

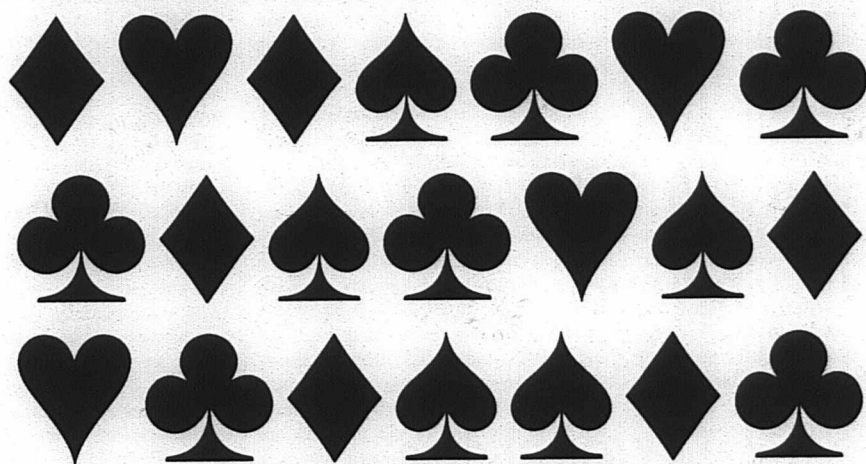
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INCREMENTAL FAITHFULNESS:

oxygen for the funeral pyres of our old selves

by L. David Wheeler

While reading the *Buffalo News* last month, I came across a photograph that, at the time, made me want to throw anything nearby with violent abandon at the nearest wall. Fortunately, I didn't. (I was in a very small room.)

Of what, you might ask, was this evil picture? A photographic remnant from Dachau or Buchenwald? Saddam Hussien acting as jovial host to yet another child? A garbage bucket full of aborted babies?

Close—very close. But it wasn't any of these.

No, it was a giant stuffed panda. In Tienamen Square.

There's a reason for the panda's presence, of course. He's there for the Asian Games, a sort of regional Olympics similar to Latin America's Pan-Am Games. This event was designed to enhance the image of the host country, the People's Republic of China, in the eyes of the world. Not a bad idea, considering the fact that said host country exterminated several of its own citizens last year, in the very same square currently occupied by said panda. Seeing that panda there was like watching a Bullwinkle balloon hover over Auschwitz.

So I was incensed then, a little over a month ago. But you know what? I'm not so upset anymore. I'm still somewhat angry—I'm writing an editorial about it, after all—but not as scandalized and enflamed as I was when I saw the photograph. And in a couple more weeks, I suppose I'll care even less. And so forth. Some may call this process "developing a mature, detached attitude."

I call it "dying."

Often at Houghton (or elsewhere) we are exposed to the highest of ideals and to the grimmest of realities—exposure that lights a spark, fanning and feeding the flames of our concern and passion. We learn of harsh injustices, and we realize our Biblical mandate to alleviate them. We see lost billions, and we burn with the desire to share our message. We are given tools, arms, equipment by our learned and experienced elders (faculty, clergy, parents, etc.) and eagerly anticipate our chance to bear them in the name of our Lord. We hear the clarion ringing, "Who will go for us?" and we rise excitedly, passionately exclaiming, "Here am I—send me!"

And we sizzle with the euphoria of involvement in something far larger than ourselves—and often we get some real tangible work done in the particular area we're tackling. And this goes on for awhile. But then—something happens. It isn't a crisis experience; we don't get up one morning and say, "You know, all of a sudden I just don't give a rip about crisis pregnancies anymore; I think I'll go run IBM instead." It's a far more gradual process; we ever so slowly lose sight of the urgency of the particular problem and of the brevity of life, and ever so slowly the need becomes a bit more remote, more removed, more irrelevant to our daily situation. This is particularly true, unfortunately, of an academic setting, where our daily situation all too often consists of getting that 15-page religion paper done this week and studying for Friday's three upper-level exams.

We may be great scholars. And that itself is positive; we are at Houghton to be scholars. But if all we are, all our identity, is wrapped up in Scholar-hood, then somewhere along the line we've abandoned our humanity, our Person-hood—let alone our Christianity, our Servant-hood.

So the question stands: how to keep the fire burning, when its natural inclination in present fallen world is to send up a few dynamic sparks and as quickly die off? I don't know. If I did know, I might be infinitely happier with the way I live my life—unless I forgot about it after awhile, as is probable. But I think it has to do with incremental faithfulness.

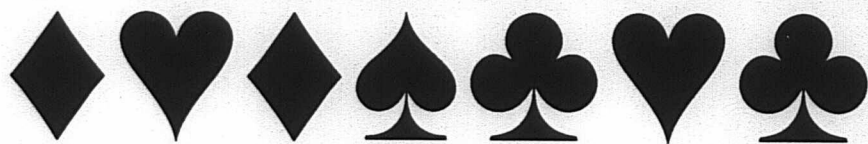
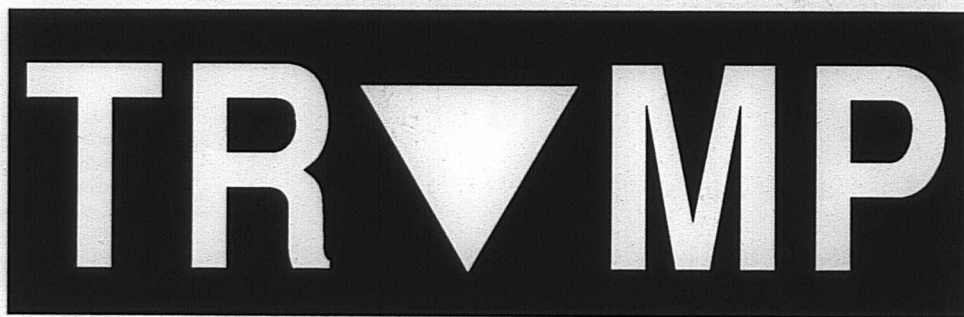
What is incremental faithfulness? (I just coined the term myself, so I'm figuring it out as I go along, too.) I would say it involves, yes, maintaining a vision of the "big picture"; but it depends more on a scrupulous attention to the opportunities that now present themselves. It means being burdened for the children of the world, yes, but it also (and more importantly) means praying for and supporting one child, as an individual as opposed to an abstract concept. It means being outraged at the hundreds of oppressive measures taken by the privileged and powerful throughout the world, but it also means writing that Amnesty International letter to China or the Philippines yourself.

WMF has brought Tony Campolo, John Paul, and a host of missions representatives to us this week. These people have, no doubt, set off a few fires among us. The task now is to provide oxygen—gasoline, even—and turn these small fires into the funeral pyres of our old, apathetic, sinful selves. And this is done, I believe, through prayer and incremental faithfulness.

So let's pray and be incrementally faithful.

Maybe someday the LORD, acting through His servants, will have so transformed the Chinese government that a stuffed panda won't be out of place in Tienamen, and the people of Hong Kong needn't live in fear of the number 1997. But in the meantime, I need to do what I can here, now—in Houghton College, in Allegany County. Therein, I believe, lies our commission. ☆

THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF



A GUEST ESSAY BY BUSINESS PROF. RICHARD HALBERG

"Fairy tales can come true, it can happen to you" may be Donald Trump's favorite song. If not, it probably should be. The Donald, as he is now referred to by his estranged wife Ivana and others, seems to live in a fantasy land. What Donald wants, Donald gets. And our debt-driven society encourages Donald's impatience. Fairy tales however, are known for happy endings. Whether Donald's fantasy ends happily remains to be seen.

Trump's empire, worth billions of dollars, includes three Atlantic City casinos, the former Eastern Air Lines shuttle, retail space in Trump Tower, the plaza hotel, and a number of other pieces of New York City real estate. His initial investments, regarded as sound by most analysts, were followed by ones which were brash and egocentric. And most investments had to be named for him. Constructing his empire has required massive

amounts of debt—approximately \$3.2 billion. Interest payments alone exceed \$1 million per day.

Trump's initial investments were based on sound business principles which he outlined in his best-selling book, *The Art of the Deal*. His first purchases were carefully chosen, low and moderately priced, and represented good values. The rents and other income from these properties easily covered the expenses of operation and improvements, in addition to providing an attractive rate of return. Equity in these properties and profits were used to purchase other investments. Success did indeed seem to breed success. During these initial stages of development, borrowing money was actually making Donald Trump more successful. Herein lies principle #1: *Debt, when used properly, can actually increase the rate of return on investment.*

Success and notoriety, however, obscured Trump's judgment;

and his decisions became more ego-driven. Each successive project needed to be bigger and grander than the previous one. In my opinion, he became overwhelmed with his popularity and his success. Failure was not a word in his vocabulary. After all, how could one who had amassed such great wealth in such a short time possibly fail? This overconfidence led Trump to make decisions which were not based on the same principles as his early purchases. Properties were purchased and built for their prestige rather than their profitability, and they were financed with tremendous amounts of borrowed money. High yield bonds, fittingly referred to as junk bonds, paying 14% interest, were sold to raise \$1.2 billion. The remainder of the money came from bank loans at slightly over the prime rate of about 10%. When Donald's business faltered, he began experiencing cash flow difficulties. That is to say, his busi-

ness failed to generate enough revenue to cover the expenses of operation plus the interest payments on the debt. Herein lies principle #2: *Increased debt increases risk as well.*

When these first two principles are combined, a third principle emerges. There is always a relationship between risk and return. If someone promises an attractive return, there must be risk involved. Those who loaned Trump the money understood these principles, no doubt, but were probably won over by Trump's personality and previous success. Like Trump, they were also greedy and chose to ignore the risks because of the attractive return. Now both Trump and his lenders are searching for the deal

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that will allow everyone to survive.

Trump's experiences hold personal and business lessons for us all. Just as Donald Trump needs to be careful how much money he borrows and how he invests his money, we must exercise great care in managing our finances. The Bible is right on when it says in Proverbs 22:7 (NIV) that "the borrower is servant to the lender." I think the Biblical suggestion that we exercise moderation in all things also applies here (See Proverbs 23:4). To suggest in this publication that we all avoid debt would certainly evoke rebuke by many in the student body. There are many times and ways when debt can be used successfully. Debt is best used to

purchase assets, like a home, which normally will appreciate in value over a period of time. Modest borrowing may also be considered appropriate when purchasing a car, for education, or for true emergencies.

Too often we use credit to feed

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our materialistic desires and to satisfy our impatience. We forget Christ's words in Luke 12:15 (NIV) when he said, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." In that respect, we are just like Donald Trump on a smaller scale. Consider some of the items purchased on credit. Credit cards and easy payment agreements are used to purchase home furnishings, vacations, gifts, clothing, and other short-lived items. When monthly payments exceed our ability to pay, we obtain a bill consolidation loan in order to reduce our monthly payments and extend the payment period in the hope that we can survive.

Borrowing always carries risks. Our job is to minimize those risks by evaluating carefully our reasons for borrowing and our ability to repay. When we are tempted to borrow, we should ask ourselves: Do I really need it now or can I wait and save for it? As stewards of all God gives us, debt must not be used in ways that will put us in bondage to others and thus hinder our potential to serve Him. ☆

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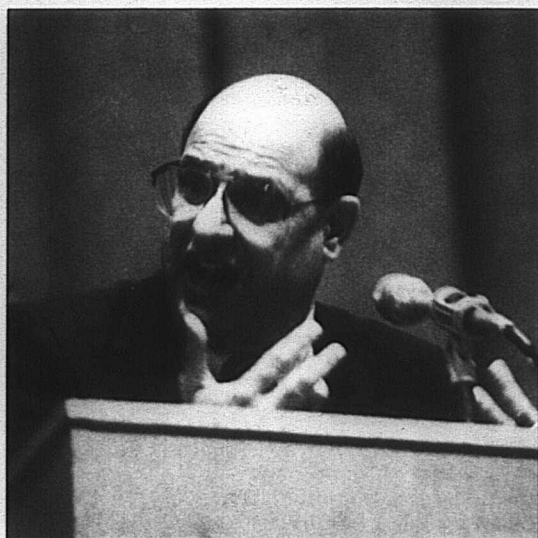
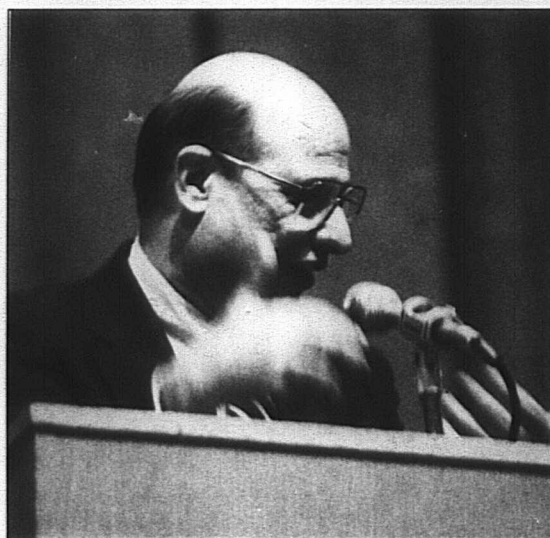
by Jim Hilliard

Yes, that station on your clock radio that you only listen to for your first five waking minutes in the morning. Did you know that WJSL is more than Jamie Lindsay and Anne Pattison on *Sonrise*? WJSL is more than your substitute for chapel on those days that you skip. Just read on:

WJSL still has the old shows—*Sonset*, *Breakthrough*, *Solid Rock*—with some new stuff as well. Kevin Fuller and Dave Rhenow host a show entitled *Reverberations*, in which they bring you special and exciting guests each Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. Also new this year is *Christian Classics*. Hosted by Jim Hilliard at 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays, this program specializes in the great tunes you haven't heard in a while.

Topping off what's new, Matt Owen and Gerry Carpenter bring you the Daresome Duo Hour at midnight each Friday. The Duo bring you "the best in hot Christian Rock."

Also tune in to Houghton basketball games live from the Phys. Ed. Center this season. And perhaps you will tune in to the other quality programs on WJSL this season. In case you've forgotten, it's at 90.3 on your FM dial—and don't forget that it's *your* station. ☆



CAMPOLO IN PROFILE:

Interview by Martha Ayres

PHOTOS BY IVAN T. ROCHA

As Dr. Anthony Campolo got up at 5:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning in Philadelphia to make his journey to Houghton, he thought to himself, "What am I doing? Why am I doing this? This is crazy!" Yet when the Eastern College sociology professor and prolific writer and speaker arrived and got a feel for the students, he acknowledged that yes, this was a good thing after all. Campolo said that he felt the presence of God here, and knew that something good was going to come out of his participation in World Mission Fellowship's New Vision Week.

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What makes Tony Campolo tick? Inner-city missions are his first commitment. Everything else revolves around that for him—the teaching, speaking, writing, and everything else. The whole inner-city mission is crucial to who and what he is: missions to the poor and oppressed. Although God loves everybody, Campolo believes, there is a special place in His heart for the poor. The plight of urban America tears one apart, said Campolo, adding that once one sees it, one can't help but want to do something about it.

Yet how does one know where God is leading, or how much He wants you to take on? To Campolo, it is obvious that if you are overworked and stressed out, you must be doing a lot of stuff God doesn't want you to do. Campolo sees people standing around asking, "What is it that God wants me to do?"; while he often must ask himself, "What doesn't God want me to do?"

To look at Campolo as a guy with an ordered life who knows how to make perfect decisions is to look in the wrong direction. He acknowledged that he is often not sure, when he sets out to undertake something, whether or not God wants him to do it; it is "in the midst of action" that he discerns the leading of the Lord. Naturally, even when he is unsure, he still has to make decisions. When we get involved in too much, he indicated, we subsequently become exhausted and thus make ourselves vulnerable. Physical exhaustion and stress, said Campolo, are spiritual as well as physical conditions, and we must realize that fact when making decisions.

When asked about his view on the attitudes of American Christian college students toward the opportunities of missions, Campolo replied that he thinks that a new stage of student activism is on the

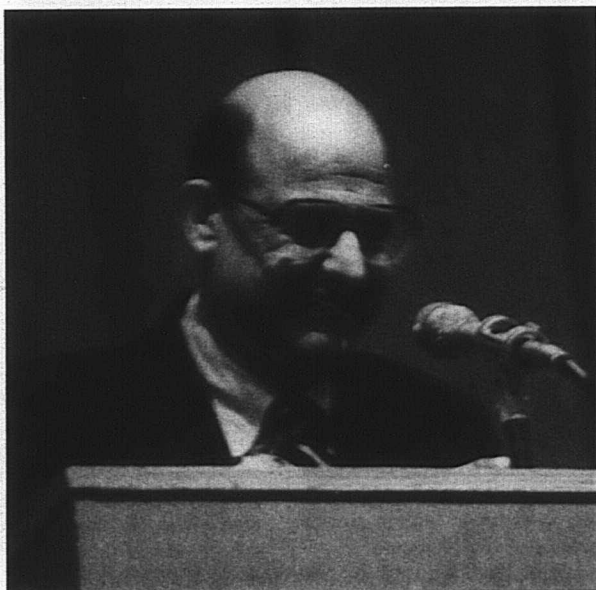
way, one that will in some ways mirror that of the 1960s. Students are going to try to change the world again, but from the bottom up this time, rather than from the top down. He sees in hundreds of activist efforts on the micro scale the incremental building to a more comprehensive change, one more comprehensive than those who attempted to facilitate large-scale change in the sixties were ever able to imagine or accomplish.

What would Tony Campolo like to have said about him after he "hang[s] up [his] sneakers at the end?" The answer is simple: "that lots and lots of young people accepted the call to missions in some part because I contributed to that call." Campolo indicated that "the idea of all the kids here at Houghton who could do all kinds of incredible things if their lives are completely surrendered to Christ staggers my imagination."

When younger, Campolo be-

lieved that all should do "ordinary things in ordinary places," unless called to do "extraordinary things in weird places." He has become more and more convinced, though, that the opposite is true: God has called all of us to do extraordinary things in weird places, while a few are called to do ordinary things in ordinary places. "I used to think that it took some special call to become a missionary," said Campolo. "Now I think that it takes a special call not to be." A craving for security is normal, Campolo shared, but "perfect love casts out fear." When people begin to get desensitized, begin to care, and begin to feel towards those who hurt, they lose their timidity and their fears. They become bold.

"I can't think of anything more exciting," said Campolo, "that the ways that your life can be invested in people who had no hope—and you, by God's grace, became the instrument through whom hope came to them." ☆



AND IN OTHER NEWS

SOUTER SUCCEEDS BRENNAN IN SUPREME COURT

guest essay by Amy Abbink

President Bush's recent difficulty in expediting a federal budget resolution overshadowed the ease with which he won David Souter's confirmation to the Supreme Court. Former New Hampshire judge David Hackett Souter presented himself in such a skillful and confident manner in the eyes of the Senate Judiciary Committee that the Committee lacked a coherent rationale for rejecting Bush's nominee. The final 90-9 vote was evidence that Souter, 51, met the tedious two-day Senate Judiciary Committee grilling with general approval.

The N.H. Weare, bachelor, was nominated to replace Justice William Brennan, an influential liberal on the Supreme Court. If Souter proves as moderate as most liberals fear, the court could take a turn to the right and remain there for many years to come.

Souter gave cautious testimony before the Committee, shedding

little light on how he might vote on privacy and civil rights issues, and, most importantly, on *Roe vs. Wade*. He flatly refused to discuss *Roe* during the two days of Senate hearings. However, he acutely sensed that he had been chosen to cast perhaps the deciding vote on whether to overturn the landmark 1973 decision that made abortion legal in all fifty states. Most women's groups announced their opposition to Souter for refusing to answer specific questions. "It is deeply troubling that Judge Souter has refused to address the reasoning and legal approach to the fundamental right of privacy," complained Kate Michelman, executive director of the National Abortion Rights Active League.

Despite the vocal opposition by certain political and social groups, Souter gained approval and took his place as the 105th Justice of the Supreme Court on October 8, 1990 after swearing to "uphold the

Constitution in as vigorous condition as I have received it."

Life will certainly change for the New England bachelor who likes old cars, black and white television, and the Boston Red Sox, and now resides in Washington, D.C. Souter must first learn to cope with what judges call "the freshman effect"—the difficult first years in court. Although he has a variety of experience—as attorney, trial judge, State Supreme Court justice—Souter is little acquainted with federal proceedings, or media attention, with which he has recently been bombarded (*The Washington Post* has already named him the town's most eligible bachelor and the *Post*, correspondingly, printed the Supreme Court's telephone number (202-479-300).

Juggling the "new boy's duties," Souter will find himself filling the role of the court's private doorkeeper, messenger and designated party giver. These extra duties necessitated the hiring of four legal clerks who handle the additional responsibilities given to Souter as the Court's newest member.

David Hackett Souter will have great insight to contribute on cases brought before the country's highest court. His years of experience and dedication as a civil servant indicate that he is a man competent for the job placed before him which requires hours of endless listening, reasoning, and studying.

Hopefully Justice Souter will maintain the same enthusiasm with which he accepted his court nomination. Souter said he was in a state of shock when President Bush nominated him. Bush also called Souter's mother and said, "I want you to know he's O.K. We'll look after him." The United States will likewise be watching David Souter as he helps shape public policy of this country into the twenty-first century. ☆

AND IN OTHER NEWS II

by mike ballman

The state of economic affairs in the Soviet Union is edging dangerously near the edge of disaster.

Radical Soviet economists predict that the country is steadily moving towards "hyper-inflation." The rate of inflation, now standing at 18%, is expected to rise dramatically, due to the printing of billions of rubles by the government.

The Soviet Parliament has, in desperation, initiated an economic reform program to transform the Soviet economy from an authoritarian economy into a market-based economy. The Russian Republic began its own radical reforms intended to establish a market economy. However, the majority of Soviet legislators doubt that the reforms can revive the economy. Growing food lines and civil unrest spell doom for the stability of the Soviet Union and the popularity of President Mikhail Gorbachev. ☆

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ABRAMS ADDRESSES AUDITORIUM AUDIENCE

by James Lindsay

On Wednesday, October 24, a group of 25 Houghton students from Dr. David Benedict's political science courses had the opportunity to go to Olean to hear former Assistant Secretary of State Elliot Abrams speak on various issues relating to our government and its foreign policy. Mr. Abrams is best known for his role in the Iran-*contra* affair, during which time he admitted to giving Congress false information at various junctures.

When Abrams was asked by one woman Wednesday he thought he should apologize for his role in Iran-*contra*, as Jane Fonda had apologized for her dubious actions in the Vietnam War. Abrams said no, he didn't feel that was necessary. He then pointed out that he had never knowingly given false information to Congress, but rather he was given false information he assumed to be true. Soon afterward, Dr. Benedict asked him whether or not he felt any means, including evil or questionable means, could be used to produce good ends. He replied that if the people of America would not support an action, it should not be pursued. He felt this to be a key mistake that was made in terms of Iran-*contra*: thinking that the ends did justify the means. Thinking such, Abrams said, was erroneous and thus led to disaster.

Abrams dealt with several more issues then the covert selling of arms to Iran to fund *contra* rebels in Nicaragua, as anyone who listened to him for the two-plus hour address can tell you. Most interesting was what he had to say about about the Iraq crisis and his perspective as a member of the Reagan

Administration looking at the actions of Bush Administration. He said that he felt President Bush is handling the Iraq situation very well and that the U.S. definitely has a right to be there, even disregarding the oil question.

In world history, there is a definite balance of power in world politics. Only the major powers could be considered threats to the established international order. But, Abrams argued, the onset of higher technology has made it possible for second-rate powers like Iraq to threaten world order. Because of this threat, allowing Iraq to get away with any concessions would just encourage other nations and terrorist groups to try it themselves. If Bush can defeat Saddam Hussein in this crisis, actions similar to Iraq's criminal invasion of Kuwait would not happen again soon. Moreover, the overthrow of Hussein's regime would add to the blow that terrorists have felt due to cutting off of funds from Eastern Europe.

Abrams feels there is more at stake in this crisis then just oil supplies and Kuwait's sovereignty, and Bush knows it. There is a chance to further improve the state of international affairs and show the world that no one can get away with such acts of aggression as the Iraqis have. Abrams stated, "We have to send the message that you can't behave the way Saddam Hussein has and get away with it. If that is the lesson, chances are its not going to happen again tomorrow morning."

Abrams also spoke about the results of the end of the Cold War and the present place of the USSR in world affairs. In all, he presented his opinions in a very fluid and relaxed manner. ☆

SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER: a success

by Elizabeth Mitchell
and David Wheeler

Last weekend a cast of 17 Houghton students performed the Oliver Goldsmith comedy *She Stoops to Conquer* (or *The Mistakes of a Night*). Several came to see the play over its November 1-3 run, and many commented favorably on the performance of the actors and actresses, and on the play itself. A look at the smile on the face of director Bruce Brenne- man was sufficient to gauge his satisfaction with the performances.

The comedy centers around the events of an evening in the Hardcastle country estate. Squire Hardcastle, played by Brad Wilber, invites the son of a close friend to his estate, hoping to arrange a marriage between the young man, Marlow (Eric Brown) and his daughter Kate (Maila Niemi). The deceptive antics of Kate's foolish half-brother Tony Lumpkin (Chris Daniels), however, lead Marlow to believe the Hardcastle estate to be an inn; therefore he grossly offends Hardcastle by his "presumptions" throughout the evening. Hardcastle had heard that Marlow was an extremely modest young man; and indeed, when in the presence of Kate, Marlow becomes a stammering mass of nervousness.

Wondering how Marlow would behave around a woman of a lower station, and realizing that he hadn't actually looked closely at her face at all, Kate decides to portray herself as a worker in the house. Marlow, believing her to be a barmaid, falls deeply in love with her. Adding to these complications are Tony's machinations, the bizarre conceits of Mrs. Hardcastle (Kathleen Stockin), and a band of slow-learning, often drunken servants (Kevin Fuller, David Newton, and Daniel Uitti).

According to Fuller, the play went "really well" in comparison with those of last year, and he was pleased with the outcome. Wilber attributed this to the unity between cast members and to their reliance upon the Lord, also indicating

that a large part of the play's success was due to the audience. The audience was alive and responsive each evening, which in turn helped the cast members perform better.

Agreeing with Wilber, Carolyn Basham (who portrayed Constance Neville) said, "We had a good group that worked well together." She also stated that the major part of the play's success was due to Brenne- man's positive reactions during the play's performances and to the initial casting decisions he made. The roles, in many cases, actually approximated the true personalities of the people behind the parts, as seen, for example, in Daniels's character. ☆

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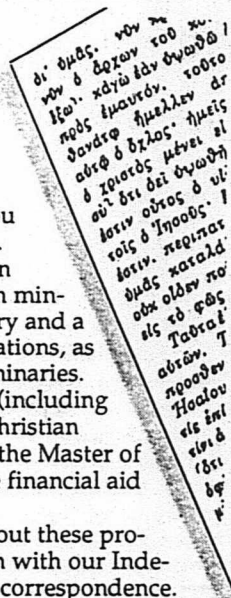
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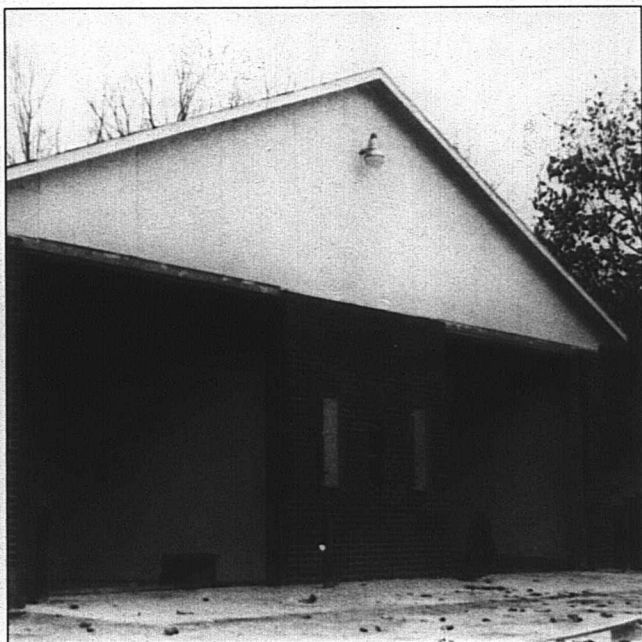
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URBAN RENEWAL

*recent building
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by stephen virkler



As of late, "inner-city" Houghton has changed slightly. Construction of a new roof on the maintenance building and a car wash on Route 19 are underway.

On the maintenance building, which also houses the Houghton Press, the old, flat roof was replaced, by primarily Amish workers, with a

sloped one. According to one maintenance worker, the old roof leaked because there was no place for the water to go but straight down, through the roof. With a sloped roof, the water should just run off the sides, reducing the leakage.

Meanwhile, a self-serve, two-bay car wash is currently being built next to the Houghton laundromat.

Construction began in late August and will be completed "as soon as possible," according to a worker there. He also indicated that there will be a coin changer, which will accept one and five dollar bills, and that heater hoses under the floor will keep the floor from icing over on particularly cold days. The cost will be one dollar per wash. ☆

A STELLAR MOVE

*Star office relocates to the former
site of Zocchino's Basement*

In case you're wondering what became of the *Star* office, we've moved. Our new office is located where Zocchino's basement and the lost and found repository once were. Reasons for the move? Our old office was way too large for us. At

one point in time, long, long ago in a distant past, when the *Star* was still put together by hand and approximately thirty people worked long hours setting type, cutting, pasting, adjusting, and generally driving each other nuts, there was a justification for such a large office. For the past several years, however, our typesetting and our layout have been done on computer, requiring a minimal amount of staff. As a result, our old office was quickly becoming a dump for all sorts of garbage, unidentified furniture items, and leftover food. Besides, at

our old location we were right across from Big Al's and occasionally some of its more rambunctious patrons felt the undeniable urge to hurl themselves against our outer walls, making for rather disturbing interruptions on layout nights. To make a long story short, we felt that someone else would have more use for the rather cavernous facilities we once occupied. Thus our move to Zocchino's: a smaller facility, just the right size for our diminutive editorial staff and our aging (but still quite sophisticated and satisfactory) machinery. ☆

SENATE

AN OPEN CHANNEL FOR COMMUNICATION

Senate functions in review

by Barry S.
MacTarnaghan

"Oh, no!! Not another article on Student Senate. I hate reading boring articles about Senate."

Well, if that's your attitude, then read on. This article is written by a real human being, and he is going to attempt to make this interesting.

Everyone knows that Student Senate exists, and everyone knows someone that has something to do with Senate, but not too many of you know what Student Senate does. If you think this is true, then raise your hand. (All those around you without their hand in the air are wrong.) And so you say, "Well, smarty, what does Student Senate do? I mean, what's it all about anyway?"

Perhaps the purpose of Senate can be summarized in one statement: the Student Senate will con-

tribute in whatever ways possible to the spiritual and physical growth, development, and well-being of Houghton College. Senate is intended to represent, express, and execute the will of the student body of Houghton College.

Now if you are in a hurry, and you don't want to know the specific things that Senate does, then skip over this and the next paragraph; otherwise, keep reading. Senate controls the Student Senate Treasury and allocates the Student Activity Fee (in conjunction with the Financial Affairs Council). When matters concern more than one class, Senate acts as an arbitrator. Often there needs to be discussion on policies affecting student clubs and organizations—Senate provides a forum for these discussions. As collegiate problems arise, Senate helps to resolve them.

Senate makes statements on behalf of the student body to the appropriate committee or council on matters concerning faculty and administrative affairs and policies. Senate has the authority (in harmony with the College Constitution and By-laws) to regulate student affairs. When student organizations need direction or guidance (including a channel for communication to college committees and councils), they are assured of assistance from the Senate.

Many of you have valid and important things to say, but your voice is never heard by anyone who can help. The only way for Senate to represent properly the opinions and desires of the students is if the students inform the senators as to what those opinions and desires are. All the senators interviewed have expressed their wish for more students to get involved and voice their opinions. Admittedly, the greater responsibility is on the senators to find out what you think, but they cannot read your minds. You need to open up your mouth and express yourself. The more involvement there is in Senate, the more effective Senate can be in accomplishing the goals of the student body: the growth, development, and well-being of Houghton College. We must work together.

Senate cannot adequately represent your opinions if the senators don't know what your opinions are. So be sure to talk to your senators and let them know what you're thinking. Watch for this column in every issue of the *Star*, and you'll gain knowledge and insight.

So, until the next issue of the *Star* comes out with a new article on Senate and a report of the previous Senate meetings (November 6 and 20), talk to your senators about chapel, the health services, and anything else you want to say (relevant to the college, of course). ☆

MEETING YOUR SENATORS PART I

by Barry S. MacTarnagban

Most of you don't know who the senators are, so today you'll get to meet the five from the senior class.

Kristen Skuret, a business major with math and accounting minors, is a new senior senator. Her love of singing is obvious by her involvement with Heirborne, which she toured with this past summer. Reading is also high on her list of enjoyable activities. Kristen isn't sure of her future plans, but would like to own a Christian bookstore.

Todd Chamberlain is also a senator for the first time. Todd is a general science major with minors in earth science and education. Most of his time is spent on academic work, although he does work in the mailroom and has been involved in the past with WJSL. He loves reading, photography, and the great outdoors. Living his life one day at a time, he has no set future plans; but he is interested in attending graduate school and eventually teaching.

Steve Manney is a very youth-oriented individual, who has chosen to be a Christian Education major with a youth concentration. His minors are Bible and business administration. Christian fantasy tops his list of favorite reading material. Steve enjoys many sports, with the exception of baseball, and works at WJSL, specifically in sports coverage. Even though he doesn't belong to the Salvation Army, he is president of the Salvation Army Student Fellowship. His future plans include working with youth (particularly missionary kids), going to grad school, and doing counseling work.

Business major Robert Fink hopes to get involved with marketing or advertising after graduation. He is a "people person," loving to spend time with people from all disciplines; this is part of the rationale behind his minor in communications. A third-year senator, Rob has had opportunity to be on such committees as the Campus Activities Board and the judiciary committee. Sports, especially intramurals, is a favorite activity. Many of the things Rob has chosen to be involved in are ways in which he gets to meet people.

Doug Pereira is a history major with a recreation minor. Although he hasn't made definite future plans, he is considering grad school and, probably, teaching. He enjoys sports, reading comic books, and working on the ropes course. When he first arrived at Houghton, Doug wasn't interested in getting too involved; but his interests have changed and he has become quite involved in the senior class. He, as would the other senators, would strongly encourage students to make their opinions known to Student Senate in any way. ☆

HONESTY, BROKENNESS, COMPASSION

IN THE MUSIC OF GEOFF MOORE

by S. Meadows

Geoff Moore, a man filled with a passion for his music, never intended to be a professional musician. He graduated in 1983 from Taylor University, fully intending to run his family's steel fabrication business with the help of his brother.

Moore, however, had seen many of his musician friends from high school lay down their music, and he made the decision not to do that himself. With the support of his wife, he began to call local churches about opportunities to minister in music. Feeling increasingly called into the music ministry, he left the family business for Nashville to see what God would do with him there. With five albums, two Dove nominations under his belt, and a new album entitled *Pure and Simple*, to be released on November 26, Geoff Moore will stop into Houghton on December 1 during his newest concert tour.

Geoff Moore's music is a blend of fast and slow rock songs, with a message dealing about the struggles that Christians face. Moore says about his music, "My sharing from a record or on stage is an attempt to be as real as I can. I see so many people whose lives are trapped by their past, and my heart goes out to them. I feel that Satan is trying to deceive us to believe that we are islands in our struggle, and that

we're the only people that deal with certain issues. The truth is that most of us are dealing with the same few things, manifested in different ways. I don't feel that there's enough talk about brokenness and humility and laying our lives at Christ's feet, not just when we accept Him, but on a daily basis. I strive for honesty in my walk with Christ. I feel that my public ministry is only as good as my private walk. The intimacy that I feel in my walk with Christ is what I try to sing about."

The Campus Activities Board would like to see everyone take advantage of the ministry of Geoff Moore and the Distance. In an effort to make this concert affordable for you, CAB chair John Brooks, and Senate treasurer Darren Chick are offering you a special deal. Tickets will be on sale for the three days before Thanksgiving Break, November 19-21, for the low price of \$5 (basically, "In for a fin."). After break, tickets will be on sale for \$6.50, which is still much cheaper than most other concerts. Advanced ticket sales for the general public will be \$8.50, and \$12 at the door. Brooks and CAB encourage you to come out for Geoff Moore and the Distance convinced that it will be well worth your time and money.

[The information in this article was extracted from a press release by Jay Michaels.] ☆

HIGHLANDER WOMEN BRACE FOR TOUGHER COMPETITION

by nathan ransil

The Houghton women's basketball team is gearing up for the season with high hopes that its abundance of talent and potential will spell success. The team lost only one senior from last year, meaning that five out of the top six players of last year are back. This includes juniors Stacia Dagwell and Jill Hughes, who, along with this year's lone senior Sharon Wills, captain the Highlanders.

Other returning standouts from last year are Tricia Atkinson, Lori Wynn, Lori Sheetz, and Tracy Vincent, who is back after breaking a collarbone in the middle of last year. Coach Harold Lord noted that after a great recruiting year, there are 22 players on the roster, to play a full varsity and J.V. schedule. New players include Sheri Doerdsen, a junior college transfer from Arizona, and Jenn Jordan, one of the top fifteen hoopers in New

Hampshire. The team possesses skills in every area, and also has exceptional size. Five players are over six feet tall, and the 5'10" Atkinson "jumps out of the gym," according to Lord.

Houghton will face its toughest challenge ever this year, as it switches from the NCCAA to NAIA district 18, in which the competition will be much stiffer. This includes four teams that were NCAA division III top twenty last year, as well as Hope College and Saint John Fisher (the NAIA national number one and two teams last year).

Lord said that he would like to see the team "pull together" as a unit during the first part of the season, then make a push for the district tournament down the stretch. He credits the fan enthusiasm for helping a lot at home, and hopes it will continue as the Highlanders take the court this season. ☆

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL CHAMPS CROWNED

by dru christian

On Saturday, November 3 as *Field of Dreams*, captained by Jeff Bitterman, defeated Team #7, captained by Tom Noyes, 9-8, winning the intramural softball championship.

Earlier that morning, last inning heroics seemed to be the key, as *Field of Dreams* got by Chris Stroope's *Young Guns* 7-6, overcoming a 6-0 deficit to win. The other semifinal had #7 defeating Lee Schultz's *Women and Children* Last 8-3.

In the Championship, *Field of Dreams* had to overcome a 5-run deficit. They were within two runs going into the bottom half of the last inning. Michelle Ratliffe led off with a double, started the winning rally. Kevin Shumacher doubled home Ratliffe; Renee Potter doubled home Shumacher; and with Potter at second base, Kaz hit a slow bouncer to first. Steve Turner fielded it, but could not outrun Kaz to first. Potter, taking advantage, ran to third base and then scored the winning run as Turner threw wild to third. ☆

MEN'S BASKET- BALL RETURNS WITH GREAT POTEN- TIAL

by *Nathan Ransil*

photo by *S. Virkler*

The 1989 men's basketball season saw many freshmen recruits contribute, with others showing the potential to contribute in the years to come. Well, this is one of the years to come, and it appears that many of this year's sophomores have returned with increased strength, skill, and experience.

According to sophomore David Brocklehurst, "Last year's freshmen have really matured. We have the players, so we can run this year. What makes us different [from last year] is that, I think, we have the ability to control the tempo. Five of us have seen a lot of varsity time as freshmen."

Brocklehurst was one of the standouts in the recent scrimmage against Jamestown Community College. Also performing well were sophomore Darren Berkely and junior captains Dave Binkowski and Brian Adams. Said trainer Bernie Dake of this year's team, "We have a team, athletically, that can win the district. We just need some poise to reduce our mental mistakes. We made it through conditioning this year without an injury, and

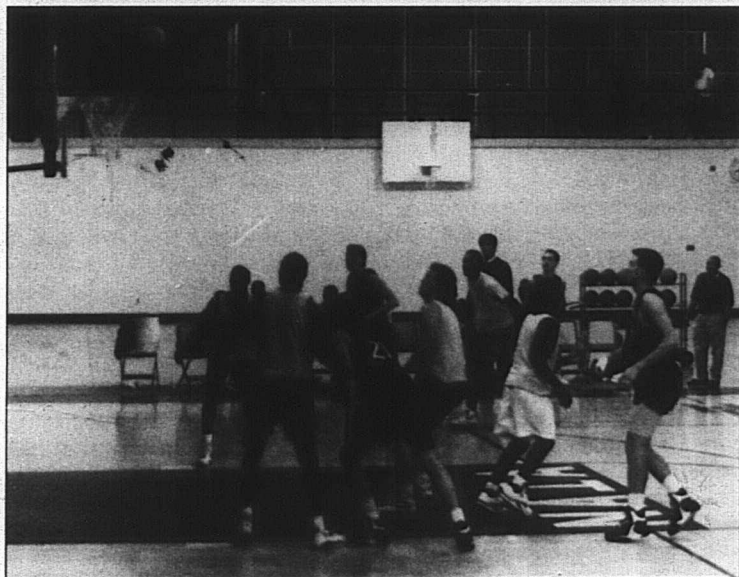
this is essential to a successful season."

Both Dake and Brocklehurst labeled Houghton's bench as "nine to ten players deep." Point guard Berkely mentioned big men Matt Yeager and Andy Odell as much needed assets for the Houghton squad. "Andy walked on and really surprised a lot of people," said the explosively quick Berkely, whose twelve points on Saturday surprised the JCC defenders.

"I'm very excited about the upcoming season," said Brocklehurst. "I think the fans at Houghton will be happy with what they see." Berkely said he feels very similarly, saying, "I know we have a tough schedule this year, but we have the talent and the ability to handle it. By the time districts roll around we will be ready to win some big games and hopefully make the playoffs."

Break out the yellow and gold and dust off those vocal chords; Houghton's first home game is December 8 against none other than those rowdy, rambunctious raiders from Robert's Wesleyan. ☆

right: the men's basketball team in a recent scrimmage



FIELD HOCKEY IN REVIEW

by David McMillan

After a period last semester of not knowing whether or not it would even play this year, the Houghton College field hockey team has completed a very successful season with a 9-5 record.

Due to budget problems in early 1990, the administration had decided to drop the field hockey program last year, reconsidering after almost 800 people signed a petition asking that the program be kept. According to coach Connie Finney, this gave the team members "a different level of confidence, because they really felt the school was behind them this year."

Finney said that the highlight of the season was the 2-1 victory over Philadelphia College of the Bible at the NCCAA District Invitational. Houghton beat PCB, the host and top seeded, after three overtimes and a stroke-off. Unfortunately, Houghton lost to arch-rival Eastern in the finals. Besides PCB, Houghton upset such teams as Slippery Rock, Juniata, Oswego, and the University of Rochester.

"Coming into this season, we really didn't know what to expect," said sweeper Donna Forry. "We lost

a lot of starters after last year and had eight first-year players on the team this season." Looking toward next season, though, Finney plans to use many of the newer players more often. Although the team is only losing two players this year (Sarah Gunuskey is graduating in the spring and Jennifer Johnson plans to study art in Buffalo next year), next year's team will have many seniors, and Finney is looking to give the younger players needed game experience. Besides using the bench more, Finney hopes to "get Eastern" next year.

Standouts at offense this season included the team's top three scorers: Lori Sheetz, Betsy Frey, and Julia Adams. Britton Sylvester recorded 123 saves in her first year as goalie, and Forry was a defensive standout as well. Houghton placed Sheetz, Jennifer Barrett, and Janet Kirschner on the NCCAA District Invitational All-Tournament team.

Finney said she wishes to thank Kirschner and Sally Dillon for their performance as team captains, the fans for their support, and the many parents who showed up at the games. ☆

HOUGHTON VOLLEYBALL FINISHES AT 16-8

by Nathan Ransil

The Houghton women's volleyball team capped off a great season with an appearance in the final four of the NAIA district playoffs, held last weekend.

In the first round, Houghton hosted St. Vincent and beat them in a traumatic spine-tingling match. Houghton lost the fourth game by two, but then came back to take the fifth (17-15), and the match. It was a good win, according to coach Lord, who said "We jumped out to a fast start—they proved they wouldn't quit, and we came back to win."

In the match, Stacia Dagwell, named All-District (second team), had an unbelievable 31 kills. She also served five aces, while Elise Munyard had four. Julie "Play Cool" Claypool was tops with 25 digs on the night.

In the final four, Houghton faced Seton Hill, who was 29-3, and 18-0 in the district play. Houghton lost in three games to Seton Hill, who went on to win the tournament in convincing fashion. "We were beaten by a better team," said Lord. "They had more experience, and were by far the best team we've ever seen." Three Seton Hill players were named to the All-District first team, and one to the second team.

Lord was pleased with the season, particularly the finish at 16-8 after starting out at 0-4. He felt that making playoffs in the first year in the district and then going to the final four was a great achievement, and that prospects for next year look bright. ☆

Houghton Runners Emerge As District Victors

by Bernard Waugh

Ah, yes. . . Districts, October 20. . . It was the best of times. . . It was the best of times. However, Let me takelyou back a certain period of time to the events leading up to this fateful day in Houghton Cross-Country History.

My dear friends in Houghton, The last time I wrote to you concerning the cross-country team, it had met the adversary in battle three times. Much has happened since then. The team has had many more battles with the enemy, often faring quite well—sometimes not. Much of the time the team was required to compete against knights that had bigger horses and lances. In one of these contests one of the freshman warriors (Mark Stoesz) was injured and has been recovering ever since.

So, the stage was set; districts were a week away and Coach Smalley was rallying the troops. He said Houghton matched up really well with these teams, but really know nothing about them. On Friday the

caravan packed up and was on its way to Westminster, Pennsylvania. When it arrived, the festivities had not yet started, but that was good—the team could take a secret little trot around the course to prepare for the race the next day.

That evening, as the team lounged around the hotel, its members decided to seek some inspiration through watching that historic running film, *Chariots of Fire*. It worked; all were thoroughly inspired. After a peaceful night's rest the team was ready for race day. At the stadium the team warmed up and Tim Thurber mapped out the strategy on how victory was theirs. Excitement was rapidly growing in the air.

The fateful moment struck. The theme music for *Chariots of Fire* came blaring over the loud-speaker. John Cole, Mark Stoesz, Eric Runion, Tim Thurber, Charlie Roberts, Mike Jones, and Bernard

Waugh looked at each other, and all knew. That was the sign—this was *our* race. God was there and He would strengthen the team. All ran their fastest times. When the scores had been tallied and when all was said and done, Houghton was the victor by 16 points. Houghton scored 35 points and St. Vincent (the second place finisher) scored 51. The Houghton cross-country team was district champion, and Coach Smalley received an award as coach of the year (very well deserved I might add; remember the embattled saint article). The team will be headed for nationals on November 17 at Parkside in Wisconsin.

On the weekend of October 27, Houghton College hosted the Christian College Invitational. Thanks to all the people that came out to support the team. Even though it was missing some key runners, the team ran very well and picked up a second place finish. ☆



above: coach smalley and the victorious houghton runners stand with the evidence of their conquest.

photo by P. Dupler

The Black Hole

M. TAYLOR

A fool and his money are soon parted. This is why the U.S. Government hasn't seen any of its money since World War Two.

Nelson Rockefeller

Yes, you are correct. I am going to rag on Congress, but not for the reasons that you might think. I have some stuff to zing the Old Boyz in the Big White House on the Hill with that you may not have even noticed.

First, let me say that I don't really care if the Suits voted themselves a pay raise. Hey, if you were a Representative, you would expect to get more than the average UAW worker (then again, most UAW workers probably make just about as much as the average Public Servant with all of those pay raises that they get for simply walking up and down the street with those artful signs and wonderful literary slogans) and have all of those wonderful perks to go along with that pay hike. I know that I would! And don't try to hide behind that J.Q. Public Conservative rhetoric in defense of the "average citizen." There is no such thing as the "average citizen."

I have not come out to slander the spending overseas. This issue does upset me to no end and I wish that I had the time and the space to slander foreign spending, but this time I will instead spend my time and yours slamming *domestic* spending. Spending that shouldn't

ever be referred to as "domestic" because, as far as I'm concerned, it needs a bit more taming before that label could be applied.

For example: let us first look at federally funded smut, i.e. Mapplethorpe. Looked long enough? good (although, I'm a bit ashamed of you even looking at all, you pervert)! I won't mill over that too much. The point is pretty obvious.

Let us *now* look at Defense, or should I say Offense? Wasn't there a little thingy a while back between us and the Soviet Union of the *reduction* of arms? Oh, there was? Well, then, explain to me why companies (federally *funded* companies) are still getting money from D.C. to produce and research nuclear weapons technology. Ask Rockwell. Maybe if they hadn't been concentrating so much on developing a low-yield tactical nuclear device, seven astronauts wouldn't have died a few years back. And thank you very much, Boeing, for developing the courier for this low-yield device that was supposed to be *reduced* in number instead of developing a better courier for the high-yield passengers on your flying balls of flame you like to call "airliners."

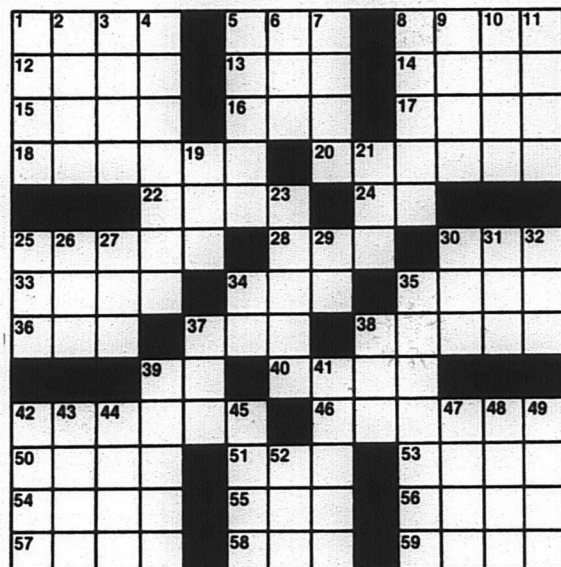
Yes, it even happens *inside* the Governmental structure. Some time

in the near future, everyone that has a U.S. postal address will be receiving a personal guide on (get this) *How to correctly address a postal letter package*. Good garbonzo beans! Any elementary education graduate should know that you have been taught this by a least age ten! And, if you haven't gotten this procedure down by now, I'd like to know how the heck you made it through life without a few collection agencies bursting through your doors armed with low-yield nuclear devices, ready to nuke your credit rating. But, the U.S. Government has allocated over \$5 million in your money to reteach you to address a letter. Why not just send us the money so we can have a few bucks just to send the letters with!

The point that I'm arriving at here is if you haven't figured it out on your own, that the Government does spend money right here in the Good Old USA, but never wisely, by their record. So, don't scream about foreign spending before you look at what's being spent *right here*. There is a lot of stupid stuff that *our* money gets driven into. If I listed all of these things, we'd have to get a federal grant just to keep up on publication expenses. Believe me. They're out there. Look for them, they're easy to find. And then *do something* about them. Like vote, for instance.

(Unfortunately, due to a family incident, this article was delayed an issue. I am hoping that by the time you read this, you have already done something about this "budget" problem by voting the way you see fit. But, it doesn't end with the vote. After the vote, it's time to jump on the Rep. and get her/him to do what *you* want her/him to. This is what he is there for: *You*, not her/himself. So, use her/him! It's the only legitimate use of a person that you'll ever get that's legally and morally acceptable!)*☆

Crossword Companion



ACROSS

1. Well being (archaic)
5. Dog or cat
8. Celestial body
12. _____ Stanley Gardner
13. Dined
14. Story
15. Take property to pay debt
16. Cooking vessel
17. Region
18. Want
20. Disposition
22. Paid for services
24. Associated Press (abbr.)
25. Representative
28. Mistake
30. Hold back
33. Direction
34. Age
35. Draw toward
36. Elevated railroads
37. Envelope (abbr.)
38. Sleepy
39. Either
40. Dash
42. Sell
46. Program
50. Alight (p.t.)
51. Answer (abbr.)
53. Variant of eon
54. Stringed instrument
55. Perceive with the eye
56. Government (abbr.)
57. Emergency (abbr.)

CROSSWORD
ANSWERS IN
NEXT ISSUE

DOWN

58. Even
59. Chemical suffix (pl.)

DOWN

1. Join with beat
2. Great Lake
3. Brews
4. Easy
5. Derived from wood
6. 7th Gr. letter
7. Canvas shelter
8. Emboss
9. Waterproof canvas (short form)
10. Leeward side
11. At the end
19. Rodent
21. Hearing organ
23. Forcefulness; stamina
25. Respect
26. Jelly-like substance
27. Suffix for female
29. Egyptian Sun God
30. Prickly part of plants
31. Exist
32. Color
34. Put into or on (pref.)
35. Ancestry
37. Before (Poetic)
38. Children's game
39. Aquatic mammal
41. _____ beam
42. Bound hay
43. Astrigent
44. Celebration
45. Rough
47. Colorless, glowing gas
48. Peace bird
49. Picnic pests
52. Edu. Group (abbr.)

that man behind the curtain

Okay. It's one o'clock in the morning. I have plateaus of work to do in the next few hours. (I've whittled the mountains down.) This column is due as well.

With all apologies to William Carlos Williams, this is just to say that I don't have sufficient time to write an elaborate column. Sooo . . .

I'm going to take this opportunity to address a topic that I was unable to address in a manner that the rest of the student body was. You see, I'm a member of CAB, and the CAB has its meetings on Thursdays during lunch. This means that while you were at lunch discussing the merits (or not) of chapel, I was deciding what movies we'd get to see next semester. (Note: I am not making any statement about CAB.)

This will be short and sweet. (See above.) I have no particular anger or resentment at anyone affiliated with chapel in any way. I appreciate the idea that chapel is important because it is a time for the entire community that calls itself Houghton College to get together to worship God. I agree with what Dean Danner said last Thursday about chapel being for worship. I have but one paltry opinion to offer. I present it in the form of a question: Was it wise to follow such a talk with an advertisement for an upcoming play? I got the feeling that if I were watching television, I would have heard, "the following speech on proper chapel etiquette is being brought to you by, *She Stoops To Conquer*." It just seems that if the student body is expected to consistently treat chapel as a time of worship, chapel should be reserved for that and that alone.

And that's that.

Oh, yeah. If you get a chance, listen to the new Daniel Amos (Da)Swirling Eddies album. It's disguised as the right Reverend Dr. Edward Daniel Taylor's *Miracle Faith Telethon*. One of the tracks is entitled "Fruit O' Ministry." Imagine that.

Peace, Love, and Understanding,
Rand



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