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RED AND YELLOW, BLACK AND WHITE: International Focus Issue

Global studies have long been recognized as important at Houghton College. Houghton has produced scholars who serve in the global community as, among other occupations, teachers, missionaries, translators, literacy workers and medical personnel. The college's mission statement states that Houghton is committed to a preparing its graduates "for fruitful lives as scholar-servants," to "view the world as a global community," and to "think critically, discriminate values and [to] apply Christian principles to life experiences."

Houghton faculty members have long sought methods for the college to best use its resources to provide

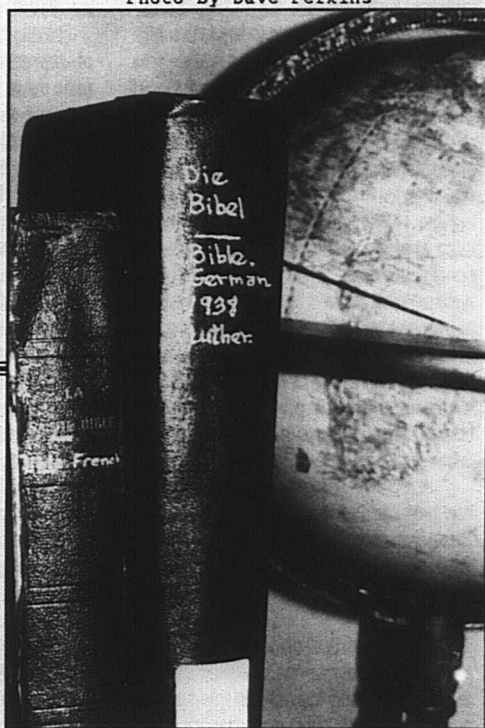
its students with a stronger foundation in global awareness. Such a foundation, according to Academic Dean Clarence Bence, would "allow [students] to be informed citizens and community leaders in a world that minimizes national boundaries," "continue to en-

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Internationalizing the Curriculum

by Patrick Bamwine

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Building Concretely: the Peace Corps

by Beth Johnson



A husband and wife active in the Peace Corps in Ghana, West Africa, recently visited Houghton and addressed Dr.

David Benedict's political science classes. Robin and Dale Shannon taught in a rural, co-ed school containing grades 8-12. She taught general science, chemistry, physics and biology, while he taught mathematics.

According to the Shannons, since Ghana follows the British education system, and English is the official language, the only difficulties that arose in teaching were the primitive conditions: lack of electricity and running water, improper scientific equipment, and scarcity of textbooks. They described the attitude of Ghanaian students as enthusiastic and willing, often asking for extra in-

struction time and rarely missing a class. It was interesting to note that the senior students are responsible for the dining hall, class schedule and dorms.

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Dr. Katherine Lindley has been an instrumental figure in the development of the international studies major (see article, page 1)



A Supportive Environment: TCKs, MKs and HC

by Patrick Bamwine

"One of the most important aspects of Houghton College's internationalization program is to care for 'Third Culture Kids' and international students in order to make them part of the campus," according to Director of International Relations David Pollock.

Interfacing TCKs and international students with others is also creating a special atmosphere at Houghton. It is facilitating the realization of Houghton's goal for internationalization. The goal of the internationalization program is to increase awareness of missions and international relations at Houghton College by permeating the thinking of every professor and integrating these concerns in every major in Houghton's curriculum. Students have an opportunity to take a one hour course in *International Transition and Adjustment*, taught by Pollock.

A significant international component has been added to the business program. Business students can now take a minor in Anthropology that includes a six hour experimental course in a cross-cultural setting.

Retired political science professor Dr. Katherine Lindley has spearheaded attempts to get faculty and students in international settings. Pollock plays an important role in assisting TCKs and international students. "He is a valuable asset," said Dr. Lindley. "His training and understanding make him a good friend and mentor. He has shared his depth of understanding and perception with host families, enabling us to be more sensitive to the needs of these students." Life for TCKs and international students begins with

an orientation weekend of fun, lectures and tours that help in the initial adjustment and transition.

Pollock is also the Executive Director of *Interaction*, a Christian ministry whose main thrust is working with missionary families and missionary kids (MKs) and with international students in the United States, preparing them to go back to their home countries. He travels throughout the world, making contacts with TCKs and international students who eventually come to Houghton.

Pollock's work in transition issues also involves encouraging relationships between missions, missions executives, Christian colleges and overseas missions schools by helping them release their potential to care for internationals and TCKs.

Pollock holds transition seminars with the international Community, embassies and the U.S. State Department. These opportunities enable him to present information about Houghton, (especially to educational counselors in embassies) giving Houghton the exposure through what he calls "the window of the world."

The Admissions Department works hard to get internationals to Houghton. "They really struggle, and it's painful when they eventually have to say no to an international," commented Pollock. Director of College Relations Wayne MacBeth, in assisting internationals and TCKs, "will go the second, third, and fourth mile to make sure the desiring student makes it to Houghton," according to Pollock.

Pollock revealed that there is neither policy nor desire to admit internationals from solely one part of the world. "We have a steady flow from Southeast Asia," he said, "because they are more likely to pay their own way. Many of our applicants from Africa are either not academically prepared or unable to bear financial responsibility. I also believe we could be getting more students from South America," he added.

Pollock asked for prayer support from the Houghton community, specifically that the activities of *Interaction* may result in spiritual and eternal rewards for those ministered to. On top of the prayer list is the International Conference for Missionary Kids scheduled for late November this year in Nairobi, Kenya. Eight hundred are expected to attend. Pollock "founded" the ICMK in the early 80s.

Through *Interaction*, Pollock has a great opportunity to have impact on the secular community through his transition seminars. Sometimes he has to respond to emergency situations. Recently, the State Department (family liaison office) called him up to assist wives and children of Diplomats of the foreign staff evacuated from Panama and the Philippines, to deal with issues of transition.

Pollock is also involved with the Christian Embassy a ministry of Campus Crusade, in reaching the diplomatic core. He was just concluded a seminar to train staff (first step in evangelism). He does a great deal with international churches and Christian organizations, equipping them to help their staffs in adjusting and being more effective in cross-cultural settings.

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courage the important skills of critical thinking, quality writing and speaking," and "assure them of competence in their chosen careers or prepare them for advanced professional training."

The Academic Affairs Council approved a proposal for an interdisciplinary International Studies major and an Intercultural Studies minor on October 19, 1987. The next year (October 30, 1988), the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation that such a major be offered at Houghton.

This program is not yet announced publicly or advertised, nor has it officially completed review by the state. Several students have watched its progress, however; and some are already taking it as a cognate major.

Since the course will include a cross-cultural experience, Houghton has accepted the expense for preparing students for the experience and for the integration of that experience with classroom learning upon their return. Mr. David Pollock will assist in the preparation of students for short-term missions projects and work-study trips. Pollock is currently teaching *International Transition and Adjustment*, which all students majoring in international studies will be required to take prior to their cross-cultural experiences. Much of the preparatory work for the major, Bence stressed, was carried out through the work of Program Coordinator Dr. Katherine Lindley, retired history professor and former History and Social Science division chair.

"As a church-related school," said Bence of Houghton, "it has a

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Mr. Shannon stressed that Ghanaian society places a strong emphasis on the family structure. Homelessness, suicide, and loneliness are uncommon. Starvation and poverty, however, are overwhelming in the mainly agrarian society. There are few salaried jobs; self-sufficiency at the subsistence level is the norm. Livestock denotes wealth, and the market system can be described as medieval. The avenues for expansion are endless.

Ghanian society is approximately 40% Christian, and desperately in need of missionaries who are willing to help build not only spiritually, but also concretely. Churches and prayer discipleship groups are crucial to the growth and development of a Christian society. Too many missionaries in Ghana are inactive in the physical sense; their main purpose being that of handing out tracts and lofty preaching.

The Shannons summarized the steps involved in volunteering for the Peace Corps: volunteers must obtain and complete a standard application, then have an interview. If the interview is successful, the

applicants will be nominated for a position. During this time, the applicants undergo an FBI security check and are fingerprinted. About six months later, they are offered positions and must go through a rigorous medical exam and obtain a passport and international driver's license. Training commences at this time (in the U.S.) for two or three months, then the applicants travel to the country in which they will be working and train an additional week. Following this, the applicants are finally sent to their assignment sites.

If you are called to overseas missions or teaching, but are unable to become involved because of financial difficulties, the Peace Corps may be a program worth considering. There are many advantages offered by the Peace Corps that are lacking in other organizations: they will train anyone with a bachelor's degree in his or her chosen skill area, keep husbands and wives together in job assignments, and provide travel expenses, an adequate living allowance, and a small monetary amount which is presented at the end of the assignment.

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WMF

by Dave Wheeler

Kristen Roth never paid much attention to New Vision Week before joining the World Missions Fellowship cabinet. The dozens of missionaries annually gathered in the campus center were intimidating; a conversation would have seemed forced. "I would have loved to talk with them," she reminisced, looking back to earlier years, "but I wouldn't know what to say. I'd say, 'Well... tell me about missions' or 'Well... what are you doing overseas?'"

Recalling her hesitations, Roth, now president of the WMF cabinet, can understand why so many people passed by the missionaries during New Vision Week (November 7-10). "Some of the missions representatives expressed that they were sitting in the campus center and thousands of people were walking by; not as many people as they would have liked stopped and talked with them."

Roth, however, was "really pleased" with the interest shown during and after last week. "People seem to be very responsive," she said, "We had a good turnout for the seminars at night; and a lot of people have been coming to us since last week, expressing interest in summer missions or the New Jersey mission."

The stated purpose of WMF, mentioned in the New Vision Week flyers, is "to bring the Houghton community and campus to a greater understanding of, and commitment to their place in God's mission for this world." Roth expanded on this definition. "Basically, we just want to get people involved with missions," she explained, "whether it's here in

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Photo by Dave Perkins

Missions House

by Kathleen Hung

Sunday night, 9:14 p.m. From the first floor lounge of Steese House, a sudden trampling resembling a herd of frantic rhinos can be heard from the second and third floor staircases. Shouts of "Hurry up! It starts in one minute!" echo back and forth, and quickly, the small lounge is filled to capacity with ten women, two house coordinators, and two visitors. What follows is a slide presentation by the visitors, Pat and Lowell Cleveland, of their summer sojourn in Australia as short-term missionaries. A discussion heats up as to what really constitutes a missionary. Seated comfortably on sofas, the women try to come up with a fitting definition of a missionary. Sophomore Amy Littlejohn volunteers, "If you want a dictionary definition, a missionary is someone who goes on a journey with a goal in mind." It's a good start, everyone agrees.

But visiting short-termer Pat Cleveland strikes the meaning purely and simply: "A missionary is *being* Christ to someone. More being than doing."

Steese, last year the haven for Spanish-speakers, has adopted a new purpose this year as the Missions House. Proposed last semester as a new "intentional community" to join the likes of the Leonard Houghton-Hazlett Fellowship and the Humanities House, the Missions House occupants strive to serve and to be educated about the field of missionaries. This is accomplished through community outreach and regular house discussions.

Headed by student missions coordinator Kerry Williams, senior, the residents are tackling weekly missions projects like participating in Allegany County Outreach, tutoring Houghton Academy students, and leading sports workshops. Monthly group projects include working for Habitat for Humanity and community clean-up.

To minister inwardly as an "intentional community," the Missions House holds weekly meetings to discuss issues in missions and to address personal concerns through prayer. Honesty is encouraged at all times, and members hold themselves accountable to one another.

News

I.S.A.

by Helmut Kostreba

The International Student Association is a longstanding student group that has had its ups and downs over the years. Its constitution, passed in 1983, states in its preamble: "Realizing that each international student who attends Houghton College is unfamiliar with its student activities and student life, we hereby establish this constitution to provide means to effectively organize and promote activity that will integrate every international student into Houghton."

One of the stated purposes of ISA is to enrich the campus with the intermingling of cultures. In fact, over the course of this semester, the new cabinet of ISA has contacted the international office to start a process that will help internationals as well as American students to discover the excitement of cultural interchange.

So far, the ISA cabinet has only been able to establish a quality program for the international students, including regular meetings on alternate Thursdays, which always provide an item of interest. Once, Dr. Benedict talked about Central America; another time, a Pakistani medical doctor reported about work among the blind. ISA has also organized shopping trips to Olean and Rochester to provide some time out and a greater variety of purchase choices.

ISA participated in the Homecoming parade, organized a fundraiser for future activities through selling tea, origami and some other exotic items. There will be a trip to the Festival of Lights at Niagara Falls in December and hopefully some more trips next semester. An international chapel, which proved

to be an item of interest and great fun last year, is planned for early February. There is also the possibility of an international dinner.

The long-term goals of ISA are to provide not only for international students, but to become more. Due to some difficulties last year, a number of internationals wandered off into other groups which provided some form of identity, especially for our African friends. ISA hopes to promote greater cooperation between the groups that cater for specific ethnic and national groups in order to make a more significant impact on the student body. Unity among the small groups that cater so well for their members could provide a greater variety of services to the students in general, and facilitate smoother accommodation of the individual in particular.

The international office in the New Academic Building provides services for international students in the U.S., but also promotes the sending of American students overseas. ISA hopes to increase its part in that program and to provide insightful, informative, and practical services to all organizations on campus that have any relation to international things. It is not easy to do that when there are many small groups on campus that have little interaction. Unity within diversity is the motto for the coming years as the world grows smaller and the international community draws closer, even in Houghton. ISA hopes to make positive contribution in this process.

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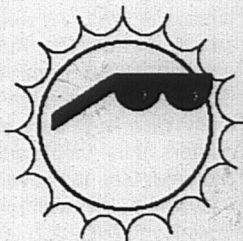
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And in Other News. . .

by Jofin Chong

November 9th of this year will go down in the history books: it was the day East Germany opened the Berlin Wall. The hideous structure was opened for free passage of Berlin for both sides to cross at will. At the crossing points, the East Germans were frantic in handing out visas to their citizens, and over the course of five days nearly one fourth (two million) of East Berliners migrated to West Berlin.

The joyous East Germans waited in mob-like fashion to cross and see and experience what has been denied them for 28 years. Many came to shop for goods that are in short supply in the east, while some came to see relatives and friends. Most, however, came to enjoy their new freedom. To many, it was a dream come true. There was much festivity and celebration in West Berlin: people were dancing on top of the obsolete Wall, mobs packed Potsdamer Plaza for a huge party. They celebrated not as East or West Germans, but as Germans, a unified people regardless of ideology.

The huge migration continued over the weekend, and the Wall itself was being torn down by heavy machinery from both sides. Enthused bystanders grabbed hammers and did their share of demolishing the Wall. All weekend long, stores and bars in Kurfurst were working at full capacity; and by Sunday night, shelves and (especially) beer kegs were empty. As a gesture of friendship and welcome, the West German government provided the visitors with \$50 in Deutsch marks to spend (East German marks are practically worthless in the west), and most bought goods that are in short supply in the Eastern city. A



feeling of nationalism and brotherhood swept the city, with people inviting strangers in their homes to spend the night and to celebrate.

The Berliners had many reasons to celebrate the Wall being opened. It was originally raised in 1961 by East Germany to prevent its people from fleeing to the West and to minimize black market activities. The Wall became a symbol of oppressive and authoritarian government by the Communist Party, a government that restricted citizens from enjoying the liberty and economic prosperity of the Western city.

The Berlin Wall is also a manifestation of the Cold War that began in the post-WW II years. It was an actual Iron Curtain that divided the East from the West.

One may wonder what caused this great event. Perestroika (meaning "restructure" or "reform" in Russian) has a large part. For months, there has been protest throughout East Berlin and Germany by opposition groups and even by Communist party members who are pro-reformist, in demand of economic and political reform. Recent marches drew 300,000 protesters, which would never have been permitted until quite recently. The opening of the Wall was a tactic used to get some pressure off the Communist Party.

Egon Krenz, the recently appointed leader of the East German Communist Party, took many steps toward reform that surprised many

because he is known as a hard-liner (as was his predecessor, Erich Honecker). A week ago, he asked the entire Cabinet to resign, and it complied. Krenz needed a Cabinet that would respond to the ever-growing demand for reform. Presently, the East German government is charging at an incredible pace and in a direction similar to Poland (free elections, non-communists influencing policies, and a coalition government). Last Friday, Krenz called for a meeting of the Parliament and two major elections were held with the following results: 1) For the first time in 40 years, a non-Communist Party member, Guenther Maleuda, was elected Speaker of Parliament; 2) A reform-minded Communist, Hans Modrow, was elected as the new Premier. Modrow stated that he is interested in forming a coalition government with non-Communist parties. The new Speaker said he supports the demand to revoke the Communist Party's constitutional right to rule the country. He also blamed the Communist Party for East Germany's economic, social, and political problems.

How do the Soviets feel about the whole matter? In Moscow, a senior advisor to Gorbachev announced to a West German newspaper (Bild), "There is no reason to keep the Berlin Wall intact. . . the Wall was built for good reasons 28 years ago but they are now irrelevant."

No one can be sure what the future holds for East Germany and the Communist World in light of the recent happenings. The present course of reform could continue in the East in hope of political and eco-

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conomic change (socialist countries are severely crippled by shortages and inefficiency), or things could change just as swiftly back to a hardliner position (Gorbachev could die, naturally or by assassination; acoup by key members could expell Gorbachev, similar to what happened with Khrushchev). Remember Prague Spring in 1969 when the reform movement in Czechoslovakia was crushed by Soviet tanks because the Soviets feared that reform was moving too quickly and too drastically.

Many people wonder whether the U.S.S.R. and her satellite states will give up socialism. It is highly unlikely, even though they are accepting more Western ideas. Socialism is the sole source of legitimacy and authority for their states. By giving up socialism, the ruling powers would give up their right to rule.

Westerners have a narrow view of socialism. Believe it or not, it does possess some good traits: low unemployment rates, low housing costs, equal distribution of goods, free medical care, etc. Many people in these countries feel that socialism is positive and believe in it. This is evident in that the East Berliners did come back after the weekend; only a small percent (only 300 people) decided to stay.

Is Communism dying out? Many people feel it is; they see perestroika, free elections in Poland, the defunct Berlin Wall and the proclaiming of Hungary as a republic as evidence. However, the Marxist-Leninist doctrine does allow socialism to "retreat" (take on some forms of capitalism) in order for socialism to progress. Perhaps Lenin's idea is being

utilized right now by Gorbachev and the Communist nations. Socialism is not presently working: economies are plagued with shortages and inefficiencies, and the people are not content with their present situation. The East needs Western ideas, technology and capital to develop their economy to tackle its problems. Will Communism die out? Perhaps, but I'm not going to hold my breath.

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long tradition of preparing students for service, both domestic and international. Yet we realize that in this rapidly changing society, we are not doing enough to assist students in understanding this increasingly diverse society in which we live and in equipping them to function effectively in it as concerned citizens and tomorrow's leaders."

It was this need that prompted the Christian College Consortium to fund the "curriculum internationalization" program for its thirteen member colleges, including Houghton. Bence further clarified in an official report. During the process of revising the curriculum, the international studies major, balancing "formal classroom learning with the learning gained from a genuine cross-cultural experience," took form. It seemed to the administration to be the best way to use Houghton's resources in providing such an education.

According to Bence, the purpose of the major is to "build a strong liberal arts foundation combined with a significant cross-cultural experience for students who expect to live and work in other societies and cultures or who want a more adequate understanding of the world in which they live." The major "encourages a strong liberal arts foundation as the basis for analyzing social, historical, economic and political issues of other geographic areas and societies, and problems that extend beyond our national boundaries." Either "as an entity in itself or in conjunction with another major," the international studies major should "assure the student with career objectives in academia,

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Christmas Missions Supported, Dr. Suess Chosen

by Stephen Virkler



The Student Senate dealt with both the old and the new at its meeting on the evening of Tuesday, November 14 at 7:45 p.m. in Schaller Hall. Old topics discussed included giving money for Christmas missions and Winter Weekend themes, while new topics included a proposed dropping of 4th period classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the problem of parking on campus and the purchase of blinds for the Senate office.

Bill Whitmore, representing World Missions Fellowship, briefly explained the Christmas missions trip to Patterson, N. J. (Sunday, December 31 to Sunday, January 7) in conjunction with Star of Hope Missions in Patterson. On this trip, he said that about ten to sixteen people will be doing "manual work" in an "urban Christian school," "serving homeless people" in a soup kitchen, and distributing "clothes to homeless people." After this explanation, the Senate voted to give the \$1000 in the Christmas missions fund to World Missions Fellowship to finance this trip.

The Senate then voted on Winter Weekend themes for next year (1990) and *Celebration of Suess*, submitted by Chris Daniels and Bill King, was unanimously chosen. According to Daniels and King, the Winter Weekend chapel will consist of, among other things, a "Yahoo Dore" (from "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas") sing-along. Other reported highlights will be the serving of green eggs and ham at the week-

end's study break, a Dr. Suess trivia contest, the annual snow sculpture contest on Saturday morning, the Winter Weekend banquet ("Christmas in Whoville"), and a movie (*The Lorax*) and Senate Spot on Saturday night.

According to Kristi Duliba, representing the Academic Affairs committee, it has been proposed that no classes be held fourth period Tuesdays and Thursdays next fall. This time, said Dubila, can then be used for student club and faculty meetings.

In response to complaints about lack of student parking on campus from sophomore Joe Galli and senior Glenn Petraitis, the Senate approved motions to have someone look into creating more parking on campus and to form a committee to look at the parking situation on campus. Galli and Petraitis cited the lack of parking spaces available near the center of campus and of signs indicating illegal parking areas as two major areas of concern.

Also, the Senate approved the purchase of new blinds for its office. Of the \$500 it will cost to purchase these new blinds, \$250 will reportedly come from the college and the other \$250 will come from the Senate budget. The old blinds had been cleaned over the summer, but they still have a lot of dust in them and are "unhealthy," said Senate treasurer Darren Chick. He went on to say that it will be "cheaper [to buy them] now than it would be next year."

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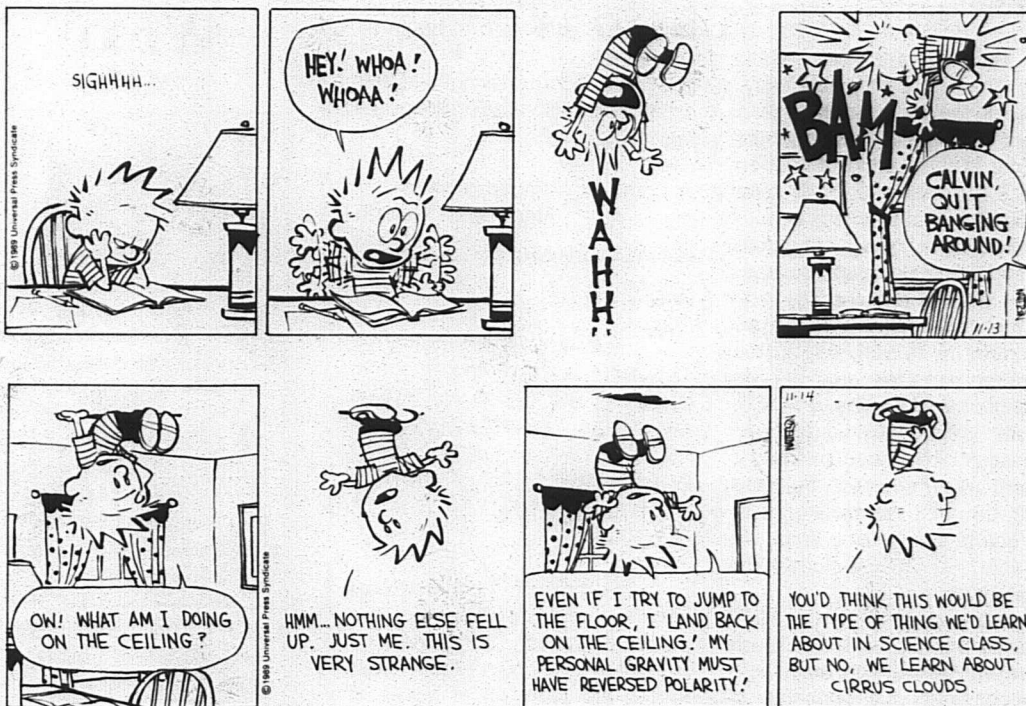
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the states, or overseas; whether it's actually *being* a missionary or staying behind and praying." WMF strives to dispel the myths and stereotypes surrounding "typical" missionaries, this purpose serving as one of the reasons for the week's title. The primary reason for the week (and its title), however, is to inform students of the opportunities that are available.

The backbone of the organization, according to Roth, is the weekly meetings. "Instead of just having different speakers from different organizations come in, we're trying to have meetings in which we can learn how to get ready for missions and what to do in preparation."

Roth announced that the missions trip to Daytona Beach, originally scheduled for spring break, has been canceled due to scheduling problems. The Christmas break mission to Patterson, New Jersey, will take place, however. The work will include soup kitchen assistance, maintenance work, childrens' center assistance and area church work. Although there will be specific training offered on-site (Patterson), Roth stressed that a large part of learning is experience, "just going out and doing it."

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government service, international business or agencies" of "competence in the workplace" or "readiness for advanced training."

The core courses required as part of the major (courses in sociology, political science, anthropology, etc.) are already in place. In addition to these, three new course offerings are important to the major's success: *Survey of International Economics*, *Economic Development* and *Cross-Cultural Communication*. Some resources are already in place, as well. Four Houghton students have participated in a semester program in Costa Rica, developed three years ago by the consortium. A Hong Kong internship program for business administration students has been developed by Houghton,

together with other consortium schools. Several education students are currently student teaching in such locations as Puerto Rico and Africa.

"In the past year," according to Bence's report, Houghton "has formed an agreement with the Johannean Language Institute in Shanghai" to "accept students for language and culture study and to transfer credit from Johannean to Houghton." Several other semester programs, offered by other consortium schools, are also available to Houghton students.

Although the six-hour course, *Cross-Cultural Experience*, is required for any student minoring in intercultural relations or majoring in international studies (when ratified),

it may be selected (with the approval of the student's faculty advisor) by a student in any discipline, according to Bence's report.

To receive credit for the international experience, the student must submit a proposal to the directors of the Office of Intercultural Programs and International Studies. The directors "will assist and advise," but "the student bears final responsibility for working out details" such as housing, visas and the like.

Faculty members involved in the internationalization process include Lindley, Dr. David Benedict and Pollock. They carry "the primary responsibility for student advising and teaching the foundational courses."

Opinion

Dear Editor:

Hats off to the art department! They've come a long way. And we do feel for these three men who are "over-giving" of their talents and time in this period of sudden growth. But this letter is directed specifically to those serious art students who seem so eager to pick at the standards of Houghton College.

I want to relate a little incident that took place with the art department in its early years (the department just a few years old, the instructors were A.O. Shea and M.O. Stockin). We did have figure drawing classes. The models were not "draped" (like the one in the *Star* photo), but with the assistance of short shorts and bathing suits, we were able to attain a fair study of the human figure.

Now my "story": In 1941 things were going well, and much like the present situation, we thought of the possibility of a fourth year at an accredited institution--this time the University of Buffalo (not Buffalo State). We arranged an interview with their academic dean and the head of the Albright Art School, then affiliated with the university. As we talked, President Stephen Paine spoke apologetically, explaining that we did not have "life drawing" at Houghton. Whereupon the head of the art school picked up from our portfolio collection a sensitively drawn charcoal study of a male figure in shorts (briefs) and asked, "What do you call this?" The result of the interview? In 1942, the University of Buffalo graduated our first art student with a major in art. Her name then was Evelyn Birkel. She had a good record in academics as well as in art.

You may well ask, "What happened?" World War II! And college enrollments dropped in half, "cut-backs," with the art department the

first to be eliminated, reinstated after the war was over, to begin all over again.

So, "figure drawing" was permitted at Houghton College long ago! May it continue!

Sincerely yours,
Marjorie O. Stockin

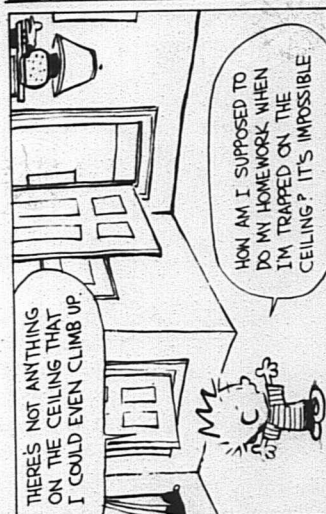
Dear Editor,

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV IS THE ANTI-CHRIST! THE SOVIET UNION IS STOCK-PILING ARMS AND PREPARING TO INVADE THE UNITED STATES! THE WELFARE PROGRAM IS PART OF AN EVIL COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF AMERICA!

Surprised? I certainly was when I heard this startling news on a program called "Songtime" on Houghton's very own WJSL. I had turned the radio on in hopes of hearing the weather forecast, but instead I learned that I, and the rest of the Western world, have been deceived by an Evil Genius, Gorbachev, and the wisest course of action would be to drop everything, run to the deepest woods in Allegany County, and build a bomb shelter. In the light of recent world events, these statements, made by an "international politics expert" in Dallas, Texas, seem ludicrous.

Admittedly, I rarely listen to the college radio station. But if what I heard Wednesday morning is a typical message Houghton College is broadcasting throughout the surrounding community, then I am both concerned and embarrassed.

Sincerely,
Brenda Bolton



Opinion

Rant Parking

by Mark Skinner



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Opinion

Dear Editor:

Hats off to the art department! They've come a long way. And we do feel for these three men who are "over-giving" of their talents and time in this period of sudden growth. But this letter is directed specifically to those serious art students who seem so eager to pick at the standards of Houghton College.

I want to relate a little incident that took place with the art department in its early years (the department just a few years old, the instructors were A.O. Shea and M.O. Stockin). We did have figure drawing classes. The models were not "draped" (like the one in the *Star* photo), but with the assistance of short shorts and bathing suits, we were able to attain a fair study of the human figure.

Now my "story": In 1941 things were going well, and much like the present situation, we thought of the possibility of a fourth year at an accredited institution--this time the University of Buffalo (not Buffalo State). We arranged an interview with their academic dean and the head of the Albright Art School, then affiliated with the university. As we talked, President Stephen Paine spoke apologetically, explaining that we did not have "life drawing" at Houghton. Whereupon the head of the art school picked up from our portfolio collection a sensitively drawn charcoal study of a male figure in shorts (briefs) and asked, "What do you call this?" The result of the interview? In 1942, the University of Buffalo graduated our first art student with a major in art. Her name then was Evelyn Birkel. She had a good record in academics as well as in art.

You may well ask, "What happened?" World War II! And college enrollments dropped in half, "cut-backs," with the art department the

first to be eliminated, reinstated after the war was over, to begin all over again.

So, "figure drawing" was permitted at Houghton College long ago! May it continue!

Sincerely yours,
Marjorie O. Stockin

Dear Editor,

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV IS THE ANTI-CHRIST! THE SOVIET UNION IS STOCK-PILING ARMS AND PREPARING TO INVADE THE UNITED STATES! THE WELFARE PROGRAM IS PART OF AN EVIL COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF AMERICA!

Surprised? I certainly was when I heard this startling news on a program called "Songtime" on Houghton's very own WJSL. I had turned the radio on in hopes of hearing the weather forecast, but instead I learned that I, and the rest of the Western world, have been deceived by an Evil Genius, Gorbachev, and the wisest course of action would be to drop everything, run to the deepest woods in Allegany County, and build a bomb shelter. In the light of recent world events, these statements, made by an "international politics expert" in Dallas, Texas, seem ludicrous.

Admittedly, I rarely listen to the college radio station. But if what I heard Wednesday morning is a typical message Houghton College is broadcasting throughout the surrounding community, then I am both concerned and embarrassed.

Sincerely,
Brenda Bolton



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Sports



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Promising Season Predicted for Highlanders

by Dan Noyes

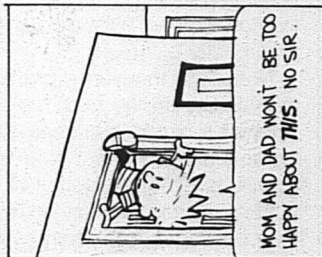
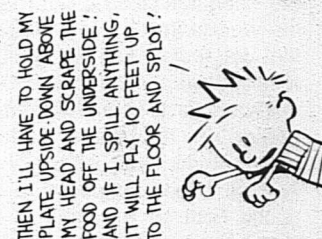
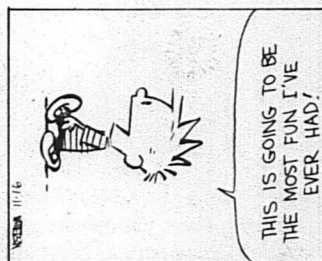
Have you ever dribbled through three defenders, stopped on a dime, and delivered a pinpoint tri-vector missile with two ticks on the big board? Have you ever leaped from amongst a sea of flailing limbs and snatched a rebound from a foot above the rim, coming down on both feet to give a head fake, go right back up, double-pump, slap the backboard, lay in two points, draw the foul, and can the free-throw? Have you ever leaped over Coach Brooks who was casually seated in a chair and forcefully threw down a dunk? If your answer to any or all of these questions was "no," do not fear; you don't have to. Men's basketball season has begun, and the Highlanders will be happy to do it for you.

The Highlanders played an exhibition game Friday in the luxurious "Houghton Dome" against Northeastern Junior Christian College. Outstanding performances by seniors Tom Kirschner and Sean O'Hara, juniors Mike Lewis and Kelly Frazier, sophomores Dave Binkowski and Mike Kinslow, and freshman Darren Berkley, among others, showed that this year's team will be competitive in a tough district, and allowed Houghton to come out on top 65-61.

Kirschner and O'Hara are intense rebounders and can be called upon to score if needed. Lewis is accurate from beyond the three point stripe, and his defense was instrumental in the win against his former school. Binkowski contributed with a variety of inside moves and rebounding tenacity. Kinslow contributed on the defensive end with a lightning-quick "in your face" style that threw opponents off-guard. He also contributed with some key jumpers.

Frazier combines a good outside touch with inside moves and toughness on the boards. He started at point guard in the Northeastern game but can play off guard or forward. Berkley showed flashes of greatness with excellent ball handling and a couple of clutch free throws that helped Houghton to victory over a Northwestern team that was nationally ranked at their level just two years ago.

The Highlanders will open their season tonight and Saturday at the Binghamton tournament and will continue on Tuesday night when they travel to play St. Vincent's. Be sure to attend the first home game against rivals Roberts Wesleyan on Saturday, November 18 at 8 pm.



Sports

Volleyball Team Finishes Season

by Kevin Fuller



Coach (Skip) Lord and the 1989 Women's Volleyball team completed their season on November 11 with an overall record of 11-12. The team seems very positive about their performance and the players are confident that their record is in now way indicative of their ability. "The majority of our games were extremely close," said senior Nancy Banker. "Our losses were not ones that we were out of from the start."

The team proved to be very adept at serving and spiking, with Audia Seymour and Stacia Daywell assisting in these areas. With the loss of a few key setters, Coach Lord utilized the talents of others such as Elise Munyard and Janice Stindell to help set up the big plays. "One of the strengths that our team possessed was an abundance of players," said Elise Munyard. "Coach Lord did a good job of substituting players in and out so everybody was able to play."

One of the season's highlights occurred on the weekend of October 13 and 14 at the NCCAA Districts in Geneva, NY. "After losing the first two games on Friday, we sat in the locker room for 30 minutes and just talked about how we could be playing better," said Banker. "The next day, we played the best that we did all year."

"Even though we lost the final game," continued Munyard, "I felt as if we won by how well we played."

Seniors Banker and Kara Christiansen will definitely be missed next year, but hopefully, the team's growth will continue to expand for seasons to come.

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Records Aren't Everything

by Kevin Fuller

The success of an athletic team is too often based upon its win-loss record alone. Critics would be largely mistaken if they were to judge the women's soccer team as unsuccessful. Its 3-11-1 record does not accurately display the progress which has been made this year.

The team has come a long way since first arriving at initial practices. Thirteen of the 24 players were new, including ten freshmen. "Our record was not an accurate reflection of our ability," said coach Paula Maxwell, "We had a lot of talent, but just could not seem to get the ball in the goal."

One aspect which the team appeared to enjoy was its strong sense of integration. "I enjoyed the unity which our team displayed," said freshman Juli Zielinski. "We didn't win as much as we had hoped, but we did learn a great deal."

Success, in the case of the women's soccer team, will not be determined solely upon this year's record, but rather how effectively their experiences carry over into next season.

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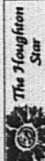
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Editorial

The Cult of I

by Dave Wheeler



During the ESA chapel Wednesday, Mark Cerbone addressed the issues of superficiality within the church and rampant greed within society, "church" and "world" alike. It was an interesting chapel, one of the twelve or fifteen best of the last two and a half years, I'd hazard. Although I differed with Cerbone over certain points (I'm more inclined to be forgiving regarding John Tower, etc.—another example of "radical" Christianity, I guess), I found his analysis strikingly relevant, particularly his lament over greed.

Greed, as Cerbone capably pointed out Wednesday, has generally manifested itself in avarice in the 80s, with figures such as Ivan Boesky and the infamous Bakkers coming to mind. With avarice defined by none other than the Lord Jesus Christ as "the root of all evil," it's disturbing how a Boesky could receive a standing ovation for the Orwellian statement, "Greed is good" (with reverberations in several recent movies). Unfortunately, it's not surprising: since when do people listen to Jesus, anyway?

It's tempting to equate greed with avarice, however; and say that we don't have those problems—or at least that they don't have the ramifications of a TV evangelist or insider trader. We can't get off that easily, however—not only is avarice alive and well at whatever price, but it's only one facet of greed.

Greed is simply the desire to better our condition (in whatever way—economic, social, academic), either with little regard to the conditions of others or, worse, at their expense. And, since we're commanded to "esteem others higher than ourselves," greed is indefensible.

And I'm guilty. When my GPA becomes more important than my roommate's or friends' concerns, I'm displaying greed. When I seek an irrationally large part of another person in the name of affection, I'm greedy. When time better devoted to God and His service is spent on my own concerns, I'm greedy.

What is lust but greed, an irrational, illicit desire? What is idolatry other than the desire of a "better" (easier?) set of religious standards? What is theft or covetousness, impudence or laziness (I like the King James term for laziness: "sloth." Brings up admirable pictures, doesn't it?) besides greed? And what is greed—besides pride?

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sum total of our lives (greed). Easy, but dangerous. We are called to consider ourselves *last*—to rejoice in insults, degradations, persecutions, abasements, and the like.

The gods have to come down, split apart and humiliated like the Phillistine Dagon or the PTL pantheon. Holiness requires an attitude of crusade proportions: death to the false gods.

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