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Litany in Blue/Lethargy in Blue

Listen to me, mister, 'cause, boy I got some news
Feelin' kinda lonely with them midsemester blues

I got the blues (them blues), the blues (them blues)
The midsemester blues

Daddy, he disowned me, Momma, oh, she cried
All because I told them my GPA had died

Don't nobody want me hangin' around them
They say I make 'em sadder, so I start to cry again

I got the blues (them blues), the blues (them blues)
The midsemester blues

The hastily inscribed lyrics above give some hint to what I have been experiencing lately. For those fortunate ones who do not wake up every day to bad grades, a bad taste in the brain, or even a bad attitude, I envy you. For, yes, my dear brethren, I am passing (at least I hope I'm passing) through that time of trials, travails, and tribulations when everything bottoms out and lassitude reigns—the midsemester blues.

Most of those who have had contact with me lately have noticed my condition when the cheery "how ya doing?" is greeted with a barked "terrible!" I hope they've also noticed that I haven't elaborated much beyond that. I'm not a whiner, but I try to be honest.

Sometimes I truly wonder if I have mono. Fret not, Mrs. Parker, I don't think I'm that bad, but I must be suffering from some sort of ailment, either mental or physical, 'cause most of the time I don't feel so good.

After a firm, yet vain stab at a 4.0 this semester, I've had to drop a few classes here and there to "lessen the load." But for some strange reason, I don't seem to be doing much better. I owe multiple assignments in 16th Century Needlepoint. I sleep through my Journalism class (in bed and in class), and try not to snooze in Chapel. I haven't listened to Don Giovanni yet and I don't think I've ever come to Advanced Keyboard prepared.

Do I sound proud of this apparent negligence? I'm not. Much of it can be explained away (rather weakly, I admit), by my subconscious's desire to stay in bed a few more minutes than I should. For some reason, it tells me everyday that I would rather curl up with my pillow, setting that lovely snooze alarm ahead just one more time, than be getting those Music history notes for that quiz on Friday.

If I am not proud (which I'm not), then what am I? Yucky. Yes, we know that, but what else? Guilty. I feel guilty for all these sins of lethargy and apathy and general irritability.

I have guilt complexes that would do for a good psychoanalyst what an episode of "Miami Vice" would do for an Amish farmer. I feel it because I'm not accomplishing exactly what I set out to do with the Star. I feel it because I'm doing the Star. I feel confused and guilty when people tell me I should be, and other people tell me I shouldn't be editing the paper, especially when I end up agreeing with both of them.

When I look back at everything I've done today, and after close scrutiny, I've found each task to be important enough to spend time with. But I never seem to accomplish even the most immediate of feats, so I end up feeling like I can't make it. Knowing that I can make it makes me feel guilty, real guilty.

So what can I do to raise my shoulders up from this stooped posture of insistent culpability? Must I always reside in the pit of perpetual headaches? Will I ever finish my listening assignments?

The answer to these and other even more perplexing questions will come only from divine revelation, I'm afraid. But, in the meantime, here's some advice to those stuck between a rock and a hard place:

Ford: Tell me...

Arthur: Yes?

Ford: This boulder we're stuck under. How big would you say it was?

Arthur: About the size of Coventry cathedral.

Ford: Do you think we could move it?

Arthur: (sighs)

Ford: Just asking. Can you feel my knapsack? Here. You see, its in these sorts of situations that its really good to have a guide to help you.

Ford: What?

Ford: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. It tells you what to do in any eventuality.

Arthur: What, even being stuck in a crack in the ground beneath a giant boulder that you can't move with no hope of rescue?

Ford: Yeah. It'll have something. Watch.

Guide: What to do if you find yourself stuck in a crack in the ground underneath a giant boulder which you can't move with no hope of rescue: Consider how lucky you are that life has been good to you so far. Alternatively, if life hasn't been good to you so far, which given your current circumstances is more likely, consider how lucky you are that it won't be troubling you much longer.

Ford: It's time I did something about that book.

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Rifkin to Speak on Algeny, Entropy, and the Emerging Order

Social critic, government advisor, and widely-published author Jeremy Rifkin will visit the Houghton campus on Thursday, November 14. He will speak in chapel at 11:05 and in a public lecture at 8:00 pm in Wesley Chapel.

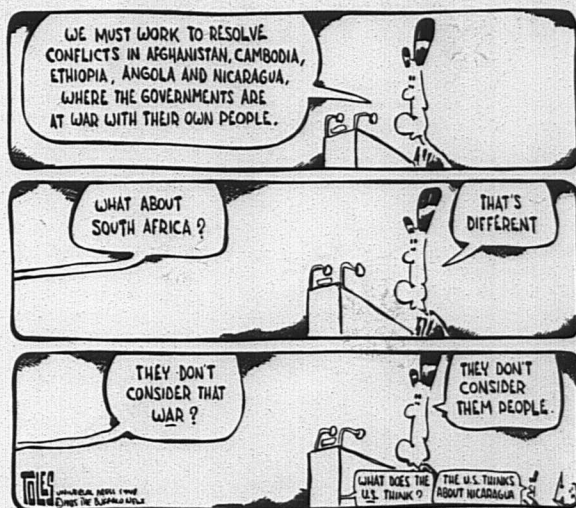
Mr. Rifkin has appeared on numerous television programs, including "The Today Show," "Good Morning America," "Phil Donahue," "20/20," and "MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour." He has lectured at nearly 250 American universities over the past decade, and has served as an advisor to Congressional Committees and to labor and management on economic and social issues.

He was selected by "The Pres-

ident's Commission on the Agenda for the 1980's" as one of two social scientists to provide expert economic testimony on future options for the US economy.

He has written nine books over the past ten years, including *The Emerging Order*, *Who Should Play God?*, the critically acclaimed *Algeny*, and the just-released *Declaration of a Heretic*. He is a popular lecturer in the American Studies Program of the Christian College Coalition, in which several Houghton students have participated.

He is an outstanding lecturer, not to be missed. Student admission to the evening lecture is one dollar; others two dollars.



BEYOND CANEADEA

by Holly Winters

President Reagan has proposed that the United States and the Soviet Union abandon plans for the deployment of mobile, land-based nuclear missiles under a new arms control proposal offered in Geneva, Congressional and Administration officials said November 2.

Mr. Reagan's proposal would require that the Russians scrap plans for their mobile SS-24 and SS-25 missiles. In return the United States would abandon its development of the Minuteman mobile missile.

The President's proposal is part of a new arms control package that Mr. Reagan announced Thursday in response to a Soviet plan that calls for a 50 percent cut in nuclear arsenals. Senior Administration officials briefed key Congressional leaders on the proposal today.

Congressional sources said Mr. Reagan had also proposed several "confidence building" measures in the latest offer, including having the two countries exchange scientists and make visits to research laboratories where work is under way on strategic defense systems. The Russians have strongly opposed the Administration's effort to develop a space-based missile defense, a program commonly known as "Star Wars."

In addition, officials said, Mr. Reagan indicated a willingness to discuss limits on submarine-launched ballistic missiles to underscore his commitment to reducing first-strike abilities by either country.

After two rounds of discussions this week, Nicaragua and the United States have failed to reach agreement on the resumption of talks, and each side blamed the other Saturday, November 2.

The State Department said Nicaragua had rejected a proposal

under which the United States would agree to resume talks under normalizing relations provided that Nicaragua first agree to church-mediated talks with the exiled anti-Sandinista leadership, known as the United Nicaraguan Opposition.

The issue was discussed in meetings last Tuesday and Thursday between the Nicaraguan Ambassador, Carlos Tunnermann Bernheim, and a United States special envoy, Harry K. Schlanderman.

The Nicaraguan Embassy, however, said Mr. Schlanderman had put as a condition for any new talks a dissolution of the Nicaraguan National Assembly.

The statement said the United States position was "totally lacking in seriousness and respect for the sovereignty of small countries."

It said the rebel leadership could not be regarded as "legitimate interlocutors" because the insurgency in Nicaragua was "organized, financed, and directed" by the Central Intelligence Agency.

An American official described the Nicaraguan account as "silly."

The Nicaraguan Embassy said it was also proposing a high-level meeting with the United States in the next two weeks to discuss an agenda and a date for future meetings.

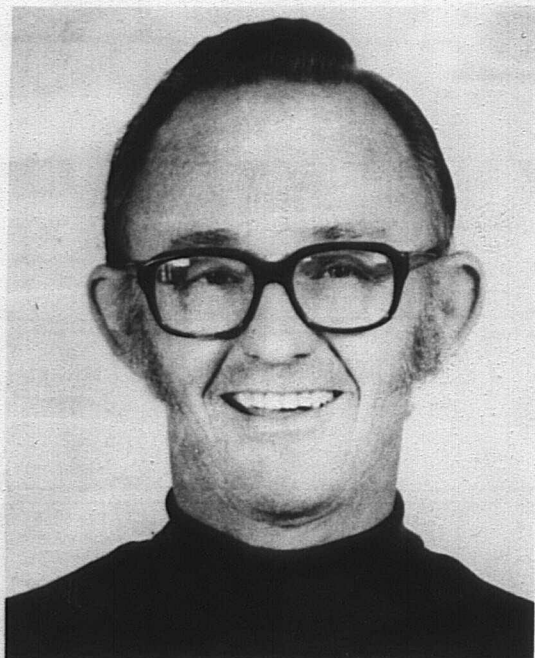
After almost six years of demonstrations, debate, and vacillation in the Netherlands, Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers announced November 3 that his country would join four North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations in accepting new American medium-range missiles.

Many Dutch consider the deployment the most momentous and tormenting national security decision in their post-war history.

Mr. Lubbers quickly counterbalanced his government's decision to deploy 48 ground-launched Tomahawk cruise missiles in 1988 with the announcement that two nuclear-capable aircraft would be phased out.

Mr. Lubbers, who presides over an occasionally mercurial center-right coalition, said at a hushed news conference that he might consider accepting a hastily offered invitation to Moscow, but not to discuss "bilateral" questions and only as a firm ally of the United States.

The Dutch decision, which had been expected, was an important lift for NATO solidarity as President Reagan and Mikhail S. Gorbachev maneuver to gain the sympathy of Western European opinion before their summit meeting in Geneva on November 19 and 20.



Stam to Lecture On Liberation Theology

by Timothy Curry

Nicaraguan expert Dr. John Stam will present a lecture on the current developments in Latin America, bringing an evangelical perspective on the liberation theology sweeping both Latin and South America on November 12 at 8:00 pm in Schaller Hall.

Dr. Stam the third speaker in the Houghton College lecture series, will also bring an observer's view of the political and military struggle current

in Nicaragua.

Stam and his wife, Doris, both Costa Rican citizens, are under appointment by the Latin American Mission. He has served as a missionary teacher in Latin America for nearly thirty years. He teaches in Theological seminaries in both Nicaragua and Costa Rica, commuting between the two nations.

Dr. Stam will also be speaking in chapel on Wednesday, November 13.

Worship In Tongues

by Lorry Arnold

Houghton students can have the opportunity of worshipping in three foreign languages—Spanish, German, or French.

Spanish services are held every Sunday in Buffalo at the Iglesia Metodista Unida—United Methodist Church. Students leave around 11:30 am from the Campus Center and return around supper time. One dollar is required to cover travelling expenses.

The idea of attending Spanish services originated from Merrillie Goodison and Kim Roof. The girls play an active part in the worship service.

Kim plays the piano and Merrillie plays the guitar. Merrillie also teaches a beginner church class.

Professor of German, Robert Cummings holds a German Sunday school class every Sunday in the annex to the language lab. Presently, the class is focusing on the book of Philippians. Cummings also takes students to a German Baptist Church in Buffalo about two or three times a semester.

The French club will be sponsoring a trip to a French-speaking church in Toronto next semester.

Houghton Receives Record Gift

HCP—Through its Willard J. Houghton Foundation, Houghton College has begun to receive installments of a gift that will produce \$3.6 million by the year 2000. This is the largest commitment the college has ever received from an individual or corporation. The gift is being made by the man who already has given more to the college than any previous donor—Buffalo businessman and real estate developer Dr. Carl Lambein.

Houghton's President, Dr. Daniel R. Chamberlain, said the \$3.6 million will "underwrite a masterplan for program and plant growth at the Buffalo campus and so benefit the entire college as Houghton seeks to broaden its services and impact in Western New York and beyond." Next spring construction will begin on townhouse-style housing for 40 students at the West Seneca campus, to be occupied in the fall of 1986. Dr. Lambein's generosity to the college has a long history. Back in 1955 when he was building Southgate Plaza in West Seneca, he needed to remove a large two-story house from the premises. At no cost to the school the structure was moved a quarter-mile to Houghton's Buffalo Suburban Campus where it became a faculty apartment house which is

still in use. In 1972 Dr. Lambein and his late wife, Erma, provided the spark which initiated the growth at the suburban campus which makes it a vital part of the college today. They provided \$250,000 to start construction of the Lambein Learning Center at the West Seneca campus.

Since 1980 Dr. Lambein has made a series of gifts for capital and endowment projects at both campuses to reach a total now well in excess of \$1,000,000. Three years ago he became interested in the college's plan to install New York's first interactive, tele-communications system between two campuses, matching a grant which provided the needed \$300,000 cost.

In the summer of 1984, soon after his wife's death, Dr. Lambein again assisted the college with a major gift enabling Houghton to eliminate a dormitory debt for 50 cents on the dollar. Last July, in recognition of that gift, Brookside Residence at Houghton was renamed Erma Lambein Hall in her memory.

Houghton's next largest gifts were both bequests—just over \$1,000,000 from Wiscoy residents Robert and Mabel Barnum Davidson in 1972, and some \$900,000 from oil producer George Lee in 1973.



Ring Around the Horses

by Hilary Hashagen

An indoor horseback riding arena is presently being built on the Houghton College Farm, using funds given by an unnamed donor.

Ken Neilsen, who is in charge of the project, said, "It's a great thing for the riding program. Although the

program is relatively young, this is something that has been badly needed." The red and white metal building will measure 60 feet wide and 144 feet long with a clearance of 14 feet 6 inches.

The project is scheduled to be completed by November 8, 1985.

Kids Compute At BSC

A three-year old toddles over to the keyboard and pushes a button.

The screen flickers luminescent green on.

The child presses a few more buttons, looks at the screen, and seems to be following directions displayed.

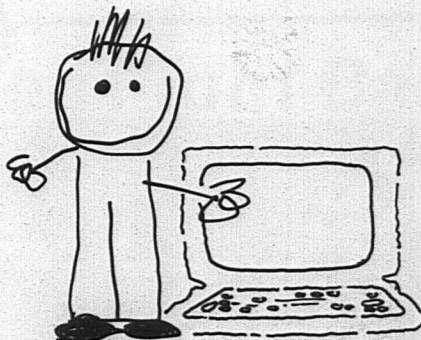
What?! A child computer genius? A careless adult who unwittingly left the computer within reach of curious fingers?

None of the above. This scenario is taking place now under the watchful direction of Mrs. Claity P. Massey at the Houghton College Demonstration Day Care Center, located on the Buffalo Suburban Campus, 910 Union Road. Massey, assistant professor of education and founder of the day care center, is studying how pre-schoolers interact with computers when the machines are readily accessible to them. She will

also measure if this computer contact makes a difference in the development of the child's reading and math skills.

This study is part of the work toward her doctoral degree in early childhood education at SUNY Buffalo. Participating with Massey in this study are the Campus Day Care at the University of Missouri at St. Louis and the Educational Research Center for Child Development at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

The Demonstration Day Care Center at Houghton College has the typical play centers found in most preschools: the house, block, toy, sand, reading, art, and science center. Between group teaching and play time, lunch, naps, and snacks, each child has several opportunities to choose which center to spend his "free" time. Massey asks, "Why should we



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treat the computer differently than the 'house' or 'block' centers? Have we given the computer a fair chance in the classroom, especially the day care classroom?"

Remembering that a child's play is his "work," Massey proposes that if the child is given the freedom to choose which center to play in, then the child will be more motivated to actually use, enjoy, and learn from the center.

Two computer programs will be used in the semester-long study. "Listen to Learn" focuses on verbal skills, and was developed by Dr. Terry Rosegrant of SUNY Buffalo. "Ruton Math," developed by Claity Massey and Jill Gelormino (Florida State University) is designed to enhance preschoolers' math skills.

The computers are being provided by IBM for the duration of the first phase of this study.

editorial

A Matter of Choice

There are plenty of things to think about if that's what we decide to do: we preach human trust and forgiveness, but for the sake of efficiency and order, we serve the static reified authority of computer and ID card. We hold high our educational integrity "Founded on the Rock" where all knowledge is supposed to be brought into perspective after the pattern of Jesus Christ, and yet the atmosphere, moral code, and polity of Houghton is dragged wherever those with willing wallets are want to tread. As Stephen Woolsey, an editor of *The Star* in the early 70's said, "The College intends to teach students how to think in a Christian way; that is, with Christ and His Word shedding light on their studies, examining the options of all issues. At the same time, it is asking students to recognize its authority without question in some areas; discipline, for specific example, is one area over which students have little control. This results in the inconsistency of calling for open-mindedness in some areas, and refusing it in others. . . It is plainly a contradiction. . . There is no justification for an institution which compromises its Biblical principles for the sake of easy answers, preserving an image, or maintaining financial security."

People tell me, in all earnestness, that despite comments to the contrary, Houghton is the real world, as if the repetition of this hope will drown out eminent parochialism.

"The best thing about Houghton is its people—the friendships," says the PR of Admissions. Their office is not to blame, but I watch students volitionally shrug off friendships for the sake of studies and career goals (the middle class nirvana).

We want to emphasize our Christian involvement in the world, but damn the chapel presentation that would make us feel guilty or question our definition of God.

Can a student of perception respect this state at all? All of the above are issues and contradictions that warrant continued discussion, and all of the above will probably not see resolution while we, or our children are students at Houghton. What is left then for the concerned student? Should he simply ignore the problems and go to classes, learn what he can from his studies, leave the problems to those who get paid to deal with them, ingest

inhuman quantities of shepherd's pie, and find a clique and stick to it? Surely, these conclusions leave a lot to be desired. Because of the lack in that sort of life, many students choose to care—choose to involve their selves in the tensions around them.

Some have found the priorities and problems more than they wish to bear, and have chosen to leave. We certainly shouldn't expect that Houghton will be all things to all people, and by leaving here before graduating, a person isn't letting down some grand Christian ideal of education, and he shouldn't be treated as if he has.

Some realize the situation here with its contradictions and choose to stay. Some realize the situation and choose to leave—a choice most likely based on what they do and don't want to spend their energies on. Some don't realize the situation here and have made no choice and are in no position to question those who question and probe (making life more noisy) or those who leave. These are the failures—the ones who neglect or refuse to engage themselves in the surrounding distresses.

Why is it Christians, whose religious life is based around the precarious balance between two dreadfully different worlds, so often refuse to hold ideas in tension? Why is it wrong to not know, but to question? If some are so complacent in their everyday lives at Houghton, where small changes or differences of opinion still stay comfortably within the bounds of the Christian community, what will happen when they enter a world where the priorities accepted without question are far more weighty?

This whirling little world will continue in its heaving after people prematurely leave. People will continue thinking and breathing after leaving here, and many will have missed and lost little. You say that this is ridiculously obvious. I agree, but why is there so much disdain and looking down noses towards those who choose to leave? It is not imperative that all buy into what we do here for four consecutive years. It is imperative that those who do it by choice, do it with eyes open.

For those who leave—Godspeed, and no regret. Surely our lives will drive us to God if they fail to pleasantly lead us.

J. Craig Henry



Cross Country prepare to start.

Cross Country Has a "Building" Season

by Ned Farnsworth

Glancing back at the season, the cross country Highlanders once again consider their year a "building year." The team's overall record of 8-12 (including teams in the invitational meets), capped their season as runner-up in the NCCAA District Meet, held at home.

Highlander Karen Crafts, the only female runner, whisked through the 60° fall air to steal first in 22:38, a new course record. King's Terri Leshner provided Crafts' closest competition in 22:48. Leshner, however, was not alone; King's earned the team title with runners crossing the line in second, third, seventh, eighth, and eleventh places for a total of twenty-six points. Roberts Wesleyan finished a distant second with thirty-nine. Baptist Bible trailed Roberts by sixteen, bringing up the rear with a total of fifty-five points.

For Houghton, the men's race was closer. The Highlanders and King's College battled for second place behind Baptist Bible College. BBC successfully defended their 1984 NCCAA District Championship, led by Tom Welsh's winning time of 28:28. Besides Houghton's Hobie Beedon, second in 28:39, BBC grabbed the top five positions as well as eighth for twenty-one points. A perfect

score is fifteen. Dave Wingard ran a strong 30:32, sliding past King's Jim Sweatman by one second for sixth place. Randy Duttweiler (32:14) and John Monroe (32:33) finished thirteenth and fourteenth, while Lyle Seaman, usually Houghton's fourth man, crossed the line in 32:53. John Edwards and Tim Pauley served as Houghton's displacers, clocking times of 34:04 and 34:21, respectively.

When Coach David Decker had tallied the points, Houghton topped for runner-up by four points, 52-56. Having Beedon and Wingard finish before any of King's runners helped the Highlanders sneak by with their position. Decker, in his first year as coach, realizes he had a young squad. (Only Wingard and Ned Farnsworth ran cross country previously at Houghton.) "I think we've made a lot of improvement during the season," Decker commented. True, almost a month had lapsed before the Highlanders grabbed their first win of the season at Roberts, and they managed to finish third in NAIA districts and second in NCCAA.

What the cross country program at Houghton needs is continuity. Fortunately, Decker and the underclassmen (only Monroe will graduate) seem to be perfect choices for continuing the sport's success at Houghton.

JV wins 4-2

by Rick Johnson

The men's junior varsity soccer team rallied from a 0-2 deficit to defeat Finger Lakes Community College, 4-2. The Highlander's defense put in perhaps their best effort of the season, after surrendering two quick goals.

Norbert Ehrich opened up the scoring for Houghton by putting in a rebound off his own shot. Rick Johnson followed with an eighteen-yard

shot, to tie the contest at 2-2. Ron Kuiken netted the game winner for Houghton, with a drive into the lower right corner. Stephan Steiner added an insurance goal to finish out the scoring.

The season has ended on a promising note for the young J.V. team with several freshman returning to make a bid for the 1986-87 varsity squad.

Women Set Up Quite A Record

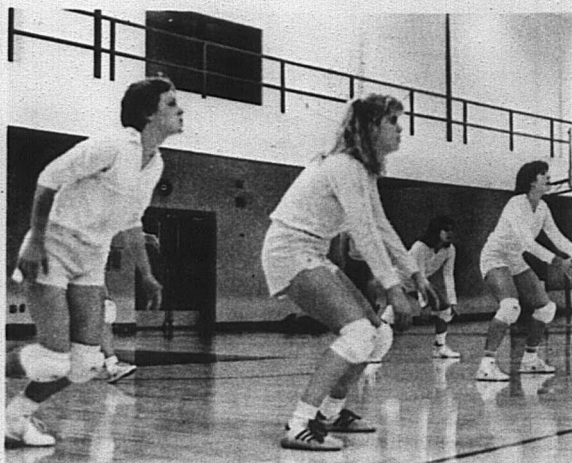
by Amy Brooks

The Volleyball Team travelled to St. John Fisher for an invitational tournament this past Saturday. The team played five of the ten teams attending. The women started out strong beating tough St. Bonaventure team, 15-7, 15-11, 15-13. The second match was against Canisius College, and the Highlanders triumphed once again 15-8, 15-11.

The team then advanced to play Gannon College, who stopped them in two tough games, 12-15, 12-15. How-

ever, the women did not give up, as they moved on to play St. John Fisher College. They recovered well enough to defeat Fisher in a close first game 17-15, and then finished by winning the match 15-4.

This victory placed the Lady Highlanders in the semi-finals against Nazareth in the last two games 10-15, 10-15. However, the team had a fantastic day, and Coach Wendy Jacobson commented that the women played some of the best matches of the season. The team's record at the season stands at a very impressive 27-12.



The Highlanders wait in anticipation for the ball.

Women Reap Victory

The Houghton College women's soccer team defeated Keuka College for the NAIA District Championship Title in a 3-1 decision last Saturday, November 1. The win advances the Highlanders to regional playoff in Springfield, Massachusetts November 15 and 16 against three other schools.

The offense is frequently credited for wins but in Coach Curry's words, "The defense was more intense in the second half, leading to the offensive scores. Keuka, 11-5, an aggressive team, was outplayed by both the offense and defense."

The Lady Highlanders came from behind in a 0-1 deficit to dominate the entire second half. The women

were held scoreless during the first half and didn't tally any goals until seventeen minutes into the second period. Noel Fleming scored on a corner kick from Kelli Lies followed by another goal six minutes later by Judy Gale assisted again by Lies, making a 2-1 mark.

The second half offensive drive was led by freshman Kelli Lies who scored on a solo attack with eight minutes remaining in the contest.

The women have had two prior wins over Wells College and Roberts Wesleyan. The Wells game ended with a score of 5-0. Senior Noel Fleming scored the first and last goals while freshman Kelli Lies scored the three in between. Houghton trounced Roberts with a score of 11-0 on extremely wet terrain. The leading scorer was Lies with four goals. Following her came Fleming with three goals. Senior Lynne Conover contributed to the game with two goals. Sophomore Sally Stalker and Junior Judy Gale scored one a piece.

Men Fight Back

by Prashula Patel
and Joan Robertsen

On November 1, the men's varsity soccer team traveled to Pennsylvania to play Behrend College. The men accomplished their mission by defeating their opponents 2-1.

Brian Thompson scored Houghton's first goal, on a direct kick, tying the two teams. The game went into overtime. Due to circumstances beyond their control, Houghton was forced to play one man short for the last twenty minutes of the game! (How's that Greg?) Even with this handicap, Houghton managed to score another goal which was made by freshman Dan Meade.

Disappointment set in when Houghton lost to Messiah College 0-1 on October 26. Houghton clearly dominated the field by the end of the first half, after having a slow start. Messiah scored in the first fifteen minutes of play. Houghton had eleven shots at goal but Messiah's tough defense made penetration difficult. Houghton's defense played strong, only allowing Messiah six shots at goal, six shots at goal.

Houghton played Hobart College the following Monday at home. Unfortunately the Highlanders lost 0-1. Goalie Jon Retz did a good job of replacing Tim Kangas whose lab went well.

Man on the Street

Gerry Szymanski

Do you think the upcoming summit in Geneva between the US and the USSR will aid in promoting world peace?



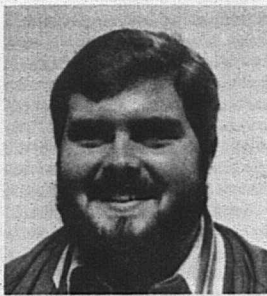
Hilary Hashagen
Sophomore

"Tragically not— both the USSR and the US are far too suspicious of each other to stop and realize the other side might really be serious about the survival of the human race."



Cheryl Freeman
Senior

"Naw, they (the USSR) probably has something up their sleeve."



George Mekeel
Junior/Transfer

"No, not unless the second coming of Christ happens to occur at the same time. World peace will not be achieved until the sinful nature is destroyed."



Countless Freshmen

"Huh? I didn't even know there was anything going on. Mike Gorba who?"

Fudge Seeks Friends

To: The School Editor

Don't be surprised. I will explain in one minute. I'm Kim Fudge and I'm presently incarcerated in a correctional facility in Attica, NY. I decided to write you because I feel you are in a position to assist me if you desire. Times are quite boring in here and I enjoy corresponding as a means to pass the time away. Corresponding is also my hobby in a sense. Now the request I have is rather simple. I would appreciate it if you could publish the below letter in your next outcoming school newsletter. Your help in the matter would be appreciated.

Hello Ladies:

My name is Kim Fudge and I'm interested in corresponding with intelligent women on a friendship basis. Now if you are interested drop a line at the below address. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Mr. Kim Fudge
Box 149-75B1176
Attica, NY 14011

Don't Despair

Today I thought about you putting the gun to your head, the pills in your mouth, the car to the wall. I'm glad you put it down, spit them out, swerved away. Until the next time that is. Just another statistic, what will it matter. I am worthless; I am confused; I am lonely; I am depressed. I can relate to all of them—for you see, I too was almost another statistic. The gun was to my head, the trigger was pulled—by the grace of God I was not able to load my gun. I felt I was worthless—God showed me I was precious. He loved me enough to die for me. He gave me life. Why was I being so selfish? Oh the people I would have hurt, my family, friends, but most of all the one who gave me life—the Lord Jesus Christ.

Don't deny God's capacity to deliver you from hopelessness, weariness, and despair. God has the power to lift you up and above life itself. And to usurp that power is sin. You may have to drop your self-

pity and risk your pride, but is that such a high price to pay for your life?

God has the capacity, the love, the want to meet your needs. He uses His Spirit, His Word, and His people. Give Jesus a chance—I did.

—Jeff George

(BSC)

A Time To Fight

To The Editors:

I am writing in response to the article "It's Your Life That's On The Line" by Lou Ann Merkle. I would like to begin by clearly stating my position (as contrasted to Ms. Merkle's ambiguity): Despite the fact that the military often poses as being created solely for the benefit of its members, the necessity for a military force requires that citizens volunteer, and, in times of need, are involuntarily drawn from the population, to defend the interests of the nation by waging war.

I've also complained about the inaccurate information the military provides about itself in order to attract recruits. In fact, I complained when I found out my job as a Nuclear Weapons Technician in the US Air Force was a job any grease monkey could perform. The title sounded impressive, but, in general, it was a tremendous disappointment. The TV ads portray soldiers and airmen behind huge computer consoles—more realistically you'll be behind the wheel of a truck, or grabbing the handle of a wrench. You do what the service requires, and that's it. The armed forces are simply a tool of the U.S. government to carry out the missions assigned to it by the agents of that government. If that mission requires bayoneting an enemy... that's your job. I have no argument with the statement that the job of the military is to "kill people and destroy things." My problem is with the implication within the article that serving in the armed forces or signing for selective service is wrong, immoral, or foolish.

Again, the purpose of the military is to kill and destroy (or threaten to kill and destroy). The question posed, then, is this: is killing and destroying ever justified? If you answer "no," be prepared to carry through on your

belief, as you must consider yourself a complete pacifist. You would not kill someone about to kill you or anyone you love. You would not destroy anything, even as it was about to destroy you. If you find this position untenable, then you accept the statement that death and destruction can be justified. I will take a leap here and suggest that killing and destroying can be justified in the context of war—in other words there can be a "Just War."

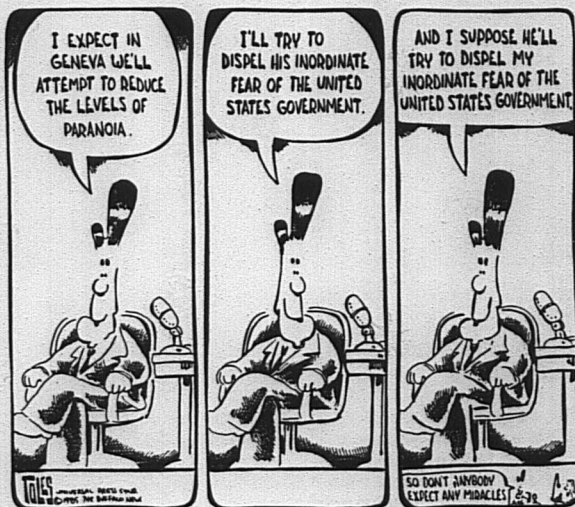
If you accept the possible necessity of war, then someone must be tasked with dropping bombs, throwing grenades, laying mines, firing missiles, controlling computers, preparing maps... all the tasks performed by the military. But suppose you heed Ms. Merkle's advice and forgo the military, and end up working for L.B.M. (computer supplies, microcomponents for weapons), or GE (timers for bombs, components for aircraft and missiles, submarines), or GM (tanks, armored vehicles, various components), or Boeing (aircraft from bombers to helicopters), or Folger's Coffee (coffee to keep pilots awake during briefings, keep generals awake during planning sessions), or DuPont (chemicals used in everything from rescue flares to explosives). Obviously there are few if any segments of society that don't directly or indirectly support the war effort. Are you then less guilty if you don't wear a uniform? Ms. Merkle says you are just as responsible for "helping to hurt people" whether you are "on the front lines, driving a blade into somebody's heart" (I suppose you got him before he got you)

"or sitting in front of a computer." Are you less responsible if you drew the steel for the blade or soldered the connections for the computer?

I contend that the military can be a choice for anyone, even Christians. In fact not everyone can afford to enter college right after high school. Many young people aren't ready for college. The military provides a good place to learn responsibility and face the realities of life. Sure you risk being called to war. As long as the war has been approved within the accepted framework of government and its aims are clear you owe it to your nation in return for the benefits provided (believe it or not there are some benefits to American citizenship—and some responsibilities). Life has risks. We take risks each day. The risks are greater on the nation's highways than in the military right now. The risks were great for only ten percent of the entire military force during the Vietnam War, as only ten percent ever were in the theater of operations (only ten percent of those in the theater ever saw combat).

If Ms. Merkle is arguing that serving in the armed forces is not worth the risk, I hope she considers the risks inherent in driving. If she objects to service because you may be responsible for killing, her own reasoning leads me to assert that no one is devoid of responsibility. I agree that military service should not be advertised as clean and dirt free. War is hell. But I believe that at times war can be necessary, and we as citizens must be willing to bear the responsibility.

Dan McCormack



Artfelt Thanks

As a former instructor in the Houghton Art Department who remembers how little we had when it all began in 1936 and finds herself still very interested in all that goes on at this busy campus, I want to thank all who assisted in making possible the recent show of my paintings. This includes those who helped in lending and assembling, managing publicity and especially those who took time in the hanging of the art work in the well-lighted gallery in Wesley Chapel. This means a great deal to me and family and most of all to the students and friends in Houghton and the surrounding community who visited the show. A special thanks is due art instructor Mark Anderson for his invitation to exhibit and for his professional skill, to Shelly McCaw who spent hours helping, to Dean Liddick of P.R., custodian Don Taylor and Security. Both the Wellsville Daily Reporter and the Olean Times Herald were most gracious in their write-ups.

—Aileen Ortlip Shea

Books, Burdens Borne

Dear Editors,

Recently, some people on campus were an inspiration to me. I was inflicted with a painful back for about a week during which time many folks showed their concern through praying for and with me, inquiring as to how I was doing, carrying my books around and my tray to the dishroom, sending me a card, bringing me dinner, etc. Suzette Bressler went the extra mile as she carried my "50 lb." pack full of books to and from home and other times gave me rides at her inconvenience. These folks have not "neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice, mercy, and faith." (Matt. 23:23) They have borne with me my burdens "and so fulfilled the law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2) Let us all follow this example in following Jesus' command to love one another.

Patty Milligan



Pond Gets Best Defense

Dear Gerry and Craig:

I would like to respond to John Monroe's letter in the October 25 Star with regards to the article on the Island Pond community. I included the mention of the "child abuse" incident because it is probably the only knowledge, if any at all, most people outside of New England have of Island Pond. I had hoped it would not be necessary to go into the details of this story, for the church members, I think, would prefer to have the whole issue considered closed. This does not mean, however, that they are silent or secretive about it, and both Prof. Rich Perkins and Paul Leavenworth discussed the trouble with church members while visiting last summer. It is from them that I relay my information. (I chose not to discuss this with Israel and Eve Mann during the interview, being more concerned with their theological and ideological positions. This may, of course, have been a mistake.)

The charge of child abuse was based on the testimony of a church member regarding an alleged seven hour "discipline session" that his daughter had gone through, in which she was beaten with a wooden rod. As stated before, the result was the unconstitutional and illegal "kidnapping" and subsequent release of

the community members' children. I trust the whole problem was dealt with in an unbiased way by most of the press in Vermont, but the "yellow journalism" sphere of the media took advantage of the sensationalist potential of the story and quickly labelled the Island Pond "the child abuse cult."

The leaders at Island Pond admit that a serious mistake had been made on their part, and have since tried to correct damage done and change whatever "policies" they have regarding such punishment. The members of the church are willing to admit that they are wrong when they feel they are wrong—and in this case they realized that they were, indeed, wrong. It should be noted that the entire fracas was caused by a single incident, so I think John's allegation that "the reports out of Island Pond indicate that [instances of corporal punishment] go far beyond [what might occasionally be needed as a form of discipline]" is unfounded. Most notable, however, is the fact that the father and child have since rejoined the community.

I do not want to appear to be defending Island Pond or the Star article at all costs. I am open to any further information which may contradict my claims. Indeed, I agree with John in his implied statement that all such groups who make such claims must be approached with great caution and scrutiny. Yet in this matter I believe that Island Pond speaks for itself.

Yours,
Mark Best

Format Intrigue

Dear Craig and Gerry,

I'm confused. Concerning page 15 of your October 25 issue—the advice from the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors. Was it a paid advertisement? (I'm thinking, "No, page 16 is clearly labeled for that purpose.") Was it an expression of the editorial position of the Star? ("Surely not. Page two is clearly the place for that.") Was it the free expression of private opinion? ("But I thought such things were found on the pages labeled 'Opinion'.") There are pages for News, Sports, and Arts & Entertainment, all clearly labeled and none—for obvious reasons—containing this advice to violate the law requiring draft registration. It is on the page opposite "Bloom County." Maybe it's part of the "Funnies." But then again, it really is a serious issue. . .

Intrigued,

Carlton D. Fisher

Dr. Fisher,

"It's Your Life That's On The Line" was a public service article that fit into our opinion category. It was our editorial choice that led to its full-page production, and we take that much responsibility for its bias. We felt strongly enough about a few of Ms. Merkle's points to publish the essay boldly, and we allowed some of her more questionable points the same space for the sake of discussion.

Of our own free will,
Craig and Gerry

To other concerned members,

It's sometimes hard to see clearly the happenings in the bull-pen from the right-field grandstands.

Fondly,
Craig and Gerry

Who Dunit

Dear Culpit:

Why did you steal The Verdict poster off the senate office door? Do you have a personal need? Get help. But don't steal my posters, at least until AFTER the event occurs, please—although out of common courtesy you could ask me first. Hope it looks nice.

Susan M. Budz

Phan Problems?

Dear Gerry and Craig,

When I first read Mr. Phan's article, "Letter to the Mission Board," I was shocked. This letter could not have been written in 1985. If it were, then all that I have learned concerning the modern missions movement has been in error. But the more I thought about the issues raised it appeared that it was Mr. Phan, and not myself, who was in error.

Anyone who has done serious reading and study into the modern missions movement will realize that the criticism leveled by Mr. Phan is more true of the period before the 1960's, not of the 1980's. The emphasis in the past twenty years has been to nationalize the mission fields under indigenous leaders, both at the district and the local levels. In a great many instances this nationalization has been extended to national leadership as well. The reason for this change in direction has been the recent expulsion of missionaries. The church does have the nationals' interests at heart because they want a strong church to remain when the missionaries are either forced to leave or see their function diminished by the presence of strong national leadership.

Mr. Phan must realize that while Western ideals were imported with the missionaries, they are being perpetuated by Western capitalism rather than its form of Christianity. The modern missionary cannot, and will never, atone for the sins of their predecessors, but they have taken measures to prevent any like abuses.

In many parts of the world there are missionaries risking life and health to translate the Scriptures into native languages. There are others studying the music of other cultures to help these peoples praise their new God in their indigenous form of worship. Nationals are being encouraged to design their own buildings of worship and their own style of service order. They are being encouraged to retain their native dress, names, and forms of national heritage not repugnant to the Gospel. Modern Christianity has come to terms with the cultures they have entered. True, the change has been slow in coming (one hundred years too slow), but Mr. Phan must admit that it is coming.

If, on the other hand, Mr. Phan is asking Christianity to allow new Christians to retain practices which are out of step with a biblical Christ-

ianity, then he does an injustice to the whole of Christianity. It is not the decision of Western Christianity to ban these practices, but the Lord Himself in His Word. To make compromises between true Christian theology and pagan religion will create more problems than already exist, or at least those identified by Mr. Phan.

I trust that Mr. Phan will be encouraged to read materials that deal with the more modern movement, rather than dwell on the injustices of the past. Only when this attitude is achieved on a much larger scale will the Gospel be able to reach the greater portion of the peoples of the world.

Thank you,

Hugh Zwicker

OOOPS...

Dear Editors:

You wrecked part of my effort to achieve accuracy about Nicaragua. Please: Somoza, not Samozza.

Prof. Ray E. Horst

Dear Prof. Horst,

We are extremely sorry about the error.

We had it corrected at one point, but somewhere between here and the print shop the correction slipped off. The point was worthy and we regret its loss. Pedantic as it may be, the expert didn't know how to spell Somoza.

Regretfully,
Craig and Gerry

A Cause For Alarm

Dear Editors,

I'm writing this letter as you go to press. I hope you can fit it in. I was studying biology this evening when the fire siren went of concurrently with the tones on my beeper, calling for the ambulance crew. I grabbed my jacket, as did about 15 other people. About two minutes later, along with the others, I found out that this was a false alarm. We seem to be off to a good start again this month!

Last month, besides the many legitimate calls, there were seven false alarms, six of them in Gao, and four of them pranks. **Think, People.** The next time someone pulls an alarm, many very dedicated people just like yourselves are going to, without hesitation, drop what they are doing and race to the fire hall. Buildings burn quickly. You are placing these firemen's lives in jeopardy as they try to

respond promptly. Let's not wait for someone to be injured before we do something about this problem.

In your service,

Yuri Hreshchyshyn, EMT-Paramedic

Girls Hog Hoops

Dear Editors,

Two weeks ago I was playing basketball with about ten other guys in the gym. We had only been playing for a short time when we were asked to leave. When we inquired as to why we had to leave, we were told that all of the basketball courts were at this time reserved for the girl's basketball team. At that time there were five girls on the floor—five girls for the entire gym.

Last week, I again went over to the gym to play basketball. Entering the gym I noticed that there was no one else on the floor except seven girls from the girl's basketball team (all under one basket). I was later informed that the basketball team had reserved the entire gym for the seven players.

I cannot understand why five to seven girls from the basketball team need three whole courts to practice on. The time the team practices is also frustrating, for they practice during the early evening which is prime time for students to use the gym for relaxation.

I understand that the girl's team needs to practice to improve their game, but I think they could be just as effective in practicing without demanding the entire gym, and not allowing anyone else to set foot on the gym floor. I can even understand them using two courts for practice, if there were more than five to seven players practicing. "I do not feel it is warranted for the girls to use the entire gym for practice, unless the entire gym is needed and used for practice."

Thank you,
Wade Patterson



Thank You

On October 9 my older brother Andy died. He was 23, and the cancer he had been battling for more than a year finally broke him down.

His cancer was first diagnosed just before I left for Houghton in the fall of '84. His chances for survival at that time were judged to be about 30 percent. My family pulled wonderfully together and supported Andy through a torturous year of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Towards the end, he stopped eating because his pain medication made him nauseous, but it was easier for him to live without food than to live with the hurt which was consuming his body.

On October 6 his kidneys shut down, and we knew he was close to death. I'll never forget sitting with him and stroking his arm instead of his hands because they were numb from the treatments; watching his chest irregularly rise and fall, wondering if it would rise again and sometimes hoping it wouldn't so that he could rest finally; and, the morning my brother dies, my father bending over to kiss his firstborn son on the forehead, and knowing we would never see Andy again.

It was a hard year for everyone in the family, and very hard for me as I couldn't be there with them. Things would have been much harder, though, if I didn't have Houghton. Everybody there was genuinely concerned with mine and my family's welfare. The prayers, the encouragement, and the love that poured from this community was, and is, astounding. I have never encountered anything like it, and it fills my heart with joy to know that I have such wonderful friends. I always had someone to talk to or a shoulder to lean upon. The administration was super through everything, realizing how tight expenses were, and helping me financially as much as possible. I can also see the strength my family received from your unceasing prayer. We cannot or do not always witness the evidences of our good works, but in this case the fruits were easy to see.

Anyone who knows me knows that at times I can have a very negative attitude about Christianity. Well, lately the Lord has been teaching me more about compassion and understanding. I love you all and thank you for being there. The Lord is good, and he has blessed me much more than I deserve with a phenomenal group of people.

Thank you,
Keith Ward

Environmental Stewardship

Uh...What is it?

In answer to this question (which everyone seems to be asking me), I would like to provide some background. During the first three weeks of January this year I could be found limping around with snowshoes and a crutch in the deep snow of a Michigan forest at the AuSable Institute of Environmental Studies.

"I wonder if I should be here at all," I thought as I struggled with my crutch. Taking Environmental Ethics as a Psych. major, during a term that would cut a week into my second semester at Houghton, and being without full use of my left leg gave me cause to doubt. Day after day of seeing in depth what a physical and social mess our earth is in was depressing if not disheartening. To make things worse I was struck with evangelical neglect toward anything like stewardship concerning non-human creation. The pain of anger I felt as I read Lynn White's article "The Historical Roots of Our Ecological Crisis" quelled any more doubts I might have had of being at AuSable. In this article White attacks and blames the Christian church as the basic cause of our environmental problems. The article is filled with misinterpretation of the Scriptures and yet there is much truth to what he has to say. This truth was the source of my anger.

Returning to Houghton, I wondered aloud to a faculty member, "How come there aren't any Christian groups that are concerned specifically with caring for the environment? Why not any Christian groups like the Sierra Club, Wilderness Society, or National Wildlife Federation?"

She said, "I don't know, Brian. Why don't you start one?"

I have to admit; it seemed like a good idea. (At least I thought it would give me a way to constructively focus my anger). So after talking over the idea with a number of different people, I wrote up a survey to try to determine whether there was enough interest on campus to begin a special interest group like this or not. One of the most obvious gleanings from my survey was that it is extremely difficult to write up a good survey!

At any rate, I did find that a reasonable, in fact a sizable, number of people (students, faculty, staff and administrators) were concerned enough about the Christian's responsibility to our Lord's creation to form a group with this as its central concern. Perhaps we have just lacked the opportunity to focus this concern.

This semester we have begun to meet, chosen a name (Environmental Stewardship—pretty original, huh?), written a constitution, chosen officers and advisors (Jack Leax and Tom Kettlekamp) and begun to plan projects and events. Here is included a copy of the preamble of our constitution, just approved by Student Development Council, for you to become acquainted with our goals and aims:

The Christian has a scriptural mandate to be a steward of the resources God has given him; since the natural environment is one of these gifts, we also have a responsibility to be the active stewards of it as well. It is the intent therefore of this association of develop organized actions within the Houghton community toward these ends, involving students, interested faculty, staff, administrators, and community members. In order to accomplish this task, we set down these goals:

To investigate the Christian's responsibility to the natural environment on the Houghton campus, surrounding area, and in the world.

To inform its members and the rest of the community as to certain environmental issues on which they may take positive action.

To provide opportunities for such action in the form of fundraising, clean-up projects, prevention of possible environmental problems, prayer times, research (scientific and academic) and others.

To be an inter-disciplinary organization.

To be a witness to the secular world through a ministry to our Lord's created earth.

We hope to provide an area of service and study that the Christian has been called to, but appears to have neglected and allowed those outside the church to take the lead. Creation has value not because it is useful to us, or

beautiful to look at (although it is both of these), but by virtue of its own "createdness" gives praise to its creator, reflecting his glory. We are the stewards of this gift and must care for it wisely.

Environmental Stewardship is an attempt to "put feet on" a commitment to this call. Some "feet" we have already begun to work on. Seven students attended a forum at Jamestown with the State Attorney General speaking on environmental problems pertinent to the Western New York area. We were rained out in our rock-picking adventure on October 19 but we will be making another attempt tomorrow, November 9. Another project under way is in curbing the erosion along the path to the gym and Shenawana dorm. We want to prepare the slope to plant the erosion-retarding legume, crown vetch, in the spring. Tentatively this project involves a stairway down the slope and a retaining wall along the pathway. We are also looking into a project at Moss Lake this semester. Other issues we hope to address are recycling of paper and other resources, rain and water use, buildings' energy efficiency, our radioactive river, toxic waste, nuclear power... the list goes on.

We can address these issues only if we know about them. Hence Environmental Stewardship sees education of our members and the rest of the student body as a primary task. This necessitates research. To be responsible people of God's kingdom we must take this responsibility seriously enough to do the work that will enable us to lead. We will be inviting speakers and having study times in this respect.

We are also committed to seeing what we are doing as a Christian ministry. Environmental Stewardship is not just a chapter of the Sierra Club at Houghton. We may have the same end goals, but our beginning assumptions are radically different. We want to provide opportunity for ministry to someone who may not feel suited to other outreach groups like ACO, CSO, Campus Life, or FMF. Finally we see prayer as of utmost importance. We must seek God's guidance if we are to serve Him. We must acknowledge him if we are to expect His assistance enabling and leading in our attempts to be responsible.

We invite your comment and dialogue. Keep us honest. We invite your membership. Please direct any questions, ideas, suggestions, and complaints to Joel Hecht, Andy Nelson, or myself (the steering committee).

—Brian Lewis

"For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross."

Colossians 1:19,20

Sex and Stereotypecasting

The scene: a man and woman in an ordinary sedan, windows steamed over on a dark country road. John should have hair over his entire body, resemble Hugh Hefner, and drool incessantly. Naomi should have a Bible stitched to her hands.

John: "What I really want, as a male, is a genital, sexual relationship. I'm charged. And I want that satisfied in a genital, sexual relationship."

Naomi: "I have strong sexual urges, too. I'm curious. But the whole idea of seeing a male body really isn't that important to me and exploring and feeling like males like to do. I want to be held. I want warmth and I want tenderness and I want affection. I want to be close emotionally and share your spiritual ideas as well as your spiritual life."

John: (with sinister smile) "I can be tender if that is what you want. Then I can get what I want, hee, hee, hee."

Naomi: "I don't know if I want to get involved in a sexual relationship... I want you to be tender and close and affectionate and not a genital, sexual relationship."

Mrs. Lederach set out to dispose of certain stereotypes that don't flatter females. She suggested that we cannot generalize about the superiority of men or women in such cases as athletic ability or intelligence. Instead, she warns us most solemnly that we must ask "which men and which women?" We need to "look at individuals."

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I submit to you that when we talk about sexual drives and what people want out of relationships we should ask ourselves, "which man and which woman?"

I assert that not all men have the same strength of sexual drive and neither do all women. Why must men be stereotyped as selfish, sexual monsters and women as pristine, selfless, frigid Barbie dolls who when they "allow" a man to make love to them, do it out of tenderness, concern and a sort of sickening pity for the man, not out of any sensual motives they might have. I submit to you for verification that women have nerve endings as do men.

Neither does everyone seek the same types of intimacy in a relationship. Certainly there are Neanderthal men that carry around their Barbie dolls by the hair (and of course there are the sort of women who allow this). But is this a cause of man's sexual stereotype or a result of it? In a society so self-conscious of its sexuality, should we equate man with such a doubtful sexual identity, risking its pernicious perpetuation?

After equating the male with "genital, sexual" orientation on October 31, the Lederachs followed with an insulting return engagement on November 1, this time aligning men with a view that sees genital interaction as the sole end of intimacy. Any incipient philosophy major can see the implication being drawn here: namely, a man is a man is a monster, whether he be "secular" or

Christian (to what extent his rampant sexuality allows him to imitate Christ). Wait! Didn't the Lederachs say that Jesus was a man and therefore wanted genital, sexual relationships. That sounds the missing keynote of the New Testament. The Lederachs in their simple, prejudiced, and stereotypical way have finally given us the clue to understanding Christ. Jesus was rude to those nice, sane, conservative, tax-paying Pharisees because of his sexual drive.

Well, I think we can see where all this leads to (some would say expulsion). The point is that some males do not enjoy being lumped together with every dog in heat. Some of us are people, not perverts. We, not surprisingly, find the Lederach's implications humiliating, insulting, and unfair. We need to be treated as individuals if stereotypes are to be avoided.

Why does the school bring in sexuality speakers that tell us nothing new, but instead reinforce sexual stereotypes? The Lederachs and the Women's Issues speaker from last year spend some of their (and our) time telling us to love one another, a concept well understood but all too often half-heartedly applied, but even more time reinforcing the sexual stereotypes that we need to have clarified and re-addressed, not presented as immutable facts.

—Timothy W. Curry

arts & entertainment

Allen Featured as American Composer

Houghton composers are extending the celebration of American Music Week (Nov. 4-10) throughout November with the presentation of new music by Dr. William Allen, Composer-in-residence.

On Sunday, November 10, Dr. Susan Randall will perform *Four Festivals Impromptus* as part of her recital at the First Congregational Church in Fairport, NY. Dr. Allen places the pieces in a consecutive order by titles: I. the "Declarative," II. the "Trilinear," III. the "Engaging," IV. the "Conclusive." The recital will begin at 8 pm.

The Castlegate Trio joins a Houghton-composed piano trio in the performance of Dr. Allen's Double Trio: *Nineteenth Century Scenes*, on Monday, November 11, at 8 pm in Wesley Chapel. Jane Miller, violin, Eun Yeo Nelson, violoncello, and Mary Jo Roth (1985 Music Lounge Rat Float Queen),

will perform the work with the members of the Castlegate Trio: Prof. Herman Dilmore, violin, Nancy Grammar, violoncello, and Meg Cognetta Heaton, piano.

Nineteenth Century Scenes offers a variety of moods in its three movements: I. *Nuit Juillet* (July Night), II. *Gettysburg: Pickett's Charge*, and III. *The Frenzy of Robert Schumann*.

Dr. Allen comments, "I wanted to create the feeling of a night out in Paris in the first movement, with theatergoers strolling the brightly lit streets. The second movement describes the terrible battle in which Pickett was totally wiped out. This part also has vocal additions by the members of the trios to suggest the terror of war. Frenzy describes Schumann's final madness and his driving rhythms. It is also the most complex of the three."

Along with Dr. Allen's work, the Castlegate Trio will be performing Beethoven's *Piano Trio in B flat major, Op. 11* and Brahms's *Piano Trio in B major, Op. 8*.

Take a Frosh With You

by David Shoemaker

Chaos and more chaos. That's the watchword for *You Can't Take It With You*, the play being presented tonight and tomorrow night by the English Expression Club.

The story revolves around a rather insane family that lives life to the fullest because "you can't take it with you." When meeting up with a "real American family," the values of "living it up" and "working it up" clash with the inevitable happy ending.

The script, although dated and with occasional sophistries, is rather tight, with consistent laughs. The performances are somewhat inconsistent: the poor ones stick out as do the good ones, and there are numerous mediocrities, as should be expected in a large cast. James Mullen throws in a solid performance as the love-struck son of the rich, "normal" family. Dave Perkins, as grandpa, although lacking the appearance and

carriage of age, handles his philosophical meanderings in fine fashion. There are a few smaller roles that receive excellent attention by the actors. Thom Satterlee as the wimpish son-in-law is quite good, as are the performances by Giocchino Urso, Barb Baker, Hilary Hashagen, and Pete Steiner. With regard to the rest, you decide.

As for the direction, well, it's tough to handle so many actors on stage, without crowding, and in this aspect, Bruce Brenneman "done good." The rest of the aspects under his tutelage are capable yet lack a certain spark. Part of my impressions in this area is due to the fact that I watched a stop-and-go dress rehearsal on Wednesday, but it also has to do with the motivations behind a performance—the responsibilities of the director. "You Can't . . ." is a fun piece of heavier than usual fluff. No serious moral aggrandizements here, though, so take a freshman date.

Irish Godot Well Worth the Wait



By special arrangement with the Irish Arts Center of New York City, the 1985 Dublin Production of *Waiting for Godot* will be presented at Nazareth Arts Center in Rochester at 8:00 pm on November 9-14.

Waiting for Godot, Samuel Beckett's "tragicomedy" masterpiece in two acts received its English language premier in the author's native city of Dublin on April 5, 1955.

Earlier this year that same city witnessed a critically acclaimed 30th anniversary revival of this extraordinary play—a work that exemplifies both why Beckett holds the Nobel Prize for Literature and why, even though he writes in French, he is considered Ireland's greatest living playwright.

John Finnegan of the Dublin Evening Herald captured the special quality of this current production when he wrote that, "Godot is back where it belongs—in a small theatre done wonderfully well."

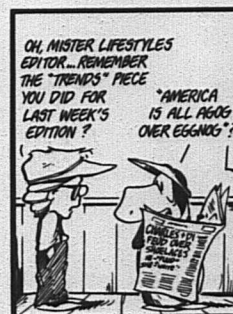
The Irish company presenting *Godot* is first-rate.

Peter Sheridan, director of the production, stands in the forefront of Ireland's new urban theater. A Director/actor at Dublin's Project Arts Center, he is also the author of *Diary of a Hunger Strike*, which enjoyed extended runs both in Dublin and in London.

For further information please call the Nazareth Arts Center Box Office at 586-2420 or John Everett at 546-8060 or 244-7840.

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by Berke Breathed

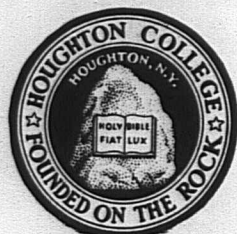


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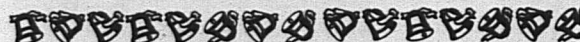
Wanted: various photos of Homecoming events. Do you have any extras you're willing to donate to a worthy cause? Please send intra-campus to box 688. Thanks!

Wendy's Mom

We need rocks (again)!



The Environmental Stewardship group is *once again* sponsoring a "rock collection" to help side the new dorm. Rain won't stop us this time! (we hope). If you want to be able to say, "I helped build (whatever they call it) dorm!" to your grandchildren, then come with us tomorrow (Sat.) morning, at the maintenance building. Ask Brian Lewis for details.



The Mecca of Free Thought (now in residence at Boon House) are pleased as Pelican Punch to spread the glad tidings of the joining of:

George Mekeel (87)
and
Theresa Barlow

May your pre-nuptial days be filled with bliss.



Dear Dan Gettman,
Dawn Howell
Cathy Groeneveld
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No. 5
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Rich

Jeff,
Hear you're suffering from the so-called "twinkle defense." Chill, Jeff.
Gerry & Debbie

Rich
There was a time when men found pity finding each other in the night: misery to walk with misery; Brother in whose brother guilt
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Now comfort has forgotten pity.

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Dave, Hobie, John, Randy, Lyle, John, Tim, Ned, Karen, and Coach Decker