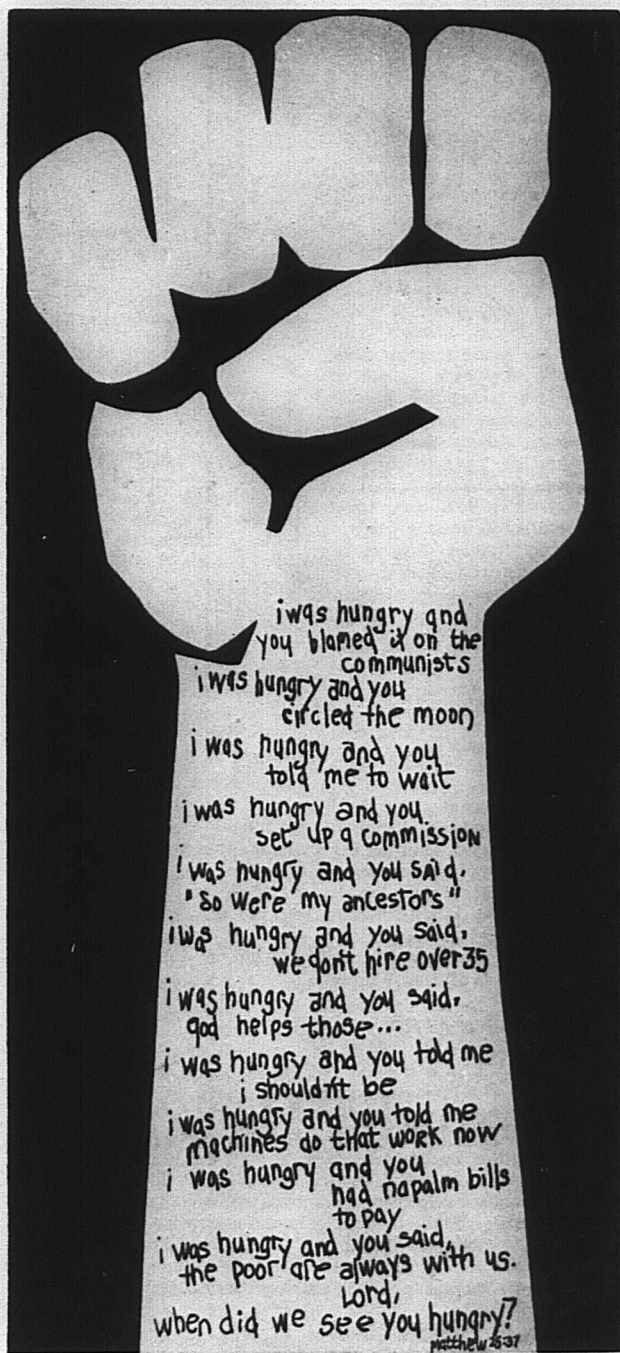


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Political Commentary

Carter Chooses Cabinet

by Dave Brubaker

The President-elect had assembled his Cabinet appointees at luscious St. Simons Island off the Georgia coast in early January. After meeting with his ministers, Jimmy Carter greeted newsmen and pronounced his Cabinet an "almost-perfect" lot.

Carter's choices reflected his desire to be the undisputed strong-man, setting broad policy which others would execute. One common trait of his cabinet members soon emerged: they have a reputation for being strong managers, not potentially dominant in their own right. Americans seem to be pleased with the Carter culling; a mid-January Louis Harris survey discovered that 61% of the respondents expected the Carter Administration to do a good-to-excellent job. A Newsweek poll conducted January 7 to 9 reported a 56% to 32% vote of public confidence for Carter's nominees.

An overview of the President's starting line-up offers the following credentials. In the new President's eleven-member Cabinet are the heads

of the departments of State, Defense, Treasury, Justice, Labor, Commerce, Agriculture, Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Interior, and Transportation. Nine of the eleven cabinet heads are college graduates (four with doctoral degrees and five holding law degrees), and four are corporate board members. Most significantly, five of the eleven are veterans from the Johnson Administration. Demands by minority and feminist groups produced only two women in Carter's Cabinet: Juanita Kreps as Secretary of Commerce, and Patricia Roberts Harris at HUD, a black whom one politician dubbed a "twofer" — both black and female (which apparently compensated for her lack of past experience in housing). However, Carter had been rebuffed by black Mayors Tom Bradley of Los Angeles and Coleman A. Young of Detroit, as well as IBM executive Jane Cahill Pfeiffer when he had offered them cabinet-level posts. So, while Cabinet members scurried to

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Senate Love Loaf Program Tries To Help Needy People

Recently during chapel, a little, plastic loaf of bread was shown to Houghton College students. They were told that they could use one like it to save their spare pennies and dimes. But the miniature loaf that Steve Horst held in his hand was not a new kind of piggy bank.

The "Love Loaf", as it is called, is part of a program sponsored by World Vision International to relieve the world's hungry and impoverished. Essentially, these bread banks represent the loaves that Jesus broke to feed the five thousand.

Love Loaves are used to collect change and bills for a period of several weeks. When filled, each loaf holds approximately \$10.00 in change. But the banks also serve as daily reminders for the prayer and sacrificial giving that needs to be offered consistently for third world victims.

The Loaf Program culminates on Bread Breaking Day, when participants gather together to symbolically break their loaves. The money that has been saved is then used for the World Vision outreach.

Ten thousand people die each day from starvation and hunger-related diseases. This semester, Houghton students will be given their opportunity to become personally involved in this world hunger crisis, through the Love Loaf Program. On February 1st Love Loaves will be distributed after chapel to those who want them.

Bread Breaking Day is scheduled for March 29th.

World Vision will use the Love Loaf money to provide food, shelter, clothing and medicine for immediate emergency relief. The money will also be used to establish long range, self-help development programs in irrigation, agriculture, medical aid, personal hygiene, and education.

In Bangladesh, for instance, this money will help bring 30 kilograms of rice per month to 5,000 families, plus provide help to set up a medical clinic and provide a simple education

for 1,000 children. In Senegal, West Africa, where women must walk seven to nine miles a day for water, Love Loaf money will help World Vision dig 100 wells within the next two years. And in Gambia, a gift of \$10.00 can help send enough milk, vitamins and other food supplements to safeguard the lives of 5 small children a whole month.

Aside from all of this, as physical needs are being met, the Love Loaf Program will also make it possible for those reached to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Kooistra, Gresh, Anderson Claim Editorial Positions

Publications editors were elected Monday, January 24 with all candidates running for their respective positions unopposed.

Steven Kooistra, editor-elect of the Star, received 446 votes. He pledged to gear the Star to the conservative evangelical constituency, and to present both sides of every issue via an "open editorial" format. Last minute write-in candidate, incumbent Kathleen Confer, received 52 votes with her promise to embezzle Star funds

and flee to Guadalajara.

Terry Anderson received 502 votes to capture the Boulder editorship. He cited his past experience as a Boulder photographer as an aid to assuming the editorship. Michael "the Greek" Gresh, a current Lan'horn editorial assistant, will be next year's editor of that publication. He received 452 votes. It was impossible to determine the exact content of Gresh's speech. He did, however, receive the historic Lan'horn toaster from present editor F. J. Kelly.

Fuel Gas Shortage Requires Houghton Efforts to Conserve

Have you rediscovered the joys of thermal underwear and bulky sweaters? When you wrote to Mom and Dad this week did you include a desperate plea for an electric blanket? Has your consumption of hot cocoa, hot tea or hot coffee risen dramatically within the last week? If the answer to any or all of these questions is "yes," you may join the newest clique on Houghton campus: SALT, otherwise known as Students Adapting to the Lowered Temperatures.

On Monday, January 17, the National Fuel Gas Company, which services the western New York area, publicly requested that all its customers lower their thermostats to 55 degrees in an attempt to conserve fuel. When Mr. Kenneth Nielsen, Houghton's Treasurer and Business Manager, contacted National Fuel Gas in reference to this request, the company advised Houghton to willfully participate in the energy conservation program. Because of the support received from western New York's homeowners, school systems, retail firms and factories, fuel gas consumption declined 21% between Monday, January 17 and Tuesday, January 18, says Assistant Business Manager Richard Losch. Considering the short time period in which this reduction occurred, the cooperative efforts of western New Yorkers should be highly praised.

While National Fuel Gas suggested that thermostats be lowered to 55 degrees, Mr. Losch explained that the lowest possible thermostat setting in campus buildings is 60 degrees. As a result, temperatures were decreased

to the 60 degree mark, although complaints about the coldness in dormitories and in Fancher-Woolsey occasioned a two or three degree rise of thermostat settings.

When will the temperatures return to their normal 68 degree setting? The National Fuel Gas Company on Thursday, January 20, announced that thermostats may be turned up after approximately one week. The 68 degree setting should now be resumed in campus facilities.

Mr. Losch, when asked what con-

tributions students could make to this energy conservation program, suggested that they keep their room draperies closed, move all furniture away from the radiators so that air may circulate freely, and that students use hot water sparingly. The 21% reduction in energy consumption achieved in one day illustrates the importance of dedicated local efforts. If you would like to join this group of energy conscious citizens, unpack your thermals, pull on your wool socks, and sign up for SALT.

Advisor Selection Opposed In Latest Senate Meeting

Some controversy is still in progress concerning the selection of faculty advisors for student clubs.

At the present time, the organizations select their own advisors. Some, such as the Student Senate, are required to go to the faculty for approval of their selection. However, many do not have to get any faculty approval. Under the new constitution, which is still under construction, it is proposed that a recently set up Committee on Committees would nominate the club and organizational advisors. The committee is composed of three faculty members elected by the faculty, and is headed by the Academic Dean. Present members are Dean Shannon, Dr. Katherine Lindley, Dr. Richard Pocock, and Dr. Carl Schultz. The major rationale for this new plan is even distribution of

the faculty load so that one professor would not have several clubs to advise while others had none.

However, Student Senate in its meeting last week showed opposition to the provision in the new constitution that would permit advisor nomination only by this outside committee. Jeff Millwater made the unanimously passed motion that the Senate urge the Committee on Committees to delete this clause from the final policy, permitting the campus organizations to nominate as well as select their own faculty advisors. This proposal, which will leave the selection process about the same as set up under the old constitution, is to be presented to the Committee on Committees soon. Thus, the issue of faculty advisor selection for student organizations is to date unresolved.

Editorials

They sat there now with their hands folded and their faces worshipful and devout. Just think that one should ask God for one's own escape and not be disturbed over the sufferings of others. Sit behind mounds of goodies and think, "Thank you, dear Lord, that I have not had to die of starvation like Germans and Frenchmen and Poles." This kind of thanksgiving belongs to the most selfish elements I have discovered in Christian piety and that's saying a whole lot. It hugs itself before the spread table and finds everything in its proper place. "A delightful universe. Here I am with my food. Thanks, dear God."

from *The Holy Masquerade* by Olov Hartmann

Sitting in the well-stocked (albeit chilly) dining hall, it is hard to believe that people really do starve to death. The subject does not enter our minds due to lack of stimulus. There are no malnourished children with bloating stomachs begging for food on our sidewalks.

But children are hungry. So are adults. Millions of them. Some manage to subsist; some do not. And lack of food is only one aspect of the problem. Many lack adequate clothing and shelter, not to mention such relative luxuries as education. In comparison, all of us, even the poorest, are very rich.

Student Senate is sponsoring the World Vision Love Loaf program, beginning February 1 (see details on page one). Perhaps it goes without saying that we ought to support this endeavour. Arguing for the alleviation of suffering is like arguing for freedom of religion. Everyone agrees with you.

Concrete participation is, of course, another matter. Failure to give of our substance to help others is rarely a matter of malicious intent. We do not desire that other human beings live out a wretched existence. No, we are more amiable, more "Christian" than that.

Our neglect is more often a result of forgetfulness. True, we are not subject to vivid reminders here in Houghton. At a deeper and more serious level however, our forgetfulness implies a deadly selfishness. We are too self-centered, too busy pampering ourselves to remember the horrible poverty of many of our fellow men. When one is comfortable, it is easy to close one's eyes and fall asleep.

Thus, our giving must be a decisive act of will. We must allow God to plant within us an increased sensitivity, if we are presently oblivious to the needs of others. A surprisingly large portion of Scripture exhorts us to show compassion and alleviate suffering in this world. Perhaps many of us come from backgrounds where these passages are largely unpreached. This is unfortunate, but does not excuse one's continuance in error.

Love Loaf is a chance for all of us to show our compassion in a tangible way. All is not right with the world. Let us do everything we can to make things right.

Kathleen Confer

I remember Gilligan's Island. I must have been about ten when the show was in its prime; I remember watching it with my brothers Saturday nights. Its premise was that seven people, coming together for no other reason than a pleasure cruise on a small boat, get shipwrecked on an uncharted tropical island and must 1) live together until 2) they get themselves rescued. Our "seven stranded castaways" — Gilligan, the bumbling mate of the Minnow; the Skipper, his skipper; Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Howell III, who had pots and pots of money; Ginger, the slinky movie star; the Professor, a professor; and Mary Ann, a girl — hammered away weekly at this premise, which was thin as tin foil to begin with. Every week they either 1) lived together, 2) almost got rescued, or 3) lived together and almost got rescued.

Houghton has been called an island by some. Maybe these people had an island like Tahiti or Bermuda in mind when they said it; I don't know. I think that Houghton is a lot more like Gilligan's island. We don't have any sailors or millionaires here, yes, but there are plenty of professors and girls. Anyway, the characters aren't as important as the premise: here we all are, we students living together and waiting (more or less) to leave. Like Gilligan, we don't have any serious problems, just funny ones. I'm speaking relatively; our problems are not survival problems like hunger or disease.

But in the real world, the world away from Houghton Island, the problems are serious. They are problems of spiritual survival and physical survival. We will have to fight for souls as well as for jobs. We will have to fend off temptation. We will have to worry about heating bills. The special protection we supposedly receive from this Christian institution will be removed. We will have to enter the world. We will be responsible for its problems.

The one thing about Gilligan that strikes me as applicable here is that everything the castaways did was meant to get them off the island. Even when they were just living together, they were practicing living in a society which was as much like the society they aimed to return to as they could make it. They did very little that was different from what they did back in the world — within the confines of the island. But they wanted to return and did not grow complacent.

I get the impression, though, that most of you perceive Houghton as little more than a glorified church youth retreat. You're doing little more than following the main program and diddling away your free time. You're not doing anything here that will begin to fulfill your responsibilities to solve survival problems when Alma Mater lets you out from under her wing. Two things that used to be considered important on campus, the publications editorships and the FMF budget, are suffering from your neglect. They are important because they are outside the little realm of studies (Bible and otherwise) you inhabit.

Begin to return to the real world. Begin now to act on the principles you're learning. A Houghton education is neither a necessary nor a sufficient condition for survival on the mainland. Action is. You gotta move quick or you're dead.

Daniel Hawkins

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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editor,

I would like to share some thoughts pertaining to "the pledge". The following should be recognized as personal observations and does not reflect faculty or administrative thinking in general.

At present, discussion seems to indicate that a Christian college has a right to maintain library and dorm rules while there exists unhappiness with its jurisdiction in certain other areas. It seems the basic problem in the previous dialogue has been the loose application of the adjective "Christian." One speaks of Houghton as a Christian college, the Wesleyan organization as a Christian church, the United States as a Christian nation, and then attempts to force New Testament principles upon these institutions. Such tactics will often end in frustration and dissatisfaction.

I claim that if Houghton was truly Christian, following all New Testament principles, we would need no library rules. Each person would borrow a book only when needed and would immediately return it when done so that his fellow classmates could use it. We would need no chapel rules. The opportunity to meet with the body of believers in worship for a half-hour each day would be cherished. No one would waste this unique privilege! We would need no tuition or faculty salaries. Students would be very careful to see that all faculty and staff had enough income to insure an adequate standard of living. The examples are numerous. But, Houghton is not a Christian institution . . . it is a secular man-made organization. Indeed let me suggest that all man-made organizations should be viewed as secular with the weaknesses and inconsistencies which are found in human attempts at governance. With this agreement we can apply some New Testament teachings which should affect our view of institutions in general and Houghton College in particular.

1. We are all unique persons. We are all encouraged to grow in our spiritual life but growth comes in different ways for each of us. For some, spiritual development comes through the hard-knocks of the work-a-day world without further academic assistance. For some, spiritual maturity is best obtained on a state college campus, in the challenge and temptation of worldly value systems. For others, growth for a time is more fruitful in the shelter of a college community such as Houghton where one is not continually bombarded with ridicule and temptation. There are some who find a combination of these situations is best for them. It is important that you follow the Holy Spirit's leading as He directs you into the institutional environment in which you will grow and serve best.

Houghton College, although a secular institution, was nevertheless founded by men who are brothers in the body of Christ. Its governance and regulations probably have faults but men of God do sincerely attempt to maintain an environment in which certain members of the body can gain both spiritual and academic growth. It is not suited for all Christians, but whatever its flaws, it would appear that the Lord continues to bless and that it has advantages for many. The rules that exist should not be thought of as basically Biblical, but instead are the attempts of our brothers in Christ to produce a community that does satisfy the needs of a part of the body of Christ. (A comment: The use of masculine pronouns, etc. simplifies the writing. It is not an attempt to minimize the considerable contributions made to this community by the very capable and dedicated feminine members. We are delighted with, proud of and supportive of our sisters in Christ.)

2. We must maintain our freedom in Christ. The Holy Spirit will not lead you into a situation where you are in bondage to spiritual law! Houghton College is a secular institution and as such has man-made rules. If any rule conflicts with your spiritual convictions or places you in bondage then I think the Holy Spirit is calling you elsewhere. Let me give two personal examples. Before I came to Houghton, I often played tennis on Sunday. When I leave I will probably resume this life-style. However, at the present time there exists a rule against such activity at Houghton. For me, this presents no sense of spiritual bondage and I am free to live within this guideline. On the other hand, there also exists a rule that every faculty member must march in the academic processions. This creates no problem for most of my colleagues. Nevertheless, because of my own private convictions such action would put me in spiritual bondage. Fortunately the administration has excused me from such activity. But if they did not or if in the future they choose not to, then in order to maintain my freedom I would be compelled to leave the school . . . my home . . . my job.

If you feel a spiritual bondage because of restrictions on alcohol, dancing, card playing, etc., then you had best leave this community. On the other hand, if such rules do not hinder your freedom in Christ then don't become unduly irritated by their existence.

This does not mean that one should not question the rules or attempt to have them modified. As society changes the nature of this community will probably also change. This is good. On the other hand, if it does not change as quickly or in the direction in which you wish, have patience. Don't get uptight too quickly. Some-

times our own ideas are not best!

3. Don't build up treasure on earth. Some have mentioned they couldn't leave after investing three years at Houghton. I claim your treasures are in the wrong place. If you cannot give up all material wealth and aspirations at any time in order to follow the Holy Spirit into new situations then you need to carefully reconsider your system of values. Don't trade spiritual bondage for material gain. Keep your freedom and build your treasures in heaven!

4. The New Testament admonishes us to respect and cooperate with secular government as much as we can. This does not exclude the opportunity to initiate change, but until change is made we are expected to be obedient in general.

So . . . back to "the pledge". It is a document of a secular institution, a document designed by man in order to help provide an atmosphere conducive to growth for some of the body of Christ. It appears that a significant portion of the community feels the existence of such a document is necessary. It was not designed by God, it is not part of Holy Scripture. Nevertheless, "the pledge" as well as all governance and rules were proposed by members of the body of Christ and were included as a part of this secular institution as they felt the Holy Spirit was leading. This does not insure infallibility but compared to the alternatives it seems like the best thing we have.

As long as it exists, I hope all who want to be a part of our community can honestly sign the pledge without putting themselves in spiritual bondage. For those who can't, I would encourage you to let the Holy Spirit lead you into a different environment where you can more effectively serve our Lord.

As a brother, Jake

Highlights

Senate Report

Student Senate met Tuesday, January 18, in a fairly routine business session. Various reports were given, the most notable being the Treasurer's. Due to poor attendance, Senate lost \$1,485 on the Mustard Seed Faith Concert.

Action in Student Affairs Committee was reported. Dean Dunkle is working on the possibilities of changing the present check cashing policy, so that one may cash checks worth more than the present maximum of \$50.00.

Kathy Pawling, chairperson of the Winter Weekend, reported the activ-

ities slated for that weekend. The traditional snow sculpture contest, American-Canadian hockey game, and Friday night buffet dinner will be held along with a not-so-traditional Dating Game. Phil Keaggy will appear in concert Saturday night.

A motion concerning the proposed change in advisor selection under the new governance system was passed. (See details in page one news story.) A motion was also passed to form a committee to investigate alleviation of the "overnight books" problem in the campus center lounge.

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Carter Cabinet

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find effective Deputy and Under Secretaries, hoping to fill many second-level posts with women and blacks, the Cabinet began to coalesce.

Yale Law School graduate Cyrus Vance inherits the position of Secretary of State from the colorful, autonomous Henry Kissinger. Unlike Kissinger, Vance hopes to seek a national consensus on U.S. foreign policy, an attitude which indicates the Carter Administration may adopt a harder line towards Moscow.

Harold Brown, Carter's choice for Secretary of the Department of Defense, graduated from Columbia University as a 17-year-old prodigy. Brown arrived at the Pentagon in 1961, and later (as Lyndon Johnson's Air Force Secretary) supported the U.S. bombing of Vietnam. Saddled

with his boss's promise to cut defense spending by \$5 to \$7 billion dollars, Brown is somehow expected to counter a Soviet resurgence in military spending while keeping a lid on ours. Most realists foresee a \$12 billion dollar jump.

Businessmen rejoiced at the selection of Michael Blumenthal as Treasury Secretary. As Chairman of Bendix Corporation since 1971, the profit-conscious Blumenthal adroitly steered his company through the Nixon-era recessions and acquired a reputation as a "businessman with a conscience".

From Americus, Georgia, Carter summoned Griffin Bell to be Attorney General. The Senate balked at his dismal civil-rights record while a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals,

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Strimple replaces Sentz at the Old Eyler House.

Interview

John Tanner, FMF President

by Julie Johnson

Star: What happens at a typical FMF meeting on Wednesday night?

Tanner: Students involved in FMF try to acquaint themselves with the work of missionaries in several parts of the world. FMF supports twelve missionaries representing several different mission boards and twelve different areas of the world. After meeting together in a large group to sing and hear a brief report on the budget and other prayer needs the group separates into smaller groups, each one committed to supporting one of the twelve missionaries and the geo-

graphical region he or she represents in prayer.

Star: What is the budget for this year?

Tanner: After much prayer, and careful consideration of inflation and our past experience, the cabinet set a goal of \$22,200 for this year. By keeping our own expenses to a bare minimum, we have managed to increase our support by about seventy-five dollars for each missionary without increasing the budget too much over last year's figure.

Star: Where does the financial support come from?

Tanner: The bulk of our support comes from the student body. Student response to the faith-promise cards dropped quite a bit this year, but the cards never gave an accurate indication of the Houghton students' involvement. We also receive some money from faculty and staff, but we depend primarily on students — this is a student organization.

Star: Have you ever thought about decreasing the budget?

Tanner: Yes, especially after last year. But after prayerful consideration we decided to exercise faith in our God by setting the budget as we did. We are challenging the campus to a greater step of commitment and hope to help the Houghton College student to develop stewardship.

Star: Why is the student body slow to respond?

Tanner: I don't know. In the past FMF was one of the only outreach organizations. Since then other needed outreach groups have come into existence. Perhaps students have the idea that giving money is a cheap way of avoiding personal involvement and sacrifice of time in service. Students are often guilty of holding a boxed-in concept of God and a narrow view of Christ's command to every believer. Our God is big! His concern is for the whole world, not just what we see in front of our noses. Christians should take a general interest in things going on all over the world; while most of us cannot do a lot while we are students here, we can become intimately involved in supporting with money, prayer, and letters those believers who give their time in service as missionaries. I believe that as we open ourselves in prayer before God He will make clear to us how much we ought to give.

Star: What about a project like Love Loaf?

Tanner: I'm for it. It is very different from FMF's stress on committed and sacrificial giving in support of individuals, but it has a place in the work of the Church. I would not want to be accused of saying that FMF is the only place for Christians to give to world evangelism. Maybe through Love Loaf more students will be challenged to think about world problems than would be possible just through FMF.

Security Moves to Old Pottery House; Strimple Happy with Central Location

On Monday, January 9, Houghton's pottery lab and security department moved to new homes. The pottery facilities moved from the Eyler House, located behind the Gao Dormitory, to four rooms in Gao, adjacent to the 3-D design lab. Security switched from their office in the campus center basement to pottery's old domain.

According to pottery professor Mrs. Georgianna Sentz, "working under one roof has a great advantage." Instead of having to divide her time and materials between two classrooms she now works out of four newly renovated rooms, previously employed as kitchen space. Though pottery now has one less room, Mrs. Sentz estimates that she now has a twenty-five percent increase in total working space.

Mr. Robert Strimple, Houghton's security chief, cites the location of his new office as the main advantage to the move. Strimple states that previously his basement office put him, "out of touch with activity on campus." Now the ground level building allows security personnel to hear sirens and be generally aware of campus activity; "not to keep an eye on students," he explains, "but to recognize those people from outside the community who may be there intending to cause trouble." Strimple also appreciates the new

privacy his office affords. Previously, he explains, his operation shared one-half of its space with "three other departments."

Both moves were initiated after Sentz and Strimple petitioned the administration committee last spring. The committee approved the changes early last fall.

According to business manager Kenneth Nielsen the administration has yet to determine what will happen to security's old campus center office.

With new, larger facilities, security has been able to expand its operation. The front office houses a two-way radio system that allows communication between all patrolling security personnel, college dormitories (over a new phone line to be installed in each resident director's apartment, security will be in direct contact with each dorm 24 hours a day), and Mr. Strimple's home, all coordinated by the base station in the Eyler House office. There are also separate rooms for lost and found, and equipment maintenance (where radios are recharged and locks are made and repaired). Strimple also hopes to initiate a campus safety program out of his new facility.

Both Nielsen and Strimple have suggested the possibility of the new security office becoming the campus communication center — a 24 hour staff would man the radio and the

college telephone line, relaying messages to their appropriate locations.

In past years, the Eyler House served a variety of campus functions. It was erected near the turn of the century as a science lab, with the furnace for Gao and Fancher in the basement. By the 1920's the building became a residence for various college personnel and their families. Elisabeth Eyler, a secretary in the admissions office, grew up in the house from the mid thirties into the 1950's. Eventually the house was turned into a college storage shed, and by 1970 was cleared out for use by the Pottery Department.

Brief News Flashes on Forensic Union, Culture, America, Church, and Grievances

Future Argumentation

The Houghton College Forensics Union will be sponsoring its first exhibition debate of this semester on Monday, January 31, at 7:00 p.m. in Fancher Auditorium. The exhibition program will be provided by the Wheaton College Varsity debate squad. The Wheaton team will be enroute to the Harvard-Dartmouth East Coast Debate Tournament. The national collegiate debate topic for this year is consumer product safety. The Wheaton team will present a case in this area on "The Disadvantages of Cigarette Smoking."

The Forensics Union will sponsor two other exhibition debates this semester. On Friday, February 11, at 8:00 p.m. the Houghton debate team, Russ Teschon and Terry Slye, will debate Will Barnes and Scott Shalkowski who were the winners of the in-class debate tournament of first semester's Argumentation and Debate class. This debate will also concern itself with the national debate topic. A third exhibition debate has been proposed for a time yet to be announced later this semester.

Busy Semester?

What do a mime group performance, a lecture on the problem of evil, and an eight-part film series about America all have in common? Not much, except that they are among the highlights of this semester's cultural events.

The Celebration Mime Theatre Ensemble will perform in Fancher Auditorium and Wesley Chapel Auditorium on February 18 and 19, respectively. The ensemble's six players use mime in short sketches. They employ sound and the spoken word in brief dramas, comedy, and comment. The Celebration Mime Theatre, holders of numerous state and national theater awards, tours extensively

across the United States and Canada. Admission is \$1.50.

On Wednesday, February 16, Dr. Brian Sayers, of Houghton's Religion and Philosophy Division, will present a lecture entitled "Some Dilemmas in the Problem of Evil." The free lecture will begin at 8:15 p.m. in Wesley Chapel.

Schaller Hall is the place to view any one or all of the series of eight films entitled *Alistair Cooke's America*. Cooke, a British commentator, originally produced this series for the British Broadcasting Company. The series, then, gives an English perspective to American society, past and present. The Thursday evening programs will begin at 8:30 on February 3, 10, and 17; March 10 and 17, and April 14 and 21. Admission is free.

Activities later in the semester include a lecture by Dr. Gould on *La Boheme* (in preparation for the upcoming opera), G. B. Shaw's drama *Arms and the Man* by the EEC, and various concerts and films.

Church Speakers

Since Rev. Morton Dorsey, former pastor of the Houghton Church, left Houghton last summer, the church has been without a pastor. God has blessed the Houghton Wesleyan Church by using several men and women of God to bring his message to the people of Houghton. Various people have delivered God's message since that time. The month of February will be no different.

January will be concluded with a message by Houghton College President, Dr. Daniel Chamberlain, who will be speaking the morning of January 31. The Pioneer Girls of Houghton will take charge of the evening service with Miss Phyllis Morgan as the speaker.

February 6, Rev. Mark Abbott will minister to the members and friends

of the Houghton Church. Rev. Abbott, who is the pastor of the Hamburg, New York, Wesleyan Church, will speak at both the morning and evening services.

Serving communion during the morning service of February 13 is Rev. Ralph Young who has led services at the Church for the past few months. David Norton, youth pastor at Houghton, will bring the evening message.

Rev. Robert Matke, professor of Bible and Theology at the Houghton Buffalo Campus, will be speaking at the Church the morning of February 20. The day will be concluded with a message by Dr. Carl Schultz. Dr. Schultz is the head of the department of Philosophy and Religion at the college.

Gotta Gripe?

The College Title IX Committee has adopted a grievance procedure which is available to students registering complaints concerning events they feel are contrary to Title IX regulations.

Title IX, a legislative act of the federal government, provides for equal treatment of the sexes in all phases of campus life. If a student feels that he or she is being treated unfairly on the basis of his or her sex, that student may file a complaint within the guidelines of this procedure. The procedure is somewhat involved; the basic judiciary powers rest in the "Grievance Committee" composed of three members, the first selected by the complainant, the second by the Dean of Student Affairs, and the third chosen by the first two members. This Committee is under the jurisdiction of the Title IX Coordinator, Mr. Kenneth Nielsen.

Copies of the Grievance Procedure are available at the Dean of Student Affairs Office, Senate, and Star.

WJSL Represented At NRB Convention

Three Houghton students, Dave Zwifka, Lori Hansen and Lloyd Lane and the faculty advisor Roger Rozendal, represented Houghton College at the thirty-fourth annual convention of the national religious broadcasters, an association of religious radio television and production staff and management from all sections of the United States. The theme for this year's convention was "Light in a Dark World" emphasizing the obligation of Christian broadcasters to proclaim and minister the gospel of Jesus Christ through the broadcast media.

Disappointment reigned as an expected visit from President Jimmy Carter did not materialize in view of the hectic schedule of the past week, though an opening message from Dr.

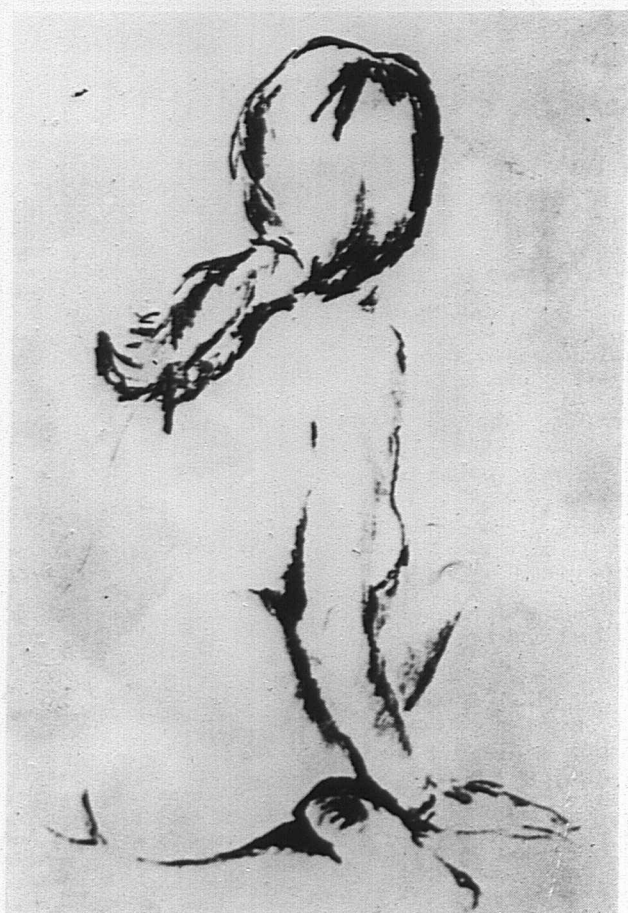
David Breese, speaker on Pause For Good News, set the tone of the convention with the topic, "The Deadly Tide Of Our Times!" The keynote address, delivered by Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman of The Lutheran Hour, spoke to the relevant issues facing religious broadcasters throughout the world. Afternoon workshops in religious programming, production and international work provided a forum for the discussion of problems and accomplishments of religious broadcast managers and producers.

A wealth of information and opportunity was made available to the conventioners through the Church And Media Exposition where broadcast equipment, programming opportunities, and radio ideas were shown and shared among the nearly seven hundred convention goers and exhibitioners. WJSL general manager Zwifka said that he thought he spoke for the other Houghton conventioners when he said that it was too bad that lack of sufficient time and resources necessitated their return before the end of the convention on Wednesday.

Intended

Cindy Boyes ('76) and Jack Kewley (Bethel Seminary)

Cynthia Hutton ('78) and Roger Farney (Culinary Institute '76)



Rasmussen figure study is part of student art show.

Underlying Subtleties Seen In Work of Campus Artists

by David Penne

Nudes and violent gestures: So this is Christian art? But there are no sheep, you say. Possibly a few virgins, but not (necessarily) Mary Madonna.

The art show in the chapel basement consists of Houghton work, for once, a selection that we did not import. That in itself is a stirring comment on the show. The artists on display paint, draw, print for expression. And in order for that revelation to be complete, an audience helps.

Such expression stems from the artist's observations, each viewing from a different perspective. The variety of styles spans a wide course, causing an excitement because of the individual choice involved. Diverse personality and reactions are apparent; subject matter equally wide-strung.

A figure study by Ruth Rasmussen, the lines and shadows limited, carries with it a delicate, haunting effect. But in the midst of the placidness, there seems to be a hidden element, which makes each of her works more than a mere "study".

Jon Luther's are carefree, done with a rapid hand (it appears). So what makes a blue blob art? Examine carefully. The undefinable patch of colour may show many

things. An enormous void possibly an uncertainty of circumstance, fear, a lack of direction. These are common human emotions, and are demonstrated in a blue cloudlike texture hanging aloof. Is it ready to burst? No cloud can remain forever peaceful, but must release its building tension. The abstraction leaves a lot up to you. There are no explicit explanations.

These underlying subtleties contain great importance. Distress, celebration, intense feeling impossible to be articulated otherwise. For this reason twenty-four pieces, by eleven persons, are hanging on the chapel walls, each work making a very definite statement, extending itself beyond simple "prettiness". With this in mind, they deserve to be looked into with effort.

Tonight's Artist Series Oberlin Choir

Great sacred and secular choral music from the 16th through the 20th centuries will be featured in a program by the Oberlin College Choir directed by Daniel Moe in Wesley Chapel. The concert, at 8 p.m. tonight, is sponsored by the Houghton College Artist Series.

The program will include pre-20th century motets by di Lasso, Bruckner, and Mendelssohn, 20th century works by George, Fritschel and Nystedt, and "Four Motets for a Time of Penitence" by Poulenc. A 15-member chamber orchestra will assist the choir in the Te Deum of Haydn and in two works by Mozart.

The choir's 60 musicians are selected by audition from the College of Art and Sciences and the Conservatory of Music. They spend five rehearsal hours a week during the academic year in preparation for public performances and their annual tour.

During the ensemble's 1975 East Coast tour, critics praised their "clean lines, flowing arches, and precise attacks," as well as their "engaging simplicity and freshness."

Mr. Moe is now in his fifth year as a member of the faculty of the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, where he is professor of choral con-

ducting. He was formerly director of choral music at the University of Iowa for eleven years and, while there he developed a nationally recognized graduate program in choral literature and conducting.

Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, founded in 1833, was the first coeducational college in the nation, the first to admit women to a regular college program, and the first to grant them the bachelor's degree. It was also the first in the United States to adopt a policy against discrimination in admitting students because of race, color, or creed.

The Oberlin College Conservatory of Music was founded in 1865 as a private school with a close relationship to Oberlin College, where the study of music was first introduced in 1835. The new music school was the first college-affiliated conservatory in American higher education. In 1867, it became a division of the college.

Today the Oberlin Conservatory is one of America's strongest and largest schools of music. It offers expert music instruction for the professional training of artists and teachers, as well as courses for students interested in music for personal enrichment rather than for a career.

Of Neosophics and Philomatheans: 'Hell's Hydra-Headed Plunderbund'

by Timothy R. Harner

Long before movies, Senate Spots, and foosball enlivened Friday nights at Houghton, the Neosophics and Philomatheans mixed entertainment with education. The origins of today's Forensic Union lie in their Friday night revels.

The Neosophic Society once monopolized the Friday night activities at Houghton Seminary. Even in 1909, the Neosophic Society had been in existence for so long a time that its origins were lost in antiquity. Its origins evidently go back to the first days of Houghton Seminary.

The upstart Philomatheans appeared on the scene in early 1907. At first the Philomathean Society's membership was limited to faculty, students of college grade, and seniors in the Seminary. But in the fall of 1907 this restriction on membership was lifted and the grand rivalry began.

Competition for members was keen. Both societies met at the same time each Friday night. The chapel was the preferred meeting place and fairness dictated that the societies alternate weekly between the library and the chapel.

From the records of the societies' activities in the *Star*, it appears that the Philomatheans had the best programs. But perhaps they only had a superior propaganda machine.

At any rate, the weekly meetings of both societies somewhat resembled Senate Spots run by strict parliamentary procedure and in which anyone in the audience could be called on to perform. Programs consisted of papers, speeches, debates, readings, recitations, informal discussions, and vocal and instrumental music. For instance, four students were called on to make impromptu speeches at a March, 1909 meeting of the Neosophics. Meetings were suspended one weekend in the spring of 1909 because of a "scarlet fever craze," but by April the Neosophics were sufficiently recovered "to debate and settle

it permanently" that Greek and Latin were essential to a good education and that women should vote.

Professor Bedford arranged the lecture series. Among the lectures were Leonard Houghton's half-hour address on his visit to Constantinople and Rev. Bond's "mighty invective against the legalized rum trade" entitled "Hell's Hydra-Headed Plunderbund."

Houghton Seminary Prohibition Club's association with the Prohibition League provided the impetus for the budding Neosophic and Philomathean orators to engage in intercollegiate competition. Houghton's first competition in prohibition oratory occurred at Hamilton, New York in April, 1909. Far be it from me to seek to improve on the description of the contest penned for the *Star* over half a century ago by Harold Hester:

The delegations from Colgate, Syracuse, Cornell, and Houghton . . . awaited expectantly the opening of the lists of the annual Inter-Collegiate State contest in Prohibition Oratory. . . .

It was the first time little Houghton had undertaken to appear upon the field, but she played her part right nobly. In speech, the most artistic, most Grecian, of the hour, Houghton's orator, (Stanley Wright, "Orator of 1909") clad in brilliant black and spotless linen, laid bare "The Present Crisis," appealing in the name of "God and home and native land" to join the only party that flies the banner of Prohibition and vote the liquor evil out.

Colgate won the competition, but Houghton's tradition of fun-filled meetings and intercollegiate competition lived on. Dr. Willett, present day co-director of the Forensic Union, recalls that meetings similar to those of the Neosophics and Philomatheans continued under the sponsorship of the Forensic Union when he was a student here in the 1930s. Such meetings and the furor over liquor have both

subsided with the passing years. Only the tradition of intercollegiate oratorical competition remains undimmed. This year's nationals - qualifying speeches by Ruby Wilson, Paul Mathewson, and Terry Slye bear testimony that little Houghton still plays her part right nobly.

Concert Review

Larry Norman

by Quincy

Seeing Larry Norman in concert, for some people, is like one long nostalgia trip through Christian Rock n' Roll. Larry set himself apart as the pioneer of contemporary Jesus music in 1969 when Impact records released his first album as a solo artist, "Upon This Rock". Since then he has released at least five albums, the best of which are his trilogy: past - "So Long Ago The Garden", present - "Only Visiting This Planet", and future - "In Another Land". Norman has received much of his support from the so-called Jesus Movement and from the critics, who have called him such things as "the poet laureate of Jesus music," the "top soloist in his field," and the "most intelligent writer and greatest asset to Christian rock music."

I was extremely excited when I heard that he was going to play a concert on January 21 at Roberts Wesleyan College, a place that said, after his appearance five years ago, that they would never have him back. I was kind of hoping that we could bring him to Houghton; how silly of me to forget that it was Spiritual Emphasis Week. Approximately 150 Houghton students braved the snow

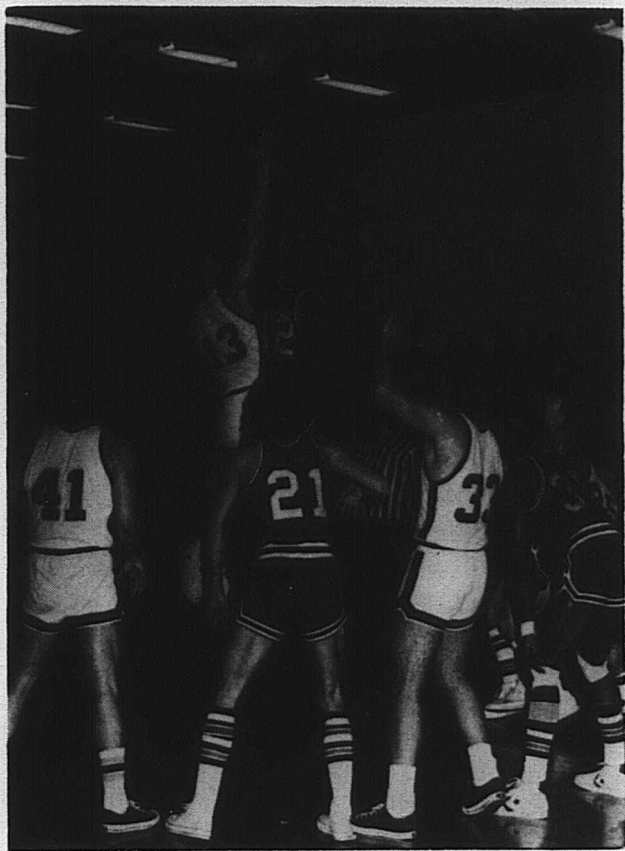
and wind on the way up to the free concert at the Pierce Church, with its capacity of 2,000. Norman strolled solemnly on stage to face the full house, in patched jeans and blue jacket, with his Segovia classical guitar hanging just below his long golden shoulder-length hair.

Without so much as acknowledging our presence, he went to the microphone and sang "Unidentified Flying Object", which came across like an inter-stellar praise song. At that point he began his ritualistic attack of the soundman, who never quite turned it up loud enough for Norman. The next tune was "Why Should The Devil Have All The Good Music", a rocker with real distortion. Next was a song that he wanted to sing at America's birthday party but he never got invited. It was "Great American Novel", a song of how the oppressed in our country feel about many of the things we take for granted.

Something special happened in the middle of the next song, "Sweet, Sweet Song of Salvation." Norman smiled, for the first time in the whole concert, that brought at least part of the audience alive; he was helped by an eager participant, with the initials BHS III, a Houghton student,

who filled in the traditional rock n' roll scream at the end. Next was "Reader's Digest" and "Small Circle of Friends", a song which has been traditionally dedicated to Randy Stonehill, Eric Clapton, Charlie Watts, Paul McCartney, and Bob Dylan, those being Norman's best friends and main musical influences. He closed out the set with "Outlaw" and "I Wish We'd All Been Ready", two of his most popular songs.

For the Second set he moved to the piano and a different PA system. As he opened with "Baby Out of Wedlock", I sensed a change in mood. The first words he said were: "Sometimes we talk religious when we should be talking spiritual." He exhorted us not to look at each other so much but to look at Jesus. He then played four songs off the second side of his latest album; "The Sun (Son) Began to Rain (Reign)", "Shot Down", "Diamonds", and "One Way". He closed with "I Am A Servant" and "The Tune". He left the stage with a "Good nite and God bless you," waving his copyrighted one way sign in the air. Norman is not a musician by any means; he's a poet, a communicator of ideas, a servant. Peace and . . . Bring back the sixties.



Center Brian Rhoades contends for jump ball.

Women's Varsity B-Ball Shows Potential; A Need for Closer Teamwork is Evident

by Valachi

The Women's Varsity Basketball team came back from vacation to defeat Erie Community College, in an unimpressive win. Play was sloppy by both teams with a number of turnovers. The offense was led by senior captain Sue Roorbach. The one bright spot I saw in the game was that any player on our team can be a stand-out for game performance. Most teams only have one or two good players, but Houghton seems to be blessed with a whole team of good players.

Thinking on that topic for a second, a team with 12 players that are good (and most of them underclassmen) means that in the future the students will see some outstanding play from the women's basketball team. The women's team can go places this year in state competition if they work hard and play together as a team. The Houghton students do not know what they are missing when they don't come and watch the women's basketball team play. So I suggest that the students of Houghton come and see for themselves the action and excitement of the varsity program.

This past Saturday the women's

basketball team faced an undefeated Canisius squad. The game was a low scoring tough defensive contest. Plagued by a poor shooting night, the women dropped a close one to Canisius. The loss made the women's record 3-1. Playing a tough floating zone, it appeared that the only thing that kept Houghton in the game was the strong rebounding and good defense. It was one of those nights where the offense was left in the locker room. Even though shots didn't score, the game itself showed the amount of promise in the defense.

Tuesday night at Genesee C. C. the

girls lost a close 2 pointer. Being down by 7 points at half time, they closed the gap to 1 point. G.C.C. then sped off to a 13 point lead again. With about 9 minutes left, Coach Greenway made a strategic change in the line-up. The team then came back to within 2 points of sending G.C.C. into overtime. The defense shows a lot of promise but the offense seems at this time to be having a little problem. It will take some time for the team to get their heads together, then you will see the style of basketball they are capable of playing.

H.C. Baseball Players Witness in Caribbean

Sports Ambassadors is a world-wide Christian outreach program whereby Christian athletes use their athletic abilities to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. During the semester break, five baseball players from Houghton participated in the Sports Ambassadors ministry, traveling to the Dominican Republic. After raising 650 dollars to meet the expenses of the trip, Jeff Tarbox, Scott Records, Rob Reese, John Roman and Dave Wells joined Coach Kettelkamp, who coordinated the entire trip, in Miami on December 27th. Here they met with Christian athletes from numerous other colleges. From Miami the newly formed team flew to San Juan where they practiced together until January 3rd. The team flew to Santo Domingo on the 3rd and in the next twelve days played eight baseball games before several thousand spectators. The majority of the spectators were young kids anxious to see the American team play their home town team. "The people, especially the young kids, are crazy about base-

ball," said Scott Records. "It gave us a perfect opportunity to talk to them about Christ. We were able to show them that athletes can be Christians too."

The purpose of Sports Ambassadors is to spread the gospel through the medium of athletics. Before each game the baseball team played, Spanish New Testaments were presented to opposing players, coach and umpires. The team also distributed Bible study literature to the fans. Over 14,000 pieces of literature were passed out during the games. A follow-up ministry is then carried on by the local missionaries. The success of the Sports Ambassadors summer program prompted this winter excursion, the first ever by a Sports Ambassadors team. "We had a few minor mishaps," Coach Kettelkamp explained. "We saw a few snakes and tarantulas, nothing out of the ordinary. The important thing was that we were able to share Jesus Christ and that's what Sports Ambassadors is all about."

Men's Basketball Starts The New Year By Winning 3 Out of First 4 Games

Since January 3, the men's varsity basketball team has been in Houghton preparing for the rest of their season. Starting the new year out right, the basketball team defeated Gordon College at the Gordon tournament which, due to inclement weather, turned out to be only one game. The team performed well, being led by Greg Harriman and Brian Rhoades. The next game was a tough loss to rival Roberts Wesleyan at Roberts. Shaking off the loss to Roberts, the basketball team came back to win two in a row against Medaille and Eisenhower. The Medaille game was a low scoring, high excitement contest. The varsity game was characterized by tough defense by both teams. At Eisenhower, the team defeated the opponents on their new sports complex.

Members of this year's varsity

squad are fairly young, consisting of seven juniors and two freshmen. Led by Jeff Hoffman, the squad has a considerable amount of experience with Greg Harriman, Russ Kingsbury, Dwight Roeters, Randy Singer, Pete

Johnson, Brian Kosa and two freshman standouts, Brian Rhoades and Del Stevens. Rhoades leads in rebounding with about 18 a game. This average ranks him No. 2 in the nation in NAIA rebounding.

Study of Freshman Attitudes Shows Confident Self Images

CCNS — How does the world look through the eyes of the Class of 1980? "The American Freshman: National Norms For Fall 1976," a study sponsored by the American Council on Education sought the answer, and surveyed 215,890 freshmen on 393 campuses.

Rating themselves on traits of their personality, 61.5 percent of the college freshmen believe that they have a strong drive to achieve, 66.3 percent believe they have a good understanding of others, and slightly over half believe they are cheerful and have strong academic ability.

Three quarters of the freshmen are attending the college that was their first choice, and when citing reasons important in their choice of a college, academic reputation was most often

mentioned, followed by special programs and low tuition.

Business is the most popular field of study among this year's freshmen, and nearly 60 percent of the students believe that they will find a job in their preferred field. Just over half of the entering freshmen expect to be satisfied with college, 40.6 percent estimate that they will maintain at least a "B" average, and the majority plan to pursue a graduate degree.

Just under half of the freshmen believe that couples should live together before marriage and that marijuana should be legalized, although a sampling of freshmen on Protestant college campuses shows them more conservative, with just under a third of the group affirming both beliefs.

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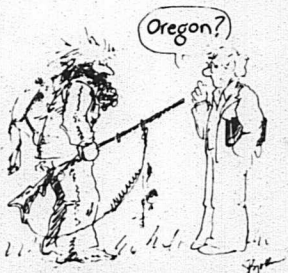
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Carter Cabinet

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and as a concession Bell reluctantly agreed to resign from three all-white social clubs to which he had paid an aggregate \$10,000 in initiation fees.

The remainder of the Carter Cabinet team: F. Ray Marshall, Secretary of Labor, pledged to support repeal of the Taft-Hartley "right to work" laws now effective in 19 states (which prohibit requiring union membership to hold a job). The Secretary of Commerce, Juanita Kreps, comes with a Ph.D. in economics from Duke University and a seat on the Board of Directors of Eastman Kodak and J. C. Penney. Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland is a Minnesota farmer and ex-Representative who doesn't hesitate to give his most important qualification for the post — he knows farming. Joseph Califano authored many of the Great Society programs under L.B.J. and now heads the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and manages the largest budget of any department, \$140 billion dollars. A summa cum laude graduate of Howard University, Patricia Roberts Harris is Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Harris is one of the few female equal rights activists to have been on the boards of IBM and Chase Manhattan Bank.

Finally, Cecil Andrus (ex-Idaho Governor) is Secretary of Interior and ex-U.S. Congressman from Washington. Brock Adams is the new Secretary of Transportation.

The eleven Cabinet posts are a mere fraction of the 2,200 government offices which Carter now controls. The President has also selected six key Advisors and a White House Staff in which his young Georgia associates (Hamilton Jordan and Jody Powell) should emerge with the most clout.

Jimmy Carter's words at his inaugural on January 20 carried a particular relevance to the Cabinet members he has assembled to help him lead the country: "Let us create together a new national spirit of unity and trust. Your strength can compensate for my weakness and your wisdom can help to minimize my mistakes." In an effort to assure that necessary cooperation, Carter's staff compiled a 110-page "promises book", replete with every public Carter statement of the campaign. The instructions to Cabinet members were to do as Carter says, but to use their own discretion and implement any policy on an appropriate timetable. The attitude seems destined to become the hallmark of Carter's relationship with his Cabinet.

News Brief

(Alcamo, Sicily) — Police in the village of Alcamo say thieves stole 140-thousand gallons of wine from a nearby winery Wednesday night. Apparently they pumped their loot right out of the vats into two large tank trucks.

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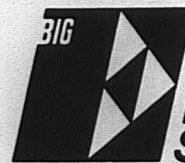


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