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By Dean Liddick

Fancher Remodeled

by Gayle Schulz

On Monday of this week, students attended classes in Fancher for the first time since it was moved on to Gao's ruins. Room 211 and Fancher Auditorium are now in use. Kenneth Nielsen, Vice President for Finance, said that the move this summer went smoothly except for one setback when an axle broke on the pivot wheel at the southern corner of the building.

Work is now progressing on the men's and women's bathrooms in Fancher basement. Although Nielsen anticipates that the basement will be finished soon, no classes are scheduled to meet there this year to avoid undue pressure to complete the renovation. Concrete sidewalks also will be poured this week, weather permitting. Altogether, \$500,000 has been allotted to move and restore Fancher. Nielsen states, "We have reason to believe that we are within the budget."

Construction of the four million dollar new academic building will begin after

the last day of school in May, 1988. The building's first, second, and third floors will hold classrooms. The Language and Literature Division will have offices on the first and second floors, Education on the second, Social Sciences on the third, and Religion and Philosophy will solely occupy the fourth floor.

Concurrent to the erection of the new academic building, Woolsey will be demolished. Classes for school-year 1988-89 will move to the Campus Center. Other possible classroom spaces on the immediate campus are under consideration. Students, take heart. At least the science building has escaped the cutting block—imagine Bio lab in the cafeteria or Human anatomy 212 in the Campus Center lounge.

Fancher Facts for Trivia Buffs:

Building weighs 725 tons / Supportng steel weight 102 tons / 140 tires on 16-wheel sets carried the steel / Fancher Hall is 76'x56' by about 60 feet tall / Lift and equilibrium were controlled by a central hydraulic unit under the building and three control valve points / During the move, men walked beneath the building, manipulating the hydraulic valves to control the 16 rams that lifted, lowered, and maintained stability of the structure / 30 hoists were used to turn and set the angle of the dollies when the building was ready to be turned.

And there was much rejoicing at the sight of
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Bence Becomes New Dean

by Deborah Marett

As many of you know, Dean Barnes, who was the academic dean, has left Houghton to take the position of president at Marion College. Therefore, we have a new academic dean: Clarence "Bud" Bence. The *Star* thought you might like to know a little bit about the man who will be looking through the intimate secrets of your academic records each semester.

Originally from Rochester, Dean Bence went to college here (believe it or not), and he majored in philosophy. He was in the graduating class of 1966. From Houghton, he went to Asbury Seminary for his masters in theological studies. His second year there, he married his wife, whom he met, incidentally at Houghton. After completing his studies at Asbury, he took a pastorate at Penfield Wesleyan Church in Atlanta, Georgia. He spent five years there, and then went to Emory University for four years to get a PhD. in Historical Theology. Finishing his doctorate, he then taught "across the curriculum" at United Wesleyan Bible College in Allentown, PA (Because of its small size, he taught history and English as well as philosophy and religion). From Allentown, he moved to Marion College in 1982. There, he taught philosophy and church history. After spending five years there, he came back here to Houghton to take Dean Barnes's place as academic dean.

When I asked him why he had decided to go into college administration, he told

me there were two reasons. The first was that he was becoming frustrated as a faculty member: "I wanted to go beyond teaching to shaping academic policies." He loves dealing with possibilities: "The question that always comes to me is 'Why can't we do it better?'"

The second reason he told me was that there was a "Pull to Houghton," because of the influence it had on his life. "I love ideas because of people like Kay Lindley, Bill Greenway, Ruth Hutton, and others like them who aren't here anymore." Although he has fond memories of Houghton's past, he stressed that he isn't trying to bring back old times; the direction of Houghton is toward the future.

While Dean Bence isn't really enthusiastic about any one sport ("I can do nothing well, but I can do about anything"), he does enjoy gardening and woodworking/carpentry. But what he really likes to do with his free time is to grab a cup of coffee and find someone to discuss serious issues with. "My biggest joy in life," he said, leaning forward and gesturing largely with his hands, "is to have someone throw me a question I can't answer."

When I asked Dean Bence exactly what he did as academic dean, he smiled and said, "Hold it all together." More specifically, he has everything to do with anything that involves teaching. He decides what courses will be offered and is responsible for finding faculty to teach those courses well. He also is responsible for the quality of the courses. *Continued on page 3...*

Anywhere But Here...

by John Bright

President Reagan announced last week that he agreed in principle to a treaty with the Soviet Union that would remove all intermediate range nuclear warheads from Europe and Asia. The announcement came at the end of three days of high-level talks between the President and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze. Shevardnadze had carried with him a letter from General Secretary Gorbachev stating that a summit would be a "reasonable step." Now that an agreement is imminent, the two heads of state are expected to sign the document at a meeting in Washington sometime around Thanksgiving. Secretary of the State George Shultz also signed an agreement that creates a new communications link between the United States and the Soviet Union designed at reducing the risk of accidental nuclear war. It will allow the countries to keep each other informed about such things as upcoming nuclear weapons tests.

Confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork were held last week before the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Democrats on the committee, led by chairman and past Presidential hopeful Joe Biden, challenged Bork on his judicial philosophy of Constitutional interpretivism, popularly known as "original intent," and the generally conservative record it has produced. The committee has three options. It may endorse Bork with a "favorable" vote, oppose him with an "unfavorable," or make "no recommendation." Whatever the committee decides, the matter will be voted to the floor of the Senate where the approximately thirty undecided Senators will have the privilege of being subjected to an intensive and extensive lobbying campaign from fiercely determined interest groups on both sides of the issue.

Remember Mathias Rust? The 19-year-old West German who landed his Cessna 172 in the middle of Red Square in Moscow after an unnoticed and uninterrupted flight across the European USSR was sentenced to four years in a labor camp for violation of international flight rules and "malicious hooliganism." The Soviets had to take the case seriously, because his untracked

flight through some of the world's most heavily monitored airspace forced the "retirements" of officials as high up as the Soviet Defense Minister. West German officials expect that Rust will not be forced to serve his entire term, but rather be quietly released after the world at large has forgotten about him.

History was made last week when, for the first time, an East German leader set foot on West German soil. West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl evidenced personal distaste for East German Communist Party chief Erich Honecker, and showed open contempt for the system he represents. It is understandable for the highest representative of a government that does not even officially recognize East Germany to have a problem stomaching the man who supervised the building of the Berlin Wall and formulated the prerequisite political and propaganda campaigns that accompanied it, especially considering the real purpose of the visit: *de facto* recognition of a divided Germany.

The Pope's ten-day visit to the United States and Canada ended last week with a flight back to Rome from Canada's Northwest Territories. His coast-to-coast tour included stops in Miami, Columbia, S.C., New Orleans, San Antonio, Phoenix, San Francisco and Detroit, during which he defended embattled tenets of the faith to independent-minded US Catholics. During a conference with US bishops in Los Angeles, the Pope said that it was not possible to dissent from the Church's position on such issues as abortion and birth control and still remain a good Catholic.

Representatives of twenty-four nations signed an accord designed to protect earth's dwindling ozone layer, the planet's shield against the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. The accord will freeze and eventually cut back production of chlorofluorocarbons, which destroy the ozone when leaked into the atmosphere. Chlorofluorocarbons are synthetic forms of certain common elements used for a wide variety of purposes, from coolants in refrigerators and air conditioners to making plastic foam. Most of the world's leading producers of the chemicals signed the accord, and over thirty other nations that participated in the conference, including the USSR, are expected to follow suit.

Houghton Receives Grant

Houghton College will receive \$1,900 as its share of a grant totalling \$58,900 to New York's independent colleges and universities, made from a \$21 million educational endowment fund established in 1979 by the UPS Foundation, the main charitable arm of the United Parcel Service, said Thom Skinner, director of Corporate, Foundation and Annual Giving at Houghton.

Houghton is one of 32 independent colleges and universities in New York state to receive grants, which are primarily used for scholarships and student aid. The money is distributed by the Independent College Fund of New York, of which Houghton is a member. The ICFNY is one of 29 state and regional associations affiliated with the Independent College Funds of America (ICFA), which administers the fund.

The more than \$1 million generated by the fund this year will be distributed to 600 independent colleges and universities nationwide. Since its founding eight years ago, the UPS Foundation's educational fund has provided over \$6 million in scholarships and student aid.

Dr. Daniel Chamberlain, president of Houghton College and immediate past chairman of ICFNY said, "The colleges of New York's Independent College Fund salute their corporate partners for their increasing assistance in maintaining the quality, diversity, and independence of our educational institutions."

Scholarships Awarded

Ten Houghton College students are among 140 New York recipients of the federally-funded Congressional Teacher Scholarship for 1986-87. Statewide, Houghton has the second largest number of award winners. Each student may receive

Bence... Continued from page 2.

sible for all the "nuts and bolts:" the computers, library, media equipment (over-head projectors, tape recorders, etc.), and academic records.

The best thing about his job, he says, is the challenge of problem solving. There are an endless variety of problems waiting for him on his desk every day—often too many ("I start to feel lost."). He likes the opportunity for creative problem solving. He also enjoys the kind of people he works with: "Idea people," who are always questioning, always asking "why?" His main gripe about the job is the lack of personal contact with students—quite a change from the classroom setting to which he's been accustomed. "But that's a problem that could be overcome," he said, "by students finding opportunities to talk with me." He went on to say that he'd be more than glad to meet with students to "bounce ideas off the walls." "I want to talk about things that go below the surface—not just about what's wrong with Houghton," he stated.

I think the thing that impressed me most about Dean Bence was his approachability and willingness to listen. He really wants to hear from students, our ideas and suggestions: "A dean needs to hear from the students to keep the curriculum fine-tuned." His closing remark was, "I started my career as a pastor. I changed my focus to pastor/teacher. I would still like to be a pastor/teacher/leader; I still want to relate to students as a caring person."

up to \$5,000 annually for up to four years of full-time undergraduate study. Recipients must have ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class and be in good standing at the college level.

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CID: West Bank Affects U.S.

by Mark Horne

The First of October promises to be captivating, controversial, and probably a little confusing. This should be expected considering the subject of this year's Current Issues Day: West Bank Politics. Three excellent speakers will give us different points of view on this topic to help us get a clearer picture. They are Dr. Emile Nakhleh, Dr. Avraham Sela, and Mr. Arthur Day.

Dr. Emile Nakhleh is Professor of Political Science at St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland. An American citizen and scholar on Israeli and Palestinian issues, Dr. Nakhleh travels frequently to the region of Judea and Samaria and did so this past summer. He is popular at the U.S. Foreign Service Institute where he has lectured for seventeen consecutive years. Among other works, Dr. Nakhleh edited *A Palestinian Agenda for the West Bank and Gaza* (Washington: American Enterprise Institute, 1980).

Dr. Avraham Sela is currently Visiting Lecturer at Princeton University and Lecturer of International Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Though an historian by profession, Dr. Sela has direct experience as an analyst and advisor on Palestinian affairs for the Israeli Military Administration of Judea and Samaria. In addition to publications on Israeli-Palestinian affairs, Dr. Sela has written about relations between Palestinians and various Arab states.

Mr. Arthur R. Day, Foreign Affairs Consultant and former Vice President of the United Nations Associa-

tion of the USA, served for twenty-eight years in the Department of State, specializing for much of that time in Middle East affairs. In 1949-50 he served on what was then known as the Palestine Desk, and later positions included Consul General from 1972 to 1975 and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs from 1976 to 1977. Mr. Day recently published *East Bank/ West Bank: Jordan and the Prospects for Peace* (New York: Council on Foreign Relations, 1986).

According to Assistant Professor of Political Science, Scott Harrop, "We are very fortunate to have such an outstanding group of speakers for CID. Each speaker brings a distinct perspective, drawn from decades of first hand experience with the affairs of Israel and the West Bank." Houghton residents who go to Wesley Chapel this Thursday at 9:00 am are in for a treat.

In today's chapel, President Chamberlain, Dean Bence, and Professor Schultz shared some of their personal insights about the situation in Palestine. In this Wednesday's chapel, Arthur Day will give us a general overview of the situation in a speech entitled "Palestine in the 20th Century." Also, that evening on the Thirtieth, a 55-minute-long film, *Israel: The Cost of Victory*, will be shown at 8:00 pm in Fancher Auditorium. This outstanding PBS "Frontline" film focuses on the changes in Israeli views of the 1967 War. This week's Current Issues Day agenda is a must for anyone who takes a Liberal Arts Education seriously.

Student Development, Cultural Affairs, and CAB gave reports. The Senate also carried several motions which concerned reading day, the annual charity drive, and the

development of a "free-weight" lifting area.

George Wilson, member of the Academic Affairs Council (ACC), reported that new guidelines have been set for honors work, and that a special session of the AAC will assess Buffalo Suburban Campus. The council has also recently resolved that it is opposed to the professors selling complimentary examination copies of textbooks to third party solicitors.

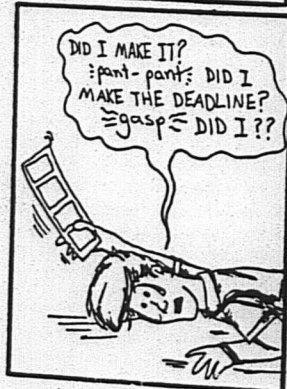
The Student Development representative, Nancy Murphy, discussed last year's alcohol awareness survey. Results of the poll are forthcoming.

Andy Carrigan, Vice President of Senate, gave both the Cultural Affairs and CAB report. Faculty advisors for CAB and the film review committee have been selected. Mr. Carrigan discussed upcoming campus movies, and announced "Glad" ticket prices: Tickets can be purchased for \$6.00 by students with Houghton ID, \$8.00 gen-

eral admission. Senate also approved the following students appointment to CAB: Tim Aihara, concert coordinator; Amy Lawrence, public relations supervisor; Amel Sweiss, special activities; Nolan Huizenga, sound and lights; Dan O'Bryon and Bill Allen, Senate Spot.

In other business, Ted Kennet motioned that the Senate send a letter to the faculty expressing the students' dissatisfaction with the current scheduling of Reading Day. The letter will recommend that future Reading Days be scheduled on a Friday or Monday-not Wednesday.

Two other motions also carried. The first decided that the Charity Drive will begin at the end of first semester, and end at the conclusion of the 87-88 academic year. The latter motion recommended that Student Senate send a letter to Coach Burke expressing its support for the development of a "free-weight" lifting area.



CR Conference to be Held At Houghton

by Tim Marshall

Commencing what promises to be an exiting year culminating in the 1988 presidential election, the College Republicans held their organizational meeting on September 3 with guest speaker Allegany County Republican Chairman, Bill Heaney. Mr. Heaney's enthusiasm spilled over into the students in attendance as he detailed the many opportunities available for involvement in Republican politics this year.

At the second meeting, the CR's were fascinated by the accounts of Greg Laing, Dr. Katherine Lindley and other students telling of their five week trip to China this past June. An attempt to more fully understand Chinese culture and the current situation in the Chinese political system were at the root of this enlightening discussion.

On September 12 several CR's were able to attend the annual Allegany County Republican fundraiser where Congressman Amo Houghton, State Senator Jess Present, Assemblyman John Hasper, and New York State Republican Executive Director Ed Lurie led the list of featured guests. The College Republicans were introduced at the gathering and were eagerly received.

Highlighting the schedule for the fall semester is the Western Regional Leadership Training Conference which Houghton will play host to on October 17. College Republicans representing over fifteen college campuses will converge on Houghton for this annual occurrence. The Conference is an all day event sponsored by the New York State Association of College Republicans and designed to equip students with leadership skills essential for successful involvement in politics. Seminars ranging from member-

ship recruitment to campaigning will be held culminating in an expected visit by Congressman Houghton. Any interested student is invited to participate.

Voter registration, work on local campaigns, guest speakers, films, and lunch tables to spur discussion on current issues; these are only a handful of activities that are expected to take place this year. The College Republicans are also able to place interested student students on the campaigns of any Republican candidate for whom they would like to work. In conjunction with this goal a campaign committee has been established to research the various candidates' campaigns to alert students to their current status and stands on critical issues.

Students with any degree of interest in CR's are invited to contact club chairman Tim Marshall or vice-chairman John McNeely for more information. All in all the 1987-88 academic year promises to be one of growth and enthusiastic action for the College Republicans here at Houghton College.

Martin Aids Workers

by J. Railey Gompah

Houghton College Assistant Financial Aid Director, Troy Martin, has cleared doubts surrounding the new U.S. employment regulations and their effect on international students' employment at the college.

He commented in his early August memorandum concerning authorized employment in the United States which left most international students at Houghton with the impression that they must have a work permit to work on campus. Under previous regulations, all F-1 non-immigrant

students were automatically eligible for on-campus employment.

The August 3 memorandum stated, "The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1987 requires employers to verify that all employees are authorized to work in the United States." It informed student and full-time workers that they would be "required to present documentation" for examination prior to starting work on campus.

For many international students desiring on-campus jobs the immediate implication indicated there was no work for them without valid Employment Authorization issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

"I am sorry for the misunderstanding," Mr. Martin responded when asked this week to comment on the new regulations. He added, "All full-time F-1 non-immigrant students at Houghton College are eligible for on-campus employment by virtue of their classification."

However, Mr. Martin noted, "The Immigration Reform and Control Act states that they must still complete the I-9 form (Employment Eligibility Verification) and present their student visa for my inspection before they begin to work on campus."

He also indicated that all students must take their own initiative in finding a job.

The present regulations provide for three classifications of international students: full-time students at academic institutions (F-1); full-time students attending vocational and specialized schools (M-1); and exchange students (J-1).

While all three categories of foreign students are eligible for "practical training" in the United States not available in their own country only those with F-1 classification may work on campus. Practical training may last from six to

18 months depending on student classification, and except for F-1 students all others must complete their required period of study prior to such training.

In all cases, designated school officials must be involved in the application process.

Under H-1 or H-2 visa designation, internationals may serve as temporary workers in the United States. According to MIT Director of Career Planning and Placement, Robert K. Weatherall, writing in CPC Annual (1987/88, Vol. 1) the two classifications differ slightly. "The H-1 visa is granted at the request of an employer to someone of 'distinguished merit and ability' who is needed for exceptional services requiring such ability." On the other hand, he adds, "The H-2 visa is granted to allow an employer to hire less exceptional people during a critical period when American workers cannot be found to do a job."

Normally, the career office may have information on employers searching for temporary international workers on these terms.

Awards

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They must be New York state residents who are or will be enrolled in one of several teacher education programs. These are mathematics, science, bilingual education, foreign languages, teachers of children with handicaps, English, business education, home economics, and industrial arts. Undergraduate students who accept the award agree to teach two years in the United States for each annual payment received.

Recipients are: Aimee Bontempo, Greenville; Amy Brackett, Cazenovia; Carene Christensen, Northville; Dawn Dean, Skaneateles; Denise Dombrowski, Cowlesville; Mark Estep, Nunda; Karen Hervold, New City; Edward Hull, Hyde Park; and Susan Mast, Hammondsport.

Editorial

Stewarding God's Created Order

Editor's note: This editorial is reflective of the editor's three month summer "vacation" at Au Sable Institute for Environmental Studies where she studied ornithology, field botany, and fish biology and ecology.

With the advent of modern science, disruptive science-religion debates, and a materialistic growth economy, Christendom has been stepping back from its closeness to the creation and the Creator, shifting its attention toward the individual self and the personal Redeemer. The growing environmental awareness in modern society is bringing a realization to the church that its long-standing confession of God as Creator has often so muted that it allows for its confessors to stand by or even assist in the dismantling of the Creator's works.

Christians are now recognizing how God's creation is being degraded and what the Scriptures and a renewed spirituality teach us about God's care for the earth. Belief in God as Redeemer presupposes belief in God as Creator. All of this leads to a Christian worldview that includes caring for the earth. It is necessary for all people to be concerned about God's created order in which we live, which surrounds us, and which is entrusted to our care, and to speak out in defense for the Creator's works.

The earth is an orderly, interdependent system in which plants and animals live, adapted to their environment over thousands of years. The earth is characterized by diversity, richness, and a variety of plants, animals, and environs, all of which were declared by God as being good (Genesis

1:31). Humans are a part of the earth but we do not own it since it is a gift from God entrusted to our care (Genesis 1:26; 2:15; Psalm 24:1-2). The original innocence of the garden has long vanished; human lives and the land are marred by decay, selfishness, and strife.

For this reason, humans must stop assuming absolute right to God's created order. For instance, the land, which is part of the created order, is finite and it has a limited capacity for improvement and for carrying burdens; therefore, just limits must be placed on expansion. While it is true that in most places we cannot live on the land without modifying it so that it provides necessary shelter and nourishment, these necessary cultural interferences with the land should be weighed in several respects. It is wise first to ask: Do changes enhance or impair our general well being? Do they unnecessarily inflict harm on the created order? How do they affect the well-being of future generations?

I believe that we are called to a prophetic response to the many environmental problems in the world today. Knowing that God's kingdom includes heaven and earth, we should value the whole of God's created order without predominant concern for its utility. As Christians, we have a prophetic task to remind the church and others that God intends that all people should enjoy the bounty of God's land; moreover, all creatures should be seen as having a rightful place in God's creation.

Ultimately, all life belongs to God, who sustains us in and through the land. Consequently, the destiny of the land and humanity are inextricably intertwined and must be recog-

nized in thought and action. The creation is no commodity to be bought or sold, used and abused. It is a gift to be enjoyed and to be handled wisely. And wisdom itself is a gift from God. Christian stewardship is rooted in the Scriptures, is informed by instruction gleaned from the cosmic order, and flows from a communion with the Creator and a caring love for the creation. Christian stewardship is doing the Creator's will in caring for the earth and striving to preserve

and restore the integrity, stability, and beauty of the created order, responding to creation's eager expectation of redemption. Christian stewardship is so living on earth that the Creator and the creation are respected, the creation is preserved, brokenness is repaired, and harmony is restored. Christian stewardship seeks for the Creator's kingdom—a kingdom devoid of human arrogance, ignorance, and greed. Christian stewardship is so living on earth that heaven will not be a shock to us.

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Pandora's Box: God is Dead

by Jack Urso

Note: The opinions presented in this column do not necessarily represent those of the editor, this newspaper, or the author for that matter.

Last semester a student senator friend of mine was at a dinner party with the trustees and their wives. One particular wife of a trustee wondered aloud about the spiritual life of the campus. My friend replied, "God is dead at Houghton College." Surprisingly, the lady agreed.

"I agree. I sent three children to Houghton. Two of them left the faith by graduation." I am sure that even my usually unruffled friend was ruffled at her answer. No one expects trustees, or their wives, to be capable of such thoughts. Is God dead at Houghton College? This is a serious question that all of us have asked but often we have not wanted an answer. I too have no intention of answering it. If, however, we do want to know there is a deeper question that we must ask in order to uncover the truth, that being, "Are we dead?"

When we say "God is dead" we are implying that the people themselves are dead. God cannot die. If he was dead there would not be so much evidence against his existence. So being the faithful evangelicals that we are, we start with the premise that "God is alive" and "Only humans are capable of spiritual death." As a result, when we say, "God is dead" we mean, "We are dead."

Part of the answer may lie with the institution itself. The college is at a crucial time of transition between a religious establishment and a secular institution. This is not a bad thing to do. Indeed, as we take a look at many of the world's oldest universities we

find that many started out as religious institutions. This transition to the secular seems to be the natural progression of many a fine school. Still, the transition itself is creating confusion in the student and spiritual body of the college. This confusion creates an identity crisis among the students. The separation between secular and sacred is an increasingly fine line. As a result we find the student body struggling with issues like drugs, alcohol, pregnancy, and free love. The existence of these problems (oh yes, they exist) function as a stumbling block to those of us attempting to reason out our faith. Some students are trying to create a firm foundation from the sudden flood of knowledge we receive at college. The result of the eventual experimentation into the areas I have previously mentioned and the lack of "church leaders" willing to deal rationally with the problems and the people affected by it, results with the defection from the faith that our trustee's wife lamented.

The college transition, failure of the church to deal with the people rather than their problems, (the church seems to prefer punishment against sinners, after all, only God is capable of grace and somebody has to be a disciplinarian), and the students and their parents all result in asking, "Is God dead at Houghton College?" There are aspects of the students, their parents, and the church I'd like to consider, but for lack of room, I can't. Well, whether or not "God is dead" at Houghton College or not, we can be sure of one thing. As Dan Bellavia would say, "God may be dead, but fortunately Christianity is thriving."

For What It's Worth...

by Lorry Arnold

On Thursday, August 27, 1987, I took my seven year old sister to get her ears pierced—it was a day that will go down in infamy. I remember the event all too a big sign reading, "FREE EAR PIERCING with a purchase of starter posts." Jessica can read very little, but she recognized the word "free." I had taught her years ago that "free" is a four letter word that is perfectly alright to say, and that in fact, it was practically a sin to resist such a word.

Now let me give you a little background information to intensify the emotional drama. Jessica had wanted her ears pierced since she was five. My mother said she couldn't have them done until she was ten. Jessica was vying for the affection of a boy in her class and all the other girls had their ears pierced. Thinking back on when I was in grade school, I just know that that red-headed boy whose name began with a "K" would be mine today if only I had had gold-shaped posts in my lobes.

I knew I'd have to lie to the sales clerk and sign a permission slip as Jessica's mother. That didn't bother me. I've lied before and I can honestly say that I will lie again. Then the old age maxim, "Nobody messes with a mother" ran through my head. My mom might be quite angry if I would allow this. But then I thought, "Surely I'll not die." Besides, I was free.

So I consented, but not without first explaining to my sister the responsibility she



was taking on. She'd have to clean her ears and earrings to prevent infection. She'd have to turn the earrings at least three times a day for six weeks. Plus she'd have to wear those same starter posts for six weeks, so she'd have to choose a style that the boys at school wouldn't grow weary of. And it would hurt.

Jessica was more than willing to take on the responsibility. So there she sat, grinning from earlobe to earlobe as I stood there with an uneasy smirk. I had perjured myself and disobeyed my mother—but these things never really phase me. There sat my little sister, about to manifest her life's first lasting decision, and loving every minute of it. Sure this decision wasn't all that big, but I felt as if I had started her on a slippery slope of bigger, more painful decisions. What kind of classes will she take in school? When she allow her first kiss? Will she buy a Ford or will she compromise her values and go Chrysler? Will she marry for money or looks?

I knew I could've stopped her—but I'd only be delaying the inevitable. So earrings went in and they looked good. And from there we went out for some pizza.

Star Renews and Renovates

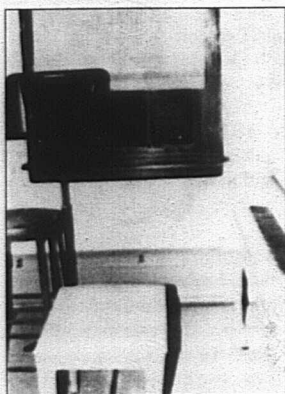
by Pat Uleskey

If you glance around the Houghton College campus

these days you will see a great deal of change. A renaissance is evolving into a revitalization of this college campus. Gao is

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Arts and Entertainment



by Walter Knox

Faculty Perform

By Dave Duncan

First, before I relate the events of the September 14 recital by the professors of the Houghton College Music Department, I must discuss my musical training. Now about my musical preferences: I do, on occasions, listen to classical music on the radio, but the only album that I own resembling classical form is that of contemporary composer Philip Glass's *Songs from Liquid Days*. For the most part, my musical tastes lie with what's commonly referred to as the new wave.

The concert began precisely at 8:04 pm with an opening prayer by Professor Murphy of the Art Department, an appropriate beginning for a concert at the Wesley Chapel that turned out to be such a musical blessing, with very good performances from all participants. The pieces chosen for the show ranged from traditional opuses from Chopin and Mozart to modern works by Gershwin and Hamelisch.

My favorite performances for the evening came from piano instructor George Boespflug, and vocal professors Lila Noonkester and Ben-

Hiding Talents?

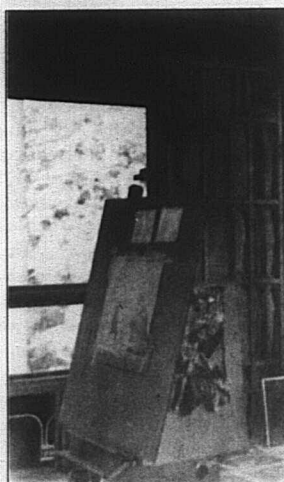
By Jeddiah McKee, Fine Arts Editor

Houghton College, Liberal Arts and School of Music.

So, where are those music students? and those other people you never see, the art majors? Are they hiding away in the practice rooms and studios? Do they have a life of their own, or have they sold their souls to their art?

In coming issues of the *Star*, we will be interviewing/profiling music and art majors, in an attempt to help the greater Houghton College community to understand this unique breed of college student. We will be talking with seniors, juniors, sophomores, and even freshmen, trying to find out what makes them do what they do. We may even surprise you with a few faces you know. So, be sure to check out the Fine Arts page every week!

Jamin King. Professor Boespflug began the show with two pieces from Chopin, *Etude in A-Flat Major*, Op. 25, No. 1, and *Etude in A Minor*, Op. 25, No. 11. I enjoyed the music's flowing rhythm and emotion. Professor King, accompanied on piano by Virginia Halberg, performed music from Mozart, Schubert, and Siczynski. Dr. King did an excellent job explaining the context of the pieces in German and Italian, and his gesture in their performance added powerfully to the impressive vocal work he generated. Professor Noonkester, accompanied by Professor Boespflug, crafted a dynamic rendition of "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands", followed by George Gershwin's "Summertime". Professor King joined



by Walter Knox

Noonkester to create sonic nirvana with another song from *Porgy and Bess*, "Bess, You Is My Woman Now".

Overall, even to a musical non-afficionado like myself, the faculty concert was truly beautiful music.

Art Studio

Completed

by Jeddiah McKee

Construction is now going on to expand the Arts Studio building, formerly the Houghton Camp dining hall. The building was purchased by the college from the Central District of the Wesleyan Church. The new additions, scheduled to be completed by next semester, will approximately double the square footage of the existing structure.

The Arts Studio building is not to be confused with the Art building, which is between Centerville Road and the Music building. Both the Music and Art buildings will be replaced by the Fine Arts building, which is still in the planning state.

All of the art studio classes will be held in the Arts studio building.

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gone, Fancher has been moved across the street, and plans for the new academic and fine arts building are progressing quickly. In this eightieth year of the publication of *The Houghton Star*, some changes you may not be aware of can be found. *The Houghton Star* has been renovated too. The purchase of the new Macintosh™ desktop publishing system has revolutionized our ability to publish and produce a more creative product. We have cut production costs from forty cents a page to four cents a page. Our Laserwriter Plus™ produces a copy ready reproduction of the page the print shop printed that you are reading right now. No more mess with developing fluid and no more cut and paste up. We edit and layout right on the computer screen. Production time has been cut in half. There are far too many positive points about this new system to outweigh any proposed negativity.

However, *The Star* has to pay for it in deferred costs that cut out two issues of the paper every year for seven years. This explains why you have not seen an issue of *The Star* in previous weeks. In addition to updating equipment, we have also remodeled the office with money from the Reinhold Campus Center Improvement Fund.

The renewal and remodeling of the entire *Star* has an impact on what type of paper we are able to publish for you. Our creative capabilities have expanded through a more efficient atmosphere and better equipment. I feel strongly that these improvements will upgrade the quality of *The Houghton Star*. I see *The Star* as a medium of expression for this community and because this paper serves this community I would appreciate your suggestions on how to further improve *The Houghton Star*.

Sports

Highlanders Win

by Kevin Fuller

Houghton Highlanders - 3
St. John Fisher - 1

Bells commemorated the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution Thursday afternoon, but this event was overshadowed by the mens' varsity soccer victory as they defeated St. John Fisher 3-1. Houghton opened the first half strongly, displaying excellent ball control along with an exceptional passing game. The highlander attack pressured the St. John Fisher goal repeatedly, but failed to score until halfback Myron Glick fired a shot off the goal keepers outstretched hands and into the net. Minutes later, Fisher tied the score at 1-1 after a loose ball drew Houghton goalie Jim Kangas out of the goal, but a Fisher attack man beat him to the ball. Before the half came to a close, a corner kick found sweeper Brian Thompson in front of the goal, and the highlander captain beat the Fisher goalie to his left, giving Houghton a lead which they would not relinquish.

The second half proved to be of a much slower

pace, as Houghton utilized their passing game and superb defensive play in order to run down the clock and to shut down St. John Fisher. The only goal in the second half materialized after senior Robert Beckford found Jim Cook in front of the goal to make it 3-1.

"We have worked very hard this season," commented sophomore Mike Gish, "and things are starting to gel."

JV Loses to Indians

by Kevin Fuller

Houghton Highlanders - 1
St. Bonaventure Brown Indians - 3

The J.V. mens' soccer team met St. Bonaventure Wednesday afternoon, as the Brown Indians defeated the

Highlanders by a score of 3-1. Houghton got off to a disappointing start as a Houghton defender accidentally headed the ball into his own goal, giving St. Bonaventure a 1-0 lead. Shortly after, freshman Dave Long, a graduate from Houghton Academy, tied the game with a penalty shot. Houghton's defense started off slow, but it improved midway in the first half, and kept Houghton in the game. St. Bonaventure broke ahead late in the first half after a Brown

"Overall, our play has improved since our first game," states freshman halfback Jeff Szymanski, "but we still need to work on our passing. I think that we can turn around and come out with a winning season."

St. Bonaventure starts off their season on a high note, and Houghton falls to 0-2-1..

Ohio Trip a Success

by Annie Lennox

The Houghton College women's field hockey team spent the weekend of September 18-20 at Oberlin College in Ohio.

Their first game was against Earlham College on Friday, Sept. 18. It was a tough game as both teams held each other from scoring throughout the entire game. With three and a half minutes left in the second overtime, senior co-captain Ndunge Kiiti scored the lone goal. The final score was 1-0.

A disappointing loss (4-1) to Ohio Wesleyan College on Saturday morning did not keep the Highlanders from returning to beat Kenyon Col-

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By Buzz Valutis



By Don Tremblay

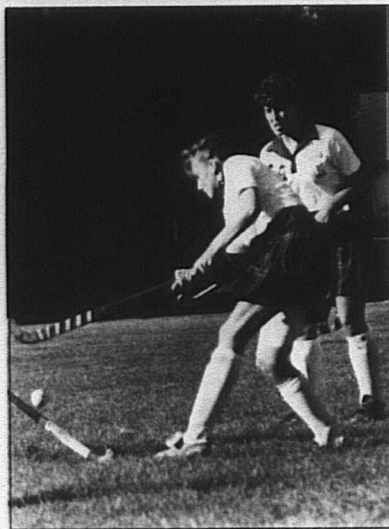
Indian attackman beat Highlander goalie Dan Walsh to his left, and St. Bonaventure held on to win 3-1 after a goal late in the second half.

It was a frustrating loss for the Highlanders, but the team showed positive signs of improvement. Houghton's defense played a good game overall, with many blocked shots and stolen pass attempts. Goalkeeper Dan Walsh played very well, stopping many potential goals.

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lege (2-1) approximately an hour and a half later.

Manager Sue Sleigh said the short time span between games was tiring and that it caused the girls to dig deeper for strength. "They used the skills they honed during hockey camp and rigorous practices."



By Rob Zarges Jr. St. Bonaventure was able to score off of a corner with approximately eleven minutes left in the game. The final score was 2-1.

Team Defeats St. Bona's

by Annie Lennox

The Highlander field hockey team defeated St. Bonaventure at home on Wednesday, September 23.

On the muddy field, both teams started slowly. Houghton was handicapped due to injuries, leaving no substitutions. H.C. dominated the first half of the game against St. Bona's. Coach Omland was pleased with the "offense's fluidity, tenacity, and determination. Both the offense and defense are beginning to work together skillfully."

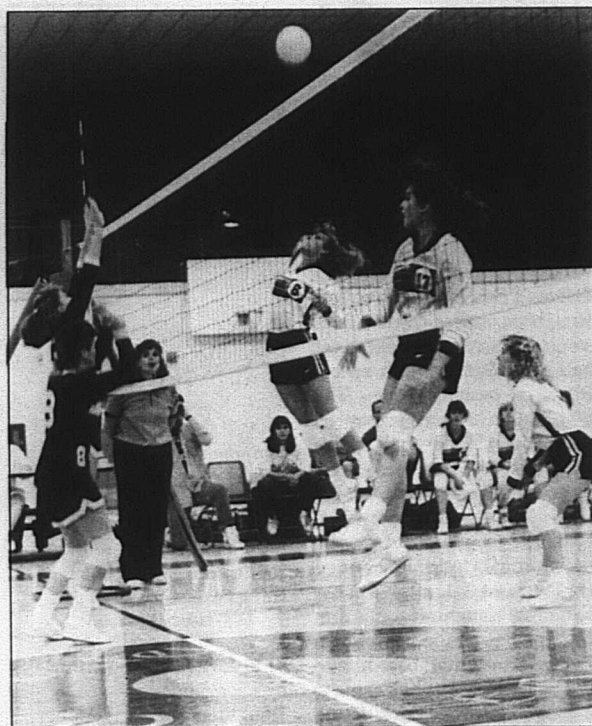
Play continued from one end of the field to the other,

both teams showing determination but no goals. Houghton's midfield doggedly backed up their front line, which contributed considerably to the team unity. Neither Houghton nor St. Bonas were able to score in the first half.

The second half began much more quickly with sev-

eral players attacking the goalie's pads as the ball came close to the Bonas goal. After fighting for control of the ball, sophomore Doreen Lamos, assisted by Ndunge Kiiti, hit the ball into the cage.

Houghton's second goal came 15:30 into the half, scored again by Lamos with help from junior Brenda Kauffman. Kauffman played an excellent game both as an offense and defense player.



By Buzz Valutis

V-Ball's Record 6-5

By Coach Skip Lord

The 1987 version of women's Highlander volleyball displays many changes from last year's outstanding team. First year head coach Skip Lord goes into his initial campaign with only 3 returning players, captains Diana Bandy, Cindy Antisdell, and Heather Herth. This trio of juniors combines with 5 freshman and 4 first-year sophomores to make up a young, but

talented squad. Kirk Sabine is back for his second year as an extremely valuable assistant.

At this writing, the team claims a respectable 6-5 match record. Their record exclusive of tournaments is 5-1. Victories have come against the University of Pitt. at Bradford (2 times), Oneonta, Keuka College, Buffalo State, and Elmira. As this team matures, their consistency will improve and they will be a force to be reckoned with.



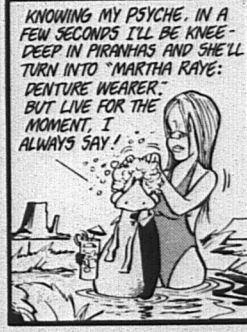
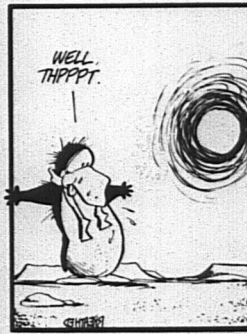
By Rob Zarges Jr.

Sports Trivia

1. Who is the highest paid women's athlete?
2. Who is fastest pitcher recorded in baseball?
3. What famous basketball player has scored the most field goals in a lifetime?
4. What heavyweight boxer has had the longest reign ever?
5. Who has had the longest ice hockey career ever (Canadian)?

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



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Wait 'till next time!

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