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## Bush Defends Student Aid Stance

by Bill Wichterman

Vice President George Bush, at a news conference in Corning, N.Y., on Wednesday, October 31, said that student financial aid eligibility has decreased under the Reagan administration, but total educational spending has increased.

Bush conceded, "Yes, we cut back on eligibility." However, he said that the only students affected by the cuts were the wealthy. "Why should everyone...pay to educate a rich kid?" Bush asked.

The Vice President insisted that Reagan is spending more on education in general than previous presidents. Bush said, "Educational spending, in total, is up. But we've got a different approach than our predecessors." The added funds are now being used to strengthen the educational system, according to Bush.

But he was careful to emphasize his concern for needy students: "We do believe that the government has a strong role in helping these kids get through college who can't afford it."

Bush said that providing more student aid would bring higher taxes and inflation. Under Carter, "inflation was wiping out any possible

savings from summer jobs to get an education," Bush said.

The Vice President added, "We don't believe the government should provide higher education for those that can afford it."

Kim Johnson and Bill Wichterman, WJSL news reporters, covered Bush's visit to Corning, and interviewed professionals related to the campaign.

"We were considered part of the press because they (Reagan/Bush campaign managers) asked us to come," said Johnson. The press pass allowed the students to ride the reporters' bus, and get prominent positioning for Bush's appearances. "We were also part of the Vice President's convoy," Wichterman said.

Johnson asked Vice President Bush a question concerning the Grace Commission Report during the press conference. "Being able to question him (Bush) made the whole trip worthwhile," Johnson said.

The student reporters also interviewed an ABC news correspondent, a Washington Post journalist, and various secret service men.

Wichterman said that the experience "taught me a lot about reporting and politics—things I wouldn't learn in the classroom."

**It's funny the way most people love the dead. Once you are dead, you are made for life.**

**—Jimi Hendrix**

## Longnecker Hosts Conquest Week

by James C. Daniels

Next week FMF will host its annual Conquest week Tuesday morning through Thursday evening. The speaker, Rev. Will Longnecker, a graduate of Prairie Bible Institute, has worked with World Wide Evangelism Crusade in Iran with Muslims. Assisting him in leading music will be Christian artists Charlotte Josephsen and Ken Pennell. Pennell, former production manager for Sparrow Records, has also worked in radio missions in Ecuador. He now works with Phil Driscoll at Mighty Men.

Conquest meetings begin in chapel on Tuesday morning. That night, as well as Wednesday and Thursday nights, there will be evening meetings at 7 pm. This week's theme is Isaiah 6:8: "Here am I, send me."

Meetings are not only for those who are planning to enter the mission field. The emphasis lies in making students, faculty, and the community aware of the church's role in missions.

Throughout the week a number of mission boards will have representatives

available in the Campus Center lounge. These missionaries look forward to talking to students about missions possibilities and informing them about what the different boards are doing. The representatives will also talk to students about the opportunities for full-time or summer term missions.

The focus of Conquest is to give students an opportunity to talk one-on-one to missionaries about the options for missions work around the world. There will be boards for overseas missions as well as home missions. Their aim is to show that missions is not dealing only with deep dark Africa, but also that missions offers jobs for everyone in any field.

Missionaries will also be speaking in various classes giving devotions or presentations. Stacey Ake hopes that students will take advantage of the opportunity that FMF is offering during Conquest to learn and to be challenged to discover their role in missions.

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# Covering All Corners

by Jon "Snake" Merrill

What a difference four years can make! Having been supportive of Jimmy Carter in the 1980 presidential election, I shared some reluctance other people had about our newly-elected President, Ronald Reagan. First, being a high school graduate in 1981 and looking for college aid, I thought Mr. Reagan's budget-cuts would wipe out federal college funds entirely. Also, with Reagan's talk of increasing our armed forces, I thought Armageddon was soon upon us. But now I chant four more years for President Reagan. Why?

I'll be the first to admit that part of my rationale for voting Reagan is swayed a bit subjectively, but who can help it? Patriotism is back in America, evident in the past summer's Olympic games, political conventions, and activities on some college campuses. I remember the terror many felt, including myself, during the Carter-Mondale years when the Iranian crisis exploded and the Soviets invaded Afghanistan. The mismanagement of these events showed America was weak and unprepared; our leaders were telling us that the US was declining in world power. Inflation was running rampant along with interest rates. Our nation's economy was going nowhere; Americans were disgraced.

Now, four years later, I'm very proud to be an American. We proved our strength and willingness to defend democratic virtues in Grenada and displayed our intentions of keeping peace and order in Beirut. Although unemployment reached double-digit figures two years ago, the economy has improved during Reagan's term. Inflation, interest rates and even unemployment are down. Businesses and consumers are confident that better days are ahead. It's debatable whether President Reagan is primarily responsible for the turn in events and the good feelings people have. Yet one thing is certain: Reagan has not impeded or quelled the American spirit of pride and optimism.

One foreign student asked me recently why the US will not sit down and talk peace with the Russians on arms control. My response was, "It's not as easy as you think," especially since the Soviets walked out of arms control sessions last November and continue the largest arms build-up of mankind. I have studied Russian history for a couple of years and have found the Russians to be stubborn, conniving, and willing to do anything deceitful to appear cooperative. But later they show their true objectives—the spread of "world revolution" and the destruction of capitalism. The maintenance of world stability and tranquility is top priority; however, this should not be compromised by allowing one super power to gain a dominant hand in world affairs and to obtain its own interests within other countries. President Reagan strives for this peace.

Religion in politics has been an important issue in this year's campaign. Throughout history, great nations have emerged with a strong belief in their God or gods and strict moral standards. Our nation is no different. For two centuries, the separation of church and state has been a basic policy in our country; however, the American people honored the sober, industrious, and righteous lifestyle directed under God's Word. Abortion, homosexuality, and the breakup of the family have plagued the solid base of American virtues. Unfortunately, some people are allowing this decay to continue. I agree we shouldn't judge others (for we will be judged someday) or impose our own beliefs on others. But as Christians, we should look out for our neighbors' spiritual well-being by seeking the upholding of moral values and by being an example of righteous living. President Reagan strives for this.

The issues of leadership and the President's age have been brought up occasionally. I respond by saying that Mr. Reagan has proven his leadership capabilities with the nationalistic and energetic fervor he restored into the American public. Although I don't agree 100% with what the President has done, I have to commend the man on his versatility in achieving whatever he sets out to do, especially when dealing with the US Congress and our Western allies. Now that's true leadership!

On November 6, America will vote for either a change or an expression of continued support for President Reagan. I vote Reagan. Four more years!



Gao and the Revolution perform their own version of "Let's Go Crazy."

## Four-Hundred Brave Gao

by Dave Horton

Over 400 people braved Gao After Dark during the three-hour run on Saturday night, October 27. Living up to its reputation, it horrified most and scared all. People left with white faces and chattering teeth.

Comments focused on how realistic vampire Tom Barnard looked. Surprise frights by Andy Nelson, Doug Allen, Greg Harvey and Jon Bersche were remarked about as well. Most

people enjoyed Dawn Pedersen and Beth Sperry as the somewhat decayed but serene nuns. Some said it was the best "After Dark" ever, even if it wasn't at the school house.

"Dorm Council voted to have it in the dorm after discovering the usual site had been sold," said council member Dave Horton. Having the final Gao After Dark at its original site seemed appropriate.

## Mind If I Smoke?

Attention all non-smokers. Do you have a friend, loved one, co-workers who could use some special help in kicking the cigarette habit? The American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout, November 15, gives you the chance to be that adoptive non-smoker and provide the understanding, encouragement and unlimited quantities of non-fattening snacks for the 24-hour smokeless period.

Adoption papers outlining this helpful arrangement and quit tips are available from the American Cancer Society by calling the toll-free 1-800-4-CANCER.

The Great American Smokeout is an annual event sponsored nationwide by the American Cancer Society. National Chairman Larry Hagman will be leading this event for the third year with a goal of one in five smokers quitting on November 15.

"It is hard to fight an enemy who has outposts in your head."

—Sally Kempton



Student Senate members meet every other Tuesday night to discuss campus happenings. In a special meeting next week, they will decide on the recipient of the Senate Charity Drive.

## Senate Churns Over Charity

by Hilary Hashagen

The main topic for discussion at the October 30 meeting of the Student Senate was the annual Senate Charity Drive.

The Senate was faced with the problem of deciding who the beneficiary of the drive would be and if the money would be given to an individual or to an organization, within the college or outside. A point of aiming the drive toward a single person, according to Steve Breneman, was that "there was someone you could relate to. There was a person, not a thing." Another sentiment expressed in the discussion was to extend the aid of the drive beyond the campus. "It's important to keep this as a community outreach," stated Beth Sperry. The problem of choosing the worthiest cause and making judgment calls is the most difficult for the Senate. As it was said by Senate president Kevin Simme, "People could get hurt." As nominations were made to the body, Omar Haedo Lopez brought it to the attention of the Senate that "We didn't want to have to make these kinds of decisions." It was decided by the Senate that a special meeting should be called for November 6 to discuss the possible beneficiaries of the drive.

Also brought before the Senate was a suggestion by Mrs. Parker from the Student Health Services that the Senate create an advisory committee for the Health Services so the students could have a say in this area. At present, the decisions are made by her and Dean Danner. Kevin Simme suggested that an amendment be brought up to create

this committee.

The Academic Affairs Council reported the addition of two new courses to the Physical Education curriculum as well as two new graphics design courses to the Art Department. The Athletic Committee announced that the volleyball team is going to the NCCAA tournament again this year. The subject of the gym opening on Sunday was brought up in committee again, and Dean Danner is directing the argument through all the proper channels.

CAB rejected numerous movies for next semester. Some of the movies rejected were *Splash*, *Ghostbusters*, and *Goldfinger*. No movies have yet been selected for next semester. CAB is still in debt but is expecting to pull itself out by the end of the year. The movie *The Empire Strikes Back* will be shown Saturday, November 3 at 8pm. The cost will be one dollar with a student I.D. and two dollars for general admission. On November 10th, CAB will sponsor *Snow White* which will be followed by the first Senate Spot of the year.

Elections for the Christian Life Committee were finally held. Stacey Ake, Craig Osterhus, and Sue Budz were added to the committee.

A wall hanging, purchased by the officers, was discussed. In the larger scope, the Senate discussed what financial expenditures should and should not be brought before the entire Senate for approval. It was left, as it had been, for the Senate to trust their cabinet with purchases under 200 dollars.

## Self-Study Saga Continues

by Jonathan Lightfoot

Houghton College will be visited by an evaluation team from Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools on December 2-5, 1984.

The evaluation team visiting Houghton College consists of six members and a chairman, Dr. James Heller. Heller is currently Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Moravian College.

In preparation for this visit, Houghton College has been undergoing analysis by its Self-Study Coordination Committee. During 1984, this committee has compiled a 200-page book on the state of Houghton College. In this book they covered five basic areas: enrollment and retention, academic program review, personnel development, computing and the campus, and physical plant and finances.

While on campus, the evaluation team will go over the self-study book as part of its look at Houghton College. At the end of their visit the team will give a report to Houghton College concerning their findings and any recommendations they have for the college. Middle States will also receive a copy of this report.

Dr. Carl Schultz, Chairman of

the Self-Study Coordination Committee, emphasized in an interview that re-accreditation is not the chief goal of a self-study. As far as the re-accreditation of Houghton College is concerned, he said, "We will be re-accredited; there is no doubt about that."

Schultz said that the main goal of a self-study is self-improvement. He went on to say that Houghton College must know what its strengths are in order to capitalize on them. In his mind, the self-study is important also to any student looking at Houghton College to know what kind of school it is.

Middle States sends out evaluation teams once every ten years to each of its member schools as part of its re-accreditation program. Houghton was last visited in 1975, following the self-study done in 1974. The college has been a member of Middle States since 1935, when it was first accredited.

Middle States Association accredits schools in the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland. It also includes the District of Columbia, the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.



Jim Daniels talks with a representative from Asbury Theological Seminary on how a seminary education can help him serve God in the world. During Houghton's graduate and seminary day, fourteen seminaries and five graduate schools sent representatives to tell students the different qualities that their school emphasizes in hopes of meeting each student's particular need.



# Fine Arts

## Commonwealth Lacks Luster

by David Shoemaker

Maybe I expect too much, but for me an "edifying" evening of theater combines a good message with a good performance. With only half of this combination, a presentation tends to be forced and lifeless.

Such was the case, unfortunately, with J.C. Commonwealth, the group of "actors" from Greenville College that performed in Chapel Thursday, October 25, and again in the evening. My impression throughout the entire performance was, "Keep the actors, just show me the writer."

Their message was painfully clear. Through a series of short sketches they attempted to demonstrate the common theme of "Obey God, and make no compromise." And that message came across clearly, despite the consistently poor acting.

A recurring and fully developed sketch was that of Jonah and his attempts to avoid Ninevah. But repeatedly on his way to Rome, ridiculous events keep pushing him to Ninevah: because he's the 100th customer at the airport he wins a free trip to Ninevah, his plane hijacked by a hyper woman to Ninevah, etc.

Another clever sketch demonstrated the Biblical theme that you cannot obey two masters by showing the absurdity of a servant trying to carry out the contradictory orders of two haughty women.

The lines in these sketches were

genuinely funny at the right times and genuinely serious when needed as well. The only beef I had with the troupe as writers was that they continually told us the "moral of the story," a serious offense to our intelligence.

But the real problem was their delivery and presentation as actors, the label under which they came. We could not even begin to believe them as real people because of their false assumption that each line must be delivered as if in a third grade Christmas pageant.

The one exception to this rule was the leader of the troupe, better known as Mr. Rogers. His expressions were outlandishly exaggerated and he constantly brought in the biggest laughs. But even he was subject to "The Richard Burton Syndrome": overacting and underachievement, and came across as being terrible in several sketches.

Of course the question will arise that it was a Christian message and we should just appreciate that aspect. Nein, Nein, Nein!! Even though we represent Christianity, we cannot let a relative system of value creep in so that we become aesthetically mediocre. If J.C. Commonwealth had striven for a professional and believable presentation, who knows how much more effect their message would have had?

Sorry for the sermon. I'm in a bad mood.

### The Bottom Line

Album Title: *All Because of You*

Artist: *Lisa Welch*

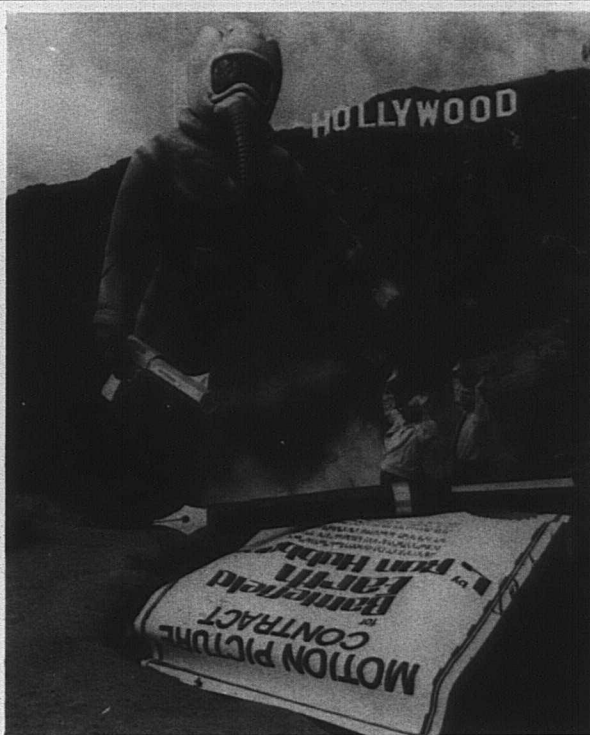
Label: *Nissi*

by Rich Rose

You will probably recognize her as "Blair Warner" from NBC's "The Facts of Life", but Welch feels it is time to step out of her T.V. role to publicly confirm her belief in Jesus Christ as her Lord.

Keeping in mind that Welch's forte is not necessarily music, "*All Because of You*" is a very positive effort. Welch's voice is confident and strong, similar to that of Leslie Phillips. Most of the music tracks are heavy pop with dominating electric guitars and electric keyboards. The beat, which is heavy at times, is controlled by Simmons drums in the majority of the selections. John Rosasco has done an excellent job of production and arrangement.

The bottom line is: If you enjoy powerful pop with a positive message of Christ, then I suggest you pick up "*All Because of You*".



## "Battlefield Earth" Seeks Logo

LOS ANGELES, CA—The deadline for student and amateur artists wishing to enter the nationwide "Battlefield Earth" logo design contest—with a \$1000 cash award and potential screen credit on two of Hollywood's biggest upcoming movie spectacles in the offing for the grand prize winner—has been extended to midnight, November 15th, 1984 by Hollywood's Salem Productions.

Executive producer William Immerman explained, "We're looking for an identifying 'logo' or graphic design that will vividly, thematically capture the epic scale, the dramatic magnitude of the two \$50 million 'Battlefield Earth' films Salem is producing from L. Ron Hubbard's phenomenal 438,000 word space saga of the year 3000 A.D.—the biggest single volume science fiction novel ever written."

Second and third prizes of \$750

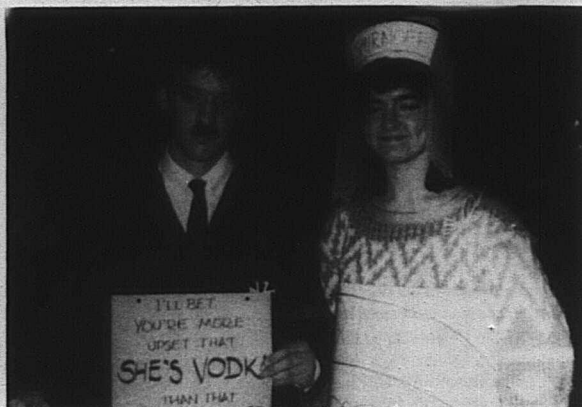
and \$500, respectively, and 20 runner-up prizes will also be awarded, the Salem Productions chief executive added.

The judges for the "Battlefield Earth" logo design contest include producer Immerman, ("Southern Comfort" and "Take This Job and Shove it"), director Ken Annakin ("The Longest Day," "Battle of the Bulge" and "Those Magnificent Men In Their Flying Machines") and screen writer Abraham Polonsky, ("Body and Soul," "Monsignor" and "Mommie Dearest").

Complete contest rules and entry forms can be obtained by writing to "Battlefield Earth Movie Logo Contest," 2210 Wilshire boulevard, Suite 453, Santa Monica, CA 90403. Mailed requests for rules and entry forms should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and must be postmarked no later than midnight, November 15, 1984.



Two wild and crazy guys, Paul Priolo and Mark Scira, wonder why they can't pick up Houghton women.



After a hard day at the office, Adolf (Craig Henry) unwinds with a bottle of Smirnoff vodka (Beth Sperry).



Ghostbusters Paul Christie and Glenn Rutland bust Janet Reyn and Stay-puf Marshmallow Man Jack McGovern.

## Trick or Treat?



Kevin Williams, Kevin Mays, Scott Olsen, and Rob Porter prove that punk's not dead and anarchy lives at Houghton.

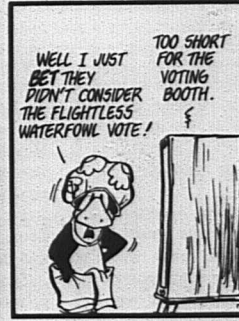
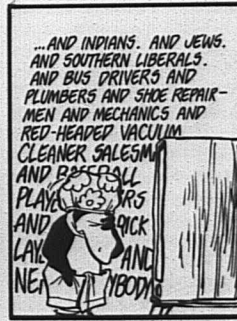
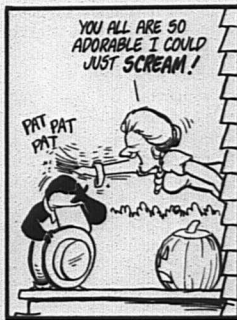
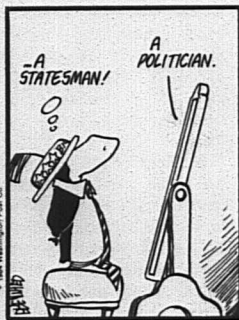
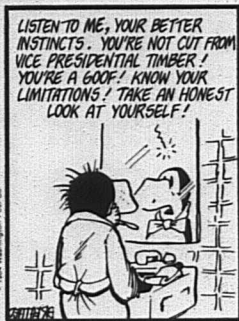


Patty Heckman, Kim Fisher, Sally Parker, Deb Fink, Lynne Ross, Thea Hurd, Anne Valkema, Joni Harrington, and Josephine Finis agree that it pays to know "the man on the street."



# BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



# Sports



Janneke Smid drives downfield against Wells College October 22.

## Women's Soccer Wins Post-Season Playoff Berth

by Noel Fleming

The women's varsity soccer team traveled in the rain to Wells College on Monday, October 22 to defeat their opponent 3-1.

Houghton scored one goal in the first half, but the team came out much improved in the second. Sue Stephens scored twice with one assist by Sally Stalker. Outstanding play by Houghton sweeper Trish Brackett, and stopper Amy McKenna kept Wells from any potential goal-scoring opportunity throughout the game.

In a home game against Daeman

on October 25, the women could not net a win. The score remained 0-0 through two five-minute overtime periods. Stalker and Allison Mikkola demonstrated some fine offensive efforts, while Kris Hall and Deb Sperring supported the team both offensively and defensively.

Unfortunately, some injuries to Noel Fleming, Lynne Conover, and Alma Lehman have left the team short on substitutes.

Houghton's post-season play includes a tournament with Roberts, Messiah, and King's at Roberts Wesleyan College today.

## Women Top Pack in NCCAA District II Championship

by Ned Farnsworth

Senior Highlander Rob Coy raced to a 30:02 over the five mile course en route to a second place finish that capped his final season of cross country. Meanwhile, the Houghton women's squad successfully defended their 1983 NCCAA District II championship on October 27th due to dwindling participation from other teams.

A flurry of red and white filled the finish chute as Roberts Wesleyan College's top three girls skidded in. Michele Flynn stole first in 20:59. Although the top three places usually would guarantee the win, Robert's fourth runner accidentally cut the course and was disqualified. Also, Roberts did not have five runners and forfeited the meet to Houghton.

Jamie Russell drove in from a three-mile excursion through the muddy woods and fields in 23:08 to claim fourth place. Contemplating her first stint as Houghton's top woman runner, Russell commented, "It was a tough course, but I felt pretty good."

Following Russell, the line-up consisted of all Highlanders. Karen Holland (23:18), Stephanie Button (23:50), Mary Alice Banker (25:08), and Mimi Hale (26:09) contributed to Houghton's score of 30. Trailing them were Melissa Downing (28:41) and Grace Obringer (29:33), who completed the varsity squad. Russell

stated, "I think the team put forth a good effort with the weather being hot."

Roberts encountered more problems in the men's race as John Buskey followed a wrong turn and backtracked to correct his mistake. Buskey's mistake cost him. Trophies were awarded to the top seven finishers. Rob Coy shone for Houghton, trailing only Tom Welsh of Baptist Bible (28:14), with his 30:02 time. Coy called the meet "the highlight of my running career. It was the highest I've placed in cross country since I came to Houghton. It was a nice way to end my cross country career."

All five of Baptist Bible's scorers preceded Houghton's next man, Dave Riether, who clocked in at 32:30 for ninth place. Highlander Andy Bradshaw, racing with an injury, came in twelfth (33:25), followed by teammates Ned Farnsworth (15 in 34:22), and Mark Obringer, (16 with 36:14). Baptist Bible trounced the competition with 21 points. Runner-up Houghton (51) slipped by Roberts (58) for the first time this season.

The Houghton women sported a 6-1 season record, and the men a 1-7. Accounting for the men's record was a loss of seven of the top ten runners from last year. Next year the male Highlanders will lose seniors Coy and Riether, while the women's squad will remain intact.

## Men's Soccer Drops Elmira 5-0

by Jenny Gibson

The men's soccer team triumphed 5-0 over Elmira College on Wednesday October 24. The away match was important to Houghton as it determined their entrance into the play-offs.

The Highlanders dominated the midfield, but it was evident that the team needed more work on short passing. Recognition goes out to defense that played well al-

lowing few shots on goal.

Excitement in the game stirred as Dan Ortlip took advantage of a foul committed inside the Houghton penalty area, using the resulting penalty kick to score against Elmira. Other goals in the game were contributed by Mark Estep, Greg Gidman, Myron Glick, and Billy Clark.

The Highlander's played a disappointing game at Alfred where

they lost 3-1 on Friday, October 26.

The game was lost in the first ten minutes when Alfred scored all three of their goals.

Alfred's goals seemed to be scored out of general mistakes such as: failure to mark Alfred's men, using too many long-kicks instead of short-passing, and bringing the ball up the sides where Alfred was strongest.

Houghton's lone goal was scored by Jamie Mullen on a direct free kick. Kicked from about 40 yards out, the ball dropped inside the 18 and rolled underneath Alfred's keeper. Both teams failed to score in the second half.

If the men's soccer team wins their district and regional games, they will advance to the national tournament in California.



# Basketball Enters Season Prepared

by David Mee

As the 1984-85 basketball season approaches, the Star posed a number of questions to fifth year head coach, David Jack.

**STAR:** In what ways would you compare last year's team to this year's squad?  
**COACH JACK:** Basically, we are the same—but with a year's more experience. We lost outstanding guards (Rick Otis and Bruce Makin), but I feel confident that their replacements will do just as well, if not better. Our guards should do more scoring and if we continue to improve on defense, we could be very strong.

**STAR:** In what roles do you see the returning players?

**COACH JACK:** Jeff Anspach will be expected to play a total game. He will carry a big share of the scoring responsibilities, although there are several players who can score and help lighten the burden on him. Ron Dutweiler is in top shape. A strong rebounder, he is also going for his third straight top defensive player award. Derrick Barnes could very well be the key to our team this year. His ball-handling skills allow him to do anything he wants—but he must remain disciplined. His leadership will be an important factor. Rich Ryan is extremely quick for a big man, and at 6'7" can shoot the eyes out of the basket. Bill Dockery also has a great outside shot and is jumping very well. If he plays within his limits, he could really help the team. Bill Greenway and Josh Merrill are going to have to play tough defense as well as assuming perimeter shooting duties. They both have looked good in practice.

**STAR:** How much of a contribution can the new players be expected to make?

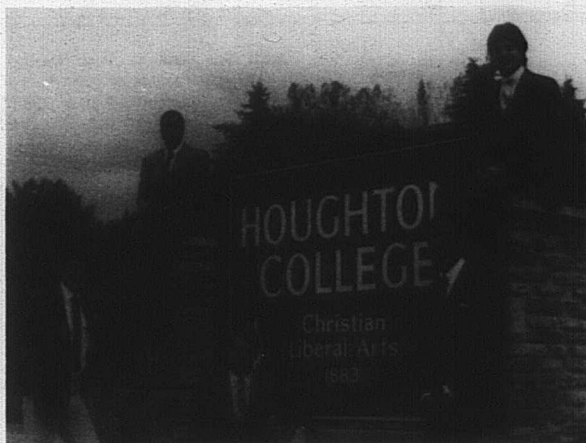
**COACH JACK:** It's very difficult for a freshman to step in and make an immediate contribution; however, it's not impossible. We have some young players who can expect to see considerable playing time before the year is over.

**STAR:** How does the schedule compare to last years past?

**COACH JACK:** Our schedule is tougher—much tougher! With the addition of Buffalo State twice, St. Thomas Aquinas who is in our tournament, Chaminate, Hawaii-Pacific, and the Eastern College Tournament—it's going to challenge this team to the maximum.

**STAR:** I understand that the basketball team has required study halls. What are their purpose?

**COACH JACK:** The two most significant purposes are 1) to help the new players form good study habits, and 2) to help each player fulfill his responsibility to his studies and to his teammates by remaining eligible. It's just too easy to get distracted from study time, and thus we've tried to prevent this from hap-



Coach Jack, surrounded by seniors Jeff Anspach, Derrick Barnes, Ron Dutweiler, and Bill Dockery. All will carry a heavy load for the 84-85 season.

pening by requiring the attendance of all new players and any returning players with less than a 2.5 cum. Depending on the situation, the study hall meets anywhere from two hours a night, three days a week, to four hours a night, five days a week. It may seem demanding, but the academic pressures are such that there is really no other choice.

**STAR:** It was mentioned in chapel a few weeks ago that the basketball team was going on a retreat. Why such an activity?

**COACH JACK:** The retreat was basically a time for the team to grow spiritually and to develop relationships that bond them together. It was a time when friendships were formed and a spirit of unity was developed. It has been a great experience each of the last two years.

**STAR:** How do you go about recruiting and selecting those 12 to 15 players who will represent a college such as Houghton?

**COACH JACK:** Recruiting and selecting a team is very difficult. In fact, it is the same procedure required of any student. We write hundreds of letters, make endless phone calls, travel to see players play, and then invite them to visit. Our best contacts are with our present students—so we are always glad to hear of outstanding players in their high schools or churches back home. The selection process is fairly simple. It's just a matter of seeing where each player is going to fit and allowing him to use his skills to fill the roles needed.

**STAR:** What pressures do you feel a student who plays basketball has to face at Houghton College?

**COACH JACK:** That's a tough question and one that could be answered by going in several different directions. The basketball players must realize that they represent the college and must conduct themselves accordingly. In addition to carrying a full load of classes, they have to commit themselves to the time necessary to play. Unlike other sports, basketball plays in both semesters, so a team could drastically change if the academic responsibilities are not met. That's pressure!

**STAR:** Finally, Coach, what are your goals both on and off the court for the upcoming season?

**COACH JACK:** Naturally, we want to win as many games as possible—that always tends to be a yard stick—however, the most important goal is to be successful and there is a difference. I want each of the players to become all that he is capable of becoming—both as a player and as a man. We work hard at accomplishing that.



Highlander basketball awaits season opener.

The Highlanders appear tonight at 8pm in an International Exhibition against the University of Toronto.

# Letters

## Activism Deactivated

Dear Thea,

I am writing in response to the call of the *Star* staff for activism. What exactly the *Star* wants seems to me to be both vague and totally unprofitable. Could someone tell me what the activism of the 60's, championed in the *Star*, accomplished? What positive effects resulted?

When I discussed this with my dad, one who lived through the 60's, he concluded that the activism of the 60's only divided the country. No solutions occurred. The Civil Rights Act of 1965, the only concrete effect we could dig up, merely increased people's discriminative tendencies by putting them on the defensive. White flight divided the nation.

Dr. Chamberlain hit the problem right on the nose this last Sunday (October 28) during his Sunday School class on Ephesians. Dealing with world problems can only be done effectively by those who deal with problems and people locally now. Then when their field of influence widens they know how to bring unity and peace. As my dad said, "Do the job under your nose

with the tools in your hands."

The other major problem I have with the *Star* staff is their subtle insistence on the way activism must be done. Activism is research of one's facts, acting when one is informed, and not before. It is being counted when a count is taken. Activism is not making enemies by purposeful hard-line tactics. We must season the world, not repel it.

A case in point on getting the facts straight. Where did REBEL WITH A CAUSE get trillions of dollars to deploy a "Star Wars" defense? The figures are \$15 billion dollars for the first stage plus an additional \$5 billion to deploy the second stage of High Frontier. Even the most bloated study could only predict a cost of \$50 billion, and that with the most extensive cost overruns. All the necessary technology existed in 1970, quite a ways from "Star Wars." Try reading *We Must Defend America* by Daniel O. Graham. Don't quote the daydream of a desperate politician.

And now to close with a slug to Walter Mondale. While writing this letter I saw an advertisement of his quoting trillions of dollars for "Star Wars" defense, which I have already shown is inaccurate. And he talks about a president knowing what is going on. Research the studies; find the facts. He knows nothing about it. If I can find out

the truth, anybody can, and certainly Walter Mondale should know. This is what true activism is about—properly presenting the truth. Truth will win.

With respectful disagreement,  
Jonathan Robords Lightfoot

## Gandhi Gaffe?

Dear Thea,

As a person who believes himself somewhat intelligent (though often disoriented), I was horrified by Prof. Mullen's prayer in chapel Wednesday. He offered, in his prayer, condolences and pity for the people of India on the death of its great world leader, meaning Indira Gandhi. Well meant, it obviously was, but also a gross misrepresentation of her (Gandhi). Why this particular prayer? is my question. Why? Because there is now no one in India to mass murder Muslims and political adversaries? Why? Because there is now no one to support the oppressive, monolithic, Indian upper-class? Why? Because Christians should support despotic regimes? Why should we offer ill-advised pity when we should thank the Lord for removing (vengeance is His) an oppressive ruler. I say we keep thoughts like this out of public prayer.

Humbly Yours,  
David Horton

## Criticism Criticized Criticized

Dearest Thea,

In the October 12 issue, Jim Logan blessed us with a rather vehement criticism of Ron Whiteford's *Prodigal* album review. Mr. Whiteford seems to have touched a tender spot in your musical tastes, Jim, and I'm sorry to hear that, but one main attitude you showed about Christian music distressed me quite a bit. You claimed that Ron Whiteford's perceptions of life seem weak because he "has more regard for 'climactic riffs' than the message in the lyrics." Well, dear Jim, Ron Whiteford was writing what we call an album review...you know...music. And his criticism was...you guessed it...a musical one. I'm of the belief that the message is crucial in Christian music, but if that's all the group has, then they should be preaching sermons and not trying to sell albums (music).

xxxxxxx

J. Craig Henry

P.S. I understood the phrase "quasi-subliminal extrapolation" without difficulty, can't see why it tripped you up. Perhaps I've been isolated at Houghton too long.

## Man on the Street

Should Houghton College have waited so long to demolish Gao dorm?



**Doug Allen**  
Junior (The Hulk)

"Personally I love my homeland Gao. You can nuke unborn gay whales but don't destroy Gao! You are taking away from the Houghton experience when you take away my Gao."



**Melissa Downing**  
Freshman

"Houghton should have waited. All the guys enjoy living there; it is their home. Once Gao is gone we will no longer have the opportunity to appreciate such a beautiful building."



**Rich Judge**  
Sophomore

"Bozo the clown says, 'What a joke! I've seen better living conditions in South Bronx! Gao should have gone years ago.'"



**Deborah Lennon**  
Junior

"Gao should have been taken down long before this; or at least Houghton should have tried to fix the place up before it started to fall down so much. Now they have to take it down."





# Classifieds

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**Prisoner**, 29, college-educated, seeks visitors and correspondence. Ronald Davidson, no. 76A1166 Attica Prison, Attica, NY 14011.

A-Team Statement of Purpose: Founded in April, 1984, the A-Team strives to raise school spirit, morale and character. With a new constitution, we have elected an advisor (Prof. Bressler), applied for recognition by Student Development, and now seek Senate monies.

—VBN & Mr. T

The A-Team bows to Deb Sperring, sophomore, for a job well done.

*Dear Jay and Phil,  
Watch out for those J.C.  
Penneys—you never know  
when there will be a call back.*

We are proud to announce the engagement of our two friends:

**Kathy Wood (86)  
to  
Doug Reczko (86)**

**Billy Idol/Wendy O. Williams**  
**President/Vice-President**  
**Nuke Shen**  
**Gao Revolutionary Force**

Love ya lots: Barb, Ruth, Ray, Sandy, Tom, Jeanne, Doug, Al, Warren, Anthony, Sarah, Marva, Liz, Dave, Deb, Mark, Ken, Kevin, Tammy and Ron!



## THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

Sat. Nov. 3 at 8:00 pm  
in the Wesley Chapel

\$2.00 General Admission  
\$1.00 with Houghton ID

40,356,781 hugs were recorded during the week ending 11/2/84. Unmarried young couples tallied 41.7% of total embraces shared. The Christian community fell under the 7.5% hug category, thus, affirming humanist scholar assertions that Christianity has misplaced its salt.

—Lapsets

**RAGAMUFFIN,  
HAPPY R.D.T. DAY!!!  
FRESHMAN FROM  
THE WOODS**

**Cathy-Happy Birthday!**  
Hang in there! We love you!  
**S.M.L.**  
**S.K. & Friends**

## GAO Auction

Wednesday  
November 7,  
At 5:30 pm  
in the  
Campus Center

In the event of a Reagan victory, cigarettes and blindfolds will be available for members of the Democratic Party.  
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*Gus Hall/Angie Davis*  
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The Hess House monastic movement reports its *third* defector:

Steve Earl (85)  
has pledged himself to  
Margrethe ("Mag") Hoff (85)

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and  
REAGAN—**

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"Try to keep in mind I meant well."  
Rick Redfern of Doonesbury

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