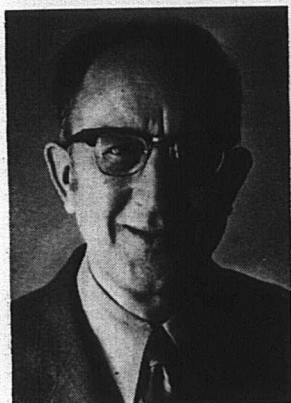


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Dr. Bert Hall



Susan A. Schultz

Celebrate Founder's Day

by Jan Boyle

Picture this — Houghton Faculty and Professors Emeriti donned in caps and gowns, promenading down the aisles of Wesley Chapel to the pomp and circumstance of the majestic music.

This impressive display performed the first time in October 1936 signifies Founder's Day here at Houghton. To be celebrated this year on October 18, Founder's Day is a time to reflect into the past and project into the future — a time to examine the routes we have taken and to reaffirm the routes we will take.

Included in the convocation is the presentation of Honorary Degrees to persons who have been influential in Education and Christian Education.

This year two degrees will be presented: Dr. Bert H. Hall will receive a Doctor of Divinity Honorary Degree, and Susan A. Schultz, a Doctor of Letters Honorary Degree.

The main speaker is Dr. Bert H. Hall, former Chairman of Houghton's Theology and Christian Education Division and present Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Azusa Pacific College in California. His address is entitled "What Mean These Stones?"

Born in Jamestown, N.Y., Dr. Hall attended Houghton College, earned his advanced degrees from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, and studied at the University of

Edinburgh, Scotland. Also, he was Dean of Students at Houghton from 1957-58 and Academic Dean from 1960-61 and 1966-69. He left Houghton in 1973 and moved to the west coast to work in a graduate level program.

Susan A. Schultz, originally from Mountain Lake, Minnesota, is presently Director of Library Services at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky.

She is professionally affiliated with the American Theological Library Association, Kentucky Library Association, Wesley Theological Society, Christian Librarian's Fellowship and the Church and Synagogue Library Association.

An impressive list of other honors and awards received by Miss Schultz include: Outstanding Special Librarian of the Year, Kentucky Trustees Association; Distinguished Service Award, Asbury Theological Seminary; Emily Russell Award; Member of Beta Phi Mu (Library); Pi Lambda Theta (Education); and Theta Phi (Theological Education).

Another special feature of the Founder's Day program is the Alumnus Award to be presented to an outstanding individual formerly associated with Houghton College.

Want to discover Houghton's past and peek into its future? Then come to the annual Founder's Day ceremony Friday morning, October 18.

Misty Days, Foggy Knights

by Jeff Millwater

If this is merely a description of typical Houghton weather, I doubt that much can be said in disagreement; but as a title for Homecoming—? Is there a connection? Probably not, unless you wish to place the term "archaic" on your favorite department, or the term "medieval" on the music building or Bedford gymnasium. Maybe there is a connection then, for the highlight of the Homecoming weekend will be the unveiling of plans for the long awaited Physical Education Center.

Homecoming will begin with the annual Founders Day assembly on the morning of Friday, October 18th. The speaker will be Dr. Bert H. Hall, former Chairman of Houghton's Theology and Christian Education division. Dr. Hall is presently a professor of Philosophy and Religion at Azusa Pacific College in California, and his duties include undergraduate and graduate teaching.

During the assembly, the 1974 Alumnus of the Year will be announced.

That evening, the Toho String Orchestra, a Japanese ensemble of 30 young musicians will present an Artist Series concert. Following the concert there will be a "Senate Spot" featuring skits and popular music performed by the students.

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Saturday morning will feature a "coffee hour discussion" time for parents and alumni, followed by a presidential luncheon.

The afternoon's activities will begin with the traditional parade, and crowning of the Homecoming Queen; and will also include the PCAC Cross Country meet scheduled for 1:00 p.m. The high point of the afternoon will be held on Stebbins Field, where the Houghton College Soccer Team will be trying for another win against archrival Roberts Wesleyan. The activities of the afternoon shall be concluded with a tea at 3:30 p.m.

As a climax to the weekend there will be an all-college banquet at 6:00 p.m., during which plans for the proposed Physical Education Center shall be presented. The guest speaker shall be veteran New York Yankee's second baseman, Bobby Richardson. This program will commence the fund drive for the new center, and will be the occasion for Alumni Association officer elections.

This year's Homecoming and Upperclass Parents' Weekend promises to be a great time of reunion, entertainment, and spiritual life, so please take advantage of the many activities provided!

Toho Orchestra To Perform Oct. 18

by Laura E. Gustafson

On October 18, this year's Artist Series program will present its second concert, by the Toho String Orchestra. This orchestra is the top one of six at the Toho College of Music in Tokyo, Japan, and is made up of students at the School.

Hideo Saito, founder of the School, starts children in music at about five years of age, and keeps them in the school until they are through the College of Music. Thus, the members of this orchestra have been at this school since they were very young, and have learned their instruments by the Suzuki method so rapidly gaining popularity in the United States.

ed States.

This particular orchestra is made up of 54 of the best musicians at the school, and will be conducted by Tadaaki Otaka, a rising young Japanese conductor. He began his musical training at the age of four, and graduated from the Toho School of Music in 1970. He has done extensive conducting in Japan, and has traveled often with the orchestra.

The Toho String Orchestra is widely acclaimed both in the United States and abroad for its rich tone, excellent technique, and unity in playing. The program promises to be a very interesting and rewarding one.

Flak and Feedback

Dear Editor:

Here are some thoughts on the "Philosophy of Discipline" which I wish to share with the college community. They are offered in the hope that something constructive and positive may come out of the present situation. I believe it is time that responsible comment be made, and my intention is to initiate meaningful dialogue on the statement.

A. Comments to specific points of the "Philosophy"

1. Point 1

A Christian college should be subject to the teachings of Christ in every area, including the application of discipline. I cannot find a single instance in my Bible where Jesus tells us to love only those who cooperate with us. Please see Matt. 5:43-46 and Luke 6:32-33.

2. Point 4

Denial of a student's right to appeal a disciplinary action is a violation of nationally accepted standards of procedural fairness.

"In all situations, procedural

fair play requires that the student be informed of the nature of the charges against him, that he be given fair opportunity to refute them, that the institution not be arbitrary in its actions, and that there be provision for appeal of a decision."

(Taken from "Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students," adopted by the American Association of Colleges and the National Association of Student Personnel Administration among many other organizations of higher education).

3. Point 5

The following statement from the "Philosophy" may not be correct from a legal perspective:

"Due process has to do only with the student's relation to a voluntary society with which he has pledged to cooperate." Since Houghton College accepts federal money, e.g., in its student aid programs, it is not exempt from federal law and federal regulations. The constitutional rights of an individual

to due process in a disciplinary procedure may not therefore be denied. Houghton College should be very careful in setting up disciplinary procedure that would deny an individual's constitutional rights even though he voluntarily associates with the college.

4. Point 6

This statement presents a rather serious problem for the faculty of Houghton College. Does this mean that a faculty member may no longer keep a student's confidence? Apparently it does. The apparent reason for this statement is a basic mistrust of the faculty who must be forced to cooperate with the administration by threat of legal action. This is truly a sad commentary on a Christian College.

What is our response to be? As Christians we are subject to the authority over us. We must conform to the rules of the college whether we approve of them or not. As a faculty member I see only one possible response:

- 1) we must advise students that the faculty may no longer counsel with them in confidence and
- 2) we must finally, reluctantly sever our relationship with the college if the Trustees are unwilling to reexamine the "Philosophy of Discipline" and make some significant changes.

B. General Observations

1. The "Philosophy of Discipline" is not a philosophy of discipline and I believe shows a basic lack of understanding of the role of discipline in a Christian Liberal Arts College. A statement of philosophy should not be a reaction to problems and questions that have recently been encountered or raised. I believe a proper "Philosophy of Discipline" should include at least the following:
 - a. The Biblical imperative for and the Christian attitude toward discipline.
 - b. The Biblical principles on which Houghton College rules are based.
 - c. An explicit statement on how the rules enhance the academic environment and program.
 - d. A statement of how Houghton's rules lead student's to grow and mature in their Christian lives (as opposed to a typical reaction of being turned off by legalism).
 - e. A clear statement of what

Houghton hopes to accomplish with students when disciplinary action becomes necessary. A good place to start here is James 5:19-20.

2. The Christian College, as an extension of the church, the Body of Christ, must be characterized by love: John 13:35, I John 3:18, 4:18-20. "Above all hold unfailing your love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins." I Peter 4:8. Perhaps the "Philosophy" was written in a spirit of love but I find little evidence of this in the statement itself.

3. From my very limited knowledge of the New Testament, it would seem that there are two basic principles which must be considered for any disciplinary action. One is Christ's teaching on forgiveness: Matthew 18: 21-22. The other, found in the same chapter, is Christ's teaching on community discipline: Matthew 18: 15-17. Both teachings are essential and must be brought into balance. Disciplinary action not taken in love for the offender and not taken on a scriptural basis, such as that suggested above, cannot be called Christian and is not worthy of a Christian college.

Bernard J. Piersma
Prof. of Physical Chemistry

Dear Editor:

I am writing at your invitation for suggestions on improving the **Star**. You could save printer's ink and paper by adopting the use of "Ms." rather than those sexist, obsolete and longer forms of direct address, "Miss" and "Mrs."

When a woman's marital status is irrelevant to the situation (as it usually is), why force the writer or speaker to decide whether she is or is not married? You nonchalantly labeled me "Miss" in the article about new faculty, but no one asked me if I've been married recently; in fact, no one asked me anything. (Another hint: verify information before you print it).

Sincerely,

Carol Lepper

ED. NOTE: Sorry! I guess you could say it's our **M**istake. In a recent article in the **Los Angeles Times** it was reported that 86% of the women in the U.S.A. preferred Miss or Mrs. Only 14% wanted to be called Ms. The **Star** will try to use Ms. at least 14% of the time.

Editorial

All of our lives function within systems. To the individual these systems vary in size, complexity, and importance. We become involved in them when our parents pack us off to nursery school, and they keep affecting us until our children shut us up in nursing homes. They may be as small as our coffee club at work or as large as the government of the United States. Whether they are large or small, simple or complex, good or bad, they do exist, and we as human beings must deal with them.

There are many ways of looking at a system. One way is to be totally contented. The system is absolutely perfect. Every thing is perfect; nothing could be better. Leave the system alone — it is all right just the way it is.

Another way of looking at a system is as a reformer. The system is basically good to a reformer, but it does have weaknesses. The reformer is working to correct these weaknesses and to improve the system.

A third way to look at the system is as a revolutionary. The system has too many weaknesses to be at all worthwhile. Tear the system down and start over, or leave it torn down because it was bad to begin with.

Fourthly, one can look at a system as a pessimist. The system is terribly bad or weak, too far gone to do anything about it. Have the least to do with it as possible, and the better off you'll be.

Finally one can view the system with apathy. Who cares about the system. Mind your own business; let the system take care of itself.

Every individual looks at each of the many systems differently. I may be totally contented about my job — it may be just the position I want, and nothing could be better. However, at the same time, I may be revolutionary when it comes to my attitude towards race relations in the South, and I may be entirely apathetic about the system rules in professional golf.

Houghton College is a system. I view this system from the position of a reformer. I believe that Houghton is good, and that it is worthwhile for me to be here. I also care about Houghton, and because I care I admit that the college has weaknesses. I intend to try to repair these weaknesses, to improve Houghton as best I can.

How do you view the system?

Howard B. Chapman

Dear Editor:

One of the rewarding aspects of faculty life at Houghton College is the opportunity to develop lasting friendships with our students. The Lord allows us the privilege of sharing both times of sorrow and times of joy. Occasionally we are approached in trusting confidence by one who is disillusioned and are permitted to give words of assurance and to help be "a bridge over troubled water." In such circumstances, one sometimes shares burdens of a very intimate nature and the confidence entrusted is both a sacred and awesome responsibility.

It appears that item seven on page 18 of the 1974 Student

Guide would not allow withholding information from authorities. Although we are told in the New Testament to be subject to authority, it is usually understood that this is with the provision that such authority does not violate scriptural injunction.

It would be reasonable to assume that silence on the part of a faculty member would indicate agreement with policy as stated in the Guide. Therefore, I feel that it is imperative to express the fact that I intend to continue to hold information of a private nature in confidence.

Truly yours,
Richard A. Jacobson
Assoc. Prof. of Mathematics

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Dissatisfied? . . .

by Dan Hawkins

Why isn't chocolate milk served in the dining hall? How come nobody can get WJSL? Why are the dorms so noisy? Couldn't the library stay open till eleven at night? Do we have to sing in unison on the last verse of every hymn?

"There's a reason for everything. It may not be a good one, but," says Rich Downs, chairman of Senate's Central Communications Committee, "there's a reason for everything. Everything, that is, concerning college policy, conditions or practices. It is CCC's job to discover the reasons."

The four-member committee is the link between inquiring students and informative sources. According to the proposal for its formation, CCC's first purpose is to "encourage student participation in campus affairs" through Student Senate, but more often it functions as a "grievance board," hearing and investigating the gripes and pleas of students.

The committee is trying to shake its "CIA image" of the past year. CCC was thought of a tough 'go get 'em' team that ruthlessly collared administrators and demanded solutions on the spot. Although the committee has been effective in getting action on, for example, the unpainted walls of Gao, they are limited to investigating specific written requests so that they reflect legitimate student concerns.

This condition leaves the initiative to the student. Already CCC is seeking longer library hours and reasons for snack

shop price increases. The committee has also answered other questions of more personal nature. CCC finds that often a simple question like "what can be done about Shenawana?" will set the wheels in motion toward a solution.

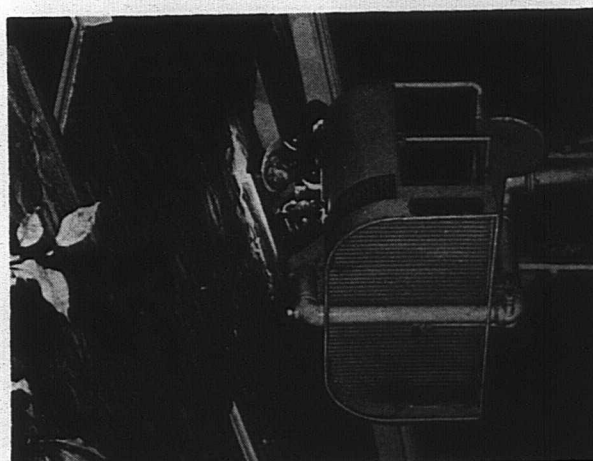
If you have a question about policy, if you seek a solution, or if you just happen to like chocolate milk, contact The Committee intracampus box 532. You can normally expect an answer in 10-12 days. Your grief will disappear soon thereafter.

C.S.O. This Year

by Flossie Gage

Christian Student Outreach (C.S.O.) has many varied groups which are aimed at serving the Lord. Since all Christians have the love of God, and it has been said that "So long as we love, we serve" (Robert Louis Stevenson) then what better way is there to show God's love than by serving those around us!

There are nine C.S.O. groups and each is serving in a different capacity to share the love they have received through Christ. The nine groups and their leaders are: Opportunity Camp - Scott Brinkerhoff, Bible Clubs - Carol Oldham, Craig Colony - Nick Placido, Dansville Coffee House - John Patterson, Hospital Visitation - Sue Mapes, Alfred Tech. - Dee Spiegel, Church Assistance - Sue Minot and Jeff Long, RIT Deaf Work - Ruth Weiss, and Nursing Homes - Maxine Kaltenbaugh.



As part of the activities of Fire Prevention Week, the Houghton Volunteer Fire Department staged a demonstration at East Hall where they "rescued" several damsels in distress.

Government Gives Graphic Grant

The English Department here at Houghton has recently been the recipient of a Title 6A matching grant. This grant will give the English Department \$2,817.00 from the Federal Government and a matching sum from the college. This will bring the total amount of money to \$5,634.00.

The money has been granted for the establishment of a Graphic Arts Lab. This Lab will contain a letterpress, proof press, cabinets and assorted type faces. The lab will be both for student and faculty use, and will be used in conjunction with Technical and Periodical writing courses as well as Principles of Writing and Advanced Composition courses. Students who are enrolled in Journalism courses especially will benefit from this facility.

The purpose of the Lab is to provide students with this equipment so that they can learn to choose various type faces, to acquaint them with knowledge of the psychological nuances of different types, to teach them to proofread, to

print, to set type by hand, to fit copy, and to learn the effects of layout and basic design.

The English Division is the only Division in the College to receive one of these grants. One was received two years ago and was used to furnish the lighting facilities for the stage in Fancher Auditorium. This new grant will be another addition to the growing resources in the English division.

Werkema Speaks

by Ruby Wilson

Dr. Gordon R. Werkema, executive director of the Christian College Consortium, will address the Development Committee on Saturday, October 19, at eight-thirty A.M. The committee, which meets once in the fall and spring, is composed of approximately one hundred people which includes trustees, administrators, faculty division chairmen, and business and interested professional people.

The topic of Dr. Werkema's address will be "Design for Development of a Christian College." He will review the work of the Christian College Consortium and the expanded contribution of Houghton College in the field of Christian higher education through the consortium.

Dr. Werkema received his BA, MA, and Ed degree from the University of Denver. He is married, with five children, and is presently residing in Washington, D.C.

Weese Leaves

by Mary Grazioplene

One familiar person who won't be walking around campus, stopping in the campus center to talk to students and to have a cup of coffee is Mr. Wightman Weese. After serving on the Houghton faculty for three years, Mr. Weese has now assumed a new position as managing editor of the *Christian Herald* magazine.

At Houghton, Mr. Weese was an Assistant Professor of English and a publications and public relations feature writer and editorial assistant. Mr. Weese, his wife, their two sons and one daughter moved to Carmel, N.Y. in mid-August, not far from the executive offices of the *Christian Herald* which are located in Chappaqua, N.Y.

Mr. Weese was born in South Carolina, received his B.A. from Columbia Bible College, continued at Georgia State, and received his M.A. in communications at Syracuse University. Mr. Weese was Director of Communications for the New England Fellowship of Evangelicals in 1971. Shortly thereafter he joined the Houghton faculty. Besides these experiences, Mr. Weese and his wife served as missionaries in Nigeria for eight years.



So the Squirrel Dies - What Next?

In chapel several days ago Chaplain Bareiss warned against the dangers of touching squirrels, chipmunks and other cute little Houghton animals. Though many Houghtonians took his advice and remained unharmed, one did not.

On Saturday, September 21, nature-loving sophomore Steve Farwell encountered one of these furry little rodents. Unfortunately, the squirrel's harmless appearance was deceptive and it promptly bit Farwell, and then scampered hastily into the nearest tree. Not one to take unnecessary chances, Farwell immediately went to the infirmary.

Upon explaining his plight, the victim was sent by the nurse to catch the squirrel. He and several friends combed the area throughout the weekend but to no avail. However, early Monday Farwell and an

assistant, Steve Cook, succeeded in capturing the culprit and caging him in Poore House.

Feeling no revenge, Farwell got the squirrel to eat and even conversed with him a bit. However, the squirrel, perhaps feeling a little pain himself after the attack, passed away early Wednesday morning. Farwell was then instructed to ship the deceased animal to Buffalo for analysis at a cost of \$19.80. Farwell was quoted as saying, "I could have sent it cheaper by first class garbage truck!"

Three days and six rabies shots in the stomach later, the report came back negative. Although he was safe, Farwell had a reaction (hives) to the shots, and also suffered a pang of remorse at his contribution to the premature demise of the squirrel. But he will recover.

Law Reduces Foreign Enrollment

by Cindy Rudd

There are fifteen international students at Houghton this semester in addition to the twenty-eight Canadians who are here. These fifteen students come to Houghton from many different countries and for a variety of reasons, including preparation for Christian service and desire for an American education.

The admissions office receives about five requests for applications a week from foreign students. In response to this request the student receives a questionnaire and is asked to return it with a letter of recommendation from an American missionary or a Christian pastor. The students who do respond to the questionnaire and send the letter

of recommendation then receive an application for admission.

In addition to presenting their school records for evaluation, foreign students are required to take the Toefl test. This exam measures their ability to comprehend and use English. Because of this requirement, most of our foreign students are citizens of countries that were once part of the British Commonwealth and have attended a school with English-speaking teachers.

After being accepted by Houghton, each student must make arrangements to leave his country and come into the United States. This always involves getting a student visa, a passport and meeting health regulations.

This year there was a new problem for some students when they applied for their visas. The American government refused to grant the visa if the student was planning to work to help finance his education. This restriction was placed upon them in order to leave more jobs available for American students.

Since many foreign students must work to stay in college, the number attending Houghton has gone down. Last year there were twenty-two foreign students here and this year there are only fifteen. At least three of the former students didn't return because of this job shortage. Fewer foreign students will be able to study at Houghton until the work restriction is removed.

Dean Roloson's Other Job

by Majel Smith

Chaplain Major Edwin A. Roloson, one of Houghton's Associate Deans, has served as an Army Chaplain on active duty from 1966-1972, including two tours in Viet Nam.

While acting as Dean at Houghton, he is also in the Army Reserves. Two weeks of temporary duty is required of all Reserve personnel each year, and Roloson "pulled duty" at Fort Dix September 28-October 12 this year. He will act as a Chaplain, brushing up on the job by substituting for vacationing Chaplains, or assisting in extra programs.

A Chaplain has three main duties: counseling, preaching, and teaching classes in moral and character development —



required for all men in basic training.

Dean Roloson says he enjoyed the Chaplain's job very much, but did not re-enlist because of the hardships on his family. However, as an Army Reserve Chaplain, he could be recalled if the Army needed Protestant Chaplains during an emergency.

New Press for P.R.

by Carol Capra

In a subterranean corner of East Hall lives a new addition to the Houghton community. It is a child of A.B. Dick. More specifically, it is an offset printing press. Purchased this summer as a successor to an ancient mimeograph machine, the new press is now responsible for making copies of form letters, scoop sheets, tests, and innumerable other necessities. It can reproduce anything that a normal copy machine can reproduce. In fact, the first part of the new setup, the master maker, is an AB Dick copier. Next is a conversion machine. This "sets" the master, and the

damp stencil which emerges is put on the actual press, a large clacking monster that prints out the final copies. The offset system is not only more efficient than the old mimeograph, it is also more economic. Copies made on the new press are normally as clear as the original.

The press is intended primarily for use by faculty and college offices, but limited student use is available for a fee. Material to be copied should be submitted well in advance, in final form and on white paper. Questions should be directed to the secretarial office.

Economic Conference at H.C.

by Lowell Fry

On October 12, 1974, the Eighth Annual Western New York Economics Conference will convene at Houghton College.

Cosponsored by the Genesee Region Council on Economic Education and this college, the conference has been planned to provide a forum for those professors and graduate students who wish to present scholarly papers in the field of economics.

By holding such an annual regional convention, more scholars are given a chance to share their research, since not everyone can participate in a statewide or national economics meeting. Six or seven such

papers are expected to be given at the October 12 meeting, followed by a discussion of each paper by another professional economist.

Approximately 40-45 colleges and universities located from Syracuse and Binghamton west have received invitations to the conference. Although those attending will be for the most part professors and graduate students, undergraduates may attend the meeting. Should any Houghton student wish to go, he will pay only a registration fee of \$1.00.

The Young Administrator's Organization is joining the luncheon meeting, designating it as their October meeting.

Frosh Take Over

by Ken Parker

The serene summer atmosphere of this isolated spot in Western New York was disrupted when 1212 students arrived September 9, 1974 to begin a new school year at Houghton College. Women continue their long-held dominance of the campus with 685 students to the men's 523 students. The class of '75 is smallest this year, claiming only 229 members. The class of '76 ranks next with 267 members. The class of '77 with 309 is dwarfed by a huge frosh class of 371 members.

The class of '78 is not only impressive for its size (the

largest in Houghton's history), but also for the talent it brings with it. This class claims 296 from the top ten percent of their high schools (with 205 ranking in the top five percent). Eighteen valedictorians and sixteen salutatorians are members of the freshmen class. There are 82 New York State Regents Scholarship winners out of 203 New York State students.

Baptists dominate the freshmen class. Wesleyans form the second largest group with 61 students.

More Than Flowers . . .

by John Steinhoff

The Houghton College chapter of YAO (Young Administrators Organization) does much more than act as a florist's middleman. This club, organized of business majors and other business-minded students, is now developing a program of activities that will surpass the programs of past years.

A club committee is being formed to develop a file which will list past Business Administration Majors and Minors, and YAO members. Quarterly reports of YAO activities will then be sent to them. The Club feels that these alumni can be a valuable resource as well as an interested audience, especially in the line of helping Houghton business majors find jobs with good organiza-

tions.

YAO is considering becoming active in the stock market again. The club presently has a small portfolio of stocks, but it has lain dormant during the last few years. A committee is now investigating the possibilities of new and profitable investments.

Each month the organization invites a member of the business community to speak at a dinner meeting. The range in speakers has been large lately, and has included auctioneers, school administrators, and business executives. Judge John S. Conable spoke at this year's

first meeting on the subject of "Don't believe everything you see and hear." The upcoming October 12 meeting will be held in conjunction with the W.N.Y. Economics Conference; the meeting will be coordinated by Dr. Willett. Mr. Roger M. Kubarych, a foreign exchange officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, will be speaking at that meeting.

These dinner meetings are very informative as well as enjoyable, and have proven to be a means of broadening student perspectives of the business world.

"Operation Big Drop"

by Alyson Boice

You'll never miss just one pint of blood. An opportunity to give is coming on Monday, October 14th, when the Red Cross volunteers will be set up in the basement of the campus center from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Past responses to the Bloodmobile have been enthusiastic with people from all occupations in the Houghton area taking time out to donate. Students especially are urged to take part in this important semiannual opportunity.

Poet Speaks

by Frank LaBarre

The poet Arnold Kenseth, will be the guest speaker for the first program of the 1974-75 Houghton College Lecture Series. Mr. Kenseth will speak in the morning chapel, Friday, October 25, and then at 8:00 p.m. in Fancher Auditorium. In the morning chapel he will talk on some aspect of devotional poetry, bringing to an end a week of chapels sponsored by the English Department. In the evening, Mr. Kenseth will read selections from his books. Those are *Cycle of Praise*, *Holy Merriment* and *Poems of Protest, Old and New*.

Presently Mr. Kenseth is a pastor of the South Congregational Church in Amherst, Massachusetts and Chaplain at the University of Massachusetts. In the past he won first prize in the American Scholar Poetry Award. He has also

served as Poetry Editor of the *Minister's Quarterly* and as curator of the Howard College Library Poetry Room.

What is Behind Saturday Night at the Movies?

Roosevelt, Garfield and Cleveland were the big men in government at the turn of the century. Fatty Arbuckle, Charlie Chaplin, Laurel and Hardy, Mary Pickford and Betty Crompton were just a few of the big people in entertainment. This is where our story of the Fillmore Opera House begins — over one hundred years ago.

When the Opera House was built in the 1870's its interior probably appeared more like a gymnasium than a theater. The Opera House was a meeting place of lightweight wrestling and basketball games and dances. Five hundred movable chairs could be set up or taken down depending on the nature of the entertainment. The

Opera House was also the scene of town meetings and various local affairs — such as banquets and teas. The women of Fillmore organized themselves into the "Wide Awake Club" and invited guest lecturers who provided "high class" entertainment for the town. The Opera House was also rented out to individuals until the 1920's. It also had a big stage where traveling troupes performed. Amateur productions from the area of Allegany County and Rochester also performed several times a month. The balcony served as storage for scenery and props used by theater groups.

Accompanying minstrel shows and sports activities the medicine shows were a popu-

lar event. "Cure-all" remedies for goiters and rheumatism were provided by medicine men — Vaudeville entertainment and a popular girl contest rounded out the show. You might like to know the most popular girl won 25 dollars.

In 1916 a man named Robinson installed the first movie equipment. In 1918 Mr. and Mrs. Sweet, then proprietors of the Opera House, screened their first celluloid attraction, "The Flash of Fate." Admission was 25¢ for adults and 15¢ for children. 1920 saw "The Birth of a Nation" and "The Big Parade." In 1928 sound equipment was installed and newsreel features were pro-

duced. The first talkie movie was "Sophie Tucker and the Red Hot Mamas," shown in 1930. Wide Screen cinema-scope came to Fillmore in 1951 and the screen expanded to 2/3rds the width of the building.

Mr. Sweet, proprietor of the Fillmore Opera House for 54 years, recalled highlights of his motion picture experience. "Gone With the Wind" was the best attended film followed by the "Sound of Music" and various Walt Disney films. Mr. Sweet always maintained the policy of showing good clean pictures in his theater. In 1972 Mr. Bruce Miller purchased the Opera House from Mr. Sweet.



Son Touched — Houghton's newest musical ensemble.

Touched by the Son

by Alice Grunge

Son Touched, a new contemporary Christian singing group, communicates its witness through testimony and song. The group covered more than 4,000 miles on a 7-week tour this summer and reached al-

most 3,000 people. This semester they have travelled 1,000 miles already, and have sung to the Houghton student body and five churches. The Fall schedule is already full with only two free Sundays.

Son Touched began in February, 1974, as a summer P-R group for the college. Under the direction of Ralph Biesecker (and guidance of the Holy Spirit), the 9-member group came together, prayed, rehearsed, and embarked on its ministry at the end of June. Each week presented something different — camp counselling, singing for conferences, ministering at churches, and waiting on tables. Most of the travelling was in New York State, but the group also sang in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

This semester Son Touched has increased from 9 to 12 members with the addition of 3 new male voices. New music and arrangements are being written for the group, with hopes of also adding taped background music to the present piano accompaniment. A possible record is in the planning for November.

On the current schedule is the National Wesleyan Youth Conference to be held in St. Louis after Christmas. Son Touched will be representing Houghton College in this 4-day conference, with a projected attendance of 9,000 Wesleyan youth. Plans are being made for a tour over Winterim, covering several southern states including Florida, Texas, and Arizona.

Vandals

by Bob Strimple

An unknown number of unknown people came to the College soccer field at 3 a.m. on September 23, tore up some of the field with their cars and dug up the main field with spades.

The superintendent of buildings and grounds stated that if a crew was hired to repair the fields, the cost would be around \$1,000.

'School for Scandal' Underway

by Marsha Whittemore

The School for Scandal began rehearsals last week in the converted classroom-theatre known to Houghton College students as Fancher Auditorium. Richard Brinsley Sheridan's eighteenth century comedy of manners is being directed by Dr. Lionel Basney and will be performed by members of the English Expression Club in early November.

Dr. Basney chose this play because it has the audience appeal of a comedy, and he also is working to expand the scope of productions by the group to provide necessary experience for the actors and technicians. The technicians consist of make-up, costume, stage, properties, and lighting workers. Audience education affected his choice since he feels that their experience and understanding of theatre needs broadening.

Although it is early, Dr. Basney foresees some possible problems that will require extra effort. This higher comedy is extremely verbal, which denotes the presence of very little slapstick. The humour is grasped in the lines and innuendos; and this necessitates staging more conscious of style, grace, and sophistication. Several complete set changes and extensive costumes create more technical difficulties than have been encountered in previous productions. However, the director is optimistic about resolving these potential problems to assure the success of *The School for Scandal* before the Houghton audience.



Houghton stops a drive by Buffalo State.

Field Hockey Swings

Field Hockey is not a varsity sport at Houghton College. Nonetheless, the fourteen leggy swingers who make up the team are facing tough collegiate competition this fall.

Missouri-born coach Sandy Wilson feels the team has slapped excellent ball against the jockettes of The University of Rochester and SUNY of Buffalo. Rochester sneaked past Houghton 2 goals to 1 on September 30, and our ladies lampooned Buffalo State by 2 to 1 on Oct. 3. Shining brightly on the offensive thrusts were team captain Sonny Lennox and Jan VanSkiver, while Nancy Vossler and Connie Finney blinded attackers in the backfield. Goals were scored by Debby Bix, Judy Harper, and Debbie Shank. Coach Wilson, beginning her first year at

Houghton, is enjoying excellent rapport with the players, and attributes this to the "fine Christian attitude displayed on and off the field." The energetic ladies all agree that the coach sets the example, and they just follow. Other members of the lovely lancers are: Goalie Karen White, Judy Harper, Debbie Shank, Karen Ploetz, Beth Chamberlain, Sylvia Howry, Marilyn Watrous, Debbie Bix, Pat Speers, and Sue Manteith.

When asked about the possibility of Field Hockey becoming a varsity sport here at Houghton, Coach Wilson said she hopes that it will, but that "I think perhaps everything has its own timing and when it is time for this change to occur, then field hockey will become a varsity sport."

Win Some, Lose More

The Houghton College tennis teams began their 1974 fall seasons with losses. The men's team lost to Fredonia, at Fredonia, 0-9. Their second match, against Utica, was rained out. The third scheduled match, against Geneseo, was lost, 8-1. The fourth match against Niagara had to be postponed; Canisius canceled.

The six members are: R. Eugene Wakeman and Dick Campbell, who play first and second singles, and first doubles, Bill Ziefel and Bob Miller, third and fourth singles, and second doubles, and Sid Kaine and Bob Burns, fifth and sixth singles, and third doubles. Prof. (Jake) Jacobson coaches.

The women also lost their first match, to Brockport 2-4. They lost also to Monroe Com-

munity College 2-5, but were able to win against D'Youville 4-1, and Eisenhower 3-2. They lost their fifth match against SUNY at Buffalo 5-1-1.

The ten member women's team is coached by Sue Frase. The singles players are: Maxine Kaltenbaugh, first; Jody Gaglio, second; Penny Smith, third; and Vicki Kohler, fourth. Majel Smith and Susan Kaltenbaugh play first doubles, and Carol Frase Alene Crocker, Gale Johnson, and Sheryl Osgood alternate to play second doubles.

The teams practice Monday through Friday from 3:30 until 5:00 at the courts, weather and schedules permitting. Spectators are encouraged to come to the home games to support the teams and enjoy some exciting competition.

P.C.A.C. Meets Again

A meeting of the Private College Athletic Conference (PCAC) was held on Monday, September 23 at the Vineyard Restaurant in Newark, New York. At present, the PCAC consists of four colleges: Houghton, Roberts Wesleyan, Eisenhower and Elmira. Two other schools that are thinking of entering the Conference are St. John Fisher and D'Youville.

The PCAC, founded in 1971, meets twice a year and each school sends three representatives to the meetings. Houghton's representatives for this last meeting were Mrs. Nielsen, Mr. Hazzard and Dr. Wells. The main business of the meeting was the election of new officers. Mr. Paul Brand stepped down from the presidency and Mr. John Frasier of Roberts Wesleyan College is now the top man of the Conference. Our own Mrs. Doris Nielsen was elected to the vice-presidency. The offices are both two-year terms.

The sports that have a PCAC tournament are men's and women's bowling, cross country, men's basketball, women's volleyball, men's tennis, and track

and field. The ruling is that if four schools have the sport, then there is a championship (since there are only four schools in the Conference right now, all four colleges have to have the sport). In previous years, Houghton has taken first place in cross country, bowling, track and field, and tennis.

Another topic discussed at the semi-annual meeting was scholarships. Elmira had apparently gone over their limit in handing out scholarships. The ruling on this is that a school is limited to giving six full "free rides." That is to say, a total monetary figure equalling six full scholarships; the schools may divide it up anyway they want to. The reason Elmira went over their limit was that they added hockey and gave out scholarships for that. The PCAC ruled that Elmira may give hockey scholarships (in other words, they may exceed their limit), but these hockey players may not compete in any other varsity sports.

The next PCAC tournament is in cross country and will be held on October 19.

H.C. at the Bat

by Gary Morris

The days have been long, cold and perilous for the Highlander baseballers. Their first encounter was a double-header with the Utica Club; however, the game didn't fare very well because of non-conductive weather conditions. The Utica unit was too smooth for the Highlanders and captured the first game 6-1, with the second

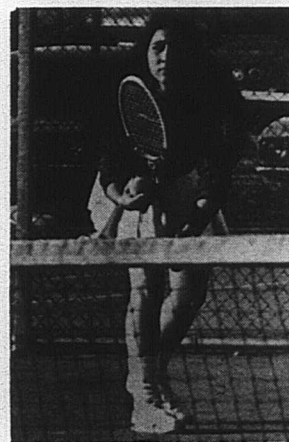
being called due to rain. Geneseo was next on the schedule and gave a strong, vivacious showing by defeating our team 19-4. Nevertheless, our team got out and practiced diligently for the next match with Eisenhower and worked well as a team, even though the scores didn't show it. A few errors caused the 7-1 and 8-6 scores.

High batter averages are shared by Carlos Martinez and Dave Swann, who have both come to bat at least five times.

Coach George Wells is pleased with the overall attitude of the team in spite of their losses, and says that this year's club is the hardest working group ever. In his opinion, the team has established itself for a good season. He's thrilled with their Christian witness to opponents.

Assistant coach Walter Sinnamon watches the young pitchers with their live fastballs and fervent hopes that some of their bullets will cross the plate somewhere. He spots the flaws and files them away, and later if he can think of a tactful approach, or if he's asked, he gently suggests a cure.

This year's team has a lot of fine young men and deserves a lot of credit and support, so come on, sports enthusiasts, get out and yell!



Jody Gaglio prepares to serve.

Honduras Homeless Need Help

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." (I John 3:17-18)

Over 600,000 homeless people in Honduras offer us at Houghton an excellent opportunity to convert our word on Christian love into actions. Hopefully we will accomplish it in two ways: (1) through general appeal to the student

body and community, and (2) with the aid of student organizations continuing to keep before the campus the very real and desperate needs of the people in Honduras in the wake of recent flood disaster.

Houghton College has been asked to raise \$3,300.00 by October 25. If every student contributes \$3.00 we can reach that goal. Consider prayerfully your role in this matter. "now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a part of it." (I Cor. 12:27)

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