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Leah Omundsen and Al Bullock

## Nominees Compete for Senate Cabinet Bullock, Omundsen Capture Primaries

by Doug Roorbach  
Star Staff Writer

With the presidential field narrowed to two by Thursday's primary, and with two other candidates running uncontested, Student Senate will hold its general election on Tuesday, April 3.

The primary was held because Al Bullock, Boyd Goodell, and Leah Omundsen all entered the presidential race. Bullock and Omundsen came out as winners, and will appear on Tuesday's ballot.

Al Bullock says an important part of Senate is "The accessibility of the officers to a broad spectrum of the student body." Bullock has been Junior Class senator this year, has helped conduct Senate Spots, and has been Senate Social Co-Chairperson. He lists serving on Shenawana Dorm Council last year and making the Dean's List as additional qualifications.

"I look forward to making new contacts among faculty, staff, and administration, as well as strengthening the existing ones," Bullock says. He also noted, "It's important to use the inputs we have, such as the channels in the governance system, in the best possible way."

Leah Omundsen says, "I already know some of the people the president needs to have contact with from being in the Cabinet this year." Leah was the Senate secretary this year, as well as being a resident assistant in East Hall. Additionally, Leah served on the President's Advisory Board and the Constitutional Review Committee this year, while being a member of the Forensics Union.

"The senators need to talk to their constituents, and start voting for the people they represent, rather than for themselves," Leah says. "It's important that we keep the lines of communication open."

Craig Long will probably become next year's Senate vice-president. His is the only name for that office on the ballot, and only a write-in campaign would defeat him. Long is running with Bullock, but says, "I'll be compatible with whomever is elected."

Because he's almost certain to be elected, Long says, "I've been tagging along with Kevin (Knowlton, the present vice-president), finding out what the job entails. I don't even understand all of it yet. It's an enormous job."

In the race for Senate treasurer, Martha Manikas will run against Ed Zehner.

Manikas has been a senator this year, as a freshman, and served on the Current Issues Day Committee this Spring.

Zehner is the Sophomore Class treasurer, and served this year on the Constitutional Revision Committee. He is on the Gao Dorm Council, and was named to the Dean's List.

Lois McAleer faces the same situation in her race for secretary as does Long in the vice-presidential race. She has no opposition on the ballot. Lois served this year as Sophomore Class secretary, and was named to the Dean's List. She has also been floor chaplain her freshman and sophomore years.

## May Term Students to Experience Intentional Christian Communities

by Kay E. Hendron  
Managing Editor

Professor Richard Perkins and twelve students plan to visit at least seven different intentional Christian communities during this May term.

Each student will live in such a community for one week as part of Professor Perkins' course: 360-206, "Living Together: The Nature of Christian Community."

Students will spend their first week in Houghton gaining "what I hope will be a fairly sophisticated sociological understanding of commitment in community," says Perkins. They will visit previously chosen communities during the second week and discuss their experiences when they return to Houghton for the final week.

Students will read Rosabeth Moss Kanter's book, *Commitment and Community*, and Dave and Neta Jackson's *Living Together in a World Falling Apart* in preparation for the course. Each student will also be expected to correspond with his or her chosen community before leaving campus.

Fourteen Christian communities have invited Houghton students to visit their centers. According to Perkins, this is nowhere near the number of communities in existence.

Of the 14 communities, students have chosen to visit: Reba Place Fellowship in Evanston, Ill.; Patchwork Central in Evansville, Ind.; Church of the Messiah in Detroit; New Meadow Run Bruderhof in Farmington, Pa.; Koinonia Fellowship in Toronto and Sojourners in Washington, D.C.

Students are expected to participate and join in the work and functioning of groups they visit.

Many communities have asked Perkins not to send "any scientists," but students with high personal interest in their lifestyle, he said.

One student is so interested she is considering returning to Reba Place Fellowship in Evanston, Illinois after her May Term stint there. Elaine Beck, another student registered for the course, said she is "excited" about discussing "different communities, their goals, advantages and disadvantages, and how we fit in."

Perkins outlines two major purposes for his course. The academic purpose is to explore the nature of communal life and the role of religion in it. The non-academic purpose is to discover who we are as Christians, what we should be doing, and how we can get involved.

He hopes most students will take the pass-fail option because the course will be so unusual in structure. He also seeks students with genuine interest by applying the course number 360-206 to eliminate the major/minor credit offering.

He has also restricted the size of the group and stresses more than "purely academic goals" in the prerequisite student interviews.

Dr. Katherine Lindley, Chairperson of the Division of History and Social Sciences, calls the course "a tremendous learning experience... Quite frankly, I'm delighted with it."

Both she and Academic Dean, Frederick Shannon, expressed interest in faculty and student course evaluation upon May Term's completion.

Perkins pointed out that some of the participating students will be living in an "experiment in Christian community" at

Leonard Houghton and Hazlett houses, where he and Beaver Perkins are RD's.

He believes "Houghton has to do more to prepare its students. We ought to have a variety of models for alternate lifestyles here on campus." He is careful to deny any "attempt at elitism (i.e. 'we've got better than you do') or spiritual snobbery." He says that "some students are not ready for this, some are ready; those who are asking questions should be able to see these alternatives being lived out by people they know."

## Alumna Connie Finney Selected For 1979-1980 East Hall R.D. Position

by Linda Chaffee  
Star Staff Writer

Many people have been curious as to who will fill Carol Zimmerman's position as Resident Director of East Hall in the coming year. Connie Finney, a 1978 Houghton graduate, will be returning in the fall to fill this position.

Finney visited two weekends ago for interviews with Carol, Beaver Perkins, and Dean Massey. Connie served as a Resident Assistant in East Hall during her Junior year. A math major with secondary education, art, and psychology minors, she tutored Math 105 here, and has been teaching Junior High math in Cincinnati, New York for the past year.

During her four years at Houghton, she played field hockey and softball, sang and toured with "Son Touched," and worked with the King's Court. She was also honored as a member of Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges.

The complete selection process for the residence hall staffs of East Hall, Brookside, Gayodeo, and Shenawana has been finalized. For the last four weeks, present staffs have been involved in interviewing the applicants, and the applicants themselves have taken interviews and California Personality Inventory Tests.

Those who had no preference as to the particular dorm they desired to serve in were interviewed by both dorms. Over 70 students applied for 25 RA positions and four RCCL positions.

During the weekend of March 30, both the present and new staffs will participate in a weekend together. Beginning on Friday evening, the new staffs for each dorm will have dinner together. Afterwards, the present staffs will join them at the Village Church for "Getting to know each other" activities with Dean Massey and Wayne MacBeth. The remainder of the evening will be spent in singing and sharing.



Saturday's activities for the new staff will begin at 8 a.m. with a homemade breakfast. Anne Schroer will speak to the entire group for the rest of the morning. After a lunch of "make you own subs," the new staff will be involved in goal-setting activities focusing on the coming year. The sessions will end at about 2 p.m.



# Editorial

This past Wednesday I tolerated the most horrendous oral delivery I have ever heard in Wesley Chapel. Mr. Cetnar, visiting campus for the Wesleyan Ministerial Conference, was introduced to us as a former Jehovah's Witness.

Instead of presenting any kind of logical argument for or against the Jehovah's Witnesses' beliefs, Cetnar proceeded to mock out the Moonies, Mormons, Seventh-Day Adventists and other "false prophets." Unfortunately, the majority of the audience laughed at every insult he made. I'm sure someone could have really roasted Baptists or Lutherans in the same uncharitable way.

Most of Mr. Cetnar's comments were childish and out of place. I was saddened to hear laughter and clapping, especially from the Wesleyan ministers present.

Christians should have respect for all people, be they Christian, non-Christian, or "false prophets." There is simply no excuse for that man's deplorable comments.

Charlotte M. Dexter, Editor

When I was a kid, I couldn't wait for anything, and Christmas was the worst. Remember those don't-open-until-Christmas packages? When people were around, I used to "count" them. But when alone, I'd shake, rattle, and roll them—everything short of ripping away the wrapping—trying to get closer to the forbidden contents. I didn't know whether what was inside was good or bad; but I wanted it and I couldn't have it. Sometimes my mom caught me examining a package. I'd just grin and exclaim, "I'm not doing anything!"

I saw many students "not doing anything" last Friday night; and I saw many grins. Oh, plenty happened—MACARTHUR, ice cream, arm wrestling, games, music, cartoons, and more—on into the night. But these activities barely wrapped other forbidden activities.

I was waiting on the ice-cream line as music blared across the Campus Center lounge and conversation died. I saw many students "not doing anything" as they moved across the floor. Others just tapped their feet or bobbed their shoulders with the beat. Still others folded their arms in front of them and watched (trying to appear "with" the person they stood next to). Participants divided easily into "with-its" and "wall-flowers" again after the ice cream.

We have a real problem here with forbidden activities; for the purposes of this editorial—dancing, in general—all pledge restrictions. Some delight in seeing "how far we can go" without overstepping the proverbial line. Some don't watch their feet and nonchalantly hustle across it. Some don't even get close enough to examine the line. Regardless of our position, however, the line remains.

Someone recently told me, "I think the pledge is silly and choose to break it." Most are not so candid, though most have definite opinions about the pledge. Those opinions, nevertheless, should have little affect on our actions while here.

The point now, is not whether we agree with pledge restrictions (or even its validity). The point is that each of us has signed it. When you dance, you break the pledge. More importantly, when you dance, you discredit your signature, your good name. Isn't your name worth a bit of self-discipline during your stay here?

If we can agree that personal integrity is worth retaining, let's also agree not to tempt each other. Let's not even see "how far we can go." Loud music and strobe lights, are not wrong in themselves, but they can tempt many. I'm not concerned, at the moment, whether dancing is good or bad; but I won't do it... because I said so.

Kay E. Hendron Managing Editor

## Dives and Lazarus: The Pharisees Are Back

Dear Editor,

I wrote the "From Hell and Heaven to Jake Letters" anonymously because I wished to call attention to the principles rather than to the parties of disagreement.

Jake's explication of the Dives and Lazarus parable was an attack on the biblical doctrine of justification by faith and an affront to any contributors to Houghton College who may be among those whom he calls the "rich evangelicals." The implication of Jake's article in the March 19th edition of the *Star* is that giving "to the gym fund" instead of to the poor is a mortal sin, for which God says "I will spit you out of my mouth." (*Star*, 3-10-79, p. 2, cols. 1,2)

I think Jake's charges are bitter, and I confess to an un-Christian bitterness of tone in the "To Jake from Hell" letter when I tried to make my response proportional to the intensity of his

attack on those Christians, wealthy or otherwise, who have contributed so much over the years to making our excellent campus facilities a reality. We ought to regard Christian generosity with thanksgiving, not with condemnation.

The denial of the biblical principle of justification by faith is also very serious, for if the foundations of our Christian heritage be destroyed, the corollary will be the erosion of other important institutional distinctives. One such evidence of deterioration to which I referred in my "Letter from Hell" is the appearance of a neo-Pharisaism that parades austerity as ostentatiously as the old Pharisees paraded the external of their pseudo-piety.

I would also like to answer the charge that I have attacked the person rather than the principle. I find that it is impossible to disassociate the principle from

the person. To do that is to do more than God does, for if I understand the Scriptures, God does not separate between the unregenerate sinner and his sins, even though He loves the sinner. When one goes into print with an attack on a vital Christian doctrine and values, he invites a response that is equal to the seriousness of the subject matter. I think that we all have to be very personally identified with what we believe, and I also believe that we can still love one another, even when we believe that the other person is involved in a serious error. Our responsibility to give and receive Christian love, however, does not mean that we will not be held personally responsible for our errors, as if there were some kind of mysterious dichotomy that relieve us from the accountability for our sins. Sincerely,

Lloyd P. Wilt

# letters

## Who Gets the Last Laugh?

To the Editor:

I was appalled by the Chapel presentation of Wednesday, March 28, in which the subject of "false prophets" was discussed. The speaker, William Cetnar, chose to look at the subject in a humorous light. His caricatures of the beliefs of different cults made their believers seem moronic and laughable.

It seems to me that this is a

waste of our precious time and effort. How do we make an honest effort to reach out to these people? By laughing at them? And did the speaker really describe the whole of any of these cults? I think not. Rather, he chose to pick out the elements that look ridiculous from a "rational" viewpoint.

The point that Mr. Cetnar sadly missed is that our own beliefs can

also look irrational. If Cetnar is a Christian merely because other beliefs look silly, he had better re-examine his commitment. Faith, the eternal nature of God, the Trinity, the miracles of Christ: All of these are elements of our belief that cannot be understood or explained rationally by our finite minds. Yet should they be held up for laughter and ridicule? History shows us that they have been, many times.

Let's not think along the same lines as those who have persecuted Christianity throughout the ages because it was not as "rational" as some other belief.

So many people today are looking for an answer, and we know that we have it. But it's not just another philosophy to sit on the shelf next to Hare Krishna or the Unification Church.

It is belief in God that led His chosen people through a turbulent history, culminating in the advent and death of His Son, giving us a promise of everlasting life.

Since our beliefs are something special, we are not in a battle with philosophies of equal stature. Rather, through our love and actions we can show these misguided people that the only truth can be found in Christ.

But step number one, as Mr. Cetnar really should have known, is to have compassion for these people as individuals. We'll have to stop laughing at them before we can love them.

Sincerely,  
David Tideman

Editor's Note:

The controversial "Dives" and "Lazarus" letters were sent to me with the author's signature intact. His name was withheld by request. Personally, I found his comments a bit sarcastic, but hardly slanderous. Slander is the utterance of false charges which defame or damage another's reputation.

After discussing the letters' contents with my advisor, I decided that it was not slanderous and I therefore printed it.

Dear Editor,

It was the opinion of myself and numerous others around me that the music played in the Campus Center lounge last Friday night before the ice cream social exhibited very poor taste.

Although I wholeheartedly agree with those who, on justifiable grounds, would criticize the choice of music as disgressing far from the Christian testimony the school attempts to portray, I wish to base my attack on the incredibly high decibel level on which the music was played.

Finding myself having to shout in the vain attempt to hold conversation with those around me, I considered utilizing the open floor space as a dance floor in this disco atmosphere, now complete with flashing colored lights. Realizing that, according to the

pledge, I would be the one to be ostracized, not the persons responsible for the tunes, I refrained from doing so.

As the music approached a level painful to the ears, the operator of the controls was politely asked to turn down the volume, to which he replied, "I just did." If true, the volume decrease was indiscernible. Perhaps a sledgehammer attack on his equipment would have incurred a greater effect.

Far from being a legalist, I write only for the express purpose of encouraging a measure of courtesy and consideration from those in charge of social events toward students who wish not to be subjected to a rock festival, but merely wish to enjoy an ice cream social.

Sincerely,  
David E. Stanley

## Slander: Self-Defeating

Dear Char:

Freedom of the press does not extend to character assassination. The letter by "Dives" would be, if signed, slanderous. Unsigned, it is worse than this—it is cowardly. Jake's letter represents an honest attempt to publicly evaluate the extent of our concern for the poor in light of Biblical commands; (whether we agree or disagree with him is not the issue at hand). The letter by "Dives" does not attempt to critically evaluate anything; it seeks only to discredit Jake himself. Even so, the effort fails for the only person who has

been discredited is the writer of the letter.

To silence or even discourage the honest critics around here would be a great mistake. We all need continual self-examination. Anything which discourages this effort—whether it be letters like the one in question, gossip, or other such harmful and un-Christian acts—runs counter to the goals on which this college has been founded.

In Christ,  
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# letters

Dear Houghton,

The title "To Jake From Hell" was an appropriate one for the letter that appeared in last week's *Star*. It certainly sounded as if it had been written by Satan himself. I think there is no room or excuse for this kind of slander between brothers and sisters in Christ. As far as I, and many others are concerned the letter was a vicious personal attack with absolutely nothing constructive to say to Jake, or to anyone else for that matter.

I was disappointed that most people seemed to miss the two

Dear Char:

Hopefully, a liberal arts education trains us to think critically about issues that we face as Christians. Certainly, Jake's and Dive's letters have forced us to face one of these issues.

However, I would like to suggest that your present policy allowing anonymous letters should be discontinued. I know that you know the identity of each author, but the fact remains that we in your readership do not, and I think this impedes critical thinking. (In my opinion, it also encourages gossip.) For me to properly evaluate an argument, I need to know who the author is. This knowledge provides me with some idea of his or her qualifications to speak to the issues as well as possible motivations for writing. Without this knowledge, I cannot adequately weigh the merits of an article, for I do not know how much credence to give each argument.

Anonymity is not appropriate in an argumentative letter such as Dive's, particularly on a liberal arts campus. You could promote better thinking by revising your present letters policy.

Sincerely,  
Terry Slye

Dear Dives,

This letter is neither in defense of, or, in opposition to Jake's views. It is easy to see, by the replies, that he has touched upon an issue many people feel strongly about.

Two of these replies were to the point and did not pull any punches in confronting Jake with their views but, yours, Sir, stands out from these. Your letter seems to contain an air of sarcasm and malicious intent, not directed against Jake's views, but against his person.

I have always been taught that to voice one's views is to exercise a vital part of one's freedom, but, to attack another's character is to attempt to rob him of respect as a human being. The latter is what I see in your letter.

Can this attitude be justified in a Christian society or, any other society claiming the guarantee of human rights? I do not believe so.

Jake's character must be commended at least in one respect—he signed his name to his letter!

Robert Songer

major points of Jake's letter: motives and Lordship. Christians must THINK about who they are and what they have in relation to God by searching through the Bible and painstakingly evaluating and re-evaluating. This includes sifting out cultural influences and socialization from sources such as the media, family, church, and society in general, that are detrimental to our Christianity and contrary to the Word of God. Not only does this include sexual immorality, drunkenness, and violence, but financial considerations as well.

Have you really evaluated WHY you have two T.V. sets, an electric can-opener, two hundred albums, a large house and a nuclear family setting? Or do these things have value because you have been taught to think that way? What does the Bible say about lifestyle, possessions and giving? Could we really give up the things we have if God asked us to? Do we share ourselves and our possessions with others around us; not only those of our own social class and in-

Dear Dives,

As I read your letter to Jake in last week's *Star*, I was shocked, then confused. You reminded me of someone, but for some time I could not figure out who it was. Then, all at once, it occurred to me. You remind me of my own son. His name is Nathaniel. He is seven months old. You would like him, I'm sure, as you have quite a bit in common. When he is angry or frustrated (usually, the problem is one of indigestion or gas) he utters loud inarticulate noises. Often while he is going about this his face gets red and spit dribbles down his chin. Yes, you and Nathaniel would hit it off very well, but that should not trouble you. After all, our doctor tells us that our son is quite advanced for his age.

Yours truly,  
Corey Bowen

tellect, but the poor and illiterate as well?

If you have thought about these questions thoroughly and honestly before God, and have acted upon the Biblical decisions that you have made, then there is no need to feel threatened by Jake's letter.

But evaluation is crucial, for many wasteful things are being done in the name of our Lord. I think that being "of the world" includes not only the obvious evils but the evils that unobtrusively manipulate our everyday lives. We must guard against North American consumerism and affluence by carefully choosing what we need—distinguishing between these needs and frivolous wants, especially when our money could be used to save a life, or our time used to save a soul.

This is where Lordship begins. It is allowing God to keep our minds and motives pure, acknowledging that all we have is his and His alone, to be invested and used constructively, creatively, and lovingly. This may include "sacrifice" but it is a small price to pay when we consider the price of the cross.

I wish "Dives" had the courage to sign his/her name. And I hope someday he/she will realize the value of the "dignity of persons", and that we are all loved and cherished by our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Smith-Ortolano

Dives,

Critical commentary and interchange, in the positive sense, is certainly needed, but you, I think, were discourteous. In addition, if you profess the name of Jesus Christ, you have no right to be derogatory. I also think you should "own up" to your true identity, and in the future learn to be critical without being impolite.

Sincerely,  
Bob Tice

## Christian Herald Offers \$2000 in Cash Prizes to College Students

Christian Herald magazine is offering a total of \$2000 in prizes for the best short essays written by Christian undergraduate students on the theme, "How Did You Choose Your College?" A diverse spectrum of winning essays will be published in the October, 1979 college issue as a helpful complement to Christian Herald's annual Directory of Christian Colleges. Deadline for receipt of entries is June 15, 1979.

Essays should preferably be 500 words or less. They will be judged on their freshness and on their potential helpfulness to Christian young people in high school who desire to follow God's leading as they select their college.

Winning entries will combine qualities of interest with usefulness. They will answer questions such as: What happened when you prayed about your choice? Who influenced your decision? Why did a certain college seem preferable to others? How did high school activities and studies influence your choice? How did career goals figure in?

The first prize winner will receive a cash award of \$1000. Second prize \$500. Third prize \$100 plus eight honorable mention prizes of \$50 each. Announcement of the winners will be made in September.

For full information, contact: Editor, Student Essay Contest, Christian Herald magazine, 40 Overlook Drive, Chappaqua, New York 10514.

## Senate Report

On Tuesday, March 27, Terry Slye presided over Senate's final meeting of his term.

Slye announced the Wesleyan College Conference will be held here this weekend. All Senators are urged to attend the reception on Saturday. Slye reported that Mr. Nielsen is obtaining bids from three outside food services for consideration concerning next year's meal plan options. Final decisions will be made in the near future.

Student Development Council met on March 12 and reported that they approved the Senate Constitution and ticket prices for the Junior-Senior Banquet.

Campus Activities Board

At their Thursday meeting, the board discussed results of recent surveys concerning CAB. The surveys noted very high ratings on educational movies and study breaks offered during the past year. Kevin Knowlton announced the Second Chapter of Acts concert on April 25, 1979. This concert will be free to all. CAB also passed a resolution requiring

closing the balcony during Senate Spots.

Chapel Committee

Graham Walker reported the committee's decision to incorporate the unifying theme of how Christians are to be a whole people, during next year's chapels. Spiritual Emphasis week will feature Dr. Paul Rees. Also, a new sub-committee plans several informal worship chapels.

Cultural Affairs Committee

The Committee tentatively finalized a music policy for the Campus Center. A list of approved stations will be submitted by Dr. Basney in the near future.

Presidential Advisory Board

Students employed this summer at the college will receive flat wage and will be eligible for scholarships for outstanding work done.

In other business, Senate passed the new Constitutional by-laws. Senate elected Terry Slye as the first student representative on the Board of Trustees.

## Some Questions and Answers on the Student Services Survey

As a reminder, what was the Student Services Survey (SSS), when was it administered, and to whom?

The SSS was designed by a sub-committee of the President's Task Force on Retention and Attrition, and was intended as a tool for the evaluation of all college services related directly to students. The SSS was distributed to the entire student body (via mail-boxes) shortly before the end of first semester. It was divided into four separate sections, printed on pink, green, yellow, and blue paper.

What kind of return did you get?

Good. We were pleased with the responsiveness of the students to our request for information and suggestions. More than 600 students returned the first section of the SSS, and 500 or so responded to the other three.

To date, what has happened to the information that was gathered?

On February 26, the sub-committee responsible for the design and administration of the SSS submitted its findings to the Task Force on Retention and Attrition. At that meeting, the Task Force made the following recommendations:

- (1) that several copies of the entire SSS report be filed in the Student Development office and be made available to interested persons in the college community, but that the copies on file not include any comments about specific individuals.
- (2) that each student service surveyed be forwarded a copy of any statistics and comments relevant to its area of service.
- (3) that each student service evaluated be asked to respond in writing to the Task Force, addressing comments to those areas which students have identified as needing attention, and outlining any changes which are to be implemented in light of the data/comments received.
- (4) that the Task Force prepare press releases for the *Star* on those student services which stimulated significant student opinion.

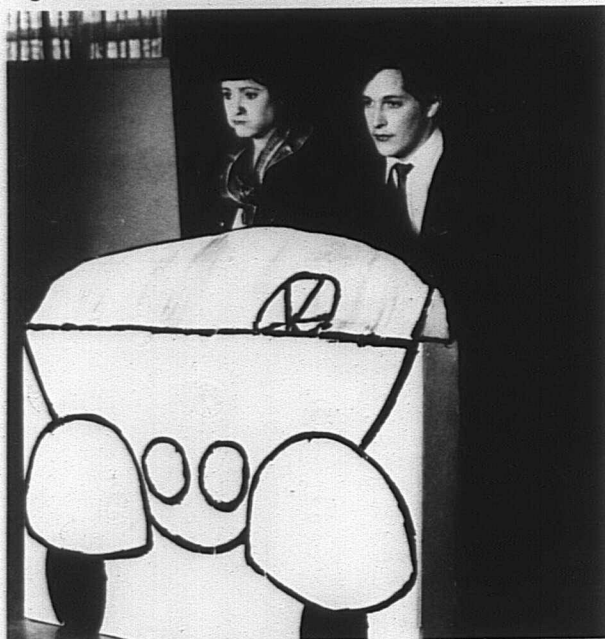
Have all of those recommendations been acted on?

Not completely. First, student service supervisors are in receipt of all data and comments related to their particular area of service, and we are expecting to hear from each of them during the first weeks of April. Second, several copies of the report are now on file, and available to interested persons in the college community, in the Student Development office. Third, during the next few weeks, someone on, or working with, the Task Force on Retention and Attrition will be talking with the supervisors of those student services which stimulated significant student opinion. The results of those interviews will be published in the *Star*.

How? When?

There will be a special one-page insert in the April 27 issue of the *Star* dealing exclusively with the data and comments gathered via the SSS.





The Mittys (Cindy Wilt, Steve Lennox) in *A Thurber Carnival*: Tapping the Titan behind the tweed.

## EEC Presents A Thurber Carnival; Burrows and Craker Top the Cast

by Graham N. Drake  
Associate Editor

Most students probably remember the television program *My World and Welcome to It*, starring William Windom. The show, based on the larger and still surviving tradition of James Thurber's humorous short stories and cartoons, went off the air a number of years ago. In a matinee and sell-out performance on March 24, the English Expression Club presented selections from *A Thurber Carnival*. Cindy Quiter directed James Thurber's dramatization of his own stories.

Given the low budget and the dreary Saturday afternoon matinee conditions, the stage scenery was satisfactory. The simple cartoons attached to the flats reminded me of Thurber toons attached to the flats reminded me of Thurber's own drawings in such works as *Fables for Our Time*. Perhaps the scene changers could have created a more subtle din while changing the backgrounds.

Heading the show in individual acting quality, Martha Burrows made her entrance with "The Macbeth Murder Mystery." Her talents peaked in her hysterical portrayal of that queen of supernumeraries, the gorgeous lady assistant in "The Pet Counselor" (remember *Let's Make a Deal* and "the box where Carol Merrill is standing"?). Scott Myers played a superbly inebriated general in "If Grant Had Been Drinking at Appomattox."

Tim Craker, Georgian bastion of the Houghton stage, began the *Carnival* in minor roles. He gradually built up to a thoroughly convincing (and thoroughly perturbed) James Thurber Himself in "File and Forget." In "Casual Keys," grog-happy Bill Lamberts improved over his earlier role as the aid to General Grant. Greg Williams paired up nicely with Ms. Burrows for "Macbeth." He needs to work on his British accent a bit, though; he reminded one of a clean-shaven Rasputin in an ascot.

Steve Lennox realized his crowning success in "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty." He achieved this mainly through his use of contrasts between the kicked-puppy timidity of Walter-driving-his-wife-to-the-hairdresser's and Valhalla-bound Walter-the-Navy-Pilot, Walter-the-world-Renowned-Surgeon, and so forth.

Also appearing in *Thurber Carnival* were Cindy Wilt, Fran Hutton, and Janet Bouw.

## Baseball Team Earns Funds for Florida Trek

by John Wilson  
Star Staff Writer

The Houghton College varsity baseball team will leave for Florida Friday, April 6, for nine days. The trip is designed to be a spring training for the 18 member baseball team to get into shape for the upcoming season.

The team will leave Friday afternoon and drive to Harrisburg, West Virginia. They will play a doubleheader against Eastern Mennonite College Saturday afternoon, then complete the drive to Florida. The team will stay at the Wesleyan Village in Brooksville, Florida.

Before the team goes, they must earn \$1500 to pay for expenses. The rest of the money is funded by the school.

The entire trip is not funded by the school because, as Coach Tom Kettlekamp says, "We can't justify an extended trip like that. Other teams just go overnight." He believes it would be justified if they were going there to play games in addition to conditioning.

This will be the first spring Coach Kettlekamp has taken the baseball team to Florida. In his previous three years, the team has scheduled games in the Virginia area.

Kettlekamp feels the trip to Florida will be more profitable than going to Virginia.

Guy Hays, last fall's captain, is

## Houghton Drama Activity Increases; Greater Participation Encouraged

by Shirley K. Anderson  
Star Staff Writer

The English Expression Club was in full force during the last few weeks in March presenting two dramatic productions for Houghton College and members of the surrounding community.

*Free to be You and Me*, a musical comedy production about children, was the first of the two events presented. On Monday, March 19, the cast of ten students made their debut to a full house in Presser Hall.

"I had a lot of fun doing the play," said Arlene Bozzuto who portrayed a bouncy, pig-tailed third grader. "We got great reactions from the crowd. I think that people really liked it," Bozzuto said.

The production consisted of approximately twenty short skits, demonstrating the dramatic as

well as musical talents of the cast members.

"There was one musical number in which all the cast members participated," Director Diane Best said.

The second production, Houghton's first dinner theater, *A Thurber Carnival*, was presented on Saturday, March 24, in the Campus Center Dining Hall.

Cast members, directed by Cindy Quiter, included: Martha Burrows, Janet Bouw, Tim Craker, Fran Hutton, Bill Lamberts, Steve Lennox, Scott Meyers, Greg Williams and Cindy Wilt.

Concerning other activities of the English Expression Club, President Bob Andrews said, "Our hope for the future is to get more students on campus to participate in dramatic activities."

The E.E.C. is contemplating putting on three or four productions per semester beginning in the fall of 1979. These productions will be presented as the budget will allow. "We have to come up with various ways to raise money for these events since the income from the plays is not doing well because the Houghton theater going audience is not very large," Andrews said.

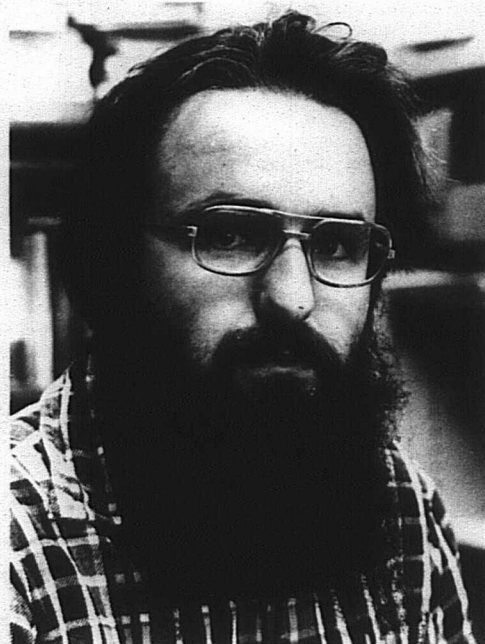
"We also hope to get some mime troupes and technical workshops going," Andrews said, "workshops on make-up, lighting, scenery-making, and costuming."

Another avenue the E.E.C. is attempting to pursue is that of creating a traveling drama company which will visit various high schools and churches throughout the area. "This company will present both Christian and secular productions," Andrews says.

Kathy Hudgens, an English Expression Club member who has recently been involved in the backstage traffic during the Club's productions said, "Bob Andrews has done a lot to further expand the activities of the English Expression Club."

Arlene Bozzuto also commented, "Bob is terrific. He has done so much to help the Club. He is a very dedicated President."

With the opening of the newly renovated Fancher Auditorium, the E.E.C. will have yet another new dimension with which to work. The new auditorium will house a moveable stage which can be conveniently positioned anywhere in the room.



## Gene Warren Reads His Poetry Monday, 8:15

Gene Warren, Christian poet and editor, will read his verse Monday evening, April 2, at 8:15 p.m., in Schaller Hall.

Last at Houghton in 1974, Warren is Assistant Professor of English at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Warren has published poems and essays in a wide variety of Christian and secular publications. He is Poetry Editor of *Christianity and Literature*, has been a contributing editor for *Sojourners*, and edits a pamphlet series, *Grafiktraks*.

For some years Warren has been working on a long poem series entitled *Christography*, or "visions of Christ". A first selection was published in 1973 by Ktaadn Poetry Press, and a second in 1977 by Cauldron Press.

Warren will be meeting writing classes during his stay at Houghton, in addition to his public reading. Widely anthologized and active in poetry workshops, Warren can speak with authority about the place of poetry and the arts in the Christian life and church.

The knowledge of God is very far from the love of Him

Blaise Pascal



# Minimum Wage Laws: Questioning The Conventional Wisdom

by Graham H. Walker

"Minimum wage laws are great!" says the typical teenager or student. "If we didn't have minimum wage they'd probably pay me twenty-five cents an hour." The truth is, however, that minimum wage laws are one of the main reasons this same teenager probably can't find a job—especially if he's Black or from the inner city.

Youth unemployment currently runs around 16% and it's a shocking 35% or higher for blacks. Most observers automatically attribute excessive unemployment rates of black teens to prejudiced employers.

This explanation, however, is not only suspiciously predictable, but also ignores some history. Large racial differences in teenage unemployment figures haven't always existed. No such racial differences existed thirty years ago before a national minimum wage law.

Indeed, black youngsters 16 and 17 years old had consistently lower unemployment rates than whites of the same age. Do employers really have more racial prejudice now than then? No one is going to argue that. The difference is this: the government, through the minimum wage law, now discourages employers from hiring the young and the underprivileged.

Despite the good intentions behind them, minimum wage laws hurt precisely those who need help most—people with little education from underprivileged backgrounds with little exposure to elementary work disciplines. All workers are not created equal. So when the government requires an employer to pay all workers the same adult-level minimum wage, he'll only hire the most productive and experienced workers he can find. Minimum wage laws price the young and unskilled out of the market.

But Congress still hasn't caught on. Just last year it mandated a new round of increases in the minimum wage, the first of which took effect in January of this year. The minimum rose in January from \$2.64 to \$2.90 an hour, and by January 1981 it will rise to \$3.35. This is a total increase of 26.4%—clearly above inflation guidelines. This is great for a teenager whose father gets him a job at minimum wage. But what about others?

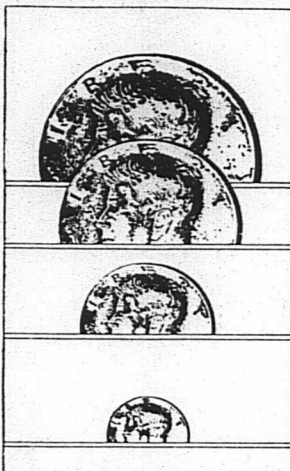
If someone must pay \$3.35 an hour to employ you at all and you've never had a job before, you won't be hired. If you are willing to be trained you might be worth a dollar and a half an hour. But under present laws there is no way to hire you. After a couple of aimless years you say, "I want a job. I'm eighteen years old and I've never had a job." But they say, "If you have never worked, there is no place for you here. You aren't worth \$3.35 an hour to us."

Think of a small inner-city grocery store. The elderly owner might hire five boys from the poverty-stricken neighborhood to stock shelves, clean and run deliveries. The boys gain the discipline of work and the grocer ex-

pands his business. The elderly grocer remembers how he did just this years ago.

Now, however, minimum wages make the boys too expensive to hire and instead they roam the streets. He's lucky if he can afford to hire one helper.

Or take the actual case of a prosperous Japanese-American nurseryman in Sunnyvale, California. He has huge greenhouses with Easter lilies, crysanthemums, and potted plants. The



plants need so much care that he hired many high school students part-time, at part-time wages. Some students worked there for years and earned extra money; a few ended up becoming horticulturalists themselves.

Now, however, rising minimum wages and child labor regulations have forced him to give up this sort of thing.

The nurseryman is still prospering, though. He is opening two big new nurseries, but not in California. One is in Guatemala, the other in Taiwan. The students probably thought the minimum wage meant more money for them, but they discovered it meant none at all.

Consider the fast food industry, which provides the most minimum wage jobs for youth. Every McDonalds, for example, represents anywhere from sixty four to ninety jobs for teenagers.

Some argue that small minimum wage hikes make no difference to big employers like McDonalds. But with thousands and thousands of restaurants all working sixty-four to ninety young people, small changes have a huge impact, and often make the difference as to whether or not a new McDonalds or a new Kentucky Fried Chicken or whatever will be opened—whether ninety teenagers will work or be restlessly idle.

The jobs destroyed by the minimum wage are marginal jobs—easily wiped out the moment they become too expensive. These jobs are neither crucial nor glamorous. But they at least allow dignity and self-respect. They are a starting point. They are the bottom rung of the ladder.

It's fine to have an economic ladder going up to success, but if the bottom rung is ten feet off the ground, I'll never be able to start climbing it. The minimum wage destroys the chance of getting into the job market for the under-

educated, under-skilled, and under-aged.

Inner-city minority youths with no experience and little exposure to disciplined work habits must have somewhere to start. But federal laws insure that few private employers can afford to hire them. The government drives these people into dependence by scuttling private jobs, then sends them welfare checks, creating an endless cycle, and draining their dignity.

After blacks first moved from the south into the industrial mainstream during World War II, black youngsters had unemployment rates lower than those for whites in the same age brackets. But this was during the 1940's and 1950's, before the nationwide imposition of minimum wage laws.

Since then, a well-intentioned and "progressive" government has pushed policies like the minimum wage.

Today's black teenagers have unemployment rates several times higher than their white counterparts. Rather than helping minorities advance, the government instead pulled up out of their reach the bottom rung of the ladder they were just then starting to climb.

A moderation of our minimum wage laws won't harm adult workers. Market demand and labor unions already keep the wages of most adult workers above the minimum anyway.

Ninety per cent of all minimum wage workers are teenagers; teenagers are almost universally secondary wage earners. They are not usually supporting a family or even themselves. A minimum wage, perhaps necessary to protect adult workers, makes no sense when applied to teenagers.

The connection between the minimum wage and youth unemployment is well documented. It is no surprise, therefore, that while 88% of academic economists supported Lyndon Johnson's "war on poverty," 61% of them opposed the minimum wage.

Most other industrial nations have written a youth exemption or a youth wage differential into their minimum wage laws. Why hasn't the United States done at least this much to recognize minimum wage realities?

We have not because most people are under the illusion that minimum wages are helping them—an illusion abetted by labor unions.

Politicians, therefore, consider it political dynamite to oppose minimum wage laws: it is supposedly tantamount to opposing "the working man." But with growing numbers locked-in to dependence on the government, and with more teenagers unemployed, idle and looking for trouble, we can no longer afford the illusion.

In February of this year alone, the unemployment rate among black teenagers rose from 33% to 35 1/2%. We need to break away from crusty political habits and restore the bottom rung of the economic ladder to those yearning for dignity and a chance to climb up on their own.

## International News Update

by Graham H. Walker  
International News Editor

### Iran Falters as Khomeini Loses His Touch

Although Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini was strong enough to shatter the old Iran of the Shah, he doesn't seem strong enough to hold his new Iran together. His hold is being challenged from several directions.

Fiery Kurdish tribesmen in western Iran battled Khomeini's forces and hundreds have been killed. The Kurds have a long history of separatist leanings. They are Sunni Muslims and fear dominations by the majority Shiite Muslims who now control Iran under Khomeini. The Kurds demand self-rule, but the Tehran government refuses for fear the Iranian Kurds will link up with the 7 million Kurds in Turkey and Iraq to form a separate state.

Baluch Tribesmen on the southeastern border with Pakistan are also demanding autonomy. Along the border with Afghanistan, Afghan Shiites are fighting the Soviet-sponsored Marxist regime recently set up in the Afghan capital of Kabul. Kabul claims that Iranian troops are taking part in the fray.

Even within his own ranks, Khomeini faces opposition. Sources say Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan fears the Ayatollah's doctrinaire concept of an Islamic Republic. A referendum with just one question on the ballot—"Do you want an Islamic Republic?"—was scheduled for today. Bazargan's moderates are less than enthusiastic about the vote and leftist groups have called for a voting boycott.

Iran's economy has not yet recovered from the revolution's turmoil. Oil production is still less than half the pre-revolutionary level. Thousands of people are still seeking to leave their country.

With the continuing tumult and an ineffective army, Khomeini is extremely vulnerable to Iran's well-organized and heavily-armed Communists.

### Signing of Mideast Peace Treaty Brings New Conflicts to Light

On Monday, Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and Israel's Prime Minister Begin signed the peace treaty for which President Carter labored so hard. The treaty, bringing peace between them for the first time in 31 years, was signed in a ceremony on the White House Lawn.

Achievement of a treaty has in some ways high-lighted continuing differences between the two countries. In Israel's Parliament, the Knesset, Begin announced last week that despite Egyptian expectations, "there will never be a Palestinian state" in the West Bank. Israel, said he, had agreed to autonomy "only for the inhabitants" of the occupied territories, not for the territory itself. Egypt's Prime Minister Khalil objected, saying that contradicted the agreement. Egypt must be careful to demonstrate its support for Palestinians on the West Bank to gain support from the other Arab nations.

On March 17, there appeared to be some hope for moderation by the P.L.O. (the anti-Israeli Palestinian guerilla group) as a senior official leaked suggestions that the P.L.O. might agree to talks with the U.S. But only days later the organization's number-two man vowed that "we will sabotage the whole results" of the treaty.

The bitter opposition of West Bank Palestinians was demonstrated by a bomb that shattered the sabbath peace in Jerusalem's Zion square last Saturday, killing one and injuring thirteen. Jordan's King Hussein has also resisted any cooperation with the new treaty arrangements, saying he feels "betrayed" by the U.S.

While both the Israelis and the Egyptians are jittery over the obstacles yet to be surmounted, there is much hope on both sides. Egyptian public opinion in particular has responded favorably, expecting economic improvement for Egypt's teeming masses as a result of the peace with Israel. Euphoria on both sides is tempered, however, by the disappointments experienced after Sadat's Jerusalem trip and after the Camp David accords of September 1978.

By the terms of the treaty, U.S. involvement in the Middle East will become greater than ever. Each party now expects the U.S. to make the other live up to its bargain. New arms shipments to Egypt and the possibility of new U.S. bases there add to the cost. Additional aid to both countries totals \$4.5 to \$5 billion over the next three years. Finally, an additional diplomatic cost is the special backup memorandum just signed with Israel to assure them of continued U.S. support in case Egypt violates the treaty.

To make his Mideast diplomacy work, President Carter must navigate many obstacles in the next few months. He must get Israel and Egypt to begin in good faith the scheduled negotiations on the West Bank and Gaza. He must somehow quell the antagonism of other Arab states. He must avert Soviet moves to undermine peace. The world will be watching his juggling act.



**Requests for Calendar dates** for 1979-80 Calendar are now being received in the Student Development Office.

**Easter Transportation:** Contact the Student Development Office immediately if you need transportation to the Bus or Airport. A van will be scheduled if there is sufficient need.

**The Headmaster of Camp Springs Christian Schools,** Maryland, will be on campus April 5, 6, 7 to interview prospective teachers. Available positions: Business Education, Jr. High English, Girl's Physical Ed., Elem. Phy. Ed., Third Grade, Sr. High Math, Sr. High Science. Sign-up in Career Development.

**Tuition Deposits Due:** All tuition deposits are due by Monday, April 2, 1979. Remember—rooms in residence halls **cannot be reserved** for next fall **without** Tuition Deposit slips.

**"Between Two Worlds":** a film about the work in Haiti will be shown at F.M.F. Wed. April 4 at 6:30 in Schaller Hall. All are invited.

**This week in F.M.F.'s country** of the day, you can pray for: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Austria, Bangladesh. Weekdays 5:00-5:30 p.m. in lounge across from mailroom.

**Help F.M.F. leap the halfway hurdle!** WE now have \$11,280 but need \$11,820 to meet our June 1 commitment.

**Tour a different country each day** through prayer and praise. Weekdays 5-5:30 in lounge across from mailroom.

**F.M.F. is \$12,173 away** from its June 1 goal of \$23,100. Please give as the Lord leads.

**April AHD's Meeting Monday,** April 2nd 7:30 p.m. Campus Center Dining Room. Martha Maerbach's FASHION REVUE. New styles adapted for our locality. All ages. Students invited.

**King's Court:** If you are interested in working in our own Coffee House, King's Court, next year please contact Chaplain Bareiss.

**Seniors:** Please stop at the Bookstore now to order your cap and gown.

**Anna Houghton Daughters Thrift Exchange:**

**Where:** Campus Center Basement. **When:** Thursday, March 29th noon to 9 p.m. and Friday, March 30th 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Why:** Proceeds benefit students, church and community.

**Juniors!** There will be a class meeting Monday, April 2, 11:00 a.m. in Schaller Hall. Speeches by candidates for class offices next year will be given. Come support your class!

**The Health Center is sponsoring** a Red Cross CPR Course for anyone interested. It will be given April 18 and 19, 6:30-10:30 p.m. The first 10 seriously interested people will be the lucky participants! Sign up at the Health Center NOW.

**Summer Student Employment:** Applications are in your mailbox. If you didn't receive one, pick it up in the CDC. They are due Mon. April 2. No applicant will be considered after that date.

**Summer Student Employment** Applicants: you must schedule an interview at the CDC Mon. or Tues., April 2 and 3.

### Intended

The forces of Wheaton and Houghton combine as David Alan Carlson (77) and Becky Jean Chase (79) happily and joyfully announce the intended joining of their lives

Corrine A. McCabe ('79) to Gregory J. Miller (78) Lola Brander ('79) to Richard DeRouchie

## Room Drawing Schedule

Room drawings in residence halls will take place according to the following schedule:

### Monday, April 2, 1979

**9-10 p.m.** Sophomores and Juniors with roommates (or those presently in singles) who want to keep the room they now occupy, see the Resident Director. Bring tuition deposit slips.

**10 p.m.-?** Upper-class room drawing proceeds according to established guidelines. Tuition deposit slips are required.

### Tuesday, April 3, 1979

**9 p.m.-?** Freshmen with roommates draw first; all remaining students follow. Tuition deposit slips are required.

**Address all questions regarding procedures to the Resident Director in each residence hall.**

**Psychology Students:** Two bulletin boards in the Science Center contain numerous announcements, bulletins, addresses, etc. One is located on the first floor, the other on the second floor.

**Information is available at the Financial Aid office** concerning summer employment at Philaven in Lebanon, PA.

**The English Qualifying Examination** will be offered this year on April 26 in W320 at 7:00 p.m.

**A Dinner Meeting for French Club** elections on Monday, April 2nd, at 5:15 in the back of the Dining Hall. Anyone who expresses an interest in French Club's activities is encouraged to vote, or to run for office. Send your nominations in to Nancy Parker by Monday morning.

**Faculty Recital of Gary and Jennifer Rownd** has been changed from April 24th to April 19th. Symphonic Orchestra Concert will be on April 24th.

**Gymnastics Show:** Come see the Houghton College Gymnastics Exhibition Team perform this Saturday night, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Houghton Academy Gym.



## WJSL Is Not For Everyone

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## This contest is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board

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Last Week's winner: Dr. Dennis Ridley

### Rules:

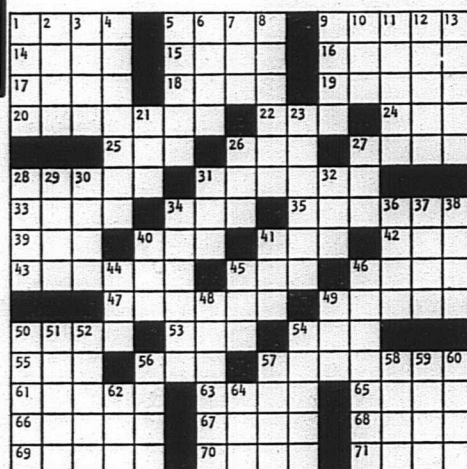
1. Answer complete puzzle.
2. Cut out and send intra-campus to Wayne MacBeth.
3. No entries will be accepted after

noon of the Monday Following this issue of the Star.

4. If there are multiple correct entries a winner will be selected at random.
5. The winner will be noted in the

next issue of the Star and will receive \$5.00.

6. The correct puzzle will be posted on the campus calendar at the mailroom.



### ACROSS

- 1 Kiddie resort
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- 14 Genus of true olives
- 15 Bowl a maiden
- 16 Assessment
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- 26 Five-franc piece
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- 41 Weep
- 42 et labora
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- 46 Stringed instrument
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- 54 A good time
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- 65 Hump-backed Asian bovine
- 66 Dressed to the
- 67 Portico
- 68 A party to: 2 wds.
- 69 Honor
- 70 Shout
- 71 Vacation month in Paris

- 21 Have regrets
- 23 Literary light
- 26 A mouse!
- 27 Very important
- 28 Esne
- 29 Bucket
- 30 The subcontinent: Comb. form
- 31 Disagreeable
- 32 Scientific room
- 34 Hamlet's friendly skull
- 36 Meat cut
- 37 Amorous god

- 38 Ivy League university
- 40 Silica
- 41 Sibling, familiarly
- 44 Arachnid handiwork
- 45 Former governor of Algiers
- 46 The Doge's city, to him
- 48 Fancily clad
- 49 Large cask
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- 51 omnium malorum est cupiditas
- 52 Miss Massey
- 54 Wild
- 56 The Smithsonian, for example: Abbr.
- 57 "The Ballad of Reading"
- 58 Nevada resort
- 59 Leigh Hunt's "ben Adhem"
- 60 Fontanne's other half
- 62 41 Down: Abbr.
- 64 Vacation time in Paris

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- 1 Black mineral
- 2 Edison's middle name
- 3 Assemble
- 4 Ma and Fa
- 5 Germanic chief deity
- 6 Grandparental
- 7 Former officer's abbreviation
- 8 Charles or Juan Carlos
- 9 Generally disliked person: Slang
- 10 Operated
- 11 Emit
- 12 Gras
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