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## Urbana '70 Delegates Hear Call to Christian Militancy

by Norman Campbell

Urbana '70! Drove of students shaking off their post-Christmas sloth and mass-migrating to the University of Illinois. Thousands on thousands of them . . . with beards, jeans and wire rims. And among them Us. The Houghton crew, 90 to 100 strong.

We registered in the gymnasium — no mean edifice, but it was crawling with students. But we noticed then, and were officially told later, that remarkable good-will was developing among all those strangers. It never flagged, not even though registration took all night; not even though many spent the first two nights in lounges and laundry rooms, and subsequent overcrowding made three to a room the rule, not the exception.

Somehow we forgot these inconveniences, once the daily routine of morning and evening meetings got underway (afternoons were devoted to workshops and missionary exhibits). Looking back, one forgets too the specific chronology of who spoke on what when. One does remember specific issues, and the speakers that hammered them home. Speakers like Tom Skinner.

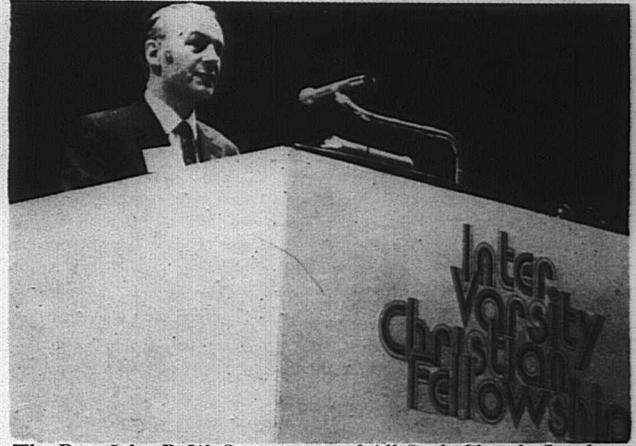
Born in the ghetto, Skinner grew up with racial hatred, and in the street gangs of Harlem he learned to fight it. That was before he became a Christian. After his conversion he rejected the solutions of violence by violence; he did not forget the bigotry that kindles it. Skinner had a great many things to say to white, middle-class Protestantism, much of it rather unplea-

sant. He rejected that brand of missionary zeal that agonizes over the souls of the heathen and pays no attention to their bodies. He rejected clichés, simplistic solutions. And he censured that wing of the church that — out of timidity or impotence — cannot address itself to 20th century problems. Christ's gospel is a revolutionary gospel, and the resurrection itself Skinner styled "the greatest political coup of all time." He called students to go forth as militants proclaiming Christ as Liberator.

Then there were men like Byano Kato of the Sudan Interior Mission, who discussed the present relations between missions and national church. The missionary, he stated, must un-Westernize himself; a century of colonialism has left no amiable memories in the minds of black nationals. It is the gospel, not the culture, that must be transmitted.

With all this "radicalism" and "black militancy" it was basically with one mind that speakers of widely different backgrounds gave their various opinions. Myron Augsburger, Leighton Ford, and numerous mission board representatives did not controvert — but rather underscored — the most scathing denunciations of Skinner, et al. Still, no one neglected the "traditional" side of Christianity. Paul Little — a refreshingly outspoken man — urged a practical building of one's plans on the daily and hourly will of God; the Christian's "sanctified common sense" was a key term. In the final address, John Alexander stressed

Scripture's paramount authority, and its relevance even to the lives of 20th century college students. Indeed, John Stott provided the conference with a constant "leavening" in his morning expositions of John 14-17. A midnight Communion service climaxed Urbana '70 and introduced the new year in an atmosphere of love and dignity for over 12,000 renewed brothers and sisters in Christ.



The Rev. John R. W. Stott, pastor of All Souls Church, London, delivered the morning Bible studies at Urbana.

## Professor Abraham Davis Earns Ph.D.; Studies Speech Education for Negroes

Professor Abraham Davis recently obtained his Doctorate in Philosophy from the Department of Speech and Theater of Indiana University.

The 294-page paper entitled, "An Accelerated Speech Curriculum for Selected Educationally Disadvantaged Negroes," was accepted on December 17, 1970 by Mr. Davis' Doctoral Committee, distinguished members of the Speech and Theater Department of Indiana University.

The paper is an exploratory study concerned with the development of an accelerated rhetorical speech program with the focus on specific training in generalization criticism, speech organization and speech motivation rather than a remedial-type program.

The study is a result of one and one-half years of speech workshops under various condi-

tions. The subjects included adults in a Negro church in Buffalo, N.Y.; adults in a community service center in Allentown, Pa.; disadvantaged high school graduates in college-preparatory programs in New York City and Philadelphia; and "basic level" seniors from East High School in Buffalo, N.Y.

The basic objectives, according to Professor Davis' doctoral abstracts, were 1.) "to train educationally disadvantaged adult Ne-

groes to ask critical questions of persuasive speakers, who try to influence their behavior in politics, economics (buying and selling), and in religion."

2.) "to motivate and train educationally disadvantaged Negro adults and high school seniors or graduates to make their oral contributions in integrated civic discussions and public address by intelligently and relevantly telling their racial experience and expressing their opinions."

## Boulder Program Features Rock Sound of "Manafara"

"Manafara." An Italian underground group? Try Jesus People. There's four of them and they'll be breathing gospel-rock-blues style tonight at 8:00 p.m. in Fancher Auditorium in the Boulder-sponsored program. You'll hear songs written by Crosby, Stills & Nash, James Taylor, Donovan and Marty Irvine, a guitarist and vocalist in Manafara. Along with Marty is Steve Ludkolf, flute and vocal and Bob Stains on percussion. Brian Arnold, a junior at Houghton, plays with the group when he's in the Buffalo area. He considers the style of Manafara as "a step beyond hard-rock blues. They have a more classical sound that attracts attention."

When questioned about the group's dissimilarity to the Houghton appearance norm, Brian suggested this verse in application to their ministry. Jesus says in His prayer for the disciples, "I am not praying that You will take them out of the world, but that You will keep

them from the evil one."

Music is not the only association among these fellows. Recently, after much prayer, God has led and provided for them to start the House of Life, a community in Christ in an area north of Buffalo. It is open twenty-four hours a day and is staffed by a married couple ready to talk to or help anyone in trouble. Also connected with the House of Life is a hotline, sanctioned by the police, that is open to drug addicts who want help, those interested in draft counseling or anyone in any kind of difficulty. "Together," a paper you might have seen around campus recently, is written and published by this group and distributed on campus at the University of Buffalo.

So come out and see them, hear them and talk to them. You know them. They're your brothers.



The familiar face above is that of junior Brian Arnold, a member of "Manafara."

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## The Board and Beards

In last week's meeting, the Local Board of Trustees considered the matter of whether or not to allow all men connected with the College to wear beards, even those who are members of athletic teams, choirs, etc. which formally represent the College. The proposal, which had passed through the Student Senate, Student Affairs Committee and faculty, finally requested that the wearing of beards in any particular groups be left up to the discretion of the director of that organization. The proposal was rejected by the Board and their complete rationale for this action is quoted in the article concerning the Board's meeting on page three.

The crux of the whole matter may be read in the second sentence: "It is a matter of judgment as to desirable appearance," and the implications which follow from it. The students and faculty have made one judgment on this matter and the Board has made another contrary one. Their rationale is not based on legal, educational, spiritual or ethical grounds but solely on the basis of the "desirable appearance" which they wish public relations of the College to present. This means money. There is nothing wrong with money. There is nothing wrong with raising it to support a Christian college. But perhaps the best, the most honest, or the only truly "desirable appearance" which a Christian college can have, has nothing to do with physical appearance, but can only be reflected in Christian love and Christian action which are inseparable.

We, of all people, must learn not to look at "the outward appearance" of a man, but on his heart. When we reinforce conservative political and social prejudices which are commonly found in the evangelical culture, which have nothing to do with Christianity and may in fact be contrary to it, purely for the purpose of retaining the financial favor of this group, we are doing a disservice to the cause of Christ.

This is certainly no issue over which to go to the barricades; it is merely tiresome and irritating. All we can do is hope that the winds of change will reach the Board sometime in the not too distant future.

G.H.F.

## Concerning Campus Speakers

The Senate proposal concerning campus speakers, which has passed the Student Affairs Committee and appears on this page in its entirety, is an opinion which has been on campus for many years and which most recently has been crystalized after many hours of thought, prayer, discussion and wording into its present form. Its formulation is not due only to student effort but is also indebted to the contributions of interested and concerned faculty.

It is a proposal which, if accepted, would mark a significant step forward both academically and spiritually for the College. We are confident that the faculty and Board of Trustees will see the great positive value that it holds.

G.H.F.

## Artist Series Review

# List Combines Technique and Style

by Tim Isbell

When faced with a piano recital the Houghton audience is divided as to what it is looking for. Some like a flashy flurry of arpeggios, glissandos and octaves, while others prefer a more controlled display of talent which emphasizes voicing, style and interpretation. Last Friday's Artist Series was a coordinated intermingling of the two.

Playing from a selected Chopin repertoire, world famous Eugene List demonstrated his superb styling, rich tone and imaginative interpretation. The *Ballade in F major* was as a Christmas gift most beautifully and neatly wrapped. The *Polonaise in A flat* was like opening that gift and finding that it was exactly what was wanted. The highlight was the *Sonata in B*

flat minor which includes the familiar *Marche Funebre* (Funeral March). The audience hushed as the artist conveyed the tender yet courageous emotions of this work. Excellent rubato control and subtlety of dynamics thrilled the sensitive listener.

For the second half, Mr. List was joined by his talented assistant Mr. Kimberly Schmidt in the *Sonata for Three Hands* by Haessler and *Three Pieces for Four Hands* by Gottschalk. These pieces made our Steinway sound like a small orchestra. Using its full range, one could hear strings, winds, brasses and percussion. Even though of a lighter nature, these pieces were by no means easy. The audience was charmed by the *Pieces for Four Hands* especially when the "Lone Ranger's" theme entered in the last movement, an adapta-

tion of the *Overture to "William Tell"* by Rossini.

I do not want to overlook the *Sonata in D major* by American composer Alexander Reinagle who lived during our country's early days. The two movements were quite refreshing in their simplicity and crispness.

The encores included works for four hands, and to the audience's surprise, a work for six hands by Rachmaninov. Houghton's Nancy Bacchus played two rhythmic Cuban pieces with Mr. List and was the second pair of hands in the Rachmaninov. The duo and trio were very well played and were done in good spirit. A word of thanks must be given to Patti Manfredi who received quite a workout turning pages for all of the group numbers.

## Senate Report

# Controversial Speakers Recommendation

In the December 15 meeting of the Student Senate the following recommendation on controversial speakers was passed and sent to the Student Affairs Committee and faculty for approval:

The Houghton College Student Senate hereby recommends that the College encourage inviting speakers for Lecture Series, Academic Conferences and College Forums whose views differ from those of the College and of the Wesleyan Church. We make the recommendation feeling that this is in the best interest of the College in view of its overall objectives in the area of Christian liberal arts education, for the following reasons:

1. In the post-graduate experience we will inevitably be confronted by systems of thought and moral belief contrary to or-

thodox Christianity. Even apart from post-graduate studies, confrontation by other philosophies is unavoidable because of their constant presentation by all forms of mass media. Previous acquaintance with these philosophies as presented by their own proponents in the atmosphere of the Christian college community is the best preparation for such encounters at a later time.

2. Most Christians believe that only a Christian is able to present the Christian faith fairly, fully and without unconscious distortion; similarly, only proponents of other systems of thought can expound their respective views with clarity, precision, and conviction, while incorporating the more subtle intricacies of the belief. This might seem to make such presentations more dangerous, but this is the form which the student will eventually face. Here in the context of the Christian liberal arts institution, fellow Christian scholars, faculty, students and perhaps invited evangelical authorities, will be able to assist in recognizing fallacies and establishing responses true to the Christian faith.

3. As a Christian liberal arts college we are a group of Christians gathered together for the study of the academic disciplines of the arts and sciences. Rather than maintain an environment of limited education, we must acquaint ourselves with the whole range of human thought, especially those modern systems of thought which directly influence our society. The presentation of a variety of philosophies and viewpoints will be intellectually stimulating for students and faculty alike, and will compel us to deal with the major issues of our society and age in the light of the permanently valid and relevant principles of Biblical revelation.

4. To communicate our faith effectively we must understand the beliefs of others. To share our faith most helpfully, we need not only a thorough knowledge of Christian truth and its Scriptural foundations, but also an accurate understanding of other viewpoints. To earn the right to be heard, we must demonstrate a thorough grasp of the beliefs of our fellow man, as well as a genuine devotion to Christ.

## Letters . . .

Dear Editor,

Not desiring in any way to diminish the significant contributions made by my most worthy peers in their attempts to interpret Mr. Leax's complex poetic endeavor, I must in all good consciousness point out one shocking aspect of the poem which was either neglected or overlooked. Ever since Ogden Nash immortalized the most personal area of the turtle's life the turtle has been the poetic symbol for sex.

With this necessary key further explanation becomes almost needless but for those more naive in such matters I will suggest a few of the more innocent sex images. Canoes have traditionally been a refuge for lovers. The notch refers to a record of successes often kept by the less discrete. The sun is a life-giving symbol used in this case to supply youth and potency and of course the fourth stanza contains a flagrant reference to the body. Other images are too shocking to mention in print, however, I would personally continue this interpretation for any who would care to privately contact me.

Suggestively submitted,  
Robert Schoonover

## Intended

Carol Ackerman ('73) to Brian Penney ('73)  
Donna Harr ('72) to Jim Downie ('70)  
Marilyn Gauger ('71) to Windy Gregory ('70, U. of Tenn.)  
Ann Nelson ('71) to Richard Swanson ('72, N.Y.U.-Houghton)  
Deborah Henderson ('71) to Philip Barackman ('71, Harpur U.)

Bonnie Coman ('70) to David Brinckerhoff ('70)  
Karen Schramm ('73) to Peter Forsberg ('72, Nassau Community College)  
Carme Hilliker ('71) to David Phillips (ex '64, Erie Tech.)  
Marty Hogue ('72) to Al McCarty ('69)  
Carol Gares ('65) to Douglas Magin ('69)

# Charivari

Hamlet with Dame Judith Anderson, Feb. 10, Concert Hall, SUNY at Fredonia, 8:15 p.m.  
Dorian Woodwind Quintet, Feb. 25, Hunter College Playhouse, N.Y.C., 8:40 p.m., \$2.00-\$4.00.

Bernadette Devlin, fiery Irish member of Parliament, Feb. 24, College Center Ballroom, SUNY at Geneseo, 8:00 p.m.  
American Guild of Organists Concert, Feb. 5, Concert Hall, SUNY at Fredonia, 8:15 p.m.

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While at Urbana John Ennis (Class of 1969) translated into sign language for the benefit of those delegates who were deaf.

## Urbana Pilgrims Experience Challenge, Growth, Unity

by Jane Campbell

The most frequently-asked question since Christmas vacation, next to "How are you?", is "Did you go to Urbana?" At an affirmative reply, this inquiry has been characteristically followed by, "How did you like it?" The answers, though widely varied in wording, express one common theme: Urbana was an exciting experience. (Sit down for five hours and I'll try to give you a small idea of what it was all about.)

Vitally impressive to Urbana's overall demeanor was the Christian cross-section. There was everybody from Edward Evangelical to the bearded and bespectacled Jesus people.

Depending on your reason for attending — was it skepticism, curiosity, or using it as a stimulus for spiritual growth — you

could have had any number of impressions and responses.

In any case, no one was disappointed — everybody learned something. Comments range from "The food was excellent!" and "There wasn't a rotten speaker all week" to "Christ has shown me where He wants me in world evangelism." There's not too much that can be said about John Stott's daily Bible expositions (John 14-17), except that they revealed remarkable insight and were tremendously inspiring, keeping in constant focus "Christ Himself, buddy."

Practically everybody agrees on Urbana's high point, and that was the communion service New Year's Eve. Together penance was said Episcopal-style, peace handshakes were passed down the rows . . . and 12,304 people became one in Christ. And that's what Urbana was really all about.

## Houghton to Host SFMF Conference; Agenda Includes Workshops, Services

by Jill Pape

The Northeastern Regional Conference of the Student Foreign Missions Fellowship will be held February 5-7. The main speaker for the conference will be the Rev. Mr. Rich Cannon — formerly with the Evangelical Alliance Mission and now working with Interchristo (The International Christian Organization) — an organization that uses computers to match up people with various types of mission work.

There will be representatives from approximately ten schools in the northeast region attending the conference. The purpose of the conference is to develop better working relationships with these and other schools in the region.

The program for the weekend will include a time of getting acquainted and a message by Rich Cannon on Friday night. Besides hearing from Rich Cannon again, Saturday's schedule will consist mainly of workshops relating to different areas of the total Foreign Missions Program — such as weekly prayer groups, public relations, missionary conferences, chapels, missions projects, and summer missions. There will also be a business meeting on Saturday to elect a new chairman for the northeast region. Dave

Brown, Houghton's FMF President, has been Regional Chairman this past year. Saturday evening there will be a banquet, some recreation, as well as time for more informal discussion.

The formation of a Northeastern Regional was the result of the Inter-Regional Coordinating Committee (ICC) of the Student Foreign Missions Fellowships. This is a student-organized and student-run service committee. Besides the Northeastern Regional leaders, the leaders of the Southeastern and Midwestern Regionals are also a part of the ICC in working to develop and strengthen student missions groups. The ICC functions through a coordinator and working committee presently centered in the midwest and conducts itself under the auspices of the Student Foreign Missions Fellowship office of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. This committee has sponsored approximately 20 regional leadership retreats and it co-sponsors (with the national SFMF) the national in-depth leadership training workshops each June for student missions leaders.

The overall goal of the ICC is "to create and maintain vital campus groups on the evangelical campuses of our country."

## Trustee Action Raises Tuition, Retains Stated Beard Policies

During the last days of Christmas vacation and first days of school the Houghton College Board of Trustees met for the second time this school year. The Board acted in two areas which directly affect student life.

Perhaps most important was the decision to once again raise tuition. In keeping it "just as tight as we can figure" Dr. Paine announced a \$3.50 increase, making next year's rate \$53.50 per semester hour. Tuition on the Buffalo Campus will go up from \$35 to \$40 per semester hour.

In response to a Student Senate — faculty recommendation that the wearing of beards be made optional with the director of each group the Board acted in deference to the "evangelical subculture" of which they are a part. Speaking for the Board, Dr. Paine stated, "It's our judgment that people look better without beards." The rationale was as follows:

"The Board does not feel that there is any intrinsic spiritual implication in the wearing of a beard per se. It is a matter of judgment as to desirable appearance. Public relations — the effort to show the College at its best — is a function of every college, and has not been regarded as dishonest. The Board notes that the idea of requiring special dress of those representing the college in official groups is by no means new, nor has it been judged to involve any duplicity of standards. Also, other colleges are insisting upon their right to specify to some extent

how they shall be represented. In our judgment the proposed change (that the wearing of beards be made optional with the director of each group) would place undue pressure on group supervisors and would still leave the possibility of an alleged double standard. If the Board were to remove this alleged inconsistency it would be our present inclination to revert to the standard of 'no beards on campus.' Such a move would be

more restrictive of freedom of choice. It is our feeling that the present standard should be retained."

Among other items on the agenda were review and ratification of contracts and discussion of future trends in the faculty-student ratio. Conferral of appropriate honorary degrees were voted for 1970-71 Baccalaureate and Commencement speakers Dr. William Bright and Dr. Dennis Kinlaw.

## Winterim Proposals Focus On Innovative Curriculum

by Steve Woolsey

The Winterim Committee, formed in November to organize a three to four week interim program for the 1971-72 school year, is presently voting on a set of proposals which will be presented to the faculty for approval. This "Winterim" will be a regular College session, between the two 14-week semesters suggested for next year. It is proposed that courses offered during the Winterim be innovative and stimulating to, but not dependent upon, regular courses.

Considering the interim programs of other schools, and building upon the important work of the Curriculum Commission in the summer of 1970, the Winterim Committee has produced a summary of its own proposals. The Committee will finalize its recommendations, and introduce them to the faculty for their endorsement. This presentation is scheduled for February 1.

The emphasis of the Winterim will be smaller classes with a student-teacher ratio of about 20 to 1. There is hope that new opportunities for inter-disciplinary courses and team teaching will make the classes unique and exciting. It is probable that some catalogue courses will be offered, but the primary concern will be the development of total-

ly new opportunities for study.

Success in the Winterim is mainly dependent upon individual student initiative. It is likely that a simple grading system will be used, with either "satisfactory" or "unsatisfactory" being the only marks given. Three Winterim sessions will be mandatory in a College career, with a "satisfactory" incurred in each, for graduation. The teacher will serve only as a basic guide in an area of study — the student will be responsible for most of his own time, and setting up his own goals.

Both students and faculty will be encouraged to use the educational resources available to them, both off campus and on. The rural setting of the College promises many opportunities for learning, as do area metropolitan centers. Classes will have more freedom to "pool their ingenuity" to make use of such resources to create new concepts and situations for learning. Students may also choose to work on independent study projects.

The Winterim Committee is quite aware that time may reveal needs for change in the program it is developing. For this reason, the first Winterim sessions will be somewhat experimental in nature. The knowledge gained should enable future planners to create a progressive and vital educational experience.

### Book Review

## Khrushchev Reveals Another Side

by David M. Baldwin

Whenever we think of Nikita Khrushchev we remember the shoe pounding incident at the United Nations. Or we remember the words, "We will bury you!" Or we remember reports stating that Mr. Khrushchev was supposedly responsible for liquidating thirteen million Cossacks. Yet when one reads *Khrushchev Remembers*, many of the negative ideas are forgotten as he portrays himself as a "good" Communist.

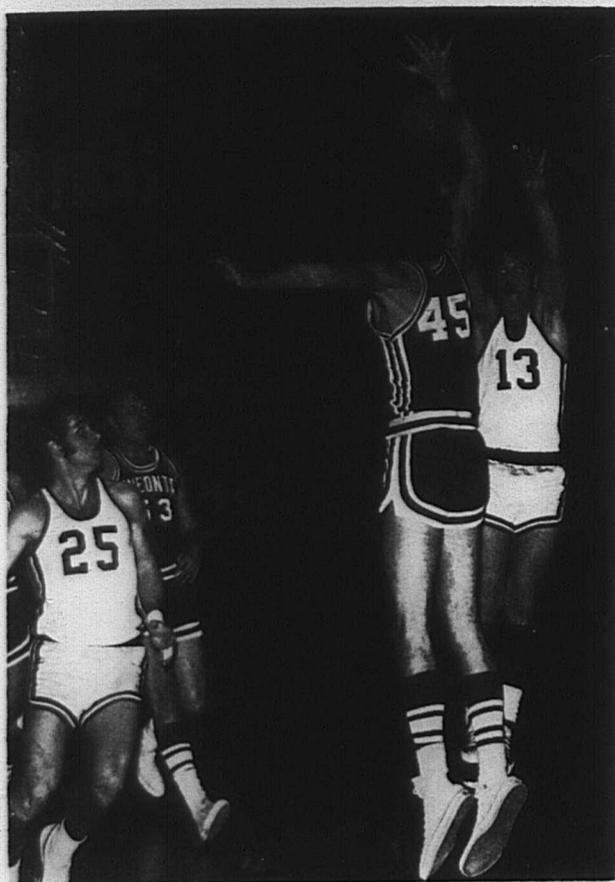
Khrushchev loves the people of Russia dearly. In the first article a picture captures this love as he weeps with a peasant woman who has lost everything during World War II. When Khrushchev realized the starva-

tion facing the Ukrainians, he demanded that Stalin reduce the quota of wheat leaving the Ukraine for Moscow. Later he states that if he had known the cost in human lives at that time, he never would have agreed to collectivize Russian farms. On the positive side, Nikita Khrushchev was responsible for building the famous Moscow subway system, an example of work he did out of love for the Russian people.

Khrushchev further tells that when Stalin died it was he who exposed Stalin's brutal techniques. At the 20th Party Congress, he stated, "I wasn't satisfied. I was tormented by the thought: The Congress will end, but then what? Hundreds of thousands of people shot will

stay on our consciences." He felt guilty for something over which he had no control. Because Beria had the same techniques and ideas as did Stalin, Khrushchev was responsible for having Beria removed from power.

Khrushchev displays an honesty that surprises the reader. He condemns the games his fellow leaders played in order to stay alive. Many times he was honest with Stalin not knowing what the consequences would be. Perhaps it would be beneficial to read *Khrushchev Remembers*. The love Khrushchev has for his fellow citizens and his surprising honesty are a startling new side of the former Premier's character.



Dave Clark takes a shot over an Oneonta defender in last Saturday's losing effort.

# Highlanders Succumb to Oneonta Varsity and J.V.

Houghton College dropped its sixth basketball game in eight starts last Saturday as they were defeated handily 88-61 by Oneonta College. In the Junior Varsity game, Oneonta dumped the Highlander J.V.'s by a 78-49 score setting their record at 1-2.

The Highlanders jumped out to a 6-1 lead in the first three minutes of the contest, a position they are not used to being in. But reality and a Oneonta press soon hit the Houghton five. They found themselves quickly tied up at 8-8. Oneonta proceeded to barely outplay Houghton through the remainder of the first half, and at intermission the score was Oneonta leading 42-36. A harassing full court press was largely responsible for this lead. Steve Babbitt kept the Highlanders close as he hit for 14 of his 18 points in this half.

Oneonta, whose record was upped to 4-6 with this win, blew the Highlanders off the court in the second half (46-25). Oneonta used domination of the boards, good shooting and a hustling defense to stop Houghton cold in

this half.

On the night, Oneonta hit 50% of their shots (37-75), and out-rebounded Houghton 44-33. In comparison, the Highlanders made only 30% of their shots (23-77) and committed 22 turnovers.

Tim Palma returned to the line-up for the first time this season and was noticeably out-of-shape, rusty and nervous. Also Harold Spooner (13 pts.) and

Dave Smith (6 pts.) had unusually poor shooting nights.

The Houghton J.V. team was led by Roderick (Boonie) Robinson with 13 points. However, the absence of Rog Robinson and others resulted in a depleted squad, and some new faces appeared in the line-up. It may be a while before the team can find their composure and put it all together.

## Gymnastics Team Plans Local School Exhibitions

Wham! Pow! Zap! Zowie! "Jumping Gymnasts Batman, it's the dauntless, dynamic den of terrifying tumblers."

Yes, the Houghton College Gym Team is back in full swing this year, with its usual antics on trampoline, high bar, mats, uneven parallel bars, balance beam, rings and other pieces of apparatus. Last year's team was launched into a good season under the adroit leadership of Tom Coffan, with several shows in area high schools in addition to halftime shows and a special show for the Allegany County Children's Party last spring.

This year, under the leader-

ship of co-captains Barb Robbins and Dan Ross, the team will be performing again in area high schools with a final performance on March 13 here at the College, terminating this year's activities. Coach Burke, this year's advisor and liason for the gym team, has been a considerable help in lining up potential schools in which to perform.

This year's team, minus the aid of several departed members, possesses a lot of developing talent. This being the first year for many of the team members, they are in the process of learning the intricate moves that are required for competition in gymnastics.

## Pittsburgh University-Johnstown Campus Routs Houghton Last Night in Wellsville

by Ken Woodruff

The Houghton Highlander basketball team was demolished 103-75 by the University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown campus, last night. Thus their record slipped to 2-7. Harold Spooner was the only bright spot in what was a very lack-lustre performance by the Houghton team. Spooner hit for 19 points, before he fouled out with 10:30 left to play in the game.

Johnstown pulled away from a 4-5 tie at the 16:40 mark in the first half, with six consecutive points. A Highlander bucket by Ed Johnson (14 points) broke this string, but U.P.J. just bounced back for another combo of six and the score was then 17-7. The teams matched baskets for the next ten minutes, and with 3:30 left on the clock, it was 41-31, U.P.J. However, in these final

minutes of the half, Johnstown rolled-up a 12-3 margin, and thus set the intermission score at 53-34.

In this first half, U.P.J. out-rebounded Houghton 30-18. From the floor, Johnstown hit 24-44 of their shots for 55% compared to Houghton's 35% shooting. U.P.J. simply outthrustled the Highlanders, as the Houghton men forgot how to move on defense and offense.

The situation did not improve in the second half, although it was good to see Bill Johnson back in the line-up. Johnson helped the Highlanders on the boards in the early moments of the second half, and it was soon 53-40. The rally was shortlived, however, and Johnstown steadily pulled away. On the bright side, Boonie Robinson came off the bench for Houghton and made a

credible showing. Also, Jim Spurrier started his first game, and played well under the situation.

U.P.J. finished with a fine 40-74 shooting chart, or a 54% average. Houghton hit a dismal 33%, with Dave Smith having the worse night with a 2-20 performance.

Highlander basketball received another setback when the news came that Tim Palma will not be in any more games this season. By a faculty vote, he was declared ineligible for play this semester and Tim decided that "it would not be worth it to play next semester and lose eligibility for the future." There are only 4 games left after semester break. Saturday, Houghton will travel to Eisenhower with hopes of reversing the current trend!

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