

Students Stamping Down Snow.

Students Create Ice Rink Weather Stalls Completion

The whole idea of having an ice rink on the Houghton campus sprouted years ago, but it was not until this year that definite action was taken. Coach Tom Kettelkamp was the person who was most instrumental in getting the ice rink approved by the various college boards and committees. The next man in line, Pete Wilcox, got the student body involved. Posters were hung and the news spread in order to arouse interest.

On January 21st, at 1 o'clock, the Ice Rink on the Quad received life. People began to gather in snowshoes (Pete Wilcox, Tim Moore, and Bruce Sargent), skis (Pat Smith, Judy Shank, Nancy Eliason, and Sylvia Nicolaysen), and even a snowmobile (Doug Damon) to stamp down the snow in the 150 x 60 foot area that is to be the ice rink. After all the "footwork" was finished, many people started to build walls, lay out hoses and fill the rink with water (Eric Seeland, Jim Johnson, Guy Hayes, John Cox, Ron Hamilton, Dale Robertson, and Mark Moore). The work continued until midnight but the job was far from completed.

Pete Wilcox said later that the whole operation now depended upon the weather. "Right now the ground

is not holding the water as well as we wanted, but all we need are some low temperatures to freeze what we have already done." Continuing he states, "If worse comes to worse we will just have to lay down some plastic." Pete has had experience in building ice rinks before, so knows what he's talking about. In all, Pete feels that the turnout of people has been "great", and he says "there are still a lot of people willing to help out so it will be successful." Looking ahead, Pete sees no apparent disadvantages and he wishes to thank all those who have dedicated their time and support to the ice rink.

Though the rink may not be finished by the time this article appears there will be much to look forward to. There will be a stereo system and a flood lamp set up so that night skaters may better enjoy themselves. Hockey players will also be able to use the rink during various hours set to accommodate everyone. Rules and regulations will also be applied for rink safety.

In all, the ice rink looks very promising and rewarding to both faculty and students and as Tim Moore put it, "they will be talking about it for a while."

New Awareness Program Initiated Aims at Funding New Gymnasium

Since November 1, 1977 Clarence Reid has been working at Houghton College to put together an awareness program consisting of a synchronized audio-slide presentation to be presented in various areas in order to raise funds for the new gymnasium. The areas to be covered are Buffalo, Rochester, Elmira, Albany, and New York. Chosen as leader for the Rochester area is Paul LaCelle, M.D., a 1951 Houghton graduate and a 1959 graduate of the University of Rochester. He is chairman of Radiation Biology and Biophysics and Professor of Medicine at the University of Rochester Medical Center, according to Dr. Huff, head of the Development Department at Houghton.

Dr. Richard Castor, a 1954 Houghton graduate and a dental surgeon in Elmira is the leader for the Elmira area. Albany's area leader is Richard Koch who received a B.S. in business administration in 1966 and who is a communication consultant with the New York Telephone Company in Albany. Emily Markham Adelman, M.D., a pediatrician and a Houghton alumna of 1942, is the New York City area leader.

Each of these area leaders will solicit several hosts and hostesses who will entertain about a half dozen people for an evening meal at which time the synchronized audio-slide presentation will be made. This is not, says Dr. Huff, the fund raising aspect of the campaign. It is simply to let alumni and friends aware of what the college is planning to do. After this phase of the program which will probably run through March, the actual solicitation will begin.

John Cooper, an employee of Ketchum Incorporated will be in charge of the fund raising aspect. Dr. John Essepian, a Houghton alumnus and a dental surgeon of the Albany area who is serving as the National Chairman of the fund will have a general oversight of all these activities. Several groups including alumni, friends of the college, the more than 400 Wesleyan Churches in the Houghton area, faculty, staff, administration, and the trustees will be solicited.

It is the hope of those involved, says Dr. Huff, that hearts will respond to this Nationwide appeal for funds so construction can begin this

Rev. Angell Holds Special Meetings Former Pastor Brings Messages

Rev. Edward Angell opened the semester as special speaker for Spiritual Emphasis Week, Jan. 15-22, sponsored by the Houghton Wesleyan Church. Formerly pastor of the Houghton Church 1951-1956 and 1961-1968, Mr. Angell felt as though he were returning home again. Besides the Houghton Church, Rev. Angell has pastored in Wesleyan, United Methodist, and Covenant Churches in Indiana, Ohio, Kansas, California, and Texas. Presently he is a professor in the Religion Dept. at Bartlesville Wesleyan College in Oklahoma.

A major theme of Mr. Angell's talks centered upon the Holy Spirit. He spoke evenings Sunday through Friday, assisted by various choirs, in chapel services, and again on Sunday morning and evening. Many students seemed to be disappointed with Mr. Angell's approach, expecting an evangelist who would preach as though he were literally on fire. Mr. Angell was on fire for the Lord, however, in a more subtle way. He used testimonial illustration and witness, sometimes lengthy, but a profoundly fine point never failed to come through. He did not choose to spoon-feed us. It would have been much easier merely to relax and listen to a preacher exhort us with generalities and answers to all the unasked question. Instead, Mr. Angell preached Christ and gave us many scripture verses to meditate upon to seek out for ourselves. We should not be content to placidly lean back, to digest unquestioned whatever is taught. We must learn to dig for ourselves, to explore the scriptures for new nuggets of truth that God has specifically for us as individuals. By providing us with the questions for thought rather than with all the pat answers, Mr. Angell allowed the Holy Spirit to move freely over the campus this

week. The altar calls brought forward many needs, questions, and salvations, uniting students and faculty in a bond of Divine love.

"What I give he takes, what he takes he cleanses, what he cleanses he fills and what he fills he uses," said Mr. Angell more than once. What we give is especially important. Unless we approached the week with the attitude of "What can I give?" rather than with "What can I get from this?" we were probably disappointed. With a giving attitude, we should surely have received, for "whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Mr. Angell challenged us to think deeply and to evaluate where our be-

liefs are at. The Holy Spirit touched Houghton in a very special way through Edward Angell this week. To some students, this was the most meaningful Spiritual Emphasis Week they could remember, largely because of Mr. Angell's genuine love and radiant, Christ-filled spirit. I would not call Mr. Angell dynamic, because that implies forcefulness. Rather, I would refer to him as having charisma — a gift of leadership given by the Holy Spirit; not boisterous, but persuasive. Mr. Angell allowed us to think for ourselves. How much did you receive from Spiritual Emphasis Week? That depends upon how much you gave.

— Patty Gatrost

Son Touched Gives Concert First on Campus This Year

One of Houghton's special musical groups, Son Touched, gave a highly enjoyable concert on Saturday, January 21. It was the group's first concert on campus this year. The audience was responsive and everyone enjoyed the fine, clean sound for which Son Touched is noted.

Son Touched began five years ago with three definite purposes in mind: (1) as a Christian outreach group — to serve Christ in all capacities; (2) as a public relations outlet for the College — to let potential students know about Houghton College; and most importantly (3) for the individual benefits to the Son Touched members themselves — they learn to share Christ with others and to grow spiritually and socially. So far, Son Touched has been striving towards these purposes mainly by summer travel to various churches and Christian camps, as well as visiting various churches during the school year.

The Son Touched member must be a well rounded person. He or she must have musical ability, a strong Christian commitment and an ability to get along with others in a mature way. Athletic prowess also comes in handy, for tennis and softball skills are often put to good use during the summer camp ministry.

Son Touched is a well-traveled group. In previous years they have been to 30 states and visited places like the Grand Canyon and Florida. Sight-seeing helps to augment the great deal of travel that they must do. The rewards of doing the Lord's

work make the often cramped living conditions a burden easier to bear. This year, the group will confine most of their touring to the Eastern half of the U.S. — the New England states and New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. The group is very open-minded, though, and is willing to go wherever the Lord leads them.

This has been a critical year for the group in that the only original member left was advisor Ralph Biesecker. The Lord supplied new members, however, and Mr. Biesecker is optimistic about the growth of the group in the next few years, especially since this year's group includes four freshmen.

A present concern of the group is the need for a bus. After a bus accident last summer the members began praying about the necessary financial support needed to buy another bus. Donations and prayer support from students would be appreciated. When one considers the demanding schedule Son Touched faces this summer, one can see why this need is so important: Son Touched will visit 50 churches from the first of June to the middle of July, and then begin a summer camp ministry.

As far as the on-campus ministry goes, it is hoped that several of Houghton's special musical groups can get together and give a joint concert in the spring. Such a concert would surely be a refreshing break from the end-of-the-semester crunch.

Houghton Begins Search For New Motto "The Rock" Faces Possible Extinction

The theme, "Founded on the Rock", has been a part of Houghton for at least forty-four years. It appears on the college mace, the ceremonial staff carried by Dr. Stockin on Founder's Day and for Commencement exercises, as well as on cafeteria trays, college rings, and a myriad of bookstore supplies.

Although it is well-established and well-known, its origin seems nebulous and hard-to-trace. According to Dean Liddick, Director of Public Information, "Founded on the Rock" first appeared in college publications

around 1933. He says its incorporation into the college seal is not official. The official college seal still reads "Houghton College Houghton, New York; Holy Bible, Fiat Lux." Period. That all-familiar theme is simply a "trademark."

Dr. Frieda Gillette, a retired faculty member and known authority on Houghton history, says there is apparently no formal historical notes on when or how the theme came about.

Therefore, because of its unofficial

status, as well as its confusing meaning to Christians in conjunction with the Boulder, and its limited meaning to an increasingly secular audience, the Institutional Advancement Committee has directed a theme identification subcommittee to develop suggestions for a new theme. Dean Liddick, also chairman of the subcommittee, says "the purpose of the new theme is to give Houghton a more definite identification with the larger public, hopefully conveying

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Editorial

What I have seen and heard during my three and a half years at Houghton College leads me to believe that there is a need for changes in many of the attitudes people on this campus exhibit. Many editorials have been devoted to pointing out these various attitudes and highlighting the needed changes. However, there is at least one needed change in attitude that has not been touched by previous editorials, at least not since I have been a student here. This concerns the negative attitudes many students on this campus exhibit towards the international students.

By definition the term international student could include Canadian students, but it is not them that I am mainly concerned with. I am speaking of students from another country who are noticeably different from the majority of the students: different in race, language and/or color.

One prevalent attitude that has been around for a long time stems from the belief that the American way is the right way; the standard by which other countries should be measured. This attitude can take form in a sort of "looking down upon" the international student who may speak with an accent, dress differently, hold different political views or be of a different race than the majority of the student body.

There also seems to be a kind of paranoia that grips many Houghton students, mainly women, when it comes to international students of the opposite sex. Many girls seem to be afraid of young men who are "foreigners." "I just know they're talking about me." or "He keeps looking at me funny." are remarks that are sometimes heard.

These types of attitudes complicate an already sensitive area of concern among most students — dating. For the international student who may wish to date an American girl (most international students on campus are men) there may be the fear of rejection. Women students often exhibit an attitude which justifies that fear. "Why, my parents would have a fit if I dated one of them." is a statement that is often heard.

Then there's what can be called the "zoo mentality" of some of the students on campus. It may sound something like this: "Look at those guys over there. They're from . . ." or "Listen to them talking in their language. Isn't it strange how they all hang around together?"

What many students fail to realize is that the international student is balancing between cultures. On one hand he is trying to adjust to the American culture, while on the other he is trying to retain his own. He may be ridiculed in America for his "foreign" accent and return home to have people telling him he speaks like a "Yankee." In an effort to retain their own cultural identity many speak their language when with others of their own culture or country. Some students on campus react with hostility when they see two or more foreign students together speaking in a "foreign" language. They seem to fear a conspiracy or think that they are being talked about or ridiculed.

There also seems to be an erroneous belief on campus that international students are rich. Like all other students on campus, foreign students come from many different economic backgrounds. Many are not rich, but motivated. Their education may be financed by friends and relatives at home.

The international student who is not rich finds life complicated by the fact that he often cannot get a job on campus.

This inability to get a job is due in part to the administration's reluctance or perhaps negligence in formulating a clear-cut policy for hiring international students.

Form I-538 that governs the actions of a nonimmigrant student in the United States regarding on-campus employment states that ". . . if the school offers you . . . on campus employment which will not displace a United States resident, you are not required to apply for permission to this Service to accept such employment."

It is interesting to note that a recent ad in the Scoop Sheet requesting students who needed jobs to contact the Career Development Center was answered by several international students who were denied the jobs.

If jobs are determined by need, why is it that I know international students who do not even have enough spare money to buy toothpaste?

Is there a solution to these problems and negative attitudes? Yes, I think so, but it will not happen over night. There is definitely a need for more understanding between the two groups. It is possible that this could be accomplished in part by broadening the work of the International Students Club. This group could be expanded to reach out to the student body in an effort to educate them through the use of films or cultural presentations by the international students.

Love for each other and a desire for mutual understanding are two indispensable factors needed to help reconstruct some of the negative attitudes and injustices done to the international students on our campus.

— Nyla Schroth

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Letters to the Editor

I am glad that prior to January 19th's chapel service, Rev. Angell talked to two persons willing to admit their unbelief. I am surprised that they allowed their names to be used. Fellow students, do not be deceived, they are not the only ones. I also am not a Christian, and I also am open and searching. I experienced a struggle that morning in chapel but as at other times, went away still questioning.

My concern is with the attitudes of the student body toward those of us who are not Christians. I have encountered several attitudes. First, the naive view that every one at Houghton is a Christian; one person told me that they do not have to be a constant model here because they are not being watched by non-Christians. Let me assure you, you are being watched. Others say that they have no chance of sharing their faith here thus are in danger of becoming weak Christians. Let me assure you, you have a chance to share.

I believe that most common is the attitude which realizes the presence of non-Christians here, but in individual situations assumes Christianity. In casual and friendly encounters this attitude assumes that the individual is a Christian unless it is known differently.

Why do I not let you know who I am? Fear. Fear of disassociation, of an on the spot conversion attempt or of a strained attempt to be the perfect example.

Please do not be naive, reactionary, or condescending. Think of me, think of us. We live with you, eat with you, and go to class with you. I do not feel comfortable with your false assumption about me. I often feel that I am not a part of the whole here. I am pleading for an air of honesty, tolerance, and understanding. I am struggling with my personal questions. Remember me.

The rest of this letter was written three days after the preceding portion. They have been three days of struggle and suffering. Tonight (22nd) was the end of those days, marked by my decision to let Jesus Christ be the Lord and Master of my life. I shall be forever grateful to the people here who cared about me and helped me during the past two weeks. If you are struggling, don't resist. There are people here who can help you if you will let them. My commitment in faith marked a new beginning. Keep praying for all of us who made commitments this week.

Glen Harris

I would like to comment on two separate essays in last Friday's *Star*, both of which I find incorrect on certain key points and disturbing in attitude.

I. Mark Cerbone's letter concerning faculty members' alleged failure to be adequate spiritual leaders. I find his criticism both inaccurate and unfair. The implication that only a few faculty members actively aid students in their spiritual struggles is misleading. Many professors are simply of a lower profile than others in this regard. There are a great many faculty members whom I know I could contact for advice and comfort in time of personal crisis. There are also warm and challenging friendships which I value deeply.

Mark's larger error is over-expectation. Granted, a good professor should be more than a teaching ma-

chine. To expect them to be chaplains or ministers or psychiatrists, however, is expecting too much. This is in fact, why we have a chaplain, a college church pastor, and a student development staff.

We also need to recognize that faculty members are like all other human beings: their abilities differ in kind and degree. Asking a faculty member to be a competent scholar, a loving husband/wife, a good parent, and available at any hour of day or night for spiritual counsel is asking for a burned-out faculty member. Perhaps there are some who are able to fulfill such great expectations. To such people, I give my gratitude and admiration. But they are highly exceptional and exceptional people are, by definition, few in number.

II. Your editorial. Thus far, I've resisted the temptation to discuss your editorial policy on the grounds that I would seem pompous, defensive or patronizing. Old STAR editors never die, but they should keep their mouths shut.

What you term my "desire to change Houghton College" is what prompts me to put aside my good sense and write. While I'm not sure that Dan's and my goals were as grand and revolutionary as you make them sound, I am puzzled by your fatalistic acceptance of the "status quo." You say that changes of rules and official philosophies are unlikely because such changes would involve changing the doctrines of the Wesleyan Church. This is simply untrue. At least I hope so. I would not like to think that dorm visitation policy is as immutable as belief in the triune nature of the Godhead. That there have been many changes in the Houghton lifestyle, particularly these last few years, bears out my claim.

Not only is change possible — it is also necessary. I am not referring to "general clamor" or "saying something for the mere fact of saying something." I find these practices just as annoying as you do. I am speaking instead of the kind of change that is a natural process — maturation, if you will. Such growth occurs only when individuals stop passively accepting situations which could, with effort and insight, be changed.

I do not understand at all the distinction you draw between "the business end of Houghton" and Houghton's other aspects. For one thing, such a distinction is blurry at best. Whatever the case, you seem to be saying that we should stop troubling ourselves about "philosophical" issues (e.g., the Pledge) and concentrate on more material concerns (e.g., better equipped library). This approach is unsatisfactory for two reasons: 1) Most, if not all, material problems are based on "philosophy" and 2) I am inclined to believe that ideologies are generally more important than immediate material comfort and convenience.

Finally Houghton is not a business where one buys an education like one buys eggs at the supermarket. (That the college is "trying to make a prof-

it" comes as a shock to me. Imagine the surprise of the IRS as well.) Education is not a commodity. It is a process whereby one develops his creative faculties and learns to think more clearly and more deeply. Part of this thought inevitably involves examination and criticism of one's lifestyle and environment. Separation of education and lifestyle is foolish, not to say impossible.

There is more to be concerned about here than "better services." Much more. Life is more than warm hamburgers, salted sidewalks, new TV room furniture and lower textbook prices. Discussion of such issues as academic standards and practices, traditional evangelical mores, the Church's response to homosexuality, and rich Christians in an age of hunger is hardly "general clamor." I suspect even Mayor McCheese, Ronald McDonald rest his soul, would happily relinquish his space for such matters.

Despite its ambivalent tone, I found one sentence very interesting. You "suppose the struggle to liberate the Houghton student will go on forever, and (you) suppose it should, just to keep Houghton from stagnating into a Bob Jones." Exactly. On that point, I couldn't agree with you more.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Confer

EDITOR'S NOTE: If I could find someone to discuss such issues as "academic standards and practices, traditional evangelical mores, the church's response to homosexuality and rich Christians in an age of hunger" I would fill my pages with it. Too many students don't care about such things (consider the audience, you know) and the rest are asking for dancing privileges, open dorms and other changes which they feel will add to their "material comfort and convenience."

I am only saying that there are better things to fight for which would help us better "develop (our) creative faculties and learn to think more clearly and more deeply."

Since I wrote my editorial, no one has had the guts to say anything but, "Good editorial. I really agree with you." I, however, am not stupid enough to believe that many students (or faculty, staff, and administration for that matter) are doing anything but living lies while agreeing with denunciations of American materialism. Why do I feel this way? Because as of the January 13th "Scoop Sheet" the FMF budget has not met even half of its goal.

The FMF budget is around \$22,000. In case anyone's arithmetic is faulty, let me help. \$22,000 ÷ 1,200 students, faculty, staff and administration = approximately \$18.33. Now let us figure a bit more. Figuring 30 weeks of school, if everyone set aside 62¢ a week (no, not \$6.00, \$60.00 or \$600.00, just 62¢) the FMF budget could be met.

But we are all too poor to do that, aren't we?

Sincerely,
Sharon Brautigam

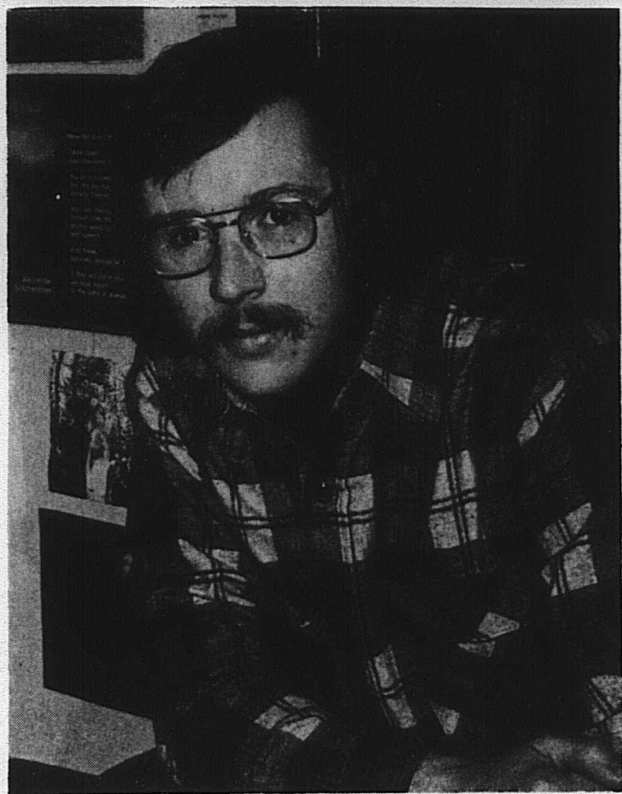
Campus News Brief

The Presidential Evaluation Committee for Houghton College had its first meeting on Thursday, January 19th. The committee, which had been named by the Local Board of Trustees, was convened by its chairman, Mr. Edward Sakowski. The function of the committee, according to Trustees minutes is to be "responsible to evaluate the President each quadrennium during the second year of his term." Even before his appointment to the presidency, Dr. Chamberlain had suggested such an appraisal.

The committee membership includes Trustees Edward Sakowski, Herbert Stevenson, Daniel Heinz, James Bence and Robert Lytle, and also Warren Woolsey, Richard Dickson, James Spurrier, Chester Rudd, Leo Cox, Isabel Weir and Ronald Strumbeck representing faculty, students, staff, alumni, church, community and Buffalo Campus respectively.

Engaged

Valerie L. Renninger ('80) to Steven H. Olsen ('78)
Debbie Feiler ('79) to Peter Hamilton ('78)



Prof. Jack Leax

Professor Leax Returns to Houghton After One Semester In Kentucky

Associate Professor of English, Jack Leax has returned to Houghton after a semester-long sabbatical leave to Kentucky. Leax, who has taught at Houghton since 1968, recently became the head of the Writing Department.

Ever since he was a college student himself, Leax has been interested in the poetry and prose of Thomas Merton, a Catholic monk who died in 1968. So, during his leave he researched and read notebooks and letters at the Thomas Merton Studies Center in Louisville, Kentucky. Leax hopes the research will eventually become a book.

In a recent *Star* interview, Professor Leax talked about his leave — what he has gained and a bit of how he felt. The interview follows:

Star: Why, first of all, did you want to go?

Leax: (chuckles) As our chapel speaker said the other day, everyone needs to get away from Houghton once in a while! . . . More seriously, I started reading some Thomas Merton when I was a college student faced with whether to go into the ministry, into teaching, or even into business. Thomas Merton's essay

"Poetry and Contemplation" deals with the problem of being torn between a secular and religious call. And that essay helped me a great deal in defining the natures of the calling open to me. It stayed with me and I gradually read his work over the years.

Four years ago I was talking about this theme with Dr. Basney and he roped me into writing a paper on Merton for the Northeast Modern Language Association. I later published it in *Christianity Today*.

Because Merton studied Zen Buddhism in his later years, a couple of *Christianity Today* readers wrote in and questioned me. So this forced me to study his later works and I eventually wrote a follow-up article. That's when I saw a possible book developing: How did Merton develop from an ordinary Trappist monk (a devotional poet) to an experimental poet with an interest in Eastern religions?

This question took me to Kentucky. Not only this, but also the relating possibilities for Christian verse, like how can it open up for me and for my students? I think I found the answer.

Star: What, specifically, did you spend your time doing?

Leax: I spent two days a week at the Merton Study Center at Bellarmine College in Louisville. Louisville is a two-hour drive from where we lived in Wilmore. In fact, I averaged 400 miles a week commuting. At the center, I read all of Merton's available notebooks, an abominable task because they were frequently illegible and sloppy. (I spent a lot of time with a magnifying glass and even with its aid, I had to quit half-way through and get a new pair of glasses.) I went over drafts of some late poems and examined Merton's progress, while noticing what his journal indicated he was reading at that time.

I don't have a key passage yet, because it's in French. But I have a rough approximation to give to Professor Johnson to work on.

Star: Did you publish anything during this time?

Leax: I wrote a little article entitled "Toward Higher Unities: An Approach to Thomas Merton's Later Poems." It will come out in a special issue of a publication called *Abba*. And I wrote an article about the collected poems of Merton. It will appear in the *Merton Seasonal* put out by the Thomas Merton Study Center. Then, I wrote "A Tourist in Silence" for the winter issue of *Milieu*, but that was an excerpt from my journal. And I wrote a couple of poems on Merton which I rather like, but which I've not yet published.

Star: What were some of the highlights of your time away from Houghton?

Leax: I had an opportunity to spend an evening with Brother Patrick Hart, Merton's secretary. He encouraged me in my work and I had quite a profitable time with him. And near the end of my stay, I had a nice sidelight, a luncheon date with Wendell Berry, the famous poet. I had a marvelous time chatting with him. He said, "Don't buy a farm. It's too much work." Some of my students will understand the inside joke.

Star: What about your stay at Our Lady of Gethsemani, the monastery?

Leax: I spent a lot of time rethinking important questions and I kept a journal during the whole time. In all, it was a confusing, moving experience. I realized how much extraneous, frivolous stuff goes through our heads . . . We hide, so often, in talking about Him, instead of talking to Him or letting Him talk to us. . . .

Star: How do you feel about being back at "fortress Houghton?"

Leax: It's great to be back home. We lived in two rooms there — the three of us, along with Melissa's pet crab Bilbo. (I tried to get her to name it Merton, but she wouldn't.) . . . The whole experience was so big, so broad in terms of my mind. What occurred will not only aid me in writing my book, but will also cause me to think for months, even years.

— Michael J. Chiapperino

Lecture Series Review:

Dr. Franz Speaks on Toynbee

The second lecture of this semester's Lecture Series took place in Shaller Hall at 8:15 last Monday night. The speaker of the evening was Dr. David Franz. His topic was, "The Religious Odyssey of Arnold Toynbee."

Dr. Franz, a former professor of Dr. David Howard, was well prepared to speak on his subject. He received his B.A. at Wheaton College and his M.A. at Harvard. In addition, Dr. Franz was a Fulbright Scholar at the Free University of Amsterdam and spent a year engaged in special research at Cambridge. Finally, he received his Ph.D. in Modern English Historiography from the University of Massachusetts. Dr. Franz is currently teaching at Gordon College and will soon be publishing a book based on his research into Toynbee's works and private papers.

Monday night's lecture covered one facet of this research. It dealt with the changes in world view and religious outlook which Toynbee experienced in his life.

Dr. Franz traced Toynbee's experiences from his childhood forward. He discussed Toynbee's sheltered upbringing and his typically Victorian acculturation which involved indoctrination into High Church Anglicanism and a classical education. To these influences on Toynbee's life,

Dr. Franz added a third and highly important companion. This was Toynbee's training as an historian under men who belonged to the scientific history movement. This school of thought can briefly be described as a type of historiography which endeavored to let the facts speak for themselves.

The outgrowth of this movement was an attempt by historians to discover natural laws in history which would assist the historian in anticipating the future as well as understanding the past. Toynbee was fascinated by this and attempted to find natural laws in history and put them to use. His first major prediction was that the second World War would take place in 2035. Needless to say, the early arrival of that event left Toynbee somewhat nonplussed. Indeed it plunged him into a methodological struggle.

This struggle was not long in duration and ended with Toynbee throwing away the idea that simple, factual, value free history could be written. He decided that history had to be written from a given perspective if it was to have any lasting value. The perspective that Toynbee chose was that of religion. He chose, in the end, to present history from a religious viewpoint. In doing this, he came practically full circle from his childhood.

Gao Sets New Trend Banquet to Rival Jr.-Sr.

Gao Dorm, in its second year as a men's dorm, has out-lived many rumors and jokes about them taking over a weak and frail female facility. The men have set a social trend that is unifying to them as a body and lends tremendously to campus morale as a whole.

Spurred on by last year's success, Gao sponsored another "After Dark," which made the fearless jock squeamish and the liberated woman faint.

February 10, Gao goes after dark again, not with a scream, but with a "touch of class," at Salvatore's Italian Gardens.

Gao Dorm is trying to establish a

Banquet tradition of quality comparable to the Junior-Senior, which will be anticipated by the men and their dates.

Salvatore's has an excellent atmosphere that lends to the valentine theme with its Roman Gardens and terraces. The cuisine, unmatched in the area, has won international awards.

The entertainment will be provided by Sharon Boyd, Bonnie Ballash and Breadfeather (Mark Moore, Bob Miller, and Robbie Jacobson).

The Gao Banquet shows the real men of Gao, out from under grease paint, gory guts and cows' eyes.

hood.

Dr. Franz pointed out, however, that this return to religion was not necessarily a return to Orthodox Christianity. He said that Toynbee "historicized" such things as the incarnation of Christ. That his vision of God was that of a God in history rather than a God of history. Despite this, Dr. Franz found Toynbee's work contained profitable things for the Christian mind to sieve upon in developing a philosophy of history. He said that Toynbee's experience and recent events showed that a value free history was impossible and demonstrated the need for a more modest historiography.

— Peter Hamilton

SMA Transcends Token Dinner Meeting Ministry Provides Practical Experience

The Student Ministerial Association is returning to the Houghton scene with quiet confidence in its new purpose and mission. Rev. Edward Angell recalls the existence of the SMA during the fifties. The SMA has been one of the permanent fixtures of Houghton that everyone takes for granted. Perhaps this is what caused the SMA to become a defunct group in the past several years.

When Lewis Hiserote, now a senior, came to Houghton four years ago, being a Student Ministerial Association member simply meant a token dinner meeting each semester. After college, an SMA member went away with little more than another credential for a seminary application.

The "NEW" SMA still has dinner meetings. But now, rather than a formality as in the past, the SMA meetings provide a time of fellowship for its members. This practice is in keeping with the New Testament practice of shared meals. Once each month over thirty Houghton students meet in the Trustee's Dining Room for this SMA gathering. A devotional message is presented, followed by a short business meeting, and then the members are often privileged to hear a speaker address then on a helpful topic.

According to Lewis Hiserote, now the president of the Student Ministerial Association, many Houghton students do not belong to the SMA because they hold misconceptions about the organization. Many think SMA is an organization that is only for those preparing for the pastorate. Even many who are going into the ministry are not members because they do not have time. At this point, the president emphasized that the thrust of SMA is to serve and prepare one going into the ministry. Eventually, Hiserote hopes that the group's name will be changed to Student "Ministries" Association. The SMA is for all students preparing for full-time Christian service or for those who hope to be active laymen. Students of all majors are welcome. Presently, religion, Christian education, history, and Bible majors make up the membership.

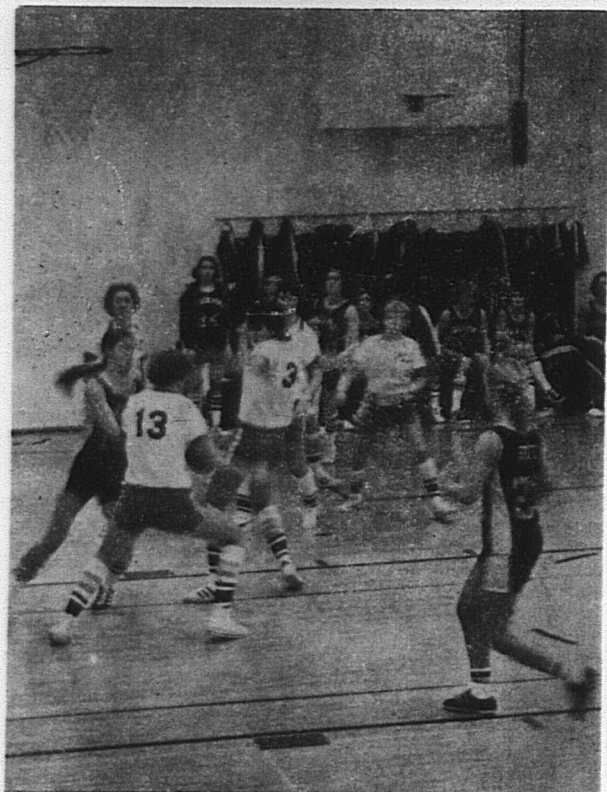
In the past the SMA was a "self-interest" group, in that speakers came in to speak to its members and only occasionally, a member filled a temporary need in a local church. The focus of SMA now, however, is to give a person going into a ministry some practical experience. Sometimes it is a long way from the textbook theory to real people, Hiserote

pointed out. Not only will this new service-approach give practical expression to otherwise academic study, but it will help locate the student minister's deficiencies.

The SMA is extending its ministry on both the campus and in the community. An on-campus prayer ministry will involve SMA members in praying for specific needs that students will address to an SMA intracampus box. A prison ministry to the Belmont jail began this Tuesday, January 24, with a Bible study for some inmates there. Friendship, education, and church services will also be a part of the jail ministry.

All Houghton students will have a chance to share in the SMA's new interest in prison ministry when the SMA presents two free showings of Charles Colson's "Someone Who Cares," on February 24. The first showing will be in Shaller Hall at 8:00 p.m., the second in Wesley Chapel at 10:00 p.m.

When asked about attempts to gain new members, Lew Hiserote said he hoped that students will come to see SMA's new attitude and approach. Anyone interested in joining SMA can do so by contacting Lew Hiserote, president; Paul Clark, vice-president; or Art Torpy, secretary-treasurer.



Highlanders Play Hard.

Canisius Routs Houghton Women Winters Leads in Genesee Game

It was a discouraging weekend for the Houghton women's basketball team. With star player Peg Roorbach sick, they took two hard losses.

Saturday afternoon, the team traveled to Buffalo Auditorium to play the Canisius women. The girls had some difficulty adjusting to the auditorium. They complained of glaring lights, and Coach William Greenway said he never saw a rim so "alive." Houghton played a respectable first half, leading most of the way. However, they lost out on a couple of fast breaks and ended the half 27-22, Canisius. Then in the second half, "We suddenly went cold," said the coach, "and only scored five buckets from the floor," making the final score 65-34.

Ann Higley was top scorer with 10 points, followed by Ann Taylor who dropped in 7. Taylor was also leading rebounder, grabbing 10. The team as a whole wasn't meeting the passes and didn't shoot as well as they could have.

Monday night, the girls played at home against Genesee Community College. Peg Roorbach's absence

greatly weakened the offense and placed a lot of pressure on Marty Winters. Coach Greenway says the team is still very young, lacking in depth and experience. The girls seemed to have trouble holding on to the ball, allowing a rash of turnovers. Hurried, inaccurate shooting contributed to the final score of 63-33. Marty Winters led the scoring with 10 points. Polly Jennejohn put in 7, also pulling down 13 rebounds. Ann Taylor grabbed 9.

The team now holds a 1-5 record, having missed one game due to the snow last week. Looking at season totals, Peg Roorbach is lead scorer with a 10.8 average, followed by Ann Taylor with a 9.5. Ann leads in rebounding, having a 10.7 average, with Polly right behind at 9.5.

The team's next game is on Saturday, January 28 at 6:15 p.m. They will be playing Roberts Wesleyan at the Academy.

Skiers Schuss at Stowe Week Of Learning, Fun

While the rest of us sat in our suburban homes, a group of 25 Houghton students were busy "schussing" for credit. These 25 students and 2 faculty took off on Jan. 3 and didn't come back until Jan. 10 from Stowe, Vermont. Tom Kettelkamp, in charge of downhill skiers, tells about the week's experience. "We took 23 downhill skiers, 8 of whom had never skied before, 11 intermediate and only 4 advanced. The skiing was fantastic. With the conditions rated good to excellent and an average of 58 inches of snow under our skis, it was a paradise." For all who took this week of skiing for credit, four 1½ hour lessons were also required. Most skiers took more than four. Rick Nelson, a beginner skier this trip, had nothing but praise for the instructors. "I learned how to ski. I had fun." Dawn Lambert, an intermediate skier, said, "I learned a lot because of the good instructors." And even an advanced skier, Bob Brandt said, "I improved my skiing." Not only were the instructors more

than adequate, so were the range of trails, catering to any skier's ability.

Although the downhill skiing was fun, Jim Spurrier took out groups of cross-country skiers every day also. The groomed trails, up to 40 kilometers in length, were considered excellent by any skier who had the chance to experience them.

"The skiing was good but the Stowe Bound Lodge was better," said Kettelkamp. Homemade, homestyle meals with unlimited quantity, and the Christian owners were too good to be true. The skiers also took in events at the Winter Carnival. "Perhaps the highlight of the trip was when we had nightly devotions around the fireplace. There were no interruptions since we had the entire lodge to ourselves," said Kettelkamp.

Tom Kettelkamp has similar plans for next year. But he does plan to add an overnight trip for the cross country skiers. Almost everyone who went felt they got more than their money's worth.

Houghton Slopes, Cross-Country Trails Open for College Students' Convenience

So, you are sitting in the dorm, all your work is done and there's nothing to do, right? Wrong. If you like to ski, or if you are interested in trying, Houghton College has just what you're looking for. No, it's not an all expense paid trip to Stowe Valley, but an invitation to our own College ski slopes and cross-country trails. The slopes are located down near the soccer fields past Shenawana.

For the cross-country skier, there are at least five hours worth of many fascinating trails. Those interested in the trails available may consult

the map post in the ski lodge.

For the cross-country skier, the days and hours open are: Monday 7-10 p.m., Tuesday 1-5 p.m., Wednesday 1-3 p.m., 7-10 p.m., Thursday and Friday 3-5, 7-10 p.m., and on Saturday from 9-12, 1-5, and 7-10 p.m. The fee to rent cross-country equipment is a modest \$1.75, which covers everything for an entirely fun-filled day. The rental fee for downhill is about \$2.75.

Coach Burke, who is in charge of the program stated that some downhill times are different because of ski

classes. Evening hours are the same as cross-country, with afternoon limited to Thursday and Friday 3-5 p.m., and Saturday 1-5 p.m.

If you have to ski on Sunday, there is nothing holding the cross-country skier back. However, if you are thinking about downhill on Sundays, try Swain, as the tow lift at our slopes does not run on Sunday.

Search For New Motto Continued

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Christian commitment, academic success, solidarity, and fresh thrusts in its second century."

Other members of the subcommittee are Ralph Biesecker, Harriet Olsen, Dr. Katherine Lindley, and John Leax. According to Mr. Liddick, Mr. Biesecker brings experience in recruiting students, knowledge of students' pre and post arrival impressions of Houghton, and famil-

ilarity with other Christian college themes. Miss Olsen not only has a student perspective and access to other student ideas, but as a forensic person, also has capabilities to summarize ideas. Dr. Lindley offers historical perspective and knowledge of the school's academics, while Professor Leax has the ability to crystallize ideas in writing.

In its first meeting last Tuesday, the theme subcommittee agreed to research other school themes, learn more about the origins of Houghton themes of the past, and announce a desire to have input from students, faculty, staff, alumni, and other friends. Mr. Liddick says input can take the form of suggested themes and can be submitted to any committee member. Consideration will be given to establishing a prize if a viable theme is selected this way.

While the new theme is not intended to directly replace "Founded on the Rock", it's possible it will eventually be accepted as much as, or even more than, the accustomed phrase.

According to Mr. Liddick, the new theme has not been given a target date, and will not be "iron-clad" for some time. He also added that there are no definite plans for places where it will appear.

Final decision is not in the hands of the subcommittee, but rather, finalized suggestions will be reported to the Institutional Advancement Committee, who in turn, may surrender the matter to Long Range Planning or the Administration and Trustees.

In the final analysis, Mr. Liddick said the new theme "will have to prove itself" before any major changes take place.

Missions Info In FMF Office Elections Set For February 8

It's not that hard to get into summer missions, according to F.M.F. President Mark Parsons. F.M.F. has information on what summer missions involves, how to get in, and who to write for applications. They're even providing some of the money needed. Soon there will be a chapel service presenting next year's summer missionaries. For those who can't leave for the summer, there are still chances to get involved. Elections for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Public Relations Director, Prayer Group Leader, and Summer Missions Coordinator will be held February 8.

F.M.F. is planning to have Paul Pang, a 1954 graduate of Houghton College who serves in Hong Kong, speak in chapel. Dr. Pang is principal of United Christian College, a secondary school with an enrollment of 1,057, and heads Schools for Christ Foundation (S.F.C.). He, his wife,

and two daughters will be spending eight months in the U.S. and Canada. While in Houghton he will present the College with a plaque in appreciation of its help and prayers concerning his school.

Currently the F.M.F. has \$9,478 towards their goal of \$22,000. This money, coming completely from the college community, is divided among the 12 missionaries F.M.F. helps to support. They also help support the summer missionaries, and use a small amount for their own costs. About 45 to 50 people attend their meetings Wednesdays at 6:30 at Fancher Aud., to help out, and to pray that F.M.F. may achieve its purpose to "Challenge Houghton College to commitment to world evangelism."

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