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The Last Editorial

What life have you if you have not life together?
There is no life that is not in community,
And no community not lived in praise of God.

— T. S. Eliot

The source of incentive and frustration is the gap between what has been done and what could be done. Incentive is, of course, a positive factor and frustration, a negative one. Incentive brings constructive action. Frustration can bring only apathy or violence, which are seldom anything but destructive.

In Houghton we have a Christian community. Fifteen hundred believers make their lives together in a small part of the western New York wilderness. We try to live, by the grace of God, "in praise of God."

What is more, we have a Christian liberal arts college. This means, at least in theory, that we are actively searching for truth wherever it may be found, in whatever academic field, and that we judge truth not on the shifting ground of secular scholarship, but on the firm base of what we believe to be God's revealed Word. "Founded on the Rock," you see, is more than a subject for desk-top parody.

Wherever human endeavors exist, however, a gap between what has been done and what could be done is inevitable. Houghton College is no exception.

In the area we have called "Christian liberal arts" the gap is a thinly disguised canyon. Our concept of that phrase is often no deeper than the paper this is printed on. Freshmen often arrive with the idea that it means rules and chapel and prayer in classes and religious amidst more secular educational pursuits. Upperclassmen either blithely ignore their education, instead preparing for an occupation, or grow cynical about the entire concept. Even administrators and faculty members, specialists in liberal education, seem to be bound in by the limitations of secular cultural influence.

These attitudes misrepresent not only liberal arts but the Christian attitude toward knowledge also. If all truth is God's truth, given to us by God's mandate, then we are responsible to learn conscientiously. It is a failure of both conscience and responsibility to opt instead for long-range vocational planning or to peg each academic activity into an arbitrary hole. The freshman preoccupation with the cultural peculiarities of our situation is understandable, but it is not a concept of the Christian liberal arts college. And cynicism, though at times tempting, is merely a barrier against commitment to the issues, a symptom of frustration.

Such failures to understand our purpose in being here have resulted in the present crises on campus. Anyone whose head is visible and operating sees that the *Star* dispute and the events encompassing Dean Harter and the Student Senate are merely symptoms. Informed people are not crying, "Freedom of the press!"; they are asking for a definition of the press in a Christian liberal arts college. The Student Senate is not asking for the abolition of the Office of the Dean or for the condemnation of a man; they are asking that the office operate in consistency with the goals of a Christian liberal arts college. The real problem is clear if we are willing to see it and to talk about it.

Somehow it has come into our heads, however, that community is damaged when we admit having problems. The community ideal says no such thing. If problems are inevitable in human society, then the community ideal is not that problems should not arise, but that problems should be solved with as little pain and disruption as possible. Thus striving to fulfill the ideal, to close the gap between what is and what could be, we must try to solve problems, and to solve problems we must talk about them.

Until recently that seemed impossible. The entire community felt constrained to minimize difficulties, to employ euphemistic phrases whenever possible, to pretend that any disruption was obviously the work of an individual or at worst a small group who were not concerned about the college. We

urged one another not to air our dirty linen, no matter how badly it smelled.

At the crest of the crises, the atmosphere opened a bit, partly because of concern and partly because of necessity. With rumors and misinformation thick in the air, all of us could only choose to do what we should have done in the first place: meet and talk. The Board of Trustees went beyond necessity by returning to the campus last Saturday to listen to representatives and individuals from the student body. Throughout recent weeks, and actually for months, the faculty has evidenced its deep and genuine concern, although often it seemed that few were listening.

Up to this time the rest of us have been hesitant to show whatever devotion we have to this unique community. We seem to prefer hiding behind our leftover smile buttons or receding into our shells to asking questions, offering information, and making attempts to hear and understand each other. We forget that the college as a Christian community is more than any segment: students, staff, faculty, administration, or Board of Trustees. We selfishly preserve our small fortresses at the expense of a valuable society.

We must be thankful and relieved that some discussion has begun, but the resolution of the recent small crises is only a start. We have cracked the silence; we have realized the depth of the problem; but we are not finished. Indeed, we are only now recognizing the scope of our mission.

We are here — all of us — in support of the Christian liberal arts college. We are here to explore and use to the fullest this very real world and this very real humanity which God thinks fit to grant us. When problems arise, we are challenged to identify and solve them, and we are here to participate in the best problem-solving community available. The atmosphere at Houghton College must be such that we are not only able but encouraged to fulfill this task.

The source of incentive and frustration is the gap between what has been done and what could be done. I, for one, have had enough frustration.

— Robert A. Morse, Co-editor

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Dave Shoultz

Tim Wilt

Senate Polling

Shoultz Elected

by Marilyn Smith

The 801 ballots cast in Monday's Student Senate Elections resulted in a decision for Dave Shoultz as next year's Senate President. Also elected were Winston Johnson, Vice President; Elaine Williams, Secretary; and Walter Fleming, Treasurer.

Running on a platform emphasizing increased efficiency in communication, the President-elect has several ideas in mind for making maximal use of Senate channels. Included in these are proposals for encouraging student attendance at Senate meetings and use of the Central Communications Committee, discussion of important issues between Senators and those whose opinions they seek to represent, "more frequent and better publicized student-faculty interchanges", possible student-trustee interchanges, and the use of an all college forum to keep all members of the college community informed.

Dave is also concerned with Senate's social responsibilities. While this area is primarily the concern of the Vice President, Dave offers proposals for constructively providing or making students aware of weekend entertainment and also "encouraging a wider variety of participation and programs in chapels."

Vice President-elect, Winston Johnson, also emphasizes the need for efficient communication within the college community. He sees the Vice Presi-

dential office as a key position in realizing this goal, for he serves on four committees "to help communicate effectively." Proposals for these committees include the continuation of the Central Communications Committee as a grievance board and means of surveying student opinion and working with the Campus Entertainment Committee to sponsor a wide variety of inexpensive entertainment, including publicizing music department events.

Elaine Williams as Secretary, and Walter Fleming as Treasurer were also elected to the cabinet. Elaine's activities include experience as a Senator as well as typing and filing experience with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, while Walter, who has also been a Senator, gained experience as a Treasurer in a Campus Life group.

Some question has arisen concerning what happened to Tim Wilt who was originally presented as a candidate for Senate President. Tim was disqualified because he did not meet the qualifications set up in the **Student Guide** for those running for an elected office: (p. 38) "Persons being considered for elective offices must be full-time students..." Tim is now a student at SUNY's Binghamton Campus and, although he plans to return next semester, has not yet applied for readmission. While Tim had made inquiries as to his eligibility, the **Student Guide** qualification was overlooked until after he gave his speech.

Changing the Rules

by Roger A. Brown

Since the beginning of Winter, the Constitutional Revision Committee of the Student Senate has been hard at work drafting a new charter for the organization. Primarily, the effort was an attempt to reorganize the present constitution into a more workable form, as the current document is, to quote a high-ranking official, "a mess."

Besides reorganizing the contents of the constitution, the committee also made several changes. In all probability, only two of these changes will be of any interest to the majority of the Student Body.

The first change is in the nomination procedure for positions on the Executive Board (formerly the cabinet). To be eligible to circulate a nominating petition during the second semester, a person must declare his intent to run to the Senate president by the end of the first semester. From then until the primary election, that person must attend at least

four Senate meetings and two Executive Board meetings. If he fails to do so, he will not be eligible for nomination by petition. However, such a person may be considered by the Nominating Committee in the case that there are less than two nominees for that position after all petitions have been submitted, and the Nominating Committee must complete the ballot.

The second change of interest is that the Executive Board will be in charge of the governmental and organizational affairs of each incoming Freshman class, relieving the Junior class of this responsibility. The rationale for this change was that the Senate leaders would have more experience in organizational matters.

The proposed constitution will be presented to the Student Body by April 1. Adoption is contingent upon ratification by two-thirds of the Student Body; the vote is currently being scheduled for the Student Senate chapel on April 19.



Dr. James Barcus

Dr. Frederick Shannon

Middle States' Study

by Steve Rennie

In the coming months, Houghton College will undertake an extensive period of self-study. This is a requirement of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools which accredits collegiate institutions. The process insures transfer of student credit from Houghton to other institutions and upholds the academic integrity of the college.

Presently, Dr. James Barcus and Academic Dean Frederick Shannon are the co-chairmen of the Steering Committee which is coordinating the self-study program. Working in conjunction with Drs. Barcus and Shannon are Dr. Dayton, Dr. Huizenga, Mr. Alderman, Mr. Nielsen and Mr. Mitchell. The Student Senate will soon elect a member of next year's senior class to participate on the committee as an observer. Under the auspices of the Steering Committee, several main areas of study will be undertaken by committees designated as task forces. These task forces will evaluate the philosophy and objectives of the college, the fiscal area, governance of the college, curriculum, Master plan of the college and Student Life.

When the evaluative procedure of the task forces is completed and their findings are presented to the Steering Committee, the Committee will draw up a document to present to a committee of faculty and administrators sent to

Houghton by the Middle States Association. This committee will be on campus in the Spring of 1975 and will consist of representatives of differing colleges and disciplines. The chairwoman of the committee is Dr. Helen Kleyle, the Dean of Education at Duquesne University. The purpose of the committee will be to interview faculty, administrators and students and to evaluate facilities and objectives of Houghton College. One of their main concerns will be to understand what Houghton's objectives are, how well the College is moving to meet specified objectives and what methods are being employed to fulfill those objectives.

In light of issues that have beset the campus this semester, it seems that the self-study program is timely. Self-study naturally involves criticism of both the negative and positive aspects of the college. At times, this criticism will strengthen and maintain the integrity of the institution. At other times, criticism may cut across the grain and force or necessitate change or revision of existing policies. Both types of criticism are valuable to a Liberal Arts college, particularly a Christian Liberal Arts College. During the next months it will be necessary to maintain an openness of mind and heart on the part of students, administrators, and faculty. The free flow of ideas and criticism is proof positive of the soundness and stability of the college founded on the Rock.

Youth Conference

by Howard Chapman

Every year CSO (Christian Student Outreach) holds a Youth Conference. This year will not be an exception. From Friday, April 19 to Sunday, April 21 there will be approximately 200 high school students on the Houghton College Campus.

"The purpose of the conference is to show high school students how to have a fully committed Christian life," said Tim Root, vice president of CSO, "the theme this year will be 'Christ in All, Through All.'"

The speaker this year is Mr. Harry Heintz who is a student at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Mr. Heintz has had experience working in summer youth camps. Last year he was director of Camp Patersonville, near Schenectady, N.Y.

The conference will begin on Friday night with a concert given by Houghton singing groups the New Creation and

Springs of Living Water. Saturday will be the main day of the conference, and will begin in the morning with small discussion groups led by Houghton Students. These discussion groups will carry through the theme by having such topics as Christ in Athletics, Christ in Dating relationships, and Christ in Academics. In the afternoon there will be a Seminar for youth leaders, followed by a rally. There will be another rally in the evening. Sunday will close the conference with Morning Church.

These high school students come mostly from New York and Pennsylvania, but some do come from New Jersey and Ohio. CSO sends invitations to all evangelical churches in this area.

The high school students stay in the dorms and there is a need for college students to share their rooms. If you would like to share your room, lead a discussion group, or help out in any other way, contact Tim Root.

Book of the Year

Once again it is that time of year for the Student Senate to announce its choice for the 1974 Book-of-the-Semester: that volume which the Senate feels will make interesting reading for all while providing an educational if not enlightening experience.

This year's Book-of-the-Semester (or more properly Book-of-the-Year committee was chaired by seniors Bob Armstrong and Dean Curry who with the help of others considered hundreds of possibilities — fiction and nonfiction, classics and best sellers, secular and religious, and after many hours of thought publicly announced their choice last Tuesday night as *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, the inspiring and often time unsettling story of a misunderstood martyr.

Written in very readable prose Malcolm X traces the

events of his life from his childhood experiences through his years as a pimp and pusher and finally to his confrontation with the Moslem faith which subsequently reversed the whole course of the author's life. One is confronted with a man keenly sensitive to the problems of growing up black in a white America, and yet a man who, through his own determination and pride, conquered all the shame of his past.

The *Autobiography of Malcolm X* is not your typical I-made-it-in-spite-of-scenerio. On the contrary it is a shocking story that challenges all to question his or her white middle class values while offering inspiration and hope for the future.

It is must reading for all who care and will shortly be found in the college bookstore.

Intended

Pat Nickerson '76 to Bill Yanda '74.

Teresa Porvaznik '75 to Charles Horton (The King's College '76)



Back row, left to right, Prof. Gaede, Prof. Schultz; front row, sitting, Omar.

New Faculty

Gaede, Schultz at Houghton

by Howard Chapman

Two native Californians have moved, of all places, here to Houghton. Mr. Stanley D. Gaede is the new Sociology professor, Mr. Gene Schultz is the new Psychology professor.

Mr. Gaede received his B.A. from Westmont College, in 1969. He received his M.A. from California State University in 1971. Since then he has worked as a Teacher Assistant at California State. He was a part time instructor at the University of Tennessee and Vanderbilt University.

Mr. Gaede is working on his Ph.D. at Vanderbilt. His dissertation is in the field of Sociology of Religion. His background is Mennonite, and for part of his study he researched five different Mennonite communities.

To meet some of the qualifications for his Ph.D. Mr. Gaede has taken some Religion courses at Vanderbilt.

"The courses were very liberal," he said, "therefore everyone was very skeptical of the Evangelical viewpoint. Scholars such as Schaeffer and Lewis are largely ignored."

He feels then that he has more freedom in teaching at a Christian school to present all theories and viewpoints.

Mr. Gene Schultz studied for his first two years as an undergraduate at Wheaton College. He transferred and

graduated from U.C.L.A. in 1968. He got his Masters degree from Purdue. He is working on his Ph.D. now.

His field, Experimental Psychology, differs from Clinical Psychology in that Experimental Psychology deals more with empirical statistical observations. Mr. Schultz hopes to be getting a computer into the Psych department to help with all the data. Mr. Schultz feels that there should be more interest in Experimental Psych because there are many more career opportunities. Experimental Psychologists are designing highways, and working in Space research.

But why did a native Californian move to upstate rural New York in February?

"I don't know," Mr. Schultz said, "Why did Jonah go to Ninevah? But seriously I really feel God lead me here. I was looking at Christian colleges and things worked out to come here. I was actually convinced when I had to pay six cents postage on a letter from here."

Both men are impressed by the Houghton faculty. Mr. Gaede had heard about Houghton from studying under a Dr. Enroth who is a former student of Dr. Shea. Both men are married. Mr. Gaede has a two-year old daughter. And what does Mr. Schultz have? A large Afghan hound.

N.A.E. Seminar

by Rich Downs

Five Houghton students and Dr. Wesley Ward attended the National Association of Evangelicals' ninth annual Federal Seminar February 11-15 in Washington D.C. The purpose of the seminar was twofold: an orientation to the Washington political scene and a presentation of ways in which evangelical Christians can become involved in the federal political processes. Speeches were given by more than twenty professing Christians involved in the legislative and judicial branches and in the executive bureaucracy. Such notables as John B. Anderson, Republican Congressman from Illinois, and R. Burnett Thompson, a Houghton graduate and administrative assistant to Congressman Whitehurst of Virginia, spoke of their roles in Congress.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor delivered the keynote address, explaining the N.A.E.'s work in Washington. The N.A.E.'s Office of Public Affairs, of which Dr. Taylor is head, is responsible for taking the voice of its local associates to the Capitol

as spokesman, advocate and opponent on important issues of the day. The N.A.E.'s affiliates and commissions represent three-fourths of the gospel broadcasting in the world, one-third of the evangelical missionary force in America, and involve evangelicals in more than twenty key areas of Christian activity such as evangelism, missions, education, and social concerns.

The students attending the seminar, representing nine Eastern and Midwest evangelical Christian colleges, were introduced to the workings of the federal government and a few of its agencies via job descriptions given by present employees. The active, constructive involvement of the speakers and their testimonies concerning the vital nature of their relationship to Christ offered an encouraging contrast to the prophets of doom seeking to discourage Christians from becoming "entangled in the affairs of the world" and those who try to spread the blame for the present lack of credibility over the whole political structure.

Dr. Pool Retires

When commencement exercises at Houghton College conclude on May 20, Dr. Alice M. Pool, Professor of Spanish at the Allegany County college since 1935, will pick up the college Mace and lead the traditional recession — platform guests, faculty and seniors — off the stage, ending graduation '74 and her own 39-year career at Houghton.

A slight — almost birdlike person — Dr. Pool will not quietly settle down in Houghton, but plans to sell her house and begin a new career. Describing her plans she said, "for many years I've thought that when I could afford a crust of bread without working for it, I'd go to Spanish America." True to her dreams, come June or July she'll leave for Puebla, a city the size of Buffalo in the Mexican highlands east of Mexico City. There she expects to assist in the program of a Christian camp that offers its facilities to various groups throughout the year. She'll alternate this work with duties as librarian for the Central American Mission's

Bible Institute on the city's outskirts. After "a year or so" of this kind of life, she says, "I may work with Wycliffe Bible Translators."

Vigor and adventure have marked her Houghton years. At least 18 summers she has spent traveling, studying and lecturing abroad or on university campuses ranging from Puerto Rico and the University of Texas to Southern Illinois University and the University of the Pacific in California. Dr. Pool has been faculty secretary during much of her career. A native of Nyack, N.Y., she graduated from Cattaraugus High School and attended Roberts Wesleyan College before graduating from Houghton in 1929. Her choice of majors and minors — French, Latin, Greek and education — led to six years' teaching in public schools of Brighton and Copenhagen, N.Y., before she earned a master's degree in French from Middlebury College in Vermont and returned to Houghton. In 1950 she earned her doctorate in Spanish literature from National University of Mexico.



The Best Drama Picture of the Year, as voted by the Women's Basketball Team and one STAR editor.

Drama Review

Verily! A Hit!

by Kent Nussey

On Saturday the sixteenth of March, and again on the following Friday and Saturday, the English Expression Club presented its latest dramatic endeavor, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare, (not Bob Morse). This play was under the direction of Dr. Lionel Basney who also assumed the responsibilities for scene design and lighting.

For this particular production Fancher Auditorium underwent some rather prodigious changes. The construction and decoration of the set was undertaken with one specific goal in mind. For what was probably the first time in any theatrical effort set in Fancher, the auditorium's total environment was utilized as a working "stage" rather than just the actual thrust platform.

The club also procured a professionally built background which was adapted to serve as scenery in the three performances. The background was donated by the Studio Arena Theater in Buffalo.

Rehearsals began in the first week of the second semester in February. The play included about twenty-six speaking parts plus lesser characters who wandered through upon occasion.

These characters can basically be divided into three categories consisting of the "fairies", the royal court and the rude mechanicals. Also, there are the four frustrated mortal

lovers, which included Hermia, who was played by Colleen Kane; Lysander, by Carl Tyler; Helena, by Nan McCann; and Demetrius who was played by smiling Dave Clifford.

The primary figure of the court was portrayed by David Ciark as Theseus, Duke of Athens. Major characters of the sprite kingdom were Titania, Queen of the Fairies, played by Linda Mills, her spouse Oberon the king, by Jim Spurrier, and the mischievous Puck, who was portrayed with devilish enthusiasm by Dale McElhinney.

The crew of "rude mechanicals" which consists of Quince the carpenter, Snug the joiner, Bottom the Weaver, Flute the bellows-mender, Snout the tinker, and Starveling the tailor, was headed up by Peter Quince, who was played by Greg Bray and of course the infamous Nick Bottom who is actually the ever-popular Bob Morse in not-so-real life. Special mention must also go to Keith Tyler as Flute, Bill Wiley as Snug, and Dan Woolsey as Snout who gave convincing portrayals of the rest of that incompetent crowd.

Finally, we have Hippolyta, the robust Queen of the Amazons, who is betrothed to Theseus. Hippolyta is vigorously portrayed by Magel Smith.

Costumes for the play are once again the product of Carolyn Corse's industry and skill, while the make-up chores were softly handled by Cathy Como. Bob Morse made his own head.

School House Down? Nursing Home Up

This Spring in the Southern sector of the village, construction will begin on an eighty bed nursing home. The college has sold between 10½ and 11 acres and the educational annex to the Residence Nursing Homes Company which already owns and operates five homes in New York State.

The building will be located directly behind the old school house, the fate of which is not yet known. The town planning board was at first concerned that the proposed site might be located in the flood plain and therefore the board and the Buffalo Corps of Engineers have stipulated that the building be put on the back of the lot where the elevation is above 1200 feet.

The owners have been looking for a location in Northern Allegany County for some time. Mrs. Weese, and Drs.

Fero and Nystrom, local members of the health profession, have been actively working to bring this business to Houghton, feeling it would not only benefit the aged of our community, but would also stimulate economic growth. The management is known for taking full advantage of any local help and supplies available, and can therefore be expected to provide an additional source of employment for qualified students and residents.

The eighty-bed facility includes forty places for invalids and forty for more active patients. One will not have to be wealthy to stay in this home. Since New York State laws no longer hold children responsible for the care of their parents, state and federal medical programs provide care for those who cannot otherwise afford it.

The Yak Deal

Looking for a spare giraffe? Or perhaps that hard to find rhesus monkey you've always wanted? Well then, try the animal swap held annually in the Marvin Sleeper Memorial Zoo in New Jersey. Every year members of the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums get together for a trading session where the commodities for barter are lions, gorillas, snakes, bears or anything else that makes up a zoo (excluding the grounds attendants). Aquarium and zoo directors meet in these sessions to buy, sell or trade excess specimens to round out their collections, or begin breeding programs of rare species.

Like all business ventures, a zoological market requires an

investor to keep a shrewd eye on his merchandise, as well as the goods he plans to acquire for his zoo, office or home. For instance, Mr. Herschel Kaddish of Santa Monica thought he was making a killing when he traded a used yak for a rare Brazilian hyena. As it turned out however, the hyena could not adapt to the harsh Santa Monica climate and passed away silently, leaving Mr. Kaddish out of one reasonably healthy yak and stuck with a month's supply of hyena food.

So next time you want something new and exciting for the aquarium or to ride around the house, just remember that the Marvin Sleeper Annual Animal Swap isn't all there is to buying good hyena food.

Too Tough for Detroit

General Motors, Chrysler, and Ford have announced that, effective immediately, they will no longer utilize the Houghton area roadways for test road purposes. A spokesman for the three companies said in his announcement, "Our cars are tough, but not that tough. A shock absorber looks like a rotten banana after a run down Park Drive. And

the buying trend toward smaller cars has hurt us: we lost three Pintos and a Vega last week in a crevice on Center-ville Road."

The auto superpowers have been using the roadways since 1969, when a GM engineer ran aground near Barnett House and conveyed the news to Detroit.

Baseball and Track Spring Sports

by Steve Rennie

Alumni field looks more like the frozen Alaska tundra than an athletic field, but in less than four weeks the Highlanders are scheduled to open the 1974 baseball and track seasons. This year, the baseball team is barnstorming through Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and Washington, D.C., with seven games in an eight-day period during the Easter break. If the ground crew can thaw the field, the Highlanders will open their home season with a double-header against Oswego on April 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Last year's graduation has left only Gary Housepian, Larry Cornell, and Carl Tyler from last year's team. Assistant Coach Bill Church is not pessimistic but does feel that lack of experience may be a liability. Housepian and Cornell along with Mark Gunias, Dave Zither, and Tim Wallace will share pitching assignments this year. Infield and outfield positions are still up for grabs with John Rees, Scott Makin,

Jim Wills, Dave Wells, Dave Irwin, Cornell, Tyler, Paul Reeves, Mark Kalata, and Bob Ogden vying for those spots. Tim Weaver and John Kilpatrick will fill the catcher's slot.

The track team opens its home season on April 24 in a meet with Canisius and Binghamton. With the loss of several stars, including Roger Robinson, from last year's team, several events appear to be weak. However, there are a few individuals who should put in some fine performances. They are Patrick Okafor, who could, conceivably, break Rog Robinson's 440 and hurdles records, and Obika Ikpeze, who has been clocked at 9.8 for 100 yards, has long jumped 24', and triple jumped 44'. Other team members are Steve Horst, Steve Harris, Geoff Gerow, Steve Sawada, Doug Gent, Gary and Keith Morris, Mark Sheeks, Larry Burke, Chris DeBlacy, Nick Bohall, Steve Sinclair, and Paul Stevenson. Coach Rhodes has put in an early prediction for a winning season.

Sports Editorial

by Tom Bowditch

During the past year I have written several columns which were critical of various aspects of the Houghton athletic program. However, these were not written in malice nor to personally offend anyone. They were merely things which were very present in my mind and which I felt needed to be said. Indeed, I sincerely congratulate all athletes who have had a part in making possible Houghton's intercollegiate program.

Now that I have one final opportunity, I would like to mention certain individuals and groups which I feel deserve special recognition for their contributions to Houghton College.

First of all, I feel the soccer team deserves a tremendous amount of credit for their great season and for the excitement and pride they produced by advancing to within one game of the N.A.I.A. national finals.

Special recognition goes to Pat Okafor, the backbone of the team, who earned a position on the All New York State second team.

Another individual who has rarely received the publicity he has earned during the past four years is Harold Spooner, who recently made the N.A.I.A. District 19 all-star team. This year, the "Spoon" became the leading scorer in Houghton's basketball history.

The women's varsity program, particularly volleyball and basketball, continues to win and to make tremendous strides, though consistently overshadowed by the men. They have done much to help Houghton's intercollegiate program.

Finally, I would personally like to thank three very capable and dependable sports writers — Paul Adams, Steve Rennie, and Roy Bielewicz. Without them, there would still be sports stars, but there wouldn't be any **Star** sports.



The Best Sports Picture of the Year, as voted by the cast of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" — "Some Girls Playing Basketball."

King's for Three Days

by Paul Adams

That one point in the basketball team's opening round 65-64 loss to Messiah College could have possibly cost Houghton a victory in The King's College Tournament held on March 7, 8, 9. A win in that contest would have added an extra twenty points to the college's total score and boosted them above at least two other teams and into a second place finish, just behind the tourney champs Barrington College. The event's winners totaled 149 points to top second place Eastern Nazarene College, third place King's College, and fourth place Houghton College, who tallied 110 points. Second division finishers Messiah, PCB, Gordon, and Nyack rounded out the eight teams entered.

The 1974 edition of the tournament maintained the tradition of seeing the college who owned the basketball victors cop the overall championship. Barrington racked up 100 points in winning their thrilling overtime game against ENC in the finals to ease into the top spot.

Houghton's women's volleyball team rolled to their third championship in three years as they won fifty points to lead all Houghton's teams in scoring. The final match against tough ENC went the full three games, but the women toughened up to bomb the losers in the deciding game, 15-0, to give them the win and the fifty points.

Our barbershop quartet combination of Shelton Francis, Dave Clark, Jim Spurrier, and Dave Norton thrilled the crowd

with another sparkling performance to win their second victory in as many years and wrap up 25 first-place points.

Dan Johnson and Linda Kwok teamed up to breeze to the doubles table tennis title, scoring the maximum 15 points. Jackie Marcano took third in the women's singles competition to add four points to Houghton's team total.

Two pins stopped the bowling team from taking their second title in three years. Messiah rolled 1902 and Houghton followed with 1900 to finish well-ahead of all other contenders. Paul Adams totaled a 537 series and Sheryl Osgood scored 519 to top Houghton's scoring. Linda Gowman and Nick Bohall comprised the rest of the team.

Doris Nielsen and Bill Johnson teamed up to take fifth place and a point in the Alumni-free throw contest.

In Houghton's three years at the King's College Tournament, we have finished fourth, third, and fourth, respectively, placing in the first division every year.

Following is a summary of the point totals:

Team	Place	Pts.
Volleyball	1	50
Barbershop Quartet	1	25
Ping Pong: doubles	1	15
Ping Pong: w. singles	3	4
Bowling	2	15
Alumni free throw	5	1
Basketball	-	0
Chess	-	0
Ping Pong: m. singles	-	0
Cheerleading	-	0

Flak and Feedback

Letter to the Editor

We have been sorry to see that some of the techniques we have tried to teach in our classrooms are being too often ignored in practice in the Houghton campus community. Two of these oversights especially distressing to us relate to group process and statistical sampling.

In group process, when an ongoing, cohesive group has its norms openly and abruptly challenged by outsiders or newcomers to the group, a number of things can happen, but dissonance is inevitable. Anyone who can remember an autocratic aunt or grandparent taking charge of the family in the absence of parents understands this. The question here does not hinge on whether the norms need to be changed, but on how they can be changed most effectively, and with least confusion and resentment on the part of the group. Democratic leadership, with the group members having real opportunity to assist in decisions affecting the group has proven to be the most productive in task performance, and the most satisfying in interpersonal aspects of group process. "The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." (James 3:17-18)

In statistics, we teach that before one can generalize concerning what a group thinks or does, one needs to have a sufficiently large random sample. If we want, for example, to tell what students at Houghton College feel about chocolate ice cream, we must not make such a statement on the basis of the several students who might express their opinion to us. If twenty students should insist that they like chocolate ice cream, we can truthfully say only that twenty students expressed that opinion. To assert on the basis of this information, that most of the students like chocolate ice cream would be inaccurate and deceptive. "These are the things which you should do: Speak the truth to one another; judge with truth and judgment for peace in your gates." (Zech. 8:16)

Lindol Hutton
Ruth Hutton

Dear Editor,

We are all well aware of the recent action that Senate has taken in regard to our Dean of Students, Mr. Harter. I do not wish to address myself to the question of why Senate took the action that it did, but rather to some very important effects that I feel are pervading the issue.

Student Senate is elected as the "voice" of the student body, a position of responsibility and trust that should be honored. How well it is able to fulfill this responsibility is largely dependent on the input it's members receive from the students. By virtue of the fact they have chosen their senators to represent them, the students have given them the responsibility for expressing student opinion in matters, and reacting by their own judgment and to the best of their ability, to questions brought before them. Senate is also responsible for informing the students about actions it has taken, and the rationale behind them.

Specifically, Senate has tried to handle this recent action intelligently and honestly, trying to maintain somewhat of a peace in the college community. For this reason we felt it was in the best interest of all parties concerned not to reveal the whole situation, on a campus-wide basis at this time.

This is not to say that we never intend to explain the situation to those interested, but we should be trusted to choose the appropriate time to do so in a public meeting. This is part of the responsibility that you have elected us to.

This also points to the fact that Student Government elections should be taken more seriously than they have in the past. Because you are electing people to represent you, **with their opinions**, this is where your responsibility lies.

Another observation that I have made as a result of this is that we do not have to discourage controversy when it is handled in the right manner. The spirit of the age may be warning us to speak up for what we believe, while not speaking against what others believe, but shouldn't we be willing to seriously consider other's ideas if we expect them to give the same consideration to ours? We would find it very easy to tolerate other people's opinions if we had

none of our own, but since we all have self-preserved biases, this is highly unlikely. John R. W. Stott adequately sums up this idea in a quote taken from an obscure Reformation scholar who said, "in necessary things unity, in unnecessary things liberty, in all things charity."

Hopefully, we are all striving for the same goal, the betterment of the college community. In order to accomplish this what **we all need** is enough wisdom to realize that our way may not always be the right way, and enough intelligence to let our conscience, not our pride, be our guide.

Chris R. Mondello

Dear Editor,

It has come to our attention that there is a pressing need at Houghton for better stewardship as concerns the library. Houghton takes great pride in its academic excellence, as well it should, but with this it must realize its responsibility to provide a place where this academic excellence can be facilitated.

The library is the central educational facility of the col-

lege and for many students the only place where they can study and carry on the research necessary for the courses they are studying.

At present the library is opened six days a week, only until 10:00 p.m. on these days and is closed three hours Tuesday evening and one hour both Friday and Saturday evenings. This limited availability does not provide many students with sufficient time to complete much of their study, the rest of which they must take back to noisy houses and dormitories not conducive to study.

We feel that it would benefit Houghton students to keep the library open until at least 11:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. If this requires the addition of a new member to the library staff, then we believe that monetary and the other considerations involved should not be allowed to hinder students in their scholastic pursuits.

The residents of Beers House — David H. Peterson, Ivan R. McMillen, Stephen Hoover, Dale McElhinney, David Clifford, Walter Fleming, Greg VanVliet, John F. Reinhardt, Daniel J. Sastic

News Brief

The R.A. of the Year is an annual award presented each year to the R.A. who most exemplifies the ideal Resident Assistant. This award was set up three years ago by the Weir family. Mrs. Weir was Dean of Women and saw the need for an award to encourage girls to go on in student personnel work. This scholarship of \$100.00 dollars is given based on effectiveness as an R.A. and financial need.

How is this selection arrived at? The evaluations of each R.A. are reviewed by the Resident Directors and then their recommendations are made to the office of the Dean of Women where the final decision is made.

This year's Scholarship is presented to a Junior from Perry, New York, Nancy Lewis. Nancy is an R.A. at Brookside. She is an English major with music and secondary education minors. This year she was a Homecoming attendant.

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile was at Houghton College, Bedford Gymnasium, on April 1, 1974. Results were not available at press time.

Set aside April 17 to hear Tom Skinner Associates' "Soul Liberation II". Working out of New York City, this group promises to provide an enjoyable evening of entertainment with their soul, rock, jazz sounds proclaiming the Lordship of Christ. The concert will be in the chapel at 8 p.m.

Four Poems from

Eleven Addresses to the Lord

by John Berryman

After years of absence, John Berryman, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award for Poetry, returned to the Roman Catholic Church, and, as Christian artists must, set his art to grasping his faith.

Somewhere Oswald Chambers remarked, "Let God be as original with others as he was with you." This is good advice to the reader of John Berryman's poems, for in these four selections from "Eleven Addresses to the Lord," Berryman recounts his spiritual odyssey from skepticism to affirmation. First, believing against disbelief, then acknowledging his own worthlessness but recognizing the qualities of reason and compassion in God, Berryman lies down exhausted but confident that Christ judges all his work, including his poetry which is his witness to his faith.

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Master of beauty, craftsman of the snowflake,
inimitable contriver,
endower of Earth so gorgeous & different from the boring Moon,
thank you for such as it is my gift.

I have made up a morning prayer to you
containing with precision everything that most matters.
'According to Thy will' the thing begins.
It took me off & on two days. It does not aim at eloquence.

You have come to my rescue again & again
in my impassable, sometimes despairing years.
You have allowed my brilliant friends to destroy themselves
and I am still here, severely damaged, but functioning.

Unknowable, as I am unknown to my guinea pigs:
how can I 'love' you?
I only as far as gratitude & awe
confidently & absolutely go.

I have no idea whether we live again.
It doesn't seem likely
from either the scientific or the philosophical point of view
but certainly all things are possible to you,

and I believe as fixedly in the Resurrection-appearances to Peter
& to Paul
as I believe I sit in this blue chair.

Only that may have been a special case
to establish their initiatory faith.

Whatever your end may be, accept my amazement.
May I stand until death forever at attention
for any your least instruction or enlightenment.
I even feel sure you will assist me again, Master of insight &
beauty.

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PRAYER For The SELF

Who am I worthless that You spent such pains
and take may pains again?
I do not understand; but I believe.
Jonquils respond with wit to the teasing breeze.

Induct me down my secrets. Stiffen this heart
to stand their horrifying cries, O cushion
the first the second shocks, will to a halt
in mid-air there demons who would be at me.

May fade before, sweet morning on sweet morning,
I wake my dreams, my fan-mail go astray,
and do me little goods I have not thought of,
ingenious & beneficial Father.

Ease in their passing my beloved friends,
all others too I have cared for in a travelling life,
anyone anywhere indeed. Lift up
sober toward truth a scared self-estimate.

10

Fearful I peer upon the mountain path
where once Your shadow passed, Limner of the clouds
up their phantastic guesses. I am afraid,
I never until now confessed.

I fell back in love with you, Father, for two reasons:
You were good to me, & a delicious author,
rational & passionate. Come on me again,
as twice you came to Azarias & Misael.

President of the brethren, our mild assemblies
inspire, & bother the priest not to be dull;
keep us week-long in order; love my children,
my mother far & ill, far brother, my spouse.

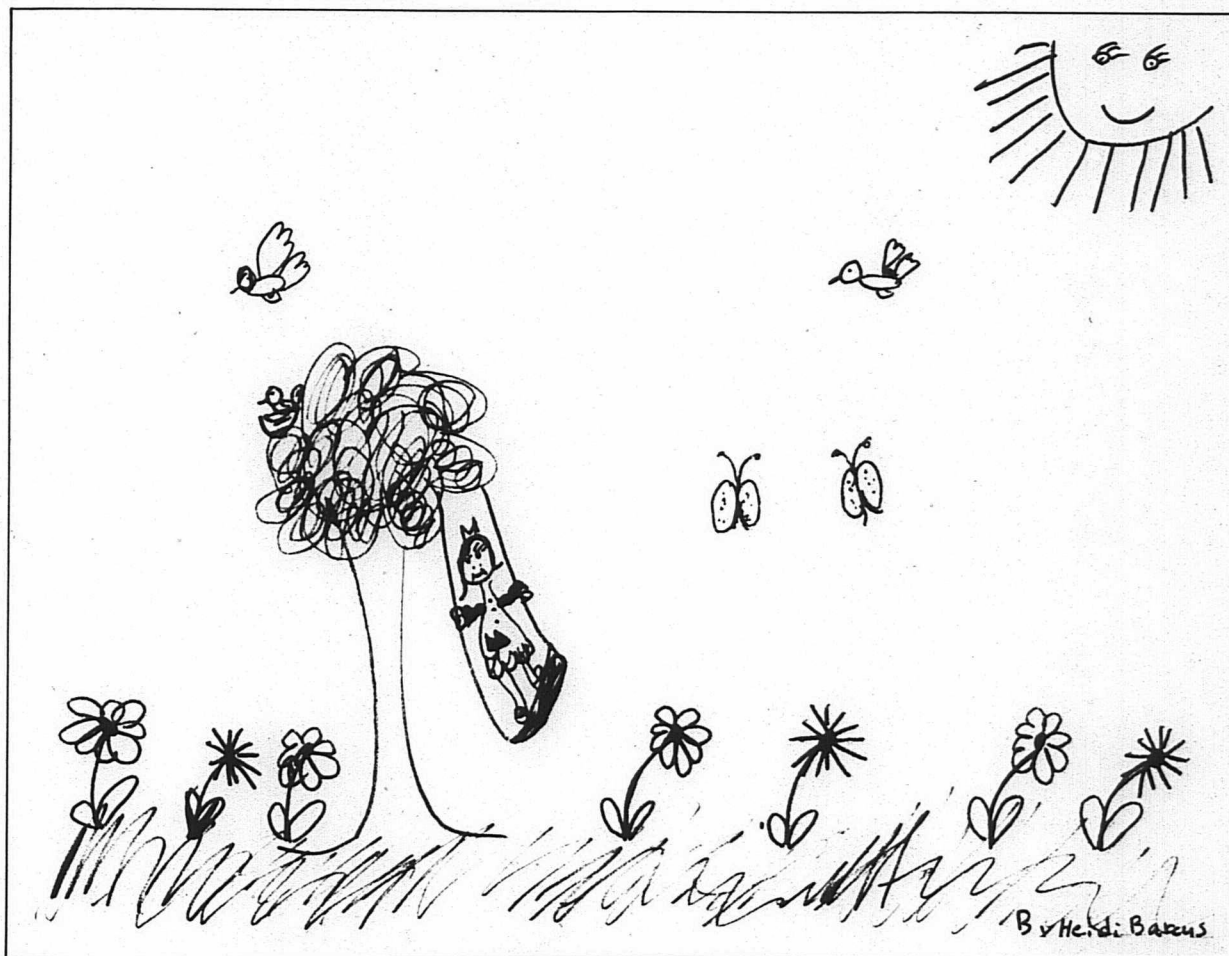
Oil all my turbulence as at Thy dictation
I sweat out my wayward works.
Father Hopkins said the only true literary critic is Christ.
Let me lie down exhausted, content with that.

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Germanicus leapt upon the wild lion in Smyrna,
wishing to pass quickly from a lawless life.
The crowd shook the stadium.
The proconsul marvelled.

'Eighty & six years have I been his servant,
and he has done me no harm.
How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?'
Polycarp, John's pupil, facing the fire.

Make too me acceptable at the end of time
in my degree, which then Thou wilt award.
Cancer, senility, mania,
I pray I may be ready with my witness.



SPRING

Spring is here; the grass is growing.
 The flowers are blooming; the clouds are floating.
 The rocks are waking; the wind is shaking.
 The sky is blue; The blue blue sky.
 The sun is shining. The children are playing.
 The trees are stirring. I'm all alone.
 Thinking of this wonderful thought
 that hit me like a ✨ .

And that is how my thought began,
 This wonderful thought, this private thought,
 That came in my head
 This first day of spring.

LOVE IS IN THE SPRING

When spring is here I know it's spring
 Love is in the spring.
 Because of all the love in the air.
 The birds are cheeping.
 The frogs are croaking.
 The animals are dancing
 in the sunlight.
 And that's how I know
 that spring is here.

by Heidi Barcus, in the
 eighth spring of her life.

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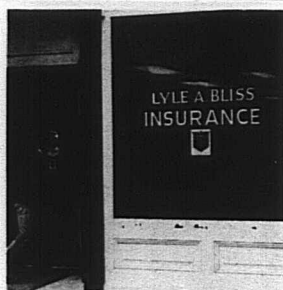
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