we are stewards of is power. It is irresponsible of Schultz to suggest that we throw part of our trust away, to hide the talent in the napkin as it were. We must use our power to the benefit of our Father's kingdom. Our enemies (at home and abroad) will always be using their power for the benefit of their father's kingdom.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Robards Lightfoot



Star of wonder, star of night, star of royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light

Simple Message not Simple Minds

Dear Editors,

Reading the reviews of the Simple Minds' concert and their new album rather disgusted me. Comparing Simple Minds to "Christian" artists in reference to worship and art simply cannot be done. The purposes of both seem to be very different.

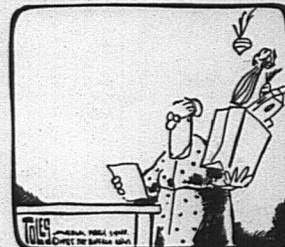
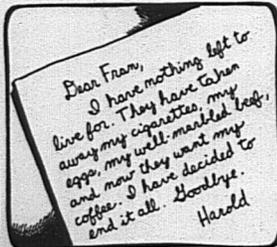
The purpose of most "Christian" artists is to minister to their audience: to share God's Word with them and help them walk in the steps of Christ.

The purpose of Simple Minds, on the other hand, seems rather clouded and open to interpretation. The two reviewers "believe" Jim Kerr was worshipping. Maybe he was. I just wonder how many others in the audience noticed that. The song "Book of Brilliant Things" . . . we know for certain as a reference to the Bible. Maybe it is. I just wonder how many other people who hear that song can recognize the reference.

The reviewers also wish "that some of our "Christian" artists could accomplish such tasks so artfully." Just what is the reviewers' definition of art? As a Christian, I believe the most beautiful piece of literature is the Bible; not because I should, but because I do. Most Christian artists base the content of their lyrics on the Bible. Maybe this is why some don't think of their songs as artistic, because they're not original, but instead are copied words and themes from the Word of God. And many of these lyrics are not quite "deep."

Simple Minds, however, conveys "yearnings as fallen creatures." I wonder how many listeners of Simple Minds realize that. I wonder how many of them take time to analyze the lyrics of the songs and grasp the true meaning of them. It seems to me the more "artistic" we get, the more we look toward man and his experiences, and the less we look at God and His clear plan for man.

In the 14th chapter of 1st Corinthians, Paul talks about the spiritual gifts of prophecy and tongues, but I believe the same principle he speaks of can be applied to the music of Simple Minds and similar artists, including artists on Christian labels. In verse four, Paul writes "One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself;



Flood Danger Heightened by Intellectual Laziness

but one who prophesies edifies the whole church." In verse five he says "Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but even more that you would prophesy; and greater is one who prophesies than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may receive edifying." (NASB) I believe what many artists are doing today can be compared to speaking in tongues. They edify themselves, and maybe even entertain the audience, but, as in tongues, the message is not evident and needs interpretation. God would rather that we prophesy, so that the body can know clearly what is being said.

Daniel Stempert

Dear Craig and Gerry;

Recently I ran into an unhealthy sign of intellectual laziness here at Houghton College. This disease of the mind must be stopped before it cripples the student body. Let me explain what I mean.

While walking with a group of friends toward a common destination one of the ladies in the group mentioned that a friend of hers had been

told by one of his professors that the genealogical listing in Genesis 5, if calculated out, made some of the people live through the flood. Instantly alarms went off in my head. I told her it was not so, and that my sister and I had personally calculated those figures several times ourselves. Only Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth of those tables lived through the flood, though Methuselah did die the year of the flood.

Not satisfied even to trust myself I went back to my room later that day, pulled out my Bible, and recalculated those figures for her. When I saw her again I handed her the list and challenged her to check the figures for herself.

The danger present in the above situation is that of laziness which sacrifices intellectual integrity. A professor said something, and no one searched it out to see that it was true. If a professor makes a statement on something that is either new to us or something we doubt, we should check it out, and he should want us to check it out to verify that it is true. We should be like the Bereans (Acts 17:10-11) who searched the Scriptures daily to see if what Paul was telling them was true, applying that same principle to all areas of learning. The reason I first calculated those dates in Genesis 5 was because someone in my high school had made the same statement the professor had made. We must be willing always to believe, but never to accept what another man says without corroborating his testimony, if corroboration is possible.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Robords Lightfoot

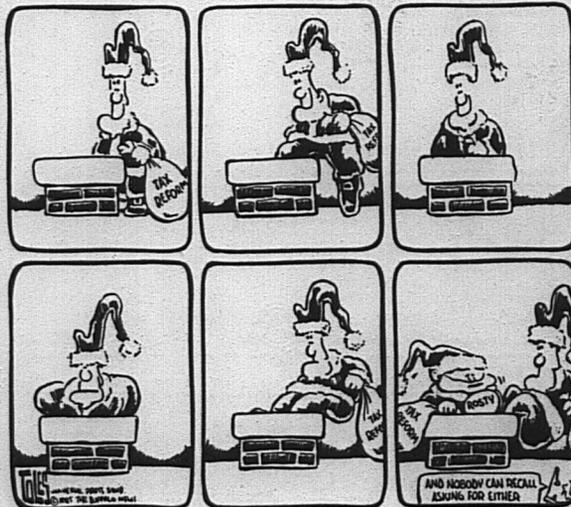
So Long, and Thanks for the Fans

Dear Editors,

I would like to express my deep appreciation to all the people who have enthusiastically supported the women's volleyball team. Although we only had five home matches, the stands were full for every game. I would like to say thank you for the exuberant encouragement—THANK YOU! To all our friends—thank you for cheering us on and for keeping us going. We feel loved and cared for in a special way. You're the greatest!

With sincere appreciation,

Wendy Jacobson



ROTC Rebuttal#2

Dear Craig and Gerry,

I am writing this letter in response to an opinion voiced by Peter Schultz in last week's *Star*. Pete questions the US ROTC program and its relevance to Christians at Houghton. I feel that I must respond to this letter for two reasons. First, I am one of three contracted cadets at Houghton in the ROTC program. Second, many people knowing the first fact have asked me how I feel. This letter is to give perhaps another side of the picture. I appreciate where Pete is coming from, as I have wrestled with many questions he brings up in his letter. I am also very ready to admit that our country is not the Kingdom of God—in fact, it is a far cry from it. Perhaps my reasons for ROTC are not because I equate the two, but for some other reason.

I believe that the issue in the end comes down to how America is viewed. Our government has an army for reason #2 cited in Pete's article, that of keeping another government from imposing itself on us. I see nothing wrong with a government taking steps to defend its territory and occupants. To equate this with terrorist actions is hardly fair. I also find nothing in the Bible condemning a country taking steps to protect itself. More, in fact, seems to favor these actions. One often used example is the Israelite nation recorded in the OT. Though one could argue that in those times Israel was established in a theocracy, and God directly ordered their actions, God is the same God today. The whole OT account of Israel's conquest can't be thrown out because of the difference in government. In some instances, God ordered the slaying of all the inhabitants of a city—women and children included.

I guess that I view America a bit differently than does Pete. I see America as corrupt, and many times too materialistic and selfish to care for the poor in other parts of the world (and in America itself!). I find, sadly, that often the church in America is just as guilty of this as the rest of the nation. But don't cut out the country as a whole simply because it isn't perfect! America, and Christians in America, have been entrusted with very much. This means that much is

also required of us as Christians by God. The liberties that exist in America cannot be found in many other countries. The American church is in a position to do and in fact it does do more for world civil rights than the churches in Africa, Russia, and Korea. They are busy fighting for their lives. Their problem isn't "Should I sprinkle or should I immerse in baptism," it is "Should I proclaim my faith and lose my life, or my job, or my children?" We find ourselves in a very good position to help and to reach out in a way that these others don't have. Yes, these churches are stronger than the diluted Christianity which so often surrounds us. Should we then remove our defenses and let ourselves be taken over so that we too may experience this? I think that the problem lies in the church more than in the government.

The often-used passage in Romans (Romans 13:1-7) still has something to say in referring to the government. This passage was written to the Christians in Rome, a far more oppressive government than that of America. Yet Paul exhorts those Christians to submit to that government. I Timothy 2:2 encourages us as Christians to pray for our leaders. Without limitations, what Pete is saying could be carried to extremes. Neighborhood gangs could run rampant (we'd trust in God), law enforcement would be sinful for Christians to be involved in, and we should have let Hitler or Khaddafi take over the world. *Christian Life* (Nov. '85 issue) reported that there is a "mass exodus" of Nicaraguan Christians fleeing that country and the persecution taking place there. We as Americans are in a position that those Christians can't do—we can work for the aid of the poor, for aiding the fatherless and the widow. If we as Christians aren't picking up this responsibility, why should we blame the government? America is corrupt—so is Russia and every other country in the world. Our responsibility as Christians to not be like the materialistic, selfish world around us applies to all, pacifist or not. I would also wonder if Pete is registered for the draft. Only then are his convictions fully acted on and not only an intellectual argument. If he is, he is getting his financial aid also.

Thank you,
Cdt./Sgt. David Christy

*"The man who does not love a cow
Is but a poor stick anyhow."*

POETRY: by Paul Allen

Living Death

Hunched inside a prison cell,
I argued with a madman
over the value of human life.
Laying on sheets smelling of urine,
I futilely stressed universal brotherhood
to a man sentenced to 3 years in Hell.
Staring into his dark impoverished face
I realized my inevitable destiny
as tears swelled in my eyes, but never fell.



Tuseis

to touch your lips
in white moonlight
is indeed a
prophetic sight.

Gazelle

like a terrified gazelle
speeding across the desert floor
pursued by the heavy breathing of cheetahs
bounding over brush and rock
too horrified to glance back
sprinting from bloody termination
I run the 100 meter dash
and survive

Green Eyes

I woke in a pool of black sweat
a full moon burning outside my window
my cat Eddy yawned from atop the desk
his green eyes glowing in the darkness
lifting myself from sleep, I looked out the window
and saw reflections of a vicious, immoral city
my green eyes glowing in the darkness





First Home Game: A Bit Disappointing

by Dave Mee

The Houghton College men's basketball home debut was exciting, yet disappointing as La Roche College of Pittsburgh downed the Highlanders 83-74 on Saturday, December 7.

Josh Merrill, the Highlanders junior shooting guard, led Houghton with 20 points. And, as has been the case most of the year, Houghton relied heavily on its corps of outside shooters. Forward Jim Fox and guards Jim Leventis and Brad Starkweather joined Merrill in hitting the perimeter shots down the stretch

and keeping the game close.

The Red Devils played an effective inside game and in the end visited the foul line 26 times compared to Houghton's six trips. Though the Highlanders outscored La Roche by 12 points from the field, it was the Red Devils' 19 free throws that provided the winning margin.

After visiting nearby Alfred University on Thursday, December 12, Houghton returns home for a Saturday contest with Humber College of Toronto, Canada. The game time is 8:00 pm.

Men End Season

On Friday, November 15, the men's Varsity soccer team defeated Nyack College 3-0 for the district championship held at the King's College in Briarcliffe Manor, NY.

Within fifteen minutes of play, freshman Nfor Tandap scored for the Highlanders when he took a shot from the right wing. Shortly after, Dan Meade scored goal number two.

Injuries plagued the team in the second half, but Houghton was lead to victory by yet another goal by Tandap.

Goalie Tim Kangas and all the defense played a solid game, recording

their ninth shutout of the season.

The win against Nyack moved the Highlanders up to the finals against the King's College the following day.

The team was hampered by snow on the field and the injuries from the previous day. A goal by King's in the first half called for a more aggressive stance by Houghton. During the second half this stance almost paid off as Dan Meade scored the tying goal. However, a "supposed" handball call nullified the goal which led to the 0-1 defeat of the Highlanders.

The men ended their season with a 9-8-2 record.

Volleyball Makes Nationals, Lose

by Amy Brooks

The Houghton College women's volleyball team travelled to Marion, Indiana November 14 to participate in the NCCAA National Tournament. The tournament began on Friday, November 15, and seventh-seeded Houghton College was scheduled to play second-seeded Evangel College. The Highlanders started slow, dropping the first game of the match 4-15. The women recovered in the second game to win 15-5, but were unable to take the match, losing in the last game 9-15.

The Lady Highlanders then moved to play third-seeded Spring Arbor College. However, the team could not build enough momentum, and lost in 2 games 4-15, 10-15.

The last team the women played on Friday was Central Wesleyan College. The team lost a tough first game 14-16, but came back strong in the last two games 15-7, 15-13 to take their first victory.

The tournament continued on Saturday morning, and Houghton met two time NCCAA champion Warner Pacific University from Oregon. Freshman Cindy Antisdal served for six points in the first game, and

Junior Virnna Vidaurri added the last three critical points to take Houghton past Warner Pacific 18-16. The Highlanders lost the second game 9-15, but came back in the final game to win the match 15-13. Senior Laura Trasher served the last three points of the match. This victory by Houghton knocked Warner Pacific out of the tournament. Co-captain Laura Trasher commented, "Our match against Warner Pacific was the most exciting and best-played match of the season."

Houghton then advance to semi-finals where they again met Spring Arbor College. The team lost the first game, but took the second game 15-6. They were unable to hold Spring Arbor in the last game and lost the match 12-15.

The Lady Highlanders then met Evangel in the last match of the weekend. The women lost in two games 4-15, 12-15, but ended up in the 4th place position overall.

Virnna Vidaurri was named to the all-tournament team which makes her one of the best players in the nation. This is the best a Houghton volleyball team has ever done! Congratulations ladies! (and Rob too.)



Track Shapes Up

The 1985-86 Houghton College track team began individual practices last week. The men's team finished 11-1 last year and easily won the NCGAA District meet. After losing only three seniors last year, this year's team has a good core of veteran runners, but again lacks depth in the field events.

The Highlanders count on Paul Allen in the sprints. Allen holds four college records (50, 100, 200, and 300 meter dash) and placed fifth at Nationals in the 100 meter dash last year. He ran PR of 10.6 at Sunnycrest last year. The winning tradition of the mile relay should continue this year with Monroe, Wes Dunham, Eric Pendleton, Greg Gidman, Paul Allen, Kevin Coughanour,

and Mark Hillis.

The distance runners are lead by Wes Dunham who holds two college records. In Nationals, Dunham took fifth in the 800 meter run. Veteran runners Randy Duttweiler, Dave Wingard, John Edwards, and Ned Farnsworth round out a small but competitive distance crew.

Senior Mark Hillis brings needed skill to the field events. Hillis will be pole vaulting, long jumping, and along with Karl Beals, throwing the shot put.

The Houghton men's track team plans to repeat its District championship. If anyone is interested in running, or in participating in field events, please contact Coach Ken Heck.

Soccer Makes Nationals, Lose

The women's soccer team flew to Tacoma, Washington the weekend of October 22 to compete in nationals against Westmont College and Wilmington College. They managed to place third in the country among the NAIA division.

They were greeted at the airport by ten inches of snow. The Lady Highlanders were anticipating fierce competition but they felt ready for it. However the snow caused problems. The officials decided that the competition would have to be played in-

doors, or there would be a drawing for the winners. The Highlanders were forced to play indoors with six girls or risk forfeiting the tournament.

The team was disappointed with the decision by officials because indoor soccer is played differently from outdoor soccer. The girls did however place third, but they will wonder if they could have placed first if the weather conditions had been better.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD 255



Following the Posadas a Mexican Piñata is broken on each of the nine nights preceding Christmas

Man on the Street

Jeff Crocker

Where will you be on
New Year's Eve?



Dave Lenehan
Senior

"On New Year's Eve I'll probably be packing for a trip to the sunny South on New Year's Day. Our six condos in Florida need their winter cleaning."

Becky Kirk and
Mbalu Samura
Houghton Academy

"I'll be spending time with my family in Indiana and awaiting the new year to begin. Happy New Year Tony!"

"I will be in Washington D.C. (my home town) walking the streets of Georgetown with my boyfriend and puppy."



Dotti Venable
Junior

"I'll be under a table on a steam grate—and I won't be cold, I'll be home."

Jeff Weyman
Junior

"I'll be spending the night out playing solitaire on a card table above a steam grate."





Kings of the Orient pose in their regal clothes at last week's Madrigal dinner.S

Service to Celebrate Season

On Sunday, December 15 at 6:30 pm in Wesley Chapel, the Houghton College School of Music will present 'A Service of Lessons and Carols.' Chapel Choir and Men's and Women's Choirs conducted by Professor Bud Nelson and College Choir directed by Professor B. Jean

Reigles will perform a program of seasonal music.

The remainder of the service will include hymns to be sung by the congregation and Scripture readings by selected college professors, staff, administrators and clergy.

Narnia Created On-Stage

The Arts Center of Nazareth College Youtheatre Program presents the TIC—TOC Players in 15 performances of the C.S. Lewis sixth Chronicle of Narnia, "The Magician's Nephew," December 14,15,21,22,23 at 2 pm, December 17,19 at 10 am, December 20 at 7:30 pm.

C.S. Lewis wove magic through his critically-acclaimed Chronicles beginning with "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." In this first book he introduces children to the Land of Narnia and Aslan, the lion, Creator of all. But Lewis waited until the sixth Chronicle (of seven) to tell the story of the creation of Narnia.

The story of "The Magician's Nephew" begins with children—Digory and his friend Polly. Through

unscrupulous trickery by Digory's uncle, the children are transported to a dead land beyond earth. It is here they awaken the evil Queen Jadis, watch Aslan create Narnia and embark on a quest.

Cast member include familiar TIC—TOC Players Mark Almekinder (Uncle Andrew), Mary Krickmire (Aunt Betty), Deanna Fleysher (Polly), Jennifer Kuhn and Marcia Diggs. New to the Players are Daniel Gordon (Digory), Alice Parker (Queen Jadis) and Stuart Burke (Aslan), with Charles Siegfried, Jill Wilson and Joe DeBell.

Tickets are \$5 each, \$4 for groups of 10 or more, and available at the box office, 4245 East Ave., or by calling 586-2420.

GeVa Does Dickens

by Barb Pinto

The GeVa Theatre will produce its first holiday presentation of *A Christmas Carol* in addition to its six play 1985-86 season. *A Christmas Carol*, co-produced by Sibley's, will open Dec 14 and play through Jan. 4. The GeVa Theatre is performing in the Richard Pine Theatre at 75 Woodbury Blvd., Rochester.

A special adaptation of the classic

Charles Dickens tale was written for the GeVa Theatre by playwright and actor Eberle Thomas. Performances will be at 8 pm on Dec. 10,11,12,17,19, 23,25,26,31, Jan 1,2; at 8:30 pm on Dec. 13,14,20,21,27,28, Jan 3 & 4, and at 7:30 pm on Dec. 15,22 and 29.

Afternoon performances at 4:30 pm take place on Dec. 21,28, Jan 4 and at 2 pm on Dec. 15,22,29 and Jan. 1.



You can make this jolly gnome as a unique Christmas tree decoration (Idea taken from *Der Gute Kamerad*, Germany Vol. 16, 1890

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT

As seen in the sketch on this page, a gnome laughingly holds two candles and balances himself on a branch of the tree. Any number of ingenious figures may be cut from heavy cardboard and colored. Tied to the gnome's feet, an apple holds him in proper balance.

Real candles might be used by gluing blocks of wood to the backs of the arms. On these, the

SCORE CARD FOR LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

General effect, including color and size.....	30
Beauty of tree—symmetry, condition, and health.....	20
Propriety of materials used to decorate.....	15
Adequate lighting.....	15
Originality and distinction.....	20
	100

Without giving definite points we might judge the tree on its general effect as follows: cheer, originality, and balance.

Red Nose Illumines Breakfast

If you missed Rudolf on TV last week, here's your second chance.

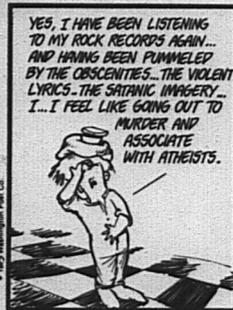
On Thursday, December 12, at 9 pm, in Wesley Chapel, CAB will present the Christmas classic *Rudolf*

the *Red Nosed Reindeer*.

After the movie, stop in for a late night snack at the midnight breakfast. No food fights, either!

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



EDITOR'S NOTE —
THE PRECEDING EXCHANGE WAS AN EXAMPLE OF "FORESHADOWING" OR, A SUBTLE HINT OF PLOT DEVELOPMENTS TO COME. A COMMON LITERARY DEVICE, IT'S OFTEN USED IN CONTRAST TO ANOTHER, LESS-IMPRESSIVE LITERARY DEVICE... THAT OF "MAKING IT UP AS YOU GO..." WHICH, BY THE WAY, IS A LITERARY DEVICE FREQUENTLY SEEN IN OTHER FEATURES... SUCH AS, SAY, "NANCY": BUT NEVER... NEVER HERE.
REMEMBER: "FORESHADOWING"... YOUR CLUE TO QUALITY LITERATURE.



EDITOR'S NOTE —
DID EVERYONE CATCH IT? "FORESHADOWING"... A SIGN OF VALID, SUBSTANTIVE LITERATURE. AND THIS LITERARY FORM IS AS VALID AS ANY, DESPITE WHAT SOME CRITICS HAVE RECENTLY SAID. LIKE WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY. NOT THAT WE HERE AT "BLOOM COUNTY" ARE INSECURE... WE'RE NOT. AT ALL.
"FORESHADOWING"... A SIGN OF VALID, SUBSTANTIVE LITERATURE.
BUCKLEY IS A WINNY PUTZ.



ads and personals

Phil and Gerry would like to thank:

Samantha Barrett **Carolyn Pugh**
Heidi Best **Mary Jo Roth**
Jolene Brown **Tim Sidebothom**
Karen Buck **Kevin Schmidt**
Brian Chilton **Liz Tinker**
Dave Cleveland **Tian Kun**
Craig Denison **Holly White**
 as well as:
Janice Foley **Carol Allston**
Ann Goss **Allen Barber**
J. Craig Henry **Brad Bascom**
Patty Holy **Prof. Hermon Dillmore**
Angela Kinney **Prof. Bud Nelson**
Connie Lenhardt **Dr. Ben King**
Brian Lewis **James Randall**
Jane Miller **The Strums**
Annette Mattocks **Michelle Wagner**
Eun Yeo Nelson **Dale Welwood**
Renee Potter **Jeff Weyman**



WE CALL THIS ONE
 "BUTTERMILK."

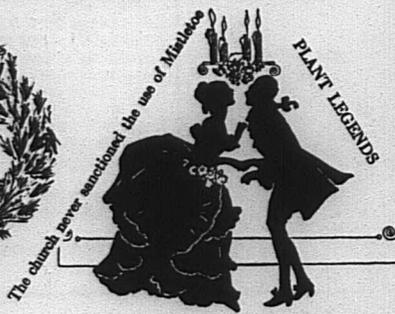
and especially:

Dr. Susan Randall
 and

Dr. William T. Allen

for making that evening such a success!

You're all great!



A lad must remove a berry each time he kisses a maid beneath the Mistletoe bough

So dear is this plant to Scandinavian antiquity that if enemies met by chance beneath it in a forest, they laid down

Chris,
 Have a super—fantastic time in Wales next semester! I'm gonna miss you. Come back real soon. I love you!

—Jeff

Queen Nancy—
Sharpen your hatchet, I'll be home soon.

—Miss Morality

Well, everyone, this has been a most bizarre semester, filled with death and life, music (my own and yet other's), 3 am scream and laughs (many, but at times too few). What can I say? I'm sure I'll fail every class, or pass by teeth skins, but it has been rich and I have grown. Am I still *fin de siecle*? Perhaps, but now I am more than sentimental sweeping chords, I have passed through death and lack of sleep and my red sneakers call me upwards. Blessings upon you all, and then some. —Ger

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Dave, Jeff, Hue, and Ger.
 Don't forget to come back after the break!

—Jeff

To Greedy Kins #1 & #2,
 I'm going to miss you over break. I love you both.

—Bud

Thanks for typing late nite with Tabs and Dodads and WLIR and . . .

—The Happy C.

Beth—
 Nostros missed tu!
 Glad you're back.

—Denise & Ed



Holiday blues got you down, Mom? If you think you've got it bad, you haven't seen *J.B. The Modern Story of Job*. There will be two performances of this thought-provoking drama, Thursday (tonight!), December 12 at 8 pm and Saturday, December 14, at 8 pm. Admssion is \$1 with ID, \$2 without. Tickets available at the door. Come and enjoy a show that might get you thinking.

the
houghton
star

entered as
 first class
 mail at
 houghton, n.y.
 14744