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## Fire Department Stages Disaster At Gao Ambulance Worker Evaluates Outcome

by Esther Schultz

On Monday, October 16, at 7:10 p.m., Gao dorm's third floor became the setting for a mock disaster. Twenty-seven residents of that dorm were "inflicted" with injuries while five fire companies (Rushford, Belfast, Fillmore, Caneadea and Houghton) came to their aid.

Craig Long, who has had five years of ambulance experience both with paid and volunteer squads, is also Houghton's Student Assistant Training Officer. He was not only the evaluator of that drill but he was also in charge of "making up" the patients in the mock disaster.

**Q. What was the purpose of this mock disaster and did it, in your eyes, fulfill its intended purpose?**

In a real fire, you are going to have a certain amount of confusion. The purpose of a drill is to eliminate the confusion and help to develop a standard operating procedure in regard to a dorm tragedy. I do believe this drill did fulfill this purpose even though one can never stop learning in these situations.

**Q. After watching the "injured parties" dropped, dragged and tripped over... How qualified do you feel these individuals are in dealing with a disaster?**

Nearly all members of the Houghton Volunteer Ambulance Squad, including myself, are Emergency Medical Technicians. This means that they must spend 81 hours of classroom and practical time in this area and must pass a written exam qualifying them to become E.M.T.s.

I can't really speak for the other squads but according to New York State Law, no one can ride in an ambulance without First

Aid Training, the minimum of which is Red Cross Advanced First Aid and training in C.P.R.

**Q. Did you feel that the students took the drill more seriously than the fire departments?**

First of all, I would like to give my personal thanks to all the guys who participated. Their acting was extremely effective and they were also very cooperative in giving 100%.

In dealing with the question, I seriously believe our ambulance squad gave 100% as far as the treatment of patients was concerned. The drill did prove, however the need for more Ambulance personnel.

**Q. I noticed that you had written over a page of comments (mostly negative) before the drill was well underway. What do you feel were the major areas of difficulty?**

I feel we were severely hampered by the number of E.M.T.'s

get patients down the stairs.

**Q. Was there any positive feedback from the Gao guys concerning their treatment in this disaster?**

No, but one thing important to note is that this mock disaster was for most of the students, if not all, a first-time experience. One must realize that confusion breeds in any disaster, especially a dorm fire.

**Q. Do you feel the Gao guys have a right to be upset?**

Yes and no. People expect professional and immediate care of all injured parties at a disaster, but we must realize that that ideal First Aid situation is not possible. In a fire of that magnitude, lives probably are going to be lost. But then again, the students have every right to be treated as legitimate patients.

Personally, I would like to see this drill re-acted. In this way, we could go over areas which



Photo by Chester Ng

## Who's Who Students Named Scholarship, Service Noted

Each year several students, from among the Juniors, Seniors, and graduate students, are nominated by Houghton College for "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Nominations are done by the college early in the fall and sent to the Who's Who organization which then does the final selections in March and April this next year.

Initial nominations are made by each division chairman, the Student Senate cabinet, and the Student Development Staff — each giving four or five names to the final selection committee. This latter group, composed of nine people is responsible for narrowing the nominees to the quota that has been assigned to our college based upon our present enrollment. These nine people include the Student Senate President, two faculty members (Junior class advisors), one staff member (appointed by the Staff President), the Dean of Students, the Director of Student Activities, two students selected by the Senate President, and the Associate Dean of Students acting as Chairman.

There are four main criteria for selection, as follows:

- 1) Scholarship ability
- 2) Participation and leadership in academic and extra-curricular activities
- 3) Citizenship and service to the school

4) Potential for future achievement

It's a tough decision, but the nominees were narrowed down to the quota of twelve names. Those selected for this honor are:

Sharon Boyd  
Cynthia Chryzan  
Timothy Fuller  
Timothy Hutton  
Joan Keller  
Kevin Knowlton  
Mark Lindley  
Diane Risk  
Terry Slye  
Jeffrey Spear  
David Tideman  
David White

Congratulations to each of you!

## Experts Will Discuss Child Abuse To Analyze Parent-Child Rights

by David Tideman & Joan Keller

How far does the right of parents to punish their children really go? What are the legal rights of children in a family situation? What are the responsibilities of the individual in reporting suspected cases of child abuse? The Houghton College Community will be considering this important topic this Tuesday, Nov. 7th, as the focus of Current Issues Day.

Tuesday morning, a representative from Parents Anonymous of Toronto, Diana Bennett, will be presenting the basics of the issue. The afternoon session will

include an attorney from Fillmore, David Pullen, who will present a local perspective on the issue. Also on the program will be a nurse and counselor from Wellsville, both of whom have been directly involved in child abuse cases.

By way of introduction to the problem, Monday's chapel will include a presentation of the film "Fragile: Handle With Care," narrated by Bill Cosby. The Current Issues committee hopes that the effect of the entire day will change our apathetic attitude towards this growing problem.



Volunteer rescue squad in action.

Photo courtesy of Boulder

that were on the squad who were out of town that night and weren't there to participate. Then again, looking at this realistically, we might not have the whole crew there if we should ever have a real disaster.

Secondly, certain members didn't take the drill as seriously as I would have liked. Regardless of the fact that it was only a drill, we should have acted as if it was the real thing in order for us to have used our skills to their fullest potential.

Thirdly, the structure of the dorm itself made it extremely difficult for the stretchers and other transportation equipment. There is extremely poor clearance around the dorm's stairways, making it hard for the squads to

could have caused us some problems, and help restore confidence in the fire department's ability.

A Gao third floor "victim" stated, "Well, I learned one thing from that drill. I now have a rope in my room that reaches from my window to the ground!"

There is definitely a need to restore confidence in the fire department's ability to deal with this type of situation. The only remaining question is; would a second "mock disaster" just prove to be another disaster?

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Space will be reserved in next week's STAR for comments and letters from any interested community members concerning the issues presented in this article.



# Editorial

My conscience hath a thousand several tongues  
And every tongue brings in a several tale,  
And every tale condemns me for a villain.

Shakespeare  
Richard III

Since a number of letters have come in this week, I shall not suffer our readers to plow through an editorial for this issue. Read the letters. They speak for themselves.

Charlotte M. Dexter

## 1978 Star letters policy

The *Star* welcomes comments and letters to the Editor from students, faculty, administration, staff and any other interested persons. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and submitted to the *Star* office by the Tuesday evening of the week of publication. All letters will be printed as originally submitted. The Editor reserves the right to withhold any letters which might be deemed slanderous.

### "The Grossest of the Gross"

Dear Charlotte:

After viewing my first East Hall Miss Ugly Contest I am both, shocked and dismayed at the sheer baseness of portions of the show. The descriptions of various bodily functions in questionable words has no place on a Christian college campus or in a Christian's life. There is no justification for such secularism.

I can find no better suited word than "gross" to describe two of the acts I witnessed. Unfortunately one of the two won first place as "Beast of East." Perhaps a better title would have been "The Grossest of the Gross." In the case of the winner I feel particularly distressed. The creativity of the make-up and costume alone probably could have assured a ticket to first place. Was it necessary for the theme of the act to be based on the problems of a flatulent rabbit? Did the other contestant have to sing about the intricacies of nasal discharge? I think not. A humor-

ous song about the disadvantages of her foot long banana-like nose could have been just as funny without being offensive.

A satiric look at the glossy flesh peddling of the Great American Beauty Contest has many possi-



bilities. We need not scrape the sewers for material and use the Miss Ugly Contest as a vehicle for running in the gutters of worldliness.

Joyce Stoffers

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# Viewpoint

## Problem-shelving Device Offends Christian Brother

Dear Editor:

I have a problem. My problem is about a principle (device) that we Christians use to solve problems. The principle is stated thus: "We should not do anything that offends our brother or causes him to stumble." I take it, it is because of this principle that we don't, say, play cards at Houghton, because it offends the trustees and the alumni (you know, the people who "pay" for things like the gymnasium)

Well, I am convinced that those who use this principle real-

### The Plus and Minus of it All

Ms. Charlotte:

Thank you for the opportunity to enter into the seething cauldron of intellectual debate here at Houghton through the *Viewpoint* column. I wish to address myself to the fine Academic Affairs Report by Mr. Walker included in the *Star's* latest issue.

So as not to confound the "popcorn mentality" of the Houghton community alluded to by a fellow writer, I will speak directly to my point. Mr. Walker included an excellent alternative to the proposed + and - system, that being the addition of only B-plus, C-plus, and D-plus to the present grading system. It seems to me that this alternative would satisfy the student who feels that his *cum* would be raised by a new grading system, the professor looking for a more precise evaluation of student achievement, and those horribly grade-conscious pre-med majors. In a brief defense of the pre-med population, many of whom I know well, most are not pre-occupied with grades. However, they must be grade-conscious since for them it is not a question of priorities, but mere-

ly don't believe it or at least, are not willing to be consistent with it as far as I am concerned. I say this because I am "offended" and "spiritually stumble" when the principle is used. Whether we should not do certain things for the trustees' sake, I don't know - but I only know that when this principle is used, I fall spiritually. I guess it offends me because its use is too facile. But actually, I need not justify why its use offends me. I need only say that it does. Now certain things follow from my condition.

Firstly, this principle would

ly a matter of survival. Unfortunately, there are a handful of pre-meds who have allowed their "competitive" nature to run rampant, earning the well-deserved disdain of many.

While Student Senate discussed the proposed grading policy at a meeting last year, I suggested the exact alternative which Mr. Walker has proposed. However, I was shot down by last year's prestigious representative to Academic Affairs Council who argued that such a system would devalue the Houghton reputation and serve only to help the student body, evidently a constituency who was undeserving of any such "help."

Bravo to you, Mr. Walker, for resurrecting the dream of a headstrong fool, and Godspeed on your errand of mercy on behalf of the student body to the wizards of Academic Affairs. Bravo to you, Ms. Charlotte, for a job well done this year. And bravo to any chiropractor who can level my shoulders.

Dexterity, cognizance, and ambiguity to all,

Chillingworth

### Inaccurate "Facts" Cause Irritation

Dear Char,

Re: Jeff Rosas' letter to the *Star* (October 20).

I am not qualified to comment on your entire letter, Mr. Rosas, but I would like to criticize one section. The part I refer to is "fact" number four. Here you speak of the "substantial scholarships for services performed" received by Resident Assistants and Student Senate officers.

First of all, Resident Assistants (R.A.'s) are required to apply for Work-Study and are paid through it if they qualify. Otherwise, the College pays the bill. Surely you realize, Mr. Rosas, that much talent would be lost if R.A.'s were required to qualify for Work-Study. This is one job which counts the applicant's psychological, mental, and temperamental attributes as more important than his parent's income.

Secondly R.A.s receive the price of their room as payment for services, not as a "substantial scholarship." R.A.s work any-

dictate that since I'm a brother in Christ, my feelings count. Since they count, as the principle says, I am not to be offended. But in case, the offense is the use of the principle itself. Consequently those who use the principle would not use the principle, so as not to offend me, in order to obey the dictates of the principle.

I should clarify what I am saying. When someone says, "You should not play cards because it may offend your brother," my offense at this statement is not about card playing; actually, I have no new insight on this weighty issue. Rather, my offense is whenever this principle is applied to any particular spiritual (?) question. I don't know why I have this weakness - I just do.

Will my fellow Christians stop invoking this principle because I stumble at it? I rather doubt it; for the principle is all too convenient of a device to avoid dealing with problems directly.

But if people won't stop using this principle for my sake, then it follows I am an exception to it. But this is too dangerous to admit. For if its use is justified even though its use offends (thus contradicting it) then, many may claim an exceptional status as well. So what prohibits the card player, for example, from claiming to be an exception? Nothing that I can tell.

There is an alternative however. Those who subscribe to this principle could obey it by not using it and thus, not offend me. But, alas, here again they cannot use it against the card player, for as long as one finds its use offensive (e.g. me), then they cannot use it against the card-player for fear of offending me.

The dilemma is this: those who use it on others must, themselves, obey it, but, in my case, their obedience to it means not using it against anyone. The matter is rather simple; "that of which we probably should not speak we must consign to silence."

Dana Garrett

### For Your Information

In last week's *Star* (pg. 3, Wenger Interview), a reference to icons made unclear their exact nature and use. Icons are religious images of Christ or the saints. Icons are *not* worshipped, but help to create a devotional attitude.

### Wanted:

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Ruth Putney,  
East Hall R.A.



# Viewpoint

## Gao Unsafe Even Before Dark

Dear Char,

On Monday, October 16, Gao dorm was the scene of a simulated disaster drill conducted by the Houghton volunteer fire and ambulance corps with mutual aid from Caneadea, Rushford and Fillmore fire departments. The purpose of the drill was to give the volunteers a chance to practice the skills necessary to handle a major fire in a dormitory situation. Approximately 20 Gao res-

idents were made up as "victims" with various injuries, and placed throughout the dorm, primarily on second and third floors.

at least one guy was never even found. Another "victim" was passed by a number of firemen who did not even ask him what was wrong as he lay in the main stairwell.

The lack of organization, long delays, and mishandling of some of the "victims" brings to mind a number of questions such as: Is our fire department adequately prepared to handle major fires in a dormitory situation where a

It is our strong desire that the lessons learned relative to this drill not be forgotten or shoved aside. The drill has caused us to re-evaluate our methods of checking rooms in case of a real fire. We need to decrease the chances of someone being left behind in the dorm if they were sleeping or too injured to move.

The fire department and ambulance corps need to re-evaluate, too. The need for better

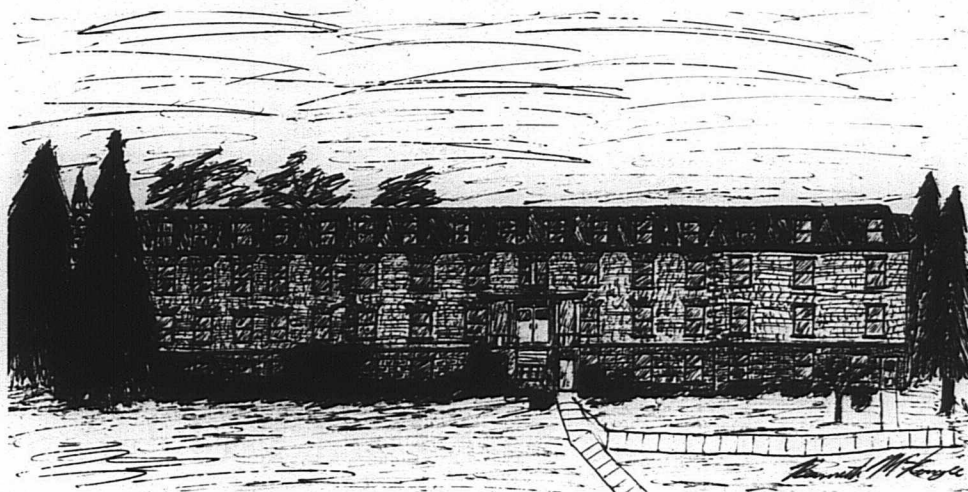
training, or at least clarification of responsibilities relative to a major fire such as the one simulated in Gao, seems to be in order.

Unfortunately, we are not talking about an abstract philosophy that does not affect human lives. Rather, we are talking about the lives of the residents of Gao and the other dorms on campus. This is a matter that should be treated with a sense of urgency, and should not be put off any longer. With this in mind we urge the "powers that be": Fire Chief Boon, Dr. Massey, and President Chamberlain, to seriously consider the safety of Gao. If the building presents too many risks to its residents and too many hindrances to rescue attempts, perhaps the construction of a new men's dorm should be considered in a fresh light

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Fuller, R.D.

Tom Britton, A.R.D.



idents were made up as "victims" with various injuries, and placed throughout the dorm, primarily on second and third floors.

The drill was characterized by a lack of organization. The fire trucks arrived at the dorm before the alarm had sounded in the building. Many of the volunteers seemed to be unsure of their specific responsibilities. As a result, it was 20 minutes before the first "victim" was removed from the building. The last "victim" was not removed until almost 2½ hours had gone by.

In addition to the amount of time it took to get all the "victims" out of the building, the way they were handled left a little to be desired as well. Some of them were dropped while they were being carried out. Some lay in their rooms for at least an hour before they were even found, and

number of lives may be at stake? In the event of a major fire, would injured residents be reached in time? Would it be profitable to provide more fire prevention and fighting instruction for resident assistants, fire marshalls, and other concerned students?

October 16th seems like a long time ago now. The real sense of fear that prevailed in the dorm after the drill is mostly forgotten, if only for the moment. As one Resident Assistant put it, "My personal feelings about living on third floor with a danger of fire present are ones of awesome fear. Though this fear is neutralized by my faith in God, I feel that changes must occur." We have a greater sense of our need for God's continued protection now, realizing perhaps for the first time the potential for disaster that a major fire could present.



Over 800 people ventured bravely through the halls of Gaoyadeo this past weekend to meet up with some of its more infamous residents, pictured above. "Gao After Dark" took in over \$650, some of which will go to CSO. Co-ordinators Marc Maffucci and Greg Giles are already drawing up plans for a more gruesome Gao next Halloween season.

Photo by Lynn Hart

## Library Cataloging Revamping Dewey Decimal Abandoned

by Ellyn Simons

If you've looked up a book in the card catalog recently, you may have come up with something like this: QA/297/.C65. In other words, the book you were looking for is one of those books classified under the Library of Congress System instead of Dewey Decimal. Eventually every book in the library will be classified according to this system. Changing the entire Willard Houghton Memorial Library from one classifying system to another may seem like a waste of time and money besides being confusing. However there are very practical reasons behind the change.

For one thing, Library of Congress format is more efficient and uniform and using it will enable Houghton's library to participate in the Ohio College Library Center's Union Catalog System (OCLC), a national computerized bibliographic data exchange based in Columbus, Ohio.

This change to the OCLC system will eventually make the library staff's jobs substantially easier, since the computer can be used to gather information for new books and to generate pre-sorted catalog cards. However, not just the library staff will be benefited by the addition of an OCLC computer to Houghton's

library; students also will gain because of it.

Firstly, if the library staff has less technical work to do, they will have more time to spend helping students. According to Mrs. Moore, the head librarian, eventually a reference librarian may be hired whose main job would be to give more direct service to students.

Secondly, the OCLC makes inter-library loans much faster. Under the old system, the library might have to write to several institutions requesting a specific book before the book was found. By the time the book actually arrived at Houghton, the student who had asked for it might no longer even need it. Now with the OCLC system, the library staff needs only to type out the title of the book, and the computer immediately gives back a list of institutions that own that particular book.

In the future, the OCLC may also provide a subject bibliography. This would be another definite asset for the students, since they could then merely name a particular subject to the library staff, and the computer would provide a list of appropriate titles.

Obviously, the OCLC system promises to save a great deal of time, both for the library staff and for students.

## Forensics Team Improving Succeeding In Competition

With one-third of their tournament season completed, the Houghton College Forensics Team will be heading to Bloomsburg State College in Pennsylvania for their second competitive outing this weekend. Team members will be participating in a wide variety of events, including Informative, Extemporaneous, Impromptu, Persuasion, and Dramatic Duo, plus three new events: Salesmanship, Prose Interpretation, and After Dinner Speaking.

Two weeks ago, the team split up into two units — one heading to Niagara University, the other to Clarion State College in

Pennsylvania. The weekend was a valuable learning experience, especially for novice orators who got their first taste of competitive forensics. Team President Dave Tideman brought back two trophies, one for First Place in Persuasion, the other for Third Place in Extemporaneous Speaking. Hopes are high for the upcoming weekend, as the team has been rewriting and practicing new speeches. Team coach, Prof. Roger Rozendal, states, "Improvement comes with each competitive experience, and we're looking forward to displaying that improvement at Bloomsburg."

"Music without equal or any near parallel" — Washington Post

## BACH ARIA GROUP

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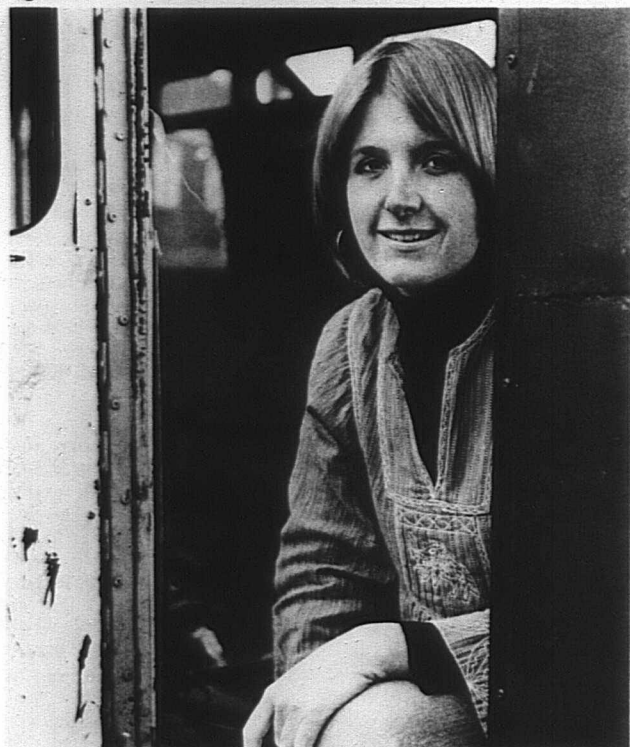
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HOUGHTON COLLEGE ARTIST SERIES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1978





Pam Mark Hall

## Concert Preview

### Pam Mark Hall: Folk Artist

Folk-Gospel singer and songwriter Pam Mark Hall will appear in concert at Houghton College on Saturday, November 11. The concert will begin at 8:00 p.m.

#### *The Girl Next Door*

Much of Pam Mark Hall's life has been spent trying to make friends and influence people in one way or another. "I was your basic kid who fought with my brothers and believed my parents had a conspiracy against my doing really fun things."

Somewhere along the line she decided she wanted to grow up and be famous. "I tried to win friends by being very kind to everyone."

Later she turned to music as a tool to gain popularity. Her first song had rather doubtful possibilities. "It was something real meaningful like: 'As we walked through the sand and he held out his hand, and said darling I love you, say you love me too . . .'" Pam remembers. But

it worked: it was an immediate hit with her friends, and she was off. At 15 she left home traveling with a musical group which was out to change the world through a moral revolution. The revolution fizzled as Pam realized that trying to live an honest, pure, totally unselfish life was easier said than done. "The harder I tried to live this good life I talked about, the more ugliness I saw inside."


Disillusioned to the point of despair, Pam returned home. Soon she found the key to unlock the kind of life she'd preached so much about. The key was Jesus. She accepted him and slowly began seeking out the meaning of her new faith by reading the Bible and studying with other Christian friends.

Pam is still winning friends, and her music is influencing people to consider Jesus as a way to unlock their lives. But her desire to be famous, to be a star, has diminished as much as her

singing and songwriting talents have grown. Her music is finely crafted and well-polished. Her voice is alive with melody, shaping her songs in a way that is uniquely her own. (Last year Pam received the Top New Female Contemporary Artist award from *Record World Magazine*.) The subjects for her songs are easily identifiable — they speak to everyone. This is because Pam feels a special need to maintain an "ordinariness" about her life. She wants to have genuine thoughts and feelings to draw from; life as a performer can often be isolated from the real-life concerns of the audience. "I want to keep a reality about my life, to be an every-day sort of person," says Pam. "I want to be vulnerable so people who listen to me sing realize I am made of the same frailties they are."

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ALFRED UNIVERSITY.

## Trustees Discuss Face Card Prohibition: "Association With Gambling Significant"

The regulation of student and community lifestyle here at Houghton has long been a source of heated, perhaps even unnecessary debate. As a result of this problem, the staff and administration have been making efforts to clarify and investigate policies of "dos and don'ts."

This clarification has extended to the face card issue. Many members of the community have questioned the validity of face card prohibition, and others have felt that their use might be detrimental to the atmosphere of a Christian college. Still others have questioned the very nature of the issue — should we be worrying about such a small thing at all? In a recent *Star Viewpoint*, Barb Krueger expressed this sentiment with a wit difficult to ignore. If we used "back" cards instead of face cards she stated, they "... would not only allow us to gamble endlessly under college sanction but also they would prevent discrimination — since you can't tell what they are from the back."

In their annual fall meeting, the Trustees dealt with the problem, and made a well-defined statement about the use of face cards by members of the college

community. "It's prohibited," Dean Massey stated, summarizing the trustee decision in two words. Face cards were added to the list of things which members of the college community are "required to refrain from."



The list also includes gambling, "the possession or use of alcoholic beverages and tobacco," and social dancing. "These rules apply to the student," the statement of responsibilities of community life says, "while he is under the juris-

diction of the college." In other words, they apply while he is registered in a college program, or residing in college-approved housing. He is also expected to exercise restraint in these matters even while he is not under college jurisdiction. Hopefully, the student will think carefully about the responsibilities of a Christian lifestyle, and will avoid exercising an on-campus vs. off-campus double standard.

The decision was made after the proposed statement of responsibilities of community life was presented to the trustees with a request for their approval. After considerable debate, both at the committee and full-board levels, it was clear that the majority of the trustees felt that the traditional prohibition should be maintained. "Most felt that the association with gambling was still a significant enough association," stated Dean Massey, "and the prohibition was so much a part of the tradition of the conservative evangelical churches that it would be inappropriate to change that regulation at this point." He also pointed out that many denominational groups feel as strongly as, or stronger than the Wesleyans on this point, and interestingly enough, that the basis of the myth of the anti-Christian source of face cards is not factual enough to use as an argument against them."

"At both the leadership level and the student level, there tends to be a greater emphasis on the petty than on the really significant social issues of our day, probably because it's easier to deal with the petty. I do think that in twenty years we'll look back on our prohibition on face cards in much the same light that we look presently at the prohibition against the wearing of the wedding band," stated Dean Massey, with a twinkle in his eye."

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## Lecture Series Review

**Michael Fox: "The Purpose of Life"**

On Friday night, October 26, Houghton College presented the third of the fall semester's lecture series. It was unique in that it featured what amounted to two lectures for the price of one. The topic was "The Purpose of Life."

Dr. Michael Fox, assistant professor of philosophy at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, presented his ideas on how to approach the question of the purpose of life from a non-theistic viewpoint. The response was given by Houghton's own Dr. Brian Sayers.

In addition to authoring many articles on a wide variety of philosophical topics, Dr. Fox is the editor of *Queens Quarterly*, a literary review, and of a soon to be published collection of essays on Schopenhauer. He was the supervisor of the graduate program which led to Dr. Sayers' doctorate. Since then, by Dr. Sayers' account, the two have become close friends. Both engaged in friendly banter with each other at the beginning of their presentations.

Dr. Fox began his paper by noting that the question regarding the purpose of life is one of the most basic in philosophy; failing to find a satisfying purpose in life often drives men to "self-annihilation." He mentioned that Freud thought a question like this is a symptom of a psychological disorder, and that others have

looked at it as if it were a meaningless question. He set these objectives aside for the purpose of the discussion.

Fox did, however, maintain that the question was complex and needed to be redefined to read, "Is life worthwhile?" His thesis was that a belief in God is not necessary or even important for a man to conclude that life is worthwhile. The issue is whether man's life and activities are given meaning by God or only by man himself. To Fox, both views seemed to have satisfying elements, but he wondered how the Christian can give a reason for the existence of evil in the world, or what the purpose of God is for the individual man as opposed to the whole human race.

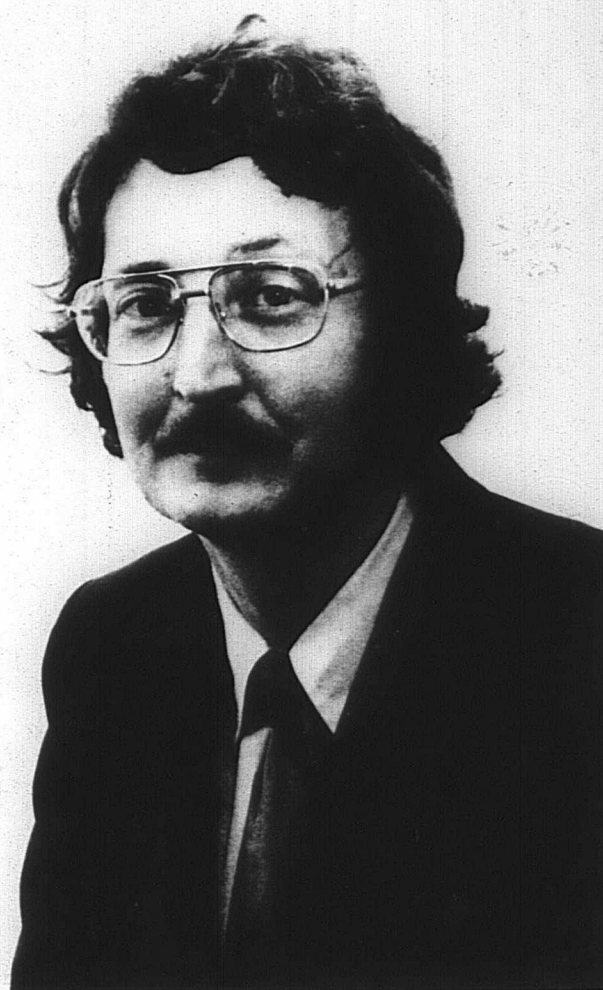
Fox holds that it is a mistake to talk about the purpose of life because it is the framework in which all other activities have purpose. There are things which Fox mentioned as being "universally valued," such as pleasure and security, which are related to fundamental drives and needs. Men give meaning to their lives in achieving these purposes.

Dr. Sayers' response was designed to undermine this point. He argued that if God exists, our attempts to give purpose to our living and activities may be futile because God can nullify them. Sayers' conceded that he could

not demonstrate God's existence conclusively, but held that this was a difficulty in Fox's scheme. He ended by quoting from Bertrand Russell, whom Fox had used as one who had converted from Christianity. The quote dealt with Russell's disillusionment at the shattering of certain of his political ideals. In Fox's brief answer, he used Russell's later explanation of this quote to argue that this evidence was incorrectly interpreted.

Opportunity was given at the end of the session for questions from students. One raised the problem of whether there really are "things universally valued" as Fox had argued, because there are very few things which men value which philosophers have not argued at some time may not really be valuable. Another question dealt with the sort of standard a man of Fox's persuasion could use to condemn atrocities such as those committed by the Nazis.

A weakness of the lecture was that many of those who attended were lost by the complexity of the arguments. Sometimes the explanations for the sake of the uninitiated needed explanations themselves. A little advance preparation of the audience would have been helpful. After all, none of us are professional philosophers and many of us are plain non-philosophical.



FMF Conquest sparks student interest in World Missions. This week students and over twenty missionary teams had the opportunity to get to know each other and learn more about mission teams in various countries. Photo by Chester Ng

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## Record Review

**Boston: Don't Look Back**

The fact that Boston's first album entitled "Boston" went multiple platinum, gave the group a hard act to follow for their second one. This group, composed of Tom Scholz, lead guitar; Brad Delp, vocals; Barry Goudreau, guitar; Sib Hashian, drums; and Fred Sheehan, Bass; is at the crucial point of the band's career. And naturally this second album produces more pressure than the band's debut album. But Boston took the easy shot with no drastic changes.

Boston put together an album called "Don't Look Back." The title is very appropriate! By not looking back, one will not trace the roots of each song to the previous album. For example,



the connection between "Party," a song on the latest, is easily seen with "Smokin'" on the first. If one expects to find new and exciting material on this album, that is, material not on the first,

then forget it. The familiar Boston ring is there in each song. Scholz, who is the expert technician, and who orchestrates every aspect of Boston sound-writing, arranging, engineering, producing, and guitar, made sure of that.

We wonder why the album was in the making for over two years since it shows little change over that period. Why, even the cover of the album is almost the same, with the flying guitar saucer. It would seem that a band with as much talent as Boston could have used a little more imagination instead of just remixing old material and using the same box of crayons on the album cover.





Fancy foot work by Steve Burke

Photo By John McPadden

## Cross Country

by Dwight Brautigam

The Cross Country team competed last Saturday at Baptist Bible College in Clark's Summit, PA, in the NCCAA district meet. There were six schools at the meets, and approximately forty runners in the men's race and twenty in the women's. Despite the smallness of the meet, the competition was vastly improved over last year's meet as some of the schools in the district have begun giving scholarships for cross country. Liberty Baptist College of Virginia took first place overall in the meet, while Houghton, with its strictly volunteer team, finished fourth, close behind third place team, Baptist Bible.

While the team as a whole did not exactly dominate, two indi-

viduals turned in fine efforts. Mark Anderson finished second in the meet, and Al Blankley came in fourteenth — both with fine times. This means that these two will be traveling to Cedarville, Ohio, for the NCCAA national meet on November 11. In addition to this honor, Mark also received a medal for being among the top ten runners in the district.

The team travels tomorrow to Eisenhower College for the NAIA district meet, which is also a qualifier for the NAIA national meet held on November 18 in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Al is gunning for his second trip in two years to the national meet, and Mark, as a freshman, is making his first attempt to go to this prestigious meet. Both of them have a good chance, though the competition will be stiff.

## Volleyball

The Women's Varsity Volleyball team traveled to Eisenhower College on October 26, for the P.C.A.C. tournament. Playing for seven hours, and twelve games, the Highlanders faced skillful opponents from other private colleges. Houghton came in third place, with St. John Fisher and Nazareth in first and second places respectively. The high point of the day was the honor of having two of Houghton's players picked for the six member all-tournament team. Gretchen Berquist and co-captain Carol Smalley were chosen for the all-star team for their consistent and above average playing.

The team had another long day of volleyball in Binghamton on Saturday. The Binghamton Invitational hosted such city teams as Queens, Staten Island, and Albany, along with Binghamton and U. of Rochester. The stiff competition kept Houghton from placing, but the girls played to

their potential. Houghton has never moved so quickly or efficiently on the court. Some of the back bumpers had a little trouble with the opponents' powerful serves, and the bumps would be a little off target to the setter. Quick reactions, such as the setters yelling for help, and another player setting it instead, proved effective strategy. It lessened the degree of returning easy bumps over the net, and set up for strong spiking and dinking. The long day proved a challenge, and gave the team a chance to play excellent ball with other skillful teams.

### FAREWELL

A fond farewell is regretfully extended to Grit and Cornmeal. May they rest in peace.

## Soccer Team Ranked Fourth in NAIA District Play-offs November 11 at Home

by Dan Irwin

Houghton is coming to the end of regular season of play. Their record stands at an amazing 17-1. The players, are, perhaps, a little numb from the continuing success.

The team is now ranked fourth in the nation in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics — moving up from their sixth position of a few weeks ago. Also, Houghton's name still ranks among the top ten teams in the State of New York.

Along with their victories, the team has suffered disappointing setbacks with the injuries of Ken Obiorah and Rob Jacobson. They remain a strong team, filling in positions with players that have both depth and experience. On Wednesday of last week Houghton demonstrated its overall ability for fine pass work and ball control by outplaying and overpowering Canisius College. The game remained scoreless for the first half, but the outcome was

quickly decided when Dan Irwin booted home two Houghton goals to win the game 2-0.

Houghton then traveled to Erie, Pa., on Saturday to play well-skilled Behrend College. The team looked slow the first half, but during the second half Houghton quickened their pace and proved themselves once again to be the better team. The game's only goal came early in the second half when Johnny

Cool blasted an indirect free kick into the upper left-hand corner of the net. For Houghton, it was win number sixteen.

Houghton is looking forward to their post-season playoff games, which will be played on their home field. For those who have supported and encouraged the team throughout the season, the players extend many thanks!

## JV Soccer

Although the average Houghton student does not hear about the Junior Varsity Soccer team, it does indeed exist. Most of the fans are loyal girlfriends, avid soccer fans, and former soccer players. This year's team was again headed by Coach Halberg, a former Houghton soccer star himself. Although coach Halberg does not make soccer his business, he does take his teams very seriously. The team compiled a 4-3-1 record this year, Coach Halberg's personal best since he has lead the team. The past record stood at 4-3 in 1975, Halberg's first season as coach.

This year's co-captains were Bob Brandt and Mike McOrmond. Other members of the team were: Al Bushart, Brian Davidson, Lee Capodagli, Mark Eckler, Mike Gould, Ron Hamilton, Steve Jacobson, Tim Josephson, Tom Myers, Bob Pierce, Tom Silbern, Cass Stacy, Andy Van Skiver, Glen Young, and Doug Roorbach.

The team did not have any single outstanding player to provide most of the scoring for the team. Instead, the scoring was spread out among seven individuals. Coach Halberg said about the team, "I feel the team played quite well this year. Our biggest asset was the excellent defense. As opposed to previous years, the team did provide enough goals in the right situations to give us this good season. This is probably the most balanced team I've ever coached here for JV." What made the difference this year? A team member tells: "Everyone on the team really wanted to win, and we did."

The JV players are the varsity of tomorrow. Right now they are improving their skills and working hard. Besides playing other teams the JV team is the varsity's scrimmage team; they provide the varsity team with the needed game situations.

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