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Student Senate Cabinet candidates: back row (left to right): Ed Zehner (Vice-President), Scott Zimmerman (Vice-President), Tim Benning (President), Lois McAleer (President), Naomi Ruder (Secretary). Front Row: Bob Felder (Treasurer), Sue Facer (Secretary), Dana Myers (Vice-President), Meg Martino (Treasurer). Presidential candidates respond to opponent's platforms on page 2.

Shannon Claims No Discrimination Shown In Hiring Houghton Alumni

by Jack Cavanaugh and Bob Matson

Can Houghton College be accused of faulty hiring practices? "No, we do not discriminate," says Dean of Academic affairs Dr. Frederic Shannon. Yet over 35% of the present faculty graduated from Houghton. In response to this, Shannon says, "This is typical of schools like ours.

In reviewing the percentage of graduates to teachers of other schools in the 13-member Christian College Consortium, diverse pro-portions exist. For example, while Wheaton College has graduated 33% of its present faculty, Westmont has only graduated 2%, and Gordon College around 20%. Most other schools do not have this high a percentage, so why is Houghton different?

The answer may lie in the hiring procedure, or in the quality of Houghton graduates.

prospective professor is A recommended by a division chairman, and then evaluated by a select committee including President Chamberlain and Dean Shannon

Qualities of potential teachers looked for include Christian commitment, high credentials in their appropriate fields, compatibility with the mission and objectives of Houghton College, experience, and sensitivity to the needs of students.

Shannon says the committee also looks for loyal people who are willing to make a commitment to the School. As Dr. Shannon says, "It takes a strong commitment from these teachers when one looks at the salary they are being paid

Although no law exists against "inbreeding" of the faculty, some feel these actions are improper and out of tune with the ideals of higher education. Shannon insists that the quality of all the Houghton staff is high, and he is satisfied with the performance level.

Many teachers never dreamed of returning to Houghton after graduation. Chaplain Bareiss said, "If someone would have said I was coming back to Houghton after I graduated, I'd have told them they had rocks in their head '

Mr. Leax, Associate Professor of English, graduated from Houghton in 1967 and after receiving his M.A. degree at Johns Hopkins Univer-sity, was hired in 1968. While attending Houghton he never expected to teach here. He has taught ere for twelve years. Teachers have various reasons here

for coming back to Houghton. Some teachers like the Christian atmosphere and the country lifestyles. Some professors feet the students here are a joy to teach, and they stimulate the professors with their dedication. Whatever the cause for their return, Houghton alumni are given no advantage over other individuals when applying for a job here. They individuals happen to be the most qualified people available at the time of hiring.

Regents Board Approves Proposal To Tighten Teaching Requirements

The Board of Regents has approved a tentative proposal which includes several steps to strengthen com-petence in teaching. The proposal would change the system of liscensing teachers, provide State supported in-service training, and new State requirements for local school board review of teacher and administrator performance.

The Regents action is part of a comprehensive effort to improve student performance in elementary and secondary education taken in the past two years. This includes: (1) establishment of rigorous statewide competency standards in read-ing comprehension, writing, and mathematics as a requirement for high school graduation; (2) directly linking student performance to high school registration: (3) mobilizing resources to schools needing them most through a Resource Allo cation Plan; and (4) the current proposal to improve teacher per-

formance. Under the Regents proposal, teaching would be recognized by statute as the 31st profession in the State for which the Regents are responsible.

To become licensed, all candidates would have to complete a course of study approved by the Commissioner and then pass a licensure examination, as in the case with medicine, engineering, social work, and other licensed professions. All candidates for a license would have to complete a one-year internship with State review before they could receive a permanent teaching license. Personnel employed in non-public schools would be permitted to teach, administer, or supervise without a license.

As an early step in developing policies to improve the quality of new teachers, the Regents and the Commissioner will convene a statewide conference on teacher recruitment and pre-service education. To help improve the performance of currently-certified personnel, each school district would be required to develop a system for periodic review of the performance of all teachers, supervisors, and administrators. The state would provide funds in the State aid formula to assist local districts with in-service training of teachers, supervisors, and administrators.

A State Board for Teachers would be appointed by the Regents make recommendations policy matters relating to education, liscensure, and discipline. This would consist of at least 15 liscensed teachers and at least two

public representatives. Furthermore, a State Board for School Administrators and Supervisors would be appointed to make recommendations on policy matters relating to education, licen-sure, and discipline. This would consist of at least six licensed administrators and at least one public representative.

State responsibility for the professional discipline of teachers which is now provided through Regents Rules and Commisioner's Regulations with a Teacher Education, Certification, and Practice Board—would be established by statute and transferred to the new State Boards, subject to review by the Regents.

The recommendations, the Board feels, should be viewed in their totality. "It is not suggested that the sole act of recognizing teaching as a profession or of establishing different arrangements for liscensure will in and of itself strengthen practice. The combina-tion, however, of strengthening recruitment, upgrading entry level requirements, increasing requirements for continuing performance

and support of teacher growth, and strengthening the formal role of teachers in guiding the practice of the profession has strong promise for improving performance. recommendations, con-The

tained in a Tentative Proposal on Teaching as a Profession and Teacher Competence, will now be distributed for extensive public hearings and discussions. (Final action by the Board is planned for late April.)

Ten Radio Towers Built to Bring **Public Television to Allegany County**

by Denise Woodin

Ten new towers spaced through-out twelve school districts now allow UHF television stations to reach small towns such asHoughton. Until recently, geographic barriers prevented residents of Allegany County from viewing public television

Because of the full range of educational programs public television offers, such as Sesame Street and Electric Company, area

school districts went to the Belmont BOCES Center in late 1974 to inquire about gaining access to the chan-

In mid-1975, BOCES hired Joseph Hill as director of Educational Communications to supervise the television project. In May 1979, the company contracted by BOCES began work on the towers that would soon reach the school districts of Andover, Angelica, Bel-fast, Bolivar, Cuba, Fillmore,

Friendship, Richburg, Rushford, Scio, Wellsville, and Whitesville. These districts paid for 10 percent

of the cost and federal and state contributions funded the rest of the project. Although transmitting problems still exist, as of February 1, most of Allegany County can watch public television.

According to Hill, Houghton citizens can pick up channel 56 from the tower on the east end of Rushford Lake. People living north of Houghton may pick up reception on channel 62 from the tower situated two miles east of Fillmore.

Hill claims that an outside antenna works best, especially since the new towers aren't as strong as the main ones. Televisions need a special loop-shaped UHF antenna, Hill adds, and he says if there are any questions about reception to

call the Belmont BOCES at 268-7693. Now, thanks to school districts who care about educational television for their students, and to the Belmont BOCES center, the village of Houghton can watch old movies, Shakespeare, and Sesame Street.

Saga's Mayterm Menu: The 21-Meal Package

by Cindy Rudes and Karen Fawcett The only meal plan Saga will offer during Mayterm this year will be the standard 21 meal package. Under the school's new agreement with Saga Foods Corporation, the five day meal plan offered in previous years to students in off campus housing wouldn't be financially feasible.

College business manager Kenneth L. Nielsen explained that fixed overhead costs, such as building payments and labor expenses, must be met regardless of the number of students served. The more students served, the less the cost per student.

The Mayterm student will be paying \$32.00 a week. The weekly charge works out to \$4.57 a day. It would be difficult to puchase and prepare three meals of high quality on the same budget. In addition, off-campus housing is not equipped with adequate kitchen facilities for food preparation.

nel.

Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the 1

voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the Lord is upon many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars; yea, the Lord breaketh the

The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness; the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory. The Lord sitteth upon the flood; yea, the Lord sitteth King forever. The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Tim Benning

Thanks for this opportunity to think out loud about last Monday's speeches and the upcoming Senate elections

First I'd like to mention a couple of things about the speeches. Mr. Zehner stated that he would be compatibile with either presidential candidate. I would just like to make this disclaimer: The statement was obviously an opinion, and does not necessarily reflect the sentiment of the other candidates involved.

I'd also like to comment on a statement made by Mr. Myers. He claimed that an increase in the number of quality concerts would reduce the amount of money lost by CAB. Quite the contrary is true In a recent conversation with CAB chairman and Senate Vice-president Craig Long, we agreed that the number of concerts should be reduced if CAB wished to balance its concert budget. An entertainment schedule saturated with concerts would detract from the unique ness of the concerts, resulting in

Entertainment and activities are

crucial to the Houghton student. Be-

cause of their necessity, a respon-

sible person must fill the position

to coordinate and plan such functions

Traditionally, the Student Senate

Vice-President has had the honor

of performing these duties and therefore, has been deemed respon-

sible for your social life, whether

promising or discouraging. Variety

and quality are essential aspects

lower attendance. Even though I would enjoy a variety of concerts, an increase in their number would not have the healthy financial re-percussions which Mr. Myers suggests.

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the

tant in this year's Senate race.

lives here and beyond Houghton.

As I have said before, I would like

This article is written in the hopes

that I will have survived yesterday's

primary. If that circumstance

should happen not to arise, then one may be forgiven for skipping

over the portion of this letter which

deals with my qualifications for Vice-President of Student Senate.

It might be wise, though, to read

the rest of the article so as to gain more input by which to judge the remaining candidates.

As I stated in my speech on Mon-day, the position of Vice-President

of Student Senate does not require previous Senate experience (The

reason for this being that whoever

wins the election will work with

Craig Long for 2 months and can learn while on the job)/ the po-

sition requires organizing and

planning abilities and the ability to

qualifications

platforms

I hope that each voter will critically examine the platform and qualifications of each candidate in order to make informed choices on the ballot. I would like to make a correction on my platform. In the lengthy time since writing the platform, I have discussed my questions concerning afternoon dorm visitation hours with Administration officials. The likelihood of such a policy being implemented appears to be nil. Perhaps a better, more realistic question would be, "Should the present experimental weekly open houses be continued, expanded, or stopped?"

I'd like to thank Priscilla Cham berlain for her introductory speech on Monday and all others who have given me moral and prayer support.

Scott Zimmerman

when dealing with large quantities of people, yet these can only be taken so far. Recently, I've heard viewpoints concerning concerts and movies about how few people have been attending. I must disagree that more concerts, whether diversified or not, will improve the attendance at these events. Once a quantity becomes common it loses its uniqueness and therefore the attention of its perspective audience.

(In fact, one of them said nothing

at all about CAB's program) I

agree that our activities program

needs more variety. Variety is part of my platform. But CAB cannot

seek that variety through more

free activites and expensive major

events. CAB does not have the

money, and students do not have

the time. CAB's officers must han-

dle money and time wisely. CAB should also develop a sen-

sitivity to the needs of other student organizations. I am sur-

prised that Scott and Dana served

as class officers without noticing

how hard it is to find time free for

class activities. I think CAB should

lighten its schedule to leave time

open for other groups. I also want

student organizations to avoid con-

Most important, if I am vice-

president, I will be looking for

help. I will be looking for people who can choose films, people who

can plan publicity, people who can

make eve-catching posters, people

with crazy ideas, people with sane ideas, and people who can turn ideas into reality. I welcome anybody willing to use his talents

I look forward to working with

many of you next year as your

Student Senate Vice-president.

for the rest of us.

flicts and encourage cooperation.

open communication among

Edwin Zehner

I hope I'm still in the race when this gets published. I wish the other vice presidential candidates had replaced the usual campaign rhetoric with more specifics last Monday. For example while they promised involvement in Senate, they did not say what form their involvement would take. I, on the other hand, listed in my platform three new things I would like Senate to do next year.

I agree that the Vice-president should involve himself in Senate. I thought the same as Treasurer. A glance at a few Stars will show that I have been involved this year. In addition. I have worked with the other cabinet members on cabinet projects. As I noted Monday, I can work with any of the other candidates in a Senate cabinet.

We all agreed on the need to organize Campus Activities Board more, but my opponents will need time to learn their own duties before they can make changes. I can start working on CAB as soon as I am elected because I have already learned many valuable lessons through our successes, and missed failures, and missed oppor-tunities-lessons that will make me a better vice-president.

My opponents showed little grasp of the scheduling and budgeting problems CAB faces

Because "big-name" performers cannot consistantly be brought into Houghton, the stimulus cannot be maintained to draw the crowds and surely would result in financial deficits. At a time when entertainment and activity fees are rising, we cannot afford to frivolously spend our money on such objectives. It would be for this reason that I would not promote an increase in concerts next year.

> When I voiced my intentions to perhaps break the mold of Vice-President to better suit the needs of the cabinet by becoming more involved with policy-making issues, I did not mean to say that my views of the Vice-President's role in management of entertainment were minimal. By creating more minijobs within the Campus Activities Board, however, more opinions can better develop our activities and entertainment while some of the pressures the Vice-President is faced with can be relieved.

I feel that there is room for student governing concerns and decisions in the Vice-President's duties that coincide with those of the President. If this office had been intended only to serve as a chairposition for the Activities Board, it would not have been included as a cabinet position. This is why I feel that with my experience in both the planning of social activities in government and leadership in government, I can bring to the office of Student Senate Vice-President a role that will serve you in a broad capacity. Not only will I strive to provide you with the quality and beneficial entertainment you require, but I will attempt to be an active participater in policy and governing issues as an approachable, open-minded student representative.

Meet the Candidates

In order to provide more forum for Senate presidential and vice presidential candidates, we asked each nominee to write his or her piece—either by adding to the chapel speeches or by responding to opposing candidates.

Lois McAleer

to see information provided for you By now, many of you have heard to make intelligent choices next this year's campaign speeches or November. Furthermore, I hope to see the establishment of forums for and placed in your the discussion of a broad range of mailboxes. At this time I would tonics that concern groups on like to expand on two issues previouscampus. Senate is the organization ly addressed, for they are imporon campus expressly designed to First, it is necessary that we ascertain and meet students' menwork next year to further develop tal and social needs--it should be a leader in this area. programs enabling us to ponder ssues and events affecting our

All this is not to say that campus issues be ignored in the process. At present we have established chan-

Dana Myers

work with a budget. Because I have only been at Houghton for a over a year, I have been little unable to rack up an impressive list of "qualifications" (although I am presently social chairman of the junior class and have been previously in the equivalent of Houghton's Student Senate at another college). But I believe I have shown that I

am a responsible, hard-working individual by the fact that I was recommended for the job at my other college, Case Western Reserve University, of working with the college's multi-million dollar trust fund, and by the fact that I received a job as assistant to the business administrator at CWRU, who is in charge of the University's security forces, 4 cafeterias, and mainenance crews. I believe the above indicates that I am at least as qualified as anyone running for the position of Vice-President.

All the candidates for Vice-President can fulfill the obligations of the position with varying degrees of success. The question each voter must answer is, "Which candidate will do the best job of serving the student body?" In making this decision, one should look not only at the ability of each candidate to do a responsible job, but also at what the candidates perceive as their duty to the student body. One of the candidates seems to think his job is to reorganize the office of Vice-president. While this may be needed, the critical issue is not how will the candidate do his job, but what will the candidate do for the student body in the way of entertainment. Keeping this in mind, one ought to carefully read each candidate's platform and see what each candidate wants to do to improve the entertainment and activities on this campus. By weighing this and the candidate's perceived ability to accomplish what he wants to do, the voter can intelligently make the choice of who he wants to be in charge of next year's entertainment

nels through which students and their Senate representatives can work to address problems as they arise. What is necessary is an evaluation of the time spent on concerns, so that a balance can be developed, and we can function smoothly as a college as well as think and act on issues important to us as Christians and citizens.

Second, as we work to minimize difficulties here on campus, establish policy and implement programs, it is essential that we maintain a cooperative relationship with faculty and ad-ministration. Over the past few years Senate has worked hard to build a working relationship with these groups. Though we do not always agree, it has been my ex-perience that the faculty and administration are willing to listen to our concerns. Two examples quickly come to mind here. First, it was after student discussion and request that faculty reconsidered chapel policy for this semester. Second, at our request, faculty has delayed action on a +/- grading system until a Senate-requested committee studies the plans further. Next year these issues, as well as numerous others (such as the restructuring of the academic divisions, fund raising, etc.) will arise, demanding attention by the entire Houghton campus. More balanced, integrated thinking can occur if students, faculty, and administration perceive themselves to be on the same side rather than in opposing camps. The challenge lies in electing Senate reprecentatives willing and eager to work at these relationships, and continue asking probing questions.

As a Student Senate Secretary, I have had first-hand experience in working with administrators to achieve our common goals. I have also interacted with senators and students from many opposing view points. My term as a cabinet member has afforded me unique and crucial experience in student government--from working with World Vision International's Cambodian relief efforts through the Senate Charity Drive to submitting a proposal, along with two other members of Senate to review a motion to institute a controversial plus-minus grading system. One final note-since I've been

given the space, I would like to of fer support for my running mate Dana. We uphold one another in this election. Our ticket is an expression of a desire to work together for you. We see merit in running aligned with each other-we offer you a team eager to serve vou.



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Students, Faculty Offer Opinions on Chapel

by Shirley K. Anderson Chapel, a major activity in the lives of Houghton students and faculty, undoubtedly stirs different reactions from members of these two parties. Recently, a randomly selected sample were asked to comment.



Anderson: Faculty should attend

"I have plenty of time to take a leisurely stroll to my mailbox, talk with a few friends, and still get to chapel on time," said Mark B. Anderson when asked if the time allotted for getting to chapel was sufficient

"I have enough time to get there," said Cheryl Rice. "We get out at 10:50 and we don't have to be there until 11:05. That's 15 minutes and plenty of time.

Even a few of the faculty mem-bers agreed that the 15 minute interval between the third period class and chapel is adequate. "I do have enough time. The only time I am late is if I stop and talk with a student," said Dr. Stockin.

"Inever have had a problem getting there on time," said Dr. Morken. The only problem is when you go to the mailboxes."

Another area with which the students and faculty were concerned was that of the attitude of the audience before, during, and after chapel.

Both Lori Raterman and Leslie Belson agreed that there should be a much more reverent attitude on both entering and leaving the chapel. "I think that students should be allowed to come in during the prelude. But if they do come in at that time, they should be a little bit quieter," said Lori. "I think that the 15 minutes

before chapel provides a good time for people to visit," said Dr. Morken. "A quiet buzz is one thing throwing airplanes is another; talking during chapel is yet another. Being courteous during chapel is a very important aspect. I think that the worst thing you can do during chapel is to fall asleep with your head up," he continued. The people interviewed also held

strong feelings concerning faculty



Stockin: Enough time to get to chapel attendance at chapels. "Ab solutely, the faculty should attend chapel,'' said Mark Anderson. Harriet Olson commented, "Chapel

cannot lead to a community spirit if one group goes and the other group doesn't."

"It's hard to say how I feel about this," said Lori Raterman. "I think that the faculty might resent being required to come because it is their job. For the students this is their life, not their job. I think that the faculty should be strongly urged to come and set an example." Dr. Morken said, "There are two

ways to go about the faculty being required to go to chapel. I think they should be here unless some high priority interrupts them and keeps them away. I miss fewer

times than the students do, so I would argue that in practical out-come the faculty should miss fewer than ten chapels a semester. If one's absences exceed that guideline, I think he should have some expla-nation and be required to present one."

"I think the faculty should attend, but I also believe that over the years they have had their fill of chapels so I can understand why they don't want to attend," said Adele Anderson

"They should be required to come because they are as much a part of the community as we are," said Cheryl Rice. "We come to worship and the faculty should be a part of that, too."

Mark Anderson commented on the new policy concerning chapel attendance. "It doesn't make much sense if we are free to miss ${}^{1\!\!/}_{\!\!3}$ of our chapels. We have more chapels than classes and a much smaller percentage of times you can miss. If you miss more than the allotted number of classes you are penalized by your grade, not penalized by being suspended from school. I think it is ridiculous to get suspended."

Harriett Olson said, "I think that chapel has improved every year since we have been here." She continued, "I don't have trouble with the Chapel Committee assigning an



Morken: Chapel courtesy important

arbitrary number for chapel cuts. I have real sympathy with them working to find a solution, but it does seem that there must be another way to go about it."



Olson: It's improved

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I empathize with Alan (since

I also have sometimes run afoul of

the rather short-tempered cafeteria personnel) but I don't think the

problem or answer lies with the

students. The problem, as I see it,

lies with the policy-making ap-paratus of Saga.

Last Saturday, for example, I

forgot to bring my ID card to breakfast. Despite the fact that the

checker knew me, knew that I had

paid board, and had checked my

Dear Kay,

cafeteria.

How Necessary is a Perfect Church?

Dear Kay, I would like to write in response to Joe Igla's letter of last week. Mr. Igla was concerned that several Roman Catholic students shared their views of Roman Catholicism in chapel. He went on to say that the Roman Catholic Church's position on the sacraments presented "a change in the gospel of grace that no Christian should remain indif-forent churt " ferent about."

am in no position to defend Catholic doctrine, since I am not a Catholic and know relatively little about the Catholic Church, but I would like to suggest that no denomination can hope to have all the right answers. There are too many possible interpretations of too many parts of the Bible for that.

I was raised in the Weslevan Church, and while I agree with most of its doctrine, there are elements I will never accept. This does not mean that I must reject my church and look for a new denomination, although I have that option. I do not need a perfect church in order to worship God; however, I have the right to seek one that more fully suits me.

Mr. Igla stated that his "conviction is that he could no longer be a part of a church that taught its people that salvation included sacraments." That was his decision to make, and apparently for him is the right one. However, other Roman Catholic Christians stay within their church and feel they are in the Lord's will. And they are probably right, too. The Catholic Church, like any other church, has its strengths as well as its weaknesses.

There are basic decisions that all of us must make. Each person must choose for himself what in life he believes, what he rejects, what he values, what he opposes. Some choose wisely, some not so wisely. But everyone has the right to choose.

Those of us who choose to believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, form the spiritual church. Many of us disagree with each other ont he exact requirements for membership in this spiritual church. Rather than focus on our unity in Christ, we haggle over eligibility requirements. This seems ironic since God probably won't change His mind if His requirements differ from ours.

The point I am trying to make is this: for better or worse, varying beliefs among Christians do exist, and varying denominations do exist. We Christians may get bogged down by focusing on these differences, or we may emphasize the common denominator we have in Christ, and attempt to grow together and learn from each other. It's another one of those choices we each have the right to

Thank you,

make.

Kris Pawling

"Provincial" Defined

Kay, Provincial is defined by the American Heritage Dictionary as being "Limited in perspective; narrow and self-centered." In his letter last week, Joe Igla warned us against being "too provincial," still allowing for a certain amount of provincialism. An amount, I believe, he stretched to its limits. (It is ironic that Mr. Igla chose provincial, since it also refers to an official in the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church.)

Mr. Igla's letter did raise some questions that need to be answered. However, his use of cer-tain terms (i.e. "the teaching of Romanism," and, "the most basic teachings of the Bible," to name a few,) was ambiguous. I'm not convinced I understand what Mr. Igla is saying, and not totally sure could tell me himself, were I to ask. Nevertheless, I must ask, not only for myself, but for those other readers caught up in our drivel.

Again, May all things be done to glorify Jesus, Todd A. Cosper

Hemayakian ran into when he tried to walk up the main stairs into the cafeteria, I once again returned to my room, hungry, and mad.

Saga Strikes Again

My questions: Why do we have such stupid rules? Why couldn't the checker simply have asked me to sign a paper and give my Saga number, and then have checked my name with a master board list later on? Is mistrust and inflexibility a characteristic of all Saga policy?

Perhaps less irritating to me, but certainly more amusing, is the story I heard of a student who was sent to Dean Massey for eating jello sloppily. (Where else but at Houghton does one find a Ph.D. scolding a college student for his jello-eating habits.)

I question Saga's right to make such ridiculous policy, and I chide the cafeteria and Saga employees for their stubborn insensitivity and mindless adherence to ludicrous rules. Just writing this letter makes me remember my grade school years, when the cafeteria aids made us raise our hands if we wanted to talk, and forced us to miss recess if we didn't eat with our napkins on our laps and chew with our mouths closed. It sort of reminds me of cults, too-you know, where everyone blindly does whatever the leader says, and stuff like that. Ticked,

Tim Bacheller

Fine Arts Week Goes Unnoticed

Fine Arts Week has come and gone. Except for stumbling upon a few East Hall or Campus Center concerts or brushing against the yellow posters, most of the Houghton College community might never have known there was such a thing as a Fine Arts Week. Oh, a couple of alert people might have been awake enough in Chapel to realize that there was something special about the week, but most people seemed too involved in deep philosophical problems to really pay much attention. Some people were no doubt still puzzling over whether Dr. Chamberlain truly meant to say "Bob Cosby" instead of Bill, or wasn't it really Flip Wilson who the devil made to do something? Such are the pursuits of the Houghton intelligentsia. (By the way, an important new controversy was raised during Fine Arts Week that should keep keen minds working way into the wee hours; was it a wrist alarm or a timer that provided many with a rude

awakening during Mr. Mellick's chapel talk?)

In case you haven't heard, most of the events were very poorly at-tended. Noye's Fludde was the exception, but not many people were interested in it enough to hear Dr. Gibson's preparatory lecture earlier in the week. Believe it or not, the skimpy showing at the lecture was not due to a packed Presser Hall where Tryptich was simultaneously showing its series of three films, "The Artist as Social Commentator." Basically the only people who showed up for the Tryptich films were those assigned to attend. Seems surprising doesn't it, that on a campus abuzz with chatter about society's decay, war, and existentialism, that no one shows up to view films on society's decay, war, and existentialism? Perhaps like the 'professing Christians" of Houghton (recently brought to our attention courtesy of R. Stephen Toman), there is also a group of "profess ing intellectuals"-or are they the Joyce Stoffers

returned to the cafeteria, only to find the doors locked and the obedient checker gone. Not want-ing to risk the trouble that Mr.

card many times before, she refused to allow me to enter the "Look at the sign," she said with practiced impatience, as she pointed to a pink piece of paper in front of her, which boldly stated, "If you

don't have your card-FORGET IT-go get it!" Dear Kay, I didn't have the desire or fortitude to argue with her, so I sloshed back to my room (through pouring rain), got my card with my sacred Saga number on it, and

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Grindal Sights Problems For Hymn Text Writers

by Nancy Parker

"The greatest reflection on an age is what it does to the hymn-books," said Gracia Grindal in last Friday afternoon's seminar on contemporary hymnody, part of the Fine Arts Week activities. Ms. Grindal, professor at Luther College in Iowa, spoke on some of the problems facing present-day hymnwriters.

Form is a problem for many modern poets, according to Ms. Grindal. Modern poets are often trained in free-verse style, which has no rhyme or rhythmic meter. Hymns, for "singability," need a more structured form than modern poetry uses

The problem of "modernizing" the content of hymns is a hard one, too. She cited the words "God of concrete, God of steel, God of piston and of wheel." She ex-plained that the reason it sounds absurd to us is that it is a mixture of "modern" and unpoetic words with older and conventional

rhythm and form-a ludicrous juxtaposition. She stated that what would really make a hymn "modern" is to syncopate the

rhythm, not change the words. The personal signature of the poet in the words of a hymn is a problem for hymnwriters. Personal signature refers to the par-ticular style used by a poet which signals his own work. Since hymns are meant for group worship, Ms Grindal believes that they should be as "anonymous" as possible.

Many hymnbook compilers, said Ms Grindal object to too much inclusion of Biblical imagery in a hymn, fearing that people will not understand it all. They cite "Here I raise my Ebenezer," from "Come Thou Fount of Every from Blessing," as an example of ob-scure Biblical imagery. Ms. Grindal claimed that hymns are the appropriate place for Biblical imagery, stating that, "I refuse to write hymns for the church if they won't read the Bible!"

Kevin Austin makes a save at Barrington College's Indoor Soccer Tournament as Peter Fuller (13) looks on Houghton won the championship, becoming the first team ever to successfully defend the title.

Movie Review: Dr. Zhivago

by Martha Manikas

On Saturday night CAB presented the movie classic Dr. Zhivago to a large audience in Wesley chapel. Omar Sharif starred as the poet and doctor Uri Zhivago, with Julie Christie as Lara, in this movie set in a tulmultuous Russia. The movie introduced and developed the characters in the form of a narration by General Zhivago, Uri's half-brother, in his search for the lost daughter of Uri and Lara.

The plot is centered in conflict. Historically, the conflict weaves the opposing forces of the Russian peoples into a counterpoint of bourgeoisie against peasant shown in glaring contrast when the hungry easants crowd around the outside of a building filled with laughing partiers. Peaceful marching pro-

testers confront armed soldiers; symbolically, the proudly brutish Komoroski forces himself upon

the proletariate Lara. Color and music mold the struggle. At one point, Tanya, Uri's future wife returns to Russia accented in Western style, wearing pink, contrasting the black she will wear when cries of revolution become reality. Lara, too, contrasts her life as a student wearing black and white when she wears a red outfit Komorski has chosen for her, just as he has chosen her as his mistress. But as Lara has been humiliated one too many times by Komoraski, and shoots him, so too has the proletariate been raped, and in reaction plunges the country into revolution.

Throughout the movie, Uri and

Lara's lives are followed separately, as each marries and has a child before the first World War breaks out. It is during the war that they first meet, while working as doctor and nurse in the western proven-ces. The conflict of the World War. and now revolution and civil warwhere peasants learn to flee from soldiers, not asking for what cause they fight—becomes internalized. Uri battles throughout the rest of the movie between his obligation for Tanya and his family, and his love for Lara. After I have seen this movie several

more times I may be able to understand part of its scope; I may then be able to review it for I am not ca-pable now. Dr. Zhivago is a classic, and whatever I may someday see in it, that evaluation will remain.



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