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Six Houghton students plan intensive mission service programs in foreign countries this coming summer.

## Positive Approach Hallmarks New Personnel Effectiveness

In the evening mail on Thursday, April 3rd, thirty-four students received the news that they will be R.A.s next year. This was the culmination of a process that began with seventy-six applications and went on through a number of steps: recommendations, peer-rating by current R.A.s and other students tests, and an interview with the Resident Directors and members of the personnel staff. For members of the personnel staff, the decisions involved prayer and careful consideration of each individual. According to Ms. Phyllis Ament, the qualities that are sought in an R.A. are that he be a well-

rounded person, spiritually concerned, with personal integrity and the desire to serve his fellow students. Many of the students look upon the job as a means of Christian service and outreach. Ms. Ament stressed the point that an R.A. position is supposed to be a positive job; the R.A. is seen as a friend and a concerned, sincere helper.

The change in the duties of the R.A. from those of a "hall-cop", mainly concerned with enforcing rules, into a more positive approach can be credited to a large extent to Mrs. Robert Weir, the Dean of Women a few years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Weir, Jr. award a scholarship of \$100.00 annually to a woman Resident Assistant, based on financial need and the effectiveness of the student in the position. The recipient is chosen by recommendation of the Resident Directors in cooperation with student personnel. This year's Weir Student Personnel

Scholarship recipient is Cynthia Thompson, a sophomore R.A. in Gaoyadeo dorm.

Resident Assistants and Alternates for 1975-76:

Brookside — Diane Lehman, Denise Luptak, Nancy Nason, Cynthia Sears, Bonnie Wheeler. Alternate — Laurie Arnold.

East Hall — Kathleen Amick, Kyle Atkinson, Hope DiBlasi, Cheryl Hunter, Faye Kramer, Nancy Painter, Becky Pattington, Lois Poscopo, Priscilla Shuit, Juanita Smart, Beth Wells. Alternates — Ferne Allen, Laurie Hess, Dawn Neal.

Gao — Tricia Arnet, Judy Bennett, Rita Dyson, Gloria Mazur, Cindy Thompson. Alternate — Mary DuVall.

Shenawana and Mens Outside Housing — Steve Clark, Allan Fox, Steve Horst, John Loftness, Jeffrey Long, Scott Makin, Daniel Persing, Dennis Shaffner. Alternates — Peter Bush, David Rudd.

## Houghton Students Plan to Work For Missions in Foreign Countries

Six Houghtonians have enlisted in FMF's summer missions program. Their host countries range from Bonaire, a small island only 48 miles square in the Netherlands Antilles, to France, a full-sized nation with an area of over 212 thousand miles. The

two headed for Bonaire under Trans World Radio are Jan Weber and David Schmidt. Lois Piscopa plans to work in the European Bible Institute in France and Carol Young with the Alliance Youth Corp in Lebanon. Belgium is Kathy French's goal,

under Greater European Missions, while Windy McKay is staying on U.S. territory to help with Teen Missions on Merritt Island, Florida.

Most of our perspective missionaries aren't sure exactly what they will be asked to do once they arrive on location. However, they are literally ready to lend a hand wherever one is needed, even in manual labor such as cleaning, cooking, or construction work.

The six students will receive \$200 each from FMF, but they must raise the rest on their own. For most of them, this amounts to around \$800. Right now they are selling candy bars to make up the deficit, so help out if you can.

When Ban Me Thuot came under attack in early March, the Millers had taken refuge in the compound of the International Commission for Control and Supervision there, joining three workers with the Christian and Missionary Alliance in the compound.

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## Administration Considers New Proposal for Extended Hours

Would you believe new lounge hours? In an effort to give "on campus women the same hours as off campus women" a joint subcommittee of Student Affairs and Mrs. Dunkle have proposed "on a trial basis" an extension of the campus center hours until 2 a.m. on Fridays and 1 a.m. on Saturdays.

Presented earlier in the year to the Administrative Committee, this proposal caused various communication problems. Consequently, the reform was revised and resubmitted to the Ad. Committee on February 10 and the "final okay" appears to be around the corner.

A major problem feared by the administration is that this change

would break the former policy of all campus buildings being closed at midnight. Even so, if this suggestion of new lounge hours is put into effect, two Student Senators would, on voluntary basis, proctor the campus center. This new policy would take effect either April 11 or April 18. Providing the student body's response to this privilege is favorable, the policy will be adopted next fall.

According to Mrs. Dunkle, most of her peers are favorable to the change. The administration doesn't seem to mind if on-campus students stay outside the dorms past midnight on the weekend as long as there is a specific place to go and supervised recreation.



Carolyn (Paine) Miller



John Miller

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Mrs. Betty Mitchell and Dick and Lillian Phillips.

Since the fall of the city, however, no further word has been received on these six persons or another Christian and Missionary Alliance couple in Ban Me Thuot, the Norman Johnsons, according to Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc.

Dr. Richard Pittman, director of Wycliffe work in Asia, said attempts are being made to contact the North Vietnamese and Provisional Revolutionary Government (Vietcong) on

behalf of the eight persons.

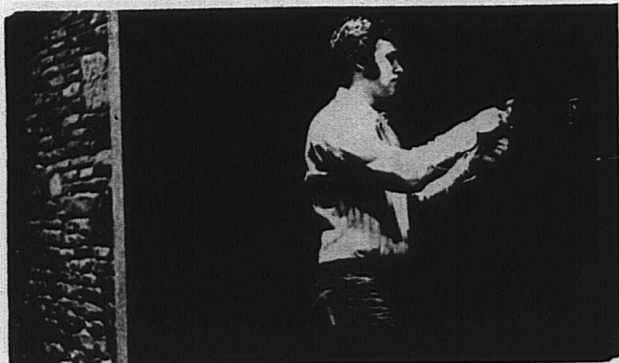
"Prayer is urgently needed," said Dr. Pittman, "not only for the safety for these eight, plus Paul Struharik, an American aid for International Development (AID) official also in Ban Me Thuot at the time, but also for their release if they are being held captive."

Beginning their work in Vietnam in 1950, the Millers had completed the first draft of the New Testament in Bru, a Montagnard language group, in 1973. Currently the manuscript is under revision prior to publication. The Millers' three other children, Marjorie, 12, Gordon, 10 and Nathan, 8, are attending a Wycliffe-operated school in Nha Trang, South Vietnam.

John Miller is from Allentown, Pa., and his wife Carolyn Paine Miller is from Houghton, N.Y.

Editor's note: John and Carolyn Miller are supported by FMF. Carolyn graduated from Houghton College in 1960 after a career of involvement in Houghton activities.

Carolyn majored in English and Classics. Her extra curricular activities included editing the *Star* and *Lanthorn*, working as assistant editor of the *Boulder*, and as class secretary. She was also involved in FMF, Wesleyan Youth, Student Senate, and orchestra.



If new lounge hours proposal is approved Wes McCallum may look on early closing with fond nostalgia.

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## Prophets of Doom

"The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will you do in the end thereof? (Jer. 5:31)

Once again the prophets of doom are having a field day. Spurred on by recent events coming to a climax in cover stories on *Time* and *Newsweek* proclaiming worldwide woes, these prophets are predicting more of the same. And evangelicals have been all too quick to pick up the cry.

That things are bad, indeed no one would question. But have things ever been any better? Pictures of bloodied Vietnamese babies should shock us, and cause us great anguish. But does it make any difference whether they were Viet Cong bullets or South Vietnamese?

Where were our prophets when Salvador Allende's government was overthrown by a right wing military dictatorship? There were no great cries predicting the second coming when Prince Sihanouk's government was ousted and replaced by a military government supporting U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia and the incursion into Cambodia. Why were there no evangelicals linking Kent State to the rise of the antichrist?

The time may be short. But the time may be long. It is time we as evangelicals stopped politicizing Christ's return. We have traded pie in the sky theology with an intense interest in the literalization of obscure prophecy. We must break out of the *Late Great Planet Earth* mentality that is so pervasive in evangelical circles today. It does not matter whether the Common Market is a forerunner of the revived Holy Roman Empire. We must stop seeing a sign pointing towards Christ's return every time a small satrap of the United States falls. Nations always have, and always will undergo a change in government, the poor will always be with us. And because of this, we must continue to work, to find answers. We cannot afford to throw it all away, to simply sit back and say the world is going to destroy itself, Lord come quickly. For the Lord may not come quickly. We must live in the here and now. What is to be our response to recent developments, what is to be our response to those in the throes of famine and suffering? Some will have to provide the philosophical base for our response, others will have to carry it out. But the emphasis must be on alleviating situations that currently exist, refusing the temptation to chalk it all up to the innate sinfulness of man. Things may continue to get worse. But they may get better. Real progress must be a possibility, unless one is to believe that the entire course of human history has been one continual regression.

"We are not helpless, we are men." A quote from an album spawned by an optimistic age, an age long since ended. I too have lost the idealism of the mid 60's, replaced it with the hard reality of Chicago and Kent State, and finally am left with little more than cynicism after the election of 1972. And yet I must continue to work. For if Christ does not come for many generations, it will be a poor excuse to say that I felt there was little sense in trying to better the world, as all signs pointed towards His imminent return. If indeed we are to be the salt of the earth, we must live towards that end, which would seem to imply an involvement with things that are vital to the well-being of this earth. As we are told in *Godspell*, "When that salt's done lost its flavor it ain't got much in its favor." Mark Michael

## Statement of Policy

In order to begin with a clear understanding of what we consider to be the purposes of the *Houghton Star*, we give the following basis for the coming year.

As a newspaper, the primary function of the *Star* is to inform. To fulfill this requirement, the 1975-76 *Star* will be weekly. We will not be concerned so much with presenting information already available to the Houghton population as with commenting on this information and providing new, not as easily accessible information. We will endeavor to present the news accurately and fairly and to offer news which is of interest to the entire campus.

An equally important role of the *Star* as a college publication involves an increased stress on the aesthetic, literary, and philosophical aspects of Houghton life. More critical and comprehensive coverage of fine arts is one of our goals. We also intend to give additional space to essays, reviews, and commentaries.

As editors, it is our responsibility to offer comment on local, national, and international issues we consider to be of importance. We do not intend to use this opportunity to create unnecessary friction. We will speak on topics, controversial or not, when open consideration is needed to produce valuable changes or to encourage constructive thought.

We feel that there are many avenues of expressing our ideas. Often humor allows us to see the total absurdity of a situation, whereas serious criticism may only aggravate the problem. In such cases we reserve the right to print humorous and satirical comment, in hopes of ameliorating situations both here and "outside." This comment will never be directed at persons or institutions, but rather at views expressed by them. Again, the purpose is not simply to make fun, but rather through humor to effect change.

We do not delude ourselves by thinking that we have the final answers to any problems that may arise, but that does not mean that we will not ask questions or offer our own views. We invite and welcome responses from all sides, and will print as many letters to the editor as possible. It is only through such free interchange that the *Star* can "serve as a forum for student thought."

The Editors

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## Letters to the Editor

Congratulations. You have gained the position which you sought. Earlier, when you asked me if I thought that it would be worth the effort, I warned you not to run. I hope the next year proves me wrong . . . but I don't think that it will.

I suspect that you will not have the paper that you want. When you speak of discussion, debate and investigative controversy, I know that you mean it as being scholarly, logical and truthful. If you are hoping for answers, critiques and rebuttals to your articles, you will not get them; instead, you will be labeled radicals and trouble-makers. And, instead of submitting discussions and rebuttals via the *Star*, stuffed arm chairs all over campus will criticize you as being irresponsible, biased and misinformed. Few, if any, will bother to suggest alternate ideas, to correct your statistics, if incorrect, or to provide rational explanations to your investigations.

Why do I say these things? Remember the series of articles on Pentecostalism that were partially printed two years ago. They were stopped because of their one sided

approach; never were they discussed or criticized. Remember also the Curry article on Red China last year. The stuffed arm chairs complained that the "praises of Communist China had been sung enough." A scholarly opposition or critique never appeared. The same issue carried "unfair" statistics gathered from a questionnaire, and an "irresponsible" editorial. The statistics were never corrected and the editorial was never debated, but the *Star* was suspended for awhile. Mark and Carol, do not expect to hear scholarly, concrete or rational criticism; just expect criticism.

I warn you too, don't be insensitive to the criticism, subtle or overt. You are the editors for the whole campus. When you come under written attack, be glad. Such concern and effort is rare.

I understand that you both wish to work with "dirty laundry", or investigative reporting. It's an item that has been misunderstood all four years that I have attended Houghton, and I doubt that it will be different next year. Be careful with such

things, it may reveal a problem as big as a miniature Watergate, or a situation as small as the lounge proctors watching TV while on the job. I know that you want the dirty laundry to be washed, but many will see it only as dirty laundry. Your efforts will undoubtedly be called "irresponsible and misinformed." However, no one will offer the needed explanations. Don't be afraid of doing the laundry; if you pull out a clean item which you think is dirty, don't soil it; your hands are not easily cleaned. And don't forget to do your own laundry when it needs it.

Have you two heard about the issues of the *Star* that are sent off campus? The ratio I've heard is about 1,200 issues on campus to 20 copies off campus. In years past, a great concern has been put on these special 20 copies, some of which go to trustees and alumni. Well, anyway, next year, the ratio will be about 1,200 to 21. Print the truth in the one you send me.

Best of luck,

Matthew P. Downs, 1975

## Hunger, Overcrowding, & Disease: Bangladesh Problems Still Acute

Hunger doesn't always involve emaciated victims passively starving to death.

In Bangladesh, food has become an urgent need — so vital that it spurs outbreaks of violence if it isn't delivered quickly enough.

This and other observations about the situation of the Asian country were made by the Rev. Charles Hoeming, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church here. The Lutheran Church in America clergyman had just returned from a three-week visit to Bangladesh as part of an international Lutheran hunger project.

"The people have an animal-like passion for food," he said. When food was being distributed, "the police had to beat the people off with clubs because they were swarming around the tent."

Bangladesh has a population of 75 million crowded into a space the size of New Jersey, thus the land cannot yield enough to support the populace.

"The people have adopted a 'give-me' attitude. They expect to be fed, or they steal it," Mr. Hoeming said. Since the population is increasing at a rate of 3 percent each year,

"obviously, birth control must be initiated," the pastor said.

"The problem is to communicate about birth control and family planning. For example, the women were given a vaginal foam to use, only to return the next day to say they didn't like the taste."

In Bangladesh, only 20 per cent of the people are literate, he said.

Food rationing by the government fails because of government corruption. "The government sells the food on the docks at the black market," Mr. Hoeming said.

Some food American agencies send over is left sitting on the docks, some is chewed by rats. "But the main problem," the pastor believes, "is transportation. The roads are terrible. And gas is \$2 a gallon, if you can find it."

An "urgent" telegram takes eight days, if it arrives at all. The few motor vehicles go 10 miles per hour. The pastor took one 40-mile trip in a 1935 bus designed originally for 45 persons. There were 150 on board, plus baggage, and the trip took four hours.

While in Bangladesh, the pastor

joined the efforts of the World Health Organization, a U.N. agency sponsoring a medical program to eliminate smallpox.

Today, only Ethiopia, Bangladesh, and India have active cases of smallpox. The United States hasn't had a case in eight years. Together, Ethiopia and India have 200 cases. Bangladesh has 500.

Mr. Hoeming recalled vaccinating 400 persons in one day, often catching them in the fields or dragging them out from under beds, since they fear the needle. "You can't really tell if they have been vaccinated before because their arms are so covered with sores."

The Lutherans have opened eight reception centers for kids left in the streets. More than 4,000 children are distributed among the centers," the pastor pointed out.

He recalled a mother who offered to sell her baby daughter for \$1.50. When even \$1 was not offered, she left the baby by the side of the road.

"There is only one place to begin," he said. "Education. But teachers aren't too willing to go and live in those conditions."

## Houghton Wind Ensemble Tours East With Repertoire of Student Works

On March 21, thirty-nine students boarded a Blue Bird cruiser and left Wesley Chapel for Afton, New York. That evening, they performed the first of a nine concert tour which eventually took the Houghton College Symphonic Wind Ensemble from mid-state New York, through the Catskills, and down to southern Pennsylvania. With the exception of one high school performance, the concerts were hosted by various churches. Some of the stopping points on the itinerary were Auburn, Phoenicia and Westerlo in New York, and Bethlehem, York, and Altoona in Pennsylvania.

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Harold McNeil has toured several times but not on an annual basis. They last toured in 1972 and for various reasons had not been able to go out again until this year.

There are many purposes for touring and as many results. The primary objectives of the Wind Ensemble are to communicate Jesus Christ and to glorify God through music. The result expected is the spiritual and musical growth of the audience and members of the ensemble as well. The repertoire, therefore, was

unique in two respects. Among the usual choral settings and hymn suites was a hymn arrangement of *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* by Ellen Rizzo, a member of the ensemble.

Secondly, the first *Symphony* of Samuel Barber was included to introduce the audiences to a different style of music perhaps unfamiliar to them in its capacity to glorify God.

## The Committee is Still Concerned About Campus Communications and Complaints

The Central Communications Committee, under the leadership of Rich Downs, is alive and well. It has had no big "projects" this year similar to last year's painting of Gao dorm. Its goal has been to serve as a responsive instrument of communication, dealing with all the problems which students present to it.

In response to the requests resulting from the letter writing campaign it conducted, the Committee has been looking into such things as the petty rules which bother a great many students, getting left-handed desks for classrooms, having skim milk available in the dining hall, and relaying gripes in general to the proper places. Other complaints, such as the "lake" in front of Brookside after a thaw or shower, the muddy cowpath from Shenawana to civiliza-

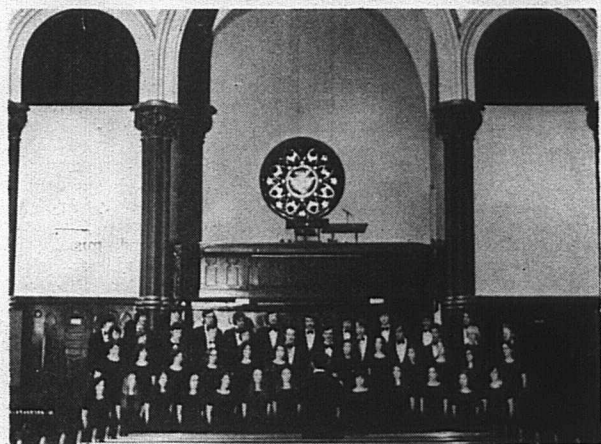
tion, and alleged mice in the walls of girls' dorms are presently under investigation.

Note bien: The Committee may not investigate a situation unless it is at the request of a student or by a motion of the Senate. But take heart — the Committee has the policy of maintaining anonymity of the complainee (?). So, if you think nothing is getting done around here, it is either because everyone is completely content or just too lazy to write.

### Intended

Sandra Barber ('74) to Steve Wheeler ('74)  
Kathy DeFilippo ('76) to Bryan Fisk (RPI '76)  
Patty Dick ('76) to Otis Barber (Cornell '71)





Concerts in many churches like this comprised the Easter Concert schedule of the College Choir.

## College Choir Uses Spring Vacation to Give Concert

On March 29, a rainy Saturday, Mr. Donald Bailey and 53 College Choir members left Houghton to begin a tour of 12 concerts in 10 days. During the first part of the week, the choir traveled to Jamestown, New York; Erie, Pennsylvania; Kalamazoo, Michigan; Bethel College and Purdue University in Indiana. Every day, the choir member rosters were fed a hearty breakfast by his host, and met the others to load the bus. Bus loading times ranged from 5:30 to 9:00 a.m. The morning would be spent traveling, perhaps stopping at a hamburger shop for lunch. As soon as the choir reached its destination for the day, it would meet in the sanctuary or auditorium to try out the acoustics of the room. Then members were urged to spend time just being quiet. At 5:00, the choir would be served dinner by the host church. After supper, members would change into uniform, meet

once more on the risers, and then meet together for prayer just before the concert. When the concert was over, choir members would talk with members of the congregation and then meet their hosts for that evening.

The week passed quickly as the choir went on to West Chicago and Wheaton, Illinois; Marion, Indiana; Mentor, Ohio; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The evening before Easter, the choir had its annual banquet in the Pittsburgh area. This was a time of informal talent, distribution of awards, and of course — eating.

Just before the last concert Easter night, the choir took communion together in a chapel of the church. This was the high point of the tour. Though there had been much traveling and vocal effort, each choir member was challenged to evaluate his relationship with God and other people.

## U.S. Catholic Bishops Issue Good Friday Plea for Protection of Innocent in V.N.

Declaring that the U.S. "cannot responsibly" turn its back on the suffering Vietnamese people, the president of the U.S. Catholic bishops issued a Good Friday plea for support of all efforts to render emergency humanitarian aid to Vietnam.

Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), also called on U.S. policymakers and the international community to "make every effort to protect the human rights of the innocent victims of this ghastly war."

The prelate, responding in a Good Friday message (March 28) to the increased fighting in Vietnam, stressed that "peace in Vietnam is an urgent necessity. So is justice."

"Whether peace with justice is now possible," he said, "I do not pretend to know, yet I firmly believe that every effort must continue to be made to achieve that elusive goal. Only thus, can this present Good Friday of the suffering Vietnamese people be converted to an Easter of renewed hope."

Observing that the "mystery of

Continuing to serve the interests of the students, the Student Senate in its latest session (April 1) voted unanimously to provide fresh fruit, fruit juice and nuts for the student body. This will be done by either replacing some of the candy in the vending machines now in the snack shop area with these more nutritional foodstuffs, or by adding another vending machine which would dispense these only. This action was taken out of concern for the continuing present day trend among Americans to consume large amounts of low-nutrition processed edibles.

The assembly was also of one accord in its decision to observe Food Day (April 17). Food Day is a day of nation-wide effort to educate Americans of the growing food crisis, the low nutrition they are receiving in their carelessly ordered diets, and the high prices they have to pay for the nutrition they don't get. For its observance at Houghton such avenues of communication as films, exhibits and speakers will be considered by the established coordinating committee.

## Temporary Cook Pays College a Visit; Revision of All Meal Plans Scheduled

"I'd never purchased on the open market before, and it was the time of the price freeze. All I could get was tuna fish and bacon. So we had tuna fish casseroles all week." That was the summer that Tim Hedger was head cook at Delta Lake Camp. Now Tim is at Houghton. He has just finished a four-week hitch as temporary assistant in our own kitchen. Tim hasn't served up any tuna fish and bacon casseroles here, but you may have seen his creations — a

penguin made of egg and olives, a carrot-like palm tree, a bird of paradise from an apple — as you went through the lunch line.

He learned to make these little wonders at the Culinary Institute of America (C.I.A.), from which he graduated in February with an Associate Occupational Studies degree. Before that, he cooked for Uncle Sam for three years. Before that, he worked for Delta Lake.

When Houghton offered him the brief stay, he accepted, ready to give and take. He gave us the garnishes on the line, tips on the use of leftovers and suggestions for new menu items which we may be seeing soon. He took a few ideas on basic food service operations and a great liking for Christian college work. "The students are more likely to try new dishes. You don't have to stick to plain foods."

And where will the dining hall go from here?

Next semester, the college kitchen

few other "tradition-bound" senators) sought to gain passage of a hastily drawn up counter-proposal. It was defeated, though, as the conviction prevailed that the madness must stop somewhere.

It was reported at the meeting that the Student Affairs Committee failed to approve the Senate's request for permission to present a movie, the proceeds from which would be donated to World Vision International. The Senate, motivated by a consciousness of the extreme hunger and misery in an increasing number of areas of the world, hoped to provide an opportunity for the students of Houghton College to provide support for an organization working on a large scale to offer relief aid. The rationale for the Student Affairs Committee's action was that Senate had already used its allotted number of "fund raising" activities. It is unfortunate that changing weather patterns and the political schemes of men — both resulting in misery and death for millions of innocent victims — were not able to be coordinated with the college calendar.

will go to a twenty meal a week schedule and eliminate board plan B, according to Mr. Kenneth Nielsen, business manager. This action will give students modest savings on next year's food bill.

The new plan, already approved by the trustees, calls for only two meals on Saturday — brunch and early dinner. For those who must rise early, light breakfast will be served.

The change reduces a planned \$50 increase in board costs to a \$30 increase. The meal plan will cost \$335 per semester next year. (Remember: there is no Winterim.)

Plan B was originally designed for the student who lived within 100 miles of the college and ate at home on weekends. However, students have been taking advantage of the plan and have cooked in the dorms. To end this abuse, Mr. Nielsen recommended the plan be dropped. He also noted the trend toward one meal plan at 12 local and consortium colleges.

## Placement Office Helpful in Securing Job Opportunities

There are few things more frustrating than spending \$16,000 on a liberal arts education only to find oneself bagging groceries after graduation. What good will all those long hours of study be if you can't find a satisfactory job?

The College Placement Office stands ready to assist. Unfortunately, many students are not taking advantage of its services. Mrs. Helen Zih, director of the Office, encourages students to register with the Placement Office before their senior year. The Office, in turn, will keep registered students posted on job opportunities, assist in setting up interviews and in compiling resumes. Although it is not impossible to get a job without the aid of the Placement Office, employers do tend to look primarily to placement offices for employees. Being referred by a placement office carries more weight

than if one applies for a job on his own. Even if you plan on graduate school, you are still encouraged to register, as the Placement Office also assists alumni.

Besides registering with the Placement Office, what else can you do to prepare for successful job-hunting? Firstly, the Placement Office has helpful literature concerning what positions are available with what companies and what careers your particular training will suit you for. Also the Placement Office has an excellent film, *The Interview Game*, which Mrs. Zih stresses as a must for all students in preparation for finding a job.

The Placement Office is not a magical key to success, but it does offer some very valuable assistance that we all shall no doubt need someday.

human suffering is much on our minds during Holy Week," Archbishop Bernardin said the events in Southeast Asia particularly "remind us of the continuing capacity of human beings for inflicting pain and anguish on one another."

He said the escalation of fighting in Vietnam has deepened the continuing tragedy of that country, with thousands being killed and as many as 2 million refugees undergoing further anguish. "Such suffering calls out to the compassion of fellow human beings everywhere," he added. "We, in America cannot be detached or indifferent concerning what is now occurring in Vietnam," the prelate stated. "American withdrawal from a combat role . . . has not absolved us from a share of the responsibility for what is happening there."

Archbishop Bernardin, noting that some Americans might suggest complete U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam, said he would agree that any future U.S. involvement "must give far greater emphasis than in the past to humanitarian aid and multi-lateral action. But I would also insist that we cannot responsibly turn our backs as a nation on the situation we have helped to create."

Citing a recent plea by Pope Paul that everything be done "to alleviate the tragedy of those (Vietnamese) people and to prove to them that our world is not indifferent to the cries of our brethren," the archbishop declared:

"I call upon U.S. policy-makers and the international community to make every effort to protect the human rights of the innocent victims of this ghastly war, while at the same time avoiding the mistakes of the past."



The Archers live from Wesley Chapel.

## California Group Presents Concert to Eager Audience

The blowing and drifting snow of western New York's spring (?) didn't deter the Archers as they breezed into Houghton from Cleveland, Ohio in four hours. They set up in Wesley Chapel and were ready to go with their concert at 9:09 — seventy minutes late, but they were here! Pre-concert music from Dayspring and Son Touched prepared the audience for them. The seven member group sang country, folk, and rock, to communicate the "Sweet, Sweet Life in Jesus."

The Archers, from California, were part of the CSO Youth Conference being held April 4-6 here at Houghton. The conference delegates helped the audience make a joyful noise along with the Archers. Nancy Short's gentle "He Loves You", Andrae Crouch's "He Washed My Sins Away", and a new song, "It Wouldn't Be Enough" were highlights of the program. The audience showed its appreciation and enthusiasm as it brought the Archers back for a triple encore.



## Baseball Team Suns in Florida For A Full Week of Practice

It was a cloudy day and the track was slow due to the onslaught of college students returning home for spring break. In the first gate on route 19 it was the Houghton College baseball team off to a slow, casual start.

After several warmup practices in the Academy gym the baseball team was ready, willing and able for the 26 hour drive to Florida, not to mention the week's stay with the sun and sand. After the potent fund raising drive and strong financial support of

the Student Senate (5 cents), the baseball team had a problem deciding where to stay. The Waldorf was filled, the Hilton didn't quite measure up to the rigorous standards of the team, and since there was no room to pack sleeping bags and tents in their spacious van, they settled for a little, out of the way (about 50 miles from anywhere) village. The village was lovingly referred to as Wesleyan Village, a retirement home for Wesleyan missionaries, pastors, and the like. So a week was spent with the jet set. The youngest person in the village, the youth pastor, was 65, and was well equipped to minister to their needs. After two practices a day from nine to four, a glass of ice-cold lemonade was a welcome sight. However, lest you think the entire trip was all fun and games, the team was given the opportunity to exhibit its acutely developed skills in a game with Eastern Mennonite College. The score is at this time unavailable, as the player who furnished the above information walked away mumbling something about not wanting to incriminate himself.

Editor's Note: The official score was EMC - 8, Houghton - 1.



Houghton's first women softballers undergo rigorous training session in Bedford, Gymnasium.

## Prospects Look Good for This Year's Baseball Team

The baseball team this year has the talent, and more importantly, the spirit, to do better than last year's disappointing 4-14 record. Although they lost to EMC this past Easter, the team gained experience, and their optimism still runs high. Offensively the team is average, relying on Larry Cornell and Dave Wells to supply the power. The pitching staff is being augmented by John Kilpatrick (former Catcher) and Larry Cornell (exoutfielder). Coach Wells praised these players for their willingness to leave their previous positions and try something new. Also pitching are Dennis Heiple, Al Webster, Bob Chaffee, and Jim Casagrand.

Defensively the squad looks espe-

cially strong, with Scott Makin at third; Dave Bither and Scott Records at shortstop; Dave Irwin and John Roman at second; Dave Wells, Mark Kalata, and Mike Frost at first; Joe Sciortino and Venn Blakely, catchers; Carlos Martinez, Dave Swann, and Dan Shultz, outfield; with Albyn Roman as manager.

The spring baseball season is scheduled to start April 10 on the Alumni Field, with a doubleheader against Johnstown College at 1 p.m. Other games are scheduled as follows:

April 12 Binghamton H, DH, 1 p.m.  
April 19 Wilmington H, DH, 10 a.m.  
April 22 Geneseo A, 3 p.m.

## Southern Baptists Send Relief To Refugees in South Vietnam

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has allocated \$250,000 for emergency relief in South Vietnam.

"Over a million people have become refugees in the recent upheavals in Vietnam," said R. Keith Parks, the board's secretary for Southeast Asia.

Mr. Parks added that the Vietnam Baptist Mission will join with other

volunteer agencies and the Vietnamese government in attempting to feed the refugees.

Emergency funds were requested from missionaries serving with the Baptist Mission.

Information received from Saigon indicated that most women and children in the Southern Baptist missionary force in South Vietnam are now in the capital. Some of the men have

stayed in the field to assist with refugee work.

Earlier in March, the foreign mission board allocated \$225,194 for relief and rehabilitation in Bangladesh.

The large grants for Vietnam and Bangladesh were made possible in large part by relief collections in Alabama, Florida, Texas and North Carolina. Other state conventions are collecting funds for world relief.

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## Houghton Women's Softball Team Makes Debut on April 19

Braving wind, rain, mud, and yes friends, even April snow storms, 20 women turned out for the first practice of Houghton's novice varsity softball team. It is evident that the ladies have talent. As their coach, Miss Kinnett is now trying to bring out the best abilities in everyone, and discover who will do the most effective job in each position. The ladies are quite grateful for the drills which Miss Kinnett puts them through. Not only are the drills perfecting everyone's skills and getting the players in shape, but they also help stave off frostbite.

The team will be playing slow pitch softball. This differs slightly from fast pitch in that there are 10 players, and there is no bunting, stealing,

or sliding. The pitch, as defined in the DGWS rules, is "delivered at moderate speed on the first forward underhand swing of the arm past the hip. Before the ball reaches the strike zone, which is between the batter's shoulders and knees, it must have traveled through an arc of at least 3 feet, and ascended no more than 10 feet above the ground."

As of now, only 4 games are scheduled. Possibly 2 more will be added. The games scheduled are:

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|------------------|-------------------|
| D'Youville       | April 19 (H) 1:00 |
| D'Youville       | April 28 (A) 4:00 |
| Roberts Wesleyan | May 3 (A) 1:00    |
| Eisenhower       | May 10 (H) 3:00   |

The team would appreciate your support as they accept the challenges of these teams. Good luck, ladies!

## Bucknell Trustees Involved In "On Campus" Program

A new program designed to utilize the talents and experience of members of the Board of Trustees at Bucknell was announced recently by President Charles H. Watts. The Trustee-in-Residence Program will involve visits to the campus by trustees for periods varying in length from several days to weeks or even months.

While on campus the trustees will be involved in such activities as assistance in formal instructional programs, informal discussions, seminars with students and faculty, consultation and counsel with administrative and academic departments, and career counseling of students.

In addition, trustees may wish to engage in special studies, in research, or in the preparation of special reports on a topic of general

concern to the University. In past years Bucknell has encouraged trustees to serve as speakers, lecturers, seminar leaders, panelists, career counselors and program consultants.

According to President Watts, "Faculty, students, and administrative staff members have benefited from previous involvement of trustees in Bucknell programs and we feel certain that the Trustee-in-Residence Program will add a new dimension to residential life on the campus."

President Watts also noted that "trustee participants in this program should attain a new perspective on the daily concerns and achievements of the campus community," and that with information or insight gained in residence participants may make valuable contributions to the board of administrative officers.

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