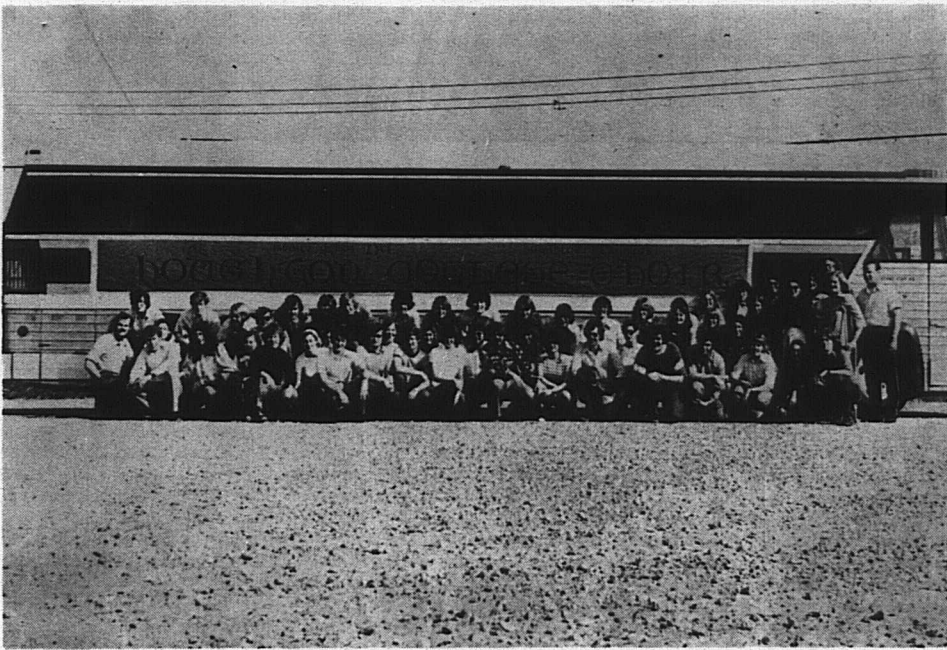


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College Choir makes rare appearance sans basic black.

Houghton College Choir Performs For MENC

In addition to their regularly scheduled Easter tour, the Houghton College Choir is planning a four-day trip to Washington D.C., to present a special concert at the Eastern Division Convention of the Music Educators' National Conference. The 54-member choir will leave Friday, February 18, sing Saturday night at the Darlington United Methodist Church in Darlington, Maryland, and then perform Sunday morning before music educators, students, and other choirs at the convention. They'll wind up the trip with a Sunday night performance at Hilltown Baptist Church in Hilltown, Pennsylvania, and return to Houghton Monday, February 21.

The Houghton choir is one of six college choirs invited to appear during the four-day convention as a result of competitive audition. Tapes of the choir were sent first to a statewide selection committee and then to a national selection committee, where they were evaluated without knowledge of the groups' identity. Houghton's choir was selected as "a choir worthy of demonstrating the higher levels of performance capabilities," as were ensembles from the other schools.

Dr. Donald Bailey became the College Choir conductor in 1967, after he left the position of Director of Choirs at Eastern New Mexico University. During his ten years at Houghton, Dr.

Bailey has emphasized excellence, in both the type of music and in its level of performance. Under his leadership, the choir has sung at the United Nations, Princeton University Chapel, Bethel College (Indiana), and with the Rochester and Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestras. Dr. Bailey views the choir as an extension of not just the Houghton College Music Department, but of the college as a whole. Exactly half of the choir's membership hails from liberal arts departments — students gifted in music as well as in other areas — and auditions are open to anyone, regardless of his or her course of study. Dr. Bailey sees this participation as welcome and necessary to the balance of the choir and encourages prospective members to audition (auditions for next year will be held in late March).

According to Dr. Bailey, the choir represents Houghton College in upholding the highest of academic standards and musical excellence. But more importantly, the choir presents a three-fold purpose for its being: to glorify God through performance of the finest choral music available over the last five centuries; to present the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in each concert, and to provide for the music education of the students in the choir and to allow audiences to participate in this learning.

Winter Weekend Schedule Includes Keaggy Concert and Dating Game

As many of you remember, last year's Winter Weekend was characterized by warm spring-like winds and temperatures in the 50's, melting snow sculptures and a flooded quad, and a feeling of regret (for cancelled activities mixed with the typical elation brought on by warm weather in February. The mixed feelings will probably be reversed this weekend, for the snow will no doubt still be here, and the activities will go on as scheduled. They are centered around the theme "In Search of a Hidden Paradise", a meaningful theme during such a long winter.

The Winter Weekend will start today as the classes compete in the annual Snow Sculpture contest, last year's nearly-wasted event. The sculptures have been started, and construction will continue till noon on Saturday, when the sculptures will be judged. Other activities on Friday includes an all-campus buffet dinner, and the Artist Series at 8:00 with Carl Staplin, organist. Tonight will be closed out with a free cartoon series in the chapel at 10:30 p.m., an event sponsored by the Lanthorn.

Saturday's activities are exciting, and include some innovative changes. After the snow sculptures have been judged, and everyone is warm again, the Dating Game will make its debut at Houghton. This event will be held in the Campus Center Dining Hall at 2:00, with each person in the audience paying a 10-cent studio fee. This new (to Houghton) idea, brainchild of Weekend coordinator Kathy Pawling, will pick 4 couples to be sent to the rustic Roycroft Inn in East Aurora. Miss Pawling feels that "the Dating Game will be an excellent and exciting change of activities for the college."

On Saturday night, the Student Senate will sponsor the Phil Keaggy Concert, to be held in Wesley Chapel. Keaggy, one of the world's better guitar players, will give a concert of Christian rock.

Following the concert, there will be a free all-campus pizza party in the Dining Hall. This will cap the Winter Weekend festivities, which promise to be entertaining and fun. Miss Pawling expects the Weekend to fulfill its potential, although she noted that if

the weather should get better, many students will head for home or the ski slopes. However, those that do will be missing a well-planned, fun-filled Winter Weekend.

Houghton Students Discuss Experiences From Washington Internship Program

"Well, I worked with Congressman Stanley Lundine. I sat in on Congress and committee meetings. I wrote letters and researched. I put up the Christmas decorations..." said Hope DiBlasi, one of the four Houghton students who interned in Washington, D.C., with the Christian College Consortium last semester.

Seniors Hope DiBlasi, Bob Davis, Sheila DiTullio, and Mark Goudy were some of the "guinea pigs" of the new program, which drew students from sixteen Consortium colleges from all over the country.

The Consortium chose Washington, D.C. as the site of their American Studies Program because Washington is "the center of all phases of the American Culture." Though one often equates Washington with politics, the area boasts The Library of Congress, Smithsonian Institution, National Archives, National Gallery of Art, National Theatre and more, as well as the obvious congressional offices, law firms and lobbying groups. Says the Consortium, "With limitless opportunities, Washington, D.C., is an ideal classroom for the college student in almost any field of study."

Of the Houghton interns, Hope DiBlasi interned with Congressman Stanley Ludine, Sheila DiTullio interned at the law office of Bostetter and Rice, Bob Davis interned with Congressman Charles W. Whalen, and Mark Goudy interned with Oliver Gosch, U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Columbia.

Each intern worked a twenty to twenty-five hour week. Hope spent her time briefing congressmen, answering constituent mail, researching relevant topics for legislative concerns, and sitting in on Congress and committee meetings.

Sheila DiTullio interviewed clients in initial divorce proceedings, did title examinations on real estate, researched personal injury, divorce and criminal cases for her law firm, and accompanied Judge Bostetter to Bankruptcy Court once a week. Judge Bostetter, a Christian, is one of the two men in the U.S. who is concurrently a judge and a practicing lawyer. Sheila said, "I realize a lawyer can survive without compromising his Christian principles." Mark Goudy worked in the U.S. Court House. Mark found most helpful watching "many cases in court ranging from civil jury trials to criminal prosecutions."

Besides the internships, two or three times each week, Dr. John

Bernbaum, historian from the Department of State and the Resident Professor of the program, led classes and seminars with speakers such as senators, lobbyists, congressmen, artists, and a Supreme Court Justice. The program sought to emphasize "the Christian's role in the past, present and future of America."

During the present semester, two Houghton students are interning in Washington; Tom Hodge with Congressman Stanley Lundine, and Jim Priest with Senator Jacob Javits. Says Hope DiBlasi to any upperclassmen who would like to earn 14 hours of credit in a different way, "If they called and said I could do it again, I would leave at a moment's notice."

HC Lock System Slated to Change In Effort to Better Security System

A new key system for all outside doors at Houghton College is planned for this summer, according to Assistant Business Manager Richard Losch.

Losch reports that the move is being made in an effort to improve security and centralize the current key system so that one office controls all master keys.

One motivation for the change stems from the number of grand master keys currently circulating at the college. These keys will open most doors on campus.

"About thirty (grand master) keys have been issued, but only three have actually been lost," Mr. Losch reports. "We have no real way of knowing how many are out because people have a way of duplicating them."

Since the Luckey Building fire of last November, key cores in Woolsey-

Fancher, Gao and Luckey Buildings have been changed to another key series, but this change is temporary, pending the new system.

Best Lock Co., who supplies and services all of Houghton's locks and keys, has record of the present key system originating as early as 1943.

The new system will cost the college approximately \$2,000 — \$2.50 per core (the mechanism the key fits, allowing the lock to be turned), for 70 to 80 doors. This new system will eliminate the 34 year old grand master series.

Both the business office and Security Officer Robert Strimple believe that grand master keys are in the possession of a number of unauthorized persons but Strimple says, "a key was not necessarily used to enter the Luckey Building to set last November's fire."

Love Loaf Effort Is Launched; FMF Funds Still Falling Short

Student Senate's "Love Loaf" project got underway on February 1 with a brief chapel message by Dr. Charles Massey and the distribution of plastic banks shaped like miniature bread loaves.

According to Cindy Wilt, students took over 650 loaves after chapel and throughout the day. Cindy, who began working on the program early last fall, said of the student involvement thus far, "I was thrilled to see the response of so many students to God's command to help those in need. Dr. Massey's excellent talk summarized in 10 minutes what we hope to accomplish through the Love Loaf program: a deeper and daily sensitivity among Christians toward the needs of this suffering world." The student body will witness an unusual "bread breaking" when participants

break open their coin-filled loaves when the program ends on March 29.

FMF's goal of \$1,475 for Dr. Marilyn Hunter's support progresses very slowly. Treasurer Kim Beach reported that about \$340 came in during the last week, leaving \$450 to go. Dr. Hunter is the fifth of twelve missionaries scheduled to receive support this year; FMF needs over \$14,000 to complete the total budget of \$22,200. Members note that God is faithful in supplying financial needs, especially in proportion to the persistent prayers of believers. Although it is estimated that only 100 students have given to FMF this year several faculty, staff, and alumni donated sizeable amounts. In addition to full-time service workers FMF also helps to support several students who serve as summer missionaries.

Editorials

The search for responsible leadership becomes a topic of conversation every time an election approaches. It was discussed during the recent **Star**, **Boulder** and **Lanthorn** elections. Now the Senate election campaigns are getting into gear, so guess what people are talking about?

Senate is not always as effective as it should be, but idealism without involvement isn't going to help. In other words, if you think Senate leadership — or class leadership, for that matter — hasn't accomplished all you think it should, maybe you could actually do something about it.

Basic to each person's involvement in class and campus organizations is a sense of individual responsibility. Most of us recognize that there are some jobs we can't do. We are less willing to admit that we do have the abilities to do other things.

So far there are six students "actively" seeking Senate offices — two for president, two for vice-president and one each for secretary and treasurer. Although a slight improvement over the other recent election, this number still indicates that a lot of people must either not know or not care what's going on.

Assuming that the majority doesn't care, it's a little puzzling to hear frequent discussion on what Senate is or isn't doing. There are limitations on what Senate can accomplish, perhaps more than necessary, but the greatest limitation is lack of involvement. Senate is not a machine that operates on the power of its organization. It is individuals trying to work under a system they don't always understand and don't always like. I think the majority does understand and sympathize with that fact.

So I could assume the majority of students don't know what is going on concerning Senate elections. But I would hesitate to say that there could be many students that have never seen an article or report on Senate in the **Star**, or have never seen the amiable Steve Horst on the stage in chapel.

If the majority knows (more or less), and the majority cares (more or less), I guess we should all be working on the minority. To quote Dan Hawkins in his Oct. 1 editorial, I would say, "I think you should be more interested in Student Senate." (Profound, yes?) Let's get the junior minority involved in the campaign for president and vice-president. Let's get the sophomore minority involved in the campaign for secretary and treasurer. If the majority can produce six candidates, the minority ought to be able to come up with a few more. Time is soon going to run out, so the time is now.

Dave Olsen

(Ed. note: Wouldn't hurt to read this little piece to yourself in a sort of hill-billy dialect if you know what I mean.)

Now that Secur'ty is housed in a ground level buildin' where it can hear the sirens and keep a watch on cars that try to slide by the stop sign at Gao, you'd think everything'd be all right here on campus. It's not. Now that the coin box door on the air hockey game is locked back into place, well, you'd think it'd all be hunky-dory at Houghton. But it ain't. And now that they sell individual stamps at the mailroom, now that the snack shop serves breakfast, now that the weather's bound to get warmer, you'd think everybody'd be jest this side of heaven. They aren't.

There're still a number a things around here that need to be put to. Sure, they're small things, little items that don't always come to mind when you remember that Houghton is a Christian liberal-arts college. But, as the Scripture reminds us, it's the little foxes that spoil the vine. Who knows whether these little things might be crawlin' under the rock this college's founded on, just hopin' it'll crumble down?

Take the library for example. Now I know the people in there have got to get all geared up for openin' after prayer meetin' Tuesday night, got to get psyched for another quiet evenin'. But it takes 'em a while, don't it? Maybe it's because they've been closed for so long before prayer meetin' that they need a little extra time on the other end to balance it out. I don't know.

But how about up in the dinin' hall where you have to show your ID or go back fer it if you haven't got it? I ain't fergot mine, yet, but some of my friends have, and, well, nobody's perfect. Now it might not be so much trouble, if they really wanted to check so hard, to check your name against some list of boardin' students. I'm sure the computer could spit one or two lists out in nothin' flat. And the computer could also maybe pick some better music for dinner time. It's gettin' so's I hear violins in my sleep.

Hey, and maybe they could make a better place fer the boys to take their gals for a little smoochin' at eight in the mornin'. The campus center lounge ain't no bedroom, but I sometimes jest plain want to blush when I go through. Course, I haven't talked to the dean about it, but sure he knows some place it could be done.

Well now, I'm jest a student here and I don't really want to speak outa place. Jest seems I'm always endin' up last. I ain't bitter 'cause, like I said, these're jest little things. I'm sure you can think a some more important stuff, like gettin' new students, more students like me, to come here where they'll get a good learnin'. That's what's important, I guess. These little things can take care a themselves.

Dan'l Hawkins

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Letters to the Editors

Editor's Note: We wish to remind our readers of our policy regarding unsigned letters to the editor. We do not publish letters mailed to us anonymously. If there are circumstances which merit anonymity, we will print a letter with name withheld. However, the editors must know who you are.

If you have written to us anonymously, please let us know who you are and we will be glad to print your letter. Thank you.

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Dear Dan and Kathy,

I would like to thank the Houghton College maintenance department for free skiing lessons every morning, complete without skis or instructor. I am referring to the path behind the Science building.

Whoever put the railing up must have done so on the assumption that we would be on our knees anyway so they may as well put it low. As it is now it is only good for picking one's self up off of the ground. (I suggest raising the railing to a decent height.)

I would also like to introduce them to a thing called sand. This stuff is important enough for **Campus Life** to report people actually collect it. Man has found several uses for sand. One such use is spreading it on slippery paths. The sand helps the shoes to grip and the people to keep their balance.

Also, if people would be kind enough not to use the path as a toboggan run the snow would not become so slick. If the above suggestions are followed it would prevent those of us who walk down the path from sliding down at sixty miles per hour, doing an acrobatic flip at the bottom, and landing head first in a snow bank (or a car, whichever comes first.)

Bruised and battered,
Steven Kooistra

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Dear Editors,

I realize that to publish my entire commentary may be somewhat demanding of space in our paper, however, I earnestly request that you make all efforts to accommodate me. The letter readdressed 'Dear Joe and Mary Houghton' was written during the passage of last semester. It speaks to what I was then lead to believe as being an actual occurrence involving a particular Houghton student at an Education Club meeting. On learning that the club member publicly referred to blacks at the high school she attended as being shiftless, lazy and niggers and in view of harmful implications and generalizations such word usage entails, I drafted the letter concerned, but refrained from sending it upon learning that the incident under discussion "did not occur." Editors sirs, on many occasions throughout my college experience, I have known or have been confronted with much evidence which forces me to realize that such personhood-assassinations have been carried out daily by the concealed hearts and minds of a sizable number of Houghton's population. What gives me the right to voice or expose a hidden reality is not the democratic structure of this community but the spiritual nature that it claims to possess. As a member of the body of Christ and a functioning person in this community, I submit that until the words of Colossians 3:11 be adopted and integrated into the life style of the professing Christian community on this campus, permeating its very being, dishonor will continue to be attributed to the name of Jesus. For the realization of its content is basic to a demonstration of love and "he who does not love..."

"... Where there is neither Greek nor Jew... Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free (Black nor White) but Christ is all and in all. Col. 3:11."

The subtle indirect twisting of the knife hurts the most.

Dear Joe and Mary Houghton,

Today at lunch I had been engaged in conversation with friends of mine when it was brought to my attention that during the course of the previously held Ed Club meeting (of which organization I am a member) you had made certain statements concerning black students at your former school. I remain totally indifferent to the nature of thoughts held by persons here at Houghton (and elsewhere), however I feel somewhat responsible to respond to situations which arise that may seemingly belittle the personhood of many in the eyes of these with whom association is unavoidable. Responsible not only for myself but for others who may share my feelings but will decline to express them.

It bothers me to think that there remain many who even though a part of an enlightened generation, remain bound by the prejudicial attitudes and opinions of a naive, misinformed, misguided and distorted past. To think that those attitudes would be verbally expressed before an audience without apology indicates a thrust of defiance. I cannot understand why in discussing activities expressly for the benefit of minorities here at Houghton, you would care to bring to attention with such derogatory remarks those minorities in your high school. Surely you weren't implying some reaction among blacks in your high school and blacks here at Houghton. I'm sure you are very much aware of the fact that all people like snowflakes stand unique in all manners of practical consideration, and even those blacks of your high school, however lazy and shiftless they may be are still persons of value unworthy of the recently extinct term "nigger", or don't you think so? I've often been instructed while growing up that to say nothing of someone is far better than saying what sounds of poor taste, no matter how truthful. If you claim to be Christian no doubt you would confess the relevance of such teaching in a Christian ethic. It bothers me also to think that those who claim to believe so much, practice so little, presupposing your Christian commitment of course.

No doubt to some extent we all are products of our environment but I should think that with the experience of traveling, even to Houghton and the exposure however limited, one would attempt to broaden his perspective or expand his frame of reference as to his personal philosophy on life, even his world in general. Until now it appears to me that you have not chosen to look and hence learn beyond the desk you sat behind in high school. The world is filled with lazy, shiftless, disgusting people from all races, possessing all colors and holding all creeds. To restrict these people to any one category shows only ignorance and to feel a passion towards them which fosters your response shows only self piety and insecurity. In maturing I should hope that you will learn not to be so hasty in vocalizing such statements which imply generalization and belittlement of any particular group of people.

In Love,
Michael
Michael F. L. Allen

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Dear Editor,

We as faculty are asked to discuss "chapel attendance attitude" with some of our advisees. Since the topic seems to create such needless unhappiness and is a point of irritation to many, I would like to share some thoughts on the subject — both specific and general.

First, in general, the Lord has given us a freedom so that we can enjoy life. But to properly enjoy we cannot be trapped into the world's thinking. For instance, even when a rule does not affect them, many people are immediately irritated...

irritated simply because the rule exists. Frustration arises from their bondage to the secular thought patterns.

Our life-style, as Christians, is generally disrupted by restrictions applied to society in general. There is no reason to get uptight because the secular world needs to legislate what we already do without rules.

Now for the specific. Have you stopped to think of the opportunity chapel time affords us four days each week? Our community actually sets aside forty minutes during the day when we can meet with our brothers and sisters. There is opportunity to talk or chat with friends as we walk together toward chapel, there is opportunity to relax quietly in your seat for the several minutes before chapel begins. We praise the Lord together as a body in song and prayer. Even if the actual program is not one that meets your spiritual needs on that particular day, you at least have the chance to relax and sit quietly with no immediate demands upon your time. Finally, when chapel is over, you can again meet with your friends and return together to the days activities.

If we could fully appreciate this opportunity which exists in our community, I suspect we would all choose to take advantage of attending chapel.

But, some of us are still in bondage. A rule exists which says we must go. Therefore true to our old nature, we tend to rebel. Why is the rule necessary? Is it legal? What do other schools do? Does it remove my freedom to choose to worship? It's a shame we get so caught in the "my rights" type of thinking of our secular society that we don't allow ourselves the freedom to enjoy a privilege which most of the body of Christ has not been allowed. Once you leave Houghton, when will you again have such opportunity during a busy working day?

In summary: In particular, don't let the chapel attendance policy spoil the enjoyment of a unique aspect of community life. In general, don't let secular attitudes towards rules ruin your enjoyment of life. Don't become needlessly irritated. Instead, enjoy the freedom of a new mind in Christ, live life with genuine gusto. Praise the Lord!

Truly yours,
Jake

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Dear Lord Jesus,

Why do you insist on confusing me? Sometimes I receive the impression that the system you worked so hard for and ordained by the blood of your hand, has gone off the track somewhere. And why should things and issues be so complicated? I hope you realize by now that you contradict yourself and are inconsistent at times? For instance, what is the reason for making your brother stumble, particularly as it was — the Pharisees? You well knew at the time that they were the governing authority, be them right or wrong. You fully recognized their bondage to additional rules and regulations; besides being limited by customs and tradition perpetually accepted. But just hold it a minute, you can agree with me that they only wanted those rules to better the value of their spiritual communion with your Father. So then why did you allow for your disciples to eat of the corn on the holy Sabbath, only to have them looked upon as rebellious and non-complaint in the authority's eyes? What a poor example you were at times. No offense taken, Jesus, but this is what I would have done: in spite of the fact that I was hungry, however seeing our weaker brother who was in authority, I would have willingly refrained eating at the particular place and time; perhaps eat

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The Celebration Mime Theatre.

Mime Theatre Will Teach, Act, Rehearse at Houghton

The Celebration Mime Theatre, a coast-to-coast touring group from South Paris, Maine, will be on campus for two days, February 18 and 19. In addition to two performances, the ensemble will conduct two open workshops and two open rehearsals.

The ensemble's six players use mime in short sketches, but also make use of sound and the spoken word in brief dramas and comedy. The programs will include sketches such as "The Goodnight Kiss" (a dual monologue), "Camp Wahoo" (experience of a summer at boys' camp), and "The Dog" (based on a poem by Lawrence Ferlinghetti). One highlight will be "An American Collage," depicting overlapping impressions of American life. It was developed under a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Grants from the Maine State Commission of the Arts also allow the non-

profit Celebration Mime Theatre to continue developing new repertoire.

On Friday and Saturday mornings, Feb. 18 and 19, at ten o'clock, the group will hold workshop sessions in the Fancher Auditorium. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. These two afternoons from three to five, the ensemble will hold open

blocking and technical rehearsals. Friday's open rehearsal will be in Fancher Auditorium and Saturday's will be in Wesley Chapel Auditorium. Likewise Friday's performance will be at 8:15 p.m. in Fancher Auditorium, Saturday's at 8:15 p.m. in Wesley Chapel Auditorium. Admission is \$1.50.

Carl Staplin Plays Organ In Tonight's Artist Series

Tonight's Artist Series features Dr. Carl Staplin, organist, at 8:00 p.m. in Wesley Chapel.

Staplin, A. A. G. O., is Professor of Organ and Church Music and Chairperson of the Organ Department at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. He is also Minister of Music at the First Christian Church. Before joining the Drake faculty he taught at the University of Evansville, where he was responsible for the development of an organ performance program and the installation of two organs.

His early training in organ was with Dr. Roberta Bitgood in Buffalo, New York. This was followed by four years of study under Dr. Arthur Poister at Syracuse University. Following military service, he furthered his musical studies at the Yale School of Music, where his performance studies were under the guidance of

Charles Krigbaum and Finn Videro. While at Yale, he was awarded prizes as an outstanding organist and student in the School of Music. In 1966, he received the Ph.D. in Performance Practices from Washington University, St. Louis, where he was an appointed research fellow.

During a recent sabbatical leave from Drake he resided in Paris, where he studied with Dr. Marie-Claire Alain and Andre Marchal (The latter performed at Houghton two years ago.), covering the great French organ literature.

Dr. Staplin's doctoral dissertation on the chorale preludes of J. S. Bach was published in its entirety during 1967 and 1968 in a national organists' journal. As a recitalist and guest clinician, he has presented more than 80 concerts and workshops throughout the United States.

Puerto Rican Art Hung in Chapel Displays Interesting Creativity

Puerto Rican art will be displayed today through Monday in the Wesley Chapel basement. According to Pratt Graphics Center, which selected the works in the exhibit:

"Puerto Rico is not the undiscovered tropical paradise travel agents would have us believe. It is rather a complex, multiracial society faced with all of the duress, competition and aesthetic poverty of the Twentieth Century. On the Island today, plastic flowers and concrete houses dominate. To consider Puerto Rican art, we must look at this environment. For many Puerto Rican artists, it included life in the ghettos of New York, New Jersey and Chicago. We must listen to the curses of their mothers whose families were moved into prefabricated houses by factory owners, and to their fathers who lost touch with the ground on assembly lines.

"For those artists in Puerto Rico who have maintained close contact with New York art movements and gallery shows, paintings of soup cans and strings hanging in black circles have not always been enough to communicate their search for a non-existent past or their fears of a homogenized future. Evident in recent graphics shows in San Juan was these artists' tendency to re-establish a solid painterly quality sometimes neglected in the graphic arts. Whether in etchings, woodcuts or silkscreen, these works said something quite ex-

citing. Many represented well-worn political and pastoral themes, but always with a special twist — an injection of the color and cacaphony particular to this Island. They are not bastard versions of New York work, but indigenous graphic art.

"To discount this group of artists as colloquial island romantics would be a serious mistake. They have been catalytic to Central and South Ameri-

can artists and, to a great extent, responsible for the increased communication among the artists of the Americas, New York and Europe. They are tough, sophisticated and good. This show is but a very small example of what they can do. Enjoy looking not for what you have seen hanging in American galleries but for what is different and essentially Puerto Rican."

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later on when not in their presence. But the damage has been done. But Jesus, you sanctioned your disciples to consciously break and defy what they knew was not permissible, and what fell short of community life and standard. Don't you desire a peaceful, workable community? Sometimes I think otherwise.

And here's another thing that eats at me: why couldn't you take the model of your cousin John and abstain from that accursed wine? Are you sure you read Proverbs? Do you realize all the hassles involved in trying to explain away your brass behavior? My word, you make it appear as if moderation is acceptable. What kind of friends did you hang out with, anyway? You — the supposed Son of God! A Son would know better than that. You have to think

of other people and their reactions. Here's a handy word of advice — don't be so self-centered and think that just because you, Jesus, can do it that everybody can. I take it that you didn't think ahead of time about how theologians and common laymen would have to reinterpret the later text you inspired? All the time and effort spent in explaining to the weaker brother why you chose to change the water into grape-juice, and how Paul was only a limited man when he prescribed a watered-down remedy for Timothy. You perplex me by your subtle inconsideration of others. A man is not an island, let me remind you.

And why in heaven's name did you inspire your servant Paul to record those words about subjecting oneself to the governing authorities, and to do that which is good (by the way, you didn't accurately explain what you meant by "the good." Good because it is in itself and should be obeyed regardless, or good because the governing authority says it is good? Let's hop to it, if you want to make it in this scholarly world you have to bend a bit. I realize that papyrus was expensive and rare and was to be used prudently, but couldn't you have inspired Paul to continue further on this train of thought? It's only a suggestion, not a command, Jesus.) But what really gets me is how after all that heavy discussion and admonition about subjection for their sake, in the following section you allow Paul to say don't let another judge you by his scruples and observances. Contradiction. Utter Contradiction! How in the world can I subject myself to a governing power and yet not allow myself to be judged by his ordinances? Do you intend your system to be so flexible, or to allow for these loopholes? Too, do you realize all the needless arguments and ulcers you've created?

Holy smokes, there's enough incurable neurotics in this place without your having to add to their condition. I say this in love, Jesus, for I've seen the results. One servant of yours on earth says, "Obey the authority in all cases." I reply, "How and why?" He says, "By obeying the Word (among a hundred other things)." And yet your Word leads us back to this circular reasoning mentioned before. Whom do I turn to now?

And Jesus, I have another question for you. Is questioning and argumentation a certain form of rebellion? I was just wondering since many of your servants think that brothers and sisters who engage in such practices are only exhibiting a symptomatic condition of their carnal nature. Also, why is one accused of being a rebel when emphasizing the supposed triviality of it all; and yet when this same one is caught doing his "triviality" this whole affair of observances and hierarchy of authority established by your hand, and the value and importance of spiritual growth and maturity, and disciplinary action is crammed down his trivial throat? The triviality finally becomes as carefree as a funeral. Did you actually mean for this to happen? Jesus I don't have the answers, I only have the premises. But then, would it be proper to say that I don't think many of your servants here have the answers, either. I got a feeling we're all due for a kick in the end by your holy foot for the way we've acted. However, here's a final suggestion — to avoid ambiguity and hassles be a bit more precise in your language next time around. Don't assume we know what you mean. We don't — that's all too evident! If you mean to advocate abstinence come out and say so. If you intend for us to advocate moderation, well then say so. Don't leave it for us to decide. You know us humans and the way we love to estab-

lish rules and regulations, and controls, and stipulations and boundaries and barriers . . . all for your glory.

Sincerely, and trying to maintain the spirit of Your Person, One of Your adopted sons, Michael Gresh

Dear Editors,

John the Baptist once said, "If you have two coats give one to the poor." Many of us reply saying, "Why should I have to give up my rights to keep two coats just because my brother has none?" What we do not realize is Christians have no rights. When we accepted Christ as Lord not only did we give over our life but our rights as well.

So, what am I getting at? Over two million people have been laid off because of the fuel shortage and many feel that because it is their right to go through any door they wish they should not have to limit themselves. We give of our excess to the Love Loaf but we will not give a widow's mite worth of time and effort to go around the building to get to the proper door. Isn't this hypocrisy? Also, going through the wrong door is a stumbling block for others. Seeing an already open door is temptation to rationalize, "It is open already. One more person going through will not do any harm."

Hopefully the majority do follow the "rules". If we exert a little peer pressure, many more would abide by them.

I may seem to be harping on a minor point but if we cannot show that we are Christians on the minor points we cannot on the major ones.

Sincerely yours, Karen Fister

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News Briefs

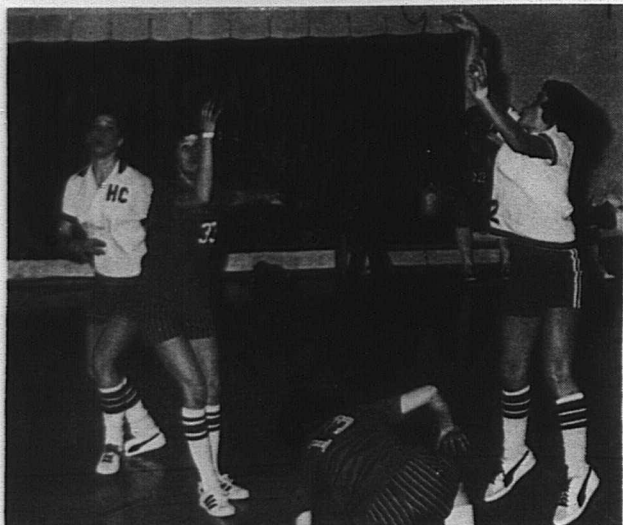
(Indianapolis, 2/11) — Gunman Anthony Kirtsis is in jail in Indianapolis this morning, held on a quarter-million dollars bond on kidnapping charges. He was arrested late last night after winning promises from authorities of immunity from prosecution if he freed his hostage, real estate executive Richard Hall. But once Hall was safe, authorities surrounded and arrested Kirtsis and withdrew their immunity promise.

(Lagos, Nigeria, 2/11) — U. N. Ambassador Andrew Young promises that the United States will play a creative role in African affairs. The new ambassador ends a ten-day visit to Africa today and flies on to London, where he'll discuss with British officials his African visit.

(Washington, 2/11) — The Senate is scheduled today to formally ratify committee assignments made by both Democrats and Republicans yesterday. All Democratic committee chairmen seeking re-election held on to their posts in secret balloting, but almost all received some votes of disapproval.

(New York, 2/11) — New York authorities are holding a 13-year-old boy on charges that he killed a woman by dropping a 19-pound cobblestone onto her car from a highway overpass. Twenty-four year old Betsy Balkind of New York City was killed when the rock came crashing through the car windshield. A hearing on the case is set for today.

(Cairo, 2/11) — Egyptian President Sadat has won backing from voters for his proposed crackdown on Communists. Egyptians overwhelmingly approved legislation which bans demonstrations, strikes and subversive organizations.



Sheila DiTullio sinks basket for Highlanders.

Women's Basketball Team Chalks Up Twin Victories

by Valachi

Breaking through the frozen wall surrounding Buffalo, the women's varsity basketball team risked life and limb to play Buff State Wednesday night. They won 77-42. The players turned in excellent performances for Coach Greenway. Both offense and defense seemed to be charged for the game. The offense was led by freshman Renee Boschee with 17 points. Houghton totally dominated on both ends of the court with strong rebounding and good team work.

Facing undefeated (7-0) Niagara University last Saturday before a home crowd the Houghton women tri-

umphed again, 42-37. Taking good percentage shots the first half, Niagara went to the lockers with a half-time lead. But Houghton returned to the floor fired up. Defense was completely turned around. The women played a tough denial game, forcing Niagara to take a poor selection of shots. Freshman Polly Jennejohn led the effort, pulling down 21 rebounds. Offense, led by senior co-captain Sue Roorbach, also featured outstanding performances by senior Sheryl Osgood and freshman Priscilla Chamberlain. Next weekend the team travels to Barrington College in Rhode Island for a tournament.

After Centuries of World Popularity, Alpine Skiing Catches On At Houghton

by Terry Anderson

"Why are your skis so skinny?" "Those are ski boots?" "You mean you ski in the woods?" "Isn't it tiring?"

Although I've been cross country skiing for less than a year, I've already been bombarded with every question imaginable about this strange new way of skiing. Actually it is not very new. Historians tell us that cross country skiing has been with us for several centuries. But on the American snow scene downhill skiing has dominated. With the increasing cost of equipment and lift tickets, and as resorts become more crowded many snow aficionados have turned to X-C skiing.

Although X-C and downhill skiing are similar, there are some vital differences. First, cross country skis are longer and narrower. The ski boots are always leather and resemble a pair of low-cut shoes. Finally, the bindings attach only at the toe. This feature may scare some of the Nordic

skiers who are used to the control of downhill skis. But this minimum amount of support is necessary to allow free ankle movement in doing the "slide-walk" action of X-C skiing. Enough lateral support is maintained for adequate control over the skis.

Because of the increased interest in cross country skiing here, the Houghton ski chalet is now renting out X-C equipment. This year's boom had been foreshadowed by Dr. Nystrom, one of Houghton's dentists, and Coach Burke and his family who have been turned on to X-C skiing. Over these past two years Coach Burke has assembled 13 pairs of skis, 10 pairs of poles and 15 pairs of boots for the chalet's rental. But this limited amount of equipment will have to increase to meet the demand here on campus.

This year there are several miles of trails designated for the beginner, intermediate and advanced skiers. The trails are clearly marked by different colors of paint: Blue for

the beginners, fluorescent green for the intermediates, and red for the advanced skiers. In addition, skiers are forewarned of difficult stretches in the trail by fluorescent orange markings.

The majority of the trails have been cut and are maintained by Ron Barnett, one of the pioneers in X-C skiing at Houghton. Through his and others' efforts, new trails are continually being added in the woods. One of the major problems is keeping the snowmobiles off the trails. The packed surface left by snowmobiles is very difficult to control the skis on. Hopefully, this problem will be soon remedied.

So why not come out and give cross country skiing a try? It's fun, good exercise, and a great way to see western New York at its finest. Complete ski rental is only \$2.00. There are free trail maps to make it even easier. And if you're really adventurous why not give night skiing a try?

Highlander Basketball Loses To BBC; Rhoades Leads NAIA in Rebounding

by John Roman

On Saturday, January 29, the Highlanders traveled to Baptist Bible College hoping to come within one victory of tying the all time record for most wins in a season by the basketball team.

The team's confidence and dedication was exhibited when the Highlanders played an unusually inspired and aggressive beginning five minutes. They held BBC scoreless while ripping off eight straight points. But then, as usual, Houghton went scoreless for the following five minutes and fell behind 10-8. During the remainder of the first half both teams exhibited a lot of hustle and determination as the lead changed hands a total of nine times. With five minutes remaining in the half, Houghton began to display the type of unified play that it exhibited in the beginning of the game. BBC was held scoreless the rest of the way. With the help of Brian Rhoades' 23 first-half rebounds, Houghton took a 33-24 lead.

In the second half Houghton came out knowing that they usually played better ball in this half. As expected they built an 11 point lead. But then BBC reawakened. BBC, with its constant pressure and hustle, plugged away at the Highlander's lead until with 6:50 remaining, BBC went ahead to stay. Brian Rhoades managed to tie the game 53-53, but then BBC went into a four corner offense. Now on the defensive, Houghton was forced to go after the ball which resulted in fouls. Rick Cole collected 8 of his

team's last 10 points via the charity line to ice the game for BBC 61-55.

Even though the Highlanders came home with a record of 5-12, still two short of tying the record, they could still feel proud in the accomplishment of Brian Rhoades who pulled down 35 rebounds, the highest total reported per game which makes him the leading rebounder in the nation for NAIA schools. His performance also surpassed his own record of 30 rebounds in one game set earlier this year.

It also surpassed Mike Pitts' rebounding record for one season by 22. What makes this more astounding is that here still remain 8-11 games on the schedule in which Brian can add to a record which will stand for some time to come.

Women's Intramural Schedule

Feb. 12 Women's Basketball Playoffs
Feb. 18 Women's Volleyball Rosters due
Feb. 28 Women's Volleyball Begins
Results Women's Free Throw Tourney
1st place — Deb Crider (18-30)
2nd place — Jo Fortune (15-30)
3rd place — Penny Smith (9-30)
Deb Crider and Jo Fortune tied after the first round. Deb went on to win in the shoot-off. There were 16 participants altogether.

Daring Members Of Outdoor Club Seek Cheap Chills Winter Camping

While most of the Houghton College community stayed indoors last weekend sheltered from the rigors of winter, nine members of the Houghton College Outdoor Club braved the elements camping out on the leeward side of a ridge 6 miles south of Franklinville. Patti Buchanan, Tim Weidner, Gail Collette, Dave Corbett, Ray Strawser and Dudley Snyder joined Coach Kettelkamp and his Siberian Huskie, Bushka, on Saturday morning for departure.

After arriving at the spot designated below Franklinville, they hiked about 2 miles into the woods until they reached a suitable camping spot. The trek was made on snowshoes as

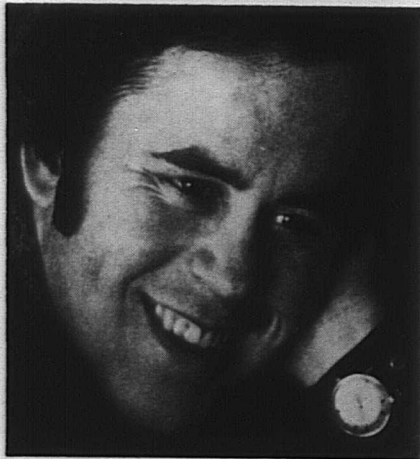
the snow was up to six feet deep in some areas. Most of the equipment needed for the camp was carried in knapsacks while the majority of the food was packed on a tobaggan hauled by Bushka. After choosing the camping spot the club members immediately began digging out snow tunnels in which they would sleep that night. The principle involved in building snow tunnels is that snow actually never gets any colder than 25 degrees. While that still sounds terribly cold, the interior of the tunnel provides a wind barrier and, properly clothed, one can sleep in the tunnel quite comfortably. The remainder of the afternoon was spent gathering

firewood and cooking supper. The next day the members broke camp and returned to campus.

What was the purpose behind this expedition? A sense of adventure, of doing something challenging. Said Coach Kettelkamp, "Winter camping is a full time experience, just learning to defend yourself against nature."

Anyone interested in the challenge of the outdoors or just interested in new experiences is welcomed to any Outdoor Club meeting. Alternatively you can contact Tim Weidner, president, or Patti Buchanan, secretary. Outdoor Club's next adventure will be reading day weekend.

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