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Baring Our Souls

Part II: The Quest for Intimacy

by Ivan T. Rocha

Intimacy. You and I crave it almost more than anything else, for in true intimacy we find love as close to perfection as is humanly possible, and we find the security of being accepted fully as we are, because and *in spite of* anything we may do or say. But have you ever noticed how this gnawing desire for intimacy is counterbalanced by a deeply rooted fear of hurt and disappointment, just as intrinsic to what makes you and me human? And it is this fear that often prevents us from pursuing relationships any further than the cordial handshake and pleasant conversation over coffee and dessert. So we go on our way, shaking hands and chatting amiably over coffee, starving at the same time for something more, something that satisfies that thirst for belongingness and free, unrestricted communion with another human being. True, you and I probably don't want to have this sort of deep communion with every human being we encounter on the street (although maybe that, in a utopic sort of way, would not be so bad), but we usually find ourselves craving for this intimacy with one or a few because we have no one to commune with.

With this craving often comes a sense of guilt, for we frequently hear sermons and hymns telling us that in Christ we can have the satisfaction of all of our longings here and now. Heaven on earth, in other words. And if we don't have this wonderful feeling that life is a bed of roses, then perhaps it is because we lack faith, or have weak morals, or an underpowered will, or whatever. The bad news is that Christ never promised us the fulfillment of the cravings of our spirit in this life. Which is why we hurt.

What many sincere, guilt-ridden Christians don't realize is that the "peace that surpasses understanding" which we can claim in the here and now is the promise and assurance of an eternal life with Him in the hereafter. Thus the sense of guilt.

Relationships are often a rich source of this guilt, for they are frequently shipwrecked on the rocks of human imperfection. As a result, the potential for immense hurt exists in any relationship. To hurt is a necessary part of being fallen, albeit redeemed, in a fallen world. To accept this pain and bear it with the grace of God in anticipation of what is to come is an important part of reforming our style of relating. What we as Christians must realize is that it is OK to hurt. It is OK to realize that we have been hopelessly disappointed in every key relationship of our lives. But it is necessary to work through this hurt (though understanding it does not mean it will cease to be there), to forgive those who have caused it, and to continue in the pursuit of relationships which will bring us closer to the Lord. Thus, to be redeemed in a fallen world involves allowing the Holy Spirit to indwell us and strengthen us to bear the grief we must naturally experience. It also means allowing the Spirit to search us and show us the sinful self-protection of our inherently selfish, fallen nature.

My last editorial made a case for vulnerability in human relationships as an antidote for cynicism and a stimulant towards growth. Yet upon further consideration it seems to me that vulnerability is only one of the outcomes of a painful process of internal searching and self-examination leading to the

elimination of unhealthy, self-protective, and ultimately sinful patterns of social behavior.

That we are selfish creatures is, perhaps, self-evident. Which is why we often find ourselves trying to decide whether we desire relationships because we want to satisfy our critical longings for affection, identity, and belonging (mom, teddy bear, warm fuzzies, all rolled into one), or because we really, truly, love the other person. Because we are fallen we cannot love perfectly. Our motives cannot, by definition, be devoid of selfishness. But love we must, and Scripture is abundantly sprinkled with reasons why we should love one another here and now, despite our fallen state, despite the pain. Yet to love someone and be intimate with them, we must consciously fight those selfish, self-protective patterns that characterize our style of relating.

For some, this fight against the mechanisms of self-protection may mean counseling. More often than not, we learn to protect ourselves because we have been "burned" whenever we have been vulnerable in the key relationships of our lives. As a result, we develop scar tissue, so to speak, over the tender spots of our hearts and refuse to be vulnerable and refuse to love or let ourselves be loved. The benefit of counseling, then, is that it helps us to identify those callused areas of our being and to forgive those who hurt us. When this is accomplished, we can begin to work on reforming our outlook on relationships.

Whether it is through counseling or through serious self-examination, the inner look is necessary. It is, however, important not to concentrate excessively on the hurt we discover as a result of this inner look, but to use it as a source of inspiration and understanding leading to genuine change.

How then should we live as a result of this change? There are no pat answers, but central to a new style of relating is a willingness to enter into relationships, in spite of their potential for pain, simply because they are capable of bringing us closer to Christ through intimate friends who are willing to love and be loved, to be compassionate, and to be vulnerable. ☆

When Darkness Reigns

by L. David Wheeler

Houghton was among several communities in Western New York without power on Monday, March 4, and much of the following day, due to Sunday night's ice storm. Most of Allegany County, including Houghton, gets its power from Rochester Gas & Electric, and trees fell across a main RG&E power line. The Allegany County Office of Emergency Services declared the county to be in a state of emergency, although Livingston County and the Rochester area suffered the worst of the damage from the storm and subsequent power outage. Power returned to Houghton approximately 1:30 on Tuesday. The following is a chronological account of the collective activities of Houghton during the crisis.

It's 6:06 a.m. Monday and Tom DeYoung is not happy. Having planned to get up at 5:45 to speed-cram for two exams, he had set his clock radio to a local country station, knowing that he would instantly arise and rid the room of the offending melodies. For some inexplicable reason, the station is broadcasting nothing but snow today. DeYoung would usually consider that to be for the best, but two accounting exams couldn't wait.

Or maybe they could. After showering and dressing, DeYoung and roommate Steve Virkler find themselves plunged into darkness, illuminated only by the light from a small window. Something, DeYoung figures, is up.

At the Yorkwood home of Dean of Student Development Robert Danner, the dean gratefully observes that his water heater does not work on an electric thermostat; shaving in the dark would be inconvenient enough without being aggravated by a cold shower. Finished with preliminaries, Danner gives Academic Dean Clarence Bence a call, knowing that any decisions as to classes would be Bence's. Bence has already risen, taken note of the situation, and conferred by phone with Vice-President Kenneth Nielsen, and has heard optimistic reports from RG&E (Rochester Gas & Electric). Classes, the administrators decide, will begin one hour after power is restored.

Bence calls up the Info Center, the division chairs, and anyone else who can send the message forward.

Meanwhile, in the far removed locale of Stegen House, *Star* editor Dave Wheeler lies upon his carpet, oblivious to all. He stirs, learns from a neighbor that, according to the inhabitants of the Info Center, 9:00s are cancelled; and wanders trancelike back to his room, crumpling to the floor and immediately falling asleep.

Elsewhere, in the master quarters of Babbitt House, Tim Nichols yawns and blinks himself awake. Something's wrong, the assistant dean of students tells himself, I'm much too well rested. A numerically mute clock affirms his thesis: something is indeed wrong with the power. He checks his faithful cuckoo clock and realizes he's running considerably late. It's now 8:00, and he is supposed to lead today's staff prayer meeting. A call to Barb Saufley at the campus center eases his mind, though: Nichols could come if he liked, if he felt like leading devotions before a contingent of empty chairs.

Relieved, Nichols waits until 9:00 to make his way to the campus center, and learns that there's no staff meeting, either. His thoughts whisk back to Babbitt. He hopes that the power outage won't interfere with Toby's day. Today is the brown-furred collie's seventh birthday, and Nichols, Toby, and black-furred companion Tasha usually do something special. Nichols hopes it isn't ruined.

Back at Stegen, Wheeler struggles to his feet, gazes into the opaque blankness of his clock face, and goes back to sleep.

The power flickers to life at 9:15, amid great rejoicing—and flickers off two minutes later, to return in yet another minute. Bemused, Tom DeYoung takes in the light show from his post by the campus center windows, where he studies for his 1:15. Another minute passes, and, predictably, the power shuts off, this time with a relative degree of permanence.

At about 10:15, Dean Bence cancels classes for the day, overjoying DeYoung to no end. Fifteen minutes later, by DeYoung's estimation, the power returns, but only

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to certain buildings about campus, due to a special agreement. *Star* editor Ivan T. Rocha, overjoyed, prints out the sociology paper saved on Herbert, the *Star's* MacIntosh hard drive. At Stegen, Rocha's colleague gazes into the opaque blankness of his clock face, and goes back to sleep.

The early afternoon is fruitful for some. Rocha applies himself to his editorial; Dr. Frederick Trexler keeps track of WJSL's status; the junior class holds a class meeting in the New Academic Building. DeYoung receives his hometown newspaper in the mail and peruses it in the campus center; Danner spends a quiet late morning and early afternoon in the Student Development Office.

Assistant Treasurer Donald Frase returns about 3:00 p.m., bearing news from RG&E which he shares with Bence, Danner, and Nielsen in Luckey Building: the power will go off again, and will

remain off through the night, to be restored around near-afternoon the following day.

Instantly, the administrators begin planning how to guide Houghton through the night. For the residence halls, candles are out, they agree. With no power, and with the danger of the battery power running out on the telephones (Fillmore is out of batteries, as assistant dean Dianne Janes learns when she travels there), Houghton is definitely not equipped to deal with an emergency situation.

(The administrators' apprehensions about candles prove well founded. Two fires would break out in Roberts Wesleyan during the outage, one of which would cause massive damage to one of the dorms, Carpenter Hall. Roberts, without power long after Houghton's is restored, would send its students home.)

What to do about boredom, cold rooms, necessary studying? The

administrators decide to leave the campus center open through the night, equipped with emergency lighting, and the gym open until midnight. Bence lights on the idea of a bonfire on the quad. This is a radical idea from the man who has spoken of creating a "horticultural barricade to prevent students from walking across the quad" (see 14 September 1990 *Star*), and a debate begins about whether they can indeed build the fire there. (Bence would later call this discussion the "hottest debate" of the whole situation.) Finally they decide that grass seed can always be replanted, and Bence spends the rest of the afternoon gathering firewood.

Danner returns to the Student Development Offices and elicits the aid of his colleagues. The gifted penman Nichols, known about the office as the "Keeper of the Magic Marker" is corralled to create a flurry of signs announcing the bonfire and the forbidding of candles. He also hunts for additional board games to supplement those in the Info Center. Janes approaches Big Al about hot dogs, which he gladly contributes. And Doug Burke loans Danner a megaphone from the athletic department.

Nichols, bearing a sly, whimsical tone, asks his aunt Kathy Brenneam, "So what'd you used to do before there was electricity?" She glares and mumbles something about quilting bees.

At Mobil, Tom DeYoung and a contingent of companions search for "D" batteries for his radio. His joy at the tests' cancellation has been tempered by a dark pallor: no *Newhart* fix today. No "D"s either, so he buys Oreos instead. Virkler, having left to bring down his car to drive to Fillmore in the battery search, has been gone far too long—with good reason; he's driven into a ditch at Schultz House. He finally makes it to Mobil at 5:00, in time for Mobil, and the Fillmore stores, to close.

Burke's megaphone comes in handy at dinner, as Danner amplifies a further reminder about the danger of candles. Nichols accompanies Danner in the dining hall for added support. Rocha is basically content; hot coffee yet survives. As dinner ends, Senate president Mary

Public Recollections



Rocha: "It just goes to show how dependent we are on electricity, and how helpless and powerless (no pun intended) we feel when we have to do things the old-fashioned way."

Danner: "I was quite pleased with how students responded and pulled together. I'm proud to be associated with such a group of young people using discretion. By and large, that was the case."

Nichols: "It lasted just long enough to be an adventure, unlike the nightmare Roberts

is going through. Having gone through that together was an interesting experience for the whole community."

David Merriam (security guard): "There was really nothing unusual happening...just a lot more of it. Things like guys in the [women's] dorm happen all the time, just not all in one night."

DeYoung: "Although it was very inconvenient, it was nice, because people had time to be there for each other, and have plain conversations."

Biglow is noticeably distraught, having searched for half an hour for her backpack and jacket. Seniors Dave Lennon and Chris Daniels (post-grad) abruptly decline to assist her, engrossed as they are in a pinochle game by windowlight. She finally locates the items behind a pillar and snarls at the card sharks.

The bonfire begins at 7:00. Rocha contributes a few dozen extra copies of *Star* back issues to the fire, and some enthusiastic pyre-builders grab several current issues from the box in the campus center lounge and add those. Toby and Tasha cavort about the fire, eating all the hot dogs donated to them, particularly the burnt ones, as part of Toby's birthday feast. Senate president and active vegetarian Mary Biglow, as she observes the hot dogs warming on the fire, for the first time in four years feels the urge to eat meat—but restrains herself.

"East Hall residents—and gentlemen," Bence strongly suggests as the bonfire winds down, "will carry firewood over to East Hall for their fireplace." About a dozen people assent, getting a vague, shadowy fix on where the dorm is.

Back at Babbitt, Nichols notices a sound truck braving the ice on Park Drive, announcing food, shelter, and heat at the fire hall on Route 19. Next door, in Schultz, DeYoung and his entourage take note and head down, to find that it is mostly designed for community families. They don't stay long.

The campus center, illuminated by emergency lights, quickly fills. The lounge becomes a haven for Twister® and assorted other games. Several people sit about tables in the dining hall and talk; in one corner Randy Hoffman and fellow science fiction devotees hold readings of various paperbacks from their voluminous collections, with selections from *The Further Adventures of Batman* becoming a favorite. The basement is host to a virtually all-night round-robin ping-pong game, several pool and foosball games, and one man sitting on a swivel chair by the *Star* office, reading a Victorian novel by emergency lighting. Wheeler had emerged from the Stegen floor at some point during the day, and is madly engaged

in finishing up *The Mill on the Floss*. Eventually he joins colleague Rocha on the furniture flanking the outside of the Boulder office, and the two engage in warbling massed versions of classic rock tunes.

"Close your eyes..." Rocha begins in queasy Dylan, "...shut the door..."

"You don't have to worry..." Wheeler continues in likewise queasy Dylan, "...anymore..."

"Ahhhhh'll be youhhhhh baby tonight," the editors continue in loud and jubilant harmony.

For most, the night is uneventful. Nichols turns his stove burners on, piles the couch high with blankets, and offers Toby and Tasha a "birthday pleasantries": they get to sleep with him on the couch. At the college farm, Biglow likewise sleeps with 85 pounds of warm Labrador retriever, after an evening of dorm candle patrol and hanging around in the Info Center. With no dogs in his Schultz quarters, DeYoung resorts to two sweatshirts and a pair of warmup pants.

Not everyone is so placid; not long after midnight East Hall resident Tammy Hill's phone conversation is interrupted by a stampeding sound in the dorm and the alert that men were inside and it would be wise to return to rooms. In turning to hang up the receiver, Hill drops the crutch that has supported her sprained ankle for weeks. After considerable groping, she gives up on the crutch and runs to her First New room, breaking her cast in the process. Through her window she sees five men running out of the New entrance, pursued by East Hall RDA Wendy Hoke. After security guards walk through the dorm, all becomes relatively calm.

Hours pass, and light again dawns upon the town. Fillmore somehow gains possession of "D" batteries, to the delight of Tom DeYoung, who finally gets ahold of some. Big Al serves breakfast—mainly cereal and pastry. Rocha is sorely displeased with the lukewarm coffee. Wheeler, recently awakened stupified in front of the Boulder office, indulges in a bowl of cereal, observes the thick coat of ice on all he passes on the way to Stegen, and goes to bed. By the time he again stirs, all the ice will be gone.

The powers that be plan the day. Bence purposefully meanders through the New Academic Building, noting that the sun has significantly warmed and lighted the building. Purposefully meandering through campus, he finds that students are becoming, in his judgment, stir crazy. Having initially planned for classes to commence two hours after the return of power. Bence, Danner, and other administrators decide to begin classes at 11:45, and hold a chapel for the purpose of transition. Scheduled John Calvin speaker Dr. Dale Cooper has been detained, so Dr. Ben King and chapel coordinator Harold Kingdom are called and solicited to put together a program. King rapidly finds senior soprano Donna Bashore and convinces her to sing, and gets various people to read scripture. The "Keeper of the Magic Marker" is corralled once again and signs are put up. The chapel itself is quite full at 11:05.

RG&E predicts a return of power shortly, with several fluctuations before full power is restored. Taking no chances, Bence and company start to make plans for the possibility of a repeat of the day before. They come up with the possibilities of holding orientation-type games at the gym and of opening community homes to students—at community homes, students would have access to candles and fireplaces. Dr. Richard Wing, who moonlights as the proprietor of "Dick's Chicks," donates his portable barbeque grill to Big Al, in the event that Al needs to barbeque hamburgers on the quad for dinner.

At 1:30 p.m., power returns. Nichols is exceedingly pleased; he missed seeing the news Monday and wants to know the status of the POWs in the Persian Gulf. Nichols would get to watch the 6:00 news that evening, interrupted six times by power fluctuations. A rumor circulates that Houghton will be powerless another evening, and Biglow remembers the whereabouts of her flashlight: somewhere in Dave Sperry's car. The rumor, however, proves false, and Houghton enjoys heat and light through the night. Yet another crisis appears to be over, and Houghton appears to have once more survived. ☆

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The Big Crunch

Part III: Cutting Back

by Ivan T. Rocha

Yet another chapter was written late last week in the epic we have come to know as "The Big Crunch." In an exclusive interview on Friday, March 8, Academic Dean Clarence Bence disclosed several proposals which will go before the Board of Trustees for consideration during their next meeting in April. These come after evaluating faculty and student reactions to the austerity measures announced earlier this semester.

In Bence's words, "President Chamberlain and I tried to balance sensitivity to the concerns raised in each of these areas with what we perceived to be the majority opinion that reductions in personnel were necessary in order to maintain the financial health of the college." Thus, the revised proposal is somewhat less encompassing in effect than its predecessor, but maintains several of the original cuts. According to Bence, the administration is seeking to gain savings by diminishing the number of faculty while at the same time minimizing the reduction of academic programs.

Below is a brief discussion of the main proposals and their consequences.

•**SOCIOLOGY:** The sociology major WILL NOT be terminated at this point in time. The department, however, is being asked to eliminate one FTE (full-time equivalent) faculty by the fall of 1992, in accordance to whatever criteria they choose to establish. In addition,

any decisions regarding the status of the program (that is, whether or not Houghton will continue to have a sociology major and/or minor) will be made after departmental review. A proposal in this regard is expected by September of 1992.

•**POLITICAL SCIENCE:** Even though the political science major at Houghton has recently been approved by Albany (see article on page 13) the Administration has decided to delay its effectuation for another year. According to Bence, the delay will allow for the building of a "critical mass of students ready to enter the program so that when classes begin, professors will not be lecturing to empty classrooms." An obvious consequence of this decision is that the hiring of a faculty member for the department of political science will also be delayed until 1992.

•**MATH & SCIENCE:** The division of math and science has been asked to eliminate one faculty position by the 1993-94 school year. This decision differs from the original proposal to eliminate one biology position by 1992. This process may be hastened by the recent resignation of Professor Charles Detwiler, although no definite agreement has been reached on the subject.

•**LANGUAGES & LITERATURE:** The decision to eliminate the teaching of Latin at Houghton College by the 1992-93 school year has been maintained. As a result,

0.5 of an FTE will be eliminated in the division of languages and literature by the fall of 1992.

•**EDUCATION & RECREATION:** The original decision to eliminate one faculty position from the department of physical education and recreation by 1992 has been revised. As it is now, the recommendation is that only 0.5 of an FTE be eliminated within the same time frame.

•**RETIRING FACULTY:** The decision not to replace retiring professors Warren Woolsey and William Allen has been maintained.

According to Bence, among the factors that motivated this revision of the original crunch proposals is the response generated among the various groups represented at Houghton College. Especially evident were the recommendations proposed by the faculty during a forum held on Tuesday, February 12, as well as a document put together by students in the biology department. According to Bence, what impressed the Administration about this last document was not the petition *per se* but the eight-page document which accompanied it and was prepared "in a very careful and conscientious manner."

A salient point in Bence's declarations to the *Star* was that these revisions come as the result of careful long-range planning, as opposed to desperate actions to save the college. Bence mentioned, by comparison, another Christian liberal arts college which is facing a reduction of 31 faculty members by the end of this year. He mentioned as well the University of Rochester, which has lately undergone severe changes and reductions in its graduate program, culminating in the recent dismissal of the academic dean. In his words, "[We are] trying to act wisely, but not with hysterical panic." ☆

COLE'S WAR JOURNAL

Well, the war is now over... and so is the journal format of this article series. With the ground fighting of 23-27 February now history, and with the outcome commonly known, the fighting has stopped, and we can heave a sigh of relief. But is the *conflict* over?...

This is the battle, although greatly oversimplified:

US forces arrayed against southern Kuwait moved hundreds of miles secretly to the westward, to come in to the west of Iraqi troops. The move was done in secrecy and involved moving thousands of men and material under strict radio silence. The enemy, without an air force to "see" with, and kept dug in by our airstrikes, did not realize that the move had taken place. When the invasion came, US troops still south of Kuwait pushed northward, which the Iraqis assumed to be the main invasion.

Marines off the coast of Kuwait only *threatened* to make an amphibious assault; this kept several divisions of Iraqi troops tied up, waiting, until it was too late.

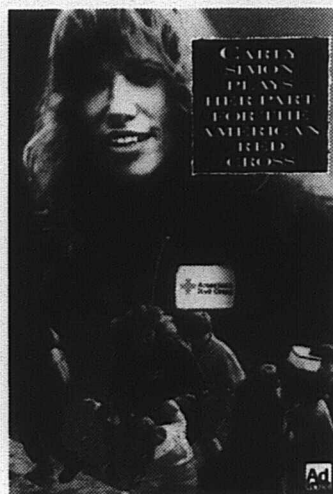
Meanwhile, the troops that had shifted westward stormed in a looping end run, coming from the westward side of Kuwait and surprising

enemy forces trying to get home. The forces to the west required massive logistical support; Airborne troops were also dropped behind the lines to secure areas as fueling stops, etc. At no time did the Iraqis use chemical weapons.

The final US casualty toll: 90 dead. Iraqi troops taken prisoner numbered 63,000. On February 26, Saddam Hussein announced the withdrawal of Iraqi occupation forces; on the 27th President Bush declared the suspension of offensive combat and laid out conditions for permanent cease-fire.

On Monday, March 4, all but six US POWs had been released, including the only known missing female. All were reportedly in good condition. By Tuesday, March 5, all prisoners had been released.

Since the war, Iraq has been a divided country; there is dissent among the Iraqi people, and Hussein has been maneuvering the remains of his army in an attempt to put down the disputes. US reconnaissance flights are continuing over Iraq, and the US has issued a warning to Iraq not to use chemical weapons against the Muslim Shiites in the south or the Kurds in the north who are calling for Hussein's downfall. ☆



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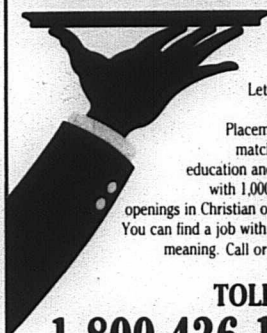
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AND IN OTHER NEWS

by Ballman/Wheeler

Soviet Union

The largest anti-government protests since 1917 continue to disrupt Mikhail Gorbachev's ability to maintain order in the Soviet Union. On Sunday, more than 500,000 Soviets in 13 cities demonstrated against Gorbachev and his plan to preserve the unity of the fifteen republics.

Boris Yeltsin, President of the Russian Republic, declared war on Gorbachev in a speech Saturday. Yeltsin wants Gorbachev replaced by the Federation Council, which includes all the Presidents of all the republics.

The battle between Gorbachev and Yeltsin results from their opposing views on the March 17 referendum on the preservation of the Union.

Gorbachev hopes the referendum will force republic leaders to sign a new Union Treaty expanding local power but retaining a strong central government.

Yeltsin wants to add to the ballot questions asking the voters if they want independence from the Union and a direct presidential election.

Presently, six of the fifteen republics are refusing to participate in the referendum, including the Russian Republic, the Soviet Union's largest and most influential component.

South Africa

As delegates from the African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party make efforts toward establishing a cease-fire between the two warring black factions, their supporters have clashed in the Johannesburg township of Alexandra, killing 53 people. Delegates asked security forces Sunday to keep the violence-oriented supporters of the the factions apart. According to ANC delegation head Popo Molefe, such measures were necessary, but the troops should show restraint.

Yugoslavia

Clashes between police and anti-communist protesters in the Yugoslavian republic of Serbia on Saturday left two people dead and 76 injured in the city of Belgrade. The Yugoslavian government deployed tanks to subdue the violence.

The purpose of the protest was to call for the ouster of Serbia's head of state, former Communist Slobodan Milosevic. Yugoslavia appears to be moving toward a formal splitting into a loosely-alligned confederation of sovereign states, and Milosevic and his hard-line-oriented socialist government is resisting this movement. Milosevic favors the maintenance of Serbian dominance over the other five Yugoslavian republics; disunification of Yugoslavia isn't in his interests.

Senate Platforms

photos by Ivan T. Rocha

Darren Chick ('92)
President



As president, Darren Chick (DC) has several goals.

☆ I would like to bring greater cohesiveness to the student organizations. Here they would be most effective.

☆ I see senate changing from a reactive organization to a proactive. In general, I would like to see Senate look ahead.

☆ This year, we have seen Senate being more effective, but my desire is to create a greater sense of accountability to the student as well as the administration.

☆ We have talked of listening to students for years, but now it is time for us to solicit your opinions.

☆ In the past, Senate addressed issues that were addressed to them—this year, I intend to speak out on the issue before everyone else has their say. No longer waiting for the easy stuff, it is time to address the tough issues.

☆ On top of all these, I would like to see Senate take an active role in spiritual leadership.

Phill Ginter ('93)
Vice-President



Think for a moment about what makes your college experience memorable. I believe that for most of us it is the friendships that make college so memorable. As vice-president my main responsibility will be chairing the Campus Activities Board. I want to be able to provide opportunities for people to make new friends and further develop current friendships through campus activities. I would also like to see people become more involved and take more pride in their class. How can this happen?

The most important thing will be listening to what you would like to see happen. Do you think concerts are good? Do you enjoy the movies, Spots, Study Breaks, and coffee houses? Is there something that should be done to improve them, or are they beyond help?

I have come up with some suggestions that will maybe start you thinking about what you would like to do; take 'em, leave 'em, change 'em, or at least give them some thought: a Spot with a

"Saturday Night Live" theme; a carnival with game booths, popcorn, cotton candy, and possibly some rides; a "beach party" on campus with swimming, frisbee, volleyball, and limbo contests; a "Mud Bowl" (a flag football game in a field of mud, provided a field can be found to use). Of course these are just suggestions; the final decision is yours!

Sarah Witmeyer ('94)
Secretary

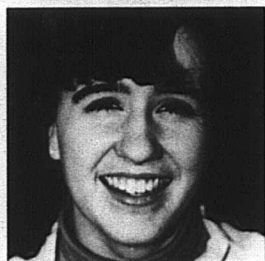


I am running for Secretary of the Student Senate. I feel that I am very qualified for the job because I was involved in student government all throughout high school and I've served this year as a freshman senator. In high school I was the secretary of my class for two years and secretary of the student senate for two years. This year as a senator I was in charge of the distribution of the addresses of men/women serving in Saudi Arabia and of the yellow ribbons, outwardly to show our support of those serving our country in the Persian Gulf. I work well with people and when I'm given a job, I complete it accurately and on time. I enjoy hearing the opinions of the student body and am not afraid to speak up on their behalf. I am not running for this position because of its status. I am running in order to serve you, the student body. If elected I will serve you to the best of my ability.

The good of the
people is the
chief law.

-Cicero
De Legibus, III.iii.8

Amy Danner ('93) Secretary



If elected, I will enjoy having more of an input into student life. I have enjoyed my past two years of being class secretary, and have learned many lessons about "servanthood." Not only do I see this new role to be a position where I can learn to be a servant, but I will also learn in a real way how to be a better leader. Within the cabinet, the members will keep each other accountable to the duties that accompany their positions. I see this to be a valuable growing experience and feel it will keep the members "in check."

I see myself to be an organized and responsible person. These traits will help me to be a better secretary. Having been class secretary for almost two years, I have found that a secretary's work load includes more than just taking minutes and sending memos. Often just being willing to help when needed is part of the job.

I am looking forward to the possibility of having this position and would be willing to accept any advice that the student body would care to give me.

Erich Neumann ('92) Treasurer



Previously, I've been a class senator as well as chairman of Class Constitution Committee, Advisor to the Constitution Committee of Class of '93,

and on Senate Constitution Committee.

Having had this experience, and by being in close contact with Senate Cabinet. I feel qualified to take on the responsibilities of Senate treasurer. Naturally, there are the day to day responsibilities of college relations, accounting, and organization of student finances. However, the treasurer also must be an active cabinet member. This means being a central figure in Senate, having accurate and current information. But it also means listening for to students. This year Student Senate worked on more Student input. You were asked to come to us, but next year we're going to come to you! Responsiveness to the wants of students is critical to serving the students.

Also, a major front will be to expand the role of Senate. The transition from a reactive to a proactive organization will be made. Structural changes have begun to allow us greater flexibility and thus the ability to take on new, tougher issues in Student Senate. At the same time we are increasing accountability. It is my intention to serve you to the best of my ability.

Matthew Hull ('92) Treasurer



Course Experience: Accounting I and II, Macro-Economics, Computer in Business, Business Law I and II (presently), Human Resource Management

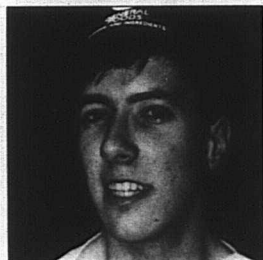
Other Experience: Treasurer for local church youth group, Publicity chairman for local church world mission society

The Student Senate treasurer's main responsibility is controlling the income and expenditures associated with the Student Activity Fee (SAF). The treasurer also has a responsibility in controlling funds for the Campus Activity Board (CAB). I believe that I can fill these capacities with both my course and outside experiences. I will work for the students. The office of treasurer is an office I will take seri-

ously. Accountability is important; I realize that. I am dependable, competent and responsible, as the above qualifications show.

As for the future, I hope to use my experience as treasurer to assist me in fulfilling my goals. I expect to fill a position in a company that will enhance productivity in that company, as well as my own productivity.

Mark Evans ('94) Treasurer



I went to school in Avoca, NY; there I served on various committees which ranged from organizing banquets to planning major trips. These experiences have taught me to work with people, and they have also enabled me towards accomplishing the specific goals of my group.

As the Student Senate treasurer, I feel that my primary contributions would be in financial matters as well as in decision-making. My courses in management and accounting qualify for the specific requirements, but more importantly, my experiences with people have allowed me to learn the necessary flexibility required to be in a position that constantly changes.

I would very much like to work in this position because it gives me more experience with business (which is something I enjoy) and with people, but also because it will allow me to become more involved with student activities.

Elections will be held tomorrow during lunch and dinner in the campus center.

Ears Still Available Upon Request

Peers With Ears seeks peers with mouths

by Martha Ayres

Way back in the spring of 1989, an idea was born to a group of CE (Community Effort) floor hopefuls in South Hall. Thinking of ideas for the floor's community service project, the soon-to-be citizens of First West decided to try to serve the largest community at Houghton—the students. How? A listening hotline. A place on campus where there would always be someone to talk to and someone willing to listen, who would keep things confidential. They would call it Peers With Ears.

The 1990-91 school year, in which the group again gained First West, brought changes and growth to Peers With Ears. The organization evolved from its status of a men's CE floor project to a more inclusive group, including women as well as others not associated with First West. There are

presently 15 members of the team, and they would like to see more.

Wanting to learn more about how to "bear one another's burdens," the group sponsored a seminar series entitled *Apples of Gold*, which

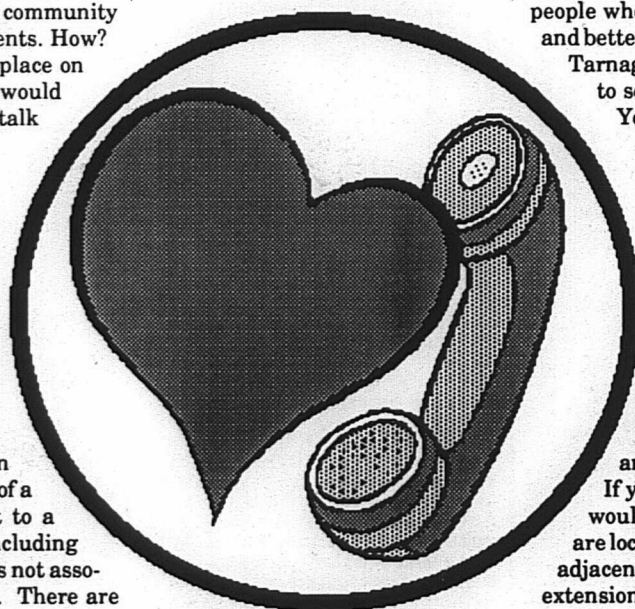
was led by Counseling Director Michael Lastoria. Frequently discussed topics were empathy and active listening.

Peers With Ears coordinators David Lennon and Barry MacTarnaghan said that they want to help students who are hurting, students who need a friend to listen. "Because we are not professionals," Lennon observed, "people seem to be less willing to come in and talk to us." The Peers, however, want to "be there when people need us."

Although Lennon and MacTarnaghan, as well as many of the original First West residents and a majority of the current group, are graduating, they are planning for the continuation of Peers With Ears. They indicated, however, that they need support from students. MacTarnaghan submitted that the Peers need the following: more members who are willing to listen and give some of their time; people for an advertising committee; someone to write up a constitution; future leaders; suggestions for improved helpfulness; and thinking, imaginative people who can come up with new and better ideas. Most of all, MacTarnaghan said, they would like to see more visitors.

Your "Peers With Ears" for this year are the following: Daniel Dixon, Brian Hare, Jennifer Garrison, Terri Warren, Donald Nagy, Timothy Andrews, Becky Paine, R.J. Garrison, Peggy Thompson, Roberta Pierce, David Walker, Adam English, Randy Hoffman, David Lennon, and Barry MacTarnaghan.

If you would like to help or would just like to talk, they are located in the old *Star* office adjacent to Big Al's. The Peers' extension is 221.



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Albany Approves Political Science

No new faculty until '92, says Academic Dean

by Dave Rhenow

Last week, Academic Dean Clarence Bence received a phone call from the state of New York that made Dr. Blaine Benedict very happy. Houghton College is now qualified to offer a degree in political science. The news came about six months after the first proposal by Dr. Benedict, although the bulk of the decision-

making took place over a one-month period. The idea was approved by the division of history and social science, the academic affairs committee, and finally by a vote of the full faculty. After that, the program was put before the trustees, who also passed it. The whole process took four weeks during September and October.

In October the idea was proposed to the state Department of Education where it was considered

for over four months before being approved last week.

The History and Social Science division has been looking at a number of prospective political science professors. According to Benedict they have received over 40 applications, ten of which he called "excellent candidates with educational and professional experience." They are planning on hiring one new faculty member to teach the added courses.

Because of economic considerations, the program will not be installed until the year after next, academic year 1992-93, and no new faculty will be hired until then. According to Bence, this will help ensure a larger amount of enrolled students when the major is actually started up.

Benedict says the major will be a relatively small one, consisting of 27 hours. Five classes will be required, including a Senior Politics Seminar which will be a capstone course involving a research paper designed to bridge the gap between undergraduate and graduate school.

The new classes will offer greater concentration on American domestic politics. ☆

King's Singers to Perform at Houghton

an H.C. News Release

The Rolls Royce of barber-shop quartets—with six voices . . . That's what *Variety* called England's phenomenally successful six-man vocal ensemble, the King's Singers. These six men will perform an Artist Series concert of traditional classical material, 20th century works, and lighter favor-

ites from the realm of pop music on Wednesday, March 20, at 8:15 p.m. in Wesley Chapel.

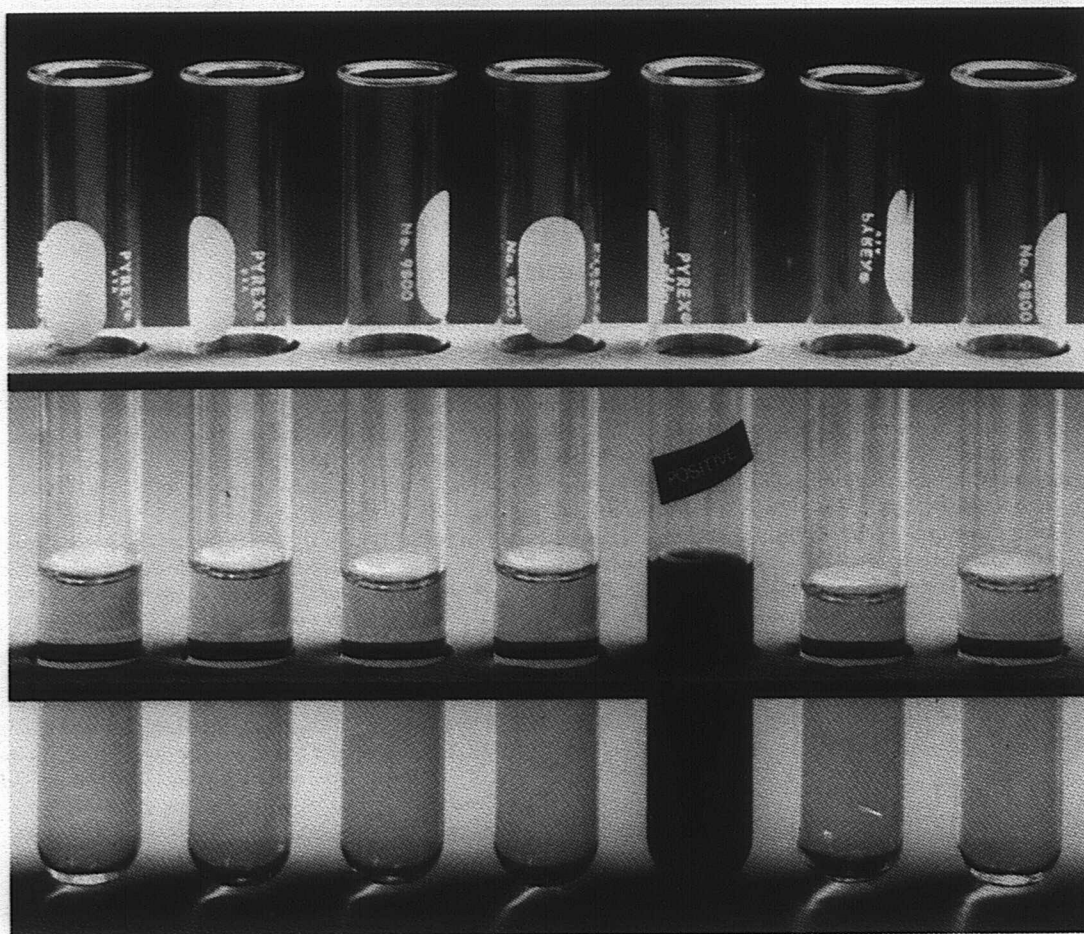
The full range of the King's Singers' over 50 recordings runs the gamut from renaissance madrigals, Motown and the Beatles to sacred and secular choral masterpieces. They have appeared regularly in the world's most important concert halls—Carnegie Hall, the Sydney Opera House, and Alice Tully Hall—and in the United States have been a favorite on the "Tonight" and "Today" shows, as well as on their own PBS and "Arts and Entertainment" television specials. The Singers have done their own vocal inter-

pretations of 1940s big band tunes, the best of the Beatles, Paul Simon, and a rousing encore crowd pleaser of the Beach Boys' "Good Vibrations."

The group which led to the King's Singers was born as the Schola Cantorum Pro Musica Profana in Cantabrigiense in 1968. The original six members had begun doing concerts at their respective schools, consisting of the same type of mixed program that the ensemble performs today. Eventually they evolved into the King's Singers.

Tickets will be available at the door.

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More Stuff About Senate

by Senate Correspondent Barry S. MacTarnaghan

Academic Dean Clarence Bence made another guest appearance at the recent Student Senate meeting (March 5). His opening comments concerned the power shortage and subsequent student behavior. He thanked everyone for their cooperation, and dispelled some rumors. I say this to let you know that the administration does care about students, and that they are willing to keep students informed—with the truth.

Bence also spoke about faculty positions, stressing that *positions* will be cut, not *specific faculty*. Already four faculty members are leaving, but none of those four indicated that their reasons for leaving were related to the budget cuts. Education professor Dr. Lola Haller will be retiring at the end of this semester. Graphic design professor Jerry Counselman is going to live near his parents for personal reasons. Both Prof. Ray Horst (Spanish) and Dr. Charles Detwiler (biology) have accepted positions at other colleges beginning next year.

Senate has added a line to the Student Activity Fee for special projects. This will be at no extra cost to students. The fund will be to supply money to projects needing to be done on campus that have no other money set aside for them. Senate will be in charge of deciding what projects are paid for by this new fund based on petitions submitted. Petitions may be submitted by any person or organization and for almost any person. For the 1991-92 academic year, the money is al-

ready designated to the athletic department (they have several possible uses, including the building of a high jump pit).

If the student body approves a proposed change to the Senate constitution, then all future presidents will be held accountable to the student body. The proposed modification states that any student candidating for the presidency will be required to state general objectives for their term of office, and general dates should be given as to when the objectives would be completed. Near the end of the first semester the president should give a formal progress report of the objectives completed and those in progress. The report would be open for discussion. The purpose of this proposed change is for the student body to evaluate the president.

Finally, the Academic Affairs Council have approved a few changes for the future. Three new economics courses will be added to the curriculum to keep Houghton's business department in good standing while in competition with other colleges. For those of you who are planning to study abroad, you no longer have to worry about dropping out and reapplying when you return. You are now allowed to have a zero-credit enrollment. That means that you can retain enrollment even though you aren't taking any credits here. The Records office will work out the guidelines for this.

Once again, enjoy your week. Don't forget to vote tomorrow. And, as always, be well and do good. ☆

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And Now for a Different Place to Live...

by Yvonne Wood

Tired of life in a dorm? Looking for a unique living opportunity? Want to be able to find out more about your area of interest by actually living with people of the same interest? The solution has already been discovered by many—Intentional Purpose Communities.

Intentional Purpose Communities were formed with several common goals in mind which would help students be able to grow in an environment that would benefit them the most. The common goals include fostering accountability to oneself and others according to the goals and decisions of the community; working toward open, honest, and effective communication to benefit the community; servicing each other and those beyond the Intentional Purpose community; building trust among the members of each group; and growing closer to God as disciples of Christ while supporting other members in their relationships with Christ. Each individual community also has its own set of goals that it sets for itself.

There are currently three In-

tentional Purpose Communities at Houghton College: Powers House (business), Steese House (missions), and Waldorf House (humanities).

•**Powers House** holds its main interest in the area of business, including business administration and other related fields. Under the advisorship of Prof. Kenneth Bates, the seven men in Powers House strive to promote and learn business principles and increase community involvement. They have bimonthly dinner meetings, sponsor a golf tournament, and support a missions child to help them reach these goals.

The members of Powers House have found it helpful to study together for their business classes. They have found that the upper-level students can help the lower-level students so that when one person is struggling with something, someone with experience in that area can help him.

•**Steese House** has its main interest in missions. Under the Resident Director Renee Potter, the

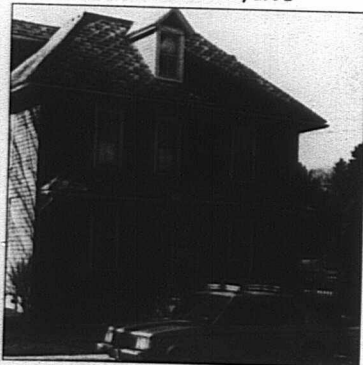
eleven women strive to learn more about missions both here and overseas. They maintain an environment in which they can learn about what God is doing in missions and how they all can be a part of it.

Part of this includes looking at some of the needs on campus and trying to be a help in those areas. Because of this, the group has started to pray for some of the specific needs of the professors here at the college. They also look for ways to be of help off campus, going to work at a soup kitchen in Rochester for one Saturday.

•**Waldorf House** has humanities as its main area of interest. Under the direction of their faculty advisor Dr. Ted Murphy, the twelve women involved explore the questions in humanity as expressed in literature and art, through discussions of books, art, and music. Through this they are able to learn more about other cultures than they would otherwise experience. Members are expected to read one book per semester and participate in the viewing of movies that are shown for their benefit.

Several of the members of these special and unique communities say that they have gained a lot of personal help and support from living in these situations. Intentional communities provide a group of people with the same basic interests for a member to fall back on when in need. They also give people a broader outlook on life through their activities and help them acquire maturity. ☆

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Powers House

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Steese House

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Waldorf House

Aphorisms, Adages, Etc.

compiled by the editorial staff

If it seems to anyone that he has understood the divine scriptures, or any part of them, in such a way that by that understanding he does not build up that double love of God and neighbor, he has not yet understood.

Augustine
De doctrina christiana

A child said *What is the grass?* fetching it to one with full hands

How could I answer the child? I do not know what it is any more than he.

Walt Whitman
"Song of Myself"

Adam was but human--this explains it all. He did not want the apple for the apple's sake, he wanted it only because it was forbidden.

Mark Twain
The Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson

Gently they go, the beautiful, the tender, the kind; Quickly they go, the intelligent, the witty, the brave. I know. But I do not approve. And I am not resigned.

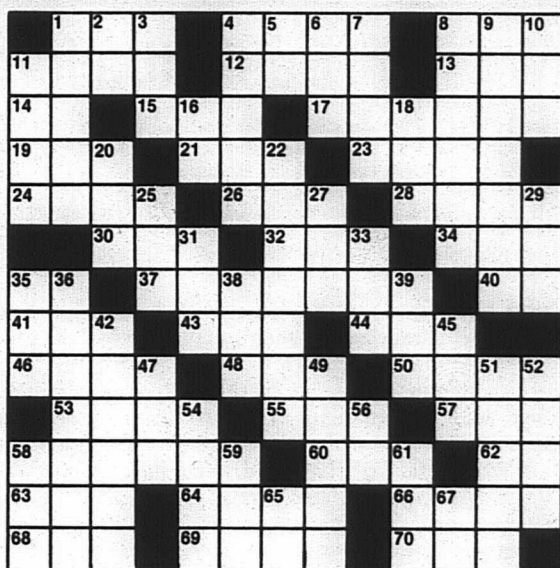
Edna St. Vincent Millay
The Buck in the Snow

The confidence and faith of the heart alone make both God and an idol.

Martin Luther
Lage Catechism

All men are liable to error; and most men are, in many points, by passion or interest, under temptation to it.

John Locke
An Essay Concerning Human Understanding



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1. Indian weapon
4. Smile
8. Toothed tool
11. Window glass
12. Wife of rajah
13. Direction (abbr.)
14. Article
15. Digit
17. Smells
19. Ballet dance step
21. Brewed drink
23. Without discomfort
24. Too
26. Quill pen point
28. Musical note
30. Age
32. Flightless bird
34. Doctors helpers (abbr.)
35. Form of be
37. Hold in bondage
40. Near
41. Sheep sound
43. Inhabitant (suf.)
44. School subject (abbr.)
46. Former coin of India
48. Inquire
50. Challenge
53. Sour
55. Unhappy
57. Quiet work place
58. Grass with hard-walled stems
60. Sweet potatoes
62. Chinese measure of distance

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63. 7th Greek letter
64. Space
66. Food fish, related to herrings
68. Jelly
69. Eating utensil
70. Fee levied by government

1. Repetitious
2. Position upon
3. Saturated with liquid
4. Cold color
5. Egyptian sun god
6. Officeholders
7. Good
8. Device that responds to sounds
9. Wire receiver
10. Man's nickname
16. Part of Bible (abbr.)
18. Consume
20. Direction (abbr.)
22. No direction
25. Iron
27. Snake
29. Time zone (abbr.)
31. Picnic pest
33. Hail
35. Fabric from camel hairs
36. Authoritative command
38. Stopping place on route (abbr.)
39. Stopping point
42. Beast
45. Oath (var.)
47. Priest's garment
49. Eskimo canoe
51. Take it easy
52. Town in Oklahoma
54. Goof off
56. Investigator (abbr.)
58. Plead
59. Indicates mountain
61. Time zone (abbr.)
65. Someone who performs (suf.)

**Crossword
answers on
page 15**

Women Basketballers Finish Fourth Straight Winning Season

by Nathan Ransil

The Houghton women's basketball team finished their season with a record of fifteen wins and thirteen losses in their first season competing in NAIA District 18. Since the arrival of head coach Harold "Skip" Lord, the team has enjoyed four straight winning seasons for the first time in Houghton history.

The women concluded their regular season at 14-12, and qualified to participate in the District 18 playoffs. In the first round, fifth seeded Houghton squared off against Geneva, the number four seed. Geneva had handed Houghton two losses in the regular season, but Houghton ruled them from the start here, as they jumped out to a 37-13 halftime lead. Laurie Wynn had a perfect night as she went 7 for 7 from the floor, and 6 for 6 from the foul line, for twenty-one points as Houghton won going away 63-42.

Next, the Highlanders had to contend with first seeded St. Vincent, who had been undefeated in

the district during the regular season, including a 26-point blowout against Houghton. This time, the team hung tough and took it down to the wire before coming up just shy by the score of 79-71. Stacia Dagwell was top gun with twenty-four points, backed up by Lori Sheetz who finished with sixteen.

These two games, which Lord considered to be the finest basketball they had played all year, finished off an excellent season in which the team was ranked number one in the district in overall defense. Lord was very happy with their first year in the district and felt that they peaked at the right time, and had great balance as a team. He is looking forward to next year with great optimism because, except for Sharon Wills who is graduating, all his players are returning, including Laurie Wynn and Stacia Dagwell who were both given All-District Honorable mention recognition. Congratulations to them, and to the whole team on a fine season. ☆

Houghton Men's Volleyballers Scrimmage Genesee Community College

by Dan Noyes

The Houghton men's volleyball club is not afraid of a challenge. They undertook a great one when they asked Genesee Community College to scrimmage them here at the illustrious Houghton Dome. Houghton's first-year team showed no sign of being intimidated as they played a squad with more experience and height.

Houghton led at the start of the first game only to be overtaken and overpowered by a 6'7" jackhammer from Genesee. The second game followed suit while the third came very close to going Houghton's way, with superb play by Nathan Ransil, setter Jody Hildreth, and the always intense Keith Lynip.

Though they lost the match, the men showed that their 6:30 a.m. practices are paying off and that they will be competitive even though it is their first year playing as a team. The crowd on hand provided ample mayhem and the majority of the fans would have agreed with Jody Hildreth when he told his team after the match, "We showed them some good volleyball."

Hopefully we'll be seeing the same for years to come. ☆



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(Delectable Idiocies of My Youth and Times)

A Four-Part Study in Four Parts

by W. Randy Hoffman

As a general introduction:

While at Houghton I have been continuously struck by the fact that Baby Boomers have nothing on my generation for waxing nostalgic about their childhood years. Mention one thing even moderately more-than-locally-known that you either enjoyed or hated about growing up during the Strange Seventies and you soon have a spirited conversation going that usually doesn't abate until somebody mentions Slime with Eyeballs, the murder of the foil-wrapped TV dinner (e.g. Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, diced carrots, and apple cobbler) by the avenging newborn microwave, or "Funkytown" by Lipps, Inc. Being an elder statesman of 23, I have the advantage on most of you underclassmen suckling babes in that very few of you will recall such joys as cranking up a friction-powered Evel Knievel and launching him straight down the stairs or such agonies as having Saturday morning cartoons pre-empted by Watergate hearings. So, in a last spasm of memory fever, I'll present to the world some of my more cogent observations about certain important concerns of growing up naive and gullible in the Baby Bust.

Part I: Breakfast Cereals

Oh yeah, gotta love those bowls of gut-rot our parents fed us every morning before anybody told them they ought to know better. No oat bran back in '75. This was the era of the "I Can't Believe I Ate the Whole Thing" Alka-Seltzer commercial; Richard Simmons was still pleasingly plump and Fat Albert was romping unchecked across the TV screens of America (courtesy Afro-bedecked Mr. Bill Cosby). If a cereal had the word "sugar" in its name, so much the better—a sure hit with the kids. But slowly and insidiously slim got to be mandatory instead of optional and Aids—the appetite suppressant candy—became nationally recognized. Calories were out, which meant sweet was out, or at least "sugar" was. Marketing tests turned up negative psychological reactions by shopping mothers to that particular word, I guess, and cereals I knew and loved started to warp and change. SUGAR FROSTED FLAKES became plain old FROSTED FLAKES; the same thing happened to

SUGAR CORN POPS. SUGAR SMACKS would henceforth be HONEY SMACKS; Dig 'Em, the frog ad mascot, almost bit the dust. Finally the last holdout, SUPER SUGAR CRISP, was corrupted into SUPER GOLDEN CRISP (even shiny gold box, arrrrgh) and its mascot, the cunning and friendly Sugar Bear, was injection-molded into Super Bear and started punching out alligators. What would today's breakfast environment be like without this trend, I wonder? SUGAR GRAHAMS...SUGAR & NUT CHEERIOS...NUT & SUGAR CRUNCH ("What's that you're eating, soldier?" "Nut 'n' Sugar"—see, it still works!)... Too bad, really; among other things, the taboo means that cartoon Calvin's favorite cereal, CHOCOLATE FROSTED SUGAR BOMBS, will probably never make the leap from Bill Watterson's distilled memory onto your local grocery shelf. Bite 'em, Hobbes!

It's also pleasant to remember the bowl-fillers and animated spokescreatures I was fond of that are no longer with us. Do you remember that Tony the Tiger had a son, Tony, Jr. (Mrs. Tony rarely if ever seen) who pitched FROSTED RICE? Somewhere along the line young Tony must have either run off and joined the Army or been turned into a tiger fur stole. (Bite 'em again, Hobbes!) Long before POP TARTS went "So Hot They're Cool" their virtues were extolled by a kinder, gentler Milton the Toaster. I was around when the third "Monster" cereal, BOOBERRY, joined its brothers, FRANK-ENBERRY and COUNT CHOCULA; and I remember the fourth, FRUIT BRUTE, which howled for a year or two and then was put to sleep. Interestingly enough, though BOOBERRY just recently gave up the ghost, the fruit idea has in the meantime been resurrected as FRUITY YUMMY MUMMY (gag me with a sarcophagus). Then of course there were the three little swabs in Cap'n Crunch's old crew, who sailed around with him and Martha the White Whale, mascot for the long-gone VANILLA CRUNCH, forever outwitting the pirate Jean LaFoot, who adorned boxes of CINNAMON CRUNCH. Peering far back into the mists of time, there was QUISP cereal and the propeller-headed alien who was its namesake. Quisp originally had a rival, a space hero with his own cereal, whom he was forever beating in the

paces which constituted their joint TV commercials. This is probably part of the reason why QUISP stayed on the market so much longer. I'll pay a crisp greenback to anyone who can resupply my dimmed faculties with the name of that erstwhile space hero and his grainy ambrosia.

While I'm mentioning ancient food services, let me spend a fast moment on fast food. Before such oddities as fish sandwiches started cropping up at burger joints like McDonald's there was the quaint little anemic chain called Burger Chef. Recall for a sec, if you can, the tall-hatted Chef character and his geeky-apprentice-in-the-art-of-ground-beef-preparation Jeff. Oh, and we mustn't forget that palace of sloppy sandwiches in cardboard cylinders called Winky's, whose slogan was, "We make you happy to be hungry!" Apparently by the mid-70's the only people they were making happy to be hungry were the bondholders and the bankrupt lawyers. And those appeal-to-kids characters! I never had a McDonaldland playset, but I was always fond of Mayor McCheese, the policeburger Big Mac (early casualty—adults don't order big sandwiches for kids), the Goblins (makeover—now the Fry Guys), and the Grimace's green cousin O'Grimacey who came by each year when Shamrock Shake time rolled around. Speaking of the lovable purple guy, he was originally a villain, the Evil Grimace. (Harder to imagine than Scooby-Doo taking an axe to Shaggy, isn't it?) And Burger King had their own ripoffs for a while in the screen persons of the "magical" Burger King himself and the sceptical Duke of Doubt, who had a nose longer than Bob Hope's and Richard Nixon's put together. Will those days ever return? "I doubt it!"

I won't take the time here to comment on breakfast cereal jingles and slogans, which could easily take up more space than a panel of nutritional information (though these weren't quite so comprehensive twenty years ago). And lest you think my fondness for these boxes of lightly baked things solely rests on the mesmerizing effect of TV commercials, I'll point out that, just like you, I fished around in their depths to collect complete sets of plastic friction-strip racers, plastic baking-soda divers, plastic pull-twist-launch propellers that would fly up into the rain gutter, and plastic glow-in-the-dark anything.

Lastly, let me bid a firm farewell to the most misguided cereal product I currently remember, the little green cannon wheels in the clown-motif box, the embarrassment of childhood called KABOOMS. As anyone who ever sampled these delicacies can tell you, their unusual dark green color was provided by an indigestible dye that would always show up a day or two later in the toilet as a green haze around No. 2's. Ah, me. Sometimes change is for the better. ☆

THE WHITE DWARF

by M.L. Taylor

Trot Poll

As the coming CUTS are imminent upon this institution of higher learning that we refer to as Houghton, I would like to have some sort of response as to what the masses think of all this riff by posing a few simple questions in multiple choice form.

Please answer as frankly as possible and return your answers to us in care of me.

1. Out of all of the positions, faculty and staff, which would be most advantageous to cut from the budget?
 - a. a biology professor
 - b. a languages and literature professor
 - c. a sociology professor
 - d. a Board member or two
 - e. the Dean of Students
2. Which should not be a factor in the budget cuts?
 - a. the student/professor ratio
 - b. family size of professors
 - c. lack of interest in a specific major
 - d. the fact that a major is doing just peachy compared to others
 - e. money
3. Which should not be a factor in what positions are cut?
 - a. tenure
 - b. experience
 - c. knowledge
 - d. a first-rate, highly acclaimed, top-notch biology department
 - e. the Beatitudes
4. If it was your choice, would you cut the sociology major?
 - a. yes
 - b. no
 - c. I refuse to answer due to the lack of parochial attitudes I pride myself on fostering and I have no intention of being responsible for the next Bolshevik revolution
 - d. We have a sociology major here?
 - e. I don't know, ask him
5. If Latin classes are cut, will you be disappointed?
 - a. Sí
 - b. Nein
 - c. C'est la vie
 - d. E pluribus unum
 - e. Veni Vidi Vici
6. Out of the following choices, which would be a wise choice?
 - a. eliminate the field hockey team
 - b. eliminate women's soccer
 - c. eliminate track & field
 - d. eliminate home games
 - e. eliminate the chartered bus trips to Florida, complete with on-site bathing suit contests, over Christmas break
7. If there was to be a severe reduction in spending to be made over the next few years, what should it be?
 - a. no new taxes
 - b. no more sliding dorms
 - c. no more moving buildings across the street
 - d. no contracting for demolition on perfectly sound structures
 - e. you mean it takes money to run this place?
8. If need be, would you eliminate chapel expenses by
 - a. hiring less renowned speakers?
 - b. shortening the chapel week?
 - c. boycotting chapel?
 - d. charging admission?
 - e. ELIMINATING CHAPEL?
9. Would you consider a tuition raise if some of the proposed-to-be-cut positions and classes could be retained?
 - a. heck, yeah
 - b. yeah
 - c. yeah, sure, I guess
 - d. which ones are going to be cut, again?
 - e. heck, no. I'm not a biology, sociology, OR education major.
10. If you had the choice, would you
 - a. care?
 - b. do something or say something about all of this?
 - c. give?
 - d. eliminate?
 - e. sit back, relax, and watch the axe fall?

that man behind the curtain

Love and Power

First, you take this guy. He seems pretty quiet. He's thirtysomething. He's probably got really long hair and a beard. He's naked. People are laughing at him. He's nailed to a piece of wood. He's God Almighty, the Creator of the Universe. Remember him? He's the guy that was kicking butts and taking names all throughout the Old Testament. What happened, you ask? How did *He* come to such a terrible, painful, and downright stupid end?

Of course, all of you good little boys and girls out there can quote the Sunday school explanation. We've all been told that God had to die in order to reconcile the relationship between humanity and God. I disagree. Certainly something was needed to bridge the gap between humanity and God, but it could have been anything. God doesn't follow the rules, God makes them. All the Presbyterians in the place can tell you that God's plan of salvation has existed throughout time. It's not like God barreled through the Old Testament, and then came up with this crucifixion thing. From the Fall on down, God *chose* blood sacrifice. God *chose* death on the cross. God *chose* powerlessness. This is no accident.

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My Sunday school always focused on the pain of crucifixion. What was never addressed was the powerlessness of the cross. The weakest thing a human being can do is to be killed, and crucifixion is a particularly weak and powerless way of dying. The cross is a symbol of weakness and humiliation. In God's eyes, the crucifixion serves three purposes. One, it announces

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God's forgiveness of humanity for its lack of trust. Two, it brings about the reconciliation of humanity to God. Lastly, and this is the one that my Sunday school teacher always seemed to forget, the crucifixion of God Almighty, the Creator of the Universe is the greatest lesson humanity has ever received about the true nature of God.

Martin Luther claimed that humanity, through its efforts to know God, had developed a "theology of glory." This theology seeks to define God through the values of humanity. Thus, according to Luther, humanity sees God as powerful because humans desire power. Luther proposed that humanity should have a "theology of the cross." This theology sees God not as we would have God, but where God is,

as expressed on the cross. In other words, all of our mental pictures of God "in all His glory" are inoperable. God on the cross is a weak, powerless, and suffering God.

Now is probably a good time to tell you that I believe the opposite of love to be power. In any relationship, those who love the least have the most power. Think back to your

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high school dating experiences. We never wanted to admit that we felt in love with or even liked him or her because that would give him or her power. We didn't want them to have the power because we wanted it. We didn't feel safe enough to love, so we settled for power. Unfortunately, this doesn't end with high school. This love/power dichotomy exists in every romantic, family, or friendly relationship that I have ever encountered, save one. It is only in my relationship with God that I can ever feel totally safe, for on the cross God forever destroyed the human construction of power and replaced it with pure love. Love that was willing to be weak. Love that accepts me in my weakness. Love that cannot be manipulated. It is this love that allows us, begs us to no longer settle for power. It is this love that asks us not to become important or successful, but to wash each other's feet. It is this love that commands that we take up *our* cross, and follow.

Peace, Love, and Understanding,
Rand

Tweedledee & Tweedledumb



by James L. Terwilliger & David N. Walker III

Hi, this is TweedleDumb. My brother Dee couldn't make it today. And I wanted to talk to you about a few pertinent things.

The topic has to do with Christian Perfection, and our understanding of ethics within this society. This is triggered by a few things. The first is a proposal put before the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA (of which I am a member). The proposal has to do with legislation which would allow homosexual members to be ordained for ministry. Please don't get me wrong; I'm not attempting a statement about persons who are practicing (or non-practicing) homosexuals.

The point I wish to make ties into ethics. What I see happening within the churches of America (not only my denomination) is a selling out of our ethics. I mean to say that we are becoming more willing to tolerate actions, attitudes, and beliefs which do not conform to what is considered basic to Christianity. There was a time in our past when, were I a Baptist and you a Methodist (male and female), we would be shunned if we were found to be courting each other. Now we allow the people who decide upon the church's understanding of scriptural

doctrine to discuss the merits of allowing non-Biblical actions (such as adultery) to persist.

I wish to say that I believe in working with people one on one and I understand that we will not be made perfect until we see Christ, but I feel we have a duty to preserve and live up to the level of ethics expressed by the Bible.

You may be asking what I believe—so here it is:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

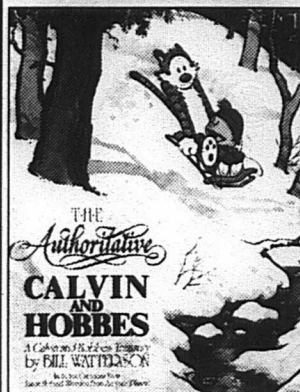
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Apostles' Creed)

Thanks, Lana. ☆

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Dear Dave and Ivan:

Several issues back, the *Star* carried an article about an outstanding young lady, Charlene Kliever, which indicated that Charlene single-handedly runs Allegany county Outreach (ACO). In truth, Charlene anchors the planning of several ACO parties each semester, but we should also recognize the rest of the ACO cabinet, all of whom play key roles in ACO's ministry to kids: Wendy Thronsen, president; Jamie MacCallum, president-elect; Paula Bigham and Pat Buckwalter, visitation organizers; Lisa Farringer, secretary; Jim Harshman, treasurer; Andy Bontempo and Keith Felsted, transportation managers; and Deb Frase and Kim Roberts, who aid Charlene in party-planning. Collectively this team serves more than 100 kids of northern Allegany County, and an equal number of college students, by coordinating the ACO program of weekly visitation, on-campus parties, and other activities such as field trips to Buffalo or Rochester. All students involved in ACO deserve our hearty commendation and encouragement.

Sincerely,
Ray Horst
Advisor to ACO



To all of the H.C. horsemen/women:

I'm writing to an unidentified student who chose to ride a horse on

our campus paths sometime around the chapel hour last week.

Please, either keep these creatures off of the major walkways, or bring a shovel with you on your expeditions. Apparently, your beast lost control of its anal sphincter in front of the library, and a number of other places on campus.

Please show some respect for your fellow students, since the majority of us prefer not to wade through excrement on our way around Houghton's footpaths.

Thank You,
Robert W. Van Wicklin



Dear Friends:

Thank you for your cooperation during the power outage. Thanks for using caution and good sense as you roamed around the residence halls, houses, and other campus buildings. Because of your care, there were no accidents causing emergencies. Because of your willingness to work with the Student Development staff, we could rest knowing you were safe.

Your willingness to understand and follow guidelines, especially concerning non burning candles, kept us all much safer. It is unfortunate that someone in a residence hall at Roberts Wesleyan College did not choose to exercise the same good judgment by not burning candles. There was a major fire in one of their residence halls. Fortunately, no one was injured.

I also thank you for making an adventure out of what was inconvenient, cold, and sometimes frightening. It was your cooperation and positive spirit that kept us safe and enabled us to maintain the adventuresome spirit.

Very sincerely,
Dianne Janes

OPEN MEMO TO: Professor Brian Sayers

FROM: Professor Emeritus Ed Willet

Dear Brian:

Professor Jeff Spear, indeed, made some "nice shots" (your words) to prompt you to "weigh in" (my words). (*Star*, Feb. 15, 1991), and (*Star*, March 1, 1991).

Business majors would have no problem with an "upper level" philosophy course after surviving six hours of economics, but I would recommend that philosophy majors take at least one three-hour course in economics at the "Principles" level.

This arrangement would solve your "philosophical problem," since as you are aware, economics is a "liberal arts" first cousin of philosophy, via Aristotle, Albertus Magnus, Thomas Aquinas, David Hume, and Adam Smith. But also remember that, after Christ returns, there will be no need for economics (no relatively scarce resources), or philosophy (no more unanswerable questions).

Sorry you and I did not find time to teach a team course which we might have entitled "Varieties of Economic Philosophies."

Kind regards,
Ed



Dear Houghton:

I really enjoyed Professor Spear's letter in the *Star* on Feb. 15, 1991. I know what he was getting at, but I agree with the letter totally! As a student, just coming out of the business major, I saw what the major was like. (Let me say right now that I am not speaking of any particular business prof or student but the general group.) From what I observed, the business major and students are working for an

Mail

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earthly kingdom, not a heavenly kingdom.

I personally know this to be true. I grew up in a Christian home all my life, but I was not truly redeemed by the blood of Jesus until October 14, 1986. After this I got involved in business because of a certain character on television. (I think most of you know who I am referring to. His initials are APK.) I came to college with the intent of majoring in business and making a million bucks. I followed this path my freshman year. I was living and working for an earthly kingdom.

God changed me last year second semester. I was having a really bad week and all of my "self-help" tapes did not work. I opened my devotions for that day. You know what the title was: "The Rich Man Who Went to Hell." It was about the rich man in Luke 16. I read that and I knew what my problem was. I went out to the stream by South Hall. I sat down and started crying. I said "God, I give you my life, all of it. It is not much but I am sick and tired of living my life for myself. I want to live for you." That prayer changed my life forever. Now, I can't say that after I prayed, the heavens opened before me and I was changed in an instant. However, my attitude changed. I no longer wanted to earn a million bucks a week, I wanted (honestly) to live for Jesus. Today, with God's help, I am *trying* to work for a heavenly kingdom, and I love it! I even dropped my business major and switched to the low income Chris-

tian communication major. But that's all right because, for now, that's where God wants me. You don't have to have money to be a success. Being successful means living in God's will for your life.

I am not writing this to brag about myself but that Jesus may be glorified. From what I see, many students at this college, not just business majors, are following down the same path I was following. You are living for an earthly kingdom, not a heavenly one. Now, I know that in college our careers are important. But I challenge you to ask yourself this: "Am I living for Jesus, or am I living for my career?" Are you working for an earthly kingdom or for God's heavenly Kingdom?

In His Service,
Mike Warwick
Psalm 19:14



Xvxn though this typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works vxry wxll, xxcept for onx kxy. You'd think that with all thx othxr kxys working, onx kxy would hardly bx noticxd. But

just onx kxy out of whack sxxms to ruin thx wholx xffort.

Havx you vxvr said to yoursxlf, "I'm only onx pxrson. No one will noticx if I don't do my bxst." But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx, bxcausx to bx xffxtivx, a family, an organization, or a businxss nxxds compltx participation by vxvryonx to thx bxst of his or hxr ability.

So if you'rx having onx of thosx days whxn you think you just arxn't vxry important and you'rx txmptxd to slack off, rxmxbmr this old typxwritxr. You arx a kxy pxrson, and whxn you don't do your bxst, nothing xlsx around you works out thx way it's supposxd to.

Gracx Van Pattxn

OOPS, WE GOOFED...

In our last issue we inadvertently misspelled Brette Kinney's name in David Wheeler's Public Reactions article on page 6. Our sincere apologies to Brette.

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KING RALPH

BY RANDY HOFFMAN

KING RALPH (PG-13)

☆☆

Recommendation: No need to get worked up about this coronation.

Approval: John Goodman fans will clap for the Royal Seal, but non-fans will probably just throw fish.

Capsule Comment: Imagine having a wienie roast in a china shop and you've got the general idea.

For many years, my pastor father has used as a humorous illustration for being adopted into the family of God the possibilities of being called on to become the new King of England. "When the last King died, I waited around by the phone for them to call me, but they never did..." (Classic wit copyright 1966, 1969, 1974, 1980, 1987, 1990 by Dad.) As is made abundantly clear by the TV ads for this movie, however, "Warning: American on the Throne" is exactly the premise that the filmmakers want you the viewer to swallow. Now, before I begin my actual analysis of this stirring theme, let it pass as a mere aside to note that if you think for a minute about the carriage-loads of titled relatives who showed up for the Prince Chuckie / Dollface Di nuptials, it becomes obvious that a terrorist organization would have to X off half of the names in Mashie and Spawther's UK Bigwig Index before the right to the throne of Great Britain fell to an American commoner, but, as I said, that's merely an aside.

A British peerage falling to an unsuspecting fellow from the less fashionable side of the Atlantic...sounds like LITTLE

LORD FAUNTLEROY, but Freddie Bartholomew's Caddy is to John Goodman's Ralph as a plate of Boston *haute cuisine* is to a thirty-tray Microwave Banquet. The setup works this-a-way: 1) electrical accident turns royal family photo shoot into Buckingham Fried Chicken, or maybe Electro Cute Salon; 2) genealogical investigation turns up pathetic Las Vegas piano man named Ralph as last surviving member of the "House of Wyndham" (guess they didn't want to imply any association with the real House of Windsor—or the real world in general, for that matter); 3) the plaid-flannel-wearing-beer-guzzling schmoe moves into the palace; and 4) two long-suffering royal aides take up the task of trying to turn him into a king, with "hilarious hijinks for all!" filling the screen. In Goodman's case, at least 70% of the screen.

First comes the "crown in the bathtub" routine. Then the "king goes to the girlie bar" routine. Then the "jukebox and drum set in the royal bedroom" routine. Then the "king swings from the ceiling of the stable by his safety harness like an out-of-control wrecking ball while attempting to learn horsemanship" routine. Droll, eh, Chauncey? Have some more. How about the "king does unnecessary surgery with his sword" routine? And the "king bowls on his bedroom bowling lane and knocks over a priceless vase" routine? Skillfully imitating the modern British trend, the comedy in this film is creative and cerebral.

Did I forget to mention that little trifle, a plot? Among its end-

less stock of surprises, this picture does indeed have one, which mainly revolves around King Ralph I's attempts to have a relationship with this beautiful, kind, and decent young woman whom he meets at the girlie bar (I am forced to retract my statement about the film having no association with the real world, obviously). The Complication: as a commonerish-type person of less-than-ideal background, Ralph's main squeeze just isn't Queen material and therefore he has really got to stop seeing her one of these days or the scandal sheets will find out and publish the news all the way from Cornwall to Pago Pago. This very event is what a nasty Lord Somebody-or-Other is trying to engineer, to force the king from his throne; it turns out he will then take Ralph's place, being the last surviving member of the House of Stuart (who really did rule England before the Windsors, making such a scheme theoretically conceivable—if you count the fact that the Stuarts are all dead only so far as to presume no one's going to be filing any slander or defamation charges this side of the tombs in Westminster Abbey).

I don't think Mr. Goodman is a bad actor, providing he is able and willing to be cast in something with more vital essence and less tea. But for this movie I think the producers stuck him in exactly the role they wanted: a big ol' puppy dog rompin' around stuffy ol' London Town, demonstratin' (in the grand tradition of provincial American egotism) how much more satisfyin' anything Yankee is than any pale Redcoatsy imitation, and makin' like droopy-ears whenever he does somethin' bad. Actually, toward the end, the picture itself takes on the same sort of amiable puppy-doggish quality, mustering up the kind of feeling and honesty that it needs to rescue itself from complete blatherdom; it's a shame that the film's Crown Jewels happen to be a few sensitive moments buried under a mountain of cheap laughs. Not that it would have been easy to make this script over into MR. SMITH GOES TO PARLIAMENT, but they might have tried.

Polo, Chauncey? I get to carry the ball first!

Bryan Duncan is unique among short, white vocalists in that he has a quality none of the rest have—and that's soul. Duncan's fine voice has the deep and emotional sound characteristic of soul singers that is hard to describe. That distinctive trait plays a prominent part in his new work *Anonymous Confessions of a Lunatic Friend*.

The first song on this album could have been made solely to prove the thesis I present in the first paragraph of this review. Its called "Sunday Go to Meetin'" and it showcases the soul sound Duncan employs so well. Another good song is "We All Need" which conveys a fine message that is so true: "We all feel lost sometimes and we all feel hurt

inside, and we all cry, and we all need the redeeming love of Jesus." The gospel singers in the background make it sound even better. "Lunatic Friend" is another favorable song that tells the story of a guy who is ostensibly looking for help for a friend who is having spiritual problems when actually he is the one who needs the help. "I'm not looking for me you understand . . . it's for my lunatic friend."

This album finds its finest moment on "Leave Your Light On (Hopeless Moon)," a song about the loneliness life often brings and how the love of God, and through Him the love of friends, can save you. "I love you darlin' don't give up too soon. / The light of love will find this

hopeless moon. / I pray the God of love His light to shine, / illuminate this lonely heart of mine."

The downside to this album comes at "Puttin' in the Good Word" and "Mr. Bailey's Daughter" which both contain rap sequences. It thus logically follows that these two songs have little potential to be good. "Mr. Bailey's Daughter" does contain some good lyrics; nevertheless, the rap elements render it unbearable for me to listen to.

Overall, Bryan Duncan has produced a good album, even though it has a few problems. My advice to him would be to throw away this rap idea. It wastes space.

Rating: ☆☆☆

on the RECORD

by Jamie Lindsay

Anon. Confessions of a Lunatic Friend (Bryan Duncan)
The Soul Cages (Sting)

RATINGS

- ☆☆☆☆☆ Classic
- ☆☆☆☆ Excellent
- ☆☆☆ Good
- ☆☆ OK
- ☆ Lousy
- Irredeemable

Ever since Sting started his solo career and parted company with fellow Police-men and music greats Andy Summers (guitarist) and Stewart Copeland (drummer), he has experimented with a variety of different musical genres. His first two solo albums had a definite jazz influence along with the variations on the reggae sound that he developed with the Police, most memorably on "Spirits in the Material World." However, on his new album *The Soul Cages*, Sting seems to be venturing into new musical territory that is somewhat hard to define.

The album starts off with the type of song that musically defines much of the album. "Island of Souls" employs not only orchestration, but also rather ethereal keyboards and a very interesting bagpipe-like instrument called the Northumbrian Pipes. The effect of this combination helps portray the alienation and loneliness this track presents

extremely well. The next song, "All This Time," is probably the most pop-accessible song on the whole album. This work addresses a religious skepticism Sting has often written about. "Blessed are the poor, for they shall inherit the earth. Better to be poor than be a fat man in the eye of a needle." These lyrics attack the idea in Christianity that its better to be poor than to be rich, yet Christians are among the richest people in the world and they hypocritically do not do a lot for the poor. That is indeed a painful thought, but unfortunately very true when one considers the plenty that exists in many Christianity-based countries as opposed to the rest of the world.

The finest selection on this album is similar to "All This Time" and it is called "Jeremiah Blues (Part I)." The title refers to the prophet of the same name in the Old Testament. This track looks at the world from Jeremiah's perspective

as a prophet who bears the bad tidings of the world's problems and the people's sin's and no one listens. "Every place around the world it seemed the same, can't hear the rhythm for the drums. Everybody wants to look the other way, when something wicked this way comes."

The Soul Cages contains many other good songs including "Mad About You" and a delightful instrumental called "Saint Agnes and the Burning Train." The album is not without flaws, as one will notice in the musically confusing "Wild, Wild, Sea" and the lyrically confusing "When the Angels Fall." Still it is a very good effort on Sting's part. His voice is one of the best in popular music, and here he sounds characteristically good. The musicians on the album all sound very good, especially superb saxophonist Branford Marsalis. Its been four years since Sting's last album and he certainly has not lost his touch.

Rating: ☆☆☆ 1/2

I INTRODUCED THE DAME TO A FRIEND WHO'S VERY CLOSE TO MY HEART. JUST A LITTLE DOWN AND LEFT, TO BE SPECIFIC.



MY FRIEND IS AN ELOQUENT SPEAKER. HE MADE THREE PROFOUND ARGUMENTS WHILE I EXCUSED MYSELF FROM THE ROOM. I ALWAYS LEAVE WHEN THE TALK GETS PHILOSOPHICAL.



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YOU'RE IN **REAL** TROUBLE NOW, YOUNG MAN!!



I'D JUST FINISHED PUTTING THE PUZZLE PIECES TOGETHER WHEN THE DAME'S HIRED GOON JUMPED OUT OF NOWHERE AND PRACTICED FOR HIS CHIROPRACTIC DEGREE.



WHEN HE WAS DONE, AN ALL-PERCUSSION SYMPHONY WAS PLAYING IN MY HEAD, AND THE ACOUSTICS WERE INCREDIBLE. THE ORCHESTRA WENT ON A TEN-CITY TOUR OF MY BRAIN, AND I HAD A SEASON PASS WITH FRONT ROW SEATS.



I HAD FIGURED OUT WHO TRASHED THE DAME'S LIVING ROOM, BUT SINCE SHE WASN'T MY CLIENT ANY MORE, I FELT NO NEED TO DIVULGE THE INFORMATION.



BESIDES, THE CULPRIT HAPPENED TO BE A BUDDY OF MINE. I CLOSED THE CASE.



I GUESS WE SHOULD'VE PLAYED OUTSIDE, HUH?

YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK MATH IS A SCIENCE. I THINK IT'S A RELIGION.



A RELIGION?

YEAH. ALL THESE EQUATIONS ARE LIKE MIRACLES. YOU TAKE TWO NUMBERS AND WHEN YOU ADD THEM, THEY MAGICALLY BECOME ONE **NEW** NUMBER! NO ONE CAN SAY HOW IT HAPPENS. YOU EITHER BELIEVE IT OR YOU DON'T.



THIS WHOLE BOOK IS FULL OF THINGS THAT HAVE TO BE ACCEPTED ON FAITH! IT'S A RELIGION!



AND IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS NO LESS. CALL A LAWYER.



AS A MATH ATHEIST, I SHOULD BE EXCUSED FROM THIS.



THE THRILL OF THE CHASE IS SO DIMINISHED WHEN ONE'S PREY HAS LITTLE LEGS.



OH, I'M **REAL** SORRY!

