



Artist's Conception of the New Physical Education Complex.

Gym Awareness Program Begins Fund Raising Project Underway

In a recent Student Senate meeting, President Chamberlain introduced a new slide/tape Awareness Program, developed as a first stage in obtaining funds for the College's planned gymnasium.

Entitled "Century Two Action Program," the presentation has 132 slides and lasts approximately 16 minutes. It describes the present Bedford gym as being tiny, old, and inadequate for a campus this size, and goes on to show the campus in general and its plans for a new gymnasium and pool complex.

According to Dr. Chamberlain, this slide presentation was developed over the last three months by the Ketchum Corporation (fund-raising consultants for the project) as part one of a two-stage Awareness Program. The first stage involves showing this presenta-

tion around the country in volunteer homes for the next two months. The second stage will involve the actual fund-raising drive.

Total capital needed to complete the project now stands at \$2,700,000. According to Dr. Chamberlain, only \$300,000 has been pledged so far. He said he realizes that the task of raising the other \$2,400,000 is a lot of work, but that it can be done. He also said it is unsound for the college to borrow heavily at this time, and that the large amount of money needed before ground-breaking must come from this Awareness Program.

According to the president, ground-breaking for the new physical education building is scheduled for this spring, while occupancy is planned for Fall, 1979.

Forensics Wins 8 Trophies At Mansfield Tournament

The Houghton College Forensics Team has brought home another eight trophies, making this year's total twenty-six. As a result of their participation in the Mansfield State College Forensics Tournament, February 17, 18, five team members took a total of seven trophies individually, while the addition of impressive performances by the other four members enabled Houghton to win the Second Place "Sweepstakes" trophy, based on cumulative team points. Competition at the tournament, held in Mansfield, Pennsylvania, was tough, placing Houghton against much larger schools such as North Carolina State, Ithaca College, Brockport State, Southern Connecticut State, and Plattsburgh. Yet Houghton placed second only to Penn State.

Houghton's standout performance was turned in once again by Forensic Union President Paul Mathewson. Mathewson won trophies for First Place in Informative Speaking, First Place in Impromptu Speaking, and Second Place in Persuasive Speaking. Having won a total of six trophies in four tournaments, Mathewson has been invaluable to the Forensic Team this year. What was especially impressive about his performance at Mansfield were his scores. In each of the six preliminary rounds for the three events Mathewson re-

ceived scores of 1-100, the highest rating possible.

Senior Lori Hansen received a Third Place trophy in the Persuasive category for her fine speech on Social Security. Hansen's scores in Informative Speaking and Poetry Interpretation also greatly added to Houghton's Sweepstakes total. Another senior, Scott Shalkowski, took the Fifth Place trophy for Persuasive Speaking for his speech on Crime and Punishment. Shalkowski also participated in Informative Speaking, adding more Sweepstakes points. Juniors Dave White and Dave Tideman brought home trophies for Extemporaneous Speaking, taking Fifth and Sixth Place, respectively. Both White and Tideman participated in Impromptu, their scores adding needed points to Houghton's cumulative total. "As former debate partners,

Dave and I both felt fortunate to have won trophies and qualify for National Finals in an Individual Speaking Event," said Tideman.

Along with these trophy-winning performances, the complement of the Houghton team boosted its overall standing greatly: Senior Randy Singer, in Impromptu and Extemporaneous Speaking; Junior Bruce Merritt, in Impromptu, Extemporaneous, Informative and Persuasive Speaking (the most events entered by any Houghton team member); Junior Terry Slye, in Impromptu and Extemporaneous Speaking; and Sophomore Harriett Olson, in Extemporaneous and Informative Speaking.

What's next for Houghton's Forensic Team? Seven team members have qualified for the National Finals, to be held April 20-24 at Monmouth College in Monmouth, New Jersey.

College Responds to Plea Men Regain Women's Dorm

As it looks now, Leonard Houghton house will again be a men's dorm next fall. This year, it has housed over a dozen female student-teachers. Next year, however, some of the same guys that spent their sophomore year there in '77 will again be living in Leonard Houghton.

Certain speculations have been made about this switch-over to the effect that the college has deemed the house unfit for women but livable for men. That is quite a double standard. Along with that, it almost seems like the college might be trying to squirm out of making the necessary repairs on the dorm. Fortunately, this doesn't seem to be the case.

According to Dean Dunkle, there are two main reasons for Leonard Houghton reverting to a men's dorm next year. The guys who lived there last year have signed a petition asking to have it back, for one thing. Secondly, there aren't going to be as many student-teachers next year, as far as anyone knows. The administration feels that placing the student-

teachers elsewhere will allow them to make fuller use of their housing facilities. If the number of next year's student-teachers increases tremendously, the decision may be changed. At any rate, the administration definitely does not feel that Leonard Houghton is unsuitable for anyone. The students who are staying at this house now tend to back this position. Most of them say that if they were spending another year at the college they would want to stay in Leonard. The rooms are very nice as is most of the house, although the location is very inconvenient.

However, there are a few things that really need attention. The biggest concern is the lounge which is presently unusable because of flood damage. Washed out and semi-rotted out panels, silt deposits, and mustiness make the basement lounge totally useless except for storing bicycles. The flood damage is probably responsible for the mice in the building too. One or two of the rooms leak when the ice thaws also. However, Russ Ely, the RD, maintains that Leonard Houghton's problems are very repairable.

The maintenance crew is supposed to check the place over before the Easter vacation, since very little can be done during the winter. How soon the repairs take place will probably depend on whether or not Leonard Houghton will be used for summer housing. Leonard needs repairs regardless of who lives there, just as Houghton Hall needs repairs. Houghton Hall is the white building on Leonard Avenue where Dr. Carrier used to live. The occupants of the three other apartments in the building were forced to move to other quarters several weeks ago because the heat and electricity were knocked out by water flooding the basement. The basement was also flooded last Fall during the heavy rains. Repairs to Houghton Hall are not expected to be completed until May or June.

Engaged

Sue Thayer ('78) to Dave Dietsche ('80)

Metzger to Give Staley Lectures New Testament Topics Presented

Dr. Bruce M. Metzger, George Colard Professor of New Testament Language and Literature, Princeton (NJ) Theological Seminary, will present the 1978 Staley Distinguished Christian Lecture Series at Houghton College March 1-3. The three-day series will confront topics on the New Testament of the Holy Bible.

Wednesday evening, Dr. Metzger opens the series discussing "The Role of Scribe and Translator in the Text of the New Testament" at 8:15 p.m. in Schaller Hall of the Science Center. Thursday and Friday 11:05 a.m. chapel lectures will explore "The Riches of the Sermon on the Mount." Thursday evening the Student Ministerial Association will hold a dinner meeting at 5:15 in Dr. Metzger's honor; the lecture "The Versions of the New Testament" will follow at 8:15 p.m. in Schaller Hall. Dr. Metzger's 8:15 p.m. Friday lecture on "The Philosophy of History of St. Paul" will close the series.

A graduate of Lebanon Valley College, Dr. Metzger received his divinity degree from Princeton Seminary and masters degrees from both the Seminary and Princeton University. He obtained his Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1942 and has been awarded several honorary doctorates from schools here and abroad. One of the world's best known New Testament scholars, Dr. Metzger is a member of several scholarly associations and has served on the editorial boards of the American Bible Society and the Index to Religious Periodical Literature. He served as New Testament Editor for the Twentieth Cent-

ury Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge and numerous other publications. Chairman of the Revised Standard Version Bible Committee, he has been president of the Society of Biblical Literature. He is the author of 11 books among them, *The Text of the New Testament, Its Transmission, Corruption and Restoration*. Several of his books have been translated into foreign languages.

The Staley Distinguished Scholar Series is a project of the Thomas F.

Staley Foundation of New York. Stating that the "message of the Christian Gospel when proclaimed in its historic fullness is always contemporary, relevant and meaningful to any generation," the Foundation seeks to bring to the college and university campuses of America the distinguished scholars who truly believe and who can clearly communicate to students.

The lectures are open to the public without charge.

New Computer To Aid Librarians Dewey Decimal System Replaced

On April 12, the Willard J. Houghton Library will have a new "employee" in the form of a key-to-disc computer terminal. The terminal will be hooked up to a main computer in Ohio, and will serve a variety of time-saving purposes.

Two of the main purposes of the terminal will be for verifying and cataloging. Verifying previously consisted of checking teachers' requests for books to see if such a book really exists. It can be done on the computer simply by checking the book with the computer's stored information. Cataloging will also be made easier: the computer will classify, print and pre-filecards for the new books. This will save professional catalogers considerable time. About 80% of such work will be done on

the computer, with 20% done by hand.

In addition to becoming automated, the library is making another big switch: from the Dewey Decimal classification system to the Library of Congress system. Mrs. Moore explains that the reason for this is that each book must have a unique call number. With the present system, each new book must be checked against the other books to make sure the number is unique. With the Library of Congress a unique number has already been assigned for every book, and no such checking is necessary.

Mrs. Moore says that "cataloging is an art, not a science." The computer will allow for less professional time but increase the number of clerical hours needed. It is hoped

that eventually this shift from professional to clerical time, will allow the professional librarians more time to provide reference services for the students.

It is true that for a while the library will have two collections. But eventually the Dewey will be switched to Library of Congress, at the same time weeding out unuseable or other outdated materials from the Dewey collection. Students have asked "What are the empty stacks for?" and the answer is that these stacks will be used for the new Library of Congress collection.

Mrs. Moore feels that the new talking policy has been beneficial in that librarians have not had to waste time trying to enforce the rule. Instead the library has been reasonably quiet by peer pressure.

Editorial

On February 16 WJSL aired an editorial by Paul Mathewson, the text of which follows.

"The Houghton Star struck an apologetic note last week as they regretfully published an article which scratched the surface of the Irv Reist situation. This was followed by an editorial telling us that the facts of the matter were none of our business but we'll read them anyway. A couple of thoughts come to mind here.

First of all, the facts of the matter are our business. We as members of the community have a right to know what's going on around us. The Reist case may have begun for personal reasons, but it ended up affecting the performance of the College — and we had a right to know about it.

Secondly, by apologizing and chastising all of us, the Star showed a definite lack of journalistic professionalism. Their job is to report facts, not to make value judgments about their readership. In the future, the Star will do itself well to stick to one of its basic functions — reporting news.

I'm Paul Mathewson"

I'd like to address myself to that editorial. First of all, the apologetic note was in the editorial and not in the article. As to the article scratching the surface of the Irv Reist situation, I admit that at some points it seemed very superficial. It cannot be denied, however, that it was straight fact as received from President Chamberlain, Dean Shannon, Dr. Schultz and from Irv's wife. The only facts "covered up" were those Mrs. Reist asked to be withheld. In this matter I felt it best to respect her wishes.

A few close friends of Professor Reist have talked to me about the statements of the administrators, believing someone, somewhere was lying. After having talked with these men themselves their assessment is that these men were telling the facts as they knew them.

I agree with Mathewson's idea that we do have a right to know what is going on around us. If I didn't I wouldn't have printed the article and would have filled the space with some inconsequential nonsense some people around this campus believe is news. Still anything beyond the article is in the realm of "personal reasons." Besides, Mathewson missed the point of the editorial. I didn't say we didn't have the right to know. I merely tried to point out that we should be more responsible with our speech; that we shouldn't spread rumors, half-truths, or facts we have heard in conversation without verifying them.

As to Mr. Mathewson's statement about Reist's condition affecting the performance of the college, he has no factual basis on which to stand. As the administrators became aware of the situation, they took immediate action to fill Reist's absence. The article points this out and Mr. Mathewson's right to know was met. Any information he goes by which gives him the impression that things he should know are being withheld is based either on rumor or on a sordid curiosity in things that, frankly, are none of his business.

Finally I think Mr. Mathewson's weakest point is his comment on the lack of journalistic professionalism. First of all the apologizing and chastisement were done in the editorial, not the article. As Mr. Mathewson should know by his own role at WJSL, Editorials are the author's opinion. If he didn't accept my point of view he has an argument with me not the journalistic professionalism of the Star. Mr. Mathewson asks the Star by his comments to cut the editorial column from the paper and by implication to not print student's views in their letters to the editor.

From comments made to the Star there seems to be a growing resentment to the editorial comments made by Mathewson on WJSL. They are filled with opinion unsupported by sound facts. The particular one I have attacked is just one example. Mathewson's comment in another editorial about "quality meals" served by the Cafeteria is another example. The definition of "quality meals" is dependent on Mr. Mathewson's opinion. If I am guilty of forcing my opinion about rumors on the campus, Mathewson suffers no less from the same malady. Also, in the Cafeteria editorial, if Mathewson had checked a few facts he would have seen his suggestions for saving money were really next to worthless. By getting rid of one salad bar girl the cafeteria would cut someone employed on work study. The "fifty percent" saved by this action would be shared by the College (25%) and the government (25%). The twenty-five percent saved by the school would be saved by the college and not the cafeteria; the food budget would not be increased. Therefore no additional money would be available for "quality meals."

I suggest Paul Mathewson point up his own editorial comments with more facts, and that he do a little more research into the elements of this campus which he criticizes five times a day on WJSL.

— Nic

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Letters to the Editor

A response, of sorts, seems to be in order concerning last week's editorial by John Hugo. I would like to preface my remarks by saying that I am not attacking the editorial, per se, if it is taken and applied in the spirit in which it was written. John's remarks are very insightful and necessary at this time. However, his editorial offers me an excuse to address an attitude that has been prevalent on the Houghton campus during my sojourn here.

The goal of "developing the whole person" is, indeed, an ideal for which Houghton College as an institution should seek to provide opportunities for students and members of the community to strive and for which each member of the Houghton College community must take on the responsibility to develop within his life. A confusion that seems to arise in the middle of any discussion of such responsibility is the equation of diverse involvement in many campus activities with "developing the whole person." What this confusion leads to, ultimately, is the idea that the people who are taking such a responsibility seriously are those who are class officers, active in CSO, ACO, and FMF, members of sports teams, and those who go to all of the Artist Series, in addition to their academic work. The question that plagues me with such an idea is, who in the world set such a standard by which we can easily and neatly determine whether or not we are carrying out our responsibility to take the fullest advantage of a Christian liberal arts education?

Such a standard seems grossly deficient because while it allows for the satisfaction of the needs of the majority who both desire and need a general understanding and involvement in many areas of life, it makes absolutely no provision for one who is seeking to become an 'expert' in a given area. By its very nature such a quest requires that such a one exclude some very worthwhile things from his activities so that he might be able to spend the extra time and effort to concentrate on his particular field. This is not to offer an excuse for ignorance or extreme narrowness. This is to show that there is a legitimacy in the conduct of some of those who would seem to spend a great deal of time in the library or the chem. lab.

It is the duty of the individual, not the community, to determine exactly how he is to develop his own life in light of his own interests, aptitudes, and God's calling for his life. If a standard that would suit the norm is forced upon all, the result could only be uniformity within society and the Body of Christ, rather than a healthy diversity. Such a levelling of the 'experts' to the plane of the norm would result in the "all-purpose tool syndrome." All-purpose tools are great for many tasks within average demands. However, if diamonds are to be cut, the most useless thing in the world is some type of all-purpose tool. The demands of cutting a diamond require a tool that is made specifically to cut a diamond. Granted, a diamond cutter is not useful for much else, but it still serves a viable and necessary function. Let us not be guilty of trying to make the diamond cutters at Houghton College into some type of all-purpose tool! Only with both tools can we have a stable and diverse society which can result in growth and advancement.

Sincerely,

Scott Shalkowski

I am writing this, after much consideration, in reply to a letter which appeared in the Feb. 10 issue of the

Star concerning Gao dorm. You see, I lived there for 2 years, and, although it's far from paradise, I grew to love that old building and would move back tomorrow if given the opportunity.

The letter made many points which were ridiculous and some which aren't valid. The first point was the "fact" of it being a fire hazard. What building isn't? While living there we had a small fire and everyone got out with little trouble. Gao has more exits than Brookside and it takes less time to get out of. Hot pots are not allowed in any dorm. Gao is no exception, and with good reason since that was the cause of the fire 2 years ago. None of the rooms in any dorm are wired to handle hot pots!

Another argument was the building's age. Houghton itself isn't 100 years old and I doubt that Gao is over 100 years old. As for the original wiring, there are many houses as old as Gao with safe original wiring. I'm sure it would not pass inspection if it were that unsafe!

As far as the rats go, I'm sure there must be some way to get rid of them. There are many reliable, but safe procedures which could be used. Right now I live at Leonard Houghton and there are 13 of us surviving mice. We just learn to put food away in sturdy containers.

I, too, can lay in bed and listen to people walking around and playing stereos upstairs and talking in the hallways or on the front porch. This just goes with living in a dorm or house. Perhaps you and your neighbors could use headphones and practice consideration. I hardly think that the rooms would or could be soundproof in a new dorm. Many dorms have heating problems, too. My present residence is no exception. Some of us are cold while others are hot. We dress accordingly for bed and make our beds appropriately. The same problems arose while I lived in Gao. We simply opened the windows and accepted it.

Be thankful for a roof over your head! You may think that you're roughing it, but at least they put in new bathroom facilities and fixed things up a little before you men moved in! I may sound touchy, but I feel that I have a right. For many years we girls lived in Gao and loved it with its erratic heating, thin walls, faulty plumbing and squirrels and mice. We may have complained occasionally, but, believe it or not, it was a sacrifice to move out.

You cry for a new dorm instead of an athletic complex, but have you stopped to look at Bedford and considered the fact that, without this new building we will lose our physical education accreditation? I'm sure that in time a new dorm will be necessary, but so will a new Fine Arts building and buildings to replace Woolsey and Fancher. Don't be too hard on Gao. She's served well so far with no unfortunate mishaps and as long as she's treated well by people who've grown to appreciate her, I'm sure she'll survive a few more years.

Pam Campbell

I recently received in the mail a couple of clippings from the February 3 issue of the Star, one of which was your editorial. I would like to take this time to thank you for your sensitivity and concern for Irv Reist. I am no longer on campus and I don't know what "the rumors" were this time. I was, however, on campus a few years back when a similar incident occurred and the same professor was put through the rumor mill. It strikes me as being quite hypo-

critical of us, and quite contradictory for us, the church of Jesus Christ, to constantly be the first ones to jump on the bandwagon when a rumor starts, especially when it involves some scandal or other juicy tidbit about someone we know and are acquainted with. I judge from the tone of your editorial that this time the rumors involved some sort of scandal or "unchristian action." I would like to say that the most unchristian action here is that of putting someone unjustly through one of the most vicious pieces of machinery devised by humanity, the rumor mill. There seems to be something about the gospel that compels us to boast in our possession of "the Truth" and to immediately look down on someone who is not coming up to our standards of "truth."

I must confess that all too often I, too, have taken part in this malicious gossip. I, too, have been too ready to judge someone else while forgetting that we are expressly forbidden to pass judgment, even when we have all the facts much less some of them, but that we are expressly commanded to love. If rumors could be trained to inspire compassion, love, concern, they would not be half the stumbling block they now are. Unfortunately as fallen humans, we are too quick to bolster our own egos by attacking someone else's integrity. How unchristian can you get?

I would agree that what has happened to Mr. Reist is nobody's business. The problem with us Christians is that we tend to look so intently at the moral teachings of Jesus that we forget his concern for the person, the individual. We are content to let someone go his/her own way as long as s/he is living an exemplary Christian life. But let that person step out of line and suddenly the private life of that person becomes the topic of much prayer, much gossip, and many rumors. You may be asking how I can group prayer with gossip and rumors; I think enough has already been said on this topic.

I have become painfully aware during the last year and a half that the Body of Christ has too often become an instrument of judgment, of pain, of retribution, rather than the community of the concerned, the compassionate. I have heard much that has been said condemning the "social Gospel." I have one good thing to say for it, though; it is concerned with people outside the local assembly: people in their wholeness not just their souls. Sure, the gospel is evangelical; but it is also social. One cannot be separated from the other without perverting the whole truth of Jesus Christ.

In closing, let me liken the Church to a chain of many links, the members. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link, not the strongest. Unless we, the members of the body, the links in the chain, can learn to minister to the needs of the other links rather than condemning the weaker link for its weakness, the chain will break.

My prayer for the church, and for Houghton College, is that all Christians will someday learn to "Always speak and act as men who are to be judged under a law of freedom. In that judgment there will be no mercy for the man who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment" (Jas. 2:12-13, NEB) Let us all learn to love with the love that is quick to minister to needs and slow to judge and condemn.

Peace and grace,

Dale E. Austin, '76
Wesley Theological Seminary



President Chamberlain.

Chamberlain Attends Conference Future of CCC Colleges Discussed

On February 6, President Chamberlain traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend a conference of the Christian College Coalition (CCC). Dr. John Dellenback, a former congressman of Oregon and director of the Peace Corps under President Ford's administration, became the new president of the Coalition last November. The organization, composed of 18 evangelical Christian colleges wishes to monitor federal laws, regulations and court decisions to determine the positive or negative impacts on conservative evangelical colleges. The National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), which includes CCC members, also held sessions in Washington. NAICU began a year ago with a purpose similar to the CCC's, except their concern is federal and state legislation's impact on private institutions. A subgroup of the CCC is the 14 member Christian College Consortium,

whose purpose as stated in Houghton's catalogue is to "provide for the implementation of needed co-operative programs . . . designed to reinforce the unique purposes of Houghton College and other member institutions, with primary consideration given to the implications and imperatives of the Christian world and life view in higher education."

Thomas McCabe of the Continental Marketing Associates presented a Consortium sponsored study done in 1975 at the CCC conference. Consortium members concerned about increasing their visibility to Christian young people and organizations sought information on ways to enlarge their "pool" of future students. Some Christian students who attend secular schools, when questioned about this choice as opposed to Christian schools, said they wanted high quality education. They were unaware that the combination of academic excellence and integration of faith and learning exists at various Christian institutions. Mr. McCabe's report will help the CCC achieve the two-fold objective of identifying college-bound Christians interested in Christ-centered higher education and transmitting to these prospective students the existence and purposes of

CCC members.

Dr. John Dellenback, also president of the Consortium, warned the CCC of a U.S. trend toward "homogenization" in higher education. Pressures in society cause federal and state regulations to blur distinctions between colleges. President Chamberlain cited the example of a private college in Maryland which applied for federal aid. The aid was granted under the stipulation that all religious symbols such as the cross on the chapel had to be removed. As value in the difference between milk and cream is evident, so Coalition/Consortium colleges believe the value of Christ-centered institutions and secular is evident. According to Dr. Chamberlain, Christian colleges add to the variety and vitality of higher education and claim the right to certain forms of public aid. Senator Mark Hatfield (R-Oregon) challenged the CCC members to "become more aware of the potential their kind of education provides the colleges in ensuring their future." The Coalition's reaction to this homogenization trend expressed by Dr. Dellenback is to "stand unequivocally on a commitment to Christ to academic excellence and to integration of faith and learning."

ASP Offers Diversified Program Internships Provide Experience

Washington, D.C. The American Studies Program. Internship. Seminar. Do these things in any way relate to each other? If so, what do they mean for the individual student? I'd like to share some reflections on my experience last semester with these things and answer a few questions that have arisen in discussion about this tremendous educational opportunity.

First, a few facts about the American Studies Program. The ASP, sponsored by the Christian College Consortium, is open to any major (not just history or political science majors). It is a chance for a student to gain exposure in an area related to his major or in an area completely unrelated to his studies.

Many of the 23 students in the program were history or political science majors, and the majority of them worked in the offices of senators and representatives. Yet, Carolyn, a history and elementary education postgraduate from Trinity, interned in a children's theater at the Kennedy Center. Pam, from Gordon, a sociology major, was in HUD's solar energy office. Steve, a chemistry and math senior at Trinity, worked for Senator Curtis. Chris, in communications, worked with news media service. Dennis was in the State Department, Jim and Doug were at the Peace Corps, and Dave was with a federal judge. The opportunities for internships are limited only by one's imagination, interests and desires to describe the type of work experience desired.

The program consists of two parts — internship and seminars. Each applicant to the program describes the type of internship he would like. Then, efforts to arrange the desired work are made by the director of the program, Dr. John A. Bernbaum, and by Mr. Burnett Thompson (a Houghton alumnus) who works with Fellowship Foundation. We all worked at our respective jobs an average of twenty hours a week — 4 hours every

morning, 5 days a week. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons we met for 2½ hour seminars. Each month the seminar focused on a different topic: September—the U.S. Congress, using their action on President Carter's energy proposal as a vehicle for study. October—U.S. foreign policy and Far East relations. November—higher education and the role of private liberal arts institutions. December—the presidency. The majority of the seminar sessions involved trips to other parts of the city to meet with people knowledgeable in the specific topic we were studying. These places included the Brookings Institute, OMB, EOB (old Executive Office Building), the White House (three times). Some of our special speakers were Dan Tate (assistant to Frank Moore on White House staff), Wesley Pippert of UPI, Christine Dodson (close assistant to Zbigniew Brzezinski, a representative from Amnesty International) and one from the Republican Study Committee. Each month's unit was concluded with a test and/or a paper.

Though the seminars were conducted on a graduate level approach, the entire academic atmosphere was very relaxed. What kind of credit was received? For my four-month stay I earned 14 semester hours — 6 for the seminars and 8 for the internship. As to how it applies to one's major (if that is the student's desire), that is hammered out with one's advisor upon return to campus. Seminar grades are based on evaluation of the test and/or paper. The internship grade is based on a self-evaluation, an employer's evaluation, the director's evaluation, and a daily log kept by each student concerning his work experience.

Are you wondering where we lived? Right on Capitol Hill in Thompson-Markward Hall, 2 blocks from the Supreme Court building, 3 from the Library of Congress, and a few more from the Capitol Building. Known as Young Women's Christian Home,

TMH houses about 100 residents — mostly government and Congressional secretaries and pages, and the office and members of the ASP. (The guys have their own private wing.)

So what was the value of being in D.C. for a semester? Am I any different, any better after four months of hectic city living where local news is national news, and where dinner conversation centers not on the big test that's coming up or how much I'd like to date so-and-so, et cetera, ad infinitum, ad nauseum. . . ? The issues were: What difference does the President's affirmation of faith in Christ make in the way he carries out his duties? Why advocate a human rights based foreign policy if the U.S. won't be consistent in its application (e.g. Brazil and South Korea are both accused of violating human rights; Brazil gets U.S. funds cut off, South Korea doesn't)? Can a person be active in government—in politics—and avoid involvement in corruption of any sort? Is Carter's energy plan equitable?

Ironical though it seems, for the first time in my college career I began to wrestle with big questions such as these. I gradually shook off the what-does-it-matter attitude. Because of the entire setting in which I was, there was no way to escape dealing with the hard questions, such as how to deal with personal materialism, social and political apathy and corruption or whatever often unanswerable questions so rarely, if ever, cross our minds here at Houghton. Am I exposing myself too much to say I began to learn to think critically — and not be afraid of it? If I don't allow my faith in Jesus Christ to speak to every area of my life, then what I profess is merely rhetoric. Yes, I'm still struggling with "big questions", but that struggle is no longer fearful. I know it's worth it.

For me, the American Studies Program has been the most enriching part of being a Houghton student. I desperately wish more students would at least investigate the possibility of becoming involved. (Check the brochure posted on the history dept's bulletin board). The Program isn't for everyone. Yet, some may find it, as I did, to be a turning point in their personal and academic development.

— Debby Rogers

Review:

Your Own Steps Along the Way

Your Own Steps Along the Way, Murray W. Neumeyer (United Church Press: New York, 1977), 182 pp., \$5.95.

That nebulous concept of the church. When do we quit speaking in abstract terms and get down to actual specifics and plans? So often we speak of the church in the highly developed language and manner of an academician, that we lose sight of the specific areas of ministry and kinds of plans that are necessary to reach the goal — the church of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Murray Neumeyer deals with the actual workings of the church, particularly the pastor in his book **Your Own Steps Along the Way**. Emphasizing the pulpit, he spends a good bit of time on creative preaching. He deals also with some of the hidden work of the pastor — relating to the education team, counselling with pre-maritals and others, and comforting the bereaved. He attempts to bring out some of the inner workings of the church, and some of those ideas that churches or people have about pastors.

The major strength of Neumeyer's book is the insight and creativity which he has gained in his years of service and education. His experience shows in the reality of his descriptions. His education shows in his lesson-plan type outline in many of the sections.

A further strength is the number of examples that he gives in each discussion in the early part of the book. In his discussion of "clusters", Neumeyer gives several different types of small groups that can work to the support and the functioning of the church. He takes activities which are not normally tied with those of church life, and does so — TV clusters, Reel clusters, Research clusters and more. These small groups are adapted to the church's needs and goals.

By setting down in examples the plans or ideas he is speaking of, Neumeyer gives some impetus to the reader's own creativity. In his

section on preaching, he shows various types, including stewardship preaching, lyric preaching, didactic preaching, ethical preaching, and more, with examples of each one. He also gives examples of some creative liturgies. Taking this book for what it is, a book of ideas, we can see its usefulness to a pastor or others working in the church.

In the closing chapters, Neumeyer draws on his own experience to give some helpful ideas on some untalked-about areas of the ministry; particularly in the last chapter, where he brings out some of the realities of the pastor's life. The titles are clever, but the material shows his experience. "An Easy Touch for Rip-off Artists" deals with the problem of the parsonage door being the second welfare office door. "ESP: Where Were You, Pastor?" covers, or uncovers the problem of the pastor's lack of privacy. Other sections deal with other problem areas, with good insight.

In his closing section, "Enough Isn't Enough," Neumeyer states that, "maturing in Christ, caring for human needs and growing in the skills of ministry is a never-ending process." Anyone anticipating work in the church can benefit from what is offered here, remembering that enough isn't enough.

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News Brief

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Basketball Team Loses To Eisenhower Holds Early Lead Over Baptist Bible

While the majority of us were at home last weekend catching up on sleep, the Houghton Varsity Basketball team played two tough games.

On Friday, the Highlanders traveled to Eisenhower College, where they came up against a tough and quick Eisenhower B-B squad. Reading Day "Blahs" must have invaded the Highlanders, as mistake after mistake gave Eisenhower a lead they didn't know what to do with. Coach Rhoades stated that Houghton had twenty-nine turnovers, while only shooting 33% from the field.

"You can't win ball games when you give the other team the ball twenty-nine times, and then only manage a mere 33% field accuracy," said Rhoades.

The Highlanders never had a chance, as Eisenhower handed them a 92-68 loss. Brian Rhoades led the scoring attack with 17 points, followed by Jeff Hoffman with 12.

On Saturday night, the Highlanders returned to the Academy gym, where they hosted Baptist Bible.

Baptist Bible didn't have a chance because Houghton, determined not to have a repeat of the previous

game, came out with an early lead.

Coach Rhoades described this game as, "Outstanding and very well played." The Baptists were never a threat to the Highlanders, as Houghton went on to soundly trounce Baptist Bible, 92-77.

Doug Smith led all scores, as he pumped in 24 points, followed by Tim Hartman with 20. Brian Rhoades pulled in 38 rebounds, which is one

more than the entire Baptist team pulled in.

The Highlanders are competing in the King's Tournament this weekend. Houghton has two more games remaining of the regular schedule. Robert's on March 3, and Nazareth on the following day. The entire season will be rapped up with the NAIA's, which will start shortly after the Nazareth game.

Houghton Team Enters WCIA Leaves with Fourth Place Title

The Houghton College women's basketball team left the Women's Christian Intercollegiate Athletics basketball tournament this past weekend in fourth place and with several individual awards. They also left with the respect of the other teams in the tournament because of their attitudes during the weekend.

The WCIA tournament occurs annually at one of the participating schools. This year, Messiah College in Pennsylvania was the host to six other teams: Eastern Nazarene College, King's College, Geneva College, Houghton College, Gordon College, and Barrington College.

The tournament is set up by "seeding" the teams according to their win-loss record, and according to the difficulty of the year's schedule. This year, ENC was seeded first, Geneva second, Messiah third, King's fourth, Houghton fifth, Gordon sixth, and Barrington seventh. The end of the tournament found Messiah in first place, Geneva in second, ENC in third, Houghton in fourth, King's in fifth, Barrington in sixth, and Gordon in seventh. Houghton's first game was against King's College on Friday morning. Houghton played well; at the half, the score was 28-26 in favor of Houghton, and in the second half, Houghton pulled ahead to win by 16 points, 59-43. Peg Roorbach, with 21 points, was high scorer, followed by Ann Taylor with 14 points, and Polly Jennejohn with 11 and Peg Roorbach with 7.

On Saturday, Houghton played Geneva, the number two seeded team, at 9:00 in the morning. Houghton played a good game, said the coach, and at the half the score was even, 33-33. In the second half, however, Peg Roorbach, Polly Jennejohn, and Ann Higley fouled out, and the Geneva team pulled ahead to win, 72-58. Debbie Parsons was high scorer in this game, making nine buckets out of fourteen shots. "She was great," said Coach Greenway, "she just kept throwing those long shots, and mak-

ing them. They never stopped her." Ann Taylor followed Debbie in scoring with a healthy 13 points, and Peg Roorbach made 11. Ann Taylor was high rebounder again, this time pulling down 18. She was followed by Debbie Parsons, with 9 rebounds, and Peg Roorbach with 6.

At 3:00 on Saturday, Houghton played the number one seeded team, ENC. ENC had just lost to Messiah, and one of the Houghton girls said, "they were out for blood." ENC won, but "they had to work for what they got," said a team member. The final score: ENC-53, Houghton-41. In the ENC game, Peg Roorbach was again the high scorer, making 19 points. She was followed by Ann Taylor with six points, and Polly Jennejohn with four. Ann Taylor was the high rebounder with 14; Polly Jennejohn had 7, and Peg Roorbach 6.

Houghton made a very creditable performance, said the coach, who was pleased with the way the team played. Peg Roorbach was chosen to be on the All-Tournament first team. She averaged 17 points per game, making 51 points total, for all three games and outscoring her season average of 13.6 points. Ann Taylor averaged 15.7 rebounds per game, with a total of 33 points. Ann, too, outdid her season's averages in both scoring and rebounding. Carol Smalley was chosen for the All-Tournament second team. Polly Jennejohn was awarded the sportsmanship award.

Another high point in the weekend was the Friday evening communion service. It included all the teams in the tournament, and was a time for real closeness between the teams. "The spirit of love in the place was total," said a team member. "All the teams got really close, and you could tell the Lord was there."

The team as a whole felt that it was a very good weekend, both in their growth as a team in spirit and in experience. "It was just a lot of fun," said one of the girls, "eating and talking and playing basketball."

Intramural Teams Enter Tournament Compete for Wilson Memorial Trophy

If you're interested in some exciting team competition you need go no further than Bedford Gymnasium.

The intramural basketball tournaments are coming down to the wire as "Mickey's Magic Men" and the "Bedford Brawlers", both in the "A" league with 9-2 records, will be competing in the "A" league play-offs on Tuesday, February 28.

The "B" league tournaments are also going strong with the "Hackensack Swamprats" (probably the same bunch infesting Gao) in first place holding a 7-1 record.

The winners of these two play-offs will join in the class league tournament. Each class on campus has a team representing them with a fifth team called "The Drybones" made up of faculty members. These five teams play each other in "class league" competition.

The Junior class team is presently leading the pack and will be striving for the Bruce Wilson Memorial Trophy awarded by the college at the end of the season. "The Dry-

bones" have been quite successful in the past years. Although they've been defeated twice by the Junior class this year, they still feel they have a chance for the trophy. "The class leagues are the most competitive on campus next to the varsity level," says Coach Kettelkamp, "and we hope more spectators will take interest."

The college officiating class, consisting of approximately twenty students, are carrying most of the load in officiating the games. Some community members of the Houghton College Officials Association also share the load.

Many steps are being taken to insure more student interest in the various intramural program throughout the school year. The first step was the elimination of "House-leagues." This was found to be restrictive to some students who were not outside housing residents. The intramural programs are now open to anyone.

The second step is only in the be-

ginning stages — a new gym. The size of our present gym facilities are "really hampering the progress of our intramural programs" says Coach Kettelkamp. "With a new gym we'll be able to have three side-by-side courts which will provide for better scheduling of games."

A third step provides for a variety of intramural programs. Floor hockey, volleyball, outdoor soccer, and softball, are on the agenda for the upcoming months.

A non-varsity indoor soccer league is presently under way with ten teams. Their season will end in about three weeks as the outdoor soccer league gets under way in April. A co-ed basketball league was also started for the benefit of interested students under the auspices of Student Development, as are all intramural programs, the exception being Class leagues. The season for the co-ed league is also now coming to a close.

If badminton is your game you can ask Doug and Peg Roorbach concerning their win in mixed doubles and Mark Parsons in men's singles.

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Houghton Team Places Second At Buffalo Indoor Track Meet

On Saturday, Feb. 11, the Houghton College track team participated in a triangular indoor track meet. The Highlanders competed with the University of Buffalo and Canisius College at Buffalo.

The University of Buffalo took first place in the meet with 68½ points, Houghton placed second with 37½ points with Canisius trailing behind with 28½ points.

Houghton participated in seven events, winning in three.

In the 60 yard high hurdles Ken Heck placed first with a time of 7.6 seconds. In that same event Kevin Ruark came in third with 8.4 seconds.

Dave Hagle won the 440 yard dash in 53.7 seconds. Alan Herman placed fourth for Houghton.

First place in the 600 yard dash went to Ken Heck with a time of 1 minute, 18.2 seconds. Alan Blankley placed fourth in that event.

In the high-jump Houghton placed second with Ken Heck's 5 ft. 8 in. jump. Alan Blankley placed third in that event.

Dave Hagle's 20 ft. ½ inch long jump brought Houghton second place.

Boyd Hannold came in fourth place in the one mile run with a time of 4 minutes 40 seconds. Dwight Brautigam placed in the 880 with a 2 minute 9 second run with Rob Perkins in third place.

In the two mile run Boyd Hannold came in third at 10 minutes 13 seconds. Houghton took second place in the one mile relay with a time of 3 minutes 44 seconds.

Coach Rhoades said the team "did very good for this time in the season. He predicted that "it looks like we'll have more depth this year. We're picking up the second and third places as well." This was the team's first official indoor meet this year.