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Eight summer missionaries will travel with FMF support.

Houghton Students Plan Summer Work Overseas

by Dianne Abbink

Discipleship... unity... love... sacrifice... prayer... faith. These are some of the challenging concepts confronting the Houghton students in their orientation for their experiences this summer under the FMF summer missions program. The program is set up to aid students financially with a gift of \$200 and to rally support from the Houghton College community for students engaged in summer mission work. It is the student's decision as to the mission board and country in which he will participate.

Two students plan to be in Ecuador with the Oriental Missionary Society (a board which now geographically extends beyond its title). Elise Ether, a junior, anxiously returns for her second summer there and expects to do the same type of work, including English teaching, house-to-house visitation and office work. Linda Draper, a sophomore, is not quite sure what her tasks will be, though they may be very similar to those of Elise. They will both be away from approximately June 9 to August 18.

Sophomore Jane Waterhouse is excited about her upcoming two months (June 15-August 15) in Taiwan with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship. She will be testifying, working with children in Daily Vacation Bible School, and also working with nurses and Bible school students.

Junior Esther Meier and Sophomore Mary Urbanski are anticipating a real learning experience as they join in the discipleship and evangelism program of Operation Mobilization in Europe. They are first required to attend a week-long conference in Dallas, Texas in June and then will join European young people for a conference in Belgium. From there Mary hopes to go to Austria and work with nationals in follow-up work. Esther is considering Spain, but is still open to Italy or Belgium. She will probably be

engaged in house-to-house work. Tom Miller, newly-elected President of FMF, is the only male representative in this year's FMF missions program. Tom is waiting for a letter from Wycliffe Bible Translators to finalize his decision. He will go with either Wycliffe to Brazil or on Operation Mobilization to Europe.

There are three other students going this summer who are not an actual part of the FMF program, but who will receive our help, encouragement and prayer support. Soon after Michelle Forbes leaves Houghton College as a graduate this May, she will leave the U.S.A. for a six-week musical ministry in France with Global Outreach. She will work with Eugene Boyer as she sings French at a radio station near Marseilles. Shelly is looking forward to this summer not only because it's her first time overseas; but also, because she expects this experience to be very instrumental in determining her future plans.

Two other fellows will join Operation Mobilization for the summer. John Bullock, a junior, expects to work in Spain with an international team of young people and go door to door with Christian books and Bibles. Rich Ludeman, a sophomore, will return for his second summer on OM. Rich was in France last summer but may work in Italy or Belgium this year.

Nixon Escalates Vietnam Air Offensive, Bombing Cities of Hanoi and Haiphong

It sounds so familiar — the offensive, the bombings, and the high casualty lists. Four years after the North Vietnamese Tet offensive, South Vietnam again finds itself fighting for survival but in a more participatory role. The United States, on the other hand, is limited to advisory roles and air support missions — bombing farther into North Vietnam than anytime since President Johnson halted the bombing in 1968; attacking the Port of Haiphong and the North Vietnamese capital of Hanoi.

The bombings are clearly a political gamble for President Nixon, who faces a nationwide presidential referendum in November. The only military ad-

vantage of the bombings are long run — slowing down any southward supply movement that might occur in seven months. The diplomatic impact of the bombings, however, are questionable in light of Nixon's planned summit meetings with Soviet leaders in Russia early in May.

On the ground, the North Vietnamese offensive is entering its fourth week with the heaviest fighting taking place in Binh Long province just 60 miles north of Saigon. An Loc (pop. 40,000), the capital of Binh Long, is the center of the battle. The Communists, frustrated in their attempts to capture the old imperial capitals of Hue and Quang Tri, have been driven back from

An Loc as a result of increased U.S. and South Vietnamese air support. When the ground attack began, the North lost 25 tanks in the initial 24 hours of fighting. Yet at the end of the week, both sides were claiming victory.

Throughout the offensive, North Vietnam has retained the offensive initiative, striking at South Vietnam's greatest weakness — its borders — and has continued to hold large areas of South Vietnamese territory. To be sure more major fighting lies ahead, the North Vietnamese have committed only one-half of their 100,000 troops in the South. The U.S., anticipating such an escalation, is increasing its ground and sea-based air support facilities.

The big question is: how long will it last? In Tet '68 the Communists launched three offensives each lasting approximately six weeks. Ranking U.S. officials in Saigon expect the same pattern to prevail in the current offensive. "Traditionally," says an American official in Saigon, "their first effort has been the strongest and most violent. According to our experience, the second will be less intense and so will the third — if there is a third."

Student Senate Approves Proposal for Bill of Rights

The Student Senate ratified the Proposed Student Bill of Rights by a vote of 18 to 6 in its regular meeting April 18. The proposal will now be sent to the Student Affairs Committee, the faculty, and finally the Board of Trustees, in the hope that they will establish this Bill as official College policy.

Senate approval was not given quickly or easily to the Bill. The idea of a Student Bill of Rights was first presented nearly a month ago. Since that time, student legislators have spent hours in discussion, revision and debate. The Senate's initial reaction to the Bill was somewhat negative, because it stated its premise that the College owes the student certain rights in the form of a demand. Senators, in discussing the issue, realized that there are two ways to obtain rights: to take them, or to be given them. Forcibly taking rights is obviously not the Christian solution. It was pointed out that as Christians, we give up all of our rights to serve Christ,

Who sets us free spiritually. However, this does not necessarily imply personal and political freedom in this world. Furthermore, Houghton College is a private institution, and the student who attends voluntarily signs away some of his Constitutional rights. Since this agreement is based on the student's choice, he cannot demand that the College return rights to him unless he is prepared to leave. Primarily because of these factors, Senators amended the Bill of Rights so that it was presented as a proposal rather than as a demand.

Several other modifications were made to the original Bill. The preamble was dropped in favor of a short rationale which asserts that, since Christian liberal arts students should have certain rights stated in a written form, the Student Senate requests that the faculty and the Trustees officially affirm them. Statements were added which would equalize men's and women's regulations, and guard against racial prejudice, whether subtle or overt.

Geneseo Students DeLeon and Dibbins Bring Submarines, Pizzas to Houghton

by Sharon Coddington

David Scoville drove through Houghton this March and discovered the absence of a submarine shop. That would never do — Houghton needed submarines.

Tim DeLeon and Tom Dibbins, both third year Management Science majors at Geneseo College, were hired to check out the effects another business would have on Houghton's downtown

commercial center.

The possibilities seemed good. Property was rented, and during Easter vacation, managers Tim and Tom transformed the garage of a barn-apartment house into a respectable submarine shop called the TNT.

Since then they have been packing out elongated cellophane-wrapped rolls stuffed with salami, roast beef, turkey, onions, cheese and lettuce, along with

spicy pizzas.

Business in the next few months will influence any future plans Tim and Tom have for the TNT. Their policy is simple: "We serve everybody here with no partiality. Advertising space is free and plentiful. We want your patronage and your interest."

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JUST LIKE MA USED TO MAKE.

Where We're Going

It is with mixed emotions that I view the prospects for next year at Houghton, and the place the *Star* will have in it. I am excited by the possibilities for the future, but I am wondering if we will take the chance and boldly step out in God's power to face the harsh realities of the decade. I see the importance of the traditional faith upon which Houghton College is founded, but I am wondering when we will realize that this creed does not bind us forever into some isolated rut; it should set us free.

In this time of choosing priorities and re-assessing directions, it is imperative that student organizations bear their part of the burden. Probably the most important thing we can do through the *Star* is to choose our goals carefully, and commit ourselves to God's use, as He sees fit, so that He might be glorified.

Our first goal is to accurately and fairly report the news, because the Christian student must be informed. The world is dying, but its only hope for salvation

will remain a secret unless we can meet men where they are, understand their circumstances, and point to the Alternative. Our second goal is to present all the opinions on an issue. This is not easy; most are hesitant to take a stand on an issue because it may cost them something, and it may hurt. But the Evangelical Church will die in a grave of its own digging unless it faithfully reaffirms the implications of New Testament Christianity. Our third goal is to act as a service organization to the College community. This does not imply that everything we say about the College will be complimentary. We believe that the student's viewpoint is valid, and we must be true to what we see. Ours is the difficult task of maintaining a Christian spirit whether in praise or in criticism.

The goals we have chosen are not easily attained. I ask for your prayers as we work together, that the Lord may glorify Himself in us.

— Stephen Woolsey

ACO - Faith That Works

There are a great many of us, who professing to be Christians, sit around Houghton and do a great deal of complaining about Christian love and campus outreach opportunities. We complain that we can't relate to any of the structured programs Houghton has to offer. Knocking on doors seems too corny and too risky. Street-corner evangelism seems like a shot in the dark. Praying for missionaries seems too remote and impersonal. So we just sit and complain and our faith dies somewhere between our room, the chapel and the library.

Now we've all heard that "faith without works is dead," but it seems that many of us don't really care if our faith dies or not. We can find all sorts of excuses to remain uninvolved. But if the above reasons are our excuses, Allegany County Outreach defies them.

It certainly isn't too corny or risky to share an hour of your time playing football with a kid who deserves a lot of time, love and help. It's hardly a shot in the dark to work so closely with a family that you become one of them and share their problems and needs as well as their joys. You can't get much closer or

more personal than that.

For all the other excuses ACO has answers. It's not liberal. It's not conservative. It's just Christian. It's not "fundy." It's not heretical. It's soundly putting into action your faith and Christian love. But most of all, it's not something that Christians can continue to ignore. For it is a program that ministers, as Christ did, to the whole man — to his spiritual, physical and emotional needs.

This is not to say that ACO is a cure for all ills or that it is the best program offered. ACO does not have all the answers and formulas worked out in advance. It doesn't guarantee startling results and statistics, and it doesn't guarantee that mistakes won't be made. All it offers is an opportunity to put into practice the teachings of Jesus Christ on a very personal level. It takes work, time, concern and enthusiasm. It's what we have supposedly been looking for all this time.

Knowing this, if we still just sit and complain and let our faith die, then the problem lies not with the program but with us. So let's get off our seats and get going, or let's stop complaining and keep quiet.

Ten Years After Performs Jointly with Procol Harum

by R. Burnett Thompson
If you want to enjoy some good music from Procol Harum and Ten Years After, then buy their records. Their concerts, like all concerts in the last couple of years, can be enjoyed only if your head is whirling faster than a speeding bullet.

In Rochester's War Memorial

Auditorium on Saturday, April 15, Ten Years After and Procol Harum did their finest for a house that bore frightening similarities to the monkey house at a national zoo. Procol Harum deserves better treatment, as they are a rock group with plenty of class, but Alvin Lee of Ten Years After must ask for it.

Procol Harum presented their usual program of what they call classically-oriented music, interspersed with some funky rock-n-roll. Presumably they distinguish themselves from other groups because they are the only existing rock group that makes effective use of diminished seventh and French sixth chords. The last time I saw the group, in the summer of 1969, they annoyed many people by playing for only an hour and demanding 20 minutes of clapping and screaming from 7,000 spaced-out freaks before playing everybody's favorite, "Whiter Shade of Pale." This time they managed to satisfy everybody, however, performing cuts from the recent *Broken Barriades* album and a soon-to-be-released live album. It's a shame that the audience could not force themselves to sit down, shut-up, and listen to the music. Procol Harum must be complimented for steady improvement in their performances at a time when the rock audience would be happy with a dog-fight on stage.

Egomaniac Alvin Lee followed Procol Harum and tried to play the part of the cool stage artist. The crowd did not care for his attitude, however, so he decided to be simply a rock-n-roll guitarist and brought the house down with "Goin' Home" and some old fifties tunes. He ended with Chuck Berry's "Roll over Beethoven." There is no question that Alvin Lee is the fingerboard acrobat of all ace guitarists, for the animals in the audience shrieked their approval.

Intended

Sara Robbins '73 to Les Brinkerhoff '73

Seven Point Resolution Submitted as a Request

Listed on Page Two of this *Star* is a Student Senate Resolution concerning student rights. The resolution "requests that the faculty and Trustees of Houghton College establish certain rights" for students at Houghton College.

The Senate resolution by its wording, is not a radical document. But, whenever Houghton students begin to even talk about rights, it is bound to raise some eyebrows. The intent of this editorial is to place the Senate Resolution and the eyebrows in proper perspective. Let us understand what the Senate resolution is; and what it is not.

First, the resolution is not a Bill of Rights. It cannot be; for simply put, the Student Senate has no power to grant any of the rights which are listed in the resolution.

Second, the resolution is not a demand. The Senate has been very careful to clarify this point. It was for this very reason that a proposal for a "Bill of Rights" was defeated. The Student Senate realizes that, although there are some excellent reasons for Houghton students to enjoy what

are Constitutional rights, the practical Christianity of the situation forbids us to demand them.

Third, the Senate resolution does not question the right of the College to limit student rights. The Senate recognizes, perhaps more than any other campus organization, that the College has the right to establish any regulations which it wishes, and by so doing, abridge student rights. Our resolution does not question the right of the College or the Trustees, but it does implicitly question the expediency of the College exercising its rights to the degree which it does.

The Senate resolution then is a request. It is a credit to the Senate that in spite of repeated setbacks, the Senate has not resorted to riots, strikes, sit-ins or demands as our counterparts on other campuses have done. Instead the Senate continues to work through the "channels" and in accordance with its position in the system, requests these rights.

We hope that our request will be received in the same spirit as it is offered.

Senate Asks Students' Opinions On Bill of Rights Resolution

A resolution on student Senate on April 18, 1972 by an 18 to 6 vote. In order to more accurately assess student opinion on this matter, the Senate and *Star* have reprinted the entire resolution. We ask you to read this resolution and to indicate your support of or opposition to it. Please return your referendum ballot to the Houghton *Star* by May 5, 1972.

Students at a Christian liberal arts institution should be endowed with certain basic rights in order that the fundamental principles of Christian freedom and individuality, academic pursuit and responsible behavior be realized. For purposes of morale and practical interpretation and application, these rights should be set down in a written form and stated in the *Student Guide*. In accordance with these ideas, the Student Senate requests the faculty and Trustees of Houghton College to establish the following rights for students at Houghton College:

1. The College shall impose no restrictions on the free exercise of "personal Christianity" or participation in Christian assembly.
2. There shall be no search or seizure of a student's person,

lodging or possessions by the college unless such search is approved in advance by the Deans' Liaison Committee.

3. Students shall have the right to a speedy and fair trial by a judicial system that meets the following requirements:

- a. The judicial system shall have the approval of the administration, faculty and students.
- b. The student representation in the judicial system shall be elected by the Student Senate.
- c. All students shall have the right to appeal at least the first disciplinary decision through established channels.
- d. Students under disciplinary action shall have the right to confidential hearings with proper administration officers; as such these students may exclude faculty and/or other students from disciplinary hearings.

ings.
e. Spiritual counsel shall accompany all major disciplinary decisions.

f. The administration shall be responsible for enforcing disciplinary decisions.

4. All students have the right of verbal or written expression of any responsible opinion without intimidation.

5. The right of students to peacefully assemble shall not be denied. This provision shall not be construed to permit bodily harm, destruction of property or actions harmful to the written purpose of the college.

6. The equality of all human beings should be evidenced by the equality of all college rules regardless of sex.

7. The college shall neither exhibit nor tolerate any racial discrimination, whether such discrimination be subtle or overt.

REFERENDUM BALLOT

- () I support the Student Senate Resolution on Student Rights.
() I do not support the Student Resolution on Student Rights.

Comments:

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The New Folk, currently on a nation-wide tour, will visit Houghton Saturday, April 29 at 8:00 p.m.

New Folk Present Saturday Concert Of Music with Message of Christ

A dynamic singing group which is rapidly gaining momentum across the country will take the spotlight at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 29, in Wesley Chapel.

Currently on a nationwide tour, the New Folk are delivering entertainment of a thought-provoking nature to thousands of collegians. Wherever there is student action from major U.S. campuses to California ski re-

sorts to Daytona Beach at Easter — The New Folk are challenging their contemporaries to consider the relevant claims of Christianity for this generation.

According to Steve Campbell, emcee for The New Folk, "Students everywhere are looking for freedom. This great search leads some to sex, some to drugs and others to religion. We have found that Jesus Christ is the

only true source of freedom, for He offers meaning in life instead of escape from it."

The New Folk team is composed of seven college students and recent college graduates — four men and three women — representing many different campuses. Their combined musical ability creates a unique and pleasant sound that is winning acclaim in its own right. The style is electric, drawing heavily from the folk era and from today's electric sound. The result: a unique blend that comes on strong and smooth.

The program format reflects the versatility of the performers as it ranges from light-hearted numbers, such as "The Preacher and the Bear," to more serious message-centered songs, such as "I Wish We'd All Been Ready," a poignant comment on the imminent return of Jesus Christ. The satirical "God Leads a Sheltered Life," depicting those who think that God is aloof and not involved in this world, contrasts sharply with an old-fashioned gospel melody.

Several of The New Folk's numbers were written and arranged within the group itself. Others are popular songs of the current market: "The Mighty Clouds of Joy," "He's Not Heavy," "Rainy Days and Mondays," "People Got to be Free" and "People in Motion."

Admission tickets will be \$1.00 at the door.

Candidates Hide Positions On 1972 Political Issues

To the average person Crest toothpaste, Dial soap, Ban deodorant and the American political situation this year is, in one word, muddled. The Republicans clearly intend to nominate a candidate and the Democrats apparently will do the same. At this point little else is clear, and any attempt to clarify the candidates and the issues would do no harm.

Edmund Muskie is where this clarification begins. Basically, he is the "no issue" candidate. Although boasting a strong record on ecology and a recently developed anti-war stand, he has concentrated on the higher ideals of trust and patriotism. While this may in fact be the expression of an honest man, the practical result has been disastrous. Muskie may still pull through, but not without some sharp changes in strategy.

In contrast, Hubert Humphrey has spoken on all conceivable questions. Suffering from a loser image, he has attempted to overcome his past with large doses of eagerness, confidence and rhetoric. In the process he hopes to pull together the traditional Democratic coalition of Blacks, blue collar workers, and ethnic minorities. While posting no overwhelming victories, he has been plugging along in the primaries and may well smile his way through the convention.

After the Wisconsin Rubicon, George McGovern has emerged as another strong contender. Armed only with an anti-war position, he jumped early into the Presidential race. Of late he has broadened his scope by emphasizing tax reform, the evils of the military-industrial com-

plex and the plight of the little man. After his strong showing in Wisconsin, he probably has as good a chance as anyone of winning in Miami.

Despite any wishes to the contrary among the Democrats, George Wallace cannot be ignored. While claiming tax reform as his major issue, the sneaking suspicion that his real appeal is racism always lurks in the shadows. He'll probably shake up the Party, but Jimmy the Greek's Las Vegas Line gives him 50-1 odds on the nomination, and Jimmy wouldn't be in business if he was losing money.

All of this leads to the one man who may be the real winner of the current melee. As President, Nixon can make his own issues, and foreign policy (the path to peace), and the economy (the glories of Phase II) will probably stand him well in November. All of this doesn't whitewash bussing, Vietnam, unemployment, crime, ecology, and the Supreme Court — places where confidence in Nixon has been strained at best. But, barring some major disaster, the American electorate has an uncanny tendency to return the incumbent. The Republicans think he will win, and up to this point the Democrats haven't done much to disprove that prediction.

The issues are clear — the candidates' positions on them are not. We can only hope that before November someone will emerge who has both the stature to be elected and the honesty to face the issues head-on. Otherwise, getting out of bed on November 3rd may be an exercise in futility.

Three Speakers Highlight Commencement Exercises

Two-hundred and thirty-six seniors will participate in Commencement exercises at Houghton College 10:00 a.m. on May 22. Of these, 213 will graduate that day, although 28 completed their course work in January. The remainder will complete degree requirements in August.

Speakers for the graduation weekend include Congressman John B. Anderson; evangelist Tom Skinner; and former Caribbean Wesleyan Bible College President, Rev. A. Wingrove Taylor.

Congressman Anderson will bring the Commencement address May 22. Elected to Congress in 1960, he represents Illinois' 16th District of which his native Rockford is the hub. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Illinois, he returned there after World War II for his law degree in 1946, and received a Master of Law degree from Harvard in 1949. Following foreign office service in Berlin from 1952-55, he was practicing law in Rockford when in 1956 he was elected State's Attorney of Winnebago County, an office he held until his election to Congress. He was chosen Layman of the Year by the National Association of Evangelicals in 1964. Congressman Anderson, an active churchman, gave a dramatic defense of Federal Open Housing legislation in 1968. In January 1969, he succeeded

newly-named Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird as Chairman of the House Republican Conference, making him the third-ranking Republican in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Skinner will give the Baccalaureate Address on May 21. Evangelist Skinner is founder and director of Tom Skinner Associates, Inc., an organization committed to exposing the claims of Christ to whites and blacks. A graduate of Wagner College and Manhattan Bible Institute in New York City, he has authored three books: **Black and Free** (Zondervan); **Words of Revolution** (Zondervan); and **How Black is the Gospel** (Lippincott). He is chairman of the Board of Urban Ministries, Inc., a publishing house for material relevant to the black church. He serves on the Board of Directors of Barrington College, R.I., the Institute for Black Ministries, Philadelphia, Pa., and the National Negro Evangelical Association.

Foreign Missions Fellowship's Sunday evening convocation will feature Rev. Taylor. F.M.F., a student group affiliated with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, supports twelve overseas missionaries, all Houghton alumni. Mr. Taylor, born on the island of Nevis, is the first national to be elected the Wesleyan Church's Field Superintendent of the Caribbean area in 1970.



Carol Naevestad will be one of 10 finalists competing for the title of Miss Union County, New Jersey, and a scholarship.

Naevestad Tries for Miss Union County As First Step to Miss America Pageant

Saturday, May 13th, will see Miss Carol Naevestad competing in the Union County, New Jersey, beauty pageant. Miss Naevestad, a Houghton College freshman, will be one of ten finalists vying for not only the title of Miss Union County but also for a scholarship of \$500.

Miss Naevestad became interested in the pageant last year when she was asked to participate, but due to age ineligibility, was unable to compete. This year at eighteen, eligibility was no problem and after much prayer and thought, Miss Naevestad made her decision to take part in the contest.

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The first step towards becoming Miss Union County began with an intensive screening of all applicants by the Jaycees of that county. From personal interviews and talent presentations, the ten finalists were chosen for the final step, that of the upcoming pageant.

If she wins the Union County contest, Carol will then have the opportunity to try for the title of Miss New Jersey. The winner of the Miss New Jersey contest

will be sent to the Miss America pageant, the national contest in which representatives from all fifty states are present.

Tension generally runs high among contestants, but Carol feels that with Christ as her confidence she can be calm. To her the contest is an opportunity to demonstrate to spectators and fellow contestants the meaning of a Christ-centered life. For Carol Naevestad, the importance of her participation in the Miss Union County contest lies not in winning but in glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ.



The Highlanders followed up a 6-5 victory over Hobart with a loss to the powerful Geneseo bats.

Uncle Bobby's Bull Pen...

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For Consideration (or burning) by
Bob Barr, Ph.D. (Philosophical Dolt)

Far too long now blatant sensationalism, much-abused adjectives, and trite clichés have filled the columns and upheld the popularity of certain sports writers. One reads of "great" plays and thinks of "average;" "fantastic" teams are interpreted as "better than mediocre," the "fine performance" of an athlete at best conjurs up in the reader's mind images of "fair-to-middlin'." Certainly,

this unfortunate situation is a familiar one to this writer, who often falls prey to the humdrum cranking out of "sensational, tremendous and fabulous" misrepresentations of the facts.

Yet, as a tortured reader of such loud clashing about nothing (I proofread my own yellow journalism), I will have the audacity to suggest that there still remains within the world of sports one figure who survives pure and free of the hollow praises or sarcastic malignments of the sports writer's pen — the official. Though he puts into the game more time than the player, more judgment than the coach, and more personal opinion than the most slanted of reporters, the official remains to date one of the writer's most sacred of cows.

It is, of course, my proposition that such should not be the case. To support an unconditional tradition of congratulating any and all members of the officiating trade, despite their performance, or to entirely omit comment on referees, umpires, etc., after either a highly commendable or blatantly poor exhibition of their abilities is to turn one's back and pretend that he just doesn't see.

What I advocate is not a standard inclusion of an unnecessary ode or five column-inch memorial elegy for each official present at every contest. I merely suggest that due respect be paid to those worthy officials who do an outstanding job; and, of course, a slight mention of the "sore thumbs" in the field of officiating is not out of line. For those who put out a better-than-average, mediocre, or below-par performance, I highly recommend that the sports writers omit comment and confine such instances to the walls of their own

oblivious brains — after all, we all have our bad nights.

Every writer is a commentator, whether he likes it or not. Any description of a sporting event is chock full of bias and prejudice, no matter how hard the sincere writer attempts to remain purely objective. In order to keep reporters out of the story entirely, news media would have to reduce themselves to printing ad nauseum columns of names and figures which, most appropriately placed, would appear either next to the Dow Jones Industrials or buried among the classified ads.

If the reader desires an intelligible recounting of the contest, he must suffer himself to be exposed to the outrageous fortune, slings, and arrows of the sports writer's metaphoric monotony. Try as he may, the reporter will show his face somewhere in the story, and to classify the officials as "holy of holies" in order to preserve objectivity is fallacious logic and an unadulterated cop-out.

Sports comment is a good thing. A little honest evaluation, within the context of loving intent, leads either to deserved honor or constructive criticism. In surveying the field of athletic competition, let the writer not fear the realm of the official because he has been told that it is the corral of sacred cows. Nor let him enter the referee's domain with intent to kill regardless of the official's brand. Rather in honesty and understanding let the writer reflect the facts as best he can and the reader suspend harsh judgment in favor of a healthy skepticism.

Sincerely,

Bob Barr

(A mediocre writer and a lousy ref)

Geneseo Defeats Highlanders 9-4 Despite "Wonder Arm" Housepian

The Highlander baseball team, forced to play catch-up ball for the entire game, lost to Geneseo last Wednesday (April 19), 9-4. It was a tough uphill struggle for the Highlanders, who spotted Geneseo an early 6-run lead and then failed to capitalize on several scoring opportunities.

Freshman Vic MacLeod started on the mound for Houghton but was roughed up for three runs in each of the first two innings. Brian Richardson came in to relieve MacLeod in the opening inning, as Geneseo had little trouble getting wood on the ball. The Highlanders finally came to bat in the bottom of the first

down 3-0, and were unable to score.

MacLeod returned to the mound in the second inning but was again the victim of an explosive Geneseo offense. This time first-year pitcher Gary Housepian came in to put out the fire but not before Geneseo had added another 3 runs.

Houghton finally scored in the bottom of the 4th to make the score 6-1. Thanks to some excellent pitching by Housepian, the score stayed that way until the last of the 6th inning when the Highlanders cut the lead to 6-4. Several walks combined with faulty defense to produce

the 3 big runs.

Housepian's streak of scoreless innings ended at five, when Geneseo broke the game open by scoring 3 times in their half of the 8th. Houghton was unable to score again and the game ended with a disappointing 9-4 defeat for the Highlanders.

One of the few highlights of the game for Houghton was the work of Gary Housepian, who pitched the final 7½ innings in a strong performance. He struck out five and walked just two, in establishing himself as a vital part of the pitching staff. Dave Smith and Steve Rennie paced Houghton's offense by collecting 2 hits each. The Highlanders now have a 1-2 won-lost record.

Women's Volleyball Standings

Class League	W	L	Houseleague	W	L
Freshmen	6	2	Noah's Ark	5	0
Sophomores	5	3	Aca Dames	4	1
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