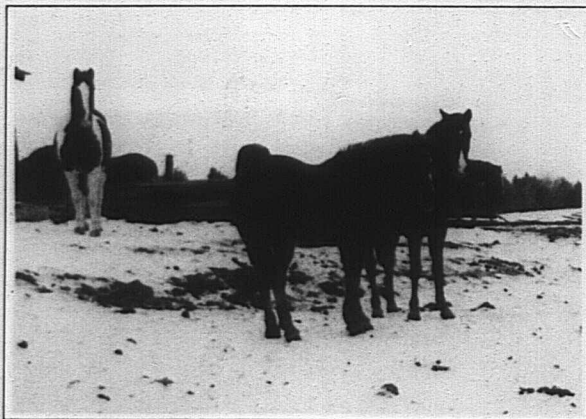

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Mayterm: Horses and Horst

by Lorry Arnold

Several Houghton students will be traveling abroad this May as part of two Mayterm courses.

Lorry Arnold, Joyce Baly, Ned Farnsworth, and Bill Thomas will be going to Spain for the "May in Spain" course. Headed by Professor Ray Horst, Assistant Professor of Spanish, the group will be touring some of the largest cities of Spain, such as Madrid, Toledo, Sevilla, Granada, and Barcelona.

On the tour, the students will learn the history of Spain, as well as study its architecture and art. Professor Horst is also arranging interviews with missionaries in the country so the students can gain insight on the role of religion in Spain. Students will also be required to keep a journal.

In previous years, Horst has taken groups of students to Colombia and Central America. Horst chose Spain this year partly because of the chance of a full-scale war in Central America.

Becky Banker, Pattie Baxter, Melissa Knox, Laura Minard, Heidi Piper, and Andy Topolnycky will be traveling to

Ireland for the "Riding in Ireland" course, a study of horsemanship led by Carol Wheeler of the College Farm.

The group will be staying in a 17th century Georgian manor where they will be instructed by a professional trainer ranked in the British Horse Society.

Wheeler chose to take the students to Ireland in part because it would be cheaper than going to England.

Next May, Wheeler would like to take a group of students to a ranch out west, although definite plans have not been made.

The Mayterm course in England has been cancelled. Professor Ben King, Assistant Professor of Voice, and Charles Bressler, Assistant Professor of English, planned to take a group of students to England for a combination music/English tour, but cancelled it because there weren't "enough bodies," according to King. The course may be offered again next year, depending on the teaching schedules of King and Bressler.

Read all about it — next week

★ **CID revisited:** comprehensive articles about Current Issues Day, including speakers' points, students' reactions, and how we can follow-up the issue.

★ **A word from Bill:** an exclusive interview with Bill Wichterman, next year's Senate President. Find out Bill's reaction and plans, all the way from Wheaton.

★ **And, of course, Bloom County.** Find all of this, plus a lot more, in next week's *Star*, available on your Campus Center stairs March 22.

Chamberlain Assumes Chairmanship Duties

HCP—Houghton College President Daniel R. Chamberlain has been elected to a one-year term as chairman of the Christian College Coalition Board of Directors in Washington, DC. Chamberlain was among the forty presidents of the Coalition member colleges present at the organization's 1985 annual meeting in the nation's capital where the election took place.

After hearing reports on the organization's expanding involvements in a variety of undertakings during the past year, Dr. Chamberlain commented: "In just ten years the Christian College Coalition has grown from 14 colleges to more than 70—in fact, membership has doubled during the last three years. We must now consolidate that growth by strengthening our committee structures and increasing campus awareness of the valuable workshops and other services the Coalition makes available to faculty, students and administrators. In the year ahead I also anticipate that we will initiate our first international studies program in Latin

America and explore other program possibilities in Asia."

Among actions taken during the meeting, the Coalition board approved a \$5,000 feasibility study on the establishment of a Latin American Studies Center in Latin America patterned after the internship/academic study model of the Coalition's American Studies Program in Washington.

Other board action included approval of a tuition exchange program, increased cooperative marketing, and the drafting of a statement designed to communicate the Coalition's purpose and programs.

The Christian College Coalition was established in 1976 to preserve educational and religious freedom through monitoring legislation, judicial activity, and governmental regulations, and developing unified positions on critical issues for presentation to governmental agencies and other organizations which affect the freedom of Christian colleges to function educationally and religiously.

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Covering All Corners

by Jon "Snake" Merrill

Moscow—After being in power for 16 months, Soviet leader Konstantin Chernenko, 73, died Sunday from chronic emphysema and other ailments of the heart and liver. Chernenko has been seriously ill since last summer, but the Soviet government did not reveal this until late last month. Rumors of his death began last weekend and were confirmed late Sunday evening. Soviet radio replaced all programs with classical music, which traditionally signifies the imminent announcement of the death of a high-ranking Soviet official. Over the weekend, Soviet delegates visiting in West Germany and Yugoslavia, and Politburo member Vladimir Shcherbitsky visiting in Washington, had to curtail their trips to return to Moscow. Shcherbitsky was able to meet with President Reagan before departing to participate in the selection of the new leader and in Chernenko's funeral.

Confronted with the third leadership "crisis" in 28 months, President Reagan decided not to attend Chernenko's funeral on Wednesday. Instead, Vice-President George Bush delayed his return home from Geneva to represent the US in Moscow. Reagan has not gone to the funerals of two previous Soviet leaders, Leonid Brezhnev and Yuri Andropov. Reagan's presence could have been symbolic of the increased dialogue between the US and the Soviet Union, but perhaps the resumption of talks in Geneva this week and Bush's appearance will maintain the dialogue.

As expected, the Soviet Politburo selected Mikhail Gorbachev, on Monday, as the new leader of the Soviet Union. At the age of 54, Gorbachev brings a youthful leadership to the ruling group, whose members average around the mid-seventies in age. In 1978, Gorbachev became a member of the Soviet Politburo and gradually rose up in the ranks. Having been appointed chairman of the Supreme Soviet Foreign Affairs Committee in April 1984, Gorbachev made several trips to western countries and impressed many observers with his firm and assuring image. Chernenko's successor has also had experience in dealing with internal affairs by handling the Soviet Union's agricultural and economic problems with some degree of success. Gorbachev's promotion marks the present achievements younger Communist members have had in moving into the more traditional policy-making body in the Kremlin. Most believe that this shift in power will soften the Soviet's hard-line position on domestic and foreign affairs; however, while Gorbachev desires that detente with the US be maintained, no dramatic changes are expected in the near future.

Could Gorbachev's rise to the Soviet leadership have a significant impact in present Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START)? At the negotiating table in Geneva this week, attention may have been distracted from the talks to the events in Moscow. Gorbachev claimed that Soviet interest will not be sacrificed by concessions and maintained that any attack on Russia will be met with a "crushing" blow. Furthermore, other contemporary "old guard" officials and groups namely, Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and the Soviet military, will check any changes made if new Soviet policy on nuclear weapons is introduced.

Geneva—Soviet negotiators arrived last Sunday for START and asserted firmly that they wish to see a ban on space-based defenses along with a reduction in nuclear weapons now in existence. In response, US delegates claimed that Reagan's "Star Wars" plan will not be used as a "bargaining chip." Chief Soviet delegate, Viktor Karpov, said the basis of negotiations is to find a solution to "complex" questions concerning nuclear and space arms, stating the negotiations promote "an opportunity for productive work and (for) reaching solutions aimed at preventing an arms race in space and terminating it on Earth."

The American negotiation team is led by Max Kampelman, who, for the last five years, has discussed the human rights issue with the Soviets. Kampelman stressed last week that he will approach the talks in a pragmatic manner, declaring, "We dare not and cannot blow the Soviet Union away. . . . We must try to find a formula under which we can live together in dignity." Meanwhile, Reagan continues to employ his "Star Wars" program, not as a means of reducing the anti-missile defense system in space, but to convince the Soviets that it serves their interests as well as those of the US by fending off nuclear attacks.

Recreation Team Now Accepting Applications

by Julaine Swithers

Applications are now being accepted for the "Dayspring" summer ministry tour. "Dayspring" is a team of six Houghton students who travel to Christian camps serving as counselors and recreation coordinators. Team members are trained to provide camp leadership in the areas of recreational programming, spiritual development and Bible study, large and small group dynamics, camp administration, outdoor living skills and counseling.

Senior Paula Maxwell is an active team member who enjoys being a part of "Dayspring." She has fun being with the kids she counsels and the

other members of the team. "It's a great support group," said Maxwell. "We get a lot of strength from each other. We're able to share our problems and find out things about ourselves."

Team members receive scholarships based on the amount of weeks they work. This year's team will be touring from June 30 to August 9. All interested applicants should stop by, call, or leave a note intra-campus. The Church Relations Office is located on the second floor of Bedford House (the small brick house directly across from the campus center).

Students to Lobby In Washington

UCAM—College students, faculty and staff from across the country will gather in Washington on Thursday, April 18th for the 1985 University Lobby to End the Arms Race. They will meet with members of Congress to inform them of widespread campus support for policies that would halt the nuclear arms race.

Participants in the Lobby Day will discuss four legislative priorities with their legislators: restricting funds for nuclear explosives testing and resuming negotiations for a comprehensive test ban treaty; stopping appropriations for extremely accurate, potentially first-strike weapons such as the MX, Trident D-5 and Pershing II missiles; continuing a moratorium on testing of anti-satellite weapons; supporting efforts to reduce funding for Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars) research and supporting efforts to maintain the existing ABM treaty in force; and finally, supporting legislation for a comprehensive bilateral freeze on the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons. The Lobby Day will feature briefings by Washington arms control lobbyists, meetings with legislators, and a chance to share experiences with campus delegations from around the country.

The national sponsor of Lobby Day is United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War (UCAM), an organization founded in 1982. UCAM presently has 60 campus chapters and contacts on 700 campuses in all 50 states and Canada. Students for Nuclear Disarmament, Yale University, will lead the field organizing effort

to encourage participation in Lobby Day. Yale and national UCAM will be assisted in their efforts by UCAM chapters and independent campus groups throughout the country.

Last year, 700 participants from 65 campuses gathered for the first Lobby Day. Students spoke with their members of Congress and were addressed by national arms control experts. Michael Wishnie, a key Lobby Day organizer at Yale University, summarizes the objectives of the Lobby Day: "We hope to spark a renewed effort to curb the spiraling nuclear competition by demonstrating the presence of a well-informed and active campus movement for arms control." UCAM's Field Director, Phil Antweiler, says that he "expects this year's event to be much larger. Interested student groups have been calling from around the country and the organizing effort is well ahead of last year's pace."

Lobby Day organizers are currently seeking contact with persons or groups interested in learning more about the event. Even campuses unable to send delegations to Washington, DC are urged to support the aims of Lobby Day by collecting signed proxy statements which will be delivered by participants to members of Congress.

For more information, contact either of the organizations listed below: Students for Nuclear Disarmament, Yale University, Eric Celeste, Box 6198, Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520 (203) 436-1480, or UCAM Phil Antweiler, 1346 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 706, Washington, DC 20036 (202) 223-6206.



"But I like Twinkies!" Dr. Brian Sayers, middle, pleads with Dr. Irmgard Howard following her March 11th lecture on nutrition in Schaller Hall. Dr. Paul Young, chairman of the Lecture Series, looks on.

Howard Reveals Nutrition Shortcomings In Western Culture

by Thea Hurd

"There seems to be a love/hate, approach/avoidance attitude toward food" in Western society, stated Dr. Irmgard Howard in the first faculty lecture of the semester, Monday, March 11, at 8pm in Schaller Hall. Howard, Associate Professor of Chemistry at Houghton, gave a biochemist's view of nutrition in her lecture, "Overfed/Undernourished."

Howard discussed the extreme opposite views toward food in our

culture. "There are what I call the 'chemophiliacs' who say all food processing has benign effects, and there are the 'chemophobics' who believe all processing taints food. The food industry caters to both groups." Quoting *Philadelphia* magazine, she joked that: "With all the emphasis on making junk food good for us, it's only a matter of time before we see 100% natural, hi-fiber, stress formula twinkies."

Howard's answer to the dichotomy

was that nutritionists don't know all the answers. "Nutrition is both very simple and very complex."

"I see our physical lives as six-faceted diamonds involving activity, rest, waste removal, attitudes, stress, and food itself, all influencing our reactions to food." Howard encouraged physical activity and recounted a survey that sedentary college graduates suffered a higher risk of heart trouble than active grads.

Explaining one biochemical reaction, Howard proved the complexity of nutrition. "We have a whole series of inter-related reactions occurring just within our cells. Each of us differs even at the level of intra-cellular activity." Thus, experts can't give a mechanism for the total reactions of any single nutrient, but just a trend of its activity and some of the specific chemical reactions.

Comparing diet and disease in the US since 1900, Howard noted the changes. Americans now have more total fats (unsaturated, saturated, partially hydrogenated, and cholesterol), sugar, salt, redmeats, additives, vitamin and mineral supplements, and pyrolysis products (substances that break down by overheating such as char-broiled meats) in their diets. These substances are linked to diseases ranging from hypertension to cancer. Meanwhile, the consumption of fiber and intrinsic vitamins and minerals (which have been processed out of much of our food) has dropped.

Diseases such as tuberculosis, polio, diphtheria, and rickets have almost disappeared due to better inoculations, sanitary measures, and antibiotics. However, rates of cardiovascular disorders, hypertension, bowel and breast cancers, birth

defects, childhood hyperactivity, and obesity have risen.

Howard stated that one out of five American adults is obese (or 20% over desirable weight) and 6% severely obese (or 40% over prime weight). Howard cited American attitudes toward food as part of the fat problem we encounter. "Food is used for gratification ('You deserve a break today.'). consolation ('Bake someone happy.'). relaxation, inspiration, and socialization."

"The four food groups have adversely changed our thinking," Howard asserted. "First, they are redundant" since we can get protein from meats, grains and vegetables. "Second, they are irrelevant to the majority of the world's population." All the people can't afford meat and milk, and some races are lactose-intolerant. "Third, this system encourages a high consumption of fat and protein in the West itself."

Howard concluded her lecture with three correlations of certain health conditions to Western nutrition. She cited the correlation of hypertension to intermittent overweight/underweight cycles or fast/feast cycles. Next, excessive ingestion of certain amino acids can cause the loss of calcium via the urine. "Isn't it ironic that the milk we drink for its calcium content may actually, in part, contribute to its loss?" Finally, excessive and deficient amounts of vitamin B6 affect loss of coordination and wrist pain, respectively.

Howard closed her lecture by repeating that an "excess of any nutrient can lead to the relative deficiency of another" in our bodies. "The ideal diet would appear to be a variety of foods, in moderation, as close as possible to the natural state."

Lecturer Notes Pro-Life, Pro-Choice Overlap

by Bryan Vosseler

Michael J. Gorman, who is completing his doctoral studies at Princeton Theological Seminary, talked to Houghton students and faculty in a lecture on Thursday, March 7. Gorman focused mainly on his book, *Abortion and the Early Church*.

Gorman started with a presentation of the history of abortion. In looking at the history, he first answered the question, "Who would have wanted one?" He stated that often women had no say in the matter, but the main reasons were for contraceptive purposes and to conceal illicit sex. The poor

often had abortions because there was not enough money to raise the child. Secondly, he talked on the non-Christian attitudes toward abortion. Plato advocated abortion after age 40. Gorman felt that "the problem with both Plato and Aristotle is that they have a utilitarian view of the individual."

The Jewish attitude was strongly anti-abortion. They thought it was immoral and socially unjust, and at times, they even considered it murder.

Gorman stated four themes for the reasons behind the early Christian attitude against abortion. First, the fetus was considered a creation

of God. Secondly, abortion was murder. Third, the early church thought that "the judgment of God falls upon those who commit abortion." Finally, "opposition to abortion is part of a consistent, holistic, non-violent, Christian lifestyle."

Relating the early church's ideas to today's situation, Gorman noticed a cross-over between pro-life and pro-choice advocates. He felt the pro-life movement should not just be anti-abortion, but anti-violence in any form. The total pro-life stance would mean that Christians should be as concerned about the poor, civil rights, and deployment of

nuclear weapons as they are about abortion.

Student response varied. Senior Lisa Carey stated, "I thought it was a very relevant point that we should be pro-life in everything — not only abortion, but also in war and capital punishment. It really made me consider my position on all the issues."

Said Joe Conway, also a senior, "His use of the historical sources was solid and comprehensive, with both Christian and secular views. But I thought he couldn't substantiate some of his conclusions about pro-life."



Lt. Royce Anderson

ROTC Offers Introduction

by Faith Haines

Houghton's ROTC program, part of the St. Bonaventure University detachment, currently has five upper-classmen enrolled, and has begun a one-hour Leadership Lab this semester to familiarize students with the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps.

The Friday afternoon class studies marching, leadership, respect for leaders, and various physical skills. Sophomore Trudy Holzmacher said of the class, "It is a great introduction to the army." She is planning to enter Basic Training this summer.

ROTC, like West Point, is a way to become an army officer. Students can choose from several options in

receiving their training. One is six weeks of intensive physical training, called Basic Training, at an army base and two years of ROTC labs. These two-hour, weekly labs involve physical training, problem-solving, and responsibility-taking.

Another option is to take all four years in an ROTC detachment. Unless the student receives a scholarship covering tuition and books, he may leave the program during the first two years. If he decides to stay, a commitment to the army is made in the third year. At this time, the cadet may go to six weeks of Advanced Camp in Fort Bragg, NC. The emphasis in Advanced Camp is on developing leadership skills and learning to deal with stress.

Five Houghton students are currently under contract with the army: Todd Shaver, Marty Ruch, Rob Coy, Brad Carlson, and Royce Anderson.

Anderson, who is now a lieutenant, hopes to start her four years of active duty in May or June following graduation. Last year, while she was a cadet, Anderson was selected to receive the highest award in her class. Each year, 315 cadets from each ROTC detachment in the US are selected for the George Marshall Award. The number one cadet in each class is sent for four days to the Virginia Military Institute for conferences and seminars. Anderson attended the Strategic Mineral Resource seminar.

Participating cadets met some of the "big whigs" of the army including several generals, the Secretary of the Army, and the Chief of Staff. "There were a lot of stars flying around there," she said.

Foreign Missions Fellowship Announces 1985 - 86 Officers

The Foreign Missions Fellowship recently held its elections for cabinet and prayer group positions, according to Stacey Ake, current FMF president. Officers for the following year (1985-86) are:

President: David Manney
Vice President: Jane Miller
Secretary: Karen Creeley
Treasurer: Steve Waller
Publicity Director: Laurie Spicer
Summer Missions Coordinator: Jon Schult
Prayer Group Coordinator: David Howell
Administrative Assistant: Patty Heckman
Church Visitation Coordinator: Open

Advisors have not yet been chosen. Prayer Group leaders for the year are:

Jewish Lands: Peter Schultz
Communist Lands: Daniel Freed
Muslim Lands: Joe Conway
Caribbean/Central America: Robin Crowden
South America: Dave Manney
Africa: Jon Schult
India/South East Asia: Cheryl Perry
Europe: Jim Daniels

Weekly meetings are held every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Fancher Auditorium.

No membership is necessary to attend. Just come and join the fellowship.

What Will You Say in Ten Years?

CCC—Do you think you'll forget Houghton after you graduate? Houghton College hasn't influenced you all that much, has it?

The Christian college they attended was revealed to be the third most formative influence in the lives of the alumni of Christian College Consortium schools. In first place were their parents and in second their spouses. Their churches were fourth.

This was reported by David Parkyn, Chaplain of Messiah College, who has just completed a research project in cooperation with the academic deans of the 13 Consortium colleges. All alumni in the tenth anniversary alumni class of all the colleges were surveyed in the study.

The study was based upon the objectives each school listed in its catalog. Those shared in common by all 13 schools were identified and constituted the base for questioning alumni to determine if the stated mission of each college is being achieved in the lives of its graduates. Chaplain Parkyn's research is one of

the few studies made to date about the outcomes of Christian higher education and is a landmark project.

Other major conclusions from the study were that residential students felt that their lives were influenced more directly by the college they attended than commuter students did and that four-year students were more significantly affected than shorter term students. On an across-the-college basis, alumni perceived their institutions to have had the greatest positive influence in the areas of spiritual and moral development, and the least positive experience in the area of aesthetic development. It was also clear from the results that alumni of some colleges perceived their college experience to have been significantly more influential than did alumni from other colleges.

A summary of the conclusions of the study is available from the office of the Christian College Consortium, 4105 N. Lexington, Suite 107, St. Paul, Minnesota 55112.

Concert Review: Musicians Combine Talent and Worship

by Linda Roberts

Houghton's Campus in Concert held Saturday March 9th, brought a refreshing change to the CAB calendar. It combined the spontaneity and student participation of a Senate Spot within the message of a Christian concert.

The only group performance, New Covenant Band, benefited by the addition of some talented freshman instrumentalists like Lee Schar Schmidt and Gordon Kerr.

Phil Silvey added delightfully heartfelt compositions to the program. Particularly enjoyable was his song *Two are Better than One* sung by Phil and Kim Vogan and a beautiful trumpet solo by Barb Kinney. Their magnetic chemistry mirrored the sentiment of the song. Lanae Ford combined an uplifting message with a dramatic soprano voice in her rendition of *My Tribute*. Doug Allen also employed outstanding vocal technique.

For me, the highlight of the evening was the touching testimony and song *Bobble* by Russ Duttweiler. I was moved by his sincerity and honesty in expressing how we should show our love to one another before it's too late.

Joey Jennings deserves credit for a well organized evening, but there were a few problems. There needed to be more variation in styles, more creativity, and fewer Sandi Patti songtracks. The introductions to the acts were also dry. I hope *Campus in Concert* will be a traditional activity, and I congratulate all the performers for a night that truly glorified God.

Fine Arts

Cantata: Good to the Last Drop

by Gerry Szymanski

The 1985 Houghton College Fine Arts Festival continues this evening in its celebration of the 300 year anniversary of the birth of three major Baroque composers, Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frederick Handel and Domenico Scarlatti with a performance of Bach's *Coffee Cantata*, and his *Brandenburg Concerto No. 5*. The concert begins at 8:00 pm in the Wesley Chapel auditorium.

Was Bach part of the "Coffee Generation?" He set the music to his secular *Coffee Cantata* in 1732, based on a poem by Henrici Pickander. This witty satire of one of the "vices" of the time, coffee drinking, is a brilliant tongue-in-cheek romp through

romance, trickery and despair with mugfuls of caffeine to boot. The text, sung in English, relays the lamentable tale of a certain father who threatens his only daughter (hopelessly addicted to the foul brew) with the prospect of no husband. She grudgingly agrees in order to save herself endless loneliness, but slyly lets out and about town (unknown to father, of course) that she will only marry a man who allows her "to make coffee as I like it." The ending is sure to bring a smile in a way which may seem strange when compared to Bach's usual "serious" image.

Festival coordinator Prof. Ben King

will conduct the cantata as a part of this year's opera Workshop. Douglas Allen, Kathleen Dennison and Andrew Leverenz will be the soloists accompanied by Jane Miller, Tian Kun, violins; Margret Smith, viola; Christina Nelson, cello; and Dr. Susan Randall on harpsichord continuo.

The six Brandenburg Concerti of Bach are perhaps his most famous works for chamber orchestra, and with good reason. Each one is in itself a microcosm of masterful counterpoint, shimmering texture, and brilliant polyphony. *Concerto No. 5 in D, BWV 1050*, is no exception; its familiar

first movement contains all these qualities as well as a virtuosic harpsichord cadenza which postpones its dramatic conclusion by one masterly additional clause after another. Prof. Hermon Dilmore will conduct, and Mary Jo Roth will accompany the strings from the Houghton College Orchestra on solo harpsichord with concertmaster Timothy Collins on solo violin. The flute soloists for the three movement concerto will be respectively, Linda Lewis, Heidi Best and Angela Kinney.

Come out and hear the two sides of old J.S. tonight. It's an evening you'll be sure to enjoy.

Haas: Musical Offering

by Gerry Szymanski

Celebrating J.S. Bach's actual birthday on March 21, the Houghton College Fine Arts Festival is featuring internationally renowned guest artist Arthur Haas, Eastman School of Music faculty, performing an all Bach harpsichord program at 8:00 pm in Wesley Chapel. Prior to his tenure at Eastman, Mr. Haas has won many competitions including the Second International Paris Harpsichord Competition, and has studied and toured extensively in Europe. He has been music director of *Tresors Retrouvés*, a French association dedicated to the revival of Baroque theatrical works as well as serving on the faculty at L'Ecole Nationale de Musique in Angoulême, France. Mr. Haas has also recorded harpsichord repertoire on labels such as EMI, Harmonia Mundi and Italia, in addition to numerous radio recordings in Europe and North America.

Mr. Haas will begin his program with *Prelude, Fugue and Allegro in E-flat Major, BWV catalogue No. 998*, followed by the *Three-Part Ricercare*

from *The Musical Offering*. The latter is part of an exhaustive set of variations based on a theme composed by Frederick the Great of Prussia on which Bach improvised when he was visiting that monarch in 1747. Bach returned home and wrote down his improvisations, adding three- and six-part *ricercars*, sonatas and no less than ten canons. He later dedicated the *Offering* to the Prussian king. The *Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue in d minor* gives us a look at Bach's most free and expressive style, his bold and daring steps into new tonal patterns attest to his incredible genius.

After the intermission, Mr. Haas will conclude his recital with the *Partita No. 4 in D major, BWV 828*, a dance suite in seven movements.

Prof. Haas will also give a master class in Baroque techniques at 1:15 that day, and all are invited to attend. Fine Arts Division Chairman Robert Galloway states that Thursday night's performance will be of such high caliber that it will be "almost like having someone here for an Artist Series."

The Baroquean Line

by Jacques Bach Cousteau and Pius IX

Artist: P.D.Q. Bach

Album Title: *The Wurst of P.D.Q. Bach*

Label: Vanguard

For those of you out there who may be unfamiliar with the canon of this highly controversial composer, let's just begin by saying that no composer has ever had such a monumental and bizarre effect on the course of Western Music, ever. Really.

Of course, this is a posthumous album (for those of you who didn't understand parochialism before, posthumous means he's dead) and a good one at that. A variety of pieces including concerti, cantati, symphony, fugi and operi have been collected on this disk exemplifying Bach's ability from the earliest (Shickele catalogue No. 1/2 (tsp.)) to the hopefully later (S. 53162) works.

Favorite cuts: *Fugue in C minor, (Fuga Vulgaris) for Calliope four hands*, (based on the "Happy Birthday, Ugh!" theme) and the Oratorio *The Seasonings*. Though the rest of the album is quite good, the tune with the most airplay will definitely be *My Bonnie Lass She Smelleth*.

What we were not so impressed with was the glaring absence of the so-called "Sanka Cantata," the first autograph manuscript of P.D.Q. Bach ever found. A little decaffeinated music every once in a while would be nice.

The Baroquean Line: Get this one!

P.S. Jacques likes the cover 'cause it reminds him of the mad flautist Ian Anderson.

Join the search this Saturday at 8:00 pm in Wesley Chapel. Price \$1.00 with student I.D.

STAR TREK III THE SEARCH FOR SPOCK

Sports

Nyack Nips Houghton

by Dave Mee

What began as a retreat in the hills of Watkins Glen, NY, brought the end of a successful season for the men's basketball team. On Saturday night, March 9, the Parsons of Nyack College upset the Houghton Highlanders 56-54, for the NCCAA Eastern Regional Championship.

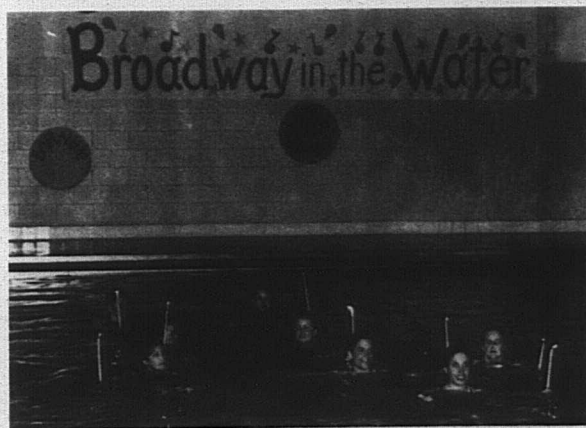
After trailing by one point, the Highlanders took the floor in the second half and managed to turn a five-point Nyack lead into a seven-point bulge for Houghton. The outside shooting of senior forward Jeff Anspach, and the ball handling of fellow senior Derrick Barnes, were keys to the Highlander game as they had been all season. Anspach finished the night with 20 points, one shy of the game-high 21-point performance of Nyack senior Dan Bailey.

With under a minute remaining on the clock, and trailing by one point, Houghton gained possession of the ball. As the clock read fewer than ten seconds, sophomore guard

Josh Merrill took a shot from the top of the key that fell short and out of reach of Highlander center Ron Duttweiler. Houghton was then forced to foul Nyack forward Lloyd Leverit, who cashed in on one of two free throw attempts. With three seconds left, Houghton called time-out and set up a play for Anspach to shoot the last shot. The Nyack squad predicted such a plan, and with three men surrounding Anspach in the corner, Barnes was forced to give the ball to Bill Dockery, who launched a thirty-foot shot that bounced off the rim.

The Highlanders ended the season with a 19-10 record and won 11 of 13 games at home. As he did last year, Anspach led the team in scoring, with just under 20 points per game. Barnes dished out nearly eight assists per game.

Players named to the NAIA All-District team and the NCCAA District II All-star team should be announced within the next two weeks.



Synchronized swimmers spit fire during Friday's tribute to Broadway. Eat your heart out Ethel Mermaid! (photo Tim Valdez)

Women Race To First at Fisher

by Ned Farnsworth

Recently the Houghton College track and field team came out to brighten an otherwise dull winter day. The women's squad trounced all competition, winning the track invitational held March 2, 1985, at St. John Fisher College. Meanwhile, the men's squad slid to third with difficult competition, finishing ahead of Roberts Wesleyan by one point.

Dominating Houghton's sprinters were Mimi Hale and Paul Allen. Hale grabbed fourth in the 50m (7.4) and a first in the 300m (47.4). Melissa Downing sprinted to fifth place finishes in both the 50m and 300m. Alma Lehman stole a third in the 300m. Hale joined teammates Gloria Mosher, Mary McCullough, and Alma Lehman for a win in the mile relay (4:43).

Allen made his mark as he glided to an impressive second in the 300 (38.9) as well as to a fifth 50m (6.2). He, joined with Mark Hillis, John Monroe, and Wes Dunham, captured the mile relay victory in 3:45.7.

Representing Houghton in hurdles was Gloria Mosher who leaped to second place (9.1) and teammate Dave Riether to fourth (7.6) in the 50m hurdles for the men. Mosher also

stole a second in the 500m run, (1:34). Riether anchored a second place in the two-mile relay with Rob Coy, John Monroe, and Wes Dunham.

Distance runners McCullough, and Coy made Houghton proud. McCullough was never challenged for her double wins in the 1500 (5:03) and the 1000 (3:16). Wendy Harris added a fourth in the 1500 (6:00) and a second place finish in the 1000 (3:40) for the Highlanders.

Coy paced to a 4:19.4 in the 1500 that earned him second and also placed third in the 1000. Paul Raduns, runner-up in the 3000m with 10:33, inspired teammate Ned Farnsworth for a 10:36 personal best and a third place finish. For the field events, junior Karl Beals took fifth, tossing the shot put a 36'1", his best.

The men's scores combined for 37 points passing Roberts Wesleyan's 36 by one point but falling to Niagara's 76 and Monroe Community's 44 points. St. John's finished with 16 points and Elmira with five points.

The women collected 50 points—well above second placed Canisius with 37. Roberts finished a distant third with 17, followed by Monroe with six and Elmira, three.

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Editorial

Words Are Not Enough

Frankly, I'm sick of hearing about abortion. Before any of you jump to conclusions about my moral character and pray for my swift and immediate salvation, let me clarify that statement. I'm sick of hearing the same speeches, of reading the same arguments, and of running circles around the issue. As usually happens with an emotional and controversial issue, people keep on believing what they want to believe. These people do not consider what they support or the ramifications of what they support.

My main reason for not wholeheartedly supporting anti-abortion legislation is the attitude of its proponents. Granted, abortion is the taking of life. However, "pro-life" supporters do not give much hope to unwed mothers, rape and incest victims, or *anyone* who chooses abortion for that matter. They are not tackling the problems of the world that must be faced after birth.

As Michael Gorman pointed out in his lecture on March 7, both pro-choice and pro-life supporters are inconsistent. He said that the pro-choice people, while allowing the death of a fetus if the mother is willing, are often the people adamant against capital punishment, nuclear proliferation and wars. They support help for the poor, the homeless, the elderly, and the people who can't help themselves. The pro-life people, on the other hand, will go to extremes to protect the unborn. However, they are often the ones who demand a strong defense, capital punishment, and the neglect of the poor in favor of a building up of the military. This crossover is ironic.

When I was little, I thought hunting deer was a terrible act. I couldn't understand how usually sane people could dress up in plaid jackets, tramp

out to the woods, and shoot a Bambi look-alike. My dad explained the situation to me in these terms: "Thea, there are a lot of deer out there. Because of the snow, the deer don't have enough to eat in the winter. They slowly starve to death or wild dogs run and eventually kill them. By hunting deer in the fall, we are actually acting in a humane manner." Stretching this analogy to abortion is far-fetched. First of all it implies selective abortion to save the rest of the unborn. This could not feasibly happen. Secondly, deer are not humans. And on and on.

But, as pro-choicers urge, the quality of life must be considered. How can people who call themselves pro-life and support an end to abortion also support warfare? That's like saying, "You cannot kill this human while he's in the womb. After that, though, he's on his own. He can grow up poor and die in a war or in the electric chair." While this may sound extreme and not be exactly what pro-lifers mean, we must remember that life is life. To be pro-life, one must be pro-life with *every* life. We need consistency. As for the pro-choice side, the same consistency is necessary. Thus, if pro-choicers are willing to sacrifice human life before birth, to be consistent, they must be willing to sacrifice life after birth, including in times of war or punishment.

As Gorman said, we must remember that we are neighbors to all. This includes all oppressed people, such as the unborn, the poor, the women, the children, the elderly, the mentally retarded, the prisoners, the disaster victims, the despised, and the enemies. As Christians, and as human beings, we must demonstrate practical, compassionate and tangible love for all as Christ did. There can be no double standard. Words are not enough.

—Thea Hurd

Man on the Street

by Jeff Crocker

What was your reaction to Current Issues Day?



Howard Johnson
Sophomore

I really appreciate the opportunities to learn about Nicaragua. The speakers, though each came with a bias, were diverse enough to present a balanced view. I am also thankful that in our country issues can be raised and discussion expressed without the fear of censorship or force.



J. Craig Henry
Sophomore

Nice guys all of them and one had a pretty nifty accent; but I must admit I'm still mighty confused on this whole homosexuality issue.



Christine van den Hogen
Junior

I'm confused! I feel like each side has part of the truth. Depending on individual experiences, people have different opinions and interpretations of what the Nicaraguan reality is about.



Todd Andrew Carr
Sophomore

I attended Current Issues Day with the intentions of clarifying my own point of view as to who is right or wrong and what side should I support. Now that I have heard many more sides to the issue, I am still not able to decide who is right. But, I certainly understand the dilemma more clearly. Thanks a lot Carmen and Becky!

Letters

It's Not the Ribbons In Your Hair

Thea,

Jesus' words in John 15:17 are, "This is my command: Love each other." Part of loving is communicating—which often involves risk-taking, especially in the confrontation experience. I am no spiritual giant, and realize inconsistencies in my own life which might give others reason to pass off the following remarks as hypocritical. Nevertheless, I believe we all have a part to play in upbuilding the body of Christ, be it by constructive criticism, new insights, or simply by setting a good example.

I believe that serious reconsideration ought to be given to the manner of dress to which we in Houghton have grown accustomed; particularly how we—students, faculty, and church

able formal attire every Sunday without fail. Christ does not care about, is not impressed with, and gains no more respect by our suits, dresses shiny shoes, pendants, tie clips and cufflinks. While it may feel good to stroll all together into Wesley Chapel dressed up sharp and spiffy, it creates several real problems.

First, it creates a highly materialistic "community" standard for one's acceptable appearance in worship. Thus the one who's wardrobe cannot afford him or her clothing to meet this standard is limited to a position of questionable acceptability. If one of these attends the worship service in dungarees and a sweatshirt (acceptable on any other day of the week in Houghton), one is often frowned at, shunned, or ignored. I have experienced this several times.

Second, how can we justify financing this clothing while "giving sacrificially" to feed the starving? We are easily numbed to the reality and severity of poverty, removed in our tiny college town. Would we continue to dress up so if one Sunday morning we found our beloved Wesley Chapel half-filled with shabbily dressed, hungry poor people from the nearby surrounding

area? Our response to these people ably distanced "good deed", but rather a relevant, wholistic lifestyle which identifies with and readily accepts the hurting world around us.

Thirdly, by dressing expensively we tend to label one day as holier than another. What is acceptable for six days becomes unacceptable for the seventh. The sabbath was made for man—a day for rest and restoration, physically and spiritually. Our Christian culture has appointed Sunday as "The Lord's Day," and a day on which we gather to worship corporately. Every day is the Lord's, however, and Sunday services would lose nothing of their sanctity if held on any other day of the week as well. Our lives ought to be a consistent offering to God, each day, so that we are always ready to worship Him—not in need of a change of clothes. Whenever we meet for worship, our "guard" should be at its lowest, if we are truly in loving, accountable relationship with our brothers and sisters. Special dressing up for the occasion would tend to work against this, by putting an emphasis on the condition of one's outward appearance, rather than on one's heart.

In short, then, I feel the Houghton "community" has misappropriated thousands of dollars for unnecessary clothing and jewelry—both for Sunday and weekday fashions. In too many cases the beauty is only fabric deep. Let's work to change that around.

Sincerely,
Steve Earl

Sorry, Charlie

Dear Editor,

I was shocked and dismayed to read in the March 8 issue of the STAR of my untimely death.

The loss of my counterpart was enough to dampen my spirits, but to read of my own death was a terrible blow.

I appreciate the fact that you share with my owner and me the sorrow at the loss of our friend, but I feel an apology is in store on my part since "Reports of my death are greatly exaggerated."

Respectfully,

Marc's Lone Goldfish

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by Berke Breathed

