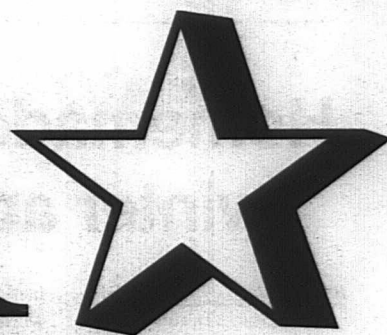


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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Wm. Mann

U.S.A. - Earthquake rocks Los Angeles area, collapsing highways and apartment buildings, leaving 42 dead.

- Tonya Harding implicated in attack on figure-skating competitor Nancy Kerrigan.

- Former U.S. attorney Robert Friske appointed to Whitewater inquiry and President Clinton's possible involvement.

- Defense secretary nominee Bobby Ray Inman withdrew citing "conspiracy" charges against Bob Dole and William Safire.

Russia - Pro-Western economic reformers Yegor Gaidar and Boris Fiodorov both resign from Cabinet. (See Country of the Week).

Mexico - Government officials are attempting dialogue with peasant rebels after the January 1 insurrection in Chiapas which left 200 dead.

Bosnia - Lord David Owen voted out (160-90, 13 abstentions) as peace negotiator for European Community.

- NATO team inquiring about a possible air strike on Bosnia.

Germany - Hoax involving a disabled girl's claim that skinheads carved a swastika on her face has increased tensions between police and neo-nazi groups.

Haiti - Tougher sanctions are sought against Haiti to force out military leaders and reinstate deposed President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Let's go get an education."

Clifton Poole, Dean of the Citadel, to Shannon Faulkner, the first woman to attend the 151-year-old all-male military academy.

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Dr. Farmer tees off on complacency as CLEW challenges community

Eric Stream

As each new semester begins, students find themselves again under a burden of academics and activities. A lot of times these burdens can seem like they deserve priority in one's life. One method that Houghton has employed to help students keep their priorities in line is Christian Life Emphasis Week, better known as CLEW. Occurring within the first month of each semester, CLEW revolves around a visiting guest speaker who addresses all three chapel services and an evening service each night of the week. Most students find this to be a time of spiritual renewal and growth and this semester's CLEW proved to be no disappointment.

Four years ago, Dean Danner and his staff went to a Student Development Staff seminar at Gordon College. There they experienced the talent of Dr. Richard Allen Farmer as he led worship and preached through the seminar. He was so well received, in fact, that the college booked him immediately for a week in January 1994, four years later. At the time, Dr. Farmer was working full-time at Gordon in the role of Dean of the Chapel, similar to our Dean of Spiritual Life. He has since begun a full-time traveling ministry that includes expository preaching and contemporary music.

Dr. Farmer grew up in New York City and he credits his local church and pastor for

much of his success as a preacher. He earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Nyack College in 1975 and a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1980. In 1986 Gordon College conferred upon him the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. Besides addressing colleges, churches, and groups around the country, Dr. Farmer also has preached in a number of foreign countries, including Korea, the Philippines, and Taiwan. Dr. Farmer has served on the board of the United World Mission and currently serves on the board of directors of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. Even with all of these commitments, Dr. Farmer has found the time to write a book entitled *It Won't Fly If You Don't Try*.

Student sentiment indicated that Dr. Farmer was more than just a good speaker. Sophomore Bob Schwanner stated, "What impressed me most was his compassion. It seemed like he came here with the intentions of being more than a preacher." When Dr. Farmer wasn't on the pulpit he was around the campus, participating in college activities and visiting students in their dorms

and houses. During the week he was seen at the pool, climbing the Wall, playing Monopoly and Euchre, and just sitting around talking with students. Sophomore Brent Wolfe said, "Anytime a speaker makes himself available like Dr. Farmer did, he makes students a lot more receptive to his message."

Dr. Farmer's message did indeed seem to hit home with the students. His topic for the week was "The I Will's of Jesus." In Chapel on Monday morning he spoke from Matthew 16:18 about Jesus' promise, "On this rock I will build my church." That evening Dr. Farmer expressed the need for students to be bold in their witness. The "I Will" this time was Jesus' challenge, "Whoever acknowledges me before people will be acknowledged before the angels of heaven." This message challenged a lot of students. Allisha Chapman said afterwards, "This really encouraged me to speak up for my belief in Christ, especially in front of my non-Christian friends."

On Tuesday night Dr. Farmer's message was based

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Houghton sends forty delegates to student missions convention

Linda Betzold

URBANA 1993, taking place during Christmas Break from December 27-31 in Urbana, Illinois, was attended by approximately forty Houghton delegates. That's forty out of the 18,000 who attended the 17th annual student mission convention with the theme "God so Loves the World."

The theme of "God so Loves the World" was divided into a dual focus of the personal significance of God's love toward his people, and the personal responsibility accompanying the relationship to share that love. Small groups of six people met every morning and late evening for inductive Bible studies, with the afternoon free for seminars and workshops. Seminar topics ranged from discipleship, to workplace evangelism, to youth, faculty, and graduate student ministry.

In the evenings, delegates attended general sessions of spirited worship, special music, and dynamic speakers. Over 200 mission agencies set up booths for the delegates to

investigate and glean information from in the afternoons.

Stacie On, a math major, and Melissa Doland, an education major, both juniors, roomed together at the University of Illinois dorms where they found URBANA to be a worthwhile experience. Melissa will be student teaching in Germany and putting the knowledge gained at Urbana to use as she teaches in a boarding school there.

WMF president, Brian Kvasnica, was both excited and inspired by his experience at URBANA. His highlight was Ravi Zacharias, a speaker who "articulated so well the uniqueness of Christ." Brian was impressed by his skill as both an orator and scholar. Zacharias' message will be broadcast on WJSL. For information, Contact WJSL.

Students are encouraged to look into the next URBANA, even graduating seniors. Of the 18,000 or so who attended, about 2,000 were not students, even creating a need for married "student" housing. See one of the forty or so who attended or a WMF Cabinet member for more information.

Houghton pro-lifers take a stand in D.C.

Joel Tom Tate

On Thursday, January 20th, four Houghton College students, Kyra Chapman, Allisha Chapman, Joel Tom Tate, and Joy Piersma, met five adults from the Houghton community and traveled with the Buffalo Right to Life for the trip down to Washington D.C. for the March for Life. Abe Burdick was the Houghton student who coordinated the cooperation that allowed the Houghton students and community members to ride with the group from Buffalo. The buses arrived at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Washington D.C. early Friday morning. The approximately 200 people traveling with Buffalo Right to Life then split up, with the Catholics going to attend a special mass in one of

the hotel's conference rooms and the Protestants attending an uplifting and encouraging prayer meeting in another room led by Roger Miller of Fillmore. Afterwards, the entire group got back together to eat breakfast and enjoy some excellent guest speakers such as Marguerite Luksik, a former candidate for governor in Pennsylvania and bishop Head of the Diocese of Buffalo.

From the hotel, the group picked its way to the Ellipsis between the White House and the Washington Monument. All of the sidewalks and much of the roads were covered with thick ice, which necessitated a state of emergency the previous day. The state of emergency made it illegal to operate a

See "March" pg 7

Homemade ice rinks and sleeping in the snow, winter activities take new form on the quad

Renee Dillon

What the heck can you do when you are snowed in at Houghton? Some of our students took on the problem this semester, just in time for a two foot snow fall and the cold streak that left many people and many vehicles grounded. As anyone can see, the quad has been transformed into a winter playground, a quinzee for the young at heart, and an ice rink for those who prefer the more athletic winter sports.

Despite that Houghton houses its own ski slopes, it has been without a ice rink for over 10 years. Ian Beam, a freshman from Baltimore, Mary-

land, was struck by the idea when he realized he was going to miss his ice hockey leagues at home this winter. Beam played right wing for various leagues in the Baltimore area throughout high school and the thought of a winter without hockey plagued him until he hit on his brainstorm. Once Beam had his idea, he went to chat with his mentor, Dean Danner, to discuss what had to be done and to find out the nitty gritty details. He put in a funding request to Ken Nielsen, the Vice President of Finance, then, Beam had to get approval from Gary Fiegl, head of maintenance. Beam and Fiegl

wandered around for several hours looking for the perfect sight. They settled on the quad, rationalizing that it would do no damage and would be more accessible to the students. Soon the Houghton Ice Rink was under construction.

The Houghton Rink is originally 100 feet by 180 feet, but due to the snow we have received, the usable size right now is 85 feet by 70 feet. There are usually people who shovel the rink to keep it snow free, and the surface is kept in skatable condition by Professor Ken Boon with a fire hose compliments of the Houghton Fire Department.

Beam is also planning a hockey tournament, co-ed teams, 4 v. 4, or possibly even working on a club hockey team for Houghton. When questioned about all his hard work, Beam said, "I'd like to thank maintenance. Their efforts were above and beyond the call of duty - they did it for the sheer love of the students."

The quad has also become the home for another winter experiment. That large mound of snow that most of us in our naivete would call an igloo is actually a quinzee. The difference? An igloo is made out of snow "bricks" while an quinzee is a hollowed out mound of snow. The benefac-

tors of Houghton's snow hut are Matt Dominguez and Andy Hopson. The two got the revelation one day to build their quinzee: it took 6 hours over a two day period (allowing time for the snow to settle) and that was with the help of 10 to 15 people.

What do you do with this quinzee? Andy and Matt have suggested sleeping in it, and in the last two weeks approximately 25 to 30 people have taken

season... It's crisp, fresh, white, pure - It's a good time to be outside," commented Andy Hopson.

So, where did our two winter geniuses get their idea? Both spent the fall of 1992 at National Outdoor Leadership School, and made and lived in quinzees for 14



Ian Beam and Dean Danner stand with skaters Peter Myles and Dave Francis.



Inside the quinzee, Matt and Andy ponder the many joys of winter.

them up on their idea, despite the bitter cold snap. The temperature in the quinzee is about 30 degrees farenheit when 6 people are occupying the hut. The floor was laid with plastic, then pads were put down, for added comfort, and everyone brought sleeping bags. Those sleeping on the outside edges were double bagged to make for the body heat they would not get on both sides. "Everybody thinks that winter is cold and intimidating when actually, personally, it is my favorite

days in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Jackson Hole is in the back country of the Teton Mountains. When asked why they had put the quinzee right on the center of the quad, Hopson and Dominguez agreed, their goal was school wide enjoyment, and where better to put it than the quad?

Next time your stuck on campus, your car will not start, your procrastinating, or you are just curios, check out the possibilities on the quad, but bring your skates, or bring your gloves, and be ready to have fun... despite the frightful weather.

U.S. gets double blow from Nature

Doug Gillham

From the West Coast to the East Coast America was crippled by the forces of nature during the past week.

The strongest earthquake in modern Los Angeles history occurred on January 17, at 4:31 a.m. PST. Over 50 people died in the quake which snapped freeways like matchsticks, left hundreds of thousands without power and water, and seriously disrupted the nation's busiest highway network.

Triggered by a fault that squeezes the northern San Fernando Valley between two mountain ranges like a vice, the earthquake swamped hospitals with hundreds of injured and left thousands more homeless as fires, floods, and landslides dotted a landscape that has already been devastated several times in the past year.

With every aftershock that rolls through the region, the financial toll continues to mount. Early damage estimates are a staggering \$30 billion — the costliest quake to ever hit disaster-prone California. This estimate ranks the

quake up with Hurricane Andrew as the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history.

However, experts are warning that this quake was not the long-predicted "Big One."

The epicenter of the quake which measured 6.6 on the Richter Scale was located in Northridge, 20 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, but it was felt as far away as Las Vegas, 275 miles to the northeast. Power was disrupted as far away as Montana.

Meanwhile, the coldest Arctic airmass to invade North America this century paralyzed the eastern half of the eastern United States. The record cold has caused over 140 deaths.

Dozens of cities from South Dakota to South Carolina reported their coldest temperatures in record keeping history. The temperature fell into the single digits as far south as the Gulf States, with freezing temperatures in both Florida and Texas. National Guardsmen were called in to help did out the Ohio Valley from 30 inches of snow.

Water pipes burst, power

lines snapped, car batteries froze, and the majority of schools throughout the East and Midwest were closed because of the dangerously cold temperatures. Windchills in the -40 to -80 degree range throughout the region produced frostbite on exposed skin in less than two minutes.

Numerous states shut down all of their roadways due to the danger involved in having one's vehicle break down in such extreme conditions. Government and business offices closed down in Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania in an effort to conserve power.

Some of the temperature records included -33 in Waterloo, Iowa; -31 near Indianapolis; and -22 in Louisville, KY. Washington D.C. had a record cold high when the temperature only reached 5 degrees on the 19th.

The Houghton area was also impacted by the bone chilling weather. The temperature fell to between -20 and -30 several times last week.

Such cold temperatures are unusual in Allegany County,

but they certainly are not unheard of. However, when this area experiences such extreme temperatures they are normally accompanied by clear skies and calm winds. Last week's cold weather was accompanied by west winds that gusted to 40 mph which produced a windchill of 50 below zero.

Closer to Lake Erie and Lake Ontario the winds produced bands of lake effect snowsqualls. Snow accompanied by thunder and lightning fell at the rate of four inches per hour in Oswego, NY. Some locations between Syracuse and Watertown picked up three to four feet of snow last week on top of the three feet that they already had on the ground. The strong winds also produced extensive blowing and drifting of the snow.

Fortunately, the Arctic air mass relaxed its icy grip on the area last weekend as a change in the upper level winds allowed more seasonable conditions to return to all areas by Sunday.

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Country of the Week:

Russia

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Men's basketball searches for answers halfway through a rough season

Michael Maloney

In failing to win a game in more than two months, Houghton now finds itself 2-13 and in the midst of an 11-game losing streak. The team is looking for solutions to halt this streak, but the answers are proving hard to find. "I think a part of the problem is a lack of experience and depth, but we're still searching for the answers,"

says starting point guard Jason Weyforth.

A December 8 matchup against visiting Alfred gave HC a taste of the disappointment that was to come in the next eight weeks. Against Alfred, Houghton dominated the first half and was winning 34-25 at the intermission. However, when the Highlanders returned for the second half, they fell

apart in two different five minute spans of haphazard play. This allowed Alfred to catch up, and with ten seconds remaining, they were down by just one with the ball.

Alfred inbounded the ball and put up a shot with five seconds remaining. The shot was off, but Alfred rebounded and put it up again, this time from 15 feet. This one missed as well. However, at this point the clock froze at three seconds. Before the horn finally sounded, Alfred was able to take two more shots off of offensive rebounds, including the game-winning tip-in with one second remaining. The final score was 71-70.

Sophomore center Jud Odell led HC with 19 points and 17 rebounds, while junior forward Andrew Gustafson added 14 points and eight rebounds.

With the disappointing and controversial Alfred loss behind them, Houghton next faced St. Vincent December 11 at home. This was a close game, but St. Vincent finally

pulled ahead when it counted to win 70-60. The Highlanders shot only 32 percent from the floor. Gustafson led the team with 25 points, while forward Scott Fasick tallied 14 points and ten rebounds.

After returning from Christmas Break, Coach Donn Bennice and his team traveled to Defiance College for their Purple and Gold Tournament. HC met 5-4 Defiance in the opening round. Offensively, Houghton did well, scoring 97 points on 51 percent field goal and 76 percent free throw shooting. But defensively, they gave up 75 second half points and surrendered to a final score of 129-97. Three players scored twenty points in the loss: Fasick had 27, Gustafson had 26, and Weyforth followed with 21.

Houghton's offense dropped a notch in the consolation game as their field goal and free throw shooting slumped to 34 and 64 percent respectively. Hiram College defeated them 98-70. Fasick scored 19, Gustafson contributed 16, and Odell registered 13 points and 11 rebounds.

The men faced St. Vincent again on January 8, this time on the road, and the outcome was the same. They lost by ten just as they did at home. Five

players scored in double figures, and Odell had 18 rebounds in the 76-86 loss.

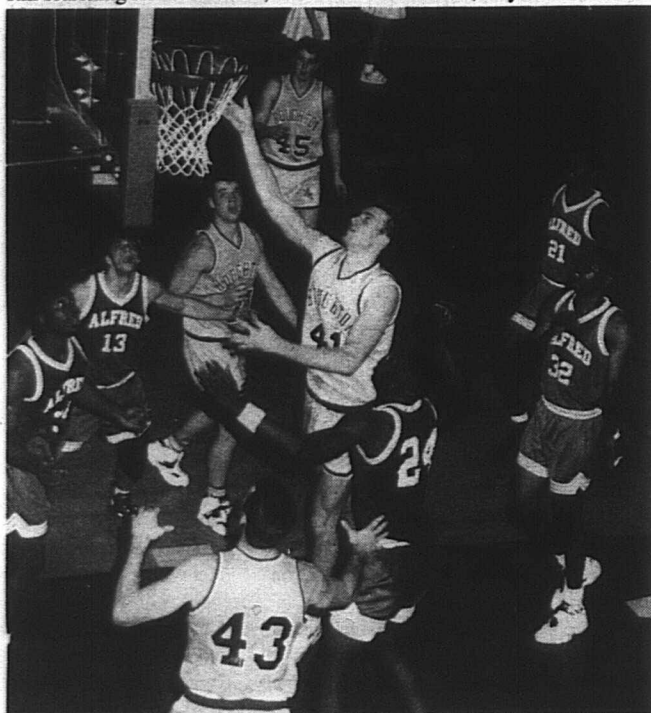
The losing streak stretched to nine games on the twelfth as Pitt-Brad beat HC 80-63. Fasick's 26 points and 7 rebounds wasn't enough. In exhibiting 16 percent field goal shooting in the first half, Houghton had scored just 13 points by halftime. A loss to Taylor on the fifteenth dropped the team to 2-12.

Once again, Fasick had a strong showing against Hilbert on the 21st. Twenty-one points from him and 13 rebounds from Odell were the highlights in the 62-69 defeat. "We've been in a lot of close games. We just haven't been able to pull them out," says Weyforth.

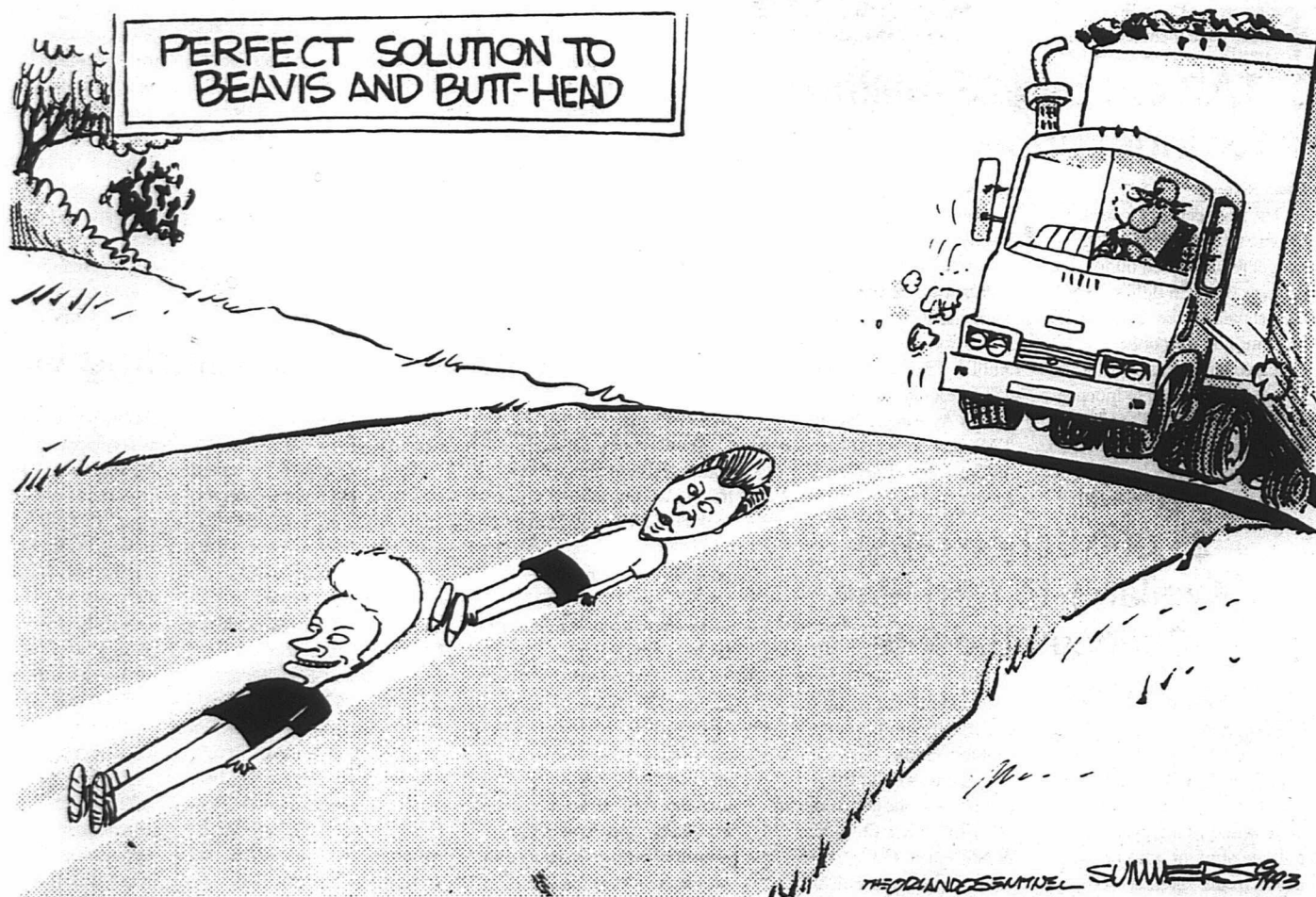
Houghton's floor leader continues: "If we could just go over the edge and get one win, that could do a lot for us."

"Considering all things, including our record, the team's morale is doing well. Maybe we've just gotten into the habit of losing, I don't know. But we're not giving up. That is not the character of our team. We may have lost our confidence, but that's it."

This weekend, Houghton will host Humber, Seneca, and Taylor in the annual Houghton College Classic.



Center Judson Odell completes a lay-up in a tough game against Alfred University.



Doug Gillham

Highlanders looking for turnaround in order to make playoffs

Michael Maloney

With one month remaining in the season, the Lady Highlanders have ten games left to get their 6-9 record back over the .500 mark and thereby qualifying themselves for the playoffs. Presently, they have the second highest Dunkel rating among the five independent NAIA schools in the area. The top four teams with a Dunkel rating of at least 20 will match up and vie for a trip to the national tournament. However, because of a self-imposed Houghton stipulation, our women must have a winning record in order to participate in the post-season. Unless a Houghton varsity team has a .500 record, it cannot attend playoff competition, even if it qualifies according to NAIA standards.

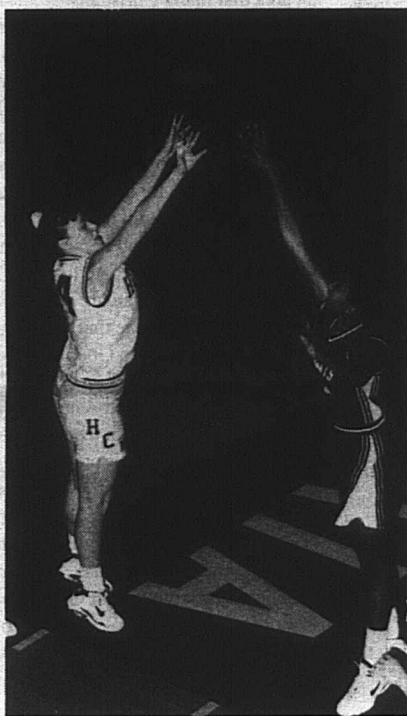
HC has struggled the last few weeks. After opening the season with a 4-3 start, Houghton has gone 2-6 as they have faced a rash of difficult opponents. And during that stretch, they have had just one home game.

After crushing Alfred at home 96-51 on December 8, HC embarked on a five-game road streak in which they would lose four in a row. The first loss came on December 9 against Penn State Behrend. The score was never close, and the game ended 52-77. Freshman center Abbey Kennedy had one of her strongest performances of the year as she scored 14 points, grabbed ten rebounds, and swatted six shots. Forwards Lynn Jensen and April Stone

added ten points each.

Almost a month passed before Houghton's next game. The women returned from Christmas break to take on Columbia Union on New Year's Day. Their offense never got rolling against CU and they lost 42-70, exhibiting their lowest point production of the season. Junior guard Aimee Bence scored 19 points, and senior forward Steph Plummer contributed 10. Unfortunately, these two contributed their share of turnovers as well. Both of them had ten TO's each, as did Jensen. Overall, the team committed 48 turnovers.

Freshman April Batt puts a shot up in a home game against against Roberts Wesleyan College.



Houghton traveled to face Wilmington on January 3. Wilmington was ranked 24th in the national NAIA polls, and they justified that ranking in slamming HC 111-85.

Houghton did a lot of things right in this game. They cut their turnovers down to just 16, and they produced a solid and balanced scoring effort, but they could not get the job done either defensively or on the boards. Wilmington had a 34-12 offensive rebounding advantage. Four Lady Highlanders scored in double figures: Bence (21 points), guard Missy Niedielski (16), Jensen (14), and Stone (13).

The team played in the Potsdam Invitational on January 7 and 8. In the first round against Potsdam, Houghton held a 36-34 half-time advantage, but they went on to lose 69-74. "That game went back and forth, but they finally pulled out the win," says head coach Skip Lord. "We relied on the three in the game, and we only shot 14.7 percent from three-point range. If you live by the three, you'll die by the three." Their 2 for 14 performance

from long range was out of character for a team that is ranked seventh in the nation in three-point field goal percentage. Stone led the team with 15 points and nine rebounds. Bence tallied 13 points and nine rebounds as well.

HC defeated Clarkson 67-55 in the consolation game the following day. Bence and Stone led the team again with 18 points and eight rebounds from Aimee and 16 points and 7 rebounds from April. Bence was named to the All-Tournament team.

Lord's team finally returned home for a 79-47 whipping of Daemen on January 10. "We were a little worried about Daemen. We had to come back from about 12 points down to win at their place earlier in the season," Lord says. "They had lost two key players since then though, and it didn't materialize as a tough game." This win also demonstrated a balanced scoring attack, as four players tallied double figures. Kennedy had 19 points, forward April Batt had 14, and Bence and Plummer added 12 each.

Two more road losses followed this easy victory. Houghton dropped to 6-8 in losing 62-71 to Pitt-Brad on the twelfth. Lord says: "We were really shooting for this game, but we just did not shoot the ball well. We shot atrociously. We ended up 30 percent from the floor." They were also only 52 percent from the free throw line and 27 percent from long range. Stone scored 16 points and collected 9 rebounds, while

Jensen had 14 points. Kennedy blocked a season high 7 shots.

An 11-2 Elmira squad narrowly defeated HC 66-64 on the 22nd, dropping the team to 6-9.

In order to make the playoffs, Houghton must win seven of their last ten games. This will not be an easy task, especially when considering that five of the opponents that they will face have beaten them previously this season.

After fourteen games, Bence leads all scorers with 15.4 points per game, and Plummer follows her with 10.8 ppg. Plummer is number one in the region with a 53.2 percent field goal percentage. Bence also leads the Lady Highlanders in rebounding, averaging 7.5 per game. Kennedy is grabbing 6.8 rebounds per game, good for second, and is blocking a team high 2.9 blocks per game. Niedielski leads Houghton with 4.1 assists per game.



Senior Stephanie Plummer evades Raider's defense.

Men's club team seeks strong start and student support

Cory Seaman

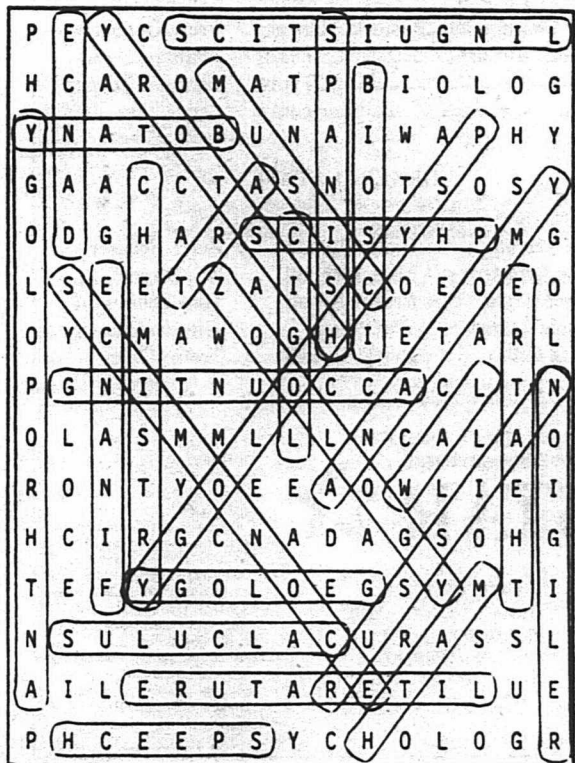
The Houghton Women's Volleyball season ended a few months ago with a well-earned NAIA District 18 Championship. So why are the nets still up? The newest addition to the family of Houghton athletics has arrived, and the Men's Volleyball Club has taken the court, raised the net, and is now preparing for a tournament schedule that stretches throughout the spring semester. Although the sports spotlight hasn't turned their way yet, the Volleyball Club has been building themselves from scratch since September — buying their own uniforms and tournament registrations, obtaining court time whenever possible, and scrimmaging against other college club teams from the area. The team

has already beaten Roberts Wesleyan and SUNY Fredonia in two informal matchups earlier this year.

In their first tournament appearance in Rochester two months ago, the club came away with only one win, but the men are confident that with the presence of a full starting squad and an improved style of play, they will make a much stronger statement on their next trip. Although it's the club's first season on the court, they have strong potential between the skills of players such as outside hitter Aron Cole and middle hitter Frazz Bailey. The team is building a dominating offense, taking Stephan Munyard and Dan Dominguez from the soccer field and putting them to work as outside hitters. Glenn Seland and Cory

Seaman lead the team from the setting positions, while Terry Merchant and Mark McClelland combine their blocking skills with a quick middle attack to add yet another angle to the offense. And Dave Zirilli and Kris Farwell contribute both their powerful hitting and their strong defensive skills to the club's game.

If you're interested in seeing the guys in action, the HC Volleyball club will be hosting Genesee Community college on Tuesday, February 15th at 8:00 PM. Other home matches and tournaments are in the works, so check with a team member for upcoming events, and take the time to support the new Men's Volleyball Club as they continue their first season!



Your thoughts

Dear Editor,

I am heartsick and saddened that there are individuals on our campus who take obvious delight in robbing others of the joy of the Christmas season.

I refer specifically to the vandalism that has occurred on campus during the past couple of weeks (chapel Christmas tree stripped of its ornaments, lights from the Fancher trees being stolen, and just last night the tree on the roof of Fancher porch stolen and the lights cut off and strewn over all of the bushes). It is beyond my comprehension what motivates someone to do this. I feel very bad for these people, but I feel even worse for the majority of students who expressed appreciation for the decorations

that we put up.

Besides the financial investment, which was considerable, there was the investment of time and energy. This was all done in the spirit of the season and because we care about this campus. I hope that the individuals involved will feel remorse and will make some arrangements for counseling help.

As for me, my spirit is broken. If that was your goal, you have succeeded. If there is decorating to be done in the future, someone else will have to coordinate the effort. I am not able to invest that kind of effort and time only to have it destroyed.

Sincerely,
Bruce Brenneman

Dear Editor:

Before Christmas break there were a number of illconceived pranks played with our Christmas decorations which made the entire campus sad. Rather than berate those thoughtless "grinches" who somewhat spoiled Christmas for the rest of us, we want to offer some positive advice for the future.

Elsewhere in this issue is a page we have prepared giving what we consider to be the

elements of a **GOOD** prank. If these guidelines are **thoughtfully** applied we believe nearly everyone will enjoy future campus pranks. We present them to you for your serious consideration. They are derived from our many years of watching the good and the bad of campus pranks, and from having done a few ourselves, often to our good friends.

Advisedly,
Bob and Roselyn Danner

ANATOMY OF A GOOD PRANK

1. It is creative and original!
2. It causes no one grief or extra work!
3. It makes people (with a sense of humor) smile!
4. It is unexpected, brief, and has an element of surprise!
5. It gives, does not take away!
6. It is legal!
7. It is not vindictive!
8. It does not invade or stomp on anyone's highest values, although it can make us laugh at our stuffiness!
9. It does no harm to persons or property!
10. It gets cleaned up by the pranksters afterward, if necessary!
11. It doesn't cause monetary loss!
12. It may even inspire!

A personal message from the Governor

"You need a roll-on with maximum protection"

As I began to unroll this poster sent to the **STAR**, I could not fathom any possible explanation for being sent a poster-size advertisement for a deodorant. Last time I checked, my Secret was doing an adequate job with its powder fresh scent.

I finished unrolling this piece of mail and realized that I had not been sent a deodorant advertisement, but rather one promoting the use of condoms.

The accompanying letter explained that the N.Y.S. Department of Health had sent this beauty. Thank you Governor!

My first reaction was shock. Admittedly, this is not a commonly discussed topic here at H.C. (Houghtonian Conservatism?)

Then I began to think — hang on to your hats! Offhand, I can think of a handful of marriages that were precipitated by unplanned pregnancies, the result of unsafe sex.

Now, I decided to ignore everything I've been taught since birth about the evils of fornication, and the fact that

premarital sex is strictly forbidden by the pledge. Instead, in considering this ad, I followed a far different line. It went something like this:

1). If premarital sex is forbidden by the pledge, does promoting the use of condoms condone this act, or is it just being realistic about the fact that Houghton students are having sex?

2). Without diving into the theological debate about the morality of contraceptives, does using them make premarital sex more concrete, thus, more wrong?

3). Unprotected sex, obviously increases the possibility of pregnancy. For generations, it has been encouraged that these situations are legitimized by marriage.

4). Do these marriages that are begun with such a reality shock and sometimes without a solid Christ-centered foundation have a chance at survival? Or will these couples become statistics?

The rumor is that the divorce rate among Houghton

students is around 50%. On the contrary, I did some checking, and found no evidence to support this. The Alumni office, after calculating, said that the actual rate is only between 5% and 10%. There are not actual statistics, but the calculations are based on known divorces and address changes.

This came as a pleasant surprise and I wonder if it doesn't have something to do with the fact that Houghton College is a predominantly conservative, Bible-believing,

disciplined school.

Bruce Campbell said that this institution has

become more forgiving toward those involved in emergency marriages. But, if Houghton becomes lax, as some students would prefer on issues concerning the pledge, would our divorce rate increase a decade behind the worlds'? I don't know the answers to any of these questions, but I do know that good things (like low divorce rates) should be cherished and preserved by any means.



HEATHER DALE

EDITORIAL

CLEW on complacency

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on, "If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in." In Chapel Wednesday morning he reminded everyone about Jesus' promise to send another Counselor, the Holy Spirit, after he returned to heaven. People attending Wednesday night's service heard from Mark 14:36 where in the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus tells His Father, "Not what I will, but what you will." Dr. Farmer stressed the obvious implications of this verse, that we should be concerned with what God wants for us and our lives and not what our personal plans are.

According to some students, Dr. Farmer's most thought-provoking message came on Thursday night. He focused on an area that many Christians felt they have well under control: prayer. The text came from John 14: 13-14 which say, "And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." After the service, Ben Pherson said, "I will never again go to prayer without being aware of the wonderful privilege that Christ gives us to go to God in His name, character and attitude." Dr. Farmer presented the crowded chapel with the importance of the gift of prayer and how we should use it. He stressed that we do not use this powerful to ask for things that we want, but rather ask that situations work out so that God is glorified.

Dr. Farmer's final address on Friday morning focused on

the security of our future through Christ. Coming out of John 14: 1-12, he emphasized Jesus' promise to prepare a place for us. Junior Lisa Pileggi stated afterwards, "Dr. Farmer didn't say anything that I didn't know already, but he added a lot of concreteness to my view of Heaven."

One thing that students really appreciated was Dr. Farmer's use of analogies to illustrate his points. While speaking about being a witness he said, "You just have to catch the fish, God will clean them." He addressed passiveness in the church with the statement, "Yes, my church is full of hypocrites, but if you think you'd like to join, I'm sure we have room for one more."

Dr. Farmer came to Houghton and preached in a style that didn't really present students with new Biblical material, but rather stressed and reinforced ideas that have always been taught in church and Sunday School. What he advocated was an active and radical Christianity and in this, the intent of CLEW was successfully fulfilled. In Chapel on Friday morning Dr. Farmer made a statement that will probably be remembered by students long after this CLEW is forgotten. He said, "Believe your beliefs and doubt your doubts. Never believe your doubts or doubt your beliefs." He hammered home to the Houghton community that Christianity is a full-time thing and even in the midst of papers, exams, sports, and friends, Christ and our walk with Him should be our number one priority.

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Pebbles and the Rock

The Church is in a real mess. How's that for a catchy opener?

Over break I pondered and pondered what I might center a column around. I could concentrate on politics (which did guarantee reader-response), but I'm personally A-political and somewhat cynical of the scene (dead end). I could have talked about clubs on campus, but then I thought if you were interested, you'd be in it already (again, a dead end).

Aron Kimmerly and I considered a "point/counterpoint" kind of satire, but the concern was that a lot of people wouldn't get it.

Finally, I got to thinking: hey, this is my last semester of my fourth year at Houghton ("5 year plans" didn't work for Communism either), and if there's one thing that I've noticed, it's that the student body as a whole has gotten more and more conservative (in the generalized sense), and subsequently less daring. I've seen issues of the *STAR* from the 60's and 70's and even 5 or 6 years ago, and although they certainly weren't "safe," they sure were readable. Want an example? Just two years before any of you seniors first came here, we had a 100 student "protest committee" stand on the chapel steps during Chapel to protest the tenure denial of a theology professor. The founder of the committee was a columnist for the *STAR*, and by the time he left more than a few feathers were ruffled. It simply boiled down to the fact that individuals were willing to stick their necks out for a cause. We're DULL people! And I think I know what the problem is: we reflect the church!

Frank Schaeffer in his book *Sham Pearls for Real Swine* makes a scathing rebuke of the culture-ignorant, arts-ignorant,

REALITY-ignorant "Middle American values" oriented Church in America. Specifically, in citing a portion of a letter his father Francis Schaeffer wrote, the accusation is that a strong portion of the church as a "False view of pietism and spirituality," which viciously and subsequently attacks and damns anything even remotely out of their ignorant norm, anything that might challenge the church to greater heights. I agree with them 100%.

This ignorance towards the arts is merely one aspect of

the problem. And, as a microcosm of the Church, these problems most certainly exist at Houghton too.

Why am I complaining? Do I just want to be cynical my last semester? Absolutely not. As a matter of fact, I believe this false view of piety and spirituality is CONTRARY to the intention, the Spirit of Houghton. As a Liberal (Ya' hear me? I said LIBERAL) Arts College, we should be challenged in our beliefs, both religious and secular.

Although the themes will fluctuate from issue to issue, the main thrust will remain the same: Problems in the Church and potential solutions. I might offend a few of you. Boy, I hope so; nothing counters Novacane like a slap to the head. I don't pretend to hold a corner of the Truth market. I'm merely throwing out personal observations, personal beliefs, and hopefully challenging you. Without challenges, we stagnate. I fear we've been allowing ourselves to stagnate here, and that scares me. I love Houghton; I will miss it after I leave, but I can't be quiet any longer. I want this column to be like fine art: Hate it or love it, don't be indifferent.

MATTHEW OWEN



OVERSIGHTS & understatements

Some of you may remember that in the debut of "Tangents," I honored what upperclassmen would remember as Bedford House, which until last summer many considered a legend. I discussed how the decrepit building (upon which its former location is now a spacious parking lot) had been an infirmary and most recently a men's house. Truly Bedford House had dutifully served the Houghton community and some actually mourned its loss.

There is yet another legend existing close to campus. It too has served the community in a number of ways, and it too is scheduled for destruction this spring. My intentions here are not to induct it into the "Houghton Hall of Fame," so to speak. Nor should you expect another history lesson. I am of course speaking of Leonard Houghton House, the right of the two stone buildings set back along the path to Mobil, and as an open-minded and (somewhat) educated individual, as well as a current resident of the House, I have no choice but to express my disagreement regarding the hasty and nonsensical decision to level one of the most unique housing structures on campus.

Currently three myths are circulating in support for bringing down Leonard Houghton.

Myth #1: Leonard Houghton is structurally unfit for residency.

After I first heard about the plans to destroy Lenny Ho (that's the nickname the residents have given it) I questioned an administrative source that told me the house wasn't that well built to begin with. If such is the case, then why has it been standing since at least before World War II? (I'm sure it dates further but there is no sufficient written information on its history around here.) I cannot deny

that Leonard Houghton has aged and that there are existing structural difficulties, but these can be repaired. It isn't structurally to the point of being condemned, nor is it ready to have some prefabricated cardhouse be plopped down in its place.

If I happen to be mistaken on this point and Leonard Houghton is actually unsalvageable, then it is a sad commentary on the college for not taking care of the problems years ago when something could have been done.

Students who live in other off-campus houses can identify with similar living conditions, but we must prioritize things. We must first renovate, remodel, even pick up and move our administrative buildings first, since the administration is the sole reason for this college's existence.

Myth #2: Nobody wants to live in Leonard Houghton.

Administration likes to make assumptions about student opinion. At the last forum dealing with townhouse construction I was told that students didn't want Lenny Ho around, that it was an eyesore. As a resident of the house I can safely say that argument holds about as much water as South Hall's 4th West. Currently, the house is filled to capacity, and many have tried to get in. If there were any reasons discouraging a person from wanting to live there, it would be the reputation the house received from past residents. The residents this year are not your everyday "fruits, nuts, and berries" (as Jen Garrison would call them) that favor isolation from campus so they can be weird together.

Myth #3: Past and present residents favor

keeping Leonard Houghton where it is only because of sentimental reasons.

There is no denying that an element of attachment is present among the house's residents. To live in Leonard Houghton is to experience a fresh, new perspective of campus life. While one can achieve this effect in other buildings on campus, none can compare to the character Leonard Houghton shares with its occupants. To base any decision on emotion alone is traditionally not the best way to handle things.

Leonard Houghton residents realize the significance of the house not only as something that marks the most important time in their lives, but also as a symbol of Houghton's rich heritage that seems to grow distant each passing year. Symbolically, we're saying a lot about what we think of our heritage. In fact, we're disclaiming it. Take a walk into the library and find the book, "And You Shall Remember," a history of Houghton College. On the inside cover you will see the infamous disclaimer sticker — you know, the one you see inside books from people such as Nietzsche that reads, (and I paraphrase) "The Christian student must be introduced to a wide span of literature, including the worthy and some of the unworthy... inclusion of this book in the library is not necessarily endorsed by Houghton College..." That to me represents a tasteless joke or the fact that we could give a rip about the past.

So let's forget about anything we've been a part of in the name of progress — it's the only right answer to our housing problems, and everyone will be happy.



ARON KIMMERLY

Closed roads and ice fail to stop marchers

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business and all state and federal buildings were closed for the day. The state of emergency and the conditions that brought it on put the march itself on shaky ground. At the rally site the ice was one to two inches thick and there was a thin coat of wet snow on top of that. For the delegation from Western New York, the conditions led to condescending remarks about the inability of the panicked District to deal with a little winter, and proud assertions of the naturally hardy constitution of Western New

Yorkers. Of course, none of that kept them from slipping and falling on the ice like everyone else.

During the rally, the crowd swelled to about 35,000 people, which, while a good deal smaller than the number for most previous marches, was still considered a good turnout in light of the weather conditions prevailing in Washington and much of the rest of the nation.

For pro-life organizers the most encouraging thing about the turnout wasn't the numbers in general, but what proportion of the numbers was made up of

teenagers and college students. Most of the people who came with Vermont Right to Life, for instance, were born after Roe v.

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Wade and so could have been legally aborted. College students were also very visible. Among a few of the colleges which brought organized delegations Catholic University was able to claim about 60

participants, Geneva College 33, University at Buffalo six, and Alfred University four.

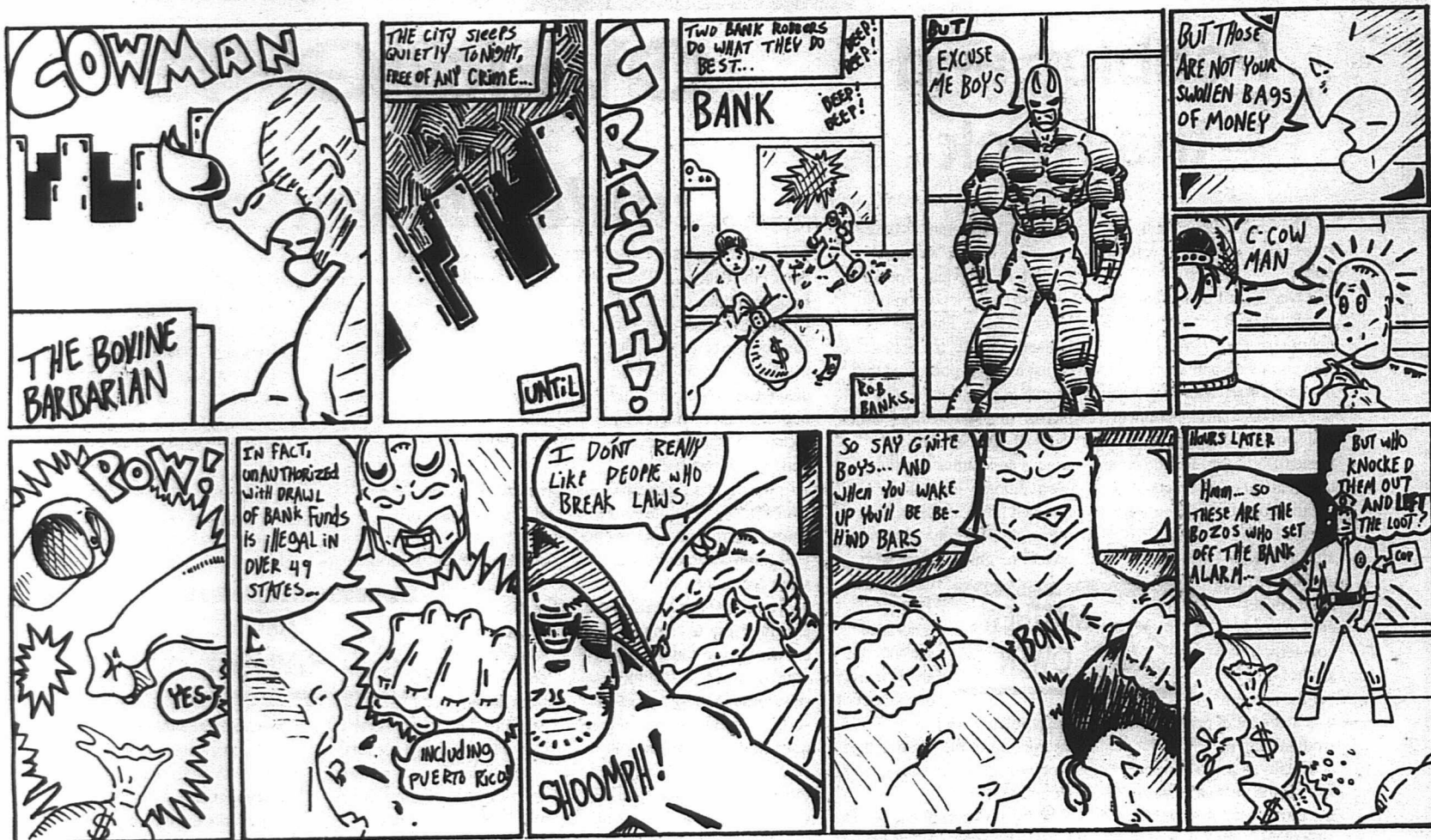
Following the rally, the young and enthusiastic crowd slowly squeezed into a slushy and icy Constitution Avenue to march to the Supreme Court where many remained on the steps to pray that Roe v. Wade would be overturned soon. After the rally and march, many of the participants used the opportunity to go to the offices of their senators and congressman to express their views on abortion, while others hurried indoors to warm up and discuss matters with like-

minded anti-abortionists.

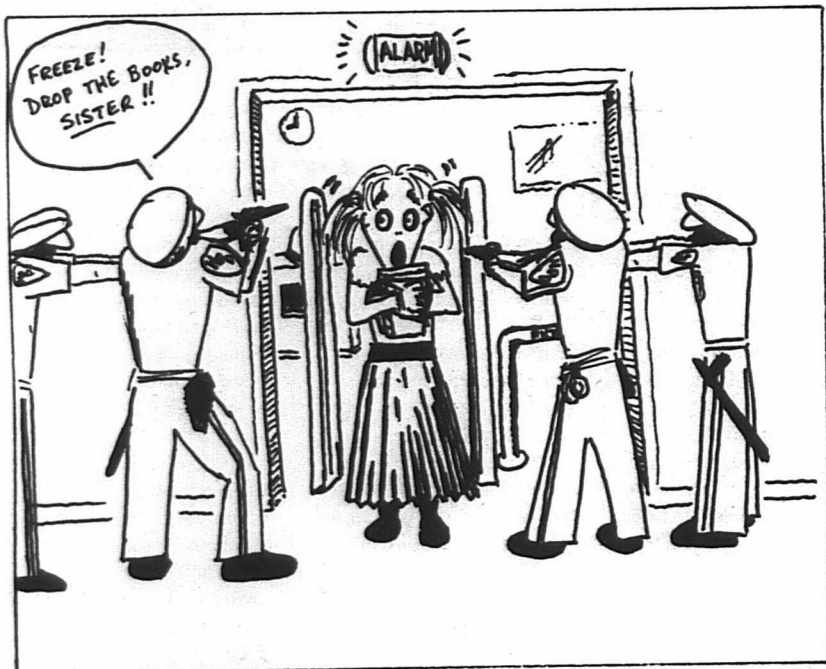
While other activities and related demonstrations were scheduled for Saturday, most of the Buffalo delegation left Washington around 5:30 Friday evening.

Said Allisha Chapman about the rally and march, "It was great to see so many people standing up for what they believe in. The abortion battle is one that I've been fighting for many years now and yesterday [Friday] showed me that I have to keep standing up until the killing of unborn babies is stopped in this country."

Cow Man Adam Owen



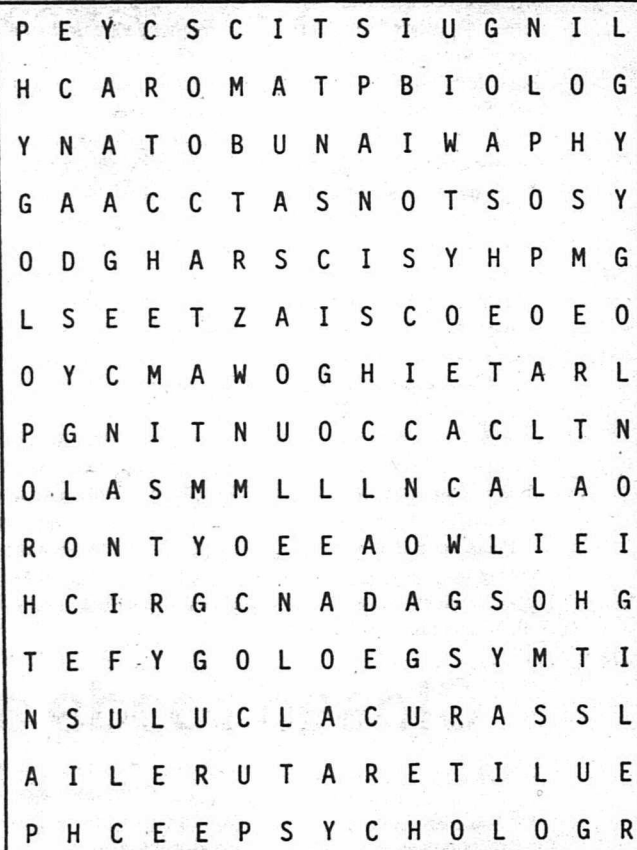
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