



Senani and Ishani Frankle Perform During Winter Weekend.

Lincoln Comes to Houghton Drama Portrays Folksy Abe

"At Home With the Lincolns," a play about Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary Todd, will be performed at Houghton College in the Wesley Chapel Auditorium at 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, February 11, 1978. Using Lincoln's witty sayings, his colorful stories and his personal reminiscences, it gives a remarkable portrayal of the warm, folksy Lincoln manner.

One of the stories that Lincoln told was about his schooling. His teacher was angry with him and said, "Abraham, you're better fed than taught!" "I should think I was, as I feed myself and you teach me!" he replied.

The play is both entertaining and educational. It tells how Lincoln traveled the law circuit trying cases, living at town taverns and matching wits with his fellow lawyers. It shows the concern he felt for safeguarding personal liberties, which he expressed in many of his speeches, and his acute but charming way of handling political relationships.

Senani and Ishani Frankle, who

wrote the play, researching through many original sources, portray President Lincoln and his wife. They were inspired to do this by Sri Chinmoy, the great poet, artist and teacher. The play has been performed by the Frankles in the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium at the United Nations as a benefit for UNICEF, at museums, colleges and libraries, and is also scheduled to be presented on Friday, February 10, 1978 at Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, New York.

Mr. Frankle, formerly an ABC-TV executive, has been working on the play for more than two years. Both he and Ishani have performed in repertory companies and summer stock.

Ishani, who began her career at the age of two, singing and dancing in variety shows, later became an actress on radio and a TV performer. In the play she wears a burgundy satin dress which is a copy of one Mrs. Lincoln wore at the White House.

Houghton Celebrates Winter Civil War Unites Festivities

On February 10 and 11, the campus will transport itself back to the Civil War era as we celebrate the traditional winter weekend.

Jan McGuckin and Buddy Hubbard, coordinators for the gala event, have a full and exciting schedule planned. The weekend begins Friday at three p.m. with each class out on the quad constructing a snow sculpture centered around the Civil War theme. On Thursday, the Senior Class will elect one of the three candidates (Scott Records, John Hugo, Gary Fitzgerald) the honor of snow king. At five p.m. His coronation ceremony will begin. The ceremony, to be held in the campus center, consists of crowning the king and presenting his court, including Dave Hagle (Jr.), Bill Frey (So.) and Todd Bullock (Fr.) and their escorts. Then we can enjoy a delicious buffet supper in the candle-lit dining hall. Formal attire is requested. Wesley Chapel will be full at eight p.m. with those waiting to see the double feature. The first movie is "The Great Train Race" followed by a silent flick "The General," starring Buster Crabbe (for all you Tarzan fans) with a piano accompaniment by Dave Ralph.

Saturday will prove to be just as exciting beginning at nine a.m. with two simultaneous events: a cross country skiing race and an ice hockey game, either American vs. Canadians or Roberts Wesleyan vs. Houghton. For more details on how you can participate, see Ron Barnett, in charge of the skiing, and Peter Wilcox, in charge of hockey. Judging the four snow sculptures is next at 11:30.

Jeff Hoffman is in charge of the action-packed faculty vs. student basketball game to be held at the academy gym at one p.m.

The Chapel is the place to be at three p.m., where Jim Spurrier will M.C. the Houghton Dating Game. Faculty couples will be contestants in "The Not So Newly Weds," Houghton version of a popular T.V. game show

following the Dating Game.

After this full day we can enjoy bluegrass, country and barbershop quartet singing during dinner.

"At Home With The Lincolns" will be presented in Wesley Chapel at 8:15. This play will be performed by

Senani and Ishani Frankle. The winter weekend ends in the campus center with a time of fellowship, hot chocolate and donuts. It looks to be an interesting weekend and Buddy and Jan hope people will get their studying done and participate.

Profs Granted Tenure; Two Made Professors

Houghton College has granted tenure to the following faculty: Robert Galloway, Assist. Prof. of Piano; John Hazzard, Assist. Prof. of Sociology; Roger Rozendal, Assist. Prof. of Speech; Lloyd Wilt, Assist. Prof. of English; and Lois Wilt, Assist. Prof. of Music.

Mr. "Jake" Jacobson of Mathematics and Dr. Frederick Trexler of Physics have been promoted to the rank of professor — a promotion which implies a great deal of dedication and commitment on the part of the educator.

The four positions held by faculty members on college campuses are as follows: the instructor, the assistant professor, the associate professor, and the professor. The Tenure and Promotion Procedure consists mainly of four parts. A teacher eligible for tenure is first considered by the Dean and the Division Chair-

man of the faculty member in question. Passing over this first hurdle, the name goes to a committee of faculty members. Providing that this committee reaches a positive decision, the name of the educator is passed to the Board of Trustees. Finally, the President reviews the faculty member. Certain criteria such as his "recognized contribution, competence, level of performance, and (at Houghton), his Christian commitment," must be taken into careful account.

Tenure can be attained only after 5-7 probationary years and a favorable review by the tenure committee. It is true that associated with tenure are the benefits of security and an increase in status and prestige, but at the same time, there are problems.

One of these problems is a tenure

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Post-Grad Rates Examined Students Question Policy

As of the beginning of this academic year, students are no longer eligible for post-graduate rates on Student Teaching. This raises some questions about the policy. Has it been changed or re-interpreted in regards to Student Teaching and if so, why? What about those who were "caught in the middle" of this change?

The original intent of the policy was to allow local people with a degree to take extra courses at half the regular tuition cost. This would not apply, however, to those who were working toward another degree. In the 1975-76 catalog a clause was added stating that this reduction in tuition would not cover applied courses. Since the 50% reduction for post-graduate study is in effect, a scholarship, the rest of the cost must be absorbed by the college. The applied course is a one-on-one situation. In this case, the college would not only have to make up the tuition cost, but they must also pay an extra instructor. This is quite different from adding one more name to the list of a regularly scheduled class. These rates also are not applicable to tutorial situations.

In December of 1976, the Local Advisory Board decided that beginning Sept. 1, 1977 Student Teaching would no longer be eligible for post-graduate rates. This brought forth many questions. Student teaching does not change the degree a person already holds, but it is required for certification. Why then should it be excluded from the policy? First of all, Student Teaching is worth from six to ten

credit hours and it is very expensive to give a 50% reduction to several students for this number of hours. It is also seen as an applied situation. It is one-on-one in that the student is under the direct supervision of one professor. Also, there is the argument that Student Teaching was never an intent of the policy, it was just assumed to apply. This ruling is more a classification or a qualification of the original policy rather than a change in policy.

How does this change affect those who had already made their plans to do their student teaching as post-graduate work? Since this change was to be effective Sept. 1, 1977, even those who were Seniors at the time of the decision would not be able to receive the reduced rates. This caused some protest for then Seniors and Juniors who felt that they were "shafted". In April of 1977, the LAB revised their previous decision and announced that they would gradually phase out the existing rates. Those doing their student teaching in the 1977-78 year would receive the full 50% reduction, those teaching in 1978-79 would get a 25% reduction and starting in the fall of 1979 students would be required to pay the full tuition rate for student teaching done as post-graduate work.

Officials Respond to Rumors Professor Reist Takes Leave

In the past few weeks, even before Christmas, Houghton began to be inundated with rumors about the future of Irwin Reist as a teacher. The confusion and perversion of facts have made a personal situation (which deserves our prayers) worse.

To begin with the most recent development, Reist has not resigned. He has asked for a leave of absence for personal reasons. The College has granted that request. "He's ill and needs a rest." Mr. Reist "is now in a hospital in Pennsylvania somewhere," said Mrs. Reist, Irwin's new wife as of December 23, but asked that nothing more be said.

"Mr. Reist's classes have been taken over 'almost voluntarily' by Mr. Woolsey and Professor Kingdon," said Dr. Shannon, Academic Dean. "They weren't pressured into it. Our first priority was the students." Mr. Woolsey took over General Epistles, a three hour course taken by some 50 students. Mr. Kingdon added

Reist's Biblical Literature course to his work load because too much work was involved in switching the schedules of some 30 students so they could be absorbed into the other Bib. Lit. courses. The only course that was cancelled was Reist's Biblical Theology course. The 12 students taking this course have been absorbed into other classes or of their own will have dropped three hours from their course schedule.

As to the rumors about the administration trying to force Mr. Reist out, including the ones involving Reist's recent wedding, are totally unfounded. President Chamberlain had not even heard of them. In his words, "the college has taken no initiative whatsoever, to terminate Mr. Reist's contract." That there is any tension between the faculty of the Religion Department is denied by both Dr. Schultz and Dean Shannon. President Chamberlain said Reist had high praise for his colleagues. The number of absences Reist acquired

before his illness were "proper absences." Dean Shannon says. The right people were properly notified in advance. Like many students, he was caught in a snowstorm and couldn't get back to Houghton. His daughter was sick several days and once his car didn't start. According to the President these "were coincidences and cannot be held against the man or his reputation."

Professor Reist came to Houghton in 1965 and gained a reputation for being a "strong teacher, extremely conscientious and effective. Students liked to sit in his classes," commented President Chamberlain. In the school year 1973 through December of 1974 Professor Reist was the acting Chairman of the Religion Department. In the spring semester of 1975 Reist asked for sick leave at the recommendation of his doctor. He rejoined the faculty in September of 1975. "It is probable," said Dean Shannon, "this sick leave has to do with the same thing."

Engaged

Barbara Mullen ('78) to Richard Pointer ('77)

LuAnne Lewis ('76) to Allen Drake (Biola, '77)

Editorial

If you have read the story on Mr. Reist on the front page you are probably asking yourself, "what sickness?" or "what about his disappearing for a weekend?" or in some cases, "what exactly are the rumors?"

I skipped over them because they concern a man's private life and his reputation. I was disgusted at having to write the story, but it is the paper's duty to delineate the facts. I am only sorry that it probably will be the most read article in the *Star* this week.

It says something about us as a community.

It is natural to be curious about what is going on. But as Christians it should be natural that we tell facts, not half-truths, hearsay or pass the interpretation of one fact off as authoritative knowledge. Mr. Reist deserves our prayers and our concern, not our gossip; not the worst thoughts we can think about the situation.

I don't know how many of the rumors got started and I am not going to speculate so someone can take them and say this is how it got started. But to believe them without verification, to be blunt, is stupid. For some reason each of us thinks we are an authority. I heard someone say "... I heard it from (so and so) who heard it from the faculty. She's a good friend of the faculty, you know..." Another person said "... They said in prayer meeting..." failing to tell who "they" was or if "they" was really in a position to know. Just because it is announced in prayer meeting doesn't make it Divine truth. I have often prayed for a situation, believing I was correct only to find out later I had the facts mixed up. (What God does with a prayer like that I'll let the theologians decide.) One individual told me he knew "Irv" personally and proceeded to tell me the psychology of his actions. I used some of that information in my interviews for the article, but even that information many times turned out to be half-truths or unsubstantiated.

Lack of proper communication cannot be blamed for this situation. Much of what has happened to Mr. Reist is none of anyone's business. What little that does concern students only applies to those in his courses. Any other interest in the case (except if a close friend of Mr. Reist) is just plain nosiness.

Sure we should bear each other's burdens, but I think Mr. Reist would like us to bear the right ones. If you offer to carry my luggage for me from the airport and you pick up what you think to be mine or what someone else tells you is mine you do me no good. I still have to carry my own.

Rumors play with a man's reputation, and as people chose sides, other people get hurt, like Dr. Schultz, the administrators, Irv's wife. If nothing else from this whole episode, let this community learn — that means you student, faculty, staff and administrator — to control the tongue. There is no excuse for such behavior in a community dominated by Christians. St. James is quoted most often in cases like this not for exhortation but as an excuse. We like to forget verse ten and following. Houghton seems to be a pool of fresh water, but when tasted is salt. Let's either call ourselves salty or start living like fresh, cool mountain water. — Nic

Students Misunderstand Posters, Appreciate Monthly Senate Spots

For as long as anyone can remember, there have always been Senate Spots. They have always served as a form of "getting away from it all" entertainment at the end of a long and busy week. To some they are even the highlight of a weekend. Yet last week Senate Spots almost became extinct. At least that is the impression many people had. Students got this impression by reading the posters hung on various bulletin boards located throughout the Campus Center. One poster might have read as follows: "Senate Spot will be cancelled unless we have more student participation." What happened from there was purely a misunderstanding on the reader's part. Many students were not aware that the only Spot in danger of being cancelled on account of lack of participation was the January 26 Spot.

When asked how he felt about the misunderstanding some students had, Paul Tinker said, "The Senate Spots will probably never be stopped because people like them." He also commented on the type of Spot that is presented, "... most Spots are made up of mostly singing and very little comedy. But if there is any comedy, it's usually pretty good." In all there is usually one Spot every month after a movie or some other event. Most Spots contain anywhere from 8-10 acts and last about an hour to an hour and a half. Paul also said, "This year we have some really good talent on campus. We just have to get them up on the stage."

Many of the students, who were also interviewed for this article, agreed with much that Paul Tinker had to say. Many agreed that there was a need for more comedy and a little less singing. However, all didn't agree that the comedy was good. Comments on the comedy ranged from "okay" to "really queer." One other thing that many students dislike is the rowdiness of the audience. One person said, "Sometimes they can

really hurt a person on the inside with the comments that they throw out." Many feel that the "piano moving" is funny, while the rest think that it is a waste of time and an effort to stretch out something that was once funny but isn't any more. Almost everyone agrees that the Spots are well organized and pretty well set up. In all, the students seem very pleased and appreciative with the job the Senate is doing with the Spots.

NRB Convention Talks Rewarding FCC Application Is on the Move

Five Houghton students represented WJSL and Houghton College last week at the 35th Annual National Religious Broadcaster's Convention in Washington, D.C. The convention brought together almost 800 organizations from all over the country; organizations which produce religious programs for radio and television or which operate stations with predominantly religious formats.

WJSL management met with these organizations which are responsible for over 70 percent of all religious radio and television in the United States and who minister to an average weekly audience of over 115 million people for radio and almost 14 million more for television. Such was the exposure and experience of WJSL General Manager, Lloyd Lane; Business Manager, Lori Hansen; Program Director, Mark Humphrey; Chief Announcer, Melinda Laurin; and News Director, John Rorvik.

The three days spent in Washington were filled with workshops, seminars, plenary sessions, and exhibitions. At the workshops and seminars, WJSL managers were confronted with topics such as "Programming to the 18-35-year-old Audience: Is it worth it?" hosted by Larry Black of The Larry Black Show; "Should the world influence Christian music?" "How to start a Christian TV ministry;" "How to find out who's listening and why;" plus many more.

Hours were also spent talking with the 100 exhibitors in the large exhibition hall, finding out where Christian broadcasting stands now and where the ever-expanding ministry is headed towards in the future. Ideas and philosophies were challenged by WJSL personnel and change was advocated by them in many areas.

Speakers and performing artists at the plenary sessions included Jerome Hines, Anita Bryant, Charles Colson, Malcolm Muggeridge, Jesse Jackson, and Jerry Farwell. Eldridge Cleaver was scheduled to speak Tuesday evening but unfortunately had to cancel suddenly.

The five WJSL representatives were definitely in the minority at the Convention as only a few other college-aged people were present. For this reason, many station owners, presidents and vice-presidents of program production companies, and others connected with Christian radio and TV constantly challenged and encouraged each WJSL manager to continue in the field of Christian broadcasting.

For John Rorvik, the Convention challenged him to give this career possibility serious thought. Says John, "I was reminded of the fact that millions hear of Christ only through the broadcast medium. Through the speeches and workshops I attended, I learned more of the privilege and responsibility to serve the Lord through broadcasting."

For Lloyd Lane, "the Convention

offered insights to the current trends and problems facing the Christian broadcaster. Of primary interest to me was the discussion and debate surrounding the use of contemporary music as a form of Christian communications. Since this is a problem I'm forced to deal with every day at WJSL due to the diverse views and opinions of our Houghton audience, I appreciated the opinions and suggestions of these others.

"Aside from the Convention itself, the opportunity for Lori and me to meet with Federal Communications Commissioner Gordon Mallick and to discuss the current status and problems with WJSL's FM application was, without a doubt, the most rewarding part of the trip. The encouragement and assistance rendered by Mr. Mallick (who is personally handling the WJSL application), was alone enough to make the 20 hours of riding in the back of a Pinto, worthwhile."

Melinda Laurin came away from the Convention excited about the fact that "Christian broadcasting doesn't have to be of a lower quality than secular broadcasting. This made me realize that there is more potential for a station like WJSL than many people often think."

Mark Humphrey's eyes were opened to the magnitude of Christian broadcasting. "What impressed me most was how widespread religious broadcasting is and how many people are involved in it, especially in the area of TV. The opportunity to meet people in the industry was especially rewarding and the workshops were really informative."

And for Lori Hansen, the Convention challenged her to consider a career in Christian broadcasting; Christian Television in particular. "At

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Student Senate Report

A report on the college budget given by Mr. Kenneth Nielsen and Mr. Donald Frase, business manager and controller of the college, respectively, highlighted Tuesday night's Senate meeting.

Senators were given a brief overview of the workings of the budget and opportunity to ask questions. It was observed that the auxiliary services (dining hall, bookstore, etc.) operate at a small profit and that students who board and live in college housing are perhaps paying an unfair share toward the college's general operational costs. Mr. Nielsen noted the difficulty of balancing com-

pletely revenues and expenditures, and said that while there may be a small inequity, such a situation is not unique to Houghton.

Mr. Nielsen and Mr. Frase also discussed two popular targets of students' financial complaints — the snack shop and the bookstore. Rising food costs and the snack shop's \$2500 deficit last year explain the rise in snack shop prices. Textbooks are marked up about 20% and this money is used for shipping costs, bookstore employees' salaries, and campus center debt retirement.

Tuition and fees account for 84.8% (\$3,015,405 in 1977-78) of total college

revenues. Mr. Nielsen and Mr. Frase observed that income from endowments and gifts is low for private schools but that most Christian colleges have this problem. Other noteworthy figures: total educational expenditures — \$3,650,812 (40% of which goes toward instruction); total expenditures and mandatory transfers (debt retirement, interest) including auxiliary services — \$5,351,364; total revenues (including auxiliaries) — \$5,413,965.

In other business, Senate voted to give \$440 to A.C.O. to be used to buy winter clothing for A.C.O. families. The money was originally designated for the Dig-It '77 project, a fund to build wells in drought-stricken areas, but Senate never received word from that group on where to send the money.

Richard Dickson, Joan Keller, Terry Slye, and Kevin Knowlton attended the American Association of Evangelical Students' regional convention in Nyack, NY last weekend. Slye reported good interaction and discussions with students from other colleges, as well as beneficial lectures on student government.

Jan Weber moved that Senate endorse the currently circulating petition which requests that college authorities permit folk dancing on campus. After much discussion on the importance of folk dancing as an issue and the timing of such a request, it was decided to postpone consideration of the motion until the next meeting.

Students who have not claimed their unsold books from the book sale are urged to do so in due haste. Nominations for the Fall 1978 Current Issues Day topic will be taken in about a month and interested students are encouraged to begin planning their topics and contacting faculty advisors.

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Letter

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to some unidentified friends, members of the Houghton Community, who prepared and sent intra-campus three presents and a card for our family: Kangaroo (for Becky, our nine-year-old) is a real favorite; modeling clay (for Jeff, seven) is great for his creative clowning; and color dot dominos (for Tim, three) are used almost each day as he comes to my bedside to play by matching colors. Indeed, you have added smiles, warmth and love at this Holiday past season.

Thank you! Thank you also to those who are praying for our recovery from rheumatic fever, and that we may have grace to endure with good spirit. Our Lord Christ and his Holy Spirit is faithful and shall perfect that work which is begun in us. Praise Him above all.

Love

Paul J. Smith



Dr. and Mrs. Prinsell.

Prinsells Back From Sierra Leone After Three Months of Service

When the Prinsells landed in Sierra Leone, Africa this past September they were not newcomers. For Dr. Prinsell and his wife, their three month stay, from September 15 to December 15, was a time of rich fellowship with many old friends. A close friend, Rev. Sedu Mans, a 1964 Houghton graduate, met the Prinsells at the airport. Rev. Mans is the president of a Baptist mission in Sierra Leone. After a few enjoyable days with Rev. Mans and his wife, the Prinsells began their work at the Kamakwie Wesleyan Hospital in the interior of the country.

The Prinsells were not new to this hospital either. They served at Kamakwie from 1957 until 1964. The Prinsells returned this past fall so that the hospital's one doctor, Dr. Charles Pierson, could study tropical medicine in Liverpool. While at the hospital, Mrs. Prinsell did full-time nursing and Dr. Prinsell did major surgery.

Kamakwie serves the surrounding villages of Sierra Leone to a hundred mile radius of the sixty-five bed hospital. From the villages making up

seven different language groups, whole families customarily bring their sick to the hospital for the treatment of a number of tropical diseases. Dr. Prinsell said malaria is the most common disease. Some other diseases include: pneumonia, schistosomias, tuberculosis, river blindness, malnutrition, and measles.

River blindness, according to Dr. Prinsell, is one of the most threatening diseases facing the people of Sierra Leone. Fly bites cause this blindness by carrying larvae of worms which get in the eye. In one village, eighty percent of the people are blind. By the year 2,000, Dr. Prinsell estimates that there will be one million cases of blindness from this disease. Something can be done to prevent this, Prinsell went on to say. The flies can be eliminated and the body and eye of the victim can sometimes be treated in order to prevent blindness.

Yet, the Prinsells and the other thirty members of the staff at Kamakwie are not just concerned about river blindness and the other debilitating diseases of the people of Sierra Leone. Each of the hospital's four health services seeks to bring spiritual sight and health to the people. While hundreds of families stand at the public health clinic learning about health care and having their children immunized, they learn about Christ through an outdoor flannelgraph service. Once a week, leprosy victims receive medicine as well as the gospel message. And in the hospital, in-patients gather each day for a twenty-minute chapel led by the hospital's two national chaplains. During the day, the chaplains share Christ with the patients in more informal ways. Dr. Prinsell said that many who accept Christ at the hospital return to share Christ with their villages.

When asked whether the hospital was merely a means of reaching people with the gospel, or whether meeting physical needs was worthwhile in

and of itself, Dr. Prinsell and his wife agreed that it is impossible to separate the two. "They go hand in hand. It is not an either/or, but a both/and situation," Dr. Prinsell elaborated. They are convinced that God is concerned for the whole person and it is inconsistent to minister to either the physical or the spiritual to the exclusion of the other.

So, at Kamakwie Wesleyan Hospital there is an open door to the gospel of Christ. Another plus for missions at the hospital is the good relationship it has with the Sierra Leone government. Only seven percent of the country's budget can go for health care. Because of this, this developing nation welcomes the help of the Church. An evidence of support is the government-funded midwifery center which is part of the hospital's service. Three government trained midwives deliver about thirty babies each month. Any hard cases, Mrs. Prinsell noted, are sent to the main hospital. Dr. Prinsell did sixteen Cesarean sections while there.

Another evidence of the cooperation between the government and the church is the control of leprosy. Twelve years ago, Dr. Prinsell said he diagnosed about five new cases of leprosy each week. During his three month stay, he did not find one new case. This he attributed to the efforts of missions, UNICEF, and the government.

Over and over, the Prinsells emphasized the need for more medical missionaries in Sierra Leone. Kamakwie has one full-time doctor and four registered nurses, one of whom is Eila Shea, an FMF missionary. The Prinsells said that this staff could easily be doubled to meet the needs of the people. Lab technicians, nurses, and doctors, committed to the physical and spiritual needs of the people might well find a place to serve at Kamakwie.

The struggle between the relationship of physical needs to spiritual needs has been the subject of missiologists' debate for decades. The answer seems to be lived out simply and on a day to day basis at Kamakwie Wesleyan Hospital. The whole staff meets each morning at quarter of eight for a time of corporate devotions, prayer, and song. With this morning reminder of the God whom they serve, the hospital staff begins each day at eight o'clock, ready to meet the physical and spiritual needs of those who come and go through its doors.

The Prinsells characterize the people of Sierra Leone as "a happy people, who make you feel at home. They make you feel as one of the family." The Prinsells would love to return to Sierra Leone on either a short term or full-time basis if God should ever open that door. But whether their practice is in Houghton or in Sierra Leone, they are committed to Christ's concern for the whole person.

Book Review

Developing a Christian Mind

Mrs. Nancy Barcus, Houghton College assistant professor of English, recently published her first book, *Developing a Christian Mind*, with InterVarsity Press.

The book, written over a three-year period, purposes "a quest toward the renewal of the Christian mind" through openness to other world views. However, Mrs. Barcus is careful to emphasize that being open to a view is not the same as embracing that view enthusiastically.

Her approach includes stepping back to get a clear view of a philosophy and viewing it slowly. She writes, "The essence of careful thought is to proceed slowly." The next step she suggests is learning the background of the thinker. Is he qualified to make the statement under consideration? Determining the tone of the thinker can also be crucial. Mrs. Barcus reminds her readers that "... experts are people too. They view the world through their own biases and pre-judgments." Mrs. Barcus continues by recommending judgment as we recognize that each thinking person is "on a pilgrimage to somewhere. Hence, that person's words are expressions of that journey." Finally, realizing our limitations as humans while aware of God's presence in the midst of intellectual confusion, we are admonished by Mrs. Barcus to "trust God for the outcome and remain cool." While denying relativism, the Christian must be careful not to cling to any one philosophy, for "our interpretations are fragile. God's revelation is not." Mrs. Barcus ends her first chapter by saying, "But by meeting the discussion head on, recognizing that every thinker of whatever persuasion has a great deal to offer — both in contributions to new thinking and in hard challenge — Christian thinkers will find themselves becoming creative, thoughtful creatures of God."

In the next three chapters, Mrs. Barcus explores several specific philosophies in the areas of science, nature, and humanism.

Her investigation of Henry David Thoreau and his nature theory is one among the ten or so separate explorations she includes to demonstrate her approach. She first explores his

background. What influenced his thought? She openly admires his vast knowledge of nature, and although she believes his theory is "not enough," she admits to the blindness of many Christians who miss the excellence of nature. That Thoreau did not commit his efforts to the church, Mrs. Barcus calls our loss. Like her evaluation of Thoreau, the rest of her considerations are open-minded and slowly and carefully thought out. Her belief that "in every work there is likely to be some virtue, some lesson, some newness, whatever the interpretive mold" is the basis of her approach.

Mrs. Barcus writes in her last chapter that as Christians we must

bravely "sift all knowledge for its good." In starting on our quest "a first step is to realize that pain is inevitable on such a journey. The next is to identify those sources of strength that will sustain us along the way when the darkness threatens to overwhelm." For the Christian, God is that source of strength.

Although Mrs. Barcus writes that "the mind divorced from God becomes a new and harrowing dimension of hell," she ends her book optimistically. For those Christians who dare to pursue truth through the darkness and pain, she promises light. The Christian can "expect light in the morning."

— Donna Wenger

Dr. Finney Presents Artist Series Bach Will be Honored in Program

The current chronological year has been recognized by musicians around the world as the year of Johann Sebastian Bach. Houghton in keeping with the times, has similarly proclaimed a Bach Festival this year in honor of the great Baroque master. In association with these events, at 8:00 p.m., Friday, February 3, in Wesley Chapel, Dr. Charles H. Finney, F.A.G.O. will be presenting his second organ recital of the year, this time an Artist Series. The first concert was truly superb, and judging from the program, the Artist Series should be equally brilliant. Dr. Finney will play an all Bach program consisting of chorales, chorale preludes, the well known "Little" Fugue in G Minor and the exciting Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor. The works are all challenging and very well suited to the playing characteristics of the chapel Holtkamp organ.

As a special feature in this concert, the audience will be requested to join in singing several of the chorales upon which several of the chorale preludes are based. (If you need to brush up on your chorales, they can be found on pages 377, 348, and 477 in the chapel hymnal!)

On view at intermission will be a group of paintings by Houghton artist Marjorie Ortlip Stockin.

Houghton is grateful that it has as

Artist in Residence so distinguished a musician as Dr. Finney. His contributions have been dominant in the building of Houghton's outstanding music department. Since leaving the Fine Arts Chairmanship in 1977, Dr. Finney has maintained the active roles of teacher, organist, and Artist in Residence, continuing to help plan

the Artist Series. Dr. Finney holds the prestigious position of Fellow in the American Guild of Organists and has earned both his Masters in Music and his Ph.D. at Eastman School of Music, among other degrees. Dr. Finney has been a member of the Houghton College faculty since 1946.

— John Hugo

Tenure Continued

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procedure known as the "Up or Out" policy which is at present being practiced by many campuses across the U.S. A teacher undertakes his position with the understanding that he must attain tenure within the allotted period of time, or else begin looking for a job elsewhere. This appears to be an excellent means of acquiring stomach ulcers, as the educator is forced into a state of continual scrutiny.

A great deal of resentment has embittered those faculty members who are untenured and the teachers' unions that vie with the American Association of University Professors. They feel that most of the benefits which tenure features, and, more importantly, its academic freedom, should be guaranteed to all faculty members, tenured or not. Academic

freedom refers to the freedom to receive, discover, convey, and act upon knowledge and ideas.

— Karen Reskallah

Campus News Brief

The Houghton College campus is presently being examined to find out how existing space is being utilized in buildings, classrooms, offices, and study areas. Rooms are being examined as to their size, location, and the amount of time actually spent in them. "It is an overall study," said Mr. Nielsen. "We want to find the best way to use the space available to us." After all the reports are in, Mr. Nielsen said, "Changes will be made in the way the space is employed according to various criteria, in hopes of getting the most mileage out of existing space."

"An examination of this type is made about once every half-dozen years," said Mr. Nielsen, "and a report must be sent to New York State. This time, the evaluation was prompted by a desire to find a permanent home for the Graphics Lab, whose facilities are limited and inadequate at this time. We also get requests for larger classrooms. There may be some shuffling of rooms as a result of the study. Hopefully, we will be able to use the existing space on campus to better advantage as a result of the evaluation."



Polly Jennejahn in Roberts Tip-off.

Men's Basketball Bounces To A Win Deals Crushing Blow To Medaille

After seeing the Houghton College men's basketball team in action last Saturday, you might have thought you had just seen a NCAA Division I game. No, they weren't in Division I but they played like they could have been. In a record-tying game, Houghton romped Medaille 105-72. This raised the Houghton record to 7-7, tying the school record for the most number of wins in a season.

A fast-moving first half gave the Houghton crowd a small taste of the true potential of our team. Led defensively by Russ Kingsbury and Brian Rhoades, the Houghton team

excelled in stolen passes and blocked shots and caused costly offensive fouls on Medaille. The offensively frustrated Medaille team tried to put together some defense. But the word 'tried' is much too simple to explain their attempt. The Houghton team shot 56% from the field in the first half. For a while in the first half, it looked as if Medaille might be moving, as they moved within 7 points with 2½ minutes left. At that point, Coach Rhoades called for a time out to calm down the team. Houghton came out of the half with a 47-33 lead.

The hottest man on the floor first half was, without a doubt, Tim Hartman. At half time, he had compiled 22 points, 20 of which were field goals. The team went into the locker room hoping to iron out the few creases that caused mistakes in the first half.

Starting the second half with eight unanswered points, they had done exactly that. Within the first 7 minutes of the second half, the Houghton squad had built up a 25 point lead. Coach Rhoades started substituting for the first string. With 10 minutes left on the clock, Houghton had stacked an 81-51 lead without a single first string player left in. The guys off the bench proved that they were more than just "replacements." Three of the six nonstarters

ended up in double figures: Brian Kosa — 11, Jon Keith — 10, Doug Smith — 10.

Although the substitutes did a fine job, the starting five players laid the foundation. Tim Hartman ended up with top scoring honors at 26 points. Jeff Hoffman added a superb 17, with Russ Kingsbury giving 9 points and grabbing down 9 rebounds. Brian Rhoades had 8 points and 11 rebounds, and Dwight Roeters had 8 points. The entire team ended the game with a 73% field goal average. Coach Rhoades was very pleased and said, "It was a great game. Hope we can keep it up." This win gave a sense of renewed optimism to the team. "It was a great game," said Hartman even before he knew he had scored 26 points. Jeff Hoffman said, "Feels good after the other night."

"The other night" Hoffman was referring to was a 79-51 loss to Elmira on Thursday. A tough-pressing Elmira team made the Houghton team take poor shots. Tim Hartman was the team's leading scorer with 16. Doug Smith followed him with 10, and Hoffman and Roeters each had 8. The boards were controlled for Houghton by Brian Rhoades with 17 rebounds. Although Coach Rhoades was unhappy with this game, he was still pleased with the team's position at this time in the year.

— Bob Thimsen

Women's Team Easily Defeats Roberts Bonaventure Basketball More Challenging

The Houghton Women's basketball team steamed down the court like a well-oiled machine last Saturday evening, when Houghton faced the Roberts Wesleyan girls in the Academy gym. Although Roberts scored the first basket of the game, within twelve minutes Houghton had surged ahead 31-7, leaving Roberts in the dust. Marty Winters displayed a bombshell start, scoring high for the team with 18 points. The team also welcomed back Peg Roorbach after her illness which absented her from a couple of games.

"She's a real quarterback," says Coach William Greenway. "Her responsibility is to recognize, call, and run the plays."

Ann Taylor and Polly Jennejahn both scored 12 points apiece, and pulled down 10 and 12 rebounds respectively.

Roberts Wesleyan did not play well, according to Coach Greenway. Their team captain, number 21, was their main scorer. As President Chamberlain was overhead to exclaim during one of her foul shots, "She shoots them like a mighty heave!"

Aside from number 21, Houghton

had a height advantage. Toward the end of the first half, the coach gave the second team a chance, and continued to play the second team after half time with the exception of Marty Winters and Polly Jennejahn, whose parents had traveled to see the game.

The final score was 64-31, a total team effort, said one of the starting players. "We kept things relaxed and used well thought out passes."

Freshman Ann Taylor, leading rebounder for the season, felt that the team's attitude was extremely good. "I think the special meetings helped this past week; we should have a Christian attitude on the floor, and Rev. Angell's messages helped our attitudes."

Monday evening, the Houghton girls faced a disappointing defeat at St. Bonaventure. Coach Greenway said that if they had played like they did against Roberts, Houghton would have had an even chance to win. But, this was not the case, with the final score 57-43.

Houghton didn't play badly during the first half; by half time the score was a close 23-17, with both teams shooting 29%, according to Coach Greenway. The second half, however, proved to give Houghton some trouble when St. Bonnie put on a pressure defense. Although Houghton shot 32 times to Bonaventure's 29 times, St. Bonaventure made an amazing 55% of their shots to Houghton's 37%.

"Sometimes we made really good passes, but the next time threw them away," said Coach Greenway. "We went 'cold' although it's hard to call 37% shooting cold. But it was cold in comparison to their 55%. We

didn't do much to bother them. If we blocked a shot, they grabbed it again and swished it in from outside. It was discouraging."

Coach Greenway said that Houghton passed too hurriedly. The other team just wasn't missing their shots. "We could have given them a run for their money. We should have done better."

Marty Winters again scored high with 12 points; Peg Roorbach and Ann Taylor each dumped in 10 points. Taylor lead the rebounding with 12, and Polly Jennejahn grabbed 8.

The team's record is now 2-6, having missed two games due to bad weather. In view of the season's totals, Peg Roorbach is lead scorer with a 10.6 average, followed by Ann Taylor with a 9.8, and Marty Winters with a 9.0. Ann leads in rebounding with a 10.5 average, and Polly Jennejahn follows with a 9.6.

Tough games are coming up within the week. Wednesday, Feb. 1, the team played at Niagara; Saturday, the girls will play at the University of Rochester; and Monday they will play against St. John Fisher at the Academy.

— Patty Gatrost

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last year's Convention, only a few TV stations were represented. This year the emphasis was on television and its importance and strength in spreading the message of Christ. It excited me to see this growth and to anticipate what the medium can and will do in the future."

For all 1,256 registered participants in this year's NRB Convention, the time spent was definitely rewarding, but for the five Communication majors sent by WJSL, the Convention proved to be a time of growth, both intellectually and spiritually. Ideas, opinions, and beliefs were formulated and/or challenged and career possibilities were opened and explored. Talk about next year's NRB Convention has already begun at WJSL.

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