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Who will pastor here next?

Committee Begins To Study Candidates For New Pastor

As of next August first, the Houghton community will have a new pastor, as yet unknown, to fill the post of the resigning Pastor Dorsey. Finding someone to fill his position is not an easy job.

But there is a committee who actively is searching for the right person. Headed by Dr. Calhoun, it includes four other members: Mr. Liddick, Dr. Pocock, Mrs. Prinsell, and Mr. Young.

The committee is going through a step-by-step process for screening potential candidates. It is now receiving letters of recommendation about people who should be considered for the post. Its members are individually visiting the churches where candidates are pastor. If they are favorably impressed, a larger group visits the church. When the group is pleased with a candidate, he is contacted by letter and arrangements are made for the committee as a whole to visit his church. The next step is to ask the candidate to meet with the church board and to present a Sunday's ser-

mon. After this, if the committee is still pleased, the potential pastor's name is presented to the Houghton church for the congregation to vote on and decide whether it wants to hire him.

This is the procedure outlined in the Wesleyan discipline. Also, the committee will work in close collaboration with district superintendent, Rev. Heinz. The committee has defined the qualities that they are looking for in the man that is to become pastor, the first and most important being "an able, skilled Biblical expositor, ministering the ancient Gospel in modern terms to a divergent congregation."

Presently, the committee has a list of about 25 to 30 men who have been suggested as pastor of the Houghton church. Considerations are being given to those who are not members of the Wesleyan church, although they would have to join the church to become pastor. The committee is receptive to suggestions from students as to possible candidates.

Trustees Hand New Governance Plan Over To Task Force For Revision, Elaboration

Important decisions were reached at last weekend's trustees' meeting (March 26). The trustees had to come to grips with several issues dear to the student body: housing, the new presidency, and most important, governance.

The action on the housing situation was simply to approve the Local Advisory Board's plan (its details are now commonly known). The Board was content to accept the plan as meeting the Title IX regulations.

The question of hiring a President was also discussed after the announcement of Dr. Werkema's withdrawal as a candidate. No formal action was taken because of the ongoing work of the Search Committee; the Trustees are hoping this committee will be successful. Yet some informal discussion centered around an alternative system for an interim or acting President.

The subject of governance occupied the attention of the Board for much

of the meeting. The Board passed a motion which in effect suspended acceptance of the controversial governance plan released in January. Instead it established a task force to revise and elaborate the plan on the basis of principles suggested by Dr. Werkema.

The task force is to be chaired by Dr. Shannon, the Academic Dean. It is comprised of two trustees, two additional administrators, two faculty members, two students, and Mr. Stevenson, the Chairman of the Board. The administrators are yet to be named. The students were designated as Wally Fleming and Steve Horst for the rest of the year, with Kathy French taking Wally's place in the fall. The faculty representatives are to be elected by the faculty as a whole. The broad composition and representation of the task force is evidence of the Trustees' willingness to revise and expand the original plan in accordance with the views of all segments of the college.

Outside Housing Distributed; Equalization Almost Finished

Throughout the past several months the college "housing issue" has seemed an almost ever present source of conversation, concern, and committee activity, but on Thursday, April 1st, at about 3:00 p.m. the bulk of the issue came to rest.

The original housing recommendations, which came out of the Title IX Committee were sent to the Administrative Policies Committee who chose the "Gao" proposal, which called for major renovation of Gaoyadeo as a men's dormitory. This proposal, being the most expensive, met with strong resistance from concerned students and faculty who saw the proposal as catering to a small "constituency" of the community who did not understand the actual logistics of the East Hall proposal. It was also cited as "poor stewardship" especially in the context of past expenses for Brookside, the low cost and easy implementation of the East Hall proposal, and the future expenses of the new Physical Education Center. The Ad. Policies Committee then made a re-evaluation of their recommendation and tried to change their decision to the East Hall proposal. The recommendations were presented to the Local Advisory Board of Trustees who then voted the East Hall proposal down in favor of a "revised" Gao proposal. The LAB's decision called for the use of Gao as a men's dormitory, but without any renovations, except for minor bathroom repairs, for a "one year try-out". The LAB gave no rationale for their choice, but the sentiments were that "we are moving too fast".

The Student Affairs office was then presented with the responsibility of working on the outside housing arrangements, and the decision made on April 1st listed the following ten houses and corresponding openings as women's residences for the Fall of 1976: Beers (10), Byerly (9), Eckler (4),

Johnson (17), McKinley (11), Nielsen (20), Piersol (10), Stockin (4), Waldorf (15), and Steese (11). Waldorf house and fourth floor Brookside are tentatively being reserved for the girls who will be doing their student teaching in the fall.

Student Affairs tried to use houses which presently hold the most seniors, and tried also to distribute housing on the basis of room cost and distance to the campus. Student Affairs has also reported that according to the housing surveys which were received from students, most everyone should be able to get their "first choice". According to this survey, it appears that approximately 2/3rds of the Freshman men will remain in Shenawana, and that the single rooms

in Gao have been "pretty well spoken for". Leonard Houghton will be used to house Sophomore men, and Hazlett will be used to house the overflow of Freshman men. It also seems that the room drawings will be directed more toward the actual choice of the student, for the drawings will be closer to an "appointment of sorts".

The only phase of the "great issue" which has not yet been resolved is the equalization of housing rules. These rules, which according to Title IX cannot be differentiated by sex, will be set up by class. Student Affairs is confident that decisions will soon be reached in this area, and has termed it merely a "mechanical process".

Jackson, Carter Winners In This Week's Primaries

Jimmy Carter maintained his momentum as front-runner for his party's nomination as he edged Morris Udall in the Wisconsin Democratic primary. Udall did not receive the boost he deemed necessary to the health of his Presidential campaign from the Wisconsin vote. He did, however, finish ahead of Carter in New York and retained slim hopes of bearing the liberal/progressive torch for the Democrats in the fall. Henry Jackson and Hubert Humphrey were the two candidates who made significant gains in the primaries.

The Wisconsin contest was essentially between Carter and Udall. George Wallace was the only other Democrat on the ballot, and he had stopped active campaigning weeks before. It was a close race in the state where liberalism was born, but Carter came out ahead with 39% of the Democratic vote, compared to Udall's 38%. Wallace got 12% in Wisconsin.

As expected, Senator Henry Jackson won the most delegates in the New York Democratic race (results are given only in terms of delegates). The delegates he acquired gives him second place in total delegates won for the upcoming (April 27) primary in Pennsylvania, another large Northern industrial state. Udall finished second, with a decisive margin over Carter.

Uncommitted slates of delegates were elected all over the state, but were most successful in three Western New York congressional districts. Jackson claims many of these, but it is more likely that they are committed to Hubert Humphrey for the convention in July, especially those in the WNY districts.

Humphrey's noncandidacy (that is, his hopes of being the choice of a "brokered convention", of the men in the smoke-filled room) was enhanced by these victories. Carter's slowdown is also favorable to Humphrey, saving him the effort of a grueling stop-Carter primary campaign. These

factors preserve Humphrey's wait-and-see strategy.

The victors were aided by strong showings in parts of their states. Jackson was favored for his pro-Israel stance by Jewish voters in New York City. Carter pulled his victory margin from conservative rural districts. Jackson was somewhat disappointed with the results, nevertheless. He had concentrated a great bulk of his time and money in New York and expected 10% more delegates than he got. Carter, on the other hand, was delighted with his squeaker. Udall had spent three times more money in Wisconsin than the smiling Georgian. Carter won by less this time, but still won.

On the Republican side, President Ford handily defeated Ronald Reagan in Wisconsin, taking 55% of the vote there. The New York delegates fell into Vice-President Rockefeller's hands because Ford and Reagan did not campaign actively in the state. Still, they are expected to go for Ford at the convention in Kansas City. Reagan is passing up the Pennsylvania primary, and his next major confrontation with Ford is May 1 in Texas.

Ford has 251 convention delegates, and will probably get most of the 166 uncommitted delegates when the Republicans meet this summer. He will pick up most of Pennsylvania's delegation April 27 and go to Texas with an overwhelming advantage. Reagan has 84 delegates, and could use a large slice of Texas's 100. Reagan did not win a single delegate in Wisconsin, but picked up three in New York.

With all this, there are still twenty-two primaries before convention time, and nothing is certain. This year's campaign promises to be, if uninspiring, at least interesting.

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Editorial

Tempting topics for first editorials abound. One is the grand, official Statement of Policy, which makes a new editor feel grand and official. Another is the theme "It's going to be a Great Year!", complete with a list of supporting hopes. A third possibility is the Open Letter to X, which allows for a rambling personal statement.

But these tempting topics are like apples from Eden; if a new editor bites into one, he will surely fail. A Statement of Policy is a thing of beauty, but *Star* readers never bother to save back issues. Even if they did, they might not bother to examine the paper in light of the principles put forth in the first editorial. The suggestion that the coming year will be great is a pipe dream, an ejaculation of enthusiasm that comes too early to tell, a raising of false hopes. The past four years of *Star* history have been less than serene, especially considering the Morse/Barr Shutdown, and for that matter, this week's controversy. An Open Letter would be out of place: a personal statement by the moderator of a public forum.

These topics are tempting despite their weaknesses because they are sure-fire. They are good vehicles for the new editor's ideas. He can just fill them up with his ideas and send them riding off into the sunset. They are solid, respectable, expected ways to start off the year.

But this year they are not good enough. Because the key word for Houghton College for the coming year is **uncertainty**. We will soon have no president and no idea of who the next president will be. We are awaiting a new Dean of Student Affairs. The new governance plan is in a state similar to a cat that has been tossed into the air; and we all hope it lands on its feet without clawing us on the way down. The *Star* is in a tricky spot, too. (See Doug McCann's letter, paragraph 3; he took the words right out of my mouth).

It will be very important for us to communicate with one another next year. We are entering a period of change and can't afford to assume that we all know what everyone thinks. We can't afford to assume that Houghton will take care of itself and we can't afford to remain silent about our concerns or convictions.

The *Star* can serve two important functions, if the Houghton community will allow it to function as a student newspaper. First, it will provide information about the changing Houghton scene. This function depends on the willingness of administrators, faculty, and staff to release, or better yet, offer information to the *Star* freely, and to trust us to present it responsibly. Second, it will serve as a forum. The editors will try to seek out the most important concerns of students and voice them where they might not otherwise be heard. The trustees do not invite students to sit in on their meetings, but they read the *Star*. If we do not howl in their ears, they will listen to us here in these pages. You can help by writing for us or to us.

The uncertainty of next year is not hopeless or deadly. By the grace of God, we will all make it through and become more pleasing to Him in the process. We will be able to look back on it serenely. But that is all on the other side. We have yet to apply His grace to our lives for next year. It can be a painful application, like iodine to a cut.

It is, nevertheless, a necessary one. We walk by faith, not by sight, and we are only too prone to stumbling. But our stumblings are God's opportunities to show His strength. The uncertainty should challenge us to step out from our comfortable assumptions about Houghton and set the riskier course for a better school.

Daniel Hawkins

Several weeks ago, I was having breakfast with a friend of mine. I was in a very pessimistic mood. I don't remember why; perhaps the English muffins were burnt or something.

Suddenly, in the midst of my complaints, he interrupted, "Where's your idealism?" With a wild gleam in his eye, he looked at my unopened box of Sugar Pops. "Maybe it's in there!" With that, he ripped the box apart. Hundreds of Sugar Pops flew through the air. Nearby diners stared. But, alas, my idealism was not there.

This bit of madness, however, made me think. In light of recent events, it has made me think even more. Where indeed is our idealism? And if we find it, is it worth having?

Naive idealism is not only blind; it is also useless. Apart from the false comfort it affords to its adherents, it serves no purpose. Injustice, inefficiency, false ideas, lack of trust — none of these are combated by syrupy sentimentalism. Emphasizing Houghton's good points is fine and necessary. Dan and I plan to give praise when praise is due. However, emphasizing Houghton's good points **exclusively** is dishonest. The *Star* will not portray a false utopia. Problems find their solutions only when they are discussed openly and responsibly.

Then naive idealism is not the answer. However, at Houghton we seem to have basically two extremes. At the opposite end of the spectrum is cynicism. For some reason though, I have more sympathy for the cynic. I have begun to see how easy it is to become a cynic at Houghton.

The average cynic is intelligent enough to see Houghton's problems and inconsistencies. In fact, most of them began as idealists. Unfortunately, no one listened to them. It is an extremely frustrating thing to spend hours — writing, in Senate meetings, just talking with people sharing ideas — and see it all come to naught. I used to wonder why so many seniors refuse to get involved. I don't anymore. Most of them were involved as underclassmen. The good effects were so small compared to their efforts that they said, "Forget it." In short, the Houghton system breeds cynicism and apathy.

Do not misunderstand; I do not blame the system completely. But I ask that we examine our attitudes. Ask not **why** there is cynicism; ask what destroyed the cynic's ideals in the first place.

Dan and I are standing on precarious ground. Finding the middle way is not easy. We have our ideas and we are beginning optimistically. However, it is an optimism tempered by knowledge and experience. We hope that by the end of next year, our editorship will not have been an exercise in futility. It is no easy task; writing editorials, doing lay-out, taking care of hundreds of picky details. It is no wonder then, that one becomes disillusioned if this work has seemed to be in vain.

We will do our best. But the rest is up to you. We do not ask that you agree with us all of the time. We do ask that you listen and seriously, objectively evaluate the *Star*. Only then will our work be worthwhile.

Kathleen Confer



Campus Drug Busts Center Of Dispute Over Last Issue's Editorial Page Claims

by Dan Hawkins

Drug arrests made on campus two weeks ago provoked *Star* editorial response that led to controversy in the "community". The editorials were, for many, the only source of information about the "busts", and those who could not believe them found it hard to understand the issues being raised. To help clear the air, we thought it best to research the assertions or questions of "fact" raised in the editorials and publish our findings in a news story. The following is the result of over six hours of interviews with those closely involved in the matter: Dean Roloson, Officer Strimple, Don Guice (Kevin Clark's roommate), Steve Davis and others.

Three Houghton students were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana within four days of each other. The first was Kevin Clark, who was presented with a search warrant for his room at Park House. The arrest was made by Mr. O'Brien of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, with Officer Strimple present. During the search, a box of Clark's clothes and his wastebasket were dumped out on the floor in the manner suggested by Mark Michael's editorial. Slightly more than two grams of marijuana were found, and Clark was taken to Fillmore for questioning and to Belfast for a hearing. He pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree (a misdemeanor), and was fined \$100.

The next arrest created a sensation and yet was coincidental. In the course of his arrest, Clark was taken back to Houghton and allowed to enter the Campus Center to solicit bail money while Officer Strimple and O'Brien waited outside. Tom Fiegl, the second student, arrived at the CC at this time and parked his car in front of O'Brien's. He got out of it and began to walk toward the building. Acting on the fact that they had seen Fiegl's car parked at the Caneadea home of a suspected dealer only minutes before, the officers called to him to stop and talk.

Fiegl bolted across the street into the building and was pursued by the officers.

He was tackled by O'Brien and charged with possession of a con-

trolled substance in the seventh degree (five marijuana cigarettes). He was arrested and released on bail; his trial is pending.

Finally, Steve Davis, a sophomore and the only one of the three who has not been dropped as a student (The others were: Clark had broken academic probation; Fiegl violated social probation), was called to the Security Office two days later. He was then taken to the State Police station in Fillmore and arrested there by Officer O'Brien. His cooperation under interrogation won him light treatment.

The arrests were precipitated by police interest in marijuana sales by students (including Clark), according to Dean Roloson, who is the official liaison between the college and police. It is important to note that the Dean admitted that Officer Strimple knew about the impending arrests before Roloson. Also, Strimple was present at each of the three arrests, and at all following interrogations. It is possible that Strimple took some initiative in involving police.

"Student informers" were not involved in the matter. Kenneth Nielsen, Business manager for the Col-

lege, emphatically states that no students were paid or compensated with free room or board in return for cooperation with the police or security office.

However, information volunteered by some students was used in investigation. Also, another student offered his services to police and was given money to "make a buy", that is, purchase marijuana from Kevin Clark. The money was from police sources and did not enrich the student involved. The student may have acted on conflicting instructions in disposing of this purchase. Police were disappointed at the amounts of marijuana turned in for evidence; they were less than expected.

These are the bare bones of the story and only some of the implications involved in the arrests: the implications they had for the *Star* editorial page. It is not a simple matter. Last issue's editorials tried to deal with the methods used in investigation, search, and arrest rather than the wrongdoing of those arrested. Misunderstandings which arise from the faulty information about the arrests are the part of the controversy we seek to clear up.

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Letters to the Editor

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(Special Note: Response to last issue's editorial page was by *Star* standards, overwhelming. Most letters were excerpted for reasons of space. The editors made an attempt to preserve each original thought while avoiding repetition.)

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Dear Editors:

Under the laws of this state, possession of marijuana (even a little marijuana) is prohibited, subject to a fine and/or imprisonment. Some may not like the law, but until it is changed, it stands.

There is no denying that many view Houghton as a "fortress." But to seriously entertain the belief that fortress Houghton can protect the lawbreaker from this society's law enforcement agencies is chimeric. I do not believe that the administration of Houghton is qualified nor are they obligated to deal with the drug problem as it exists on this campus. I also do not feel that is the responsibility of the administrators to apologize for the actions of policemen who are acting within the jurisdiction of their job. The state must do the apologizing if wrong has been done in that respect.

I am not advocating that Houghton is perfect — not by any means. We all know that it is not. Houghton has made and continues to make errors. (For these, she is obligated to make amends.) Yet, we cannot hope to improve the fortress by a cynical attitude and an internal sabotage. However, I am glad that those of you who contributed to the *Star's* editorial page (Friday, March 26) voiced your opinion because, whether you intended to or not, I believe you have forced us to commit ourselves to a stand . . .

I do disagree with (the editorials) in principle, but since we are in accord in feeling that Houghton needs some basic changes, and that our rallying point is Christ Jesus, we can do something to improve our college. Can we start by pulling together and praying? It will make the difference.

Respectfully in Christ,
Hope DiBlasi

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To the *Star* Editors:

"Demas has deserted me, because he loved the world." I sensed some of Paul's feeling when I read the March 26th issue of the *Star*. As former *Star* advisor, I have a deep personal hurt, not just because my own trust and confidence have been broken, but because the base from which I have argued for and defended student responsibility has been swept from beneath me. I hope, but not strongly at this moment, that the irreversible damage caused by such irresponsibility masquerading as journalism may one day be overcome.

In spite of what has been said, there is much that is good, much that is right about Houghton College and Houghton students. I could not ask for finer young men and women to work with in the chemistry department, students who are living victorious Christian lives. That is why I get impatient and upset with the few who are trying to destroy Houghton, why I get upset with the well-meaning Christians who wring their hands and tell the world how far Houghton has fallen. That is why I get so upset with Christian students who excuse or rationalize sin, their own or that of their fellow students. Apart from any

discussion of its harm or lack of harm to the body, use of marijuana is a sin because use violates state and federal laws. Use of alcohol while affiliated with Houghton in any way is a sin. Sexual intercourse outside of a marriage relationship is forbidden by God and is sin under any other conditions no matter what the relationship or situation. Cheating on examinations or term papers, "borrowing" food that belongs to someone else, stealing ideas or stealing material things, these are sins and should be so called. Is any one of these worse than any other sin? Who will judge? We have "all sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Only let us admit our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other that you may be healed." And what if members of the body are unwilling to confess their sins and repent? Jesus said, "It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell." Houghton College will receive God's blessing, only so long as she is true to her calling, to her distinctives. It is never easy to cut off an arm or a leg.

Sincerely,

Bernard J. Piersma
Professor of Physical Chemistry

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Dear Houghton *Star* readers:

May God bless the (unseen) Saints at Houghton.

As a student at Houghton for these last three years I have, at times, groaned within, but remained silent, concerning the short-sighted statements by a few of my fellow-students.

Robert Kniese's, "no Saints in Houghton", letter in the last *Star* was the final straw that broke my long-suffering patience.

The Russian cosmonauts observed that there was no God on much the same basis as, fellow-student, Bob Kniese. "He is (they are) not because we did not see Him (them)". One rightly observed, after the Cosmonaut's statement, "I wonder if they would have recognized Him if they had seen Him in space?"

I have seen the Saints at work in Houghton at two periods of our school's history — the mid 40's and during the last three years.

I admit they are a bit difficult to spot because they do not wear signs or buttons saying "Houghton Saint". For some reason, that seems to be part of saintliness. They do not advertise the fact. And yet, they are here just as much as in the 40's and back when Houghton College first started, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Another reason why some fail to recognize them is the fact that they are still human saints and do not have, or profess to have, the unreal qualities of perfection that some would insist they must have. The fact that they come in all sizes, colors, ages, cultures, etc. is also confusing to the novice saint-hunter.

Where, in Houghton, do I find saints? I find them in faculty and staff members (including administration) that have turned down much higher salaries to come to Houghton because they honestly feel that God has a ministry of teaching for them here. This is true of every faculty member with whom I am acquainted at Houghton and many of the staff members as well.

I have yet to meet a faculty member that cannot give a testimony of how God led and prepared the way for them to come to Houghton College. Un-saints don't have such testimonies.

Maybe I am the one who is way out. Maybe Heaven is closer than I

even dare to hope. May the Lord keep me seeing His saints where they are — at work at Houghton and everywhere in His work. A saint who is also a Hazzard? Sounds odd but I believe it.

In Christ,

Bill Woughter, class of '76
P.S. I also find saints among my fellow students but they don't advertise it either.

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Dear Editors:

I write in response to Mr. Kniese's letter of 3/26. I found it a hard letter to read, hard not because of its style but because of its tone. This is not to say I disagree with him. I sympathize with much of what he said. But not all.

In my experience "Island" has almost always been used by students — and with a bad smell about it, as a way of attacking Houghton's isolation.

I used to find, in student papers, an obsession with images of escape and liberation. They felt tied down, cooped up, unable to run free. So I feel the same, often enough.

By now, however, I have learned that the feeling is not Houghtonian, but human. We are never as free as our instincts urge us to be; we are tied down to minds. The essence of the mind's freedom is discipline, that is calculated control.

Mr. Kniese's horror at our shortcomings strikes me as false. If he expected saints and angels here, he was wrong to do so. Whoever led him to expect that was wrong.

There have been saints: Paul, Augustine, Benedict, Bernard, Luther. There are five of them, but they are strung out over sixteen centuries. They are not many. They are not simple. They arose from exceptional encounters of grace and man's mind. They defy our analysis, and surpass our experience.

To expect them here, or anywhere, is ludicrous. Saints don't come that way. Nor do good teachers, or good students, or moral people. Mr. Kniese's anger at the "old legend" is thus artificial. Nothing I know of, in history or Revelation, could have led him to believe that legend.

Mr. Kniese lays part of the blame for Houghton's malaise on my shoulders. He's probably right. If I am what he calls me, a smart isolationist hiding behind Scripture, I'm wrong. I know I don't solve all my students' personal problems for them; few present themselves. Also I work too hard. Who doesn't? One year ago, I was teaching seven semester courses a year. Next year, it will be ten.

I grant him the oppressive atmosphere of the last months. I grant him the problems. I grant him our shortcomings. But his dream of paradise, and his disillusionment, are merely distracting. Good people come in sets of one. They are made by the duties God places on all of us: obedience, penitence, reformation, humility, charity. If Mr. Kniese can follow his conscience — his conscience — into a "quiet, legal vice," then his anger at the spoiled utopia is merely Pharisaical.

Lionel Basney

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To the Editors:

Trust us, don't bust us!

Such seems to be the spirit of '76 at Houghton College.

Trust is essential. It is a vital element of Christian love. Love "always trusts, always hopes". (I Cor. 13:7, NIV)

The administrators of a Christian institution should trust the students, and expect the best of them . . .

However, there is another side of Christian love. That is that it "rejoices in the truth". (I Cor. 13:6)

Christians may trust, and expect the best, but they are not being true to truth when they fail to discern when that trust has been betrayed . . .

Why is it so inconceivably scandalous if the administration has its eyes open to the same reality which students abhor? . . . I for one cannot find grounds for criticizing the administration for being aware of problems such as drugs on campus, and taking steps to prevent further abuse.

Mr. Michael's whole point was sadly weakened by the fact that the "would be Kojaks" did indeed detect "two grams of the dreaded controlled substance, marijuana". Had they found nothing, Mr. Michael's point would have been well taken. However, the point that he established with clear facts is that the suspicion of the authorities was warranted.

Is getting high right if only four people do it? Are the people who steal Miss Capra's Bic pens really as much thieves as the thieves in the county jail?

As a local expression of the body of Christ we are under obligation to exercise the same disciplinary measures as given by Paul in I Corinthians 5 to preserve the purity of the body.

Love must permeate discipline. Discipline must not displace trust. However, trust must not be blind to the truth.

I will close by saying that I have intended none of my remarks as personal affronts to our editors. I respect both of them and appreciate many of the stands they have taken.

Jerry L. Walls

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Dear Houghton *Star* Editors,

I am a senior and I would like to express some views concerning the institution I have volunteered to attend these last four years. At times I have felt isolated from "the world" due to the scores of rules set down by the college to protect me from the harsh realities of life. Yet, rules cannot remove Houghton from "the world" because "the world" is in the minds of people . . . Houghton is very much in "the world" because Houghton is people.

However, I refuse to resign myself to an attitude of pessimism about Houghton's fate.

In Ephesians chapter four, we are called to: preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace; speak truth, each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another; edify; not grieve the Holy Spirit of God; be kind to one another, . . . forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

It will involve a lot of prayer, a lot of hard work, and time, but with the help of our Lord we can reach the goal of a better Houghton.

Sincerely,

Janette C. Abbott

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Dear Dan and Kathy,

Mark Michael's editorial concerning the student as "nigger" struck a responsive chord in me. But I really didn't know why I felt like a nigger. I agree with Mark that the problem is not Houghton's ideals. I think the reason I feel like a nigger is that Houghton is a plantation.

A liberal arts education has as its goal the development of the whole student, his mind, his responsibility, his dignity, and his willingness and ability to become involved in leadership. But on a plantation the slave exists for the development of the plantation. The plantation does not exist for the development of the slave. Here at Houghton where there is a decision to be made, too often the development of the student takes a back seat to the propagation of the institution.

For example the Administration has been persistently trying to gain firm editorial control of the *Star* because it has been decided that the presentation of a socially and politically conservative image of Houghton is more important than the development of students' responsible criticism. The process of expressing and defending a well-reasoned dissenting opinion before the whole community is a very educational experience. The editorship of a newspaper and the expression of dissident opinion are two unique opportunities for development that the Administration would like to compromise. Student development is less important than institutional image.

The development of student dignity is less important than the maintenance of Houghton's traditions. My mail is withheld and my rec room is locked because I might read or enjoy myself instead of going to Chapel. My Shenawana room was regularly searched during Chapel because I might have forbidden items. If any of this happened to the faculty their dignity would be offended. But students are demeaned because it is judged to be expedient for the spirituality of the Houghton institution.

The meaningful participation of students in the decisions that vitally affect them would greatly develop their responsibility and leadership. But in the past the Administration has ignored student input. And now the Trustees are determined to strip the student body of any real participation in decision-making. They are afraid that the students might make some mistakes, but I hope that they don't realistically think that students will be able to rush them headlong into a decision that they know to be unwise. Student development is less important than administration dominance.

Houghton College is a plantation and the students are slaves. The plantation owners are all those people who have dedicated their minds and lives to the accomplishment of the ideals of Houghton. These people do not intentionally stifle student development. But in return for their investment they ask for the security of knowing that what their sacrifice has done will not be undone. These administrators and members of the faculty and staff have made great changes to accomplish much and now they want to preserve the institution changeless. But to do this they must make Houghton a plantation. They must make institutional propagation a major factor in decision-making and student development a minor factor. I do not say that we should ignore the preservation of Houghton College. But we must not allow this preservation to become the major factor in decisions. If Houghton College consistently chooses to preserve the status quo at the expense of student development its existence as a Christian Liberal Arts institution will become meaningless.

As Houghton now stands the student who advocates meaningful change automatically becomes a nigger, wild and irresponsible. But dissenting opinion must be listened to carefully and acted upon. Unless the Administration will approach the faculty and student body with the same humility with which we must approach them there is little hope of good change. Above all we must be fully committed to the development of the whole student in our action as well as our words.

Sincerely,

Doug McCann

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Dear Kathy and Dan,

I wish you the best of luck.

Love, Phil Bence



Pop Mills in one of his favorite haunts.

After 27 Years As "Man On The Floor" Pop Mills Will Be Retiring

Kathy Amick met Pop Mills one freshman morning as he made his clean-up rounds on her East Hall floor. She has since spent many pleasant hours becoming acquainted with this fine old gentleman. The following is excerpted from her story "Man On the Floor!", written for Periodical Writing last semester. The Star is printing it on the occasion of Pop Mills's retirement at the end of this semester. — The Editors

by Kathy Amick

James Mills, known to everyone as Pop, has lived and worked in Houghton for the past twenty-seven years, and he loves it here. Before that he held a job in Pennsylvania for thirty-one years. "Ya know," he says, "When I came here, my salary dropped from \$90 to \$40 a week. Everybody said I was a crazy fool to leave a good job and go off to an old place in the sticks. But no. God said 'You

go,' and I came. Girl, when God says 'Go!' you just better make darn sure you go! No foolin' around with God! Cause I came, I was able to put my five boys through college. Two o' them got Ph.Ds and the other four have their masters degrees, all in different fields!

Pop himself only got through the fifth grade, but he "got saved", and as far as he's concerned, that makes all the difference. "Smart men can know nothin', and only God gives out wisdom. Remember Proverbs?" He practically shouted at me once. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom! Don't you forget it!"

"It don't bother me that I'm not great in the world, either, hon. I'm 'pletely satisfied just being a lowly custodian. Lookit what Jesus was, the very bottom! No siree, not so great, bein' on top. Cause I'll tell you something," (He lowered his voice, as though imparting a great secret). "When you're at the top, you got nowhere to look. But when you're at the bottom, well then you can just look up!" He slapped his knees and smiled a very wise, self-satisfied smile.

"But, listen to this girl. Did you know nobody gives you a contract after you hit seventy? Years, I was head custodian here, till 1971, then they couldn't renew the contract!" His eyes were incredulous. "Lookit me. Why, I'm no older'n I was at fifty. You know, people can be old at forty if they think old. Me? I love life. I love my work and I can do it just as good as any teen-ager. I work up a good sweat workin' these halls every day. An' then you know what I do at night? I work up a sweat bowlin' four games every night!" (He averages 185 a game.) "Yes siree, I work up a sweat, an' that's my secret."

"I wanta tell you something else, hon. God talks to me when I'm goin' up an' down these halls. He speaks, just like that. He shows me things that those preachers study for years to figure! Yup, I go up and down, up an' down, just getting blessed all the while! Know what He told me? He revealed it to me, that there's only two things we can take out of this world when we go, — what's in the heart and what's in the head. Get

yourself saved and get yourself educated. But mostly get saved! That's but one o' the things He showed me while I was just doing my humble work and thinking. I tell you — sometimes I just get so blessed I think I'll burst!" Tears came to his eyes and he hugged himself as he said this.

"We've all just only to learn to trust God for everything. God owns all things an' He wants to bless us if we just trust Him all the time! Why can't people trust? I ask you! For Pete's sake don't get off his track!" Again, his sweet old eyes filled with tears and he looked thoughtful. "What would a happened if I'd gotten off a God's track, I hate to think. What if I'd listened to everybody else all this time." He looked at me and squinted his eyes a little. His voice grew soft. "Sweetie," he said, "I been on what most call the bottom rung all my life. But I'm tellin' you, that's the best place in the world when it's where God's put you!"

I ran into Pop Mills with his garbage can again this morning. I poked him in the rib. "Hey, what's this I hear about you retiring?" I asked.

He stopped and looked at me squarely, one hand on his hip. "Don't you think it's about time I had a rest?" he retorted. "I'm 76 years old, girl — been workin' since I was ten! That's 66 years — don't you think I deserve a rest about now?"

I didn't fight; 66 years seemed like long enough to me. Asked what he was going to do he replied simply and almost defiantly, "Why nothin'. Take it easy, sleep 'till nine, bowl. Nothin'!"

He and Mrs. Mills plan on moving to Pennsylvania to be near their five sons. "I figure I could stay here and love it — just bowl and sleep till nine, but my wife's cousin wants to give us a huge ranch house down there, only an hour from my boys. Here it's seven, eight hours." He squinted his eyes and put on an enterprising look. "It's a good deal, hon. I figure we'll check it out and go!"

Incidentally, if you see a new '76 grass green "Volare" cruising the campus, you'll know who it is. "Girly", he winked at me, "I ain't bought a new car in years, but I decided I'm goin' down in style!"

More Letters

Dear Editors:

I didn't expect Utopia when I came to Houghton, but nevertheless I was shocked to find that some of my new friends considered "the Pledge" they had signed as a little more significant than last semester's notes. Aside from the controversial "evil" inherent in the forbidden activities, there is the question of the value these students place on their own promises. I was further disappointed to find the usual lack of communication between students and administration, and the lack of concern for improvement among the student body. This apathy also frightens me, because I can feel myself easing into it too.

And though I've been told I'm too idealistic, I know that these problems of hypocrisy and unconcern are too real to be ignored. I also know that the answer can be found on campus; it's right under our noses, and we still can't see it.

The answer isn't in student government, arguing and beating your head against the wall because no one listens. Nor is it in bitter but vague criticism of everyone and everything that bears the name "establishment". Most of all, the answer is not in retreat, convincing yourself that it does not really matter to you anyway.

The solution is surprisingly easy. It involves letting go of that comfortable anonymity or that self-justification which easily excuses breaking "dumb rules".

It's amazing that on a campus which professes a Christian atmosphere, so many people don't understand that a life centered around Christ our Lord is the only way to freedom. But the time may not be far away when we realize that without a life submitted to Jesus Christ, our frustrations and self hatred will choke out our lives.

Thank you,
Barbara Krueger

Dear Sirs of the Star:

Last week's editorial page brought back to mind all the various issues we've faced this year, and all the hours probably wasted in their discussion. I say "wasted" because rational thought must occur within defined terms and boundaries. This fact leads me to the ultimate problem as I see things.

We felt uneasy when the new governance proposal was made. It seemed somehow that our rights were being affected. We saw a new housing policy as a threat to our traditional prerogatives. We divided on film

policy. An editor's rights seemed to conflict with the college's right to self-protection. But we were never sure our rights were threatened, because we didn't know WHAT OUR RIGHTS WERE. All our theorizing put sound ideas on a shaky foundation. Like the foolish man, we are building our houses of policies on the insubstantial sands of undefined rights. Put simply, if we do not clearly know our rights, how are we to know when they are being infringed upon?

It seems to me, then, that our most pressing need is not in the areas that have aroused us so far this year. Instead, a clear definition of student's rights ought to be our main concern. Only after we know our rights can we request our privileges. It may be that what we consider rights are actually privileges; contrariwise, what we have been told are privileges may in fact be our rights. But in either event, clarity and definition would greatly facilitate logical thinking.

"What you don't know can't hurt you." Oh yes it can. And until we know our rights clearly, we are being hurt by our own ignorance.

Terry Slye



Wind Ensemble, directed by Dr. McNiel.

College Wind Ensemble To Tour South During Easter Vacation

After spending last year's Spring tour in the cold North, the Houghton College Wind Ensemble is traveling South. This year's tour is touching as far south as North Carolina. The Wind Ensemble is directed by Dr. Harold McNiel and is composed of approximately 45 members. The purpose of the tour is not to give the members a nice vacation away from Houghton and home. The ensemble seeks to minister to people musically and spiritually through their music and their personal testimonies. The music to be performed will be a variety of hymn arrangements along with concert music of American origin. Some of the American composers represented will be Aaron Copland, Howard Hanson, and Fisher Tull.

The concert dates are as follows:
Fri., April 9 — Bethel Memorial Church, Easton, PA., 7:30 p.m.

Sat., April 10 — Hyattsville-National Wesleyan Church, Adelphi, MD, 7:30

p.m.

Sun., April 11 — College Park Wesleyan Church, College Park, MD, 11:00 a.m.

Sixth Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., 7:30 p.m.

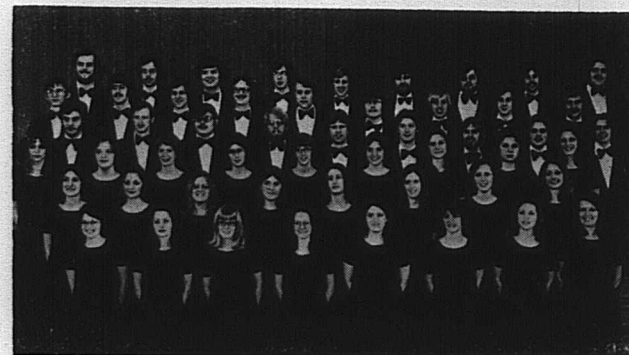
Mon., April 12 — Concert at the Lincoln Memorial, app. 9:00 a.m.

Elmer Presbyterian Church, Elmer, NJ, 7:30 p.m.

Tues., April 13 — First Wesleyan Church, Roanoke, VA, 7:30 p.m.

Wed., April 14 — First Wesleyan Church, High Point, NC, 7:30 p.m.

Fri., April 16 — Berachah Church, Cheltenham, PA, 7:30 p.m.



College Choir, at tour stop earlier this year.

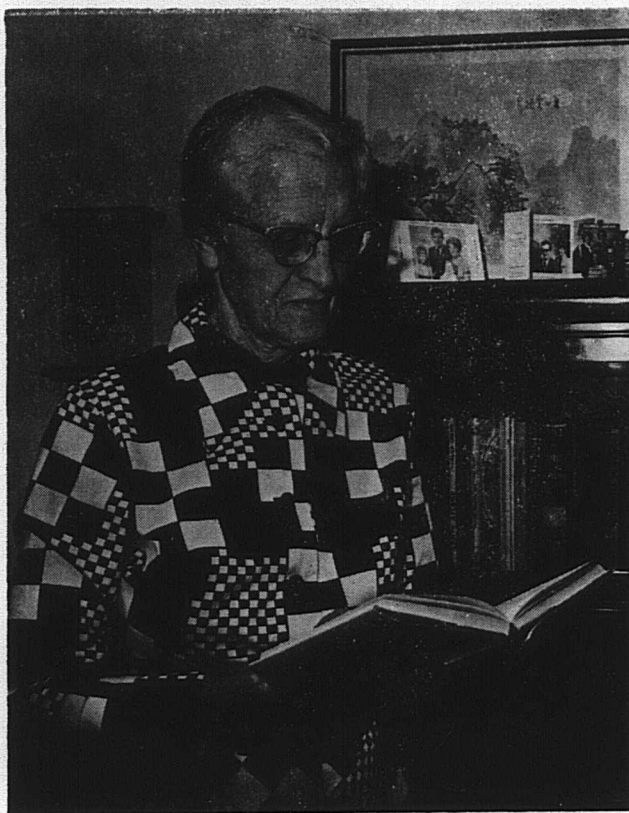
Although Houghton Library Has Problems, It Could Be Worse

(CPS) — Joseph Feldman is a voracious reader. So voracious that over the past ten years, the 58-year-old lawyer has filled his Greenwich Village apartment with 15,000 books from the New York Public Library.

Firemen discovered Feldman's extensive collection when they made routine check of his apartment after

a fire on a lower floor of the building. Books covered his stove, filled the bathtub and sinks and were piled in each room to the ceiling, leaving only a two-foot pathway.

Asked how he got the books out of the library, Feldman said, "In large quantities." Why? "I like to read."



Dr. Josephine Rickard

Jo Rickard, Professor Emeritus, To Leave Houghton

by Lorraine Mulligan

Dr. Josephine G. Rickard, chairman emerita of the English department, will move to Brooksville, Florida this August. Doc Jo is leaving Houghton.

Josephine Rickard came to Houghton as a freshman in 1921. She graduated with a B.A. in English in 1925; she was a member of the first class to graduate with degrees from Houghton College. Miss Rickard remained

at Houghton an additional year for a diploma in theology, and then started teaching here in 1926. Except for three years at Cornell for post-graduate work, and a sabbatical in 1963, she taught here until her retirement in 1969.

She is still very much connected with Houghton, especially as "a resource person" for the Class of 1925, and for FMF. Last year, in prepara-

tion for the 50th anniversary of her class, Doc Jo spent two to three months or more gathering data on the class, much of which was incorporated into a *Millieu* for 1975.

She has also gathered an extensive file on Houghton alumni in missions. In 1970, President Paine asked her to give a Founder's Day address on "Houghton Outreach." Doc Jo recalls, "I spent months getting out a questionnaire to missions requesting information of former Houghton students." The resulting file contains "a tremendous amount of missions knowledge," though, she said, "I'm dead certain the list is very incomplete, but I haven't got the time..." Thinking of her Florida move, she added, "I don't want it lost; I don't know what to do with it." Her detailed files on "our own supported missionaries" will probably be added to FMF's.

"I'm very much interested in world missions," therefore I keep in touch with twenty-five or thirty mission boards," she explained. Doc Jo also keeps up with "persons in public life who are trying to hold to the sound moral and political standards of the

Place Where Everyone Works to Reduce Costs

(CPS) — At private schools where tuition has soared during the past decade, new plans of action for reducing costs to students have been devised by thrifty administrators.

At Franconia College in New Hampshire, cutting tuition almost \$700 a year has put the college's president and its dean of students in the dining hall washing dishes while students try their hands at cooking, running the bookstore, keeping the school's books and recruiting next year's freshman class.

The changes are all part of a reorganization which has cut the administrative staff by 40 percent. The idea, according to Franconia president Ira Goldenberg is to attract students of more modest means (although tuition is still \$4,985 a year) and help the college break even financially next year.

More important, Goldenberg claims, is starting to take "the concept of community seriously. Even if we were in fat city, we would be doing the same thing."

Houghton College Choir Leaves Saturday For Ten Day East Coast Spring Tour

by John W. Hugo

The Houghton College Choir will take a ten day tour during the Easter break from April 10 through 19, 1976. The Choir, under the direction of Professor Donald Bailey, consists of 54 excellent singers, chosen by audition. The Choir has prepared a widely varied program ranging from Bach to Berger.

The Houghton College Choir has a threefold purpose as it goes on tour: (1) to glorify God through the finest choral literature written in the last

four centuries, (2) to present the Gospel: the incarnation, the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and (3) to educate the students in music and present sacred works to congregations.

The itinerary of the tour is as follows:

Sat., April 10, Cobleskill Wesleyan Church, Cobleskill, NY, 7:00 p.m.

Sun., April 11, The Community Church, Loudonville, NY, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sun., April 11, Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church, Whitinsville, MA, 8:15 p.m.

Mon., April 12, Grace Community Church, Lake Katrine, NY, 7:30 p.m.

Tues., April 13, The New Village Congregational Church, Lake Grove, L.I., NY, 7:30 p.m.

Wed., April 14, Immanuel Baptist

Church, Wilmington, DE, 8:00 p.m.

Thurs., April 15, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Willow Grove, PA, 7:30 p.m.

Fri., April 16, United Meth. Church, Fairless Hills, PA, 8:00 p.m.

Sat., April 17 — Free Day

Sun., April 18, Bethlehem Church, Randolph, NJ, 7:00 p.m.

Sat., May 8, Parent's Concert, Wesley Chapel, Houghton College, 8 p.m.

Following the tour, the Choir has two final engagements, one for the Christian Holiness Convention, April 22 at the Holiday Inn-Downtown, Rochester, NY at 7:00 p.m. and the other at the college, May 8 at 8:00 p.m. After Easter break, auditions will be held for all choirs, including the College Choir, the Chapel Choir, the Women's Choir, the new Men's Choir, and the Chamber Singers. All are encouraged to audition.

Stranger Than Truth

Pigfoot

by John Kelly

It was a cheery Saturday afternoon. Professor X from the college had just returned with the kids from Belmont, where they went to look at the city life. He had just gotten out of the car, when he heard a crash inside his house. The professor ran in, only to find his living room and kitchen a shambles. Cheese dip had been dropped all over his new shag carpet. Faygo bottles were left open — now totally uncarbonated. And scuffed heel marks were traced, like rabbit tracks, all over the kitchen floor.

The professor, instinctively, knew something was up. He called the police. After long, hard hours of investigating, the police reported: "Actually, the incident never really happened. We believe the professor did find his house in confusion. But, what he found was actually an illusion caused by swamp gas." When asked why the ugly, embarrassing mess has, in weeks following, remained, the officer in charge replied, "Well, it, well, it takes a heckuva long time for swamp gas to settle. But, as soon as it does, we're sure his home will be back to normal."

This event may have been easily forgotten. However, another strange

occurrence was soon to follow.

Small, cheery Betty Q was babysitting one night at a house on Centerville Road. As she puts it, "Well, I was upstairs with the kids acting out *Crime and Punishment* on their flannelgraph. I was just getting to the part where Raskolnikov kills that old lady and her daughter, when I heard this loud, ah, crash from downstairs. At first, I thought one of the kids had banged themselves; so I didn't give it much thought. But, then, I stopped, like I'm doing right now, and said to myself, 'What could it be?' — that's what I thought. I decided to go down and take a look. Mind you, I was sorta scared — all that business at Professor, what's his name, ahh, X's house. I crept down the steps, hearing this strange grunting from the kitchen. I stepped silently to the kitchen door and jumped in. Let me tell you, I was terrified.

"What did I see? Well, there were these two large creatures making Jiffy Pop. They both looked like part-man, part-pig. And each of them was wearing a pin-striped suit — like, yea, like an insurance salesman. I approached one of them, shaking my gun to show him I was friendly. He grunted and shook this life insur-

ance certificate at me. Sorta like he was handing me a tract or something. I told both of them, 'If you want to stay, clean up the mess when you're done. And don't get any of that cheese dip on the new shag carpet.' Well, I guess these creatures, whatever they are, don't like criticism, because they left immediately, leaving off some health plan literature. I was worried. I thought they might come back with some of their friends, to take me away to a Quagmorian inter-planetary farm. I called the police."

Betty's testimony set off an immediate investigation. Government officials and experts from around the country came to Houghton, filled with the fanfare and excitement usually only found following the death of a mad dog. Experts studied footprints, photographs, and testimony. But, soon they came to a standstill.

"Listen, I flew in all the way from Oakland," one photography expert stated. "You hand me these poorly centered photos and you want me to comment? Well, let me tell you, they're touched up! They're touched up! Someone has obviously fixed them up to hide this creature's blemishes!"

Footprint experts also were found discouraged. "We've been all around. Studied the Yeti, Bigfoot, even Loch Ness' tail marks. I mean, we're experts. But, with this Pigfoot, as you call him, all we can tell is that he isn't wearing shoes and he'd probably make a great dancer, if he worked at it."

At any rate, any further appearances of the Pigfoot have seemed to be cancelled. Reports have become more infrequent as the semester runs on. But, what actually is Pigfoot? Many plausible theories have been played with. Here are a few of the possibilities:

1. Could Pigfoot be a member of the lost tribe of Israel? Has the tribe been punished for their sins by being changed into pigs? If so, are they kosher?

2. Could Pigfoot be the evolutionists' missing link between man and woman? Or has both sexes evolved from a part-pig, part-insurance man? If so, where are our dividends?

3. Could Pigfoot merely be swamp-gas? Nature playing tricks on man? If so, did man evolve from swamp-gas?

Maybe we will never know for sure. And, maybe we are not ever supposed to know the truth. But, questions continue to float in the mist. Who is going to pay for Professor X's uncarbonated Faygo? Does Pigfoot have a blemish problem? If so, is there anything you or I can do to help?

Maybe it is just best to remember what J. S. Mill once said long ago, "It is better to be Socrates dissatisfied, than a pig satisfied."

News Briefs

PITTSBURGH (UPI 4/7)

Jimmy Carter already is gearing up for Pennsylvania's May 4th primary. Arriving in Pittsburgh this morning for a day of hand-shaking and an AFL-CIO dinner tonight. Carter squeaked by Morris Udall in yesterday's Wisconsin voting.

ERIE, PA (UPI 4/7)

There are indications Fred Harris may drop out of the presidential sweepstakes. Campaign workers at his Erie, PA, office say he could announce his withdrawal today at a Washington news conference.

WASHINGTON (UPI 4/7)

Morris Udall's run for the Democratic nomination suffered another blow. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens rejected without comment Udall's application for a spot on the ballot in Indiana's May 4th primary. Udall fell just 35 signatures short in one district and thus failed to meet Indiana's petition requirements.

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Houghton Batsmen: still trying.

Houghton's Baseball Team Isn't Great But It Works

by Dave Irwin

What can you say about a baseball team that's won six games in the past two years, that practices at intervals in the tab and gets its batting practice by slapping tape balls around, that has only two "full-time" pitchers on the roster, and that spends its weekends waxing cars, selling brownies and setting school basketball marathon records? First, they have been lousy in the past; second, they look like they are going to be lousy again; third, they act as though they have a great time being lousy together.

The superficial impression fans have of the baseball team is usually that it is falling apart. But this has generally been the case only during games. Anyone who has seen the team in operation during their money-raising escapades or practicing outside on those rare sun-spotted afternoons can't help but be impressed with the way the baseball players work together. Three weeks ago the baseball team waxed and washed \$260 worth of General Motors — that was teamwork. Last weekend the

baseball team played nineteen hours of non-stop basketball in Bedford gym in another effort to raise money for its spring trip to Virginia — and that was teamwork. And on one of those days when the team did make it outside, Coach Tom Kettlekamp thought it a good idea to get the guys together to thank God for another day of just being able to play even though the infield drill did look pretty poor. That was teamwork too.

Don't look for the baseball team to play .500 ball this spring. They probably will not. Senior outfielder Larry Cornell said the biggest asset the team has this year is the Houghton weather — rain. And even though that comment was spoken in jest it does reveal the simple truth about the baseball team's chances of matching the outstanding performances of the soccer team and the girl's basketball team. It has no chance.

Don't make the mistake of thinking the team is falling apart just because it isn't winning games. If this team does fall apart it will be off the field not on it.

Indoor Soccer Games Improve Passing Skills in Face of Strong Competition

by Al Webster

Fads, they come and go. Some disappear completely, others become established fixtures in the society. Most pass over Houghton altogether. For instance, how many anti-war rallies were held in Wesley Chapel? How many streakers do you recall prancing merrily through the Campus Center? Or how many panty . . . oops. Ahem!

Soccer, a fad, is rapidly becoming a fixture in this country. It is a fad that has touched even Houghton. And the signs would appear to say soccer has come to Houghton to stay. Spurred by the success of last fall's National Tournament team, it has achieved popularity on this campus.

A large intramural program has sprung up at Houghton this year. Eight teams, consisting of a total of seventy-five men, are involved. Of these, only twenty-five are involved at the varsity or junior varsity level. This is a strong indication of its campus-wide popularity.

The program, according to Coach Burke, was started for the purposes of providing "exercise, fun, opportunity, socializing" and the "development of skills for those who aspire to play varsity soccer." For those who have attended any of the games, it should be obvious that these goals are being reached.

One team in particular has impressed Coach Burke. The freshman team "La Familia" has "definitely been an asset to the program," he states. This is in evidence by the mass of fans who flock out for each of their games. Upperclass teams have taken great pleasure in whipping (or at least trying to) the "cocky little froshies."

Apart from intramurals, Houghton also fields an intercollegiate team composed of Varsity and Junior Var-

sity players. This year they have played in tournaments at Barrington, Rhode Island; Buffalo State; St. Bonaventure; and Hobart, playing against some of the finest teams in the East, such as Binghamton State.

Indoor soccer is a good skill developer according to Coach Burke. Each individual touches the ball more often than in the outdoor game. It is a great asset in developing the player's passing game.

Good Showing Expected Of Smaller Track Team

If you've been up to Alumni Field anytime during the last few weeks, you've probably seen some guys running around the track or experimenting with the high jump, or throwing the discus, or heaving the shotput. What's going on? You guessed it, college student! Track practice has begun for the 1976 season.

Although many of you probably did not know we had a track team at Houghton, we do. However, this year's team is smaller than in previous years. Despite the low turnout, Coach Rhoades expects to see some good individual performances. For example, there is Steve Harris, who is looking to better his own shotput record which he just set last year. Another hopeful record-setter is Mark Cerbone, holder of the present discus record, also set last year. Both Steve and Mark have been looking good in early practice sessions.

Other lettermen returning to the team include Gary Morris, a senior who should do well in the mile, along

with some relay events; Steve Sinclair, senior javelin thrower; and Tom Harrington, junior high jumper. Sophomore returnees include Tim Hartman, middle distance runner; Jeff Hoffman, javelin thrower; and Brian Kosa, high, long, and triple jumps. Kim Kahler, a sophomore out for the first time, will be throwing the shotput and the discus. Leading the freshmen will be Ken Heck, a good prospect who will bolster the hurdle events, as well as running the 440 and doing high jump. Other freshmen are Tedd Lewellen, sprints and long jump; and Dwight Brautigam, distances.

As you can see, this year's team is not overcrowded which may hurt the team's win-lose record, according to Coach Rhoades. However, there should be some exciting individual efforts. The track team has only one home meet, which is April 24th, against rival Eisenhower. The meet is on a Saturday, and it is your only chance to see the track team. The meet begins at 1:00.

Doors Closed On Students; \$2 Bill Will Circulate Again

Open Door Policy Comes to Missouri

(CPS) — The Open Door Policy may go into effect again, but instead of Chinese trade, dormitory doors are the issue this time. Dorm residents at Missouri Western State College are fighting for a compromise that would allow members of the opposite sex to visit their bedrooms if the door is left open.

Vice-president Nolen Morrison sees problems in following that course. "I feel that, for one thing, the open door policy would be an impossibility to enforce. And who is to say how open the doors should be — one inch, two feet or all the way?" he wonders.

Morrison believes the school's visitation policy, which forbids women and men to enter each others rooms, "is very liberal compared to other

schools." Establishing an "open door policy" would not be in the best interests of students, he concludes.

Queer As A \$1 Bill

(CPS) — The United States Treasury has found a partial solution to the problem of inflation by raising the denominations of bills that will be circulating in Americans' pockets and wallets this year. Starting in a few weeks, the \$2 bill will make a comeback and if it's as popular as officials think it will be, the \$1 bill may become obsolete.

The government is considering replacing the \$1 bill with a \$1 coin, bigger than a quarter but smaller than a half-dollar. The \$1 bill has already lost 40 cents of its former value just since 1966.

Attention Seniors!



Now is the time to subscribe to the STAR for the relatives and friends who wish to keep informed of your activities here at Houghton. Graduating Seniors, why not subscribe to find out how the school fares without you next year. Simply fill in the stub and return it with \$5.00 to STAR by Intra-campus mail.

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