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## Feminism: The Replacement of One Tyranny With Another?

I joined a conservative Southern Baptist church during my senior year of high school because my involvement in the youth group made it seem the thing to do. I did not realize that this would make me a Southern Baptist.

Youth Sunday rolled around, and I was chosen "Minister of Music," a nicely alliterated title which entailed directing the choir and the congregation. A week before the ceremony, the Youth Pastor spoke to me. "You can direct the choir, but women aren't permitted to teach or lead men," he said. "So I'm afraid you won't be able to direct the congregational singing."

I had never even heard of such a restriction before, and felt somewhat taken aback. My surprise heightened when a male five years my junior with no musical background or directing experience replaced me at the banned leadership post. My disgruntlement arose not from any thwarted desire to actually lead congregational singing, but from what appeared to me to be an indefensible principle.

Kari Malcolm's emphasis this week on the need to abandon this "indefensible principle" has no doubt upset a certain number of the more conservative community members here at Houghton. After all, Paul writes in I Timothy 2:11,12 (RSV)

"Let a woman learn in silence with all submissiveness. I permit no woman to teach or to have authority over men; she is to keep silent."

The most frequent method of "evading" this prohibition involves a recourse to interpretation in the light of cultural situations of the day. This method is, of course, eschewed by more fundamentalist Christians such as those in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Malcolm's insistence that women have gifts which are God-given and should be used for His glory may not be popular with all her audience, but it is a position that deserves acceptance. For, as Malcolm repeats, Paul also says (Galatians 3:28)

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Malcolm stresses the individual worth of all people and rejects the still-prevalent tendency of women to seek their identity in another person or thing: a husband, a career, a traditional role. Malcolm repudiates both traditionalism and feminism on the basis of her belief that both positions subscribe to this "identity-elsewhere" heresy, arguing that a woman should find her identity in Christ and by doing God's will. Malcolm's exhortations to seek identity in Christ and denunciations of a traditionalism which forces women into positions of subservience where their talents and potential are squelched both have validity. But I find myself less able to concur with her appraisal of feminism.

Certainly feminists have rallied against the oppression which forced women for centuries to curtail the scope of their activities and expression, which forced women to deny their own aspirations in favor of aiding others in personal fulfillment. I believe that feminists seek to end the traditional order which forces women to find their identity in husband or traditional roles, but I am not at all convinced that feminists are bent on replacing this tyranny with another.

Feminist ideology does not argue that a woman must find her identity in a career. Rather, society must allow women to follow career paths if they so desire. It must not limit the scope of a human life because of arbitrary and irrational qualifications. Admittedly, many self-proclaimed adherents of feminist doctrine have adopted as their personal corollary that careers are where identity rests, and that husband and hearth promise no satisfaction.

But it is clear that if some followers of an idea twist that idea or build on it in a harmful way, we are not then allowed to call the original concept mistaken, or even to say that other followers of the idea are mistaken. Malcolm appears to have branded all feminists "guilty by association."

As feminists are striving for the equality of the sexes, they place a high value on the worth of women. This is what Malcolm has done, with the vital addition of a Christian theological framework.

Elizabeth A. Sperry

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Ann Irving purchased the privilege of splashing a fire-proofed Dean Danner in the face with a pie/Photo by Tim Byers



## For Parochial Eyes Only

by Glenn McKnight

Honduran General Gustavo Alvarez Martinez was removed from power Saturday, March 31, by a younger generation of Honduran military officers concerned with Alvarez's repressive policies. The departure of Alvarez took high-ranking Honduran and US observers by surprise. Other observers found this hard to believe considering the close collaboration between the US and Honduran armies, and the extensive CIA intelligence network in the area. US officials do say that they do not expect any change in relations with Honduras resulting from the departure of Alvarez. President Suazo Cordova made a radio speech after the takeover to stress that the changes were a "consolidation of the democratic process." Observers believe that these new army officers will take a much more nationalistic stance towards their traditional enemy El Salvador. How this affects a united US Central American policy remains to be seen.

Honduran sources point out that Alvarez's departure follows a wave of repression starting two weeks ago. The repression began with the abduction, by military elements under Alvarez's direction, of two prominent Hondurans: the secretary-general of the Electrical Worker's Union and the deputy director of the National Lottery Institute. As a response to the disappearance of their leaders, the electrical workers went on strike and over 1,000 workers were arrested. Most were later released, but the leaders were detained. Sources also say that Alvarez was heavy handed within the army, alienating high-ranking officers, and was involved in many corrupt practices.

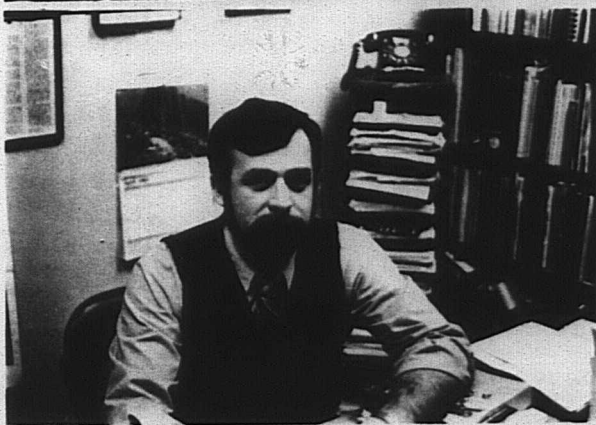
Mounting evidence suggests that Iraq has escalated its use of chemical weapons to include nerve gas in its war against Iran. A United Nations investigative team reported last week of finding samples of Tabun—a lethal nerve agent first developed in Nazi Germany—on the battlefield. *The New York Times* reported that the Iraqis had built five underground bunkers to house the nerve gas. The story also stated that the US Joint Chiefs of Staff had studied the feasibility of an air strike against Iraq's chemical warfare facilities, and that "many in the government" hoped that Israel would consider making an air raid. (Israel knocked out Iraq's nuclear reactor in 1981.) However, State Department spokesman John Hughes denied that Washington was entertaining any such plan. "There has been and is no consideration whatsoever of US air strikes or of asking Israel to conduct air strikes," said Hughes.

The US is doing what it can to stop the production of nerve gas in Iraq. Iraq's current capacity to produce nerve gas is very small, but the US has cut off the supply of five chemicals to Iraq that are used in manufacturing nerve gas. In a gesture of even-handedness, the US placed the ban on Iran as well, although officials admit they have no evidence that Iran has resorted to chemical warfare as well. The most disturbing issue is that continued use of chemical weapons in the Iran/Iraq war could lead to its use world-wide. Its use has been checked so far by the 1925 Geneva Protocol.

Forty-eight NATO cruise missiles may upset the fragile Dutch government of Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger visited the Netherlands Thursday, March 29, with the message that the missiles must be deployed or the security of the western alliance would be jeopardized. The 48 missiles are part of a five year NATO plan to deploy 572 missiles in five West European countries. US officials state that non-deployment would have a negative impact on the suspended arms talks in Geneva. Weinberger says that the missiles are needed to induce the Soviets back to the bargaining table.

The Netherlands are ruled by a powerful parliamentary political system. PM Lubbers heads a coalition government which, considering the choices in this situation, has placed him in a no-win situation. If the parliament rejects Lubber's decision to accept deployment, his government would fall from the resulting no-confidence vote and new elections would have to be held. There is, however, the possibility of compromise in this situation. There has been some indication that the Reagan administration may accept a fewer number of missiles in the Netherlands in exchange for opposition support of the proposal when it comes to a vote in the Dutch parliament later this spring.

## NEWS



Dr. David Oetinger, biology professor

## Oetinger Resigns

by David Shoemaker

Dr. David Oetinger, currently an associate professor of biology at Houghton, is resigning his post here to take up a position as head of the biology department at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Oetinger, a faculty member here for seven years, is making the move as part of his "professional development." Interviews have begun to find a replacement, but no one name has surfaced yet.

After completing five years in the

navy, Oetinger went on to receive his Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska in 1977.

A Houghton graduate of 1967, Oetinger says his position in Kentucky promises less teaching and more administrative work. Tributaries of the Ohio River will offer an added benefit, says Oetinger: many chances for him to further his field research in parasitology.

Kentucky Wesleyan College (actually a United Methodist College) is located in Owensboro, Kentucky. ★

## Staley Lecturer Stresses Redemption of Creation

by Tara Greenway

Wesley Granberg-Michaelson lectured on Houghton campus as this semester's Staley Distinguished Scholar from March 27 to March 29. Granberg-Michaelson graduated from Hope College (because everyone else in his family went to Wheaton, he explains) and Princeton Theological Seminary. He served as chief legislative assistant to Senator Mark O. Hatfield and was managing editor of *Sojourners* magazine from 1976 to 1979.

Granberg-Michaelson began his series Tuesday evening with "The Peril: Creation Destroyed," informing the small crowd in Schaller Hall

about our present relationship to nature, or creation. The man-creation relationship, he said, has dwindled to either a superficial, nostalgic view epitomized in ads like "Marlboro Country" scenes, or an opportunistic view seeing creation as a resource center to be utilized. Granberg-Michaelson pointed out that man is already well on the way toward destroying our topsoil, water, air, and energy sources; mentioned that some blame Christians for this for various reasons; and closed by reminding us that the grim picture drawn did not have to be the end of the story.

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Liz Gibson, author of *The Water is Wide*

## Gibson Reads New Book

Former Houghton professor Liz Gibson will read excerpts from her first published novel, *The Water is Wide*, at 8:00 in Fancher Auditorium on Monday, April 9. The book, published by Zondervan, took Gibson two years to complete and will appear in stores in August.

"It gives insight into the lives of half a dozen students and one university professor who are trying to live ordinary lives against the background of bigotry and sectarian violence," says Gibson of her novel. "I try to show in the book that as people from opposite sides of the barricade get to know each other and as they allow God to open their eyes a lot of the misunderstandings just dissolve. The main character is one of the students, and she is completely blind at the beginning of the novel, metaphorically speaking. She is a total bigot. The book is largely about her spiritual odyssey."

*The Water is Wide* began as a short story which was "too long to be a short story and too short to be anything," says Gibson.

The hour-long reading will feature excerpts from the first two-thirds of the novel. "I hope a lot of people will come," says Gibson. "They'll enjoy themselves."

The novel is set in Londonderry at the New University of Ulster, where Gibson received her undergraduate education, majoring in English literature. Gibson completed her Masters at the University of Pennsylvania.

Zondervan is publishing the novel under its Judith Markhom imprint, which includes "works of outstanding literary merit," according to Zondervan's catalog. Acceptance in this category is an honor, Gibson has been told.

When Gibson sent Zondervan her manuscript, "they jumped right on it. It was very exciting. I sent them eight chapters, and they said, 'send more.' And they hadn't even seen the full manuscript."

Currently, Gibson is working on another novel, *Old Photographs*. Not yet accepted for publication, the storyline concerns "a farmer and his cocaine-addict sister."

*The Water is Wide* is not Gibson's first attempt. The others, however, "were just my apprenticeship novels. I wrote a lot in high school. I've written since I was eight. I wrote a novel when I was nine years old and it was published in the local paper. I've always written," says Gibson. "That's all I know." ★

## Senate Debates NCCAA Membership and World Relief Fund

by meehan.

A new Senate met April 3, with Kevin Simme presiding; topics included the status of the National Christian College Athletic Association and World Relief funding through reduced steak nights.

Lynn Ross, citing the report of the Athletic Committee, said, "last year we decided that this is our last year for NCCAA." She added that President Chamberlain wanted our athletic department to get out of the NCCAA because it is "not a real strong organization."

"I have talked to Alderman and Coach Wells," Dave Riether said, "and what we have found is that every sports team except the women's basketball team has strongly supported our staying in the NCCAA."

"Have they taken [finances] into consideration?" asked Rick Vienne.

Riether responded, "[We're] getting a real bargain for \$300." (The fee for NCCAA membership.)

"The whole issue is [national tournaments]," continued Riether. "If we take away NCCAA we won't be strong enough for any nationals."

"I think its going to hurt girls' sports more," said Ross, "it's something we can compete against."

Noel Fleming spoke for women's soccer. "Striving toward nationals would be taken out. I see potential to go to nationals next year."

Professor Richard Jacobson, Senate advisor, said, "Students don't understand all the problems. [NCCAA was] probably a good thing for a while, except the teams are mostly in the Long Island area. It's difficult to sched-

ule games. We full well realize [that dropping NCCAA] is not a good thing for the girls' sports, and it would be basically for the girls [if we kept NCCAA membership]. The guys' teams would be quite a ways away, and we just cannot afford that. If you're interested, it would be good if you said something.

If you don't say anything, I guess they'll say you don't care."

Concluded Dave Riether, "all we need is some statement from the Senate. [Dropping the NCCAA] is not final if we hear the voice of the Senate."

Dale Hursh moved "that Student Senate ask the Athletic Committee to reconsider their decision to withdraw from the NCCAA. Student Senate believes that it would be in the students' best interest to remain in NCCAA." The motion passed unanimously.

John Brown asked that the World Relief fund be brought up for discussion. He read the proposed motion: "[Harvey Shepard moved that] Senate send a recommendation to Al of Pioneer food service suggesting that one steak night per month be replaced by a regular meal. The savings from this would be credited to FMF, which would, in turn, direct them to World Relief."

"There has been a lot of ambivalence about this topic," said Harvey Shepard. Referring to the student poll conducted with the Senate cabinet elections, he said, "there are obvious benefits, and yet some tentativeness [due to] the 30% against the proposal. There seems to be a] misconception that this is a spiritual issue. It's not a fast—

## Redemption of Creation cont.

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Creation Redeemed," Granberg-Michaelson shared the idea that man is like an agent to creation for its true owner, God, and stressed the interrelation of God, man, and creation. He suggested that creation can be "redeemed" only through man's salvation, and that it is one of the church's duties to help restore creation.

Granberg-Michaelson continued in Thursday morning chapel with "The Prospect: Creation Restored," emphasizing grace not primarily in the respect of salvation but as a reflection of God's love as seen in creation. Grace can also be seen in man as he responds to and reflects God's love, and the community of creation and

man can be seen in man's caretaking of creation. Granberg-Michaelson also explained that just as Sister Teresa's caring for the destitute is a natural extension of her love for God, so is man's preserving of creation.

Granberg-Michaelson's theory of "earthkeeping" is realized in the organization he and his wife founded in 1980, New Creation Institute, in Missoula, Montana. The Institute offers seminars, Christian counseling, and a residential fellowship program. The Institute cooperates with a Christian college and hospital in southern India.

Granberg-Michaelson's book on earthkeeping, *A Worldly Spirituality*, will be published in June. ★

When you can't breathe through your nose, today seems strangely like the day before yesterday.

—E. B. White



# SPORTS

## Intramural Volleyball Play Starts

by Ned Farnsworth

Intramural volleyball returned to Houghton College on March 28, with men and co-ed teams battling for first-game victories.

In co-ed action, the Other Team downed the LoveBumps in a 15-12 and 15-13 series. Minus One ate Where's the Beef? 15-2 in match one. Where's the Beef? pulled together but still lost 10-15 in the crucial second match. Cookies 'n' Cream creamed the Catatonic Schizophrenics, clinching the series with 15-12 and 15-8 scores. The Celibates won their match against John House.

Men's action opened Thursday with a conflict between Net Set and Conflict. Conflict snatched the win in a set of 15-12 and 15-7 matches. Next, Quickset upset scoreless Servin' Up by taking the win in a pair of 15-0 efforts.

Co-ed action continued Thursday with We're Bon-Kers outlasting Worthy Is the Slam 15-5 and 15-9. Cheese Factory's efforts snapped under the Twig Snappers in losses of 4-15 and 8-15. The faculty team of Phi-Slamma-Bamma, trounced the Houghton Executive Country Club, stealing the series in a 15-6 and 15-0 showdown. Darren Sherland's Ordinary People seemed less-than-ordinary, considering their 15-9 and 15-6 wins over Maurice

Sutiono's Oriental Wonders. The Deceivers nibbled away at Fishbait to a 15-13 and 15-6 victory. Cookies 'n' Cream dominated their second game in a pair of 15-8 wins at Anything Goes' expense. The Catatonics and Samozoa faced each other in a series that resulted in 15-4 and 15-5 wins for the Catatonics. The Celibates returned for game two and outlasted the Paranoid Schizophrenics.

Saturday pitted We're Bon-Kers against the Tripods. The former captured the series in two 15-11 matches. Worthy Is the Slam stayed tough by coming back after an early deficit to beat Cheese Factory in two close 16-14 matches. The victory caused Captain Cheryl Freeman to exclaim, "Volleyball is an awesome sport!" Anything Goes went on to knock over John House in a 15-8, 15-3 series. Cookies 'n' Cream grabbed game three from Roger Southwick's Split Second. Southwick commented about his team's loss, "We never met before the game, which resulted in a lack of organization."

In a schizophrenic showdown, the Catatonics faced the Paranoids. The latter took the first two games in 15-2 and 15-7. The Other Team ran by K.D.H. in a 15-8 and 15-13 clincher.

Volleyball action continues this week with men's, women's, and co-ed competition. ★

## HC Equestrians Host Show

by Fred Lines

On Saturday, April 28 at 9 a.m., the Houghton College Equestrian Center will be hosting its second bi-annual horse show. The current horsemanship class will be conducting the 1984 spring semester show to be held at the Houghton College Farm located just off Tucker Hill Road.

The horsemanship program began last fall and includes one and two hour courses. The class is instructed by Carol Wheeler. Throughout the course, students are exposed to basic English riding and obtain or increase

proficiency of horsemanship skills and horse care management. The skills taught are: control at walk, trot, and canter; use of the four natural aids; basic dressage; jumping; cross-country riding. Response to the course has been full.

All those with previous riding experience are welcome to enter. The entry fee, which includes the entire show, is \$3.

Spectators are encouraged to come to the show. Refreshments will be sold and transportation will be provided for all those interested. ★

we're eating. It's not a sacrifice—it's a re-allocation of funds." Shepard then suggested that the motion be tabled again, until a fuller explanation of the proposal could be written up in the Star. (April 12 issue).

Rob Lamberts said, "it bothers me that [we're treating this issue differently]." He said that if, after a student poll, we had a 70-30 ratio in favor of athletics or outreach group funding, we would pass the proposal. "We have a majority of people. There's no difference between taking that [out of food allocation and SAF]."

"Do we have the right to take the money for something else?" asked Mike Edgett. "Unless you got a ninety-nine percent student agreement," he

suggested that Senate did not have that right.

Rick Vienne voiced two complaints about the proposal raised by students. "It's mandatory, not voluntary," and the possibility that a large organization might misuse funds. "It's a legitimate question," he added. Steve Strong reminded the Senate that the proposal is not a fast and added that he had the financial report of the World Relief organization to vouch for its integrity. Strong said that, as a Christian institution, the proposal is "a privilege that we should look at."

Finally, John Brown moved that the motion be tabled again. The motion passed with mild dissent. ★

## Opera Workshop Presented

by Gerry Szymanski and Celeste Wagner

The Houghton College 1984 Opera Workshop will be presenting renditions of *The Old Maid and The Thief*, *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Così fan Tutte*, and *Hansel and Gretel* on Saturday, April 7 at 8:00 P.M. The scenes of these major operas will be performed in English and will be fully staged and costumed.

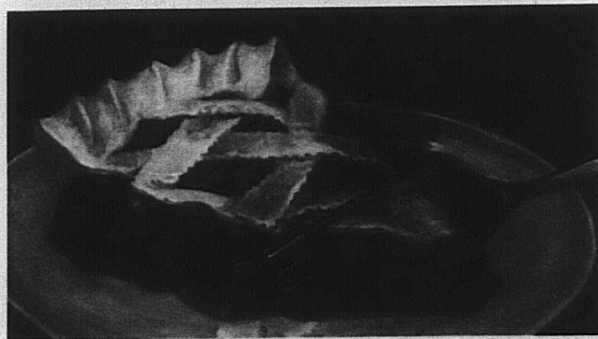
Starring in *The Old Maid and The Thief* will be Denise Brown, Ria Yvonne Burke, Joan Kirchner, and Andrew Leverenz, accompanied by Kathleen Merrill; a scene from Mozart's *Così fan Tutte* will be performed by Mark Knox, Douglas Allen and Christopher Henry accompanied

by Mary Putney; a sextet from *The Marriage of Figaro* will include Ann Goss, Kevin Schmidt, Angela Kinney, Craig Denison, Brian Chilton and Mark Knox accompanied by Steve Mitchell; two scenes from Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel* will be performed by Frances Edwards, Kathleen Dennison, Rachel Mann, Celeste Wagner and Joan Kirchner accompanied by Andrew Leverenz and Jeffrey Cox.

Opera Workshop Director Ms. Jean Reigles says, "This year's program is varied in styles and will be particularly enjoyable."

Tickets will be sold Friday at dinner and at the door at \$2 per student and \$3 per adult. ★

Rosalyn Danner, wife of the man whose dignity Ann Irving assaults on our cover this week, displayed her own version of Permanent Pie in her senior art exhibition, on display in Wesley Chapel's basement gallery.



# LETTERS

## Let's Decide Fast

Dear Beth,

Your last week's editorial grossly misrepresented FMF's proposal by calling it a fast. Our proposal has absolutely nothing to do with fasting but is to be the substitution of steak and shrimp with a regular menu one Saturday per month. The savings would go to World Relief to aid those who are starving. We as students pay this money wherever it goes, so why not give up a little and help those who really need it?

I don't think that the crux of this issue is democracy but our own attitude toward the needy and our own eating habits. Are we really grateful to God for the food we eat every day? From the constant complaining that I hear about the food, I have my doubts. If we are really not, please, let's not mock God by saying our little chants before we eat. He is certainly not impressed with these little acts of piety and neither is anyone else. If our prayers at mealtimes are sincerely thankful and include heartfelt asking of God that He provide for those who have nothing, our actions will follow suit.

What about gluttony? I personally know that this is such an easy trap to fall into, but what a sin!! I cringe when I ask myself what I am doing to change the fact that this country, 6% of the world's population, consumes almost half of the world's goods, a quarter of which ends up in the garbage.

We as comparatively affluent Americans are to be the hands of God in sharing His love to a needy world. Let's consider seriously our role in this, both counting it a privilege and realizing that it is not an option if we are truly of God (Matthew 25:31-46). Christ never ordained the ideology that all opinions are equally valid but He did command us to feed the hungry. Let's get our eyes out of our books long enough for them to see straight.

Very sincerely,  
David Knightly

Dear Beth,

In response to your editorial "Fasting: An Individual Decision," I must agree with your point that "Precedents of this sort can have detrimental effects, . . . charitable contributions should be the result of careful thought and voluntary decisions to remit whatever portion of one's income one would like to part with." Too bad you didn't stop there, we would have had a very short editorial but you would not have lost that one good point to paragraphs of inconsistencies and weak points.

First of all, this charitable contribution that 3 out of every 4 students voted on (at least those who chose to vote) will cost each of us approximately 48 cents a piece per year. For less than it costs to buy a can of Coke we can help those more needy than ourselves. I don't think 48 cents will break any one of us financially.

You also criticize the democratic system for imposing the will of the majority on the minority, yet you encourage the use of this same democratic system to vote against this same proposal. Perhaps one only has problems with the democratic system when one is in the minority.

Throughout you [sic] entire argument you use the word "fasting" in such statements as "Fasting, done for the right reasons and accompanied by prayer and a desire for spiritual growth, is a good thing. . . . Finally, it is also the voluntary aspect of fasting that makes it meaningful. As the proposal stands, 'fasting' is done to you every Saturday night." We are not doing it every Saturday night and it's not "fasting," you even admit this, yet rely on this argument quite heavily to support your argument.

If Senate does vote against this proposal, I hope they have more defensible reasons for doing so.

Sincerely,  
Kathy J. Peterson

Dear Beth,

I must respond to your most recent editorial. First of all, the proposal to the Senate was not for fasting. The title of your editorial implied it was. Rather, it was to cut back on the cost of the food we eat one Saturday night a month, by eating a normal supper instead of the Saturday night supper of steak and shrimp. The reason for this proposed cut back was to give the saved money to World Relief, a reputable Christian organization, en-

dorsed by the National Association of Evangelicals. Clearly, this attempt to benefit needy people is not fasting. Fasting, of course, is refraining from eating altogether.

Just because this proposal "imposes the will of the majority on the minority" as you say, does not make it a bad proposal. The Senate, and of course, Houghton College both do this type of thing all the time. Why? For the good of the whole. The large amount of money designated for supporting athletic teams in the Student Activity Fee certainly is distasteful to some—a significant minority. But, because the teams need our money, and their role is seen as benefiting the whole college, their will is imposed on all students. The administration requires that all students attend chapel. They think the chapels will benefit the whole student body—including those opposed to going.

As the Senate should represent the majority of student's opinions, then the proposal should be accepted. Seventy-one percent of the student body feels the need to fight world hunger and suffering through sacrificing a steak dinner for a normal meal. If the proposal is not passed, the will of the twenty-nine percent opposed to the proposal will be "imposed on the majority."

I wish that one hundred percent of the student body were in favor of the proposal. Especially in light of the fact that 40,000 people starve to death everyday. And also in light of the Bible's clear commands to aid those who are poor and suffering, I wish that all students supported the proposal. But, just because everyone does not, does not negate the value of the proposal for the college as a whole and more importantly for those people who will be helped because of the money sent to World Relief.

If the Senate is a "Christian democratic body," then ideally, it should represent the views of the majority of Christian students here at Houghton. This, instead of being a bane, is a blessing. Christians on secular campuses, a minority, are limited in their efforts to oppose such abuses of freedom as drunkenness or sexual promiscuity. Whereas here at Houghton, certain rules have been laid down to prevent these abuses. Even as the norm for law may be a "relativistic," "humanistic," or "existential" value system at a secular college, here at our Christian college, the ideals of our faith should be sought after, part

of which is clearly a responsibility to the poor (individually and collectively).

By giving this saved money to World Relief, we will help many Christian brothers have their basic needs met, and many non-Christians will experience the love and witness of those Christians who will be aiding them in their attempts at survival. Certainly, this proposal would benefit the furthering of the Gospel message (the one held by the majority of Houghton students). Thus, Senate should pass the proposal.

Whether the proposal is passed or defeated, here is the address of World Relief for you and your readers who may desire to give to aid the poor and suffering: World Relief, P.O. Box WRC, Wheaton, IL. 60187. Phone (312) 665-0235.

Both individual and corporate acts of concern and compassion should mark a Christian college. Jesus said, "To whom much is given, much will be required." Certainly in comparison to most of the world, we have much. What will we do with it? I hope the F.M.F. fasts for World Relief continue, and I hope the proposal made to the Senate will pass also!

In Christ,  
Stephen Paul Strong

## On Human Events

Dear Beth,

As an alumnus of the '50's, I take an interest in Houghton College, and read the *Star* with interest whenever I come across a copy.

For quite a few years I have subscribed to *Human Events*, the "National Conservative Weekly," and lately I have given a gift subscription to the Houghton library. It is now renewal time and I expect to renew for another year.

I am told by the library that there has apparently not been widespread use of the magazine, so I am taking this opportunity to ask a favor of the *Star*. Would you make mention of this publication to your student (and faculty) audience, on the chance that there are quite a few of your readership who have not as yet happened across it? H.C. is a busy place, I'm sure, and its very easy to miss things here and there. Right?



College students (and faculty) are often accused of living in "ivory towers" and being out of touch with the "real world." This is often untrue and unfair and probably applies fully as much to the older generation as to you. But we all have to guard against the danger of this kind of living. And if I could recommend just one of many current news publications to help us all guard against this danger, it would probably be *Human Events*. N.Y. Times, Washington Post, or even Buffalo News editors may be infuriated by it, but quite probably because the truth sometimes hurts—especially if it's the kind of truth that you as an editor religiously avoid.

Thanks a whole lot.

Sincerely,  
Ernest Preston

## Former Student Reminisces

Dear Beth,

I am writing one letter to all to say my thank you's for your hospitality (sort of like killing a few birds with one stone.)

I enjoyed seeing you folks. Two years is such a long time. The Lord blessed me in the times that I spent with many of you. In fact, He blessed me that whole weekend, especially in my travels to and from. (I flew home Sunday the 18th on standby. I arrived at the Buffalo airport at 2:15pm and by 6:15 I was walking into my house. No one from home had to come meet me either for I saw some neighbors at the airport!)

As I reflect upon many of our conversations, I was reminded of the feelings I had at Houghton while I was there 80-82. Not having decided a major and being homesick for Maine caused me to have an uneasy feeling. I did learn a lot though: how to have fun on a rainy (every?) weekend; what inter-subjective verifiability means (try explaining that to Soc 101 students!); how to press and dry flowers; how to find the room with the fresh popcorn; how to move a bunk bed, 2 bureaus, 2 desks and a door into a study lounge; what respectable sins are (read about them in C. S. Lewis' *Great Divorce*) and how to find God's will for my life.

When I left Houghton for the "real world," I had to make an adjustment that took a year. With no person standing over me, I had to learn where to draw the line. This took many steps forward and backward.

Each step was a challenge. I learned a lot about myself in the process and also about other people and their world views.

In the summer of '83 (at the beginning) I had reached one of the lowest points of my life. At that time I reached out to a friend I met the previous summer. Soon I began going to a fellowship in Portland. The Lord worked a miracle in me in 2 months. In a discipleship group I became real close to some people as we learned what Christ had to say to us in John 15 and 16. The Lord pruned me of some dead branches in my life and filled the void. He soon became a more "fluid sap" in my life. These other Christians were not typical. We shared with each other in cheers and tears talking of some traumatic moments in our lives. I felt a real sense of authenticity from them as they layed their lives down for others.

Now, almost a year later, I find myself having grown alot. (Especially this past week having heard Francis Moore Lappe speak. She's the author of *Diet for a Small Planet*). The Lord has been shaping me for a ministry, and I am learning more about it with the help of my friends in our discipleship group.

In December '84 I will finally graduate with a B.S. in Nutrition. From there I will be volunteering my time in a community service in Portland that offers help to women that decide against an abortion. (It is an issue in which we must not be lukewarm.) I will work whatever junk job to support myself also.

Many of you are about to graduate and enter the "real world." I urge you and those that remain at Houghton to be real with each other. Lay your lives down for your fellow man. There are many sick people in this world. They want to see how you pick yourself up when you mess up. They want to see that you too like to sleep until noon, go to the beach, and have a habit of picking your toes after a shower. We must live our lives open for the whole world to see. The more we do that, the more people will seek us out.

I hope the rest of the semester goes well for all of you. Happy Graduation Class of 1984; my heart is with you.

And if you ever get up to Maine, stop in. You can't miss me—I'm the fourth white house on the left, right after the big bump and dead maple tree (the one with the coon nest in the limb leaning towards Sawyers)!

Meet you in the sky.

Love always,

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## Movie Review:

# The Chosen

"So, what's this Chosen thing about anyhow?"

"Jews in New York City. It's real good." Right. I was going to miss a night in Olean for Jews in New York City. How typical.

Danny Saunders is the curly-haired, bat-wielding Hasidic Jew, with a glasses-shattering line drive that nearly blinds pitcher Reuven Malters: "When I first saw you, I wanted to kill you." "Do you feel this way about most people?"

After Reuven passes a Talmudic quiz from the Rabbi Saunders—ai-yi-yi—Danny and Reuven become best friends. Danny, trying to crawl from under the shadow of Hasidism, takes to reading Hemingway, Fitzgerald, and Freud in the Library. Later we find his advisor is Reuven's own father.

Danny is allowed to attend Hirsch College, where Reuven exposes him to art au naturel—"Art is deception," says Danny. "Then how come you're still looking?"—and his first movie. When Reuven's dad leaves town, he stays with the Saunders. He takes to the life of a Rabbi—synagogue, and Hasidic weddings complete with Jewish break dancing—and Danny's sister Shaindel. "She's been promised to another Hasidic." "Does she know him?" "They've met." "Does she like him?"

When Reuven's dad supports the formation of the State of Israel, Danny is forbidden to speak to Reuven. For over a year, Reuven experiences silence from Danny, like the life-long silence Danny has experienced from his father. After Israel forms, the ban is lifted and the friendship resumes.

Reb Saunders tells Danny, through Reuven, why he dealt with him in silence. When Danny was young, he became indifferent to those not as brilliant as he; he became proud and uncaring. He needed to be taught the loneliness, pain, and suffering of the world: silence. It worked. "Maybe you should forgive me for not being a wiser father," says Rabbi Malter.

Danny cuts his curls, dons a three-piece suit, and trades Hirsch's Rabbinical program for Columbia's Psychology. "What did your father say?" "He said it's okay. We talk all the time now."

In the Talmud, there is a story of a king whose son runs away from home. The King pleads with his son to return, but the son says he cannot. "Then," says the King, "return as far as you can, and I will come to you the rest of the way." *The Chosen* is a story of this and more: love, friendship, pain, and the cost of fanaticism.

It's getting hard to remain cynical in the face of such movies as *On Golden Pond* and *The Chosen*. If this keeps up, I may be out of a job. Come on CAB, quit showing deep, thought-provoking films. Serve up some schlock, something grossly simplistic and disgustingly one sided, something I can sink my critical teeth into. Please...

Dan Gettman

## Courtesy Campaign

Dear Beth,

I s'pose there are at least three reasons for not writing this letter

1) "... seeing, they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand."

2) "Vanity, Vanity, all is Vanity..."

3) "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye..." Guilty as charged.

Regardless, all will out, the topic being "When Rude People Happen to a Christian College." Rude people here? May it never be! Sorry, folks, all that can be done now is to Fix Things.

First point: Everybody stand up. Those of you who rarely or never cut in line at meals, sit down. Those of you who cut only when you need to get through quickly, sit down. Those who have seen large groups appear ahead of them in line from nowhere, look hurt and indignant. Now look around.

Now do a similar exercise for: noise in the dorms, holding doors for others, smiling at people—"When you go to Houghton, it supprizes [sic] you how often people smile at you." Instead I see at least a large minority of people living by the phrase "All for one and everyone for himself."

Nuff said. Someone else can argue over "Who's responsible."

Cordially, sort of  
Steve Dahl

# Classifieds

## What's Wrong With These People?

|                   |                  |                 |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Steve Earl        | Jonathan Gates   | Jim Cofer       |
| Jamie Weiner      | Lisa Cary        | Jane Kirchoff   |
| Jamie Mullen      | John Walsh       | Steve Breneman  |
| Keith Freeman     | Bill Wichterman  | Lenore Lelah    |
| Denise Brown      | Mark Zedonak     | Joe Jenkins     |
| Dave Riether      | Todd Shaver      | Dale Hursh      |
| Tashna Hendriks   | Don Smith        | Jeff Jordan     |
| Bill Dockery      | Margie Miller    | June Prosser    |
| Liz Greenlee      | Peggy Leutbecker | Diane Farley    |
| Dwight Healy      | Ruth McKinney    | Mark Scira      |
| Jackie Pierce     | Ray Specht       | Mark Verra      |
| Cindy Wright      | Laurie Spinelli  | Suzanne Biggs   |
| Barb Felder       | Beth Sperry      | Rob Lamberts    |
| Holly Neal        | Jon Bradley      | Chris Lewis     |
| Dawn Field        | Jeff Myers       | Steve Strong    |
| Beth Omundson     | Tim Byers        | Lynn Bovard     |
| Theresa Miller    | Jim LaDine       | Sharon Burchard |
| Evelyn Owens      | Dan Terryberry   | Wendy Kipp      |
| Douglass Newcomb  | Amy Foster       | Ray Bartlett    |
| Lisa Leth-Stenson | Mitchel A. Jones | Dan Holmsten    |
| Paul Knepley      | Jaynn Tobias     | Dan Freed       |
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Song of Solomon 1:9-10,  
15-17

Write in Maurice  
for  
History Department  
Chairman

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