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WJSL: Have Students Been Cheated?

WJSL is no longer a student radio station. The current campus controversy concerns not only the validity of that assertion, but the desirability of removing student authority at both administrative and practical levels.

Collegians who consider the relationship between the student body and the administration to be adversarial automatically assume that student interests have been intentionally thwarted, but the new WJSL offers improved opportunities for student learning and experience. Improved and rebuilt equipment allows for a wider potential audience (approximately 10,000), upgraded sound quality, and superior workmanship. The overhauled WJSL gives the student a more realistic simulation of "real world" radio with 24-hour year-round broadcasting, content guidelines, and a continuity of management. Walt Pickut, this year's station manager, stresses that these innovations indicate improved educational benefit for the student. According to Pickut, those who complain about his status as a part-time student or the changes at WJSL are unaware that the station narrowly escaped a shut down brought on by "quality control" problems and a lack of qualified student interest in managerial positions.

Further administrative infiltration is scheduled for the upcoming year with the creation of a broadcasting minor and a faculty position that will approximate the General Manager position. All lesser authorities will hail from the student body. The Board of Control, a committee subordinate to the real power, the Board of Directors, is now defunct; only the BOC had Student Senate representation. WJSL will no longer receive student money via the student activity fee. Under Pickut the station will become entirely listener supported. No student administrative authority remains; no student managerial authority remains; no student purchasing power remains: WJSL is no longer a student radio station.

Nor is it exclusively student oriented. The latest demographic survey indicates that of the station's potential listening audience, only ten percent are Houghton students. Accordingly, WJSL should cater to student's interests ten percent of the time. Pickut is being generous with 5-hour nightly Christian Contemporary Music (CCM) programming, thirty percent of airtime: doubly generous considering the constant community pressure to abolish CCM entirely. The former student run station now has more community listeners and more community programming. WJSL is evolving into an odd hybrid: curriculum radio station meets commercial radio station. But it most certainly is not a student radio station.

Therefore, the plans to transplant WJSL to the campus center basement seem incongruous. The snack shop, game area, and student offices are all part of a student area in the student center. Several years ago the basement phonathon center and television studio overwhelmed a t.v. area and a student coffee house. Now it appears that a commercial radio station (albeit of a quasi-educational nature) will overwhelm a large portion of the student recreation area.

More disturbing still looms the loss of student control in governance positions and in the practical realms of daily station work. The General Manager position has doubtless been invaluable training for many. Does a brief lapse in student interest justify establishing a

precedent? WJSL, as it now stands, represents a tradeoff: to gain quality, students had to relinquish control. What, if any, effort was made to obtain both? If a consultant with a background in radio were available to lend expertise and suggestions, perhaps students could have obtained autonomy. Students deserve a chance to experiment in the medium of radio: and if creativity leads to a product that is less than perfect, that experience is doubly educational because the student conceived it on his own.

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For Parochial Eyes Only

by Glenn McKnight

The Lebanese government announced a ceasefire this past Sunday night. While this giant step towards peace has been duly noted, it is unquestionable that the next step, reconciliation, will be even harder to achieve. Now the rival Lebanese political factions, the Syrians, and the Saudis must work out a framework for power sharing in a new government framework.

This reconciliation will have to be a negotiated settlement between the rival Christian, Druze, and Muslim factions. The Lebanese government does not plan to participate directly in the talks, but will play a host role. But before these talks begin, ceasefire questions must be answered. It has not yet been determined who will police the ceasefire. The Lebanese approached Italy, France, and the United Nations, but it will take an agreement on the part of the Lebanese army and representatives of the Druze, Muslim, and Christian forces to decide. Reaching an agreement on this issue will be a feat itself and could take weeks. Concerning the conference itself, there has been no date or time length stipulated, and a preliminary conference to decide these and other issues officials say could take months.

The past eight years of civil violence in Lebanon are marked by a continual violation of ceasefires, throwing doubt on the permanence of this one. The need to keep Lebanon from dividing into provinces, the failure of which would escalate violent factional clashes; the need to span the ever-widening Christian-Muslim gap which partially caused the Shouf war; the need to unite behind the multi-confessional Lebanese government, and the hope that a united front will press strongly for Syrian and Israeli troop withdrawals are pressing reasons to retain the ceasefire.

President Reagan spoke at the opening of the 38th session of the United Nations General Assembly on Monday. He stated that the U.S. is genuinely committed to reaching an arms agreement with Russia, that it supports nonalignment, and that the U.S. believes in the U.N.

Reagan made new proposals concerning arms control. He suggested a higher ceiling on warheads, accepted the Soviet proposal to include European land-based aircraft capable of carrying nuclear weapons, and agreed to consider cutting back on the number of Pershing II's to be deployed if an overall agreement is reached at Geneva.

The U.S., says Reagan, supports nonalignment of nations in order to avoid siding with either the West or the East. But this has to be true nonalignment because some "nonaligned" states are really client states of the Soviets. Reagan hinted strongly that the West and third world nations were natural allies, and implicated the USSR as the real troublemaker.

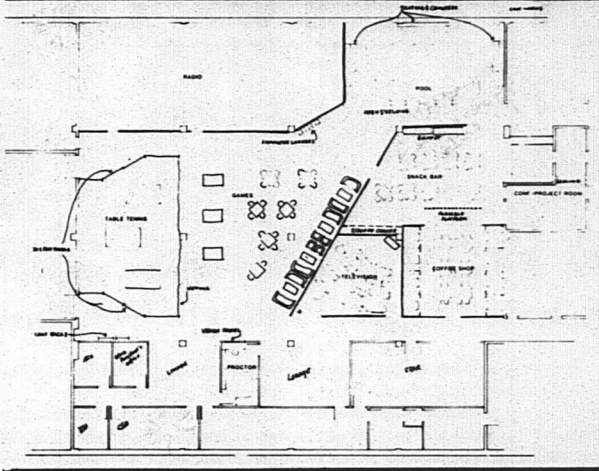
Reagan also pledged US support for the UN and praised it for work it has done. Reagan's speech was clearly trying to push a wedge between the majority of members on one side, and the USSR on the other. According to one analyst, "it was probably effective in [this] sense."

Sweden sees irony in the recent Soviet claim to sacred borders. This comes in the wake of Russia's explanation for downing the Korean 747. The irony lies in the fact that submarines, presumably Soviet, have regularly been violating Swedish territorial waters for almost two years. In response to these two developments, the Scandinavians have labeled the Soviets extremely inconsistent. One official said, "When their submarine was caught on the rocks near Karlskrona in October 1981, they said we had no right to board it. But, when a civilian airliner flies into their airspace, they say they can shoot it down."

This parallel affirms the idea that shooting down the Korean flight involved a mistake somewhere on the Soviet chain of command, causing international embarrassment and loss of prestige, and highlighting inconsistencies in their international dealings.

International Monetary Fund members have established a hard-won new formula for aiding financially-strapped countries. The agreement was finally reached at 1:30 Monday morning. The contentious issue concerned the access countries have to IMF funds in time of need. The US wanted access kept at the 102% of quotas (deposits by contributing nations) level, which meant that because of changes in the distribution of quotas, dozens of nations would have less access in a pinch. Thus the developing nations wanted access raised to 125% of quotas. The IMF reached a compromise that borrowing would initially be stayed at the 102% level, but that upon consideration of a country's balance-of-payment needs by the IMF executive council, the 125% level could be invoked.

NEWS



Dorm Authority Delays Renovation

by David Shoemaker

Houghton has drawn up the plans on a project that will change the look of the campus center recreation room.

Designed by Beardsley and Beardsley, the project may start during Christmas break and includes changes that will bring an atmosphere of privacy and innovation to the basement. Some of the additions and changes include a new coffee shop with high-backed booths, a carpeted, soundproof T.V. room, a snack bar with a buffet table and stage for "coffee-house" performances, a separate pool and video game room, and a complete WJSL studio.

The studio is the first priority and will hopefully be completed in the spring. Of course many people expected to find the studio completed this fall. Unfortunately, that was not to be the case.

Tom Britton, Director of Student Activities and New Student Orientation, mentioned that the college was going to start on the radio station at the beginning of the summer. However, the plan was snubbed by the Dormitory Authority who insisted on steel studs, rather than the lumber a donor had given the college for

the project. The Dormitory Authority also demanded that every room have proper ventilation, the duct work for which is very expensive.

Financially, the project may take longer to finish. The college is shooting for Christmas as a starting date, but as Ken Nielsen, the college treasurer, said, "It'll take from now to Christmas to put the package together."

Dean Danner also expressed a desire to have complete commitment of money for the entire project before the first hammer is swung. That way, the student body will not have to wait through various "stages" of development that might last several years.

Ideas for the renovation have been kicked around for several years, but last year was the first time anything serious had been done. A committee headed by Rick Lee started the research and the plans. Tom Britton is excited about the progress thus far.

"The college is committed to working with the plan," he said. According to Britton, tentative predictions for the renovated recreation room call for completion by spring of 1985.

Regrettably, we goofed in STAR #1. In the article "Senate Votes on CID," we mentioned that Dr. Frank Young, Dean of the School of Medicine at the U of R, and Norman Marshall, National Commander of the Salvation Army were coming here

to speak at graduation. They were only just invited and it is not definite that they are coming. So don't believe everything you read 'cause you never know how many dishonest people there are in New York.



Senate Argues Student Motions

Senate's September 27 meeting moved quickly through Committee reports to a heated discussion on student-initiated motions. Nancy Haven, reporting for the Student Development Committee, stated that the basketball team's homerun hitting contest had initially been denied since they receive funds already from the school. Coach Jack decided to use the funds for a spiritual emphasis retreat and the fund-raiser passed.

The Athletic Committee voted against joining the NCAA this year. According to NCAA standards, scholarship awards must be based on financial need; however, according to NAIA standards, scholarship awards may be based solely on performance. Due to our past record in awarding Presidential scholarships, the NCAA would automatically place Houghton on probation for two years. Therefore, the committee decided to bring Houghton's policies into compliance with the policies of the NCAA, aiming for admittance in 1985-86.

Rob Lamberts reported that the Cultural Affairs Committee "objected strongly" to a proposal that a *Star* reporter be allowed in meetings of the film review committee. The idea passed to Film Review Committee, which decided to allow Heather Toth, already a *Star* reporter, to review each movie, including giving it a rating, mentioning who might object to the movie, and offering a rationale explaining why the movie was or was not approved. At present the committee is working on a film review policy.

The Info Committee plans to publish the 1983-84 Info by November 1.

The student proposals began with Glenn Rutland's Group Dynamics project: selling 400 painter's caps with the words "Sunday's comin'" to raise money for Haitian children.

Ron Whiteford objected, mentioning the "very tight budget" of student senate. Dale Hursh asked what group

funds would go to. The proposition was defeated.

Harvey Shephard's idea to institute a "consistent and periodical fast to raise money for World Relief" resulted in a new ad hoc committee to investigate the possibilities.

The Gao intersection and other college intersections were the focus of Ron Whiteford's motion. He moved that student development "work with local government to alleviate ambiguity at certain college intersections to increase safety." The motion passed.

The final topic of debate centered on Heather Toth's motion to move lunch time on Sundays from 12:00 to 12:30. She mentioned that students bolt from church and Pioneer workers have to leave church early. Vicki Ford added that the motion, if passed, would promote fellowship in the church.

Jamie Wiener then reminded everyone to consider the desires of the students and as a result Rob Lamberts amended the change to 12:15. The ammended motion carried.

BSC Pioneers Program

by Clay MacTarnaghan

The Buffalo Suburban Campus is pioneering an International Student Language program under Claudia Harbaugh to give international students extra tutelage in English.

The Houghton language program leads the Christian College Consortium and secular colleges and universities in the area.

Harbaugh is a graduate of the University of Buffalo with a B.A. in Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Language and Community. She was a missionary for four years with the Slavic Gospel Association. Two of these years she spent in South Korea broadcasting radio programs in Russian.

Marine Band Undercuts Houghton

by David Shoemaker

Despite their bravura performance here last Wednesday, the United States Marine Band received criticism from several people for their lack of professional courtesy offstage. The band booked a concert in Olean for the following night and undersold the Houghton prices for the concert, possibly drawing away several potential comers.

Robert Galloway, head of the music dept., mentioned that it is a professional courtesy for a touring band not to book a concert on the "back door" of another concert area. For example, the Phillip's Brass, coming next spring, called ahead and asked permission to play a concert in Buffalo. Yet the Marine Band, for some reason, scheduled a concert only thirty-five miles away.

The distance might not have made too much difference, but the Olean concert cost only \$3.00, while Houghton charged \$7.50. Many people took that as a sign that Houghton purposely overprices its tickets in order to build up a music fund. But, as Galloway explained, those prices are calculated so the Artist's Series can break even.

But Olean could not charge the prices necessary to pay off the band, so the marines obviously figured

that some money is better than no money and played there anyway, said Galloway.

Speculation has surfaced concerning why the band would schedule a concert so close to Houghton. Galloway talked to both the band touring director and the music director at Olean to find the answer. Evidently, the band did have a scheduled concert somewhere outside the "back door" perimeter for Thursday night but it fell through. So they had to find an audience for that night.

The touring director said that they had tried Jamestown without success, and in desperation tried some connections in Olean at the last minute (2½ weeks before the concert). There they found a place to play, but ran into the aforementioned financial difficulties.

One reason, said Galloway, that Houghton had to charge so much for tickets was that the U.S. Marine band is not part of government expenditure. That is why they originally tried to get the Air Force Band, because it is supported by the government and could have played a free concert here.

The fifty member marine band has now moved on to complete their tour of the east.

Phi Alpha Theta Airs Vietnam Series

by Peter Breen

Phi Alpha Theta is presenting a special television series, *Vietnam: A Television History*, to be aired weekly by the Public Broadcasting System beginning Tuesday, October 4 at 9:00 pm. (*note: Program 2 will be shown Wednesday, October 5 at 9:00 pm. Other programs to be shown weekly.)

The educational sequence of thirteen one hour programs deal with the varied experiences, viewpoints, and complex issues of the "Living room war." Beginning with a brief background on the Vietnamese people, the history proceeds to the August revolution of 1945 in Vietnam, surveying the war in depth up to the surrender of the South Vietnamese and the departure of the American mission from Saigon in April of 1975. The last episode focuses on the aftermath of the war, especially in Vietnam and the United States.

The comprehensive and chronological presentation owes its content

to numerous scholars, more than sixty archives, and over 150 personal interviews. The extensive film footage offers several shots never seen before by the public.

Dr. Katherine Lindley and Jon Balson gathered the information from PBS on the series. The Social Science department is now working out details in hopes of building a May term course around the series.

Local President Glenn McKnight says, "Our aim for Phi Alpha Theta at Houghton is to promote historical scholarship. The whole subject of the Vietnam war and the U.S. involvement in it is just now beginning to be broached and we feel it's an area worthy of study." McKnight went on to say that this series is open to anyone in the community that is interested.

Our apologies to Heather Toth and Clay MacTarnaghan for forgetting their bylines for their articles "Students Intern in DC" and "BSC Embarks on New Program." Forgive us, we know not what we do.

ARTS

Nate Dates Red Pate

by Nate Trail

7:30 pm. No movie. Why did I ever volunteer to review Annie—of all movies? 7:36. Still no movie. I wonder if I could skip the movie and fake the review? Would anyone notice? 7:38. Finally. Well, here goes. Grin and bear it...

Actually, the movie was alright. Carol Burnett was hilarious—as always—as the lady who ran the orphanage. And Bernadette Peters was great as the dumb blonde. Remember that guy who does the 7-up commercials? (Ha Ha Ha of course you do.) I thought he did an excellent Tonto imitation as Punjab—the strong, silent type. Oh yeah, the little girl with the red hair was pretty cute, too, I guess. Someone even suggested that Daddy Warbucks was cute. I think that's carrying it a bit far. Now, Telly Savalas might be seen as cute, but this guy shaved his head for the movie. If I shaved my head, would girls fall all over me? ...Case closed.

Anyway, maybe I should give an outline of the story for those who've never seen it. Well, there's this girl, see, and she's an orphan, and she gets to go to a billionaire's house for a week, and he ends up adopting her. And in between, everyone sings a lot.

Some people's favorite lines follow. "See you next month, Mr. Bundles;" to the laundry man at the orphanage. "Your teeth are crooked;" Daddy Warbucks to his secretary. "You're never fully dressed without a smile;" the little girl who stamped on Carol Burnett's toes. "Oh my goodness, Oh my goodness;" another orphan.

A few people I spoke with felt there were some inappropriate camera angles whenever there were ladies dancing. I think I'll decline to comment on the subject, as I'd rather not stir up some bad memories about Dumbo.

Here's what some of you thought, during and after the movie. "Did you see that? She stepped on her face!" "I hate this song." "I love it." "How cute." "I want a dog like that." "Carol Burnett is a riot." "On a scale of 1 to 10, I give it a 10." "I hate musicals: just when everything's going great, they drop everything and sing dumb song." "Definitely corny." "What would Tony Campolo say to Daddy Warbucks?" Perhaps my favorite comment was "It's cute, but..." with no further comment.

Well, that's all I can think of to say, except don't believe all of the above, because you never know how many dishonest people there are in New York.

On The Spot

by Dan Gettman

About the time the Benzene rings sprouted hairy legs and crawled from the page of my organic book, I decided to quit studying for the night. It was 8 o'clock on a Saturday night—in Houghton. I had two options; I could go to Brookside open house, or I could go to bed. I chose the bed. After all, it would be warmer.

Then I remembered the spot. I'd need a date. I grabbed the Boulder from the shelf and thumbed through its pages looking for a cute girl to ask out; I found three. They all had boyfriends. An hour and a half later I had phone dialer's finger, and a date for the spot.

I met Dave in the chapel and we found a seat.

"Look at all the couples," I said, staring at the pairs of heads scattered about the chapel.

"Yeah," Dave said. "And way over there is a guy and girl sitting together."

When the spot began, with Mr. Bill Mirola Rogers leading a sing-along about his neighborhood, Dave said, "This takes me way back. Oh youth. Oh childhood. Oh freshman year."

Next, the Doobie Brothers—Tom Raff, Maurice Sutiono, Steve Earl, Pat Tibbles, and Dave Vautin—made their first ever Houghton appearance with a version of their '70's hit "China Grove". Dave seemed to like Tom's and Steve's solos. I had to cram my handkerchief down his throat to stop his cheers. Sorry it was dirty, Dave.

"I'll bet that's just a recording," Dave said, as Freshman Sharon Combes played the piano while wearing a pair of mittens.

"No, she's really playing that," I countered.

"I'd glove to be able to do that," Dave said with a smirk. I should have stuck with the bed.

Dave at least had the good taste to remain quiet while Tom Bookhout played his moving song "Where Did The Goodbye Come From?"

After some comic relief from Keith—Nate Trail—the Maniac and his hypnotized bricks, Cathy Rhoades sang "Through the Eyes of Love" with piano backup from Tim Sidebotham. Then Mr. Rogers was back to remind us of our chapel vocabulary lesson of a couple weeks ago.

Dave Shoemaker and Nate Trail, with help from receptionist Heather Toth, the always abusive Jon Bradley, and the head-hitting Rob Lamberts, gave everyone a taste of Monty Python's finest with their version of the Argument Clinic.

"That was great," I said through tears of laughter.

"I don't mean to be contrary," Dave said, "but it wasn't that good."

"Was too," I stammered.

"Was not." I don't know your name, but a very special thank you goes to the girl who took that opportunity to slam her fist on Dave's head.

Brian Earl blew everyone away with his trumpet playing, and may have even hit some high notes that only Houghton's canine members could enjoy. Brother Steve Earl was the envy of all applied piano majors as his fingers flew through some wild jazz runs. Even drummer Pat Tibbles showed us that Campolo's dehonkytizing can work, with some wild drum, stand, floor, and chair playing. Dave swore he'd throw away his rock records and switch to jazz.

To wrap up the show, Rob Lamberts took the stage in a Lisa Johnson designer suitcoat. His songs, "I'll Get You Back for Murdering My Gerbil" and "I Owe My Life to My Suspenders," which even made professor Arnold Cook smile, are being considered for the Freshman class hymn.

Mr. Rogers dismissed us with his promise to come back to the Houghton neighborhood again.

"Dan, there's the homecoming spot coming up in a couple weeks," Dave said as we left. "If you start calling now, maybe you can find a date." He ducked my left.

"But Dave, isn't that Canfield's spot?"

"Oh yeah," Dave said disappointed. "Who knows? Maybe it'll be good anyways." He headed home...

(Anyone wishing to appear in a spot should see Heather Toth or Rob Lamberts. Spots are open to all regardless of race, religion, or major, and acts are needed.)



LETTERS

Some final comments on the question of dress and "style":

1. After reading and rereading the original letter included in September 16th's *Star*, I still could not be sure if the author was serious. Clearly, there are a lot more important things to be concerned about than clothes and "stylishness." Surely the letter was a tongue-in-cheek contribution sent in by someone who had some extra time on her hands—or was it?

2. Joke or not, the letter prompted several replies in the following week's *Star*. I'm not in agreement with the general thrust of a couple of the responses, i.e. basing one's opinion of another primarily on clothing and "stylishness" is completely out of the question for Christians. The Scriptures are clear enough on the foolishness of judging other persons by external appearances—no further comment is necessary.

3. While we are not allowed to judge or evaluate others by their appearance, especially by something as bogus as whether or not they are in "style", a person should give consideration to his or her own appearance. But I'm not referring primarily to clothes at this point. Rather, a personal fitness... Personal fitness should concern a lot more people in Houghton than is currently the case. The college community has an embarrassingly high percentage of persons who are overweight and/or poorly conditioned. This situation is something that should legitimately concern us as Christians. A person can dress "stylishly" everyday and simply be covering up an out-of-shape, poorly cared-for body. Responsible care for the body through exercise, rest and proper eating is as important as "stylishness" is inconsequential.

4. Anyone who feels better about him/herself because they dress "stylishly" has an underdeveloped or easily-influenced sense of self-worth. A person with a healthy self-image which is based primarily on an understanding of the value of each person in God's eyes and to a much lesser extent on cleanliness and physical conditioning can wear anything from designer jeans to a toga and still feel fine about his/herself. If your self-worth meter is tied into what you wear, something's wrong.

5. A lot of what currently passes

for "style" looks pretty foolish, if you think about it. Skinny little pants that barely reach the shins, shapeless skirts with sneakers and ankle socks (very flattering!), baggy pants with "twinky shoes" (a.k.a. topsiders), sweaters draped around shoulders when it's 80 degrees out, upturned collars (a particularly pointless practice that few seem to question), athletic clothing worn by persons who haven't worked up to a legitimate sweat in years—the list is endless and so is the race towards "stylishness." People who dress neatly and sensibly, who maintain well-cared-for bodies in unpretentious, unaffected clothing, communicate a sense of security and self-value frequently absent from those who are slaves to "style."

Campolo made it clear enough: we've got a lot more important things to be concerned about than "style." I'd add that this is especially true when "stylishness" involves wearing or doing things that common sense should tell us are dumb. A strong sense of self-worth based on God's care for each of us, coupled with a well-conditioned, fit body, is the basis for self-respect. Style: who cares?

Mark Cerbone

Star Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to humbly decimate and pummel repeatedly the arguments outlined by Mr. Shoemaker [sic] and Mr. Trail in your last issue.

To suggest that all freshmen are ugly is self-incriminating and stupid. The proposition is purely subjective. Therefore, it cannot be supported or refuted. Besides, Brooke Shields begins Princeton this year.

Since all the following arguments depend on the first contention being true, there is no need to further destroy the pathetic contentions that follow except to fulfill sadistic tendencies. An example of their sophomoric logic is irresistible to confront. Betting is not only against the pledge but doesn't do tiddlywinks to support the contention that "international strife leads to nuclear war." This is too fun. . . . The pledge does not restrict bedlam (read it and weep boys). In the interest of their self-respect (whatever's left that is), I will cease fire. However, I would like to suggest a few ideas and

proposals:

1. All upperclassmen are ugly because "beauty is in the eye of the beholder."
2. "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23
3. David Shoemaker [sic] and Gnat [sic] Trail should be required to memorize the pledge as a requisite for graduation.
4. The above mentioned should receive an "F" in Critical Thinking.
5. Tar, feathers and chastisement would not be inappropriate and would be lots of fun.

David Braden

Dear Beth,

After discussing Dr. Campolo's messages of Christian Life Emphasis Week with many of my friends, I found their major complaint to be his use of guilt. I do not believe that he was wrong to "lay a guilt trip" on us. Guilt is not necessarily wrong or bad; unfounded guilt may be, however, I do not believe that all guilt is bad. If guilt compels us to change, that is, making right what we feel guilty for, and thus alleviating the guilt, there is nothing bad about it. I am not saying that we should feel guilty for being born and raised in an affluent society. We should feel guilty if we are content to only consider our own needs and wants, without taking care of the needs of those less fortunate than us.

"What good is it my brothers if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself if it is not accompanied by action is dead." James 2:14-17 (NIV)

Sincerely,
Kathy J. Peterson

Dear Editor,

For the record, my graduate degrees were both earned at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill), and not at the institution reported by M. Walts in the September 16 issue of the *Star*.

Cordially,
Jon Balson

Dear Editor,

As a group of concerned Christian students it is our wish to make public the possible undermining effect of our most recent Senate Spot upon the witness and reputation of this institution. It would be presumed that we as Christians must segregate our Christianity from our entertainment. This is a gross misconception. Believe it or not Houghton, there is such a thing as good clean fun. It is this form of humor that seems to be relished the most. Showing slides of face cards and beer bottles seems funny to us, but should be looked at for what it is, a valiant effort to make a mockery the school's pledge. Though we may not agree with all that the pledge entails, we all signed it. Therefore we are morally and contractually [sic] bound to its precepts. Besides, those jokes are as old as the institution itself. We're not saying that poking fun at legalism and laughing at ourselves is wrong. Simply that there is a time and a place. The spot is neither. The person who inspired the writing of this letter was planning to have a non-Christian friend come to visit Houghton on the weekend of the homecoming spot. Needless to say, he has had second thoughts. We shudder at the thought of the impression our slide show would give a non-believer. Where is our witness? Do you really think Mister Rodgers would be proud?

Don Haingray
Brian Earl
Rich Rose
Wilson E.P. Jones

To the editor:

We would like to pose a few questions concerning your editorial last week.

First of all, what is wrong with accepting an interpretation of the divinely inspired? We readily accept a Sunday morning sermon. But a sermon is really a minister's interpretation of the divinely inspired. But what's so different about what Tony Campolo said? Perhaps it's because he talked about issues which some would rather not hear about.

Secondly, what's so wrong with being spiritually submissive to a speaker's views even though you

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don't know his values and pre-suppositions? If the Holy Spirit is dwelling within us, we need not worry about being misled. John 16:13 tells us that the Holy Spirit will guide us to all truth. Also the Holy Spirit can work more effectively in a spiritually submissive individual rather than a questioning one. Which is more important: to question or to be ministered to by the Holy Spirit?

Perhaps at the next C.L.E.W. we should be more concerned with being open to the moving of the Holy Spirit through the speaker, rather than critically evaluating the speaker and his sermons.

Sincerely,
Tim Coetzee
Jeanne Polloni
Brian S. Chilton
Daryl Jalosky

Dear Tim, Jeanne, Brian, and Daryl,

Ultimately, we must accept an interpretation of the divinely inspired. But in last week's editorial I attempted to show why it is desirable that it be our own interpretation, and not merely a blind acceptance of another's. If Jim Jones' followers had formulated their opinions more carefully we would not have seen grisly mass suicide pictures. Given, Guyana is an extreme example. But it is naive to think that all attempts at biblical interpretation will be credible.

You wrote that "a sermon is really a minister's interpretation of the divinely inspired." For this reason I do not "readily accept a Sunday morning sermon." Weekly messages merit the same critical evaluation as CLEW messages; I do not place Tony Campolo's talks in a different category.

I agree that Campolo addressed issues that some would prefer to avoid. Nowhere in my editorial did I advocate rejecting what we do not wish to hear. That methodology would produce individuals as unaware as those who believe unthinkingly. Therefore, listeners need to analyze all that they hear.

Jim Jones exemplifies the trouble that may result from being spiritually submissive to a speaker without foreknowledge of his views. And certainly most of us have heard two sincere, Christian ministers directly contradict one another. Since they cannot both be correct, it is evident that it is entirely possible to be both ordained and mistaken.

"If the Holy Spirit is dwelling within us, we need not worry about being misled." History has seen this statement disproved. Humans are imperfect, tainted by sin, and even the most righteous have been misled.

You offered no support for your con-

tention that "the Holy Spirit can work more effectively in a spiritually submissive individual than a questioning one." We should be spiritually submissive to the Holy Spirit, not to man; and certainly not to every idea we hear. God can work through questioning. Such "cross-examination" can function as a guide to "all truth"—especially if there is an untruth we need to isolate before digesting a sermon. The dilemma you presented, whether "to question or to be ministered to by the Holy Spirit," is not a dilemma at all. One option does not exclude the other. Critically evaluating a speaker and his sermon could be the most effective method of opening oneself to the Holy Spirit.

I advocate not that we react to exegesis with instant disbelief, but with caution. Our faith is not personal and genuine if it is no more than blind allegiance to pastoral authority.

Beth Sperry

Dear Editor:

All who have known John Snook have been shocked and hurt by the events of the past months. However, the article in the September 16 issue of the Star was no less offensive to me. What is to be gained by such spectacular reporting? Is the Houghton Star to become the forum for all tidbits of privileged information about broken lives and homes in our community or elsewhere? I hope not!

I am again reminded of the verse so recently quoted in our C.L.E.W. services, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." Galatians 6:1.

Sincerely,
Alice Fletcher

Dear Mrs. Fletcher,

We regret that you found the Sept. 16 Star article concerning John Snook offensive. However, I believe our coverage was both careful and sensitive. We laboriously verified our information and then tactfully phrased the article in order to preserve the "professional decorum" of the Star, striving to avoid being "spectacular." The article dealt with public knowledge about a public career.

Beth Sperry

extemporanea

by David Shoemaker

I recently contemplated suicide, knowing full well I would regret it afterwards. My Mom would have blamed it on herself due to the time when she accidentally pummeled my boa constrictor to a bloody pulp; my father would probably mutter something polysyllabic including the words "generation" and "souffle."

I believe it was Sartre who said, "Being and nothingness on an eschatological plane fly southwesterly in an easterly direction; teleologically speaking, though, suicide and bad faith coeffervescence in a ratio equivalent to two Jews with a bag of sugar." That Jean-Paul didn't mince words. He said what he meant, and meant what he kind of implied a few times.

But this brings us back to the original question: if I am to be considered a rational, capitalistic, non-discriminatory Republican with lots of money from the hard labor of migrant workers of all races, creeds, and colors, can I justify suicide as opposed to killing five black xanthocroids in the dead of night with a gun that only has a little flag that says, "bang!"?

I asked this rather sophomoric and bovine question to several people on campus with varied replies, punches, and stabs. When I asked Professor Bressler, he laughed uproariously.

"Uproariously!" he laughed. "Nein, nein, nein. You aren't asking the right question. You should ask the big questions: about liberty, about justice, about the viscous qualities of Albanian spleens in relation to ontological existence. Don't ask that poultry suicide question—that's for the birds."

"What a fowl man," I muttered out loud to myself. I decided to curse him in my Christian way.

"May you be raptured during your favorite episode of Gilligan's Island!" That would get his sacrificial goat.

I went home that night and had a turbulent nightmare. I kept seeing Allen Yonda in a stovepipe hat delivering the Gettysburg Address. In the back of the crowd was Archie Bunker shouting, "We don't want no Amish president!"

I approached Paul Young in relation to the dream and he merely shrugged his shoulders and said in a bitter, quasi-sad, maliciously literary tone, "Who the heck [sic] cares?" Hurt, and in my own carefree way, malapropistic, I turned to the religion department.

"Well," said Woolsey, in his wonderfully alliterative warble, "we don't need no education. We don't need no thought control. And while I'm at it, no dark sarcasm in the classroom. By the way, don't print that." I wandered westward, wondering what he meant. I realized it had something to do with the suicidal Weltanschauung of atheistic Wesleyans, in a weenie sort of way. That man boggles my brain.

Sayers offered no help either. I caught him with his stance down. He glanced up, embarrassed, and proceeded to logically prove that I didn't exist, that Bing Crosby backmasked ("White Christmas" indeed!), and that term life insurance is always better than comprehensive life insurance. I left in a blind rage and subsequently smashed into several people.

My question yet unanswered, I decided to take it to the top: Mason Springfield. I found him doing a wicked job cleaning the campus center carpet. That guy doesn't miss a thing. His vacuum cleaner was a shimmering symbol of power, a threat against authority and rebellion, an electrical appliance that draws light dirt from surfaces by suction!

"Suicide?" he joked in his hilarious way. "Now, that's a killer. Let's see..." Suddenly, with a unique and brilliant flash of creative energy he sputtered, "Suicide at Houghton is redundant!" Praises and acclamation! What a mind! What a talent!

I had found the answer I was looking for. All I had to do was write it down. So here I am; there you are; and we all live in a yellow submarine. I am the walrus. Goo-goo-goo-jobb.

Sorry, Mason. He forced us at gunpoint to print your name.

A squid eating dough in a polyethylene bag is fast
and bulbous, got me? Captain Beefheart

SPORTS

Highlanders Improve Play Against Tough Competition

by Thea Hurd

Houghton and Manhattanville field hockey players and fans waited a half an hour for officials to arrive from Rochester to start their match on Friday, September 24. Some fans grew tired of the wait and drifted off, but those who stuck it out were rewarded with an exciting 70 minutes of field hockey.

Manhattanville scored first with a goal by Sadler, and then Houghton's Michele Staley evened things up with her second goal of the season. Coach Wells is impressed with Staley's consistently good playing this year. He also noted that co-captain Lynne Ross played her best game ever against Manhattanville. This also seemed to be a good day for most of the Houghton rookies.

The Highlanders dominated the first half with nine penalty corners, nine shots on goal, and two saves, while Manhattanville had four penalty corners, six shots, and eight saves.

Manhattanville started shining in the second half and gave reason for their third place finish in states last year. Though both teams had opportunities to score, Manhattanville pulled ahead for good with a goal by Braver. Houghton ended up on the underside of the second half, being out-shot 11-6, out-cornered 12-7, and

undersaved 4-5. Final score: 2-1, Manhattanville. It was loss number three for the Highlanders.

Despite the losing score, the Manhattanville game was a winner compared to a 4-0 loss to the University of Rochester on Tuesday, September 20. U of R dominated throughout with a depth and skill Houghton lacked.

Rochester's Melvin scored first, and Dumonchel's penalty shot later in the half pulled U of R ahead 2-0 at halftime. Houghton was out-shot 10-3 in the first half and claimed one penalty corner to Rochester's eight. Beth Hambridge grabbed eight saves, and U of R took two.

Houghton was gobbled up in the second half as well when two more goals by Melvin and Goblet flew by. U of R took 16 shots on goal compared to Houghton's five, and had 11 corners to HC's two. Hambridge stopped 11 shots and Rochester's goalie collected one.

According to Wells, the team's inexperience as a unit seems to be their biggest obstacle. He is encouraged by improvement shown from the U of R game to the Manhattanville one. It proves that "things are coming," and as the Highlanders start showing experience, that experience will start paying dividends.

Highlanders Stumble and Fall One Short

by Jim Spiropoulos

Houghton stumbled and fell 2-1 to Manhattanville on September 23 in a game they seemed likely to win, or at least tie. Noel Fleming scored Houghton's only goal on a breakaway. The Manhattanville goal challenged Fleming, and she dribbled around the keeper and tucked the ball into the net.

Houghton's defense was bombarded by the Manhattanville offense but held Manhattanville off until late in the final period. With little more than two minutes remaining in the contest the ball remained in front of the Houghton net. After many incoherent, pinball-like bounces, the ball was finally directed past Paula Maxwell into the goal. A repeat performance with only seven seconds left gave Manhattanville a 2-1 victory over a disappointed

Houghton squad.

The Houghton women had 7 shots on goal in the first half, two by Fleming and two by Lori Boseck, compared to Manhattanville's 9. The offense had many breakaways on the Manhattanville goal, but most of the half was played in front of the Houghton net.

The second half saw the Houghton offense play much more consistently. The final tally had Houghton with 15 shots on goal for the game, to Manhattanville's 28. Maxwell had 19 saves in goal compared to their 8.

Coach Bob Smalley commented, "We had great individual play, especially by our goalies and Conover, but we don't work together as a unit well because of a lack of experience. We seem to fall apart at crucial times because of [that]."



Jon Irwin gets ready to cross in Houghton's 1-0 loss to Geneseo September 17th.

Houghton and U.B. Stalemate

by Sally Parker

The men's soccer teams of Houghton and the University of Buffalo battled to a 2-2 tie on Saturday the 24th in a game marked by fouls and injuries.

Both teams shared a total of 49 fouls for the game which included two 10-minute overtimes. Jon Irwin was issued a yellow card for "unsportsmanlike conduct" with 1:42 left in the first half, and Gus Zaija of UB earned one in the second half for pushing. Two collisions, one involving Irwin and the other involving Bill Baker, left the Houghton players limping for a few minutes while their UB counterparts were carried off the field.

The beginning of the first half saw quick UB passes and good ball control. At 19:11, UB's Mark Brown passed to teammate Kurt Felgemacher, who took the through pass and chipped a low-angle, five-yard shot to the far corner of the goal.

But as the half progressed, the ball seemed to be spending a lot of time in the air. Passes looked choppy and the teams traded ball possession frequently. Finally, with 6:20 left, Dan

Ortlip scored from the left when goalie Gary Kopacz pulled out too far.

UB started the second half with a Mark Brown goal at 8:01. The ball was shot from the left and bounced off the right post into the goal. Again, controlled, smooth passing seemed to escape both teams, with few exceptions. But Houghton managed to come back with 6:20 left in regulation play. Ortlip passed to Brian Brown at the left who scored through a thick UB defense, tying it 2-2.

Although the game was full of called fouls (some earned, others surprising), it was full of uncalled fouls as well. Lots of pushes, handballs, and comments escaped notice by the refs.

The overtime periods seemed to run more smoothly. Both teams started settling down, talking more, and choosing their passes. There were a number of close shots in overtime, but both teams held strong defenses and no one scored.

Houghton totaled 15 shots on goal and goaltender Ken Eckman had six saves. UB recorded 15 shots and eight goalie saves.



Landry Flies at Geneseo

by Charles Beach

Despite Dave Landry's second place finish, host Geneseo defeated Houghton's men's cross country team 20-41 last Saturday.

Landry covered Geneseo's 6.2 mile course in 34:20, one minute behind winner Paul Dodd. Other scorers for Houghton were Jeff Davis (35:32) in sixth, Rob Coy (37:38) in 11th, Eric Pendleton (38:12) in 13th, and Dave Riether (38:13) in 14th.

The women's team faced three opponents in the same meet: Ithaca, Nazareth, and Geneseo. Ithaca swept all three teams behind Betsy Kneale's victory in 18:05 for the three mile course. The Highlanders lost to Ithaca by a score of 15-45, and to Geneseo 17-46, but edged Nazareth 26-31. Mary McCullough was Houghton's top finisher in ninth with a time of 20:56. Behind her came Carol Wyatt (22:45) in 17th, Julie Button (23:59) in 20th, Laurie Spinelli (24:01) in 21st, and Kathy Banker (25:31) in 25th.

The men's team was also in action last Wednesday at St. Bonaventure, where they beat the host school in a 15-50 forfeit. SBU's Brian Smith won the race in 28:43, but Houghton's Davis was runner-up on the hilly 5.0 mile course in 28:59. Pendleton (29:35) and Coy (29:41) were fifth and sixth respectively, while Riether (30:55) in eighth and Chuck Dudley (31:00) in ninth finished Houghton's scoring. The absence of a fifth man for SBU turned an otherwise close meet into an automatic win for the Highlanders.

"We need more distance," was first-man Landry's comment after Saturday's meet. "We have plenty of speed, but that last mile has been hurting us."

With a week and a half before their next meet, Coach Gene Ayers has planned a hard week of distance running for the men's team. The women, however, will have it a little easier as they prepare for the Binghamton Invitational this Friday.

The men's record stands at 1-1, while the women's is 1-2.

Spikers Up and Down

by Ned Farnsworth

The Houghton College volleyball team seesawed in its last two matches, trouncing the competition in one and falling victim in the other.

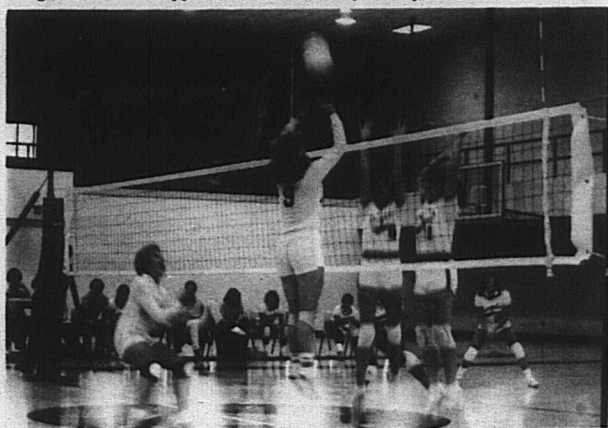
The Highlanders hosted St. John Fisher and the University of Rochester in a tri-meet on September 22. Fisher swept the opener against U of R and went on to beat Houghton 15-6, 6-15, 15-7. Highlander coach Wendy Jacobson commented that the Houghton representatives were "happy to take a game away from

them," adding that the Fisher squad is "a very strong team."

Houghton then played Rochester to determine the second place finishers, and lost.

The Highlanders' next tri-meet proved more successful. The September 24 home contest opened with a match between the host and Buff. State. Buffalo won the first game, and Houghton responded by clinching the next two. In its final match, Houghton shut out Alfred in two games to win the meet.

Houghton blocks the opposition in last Saturday's volleyball action.



COMING UP...

SATURDAY 1

volleyball (Geneseo/Binghamton) Home 1:00

women's soccer (Roberts) Away 2:00

men's soccer (Fredonia) Away 2:00

MONDAY 3

field hockey (Wells) Away 4:00

men's JV soccer (St. Bona) Home 4:00

women's soccer (Wells) Home 4:00

WEDNESDAY 5

women's soccer (William Smith) Home 4:30

men's soccer (Buff. State) Away 4:00

THURSDAY 6

women's soccer (Edinboro) Home 3:00

FRIDAY 7

field hockey (Oswego) Away 4:00

Houghton Blanks Elmira

by Ray Specht

The Houghton men's varsity soccer team defeated Elmira College 3-0 Wednesday in a game that Coach Burke termed the team's "poorest effort all year."

"They [Houghton] came out with the attitude that they were just going to be getting by on the [lack of] ability of Elmira. That's not very good soccer," said Burke.

Bob Hobba scored a goal at 30:29 in the first half. The ball deflected off the sprawling Elmira goalie John Halsted after he attempted to clear the ball from the top of the goal area. Hubba dribbled down and poked the ball into the unattended Elmira goal.

Danny Ortlip added two insurance goals in the second half as he scored at 11:44 on a breakaway, and at 37:21 as he dribbled the ball past an Elmira

defender at the head of the goal area, popping the ball into the top left corner of the net.

An Elmira goal at 23:25 of the second half was disallowed by referee Rocky Sweeney.

"He [the Elmira player] went through the goalie to get to the ball. That's my interpretation," said Sweeney. An Elmira attacker collided with Houghton goaltender Paul Hubley near the left goalpost as both players went after the ball. In the collision, the ball came free of Hubley's grasp and rolled into the net.

The Highlanders outshot Elmira 20-11. Ken Eckman (first half) and Hubley (second half) combined for four Houghton saves while Halsted collected three for Elmira.

The game marked Houghton's fourth victory against one loss and one tie.

poetry by laurie palmer

The Man With a Thousand Faces

The Man with a Thousand Faces is watching me
with his black eyes.
He nervously twirls the end of his false mustache
with slender, gloved fingers,
and gives a twitch to his hair
beneath the slouch hat.
His cheeks sag, and his nose is starting to peel
at the edges.
When I look at him he discreetly pulls his cloak
over his face, turns, and walks away.

Snap, Crackle, Pop (to Beth)

A lizard, two little garter snakes, seventeen army ants,
four black beetles, a hairy spotted spider,
eight houseflies, a centipede, a few hornets,
forty-two gnats, three cockroaches and a juicy nightcrawler

"Yum," I said, as the grubs slithered down,
"Breakfast is the best meal of the day."

Justice

Mark and Rick shared an apartment.
Mark picked up a knife and sliced Rick's hand
because Rick was playing the stereo too loud.
Mark paid a fine.
Rick has a long scar that runs across the back of
his hand.

Kevin had been drinking at the fair.
He got into his car and tried to drive home.
Kevin hit a young girl and killed her,
and crippled another.
Kevin got his license taken away
for a year
and paid a fine.

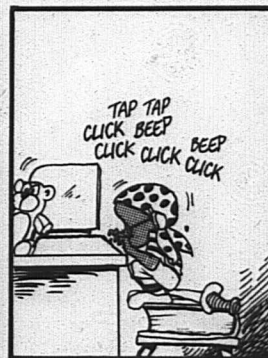
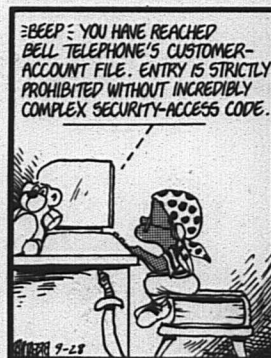
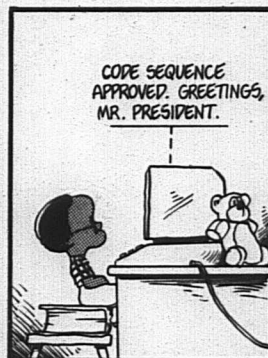
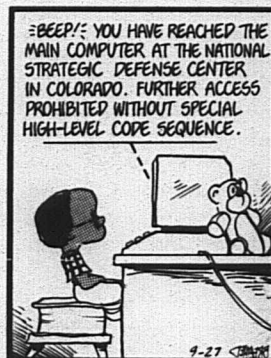
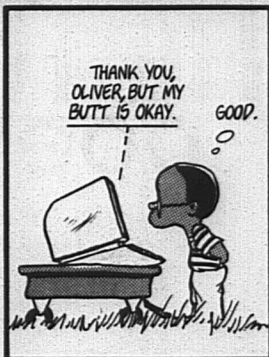
Hugh raped two of his daughters repeatedly
over the course of several years,
and locked them up, away from the family.
Hugh went to Attica.
Two years for rape and sodomy.
Hugh's back home now.
Back with his youngest daughter.

Bernadette's husband frequently beat her.
One night he tried to kill her.
Bernadette found a gun and shot him.
Bernadette's in jail for life
for trying to protect herself
because the prosecutor
beats his wife, too.

Vengeance is mine;
I will repay, saith the Lord.

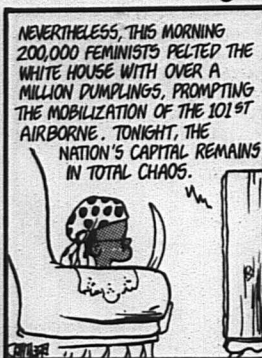
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by Berke Breathed



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classifieds

Bill Busund happily and proudly announces the engagement of

Sue Satterlee ('82)
to
Jim Slating ('84)

"He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord."

—Prov. 18:22

Dear Jim,

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil." (Eccl. 3:9)
Happy birthday!

Love,
Alicia

To Chris-Chris, Luz and Deb.
To the Gallups.
To F.F.F.F.
To mis amigos de todo el mundo.

In three words: it was good.
—Stacey

WANTED: One base player with access to electrical bass willing to play loud, raucous punk music for Spot and/or further group cohesion.
Contact David Shoemaker
Box 1512.

waldo

thanks for the applause
your salutation certainly was personal
i am reading that cricket s
work in my spare time
see next door b s

To "Annoyed Freshmen,"

It is against the *Star's* policy to print anonymous letters. Since yours was quasi-anonymous, you'll need to supply your last names in order to be published.

Linda,

Thank you for the words of understanding and reassurance.
Please deliver in person.

Love, admiration, love, and martyr-like proclivities,
"Oh, these metal walls"

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