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Dr. James Gibson

## Dr. Gibson Receives Philosophical Society Grant To Study Shakespearian Editor

The American Philosophical Society, America's oldest existing learned society, was established by Benjamin Franklin in 1743 "for the promotion of useful knowledge among the British plantations in America." Modeled after the Royal Society of London, the American Philosophical Society offers membership to distinguished representatives from four academic areas: geological and biological sciences, mathematics and physical sciences, social sciences, and humanities. Each year the membership awards more than \$300,000 to worthy applicants desirous of conducting research projects in one of these academic areas.

Dr. James Gibson, Assistant Professor of English at Houghton College, applied for such a grant in June 1976, and approximately two weeks ago received notification that his petition for a research grant had been approved. Having gained an interest in the life and work of the nineteenth-century Shakespearian scholar Horace Howard Furness while performing graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Gibson petitioned for funds in order to write a biography of Furness, "the most genial, scholarly, and witty editor that ever shed light on the works of Shakespeare" (S. A. Tannenbaum in the

Dial July 16, 1913.)

Because Dr. Gibson catalogued the correspondence of Furness while working at the Horace Howard Furness Memorial Library at the University of Pennsylvania, he maintains an interest in the letters which Furness addressed both to eminent Shakespearian scholars of his day and to such Shakespearian actors and actresses as Edwin Booth and Fanny Kemble. Dr. Gibson commented that an edition of Furness' letters may be another result of this three to four year research endeavor, in addition to the Furness biography.

Although the name of Horace Howard Furness may be the latest addition to many a student's storehouse of knowledge, the accomplishments of this Philadelphia scholar have long been acknowledged and applauded within literary circles. In 1871, Furness began to publish *A New Variorum Edition of the Works of Shakespeare*, an edition containing all variant readings and editorial comments, and before his death in 1912 Furness had completed work on fifteen of Shakespeare's plays.

Such a contribution to the understanding of this "poet of nature" (Samuel Johnson in *Preface to Shake-*

*speare*) deserves to be appreciated by an increased number of individuals. As a result of Dr. Gibson's research project this goal will be realized.

## English Expression Club to Present The Farce: "See How They Run"

by Steven Bullock

On November 12, 13, 17 and 19 the English Expression Club will present its first production of the season: *See How They Run*, a farce in three acts by Philip King.

A farce is "a light dramatic composition marked by broadly satirical comedy and improbable plot." *See How They Run* fits this dictionary definition admirably. Little time is spent on soul searching as the characters race from one improbable situation to another. The scene of the play is Merton-cum-Middlewick, a small village in England and the home of the Vicar and his wife, Lionel and Penelope Toop (Kevin Butler and Cindy Quiter). Assisted by their cock-

ney maid, played by Joan Hall, they are host to a whole slew of strange characters and even stranger situations. Les Wells and Keith Tyler play clergymen who get confused by the strange actions in the house. Steve Lennox plays Clive, an old friend of Penelope's, and Norm Jones, an obnoxious police sergeant, attempts to referee the mayhem. Everyone seems to get confused except the town spinster (Kathy Confer) who gets drunk. Dan Hawkins, playing a Russian spy, also gets mixed up in the matter adding still more to the confusion.

Directing this whole comedy of errors is Karen White, a senior history major. Karen cited wide audience appeal as one reason for choosing a farce instead of more classical material. In the past, English Expression Club productions have been plays by recognized "greats" such as Shakespeare. Other considerations included the chance for Houghton thespians to expand their skills at characterization in a new type play and a chance to do something different with the stage. This is not Karen's first directing assignment. She did some directing in high school and besides several major roles in productions at Houghton, directed and starred in two children's theater productions, *Winnie-the-Pooh*, produced during Winterim two years ago, and *The Emperor's New Clothes*, last May. These were both performed

for students at area elementary schools.

For the first time at Houghton, a full interior set will be used. Previous productions have used impressionistic or modular sets. Jeff Millwater and the stage crew have done careful research to insure that all pieces used in the set are of the correct period and style. The middle curtains in the auditorium have been removed to accommodate the new set.

Dr. Basney, although not directing this season, has been very helpful in his role as advisor to the club. He resigned from active directing last year, after running several seasons of plays on a temporary volunteer basis. The demands of family and profession were cited as reasons for the decision. He also hoped to encourage the school to hire a paid drama instructor.

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## Carter and Mondale Triumph In the Presidential Election

The results from the Southern states flooded up into the New York offices of the major networks and the news services. By 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, the border states of Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia, and the District of Columbia were Carter's. Florida, Louisiana, and Texas surged to Carter by midnight. At 3:45 a.m. Wednesday, CBS followed UPI, AP, and others and called the close Mississippi race a Carter victory. Despite a controversial *Playboy* interview, the selection of liberal Walter Mondale as running-mate, labor ties, and his liberal Democratic platform, Jimmy Carter had attracted the growing Southern pride and seized every Southern and border state but Virginia.

The Northeast region of the United States has become a Democratic stronghold and with its 125 electoral votes, it often decides Presidential elections. In this race, the crucial

states of New York and Pennsylvania were especially tight, but by midnight all except Maine, New Jersey and New York had been called. At the end of the night we discovered that the Northeast had split: five states for Carter (89 electoral votes) and five going to Ford (36 votes). Surprisingly, Ford seemed unaffected by Democrat Patrick Moynihan's Senatorial romp in New York — CBS couldn't call a winner here till 2:45 Wednesday morning. If Independent Eugene McCarthy had not lost his bid to appear on the New York State ballot, he could have conceivably pulled votes from Carter and given Jerry Ford the state and thus, in retrospect, the election. New York State Republican leaders appreciated the significance of the New York fight, and they found a court to serve papers at 2:45 a.m. Wednesday to impound voting machines in New York City — a Carter bastion. But by Wednesday afternoon, with the Carter vote margin at 250,000 and Ford's concession announced, they gave up.

West of the Mississippi River, Ford pulled every one of the 17 states but Texas — some in clutch races. Oregon, for example, swung to Carter in early results and was called a Carter victory by CBS at 12:30 a.m., November 3rd. However, CBS yanked Oregon out of the Carter column at 3:00 Wednesday morning, but could not give it to Ford till Wednesday afternoon. Seven of the Western States

were rated too close to call last week by both *Newsweek* and *U.S. News & World Report*. Ford captured all seven — representing 78 electoral votes, and grabbed Oklahoma from Carter.

In the eight Midwestern states east of the Mississippi, Gerald Ford still could have pulled an upset. Michigan (Ford's home state) and Indiana went with Ford as expected. Minnesota liked Jimmy Carter's running-mate and went to Carter. Pre-election surveys had discovered very close races in Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Ohio. Ford needed all but Missouri to offset his Northeastern losses. Jimmy Carter had Wisconsin and Missouri by midnight Tuesday night. Ohio was so close most news services waited till Wednesday night to nudge it over to Jimmy Carter.

It was close. But it was over. President Ford retired at 3:15 Wednesday morning. CBS detected the required trends in Hawaii and Mississippi at 3:45 a.m., and named Jimmy Carter President-elect with 272 electoral votes. Nobody woke the President.

When the President rose Wednesday, he discovered that Carter had captured 51% of the national vote and 297 electoral votes, himself 48% and 241 electoral votes. He called Jimmy Carter before noon and conceded.

## Chapel Address: Chamberlain States Security Policy

Recently one of our students committed an act that was contrary to the rules of Houghton College and the laws of New York state. At the time of the act the student realized that he was violating a college rule. The student now realizes that the law was also broken. This case has demonstrated areas of campus unity as well as areas of campus concern.

I have sensed agreement from the total community, — students, faculty, administrators, and the security office — that if possible such offenses

should be prevented. Further, I have sensed agreement from all, including the student violator, that offenders must be disciplined. The concern relates to the question: "Who shall administer the discipline?" and "How shall it be determined who shall administer the discipline?"

In response to these questions and concerns I have taken the following actions. First I have requested that the job description of the security officers be carefully studied with special attention to amenability, report-

ability and communications. This study shall be conducted by the administrators responsible for security and discipline on this campus and their recommendations will be reviewed by me and the governance committee before final implementation. While this study is under way those responsible for security and discipline will follow these guidelines when offenses occur on the Houghton College campus and involve a mem-

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## Editorials

The heated debate over the East Hall Incident is winding down. President Chamberlain's articulate chapel statement on Tuesday has been the main factor in this return to normalcy. The problem is being dealt with and the Houghton community is breathing a sigh of relief. And so it should.

Dr. Chamberlain has demonstrated excellent insight into the nature of the Security problem. Thankfully, his reaction has not been panicky paranoia; he has infused a sorely needed calm into a troubled community. We are in capable hands.

Despite President Chamberlain's unimpeachable handling of the problem thus far, several issues remain, none of which he can or should solve.

John Muller is still charged with trespassing (at press time). Many of us had hoped that President Chamberlain could change that. However, for various legal reasons, the case is still in Court. First, Houghton College is not the complainant; "the People" are. Thus the matter is out of the President's hands. Those men who filed the complaint are regarded by the Court as private citizens, not college representatives. While it is unusual that an uninvolved, unviolated citizen file a complaint, it is legally permissible. Thus the charge stays unless those private citizens involved see fit to withdraw their complaint. We continue to hope and ask that they do.

A corollary to the above paragraph is apparent. Even with a clear policy statement governing Security in the future, what is to prevent Security personnel from acting as "private citizens" again? Nothing. The college cannot legally take away any citizen's right to file a complaint. That the citizen is a security officer makes no difference. Thus the loophole must remain. We trust that it will not be misused.

Another legal clarification to be kept in mind concerns Muller's act in itself. Muller has not necessarily broken a civil law. He has yet to be tried and convicted. While the infraction may seem obvious, he is innocent until proven guilty, by the standards of our law.

My last point concerns a matter which no one, not even the President, can legislate. A messy aftermath is almost inevitable in a situation like this. Resentment and suspicion remain in people's minds long after a case has officially been closed. Perhaps resentment and suspicions are "justified." Perhaps not. But that is beside the point. Disagreement, no matter how intense, and kindness toward one another need not be mutually exclusive.

K. E. C.

In the past few weeks our attention has again been drawn to the issue of the Christian's relationship to the law of the land. Many of us hold the view that we are under the law and we submit to the letter of the law. This is an incomplete approach to the issue. We of course realize that law enforcement in every society is necessary to prevent chaos and anarchy, but without the subjective interpretation of each individual case, law enforcement becomes both inhuman and dangerous.

As Christians we should concern ourselves with a more complete view of law enforcement, a higher ideal of justice. Justice is the enforcement of the law fairly, with regard to the spirit of the law as it relates to each particular case. While we are required to uphold the principles of the law, we should allow merciful action to reign supreme over legalistic reaction. We should position ourselves not above or under the law, but beside it, working with it according to merciful interpretations.

Furthermore, we use the words just and merciful to describe the character of our God. God continually sheds mercy and justice on his people when they have continuously broken His laws.

The ultimate form of justice exists in the truth of Jesus Christ. Salvation frees us from the law, a law which no man can ever hope to perfectly obey. If our God dealt with us legalistically, our fate would be eternal damnation, with no exceptions.

How then can we expect ourselves to blindly submit to the letter of the law without exercising merciful justice? Paul teaches us to solve as many of our problems as we can amongst ourselves, without going to unbelievers for their judgment. Many of us hope that Houghton can become a Christian community. We cannot be until we learn to deal with and solve our trivial problems within the internal framework of our college system.

Dave Knudsen

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## International Affairs: China After Mao

by Daryl Brautigam

On September 9 of this year Chairman Mao died. He left behind him permanent changes in the world's most populous nation; it was now under a completely different regime than the one he himself had been born into. One of the chief causes for that radical transformation was the chairman himself. It was he who led the Communist Chinese in their bitter struggle with Chiang Kai-Shek and the Nationalists. When victory finally came, it was Mao who ruled and directed China's attempt to catch up with the industrialized world. It was his interpretation of Marx which became law and led to the split with Russia. He was revered, studied, idolized and worshipped by China's millions.

Then he died. Observers watched uneasily; most expected months, even years of gradual adjustment to Mao's absence before new leaders would emerge. There was known to be a radical division within the Chinese Communists. Only Mao could hold the two factions together: a moderate, pragmatic wing favoring reliable, steady growth was opposed by a radical wing consisting of ideologues and doctrinal purists eschewing policies that differed from their own extreme interpretations.

Mao himself had complicated the succession question. Several times in the past he had elevated a favorite to the heir-apparent position and deposed him. In his waning months he had appointed Hua Kuo-Feng his successor. But Hua was an unknown quantity; only a year ago he was an obscure provincial functionary, and no one knew what to expect from him.

Now it has been almost two months since Mao's death. Events in China have taken a course unexpected by most experts. Hua has been able to assert control; it appears that the moderate faction has taken things well into hand. Last week Hua successfully carried out a purge of the radical leaders, including Mao's widow herself. Called the "Shanghai Mafia", these four leading radicals had all come to power as a result of the Cultural Revolution of the late 1960's, which attacked revisionism and ideological weakness throughout China. The radicals had carried out a crusade against the "unrepentant capitalist roaders" among the Chinese Communists, attacking the diplomatic practices of Chou En-Lai who favored detente (Chou died last January) and successfully deposing moderate Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao P'ing, ironically agreeing to replace him with Hua. Mao had his own reasons for encouraging these radicals, and they had grown under his protection, espousing his own more radical doctrines.

But it seems that the radical faction, powerful though it was while Mao was alive, had simply made too many enemies to retain control after his death. This allowed the moderates their chance to finally silence them. The facts surrounding the purge are unclear; according to some sources Mao's widow tried to get the

Peking Regional Military Commander to help her pull-off a coup d'etat against Hua, but the commander instead informed Hua of her schemes. True or not, the moderates had ample reasons for wanting the radicals out of the way. They resorted to the typical method, the purge. (Most observers doubt that they have actually been killed; probably they have been jailed or otherwise excluded from significant political activity.)

It appears, then, that the moderates will set the stage for China's future course. Backed by the strength of the military, which controls 7 of 12 positions in the party Politburo, the moderates should be able to quell any radical protests. From all indications they probably represent the will of the majority of the population; signs of extreme agitation against radical policies and personalities have been cropping up repeatedly. Still, it is hard to imagine the emotions of people who see four of their nation's leaders standing with the Premier one

week (as the radicals stood with Hua at Mao's funeral) only to be informed one week later that those same four people are dangerous rebels and have been liquidated.

In the immediate future, the government will probably make most of its changes on the domestic level. It is thought that the moderates will favor more financial incentives for industry, increased technology and mechanization, and better weapons for the military — all policies resisted by the radicals.

The effects of the new leadership on foreign policy is more uncertain. Quite possibly there will be a reduction in the tensions with Russia, although normalization of the relations with the United States should proceed even more quickly. The Chinese will probably be looking our way for increased technological aid and agricultural products and methods. At the present time, however, it is much too early to tell.

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## Chamberlain Statement

ber of the Houghton College family:

1. Whenever a security officer discovers that college regulations or a local, state or federal law is violated such violations will be reported to the Dean of Students.

2. Together the Dean of Students and the Security Officer shall determine whether discipline shall be administered exclusively by Houghton College or in combination and cooperation with civil authorities.

Serious crimes against persons or property require involvement of civil authorities. Thus felonies would typically be reported to civil law enforcement agencies. Generally discipline for misdemeanors and violations would be determined by and administered by Houghton College procedures and personnel.

In the event that the Dean of Students and Security officer do not agree on whether a particular violation should be reported to civil authorities the case shall be brought to the President. The President will consult with the appropriate administrators to determine whether the offense shall be reported to civil authorities.

We all recognize that laws and rules are essential to any community of

civilized people. We serve a God of order who ordained both natural and moral law for our good. I am certain that God takes no joy in punishing those who break His laws. As His servants we are also saddened when laws and rules are violated and we never delight in administering discipline. Yet discipline is crucial in producing growth and maturity for the offenders and maintaining the order that is essential for the good and freedom of the community. The best discipline is self-discipline which recognizes responsibility to the community and our inter-dependence as members of that community.

I join the others responsible for discipline on this campus in soliciting your understanding and your support as we approach not only the current specific problem but as we work together in developing permanent policies that will best serve all members of the Houghton College community. Whatever final guidelines are developed it is clear that they will operate successfully only as we all respect each other and support those who have special responsibilities in the difficult but important task of administering discipline at Houghton College.

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### Notice

Due to fiscal distress, i.e. we're running out of money, the STAR will not appear next week. We are working on a solution to our monetary crisis but it all takes time. (Come to our movie tonight; that will help.) In the meantime, we apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you for your understanding.

The Editors.



## Record Review: Evanescence Shows Creative Ability

by Roland Mathess

When Evanescence released their debut album six years ago, they received little or no recognition. The group while having a talented song-writing duo — Michael Grosset on guitar and Jon McLevin on keyboards — lacked direction and their only strength and creativity was found in bizarre stage presentation which bears some consanguinity with the Lod Airport Massacre. After several major personnel changes under the leadership of Charles Martel, the band's producer and manager, Evanescence has evolved into a highly sophisticated neosonic leader in the progressive rock world.

Their fifth and latest album, *Reflections of a Completed Work*, reveals the refined creative genius of McLevin and Grosset. The music is a synthesis of their high energy repertoire with basic roots in 1950's rock and roll.

Unlike previous albums, *Reflections* involves a central concept — a musician's interpretation of the theatre of

the absurd. The album also shows the band's shift from the bizarre stage theatrics that characterized their fledgling years to more serious compositional efforts.

The strongest aspect of the album is the format in which the album is put together. Side one is a series of transitional songs that introduce "To the Pathways Beyond" the twenty minute composition that comprises all of side two. "To the Pathways Beyond" is by far the band's most ambitious effort to date. Lyrically and compositionally it rises far above the inanity and disorientation that characterized the bulk of material released previous to *Reflections*.

However, the album is not without weaknesses. The songs on side one are all too reminiscent of the band's past lyrical paralysis and compositional ineptitude. Obscurity has all too often plagued the pen of Jon McLevin as it haunts us in "Letters to the Past" the worst cut on the album.

The night has faded into a cesspool of sullen dogs and rats,

When I think of the time of green-sleeves,  
I reproach and turn my back  
On many more weak days I fall into a pit  
And my soul is resting for the wind  
so slowly wisps

1976 GrossLev Music

While McLevin's musical abilities are unquestionably sound, these lyrics are insulting to the ear as well as the mind.

The newest member of the band is Don Kelso. He is the guitarist who dominates throughout "To the Pathways Beyond". His fluid style and lyrical phrasing are indeed an asset to the band, adding fullness and respectable guitar playing to the band's unique and colorful sound.

*Reflections of a Completed Work* will undoubtedly bring Evanescence some respectable praise and recognition. Despite their past reputation as an obscure underground rock group, Evanescence will rise to a competitive position in the realm of progressive rock.

## Christian Rock: Phil Keaggy and John Talbot

by Brian "Quincy" Newcomb

Nineteen other H.C. students and I headed east one frosty Saturday to Love-Inn, the somewhat mythical "city on a hill" which many who have made the pilgrimage know is a good 3 hour drive from the "island". We got to the barn, the only one on the block with stained glass windows, just in time to stand outside behind 100 other faithful sojourners. The sun went down and so did the temperature. As I danced around in the cold, wishing someone had reminded me that winter comes to New York at a time when ye think not, I could hear the sound of praise choruses drifting up over the line and the sound of a rock 'n roll band pouring through the poorly insulated barnwall. The two seemingly foreign musical forms were married in a perfect blend in mid-air right before my ears, surrounding me with the intense feeling that something very special was about to take place. When the line began to move forward, I was filled with joy; my feet were sore from jumping around, the 9 square inches of my face and my hand that was clutching my Bible were red from the cold and the concert was soon to begin. To say the least, I was grateful when finally inside. The tension of expectancy grew as Keaggy's band took the stage and the emcee began his introduction.

Phil began his musical career playing clubs in Ohio, in fact the same circuit that the James Gang (with Joe Walsh) played, prior to their rise to national prominence. Phil met Jesus Christ as his personal Savior while playing with a band, the Glass Harp, which recorded 3 albums on Decca records. It is reported that Jimi Hendrix once called Keaggy the second best guitarist in North America. (I wonder who he thought was number one?) When Phil's commitment to Jesus made it impossible for him to play bars any longer, he began to travel the Christian music circuit with a youngster named Peter York. Phil wrote, played, sang, and produced his first solo album, "What a Day", for New Song Records in

1973. A year later he became a music minister at Love-Inn, under the direction of Scott Ross and Ted Sanquist. He has recorded with Paul Clarke, 2nd Chapter of Acts, and Honeytree, and has played publicly with all three and Ted Sanquist. He was the highlight of the "Lovesong Reunion Tour" concert in Buffalo, playing a long extended blues tune of Chuck Girard's. The last two years were spent in preparation, spiritually and physically, for a time when he could form a band, record an album, and hit the road in a concert ministry.

As he climbed on stage he bore a startling resemblance to a leprechaunish Paul McCartney. The band opened the set of mostly new material with an acoustic and exciting "Taste and See", followed by "The Portrait (of a Christian)", a song taken from a traditional poem. "Brian's Song", a tender ballad written for one of his triplets — they are living with the Father now — was deeply moving. Throughout the first set I was continually made aware of his ability as a songwriter and vocalist; his guitar work, as can be expected was phenomenal. As he picked up his Les Paul, preparing for the electric set, I could feel the excitement mounting around me. He introduced the first rocker, "Looking For Treasures," a song with a theme reminiscent of Norman's "Why Should The Devil Have All The Good Music?" by quoting the motto of the tune: "Why throw out the old if it's been made new?" The fourpiece back-up band was tight, playing in the tradition of the Trower and Frampton bands. They provided concise, steady rhythms for Phil to subdue, dominate, and cascade through. He was pure energy, using the guitar, indeed an extension of his body, to express the joy of Jesus in ways that transcend words. Once as I listened to a remarkably clean, and incredibly fast lead, I heard a brother behind me say, "He stopped playing. He's praying." The band would stop betwixt songs to watch and praise God as Phil's fingers said a few words of introduction for the next time. Phil, the true musician that he is, was not out to show us all his newest licks,

but merely to express that which was within him fighting to get out, pointing us through himself, beyond himself to Jesus Christ. As they left the stage I found myself praising the Lord . . . Christian music just ain't suppose to sound that good.

John Michael Talbot appeared next. He has recorded 7 albums with a semi-popular, secular, country-rock band, "Mason Proffit". When he and his brother, Terry, became Christians they made a religious album together called simply, "The Talbot Brothers". Since then each has come out with a solo album, and John Michael has another in the can ready to be pressed into plastic. For a moment I wondered how one lone musician with an acoustic guitar could follow the full sound of an entire band. But then I thought of the material on his solo album, and settled back comfortably, knowing I would not be let down. This wasn't the secular world of competition; each individual's ministry is valid within the Lord's timing. John Michael turned out to be a fine guitarist, producing the raw, full, country-picked, guitar sound familiar to early Stephen Stills fans. He played a strong set, including 3 songs from his solo album. His lyrics came through the strongest on "Would You Crucify Him?", a song directed at the hypocrisy and legalism within the church, and "Hallelu", a song encouraging the Bride to prepare for the coming Groom and the wedding to follow. The best pickin' was an instrumental called "Living in the Ozarks", delivered on banjo. His songs were complemented by his teaching ministry in which, he encouraged us to become involved in the work of the Lord, cleaning up the world around us, instead of remaining placidly non-committal and lackadaisical like the majority of Chrstendom.

As I left Love-Inn that evening, amidst a van full of sleeping people, I contemplated all that had taken place. I've been to many concerts in my life, and as I sat thinking, I arrived at a conclusion: this was the most fulfilling concert experience of my life, perhaps because this was the first time Christian music has ever lived up to my fullest expectations.

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## Dubiously Defined Evangelicals Respond To "Newsweek" Story

by Jerry Walls

I must admit, I have mixed feelings about making the cover of *Newsweek* (see the issue of Oct. 18). You saw me, didn't you? Perhaps you were there too. You see, I have been "born again." I am an evangelical.

Perhaps making the cover of *Rolling Stone* could be a greater sign of success. I don't think a song has ever been written celebrating making the cover of *Newsweek*. But at the rate we are going *Rolling Stone* may pick us up yet. Or at least give the cover to Andrae Crouch.

There is nothing wrong with publicity. I am all for it when attention is directed toward Jesus. But I sense an incipient danger also.

The *Newsweek* article quotes the statistics of a recent Gallup poll in which one-third of the persons interviewed said they have been "born again." That figure would total about 50 million American adults. There are at least two ways of interpreting this figure: 1) America is undergoing an extensive spiritual renewal, or 2) "born again" is a nebulous term for many people. I hope it is the former; I fear it is the latter.

What accounts for the attention given to evangelicalism in America? I think at least one precipitating factor is the claim of both major presidential candidates to be born again Christians. *Newsweek* notes that Carter's nomination "focused national attention on the most significant — and overlooked — religious phenomenon of the 70's: the emergence of evangelical Christianity into a position of respect and power."

Attention, respect, and power. People like all three. This is "The Year of the Evangelicals", to quote *Newsweek's* subtitle.

I believe respect is a good thing, if it is based on the right thing.

Evangelicalism has shed the obscurantist image that often plagues modern fundamentalism. Evangelicals are engaged in grappling with serious issues, both intellectual and social. This deserves proper respect and consideration.

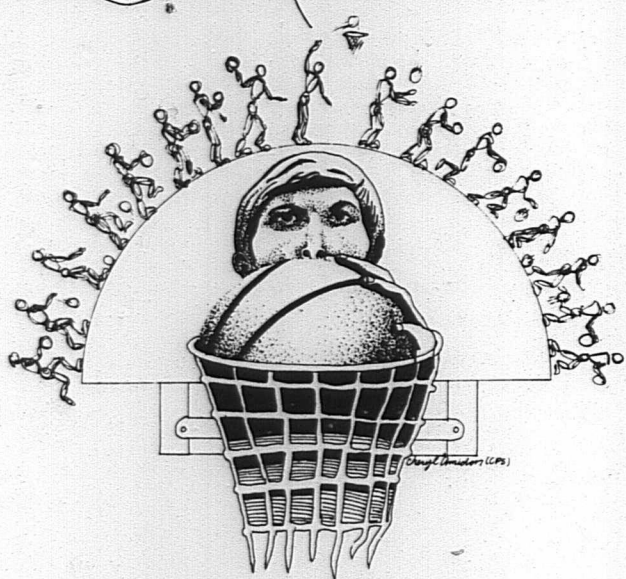
But I am afraid that this new respect of Evangelicalism has a different basis. I am afraid that the respect is aligned too closely with evangelical power; and that this power lies in numbers. James L. Sullivan, President of the Southern Baptist Convention accounted for the respect granted to Southern Baptists in this way: "A world that had thought we were an ignorant, barefooted, one-galussed lot was jarred out of its seat when it found that . . . our voluntary gifts in a year are approximately \$1.5 billion, and that on an average Sunday our churches baptize about three times as many people as were baptized at Pentecost." Yes, the world is impressed with magnitude — of people and money.

So what am I saying? I am saying that evangelicalism is not really growing if it is growing more nebulous as it grows in number. Nor is it really growing if people are aligning themselves with it because it has gained attention, respect, and power.

Evangelicalism will be the loser if it allows itself to become diluted in order to expand. This is inevitable if such terms as "born again" become popular terminology, stripped of their meaning. Notice how *Newsweek* deals with the term. "But all evangelicals are united by a subjective experience of personal salvation, which they describe as being 'born again,' converted or regenerated." First, I would deny that any subjective experience is the uniting force of historic Evangelicalism. The true uniting force, as shown by the Reformation, is a belief in the objective authority of the scriptures. The term "evangelical" is

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## Varsity Volleyball Team Faced a Tough Season

by David H. Irwin

While the exploits of the soccer team have been faithfully reported each Friday in this paper, perhaps revealing my prejudices and faults as sports editor, another intercollegiate team has been competing far from the madding crowd at Stebbins Field.

The women's varsity volleyball team began their season October 1 against Alfred. They played perhaps the toughest intercollegiate schedule any team representing Houghton has ever played. Twelve of the team's opponents participated in last year's state tournament, while another, Genesee Community College, placed in the national junior college tournament last year. In comparison, the soccer team played only two teams ranked in the top ten of New York State colleges.

The reason for the team's unprecedented schedule was the outstanding performance of the team two years ago when it placed second in New York State. On the basis of

that performance the larger state schools were anxious to play Houghton during the regular season.

Unfortunately, with no starters returning from last year's team, Mrs. Tanya Shire, the women's coach, had to rebuild an almost entirely new team. Senior co-captains Rita Foster and Sheryl Osgood along with Ruth Reilly and Carol Goodnight formed the nucleus of the team. Freshmen Renee Boschee, Polly Jennejohn, Carol Smalley and sophomore Cindy Chrzan completed the varsity lineup.

The combination of the tough competition and the relative inexperience of the team resulted in a rather mediocre record, although game by game the match scores were consistently very close. Despite the team's disappointing season, Coach Shire noted the team's unity and spirit adding, "This has been my best coaching experience ever."

And with the District playoffs this Saturday it still may not be too late for the team to repeat the Cinderella story of two years ago.

## People's College of Law Emphasizes Good Preparation for Social Reform

by Diane Auerbach

(CPS) — For years, a stint in law school guaranteed an insular existence. Law students renounced all interest in worldly affairs, retreated to a book-lined enclave of torts and briefs, and emerged three years later, ready to sling legalese with the best of 'em.

But their three-year live burial in classic cases prepared most lawyers for only certain kinds of litigation: million dollar divorces, upper income tax returns and trials of kidnapped heiresses, yes. Indicted 13-year-old heroin addicts, injunctions against picketing protesters and evictions of 20-member ghetto families, no. Besides, there were all those expensive law school debts to pay off and a comfortable position waiting with Higgs, Matlock, Johnson, Johnson and Johnson.

A good street lawyer was too hard to find, decided a few attorneys. They wanted a school to decrease the shortage — and at a reasonable price to students. Enter the People's College of Law.

"If you want to become deputy district attorney or work in the legal department of some corporation," the

school catalog says, "don't waste your time and ours by applying. There are other schools for you — all the others."

The People's College of Law in Los Angeles prepares its 130 students, nearly half of whom are women and minorities, to work for social change. It's an alternative to law schools that stress elitism and competition, its founders say. And it's the only one of its kind.

Students pay \$350 a semester to attend the new school, which is unaccredited. California, unlike most states, does not require attendance at an accredited law school as a prerequisite for taking the bar exam.

The school's first year students are given conventional classes to prepare them for the state bar-administered First-Year Law Examinations. The students must pass these to continue studies in an unaccredited school.

But in the next three years, they take classes that many say they could find nowhere else, dealing with tenant-landlord law, consumerism, immigration, police brutality, sterilization and racism.

"We're trying to turn out fully trained people lawyers, lawyers who

## Intramural Activities Highlighted By Three Man Basketball Games

by Al Webster

Wednesday, November 3 marked the beginning of this year's three man basketball tournament. Eight teams are competing in this year's double elimination play. The tournament, in its second year of play has attracted on its eight teams a total of thirty-one players.

The tournament's second night of action was November 4. The four winners met as did the four losers. On the ninth of November the four remaining teams will compete in the semi-finals at 8:30 p.m. and the two winners meet in the finals at 9:30.

The Star sports staff wishes to predict the team, Mix Breeds, as the winners. This team is composed of Mike Pitts, Jeff Spear, Bill Horn, and Tim Fuller.

On October 29 the first annual cross country bicycle race took place. Seven hearty souls competed in the grueling 15.3 mile course. This year's winner was freshman Mike McOrmond who rode the course in the rapid time of 57 minutes 26 seconds. For his efforts he received the first place prize of a pizza at the Houghton Inn. Second place winner was Michael Kurcharski who finished just ten seconds behind. Jim Kraft finish-

ed third. These two men received large bags of M and M's. Others competing were Bruce Kramer, Richard Skiff, Tom Crawford, and Paul Clark. The course went from Route 19 to Tucker Hill Road, and then to the Hume-Rushford road to Hume. From Hume it came down the back way to Route 19 between Fillmore

and Houghton and then back to the school.

Upcoming events to look forward to and plan for include the free throw tournament on December 10, and the Wise Man's cross country journey which takes place December 17. Houseleague basketball rosters must be in by November 16.

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derived from the Greek word which means "gospel." Second, this understanding of "born again" is incomplete. I do not deny subjective experience. But apart from a merciful act of God through the historically resurrected Jesus, nobody is born again, regardless of his subjective experience. (1 Pet. 1:3)

We must not allow such terms as "born again" to be drained of their essential meaning by accepting people as evangelicals merely because they use those terms. If that happens, our theology will have meaning only in terms of its connotations. Connotations are fuzzy. We must be content with nothing less than the true

biblical content of the historic Christian doctrines. I believe we are responsible to know the biblical basis of our beliefs and to measure all claims by that standard. If an angel from heaven, or Gerald Ford, or Jimmy Carter represent a different gospel than the one Paul received from Jesus, let him be condemned! (Gal. 1:8) A gospel that gains adherents by its identification with a president or a popular mood stands to be condemned.

Let us pray that the cross will not be raised high as a blazing symbol of worldly success, that Washington will not parallel Constantinople.

## Hunting Season Opens November 22nd; Houghton Hunters Anticipate Success

by Dave Corbett

The battle of Armageddon? World War III? No, it's just the opening of deer season at Houghton College on November 22.

With all the gunfire, one might think that hunting is very dangerous, and that the hunters are sadistical madmen. This is not so. Here at Houghton, there have been no recorded gun related accidents in at least six years. Hunting is safer than many sports. Fishing, bicycling, canoeing and swimming all claim more lives than hunting does. Most hunting acci-

dents occur because the hunter did not see the victim, nor recognize him as a human. We suggest that you be very careful this fall when entering the woods. Blaze orange clothing should be worn for maximum visibility.

In our Houghton community there are at least 18 faculty and staff hunters. The number of student hunters is over 40. Security officer Bob Strimple will be trying to reduce the number of non-Houghton residence hunters who migrate down to Houghton property because of the excellent deer country. Strimple will be posting land and distributing maps showing the allowed hunting areas.

Last year, an eight point buck was bagged by Steve Pocock, while Dave

Lennox got a six point buck, and Bob Strimple killed a large, 250 pound doe. Many other hunters returned from the hills with many stories, but no deer.

In the first chapter of Genesis, God told man that he is to have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the fowl of the air, over the cattle, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. Because of this verse, this reporter does not feel that hunting is wrong. Hunters in New York State pay millions of dollars each year in fees and licences. This money pays for such things as game wardens, game preserves, conservationists, game managers who control the number of animals killed, the length of each season, and many other things.

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