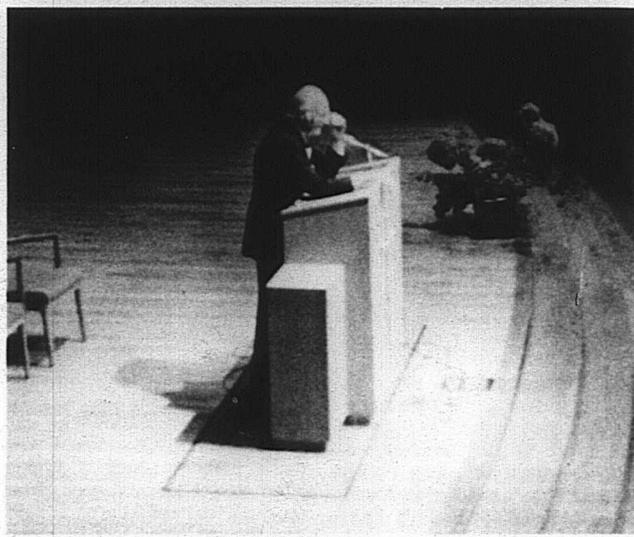


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Dr. Paul Rees, nationally recognized author of several books including *Men of Action in the Book of Acts*, spoke Tuesday through Friday in chapel and in special meetings conducted Tuesday through Saturday evenings. He concluded his series of messages in the Sunday morning church service.

Improved Fancher Opens Renovation Costs \$130,000

by Melanie Murphy

By the end of the month, the new Fancher Hall will be completed. The restoration of Fancher began in July 1978 with the sanding of the outside brick and replacement of the roof. The work crew installed new floors—tiles in the halls and classrooms, and carpeting in the offices. They cleaned and varnished the doors and frames, uncovering and restoring the original oak grain. They added fire doors, drop ceilings, and new lighting. New windows and a new heating system should make the long winters more tolerable. The original building of 1906 consisted of classrooms, administrative offices, and an auditorium. Squeaky floors, loose plaster, leaky windows, and an inadequate heating system necessitated restoration.

The costs of renovation totaled approximately \$130,000, with \$85,000 provided by a CETA Fund project grant. Kenneth L. Nielsen, Treasurer and Business Manager for the college was instrumental in obtaining this grant. It provided for 10% of the material costs and paid for all unprofessional labor. A \$20,000 gift from the MacDonald Foundation and two gifts from trustee John M. Mervine added to the renovation project funds. The approval of additional funds by the Board of Trustees covered the rest.

The "new" Fancher will hold twenty-two faculty offices. It will house the English, Religion and Philosophy, and Social Studies divisions. Each division will be provided with its own seminar room. A new faculty lounge and a remodeled auditorium are also planned.

HEW Approves Funds For Women's Programs

(HEW NEWS) The U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare announced early this week the award of 70 grants totaling approximately \$5.3 million under the Women's Educational Equity Act Program.

The grants will support model programs to eliminate sex discrimination, bias, and stereotyping in education.

This year, the program is designed to benefit a wide cross-section of women and girls from various ethnic, geographic, and income groups.

Institutions of higher education, state and local education agencies,

national associations, women's organizations, and individuals will use funds for a variety of projects, including those designed to:

- develop and produce non-sexist curriculum materials
- help school board members produce a sex equity training model
- develop programs for minority and rural women
- provide information to college students about the protection afforded under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits sex discrimination in federally assisted education programs.

SAGA Takes Over Food Service Faubert and Wenz Direct Staff

by Adele Anderson

Last spring, after discussing the finances for the future, the Administration decided that due to inflation, Houghton College could no longer carry the burden of rising food costs. A food service could carry that burden as well as guarantee our food prices. After much deliberation, SAGA was chosen. SAGA moved in after a one year contract was signed July 1.

Already, SAGA has made changes.

"The first thing we did," said Don Faubert, Food Service Director, "was extend the snack shop hours." In addition to this, "The Country Store," the restaurant section of the snack shop, will open next week serving hot entrees from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. For those who choose to eat dinner at the Country Store instead of in the cafeteria, one dollar will be deducted from their meal cost.

"We have cut out junk food," he continued, "to make the meals more nutritious. Each meal contains both a vegetarian and a diet plate. A 'D' or a 'V' will be marked next to these special entrees on posted menus. We also plan to enlarge the salad bar."

"A midnight breakfast in December and a variety of special dinners held during regular meal times (such as 'make your own tacos', or pancakes) are also being planned," added Don.

As well as these immediate changes, Mr. Faubert listed some

short and long term goals: special buffets in honor of the students will be held monthly at no extra cost; and a National Awareness Program will be communicated through handouts and posters.

SAGA began over thirty years ago in nearby Geneva, New York. In 1948, Hobart College closed their dining hall due to inefficient operation. Three Hobart students pooled their knowledge and their finances to start a food service—SAGA. From that first day on, their new franchise mushroomed. Today, SAGA contains six divisions: Education; Business and Industry; Health Care; Specialty Dinner House, including the Velvet Turtle Restaurant, the Refectory Restaurant, and the Wild Strawberry Restaurant; Stuart Ander-

son's Black Angus/Cattle Company Restaurant; and the Straw Hat pizza chain.

The Educational Division, comprising 50% of SAGA's total revenue, serves 1,240 colleges and universities across the United States. Within this education structure, each college has a Food Service Director, and at least one (sometimes many) Food Service Managers. The FS Director at Houghton College is Don Faubert, and the FS Manager is Cheryl Wenz. Both Don and Cheryl are available and willing for student comment, criticism, compliments, and complaints.

"SAGA is pleased about being chosen. We want to be of service to the students and the college here at Houghton," added Mr. Faubert.

Gym Construction Begins Bedford to Be Demolished

by Denise Woodin

Up on the hill, next to Shenawana men's dorm, bulldozers rumble and plow their way nearly every day over the site for Houghton's new gym.

According to President Chamberlain, the new gymnasium will include three regulation size basketball courts, four racketball/handball courts, an Olympic size swimming pool with a three meter diving board and an

auxiliary gym for tumbling and gymnastics. The building will also house exercise labs, classrooms, locker rooms, and offices.

The contract calls for the gym, which will cover fifty thousand square feet of ground, to be completed one year from now. Bedford Gymnasium, the gym now being used, faces the fate of destruction. After the new structure opens, the area where Bedford stands will be landscaped to square off the QUAD. Only a few bricks and perhaps the undersized pool will remain of the old building.

As long ago as the 1950s, the college realized the need for larger, updated facilities for Physical Education classes and Houghton athletes. The student population was increasing, sports had changed, and people were showing more concern for physical development. The idea was discussed, but fifteen years passed before thoughts turned seriously toward a new gym. In 1972, preliminary planning had begun. Five years later, a detailed plan had been formed which was completely developed by last May. The actual work, however, started before last spring at the Groundbreaking Ceremony in September of 1978.

President Chamberlain claimed that these new facilities will provide more recreational and intramural opportunities for the students. "We want this building to serve our whole student population," he said.

Right now, excavation work continues on the hill. During October, the foundation should be laid and the steel frame, which has been ordered, is expected to go up this fall. Within a few years, the limited quarters of Bedford Gymnasium will be only a memory as students exercise in Houghton's new gym.

American Studies Program Explores Faith and Politics

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CCNS)—the American Studies Program, which for the past three years has brought students from Christian college campuses to Washington for part of the academic year, has expanded by one third.

Forty students, up from the 30 last fall, began the 1979 ASP school year Sept. 5, coming from 14 colleges for from three to four months of seminars and internships. "The process of integrating 'faith and learning' with these 40 students will be a challenging task" said Dr. John Bernbaum, founding director of the program.

Topics for the intensive study being undertaken this fall by the students during the seminar portion include domestic politics, international affairs, higher education, and the American presidency.

Each theme is being studied as a month-long unit and features guest speakers involved in their area of expertise, Prof. Bernbaum said.

The goal in each unit is for the individual student to personally confront the question, "What does my faith demand of me in this area?" he said. "It will be a time

of real struggle and growth for all involved."

An intrinsic part of the American Studies Program is the internship experience. Each student works 20 hours a week in an office or agency in Washington or the student's choice.

This fall, students are working in business (such as the Congressional Budget Office), politics (in offices of senators and representatives), education (with the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges), international affairs (Peace Corps) and law (Office of the U.S. Chief Magistrate).

"We are grateful for the opportunities available to our students here in the nation's capitol," Dr. Bernbaum said, "and we believe these experiences are a useful complement to the Christian liberal arts education they receive on their home campuses."

He announced that the deadline for the American Studies Program month-long January interterm is Oct. 15, and for the spring term (February-May 1980) is Nov. 1. Interested Houghton students should see Dr. Katherine Lindley.

Editorial

Bowing to tradition and necessity, I embark on my editorial career with a statement of policy.

Let it be known that the STAR will not always bow to tradition. We refuse to muckrake for the sole purpose of printing controversy. Nor will we throw bouquets for the sole purpose of printing something. We don't need that. Houghton doesn't need that. We will do our best to fling praise or hurl blame where it is due.

Hopefully, the Houghton community will think enough to stimulate thoughtful, dramatic conversation. The STAR will play an active role in that daily drama. Should the creek (or proverbial "river") run dry, however, we will from time to time declare an open forum by requesting letters on specific, noteworthy topics.

Editorial material of various form will appear weekly in this space. Each editorial will be signed by its author—though not always by me. I am not averse to sharing my column with other staff members. They will write here too. You may be sure, however, that we have no intention of sacrificing STAR voice to perpetual guest writers.

Surely, none of us possess all the wisdom we need. Let us hope to learn together. Therefore, the STAR welcomes, encourages, and enjoys printing other voices from the community, whether they originate from students, faculty, staff, administrators, or villagers at large.

Letters should be typed, addressed, and submitted by the Monday evening preceding publication. We will not print unsigned letters without first discussing an author's wish for anonymity. Further, we must reserve the right to edit (or refuse, in exceptional situations) letters for publication.

Finally, THE HOUGHTON STAR does not exist for my personal health, but for the health of the corporate student body. Before you and before God, we make it our policy to do our best.

Kay E. Hendron

Houghton: The Ultimate Ice Cream Social?

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading a friend's copy of the 1979 *Boulder*. The abundance of misspellings, incorrect capitalizations, typographical errors, and awkward sentences are in themselves inexcusable in a college yearbook. Severe as the grammatical errors are, even they are overshadowed by trite, stilted copy and often tasteless photography. In short, I find it appalling that an institution traditionally renowned for its academic and artistic excellence should be represented by the 1979 *Boulder*.

But beneath the *Boulder's* stylistic failings lies an even more unsettling question. Either Ms. Lucas and her staff have presented a lamentably lopsided view of Houghton, or the majority of students have in fact given themselves over to a naive, summer-camp mentality. One gains the impression that serious thought and action are quite peripheral to the pursuit of fun, games, and the Ultimate Ice Cream Social.

My objection is obviously not one of the propriety of entertainment. It is one of proportion and quality. Does a community which calls itself enlightened indeed get its laughs from Senate Spot "retard routines" (p. 44) and food-smearing faces? Are healthy controversy and intelligent dialogue as absent from Houghton life as the *Boulder* leads one to believe? Do religious sensibilities in fact stop at the banal level of evangelical clichés?

I regretfully suspect that the *Boulder* staff is not entirely to blame. One writes and photographs what one observes. The *Boulder* only further confirms my disappointment at what seems to be Houghton's increasing childish and retreatist tendencies. The Houghton-as-an-island metaphor is a worn cliché. Unfortunately, that cliché is also devastatingly accurate. When one leaves Houghton, the issues become nuclear energy, human rights, wife and child abuse. Such critical concerns are no longer relegated to

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my disappointment in some of the Houghton spectators at the Houghton-Alfred soccer game. Being a freshman, it was my first chance to attend a soccer game and I was shocked by the rudeness of some of the people in the crowd to the Alfred players and the referees. I guess I hadn't imagined such talk to come out of people who were, supposedly, Christians. As I sat there and listened, I felt more and more embarrassed. I became extremely ashamed to have had to be associated with this group, ashamed to say that I went to Houghton College where people acted this way.

A close friend of mine is captain of the Alfred team, and I had an opportunity to speak to him after the game. His first comment to me was that he, being a Christian, was very disgusted by the behavior of the Houghton crowd. The players on the Alfred team know that Houghton is a Christian college and he said that because of the comments made, they were turned off to

one token Current Issues Day per semester. The pledge and tedious discussion of chapel and radio station policy are seen for the contrived, time-consuming afflictions that they are. "Avowed atheistic humanists" (p. 127) are no longer imported for conveniently brief encounters. They live next door. They become one's colleagues, yes, even one's friends. Parenthetically, I have heard none speak defensively of "avowed" Christians.

Can the average Houghton student, upon graduation, be taken seriously as a Christian and as a professional? Will he or she be prepared to live wisely and well once outside the cozily evangelical environment of Houghton? If the *Boulder's* overall portrait of student life is accurate, if the intellectual and technical quality of the *Boulder* is indicative of acceptable academic achievement, the college is in serious trouble.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Confer '78

Senate Report: September 11 Meeting

by Graham N. Drake

On September 11, Leah Omundsen gave the first Presidential Report for the new academic year. Her chief points concerned the Bruce Merritt Memorial Scholarship Fund and the upcoming Food Committee. Dr. Katherine Lindley, Mr. Robert Brown of Financial Aid, and Ms. Omundsen are still developing criteria for this special memorial. The President asked for Senate volunteers to work with SAGA on a new Food Committee.

Various committee reports followed. Doug Roorbach told the Senate that the Academic Affairs Council would begin reviewing all general education requirements this fall. The Committee also approved a practicum credit course for residence hall staff.

According to Jeff Tarbox, the Alumni Board has tentatively chosen the topic, "Use of Leisure

Time" for the next Alumni Weekend. Much heated discussion occurred over the Board's relation to the President. Many feel that the Alumni Board should be placed directly under the President rather than exist as a separate entity.

Campus Activities Board stressed a need for better behavior during movies. Until conditions improve, the balcony will remain closed during films, Senate Spots, and other popular entertainments.

Homecoming Committee was pleased to announce that all classes have chosen attendants. Still pending is the availability of marching bands for the parade. So far, only Fillmore is definite.

Matters concerning chapel dominated the remainder of the meeting. Following a Chapel Committee Report, Dean Massey talked to the Senators about chapel policy. The present system of small-group chapels was instituted

as an alternative to last year's honor system—which, Massey noted, produced unsatisfactory results. The new chapel policy will also provide some interaction between faculty and students on more manageable level.

Next semester, Chapel will only meet three days a week—Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday—with the possibility of having monthly or semi-monthly "convocations" on Friday.

Cindy Martin made a motion that Senate ask Chapel Committee to increase the number of small-group chapels. The members debated the merit of such a recommendation. They finally decided that, bearing in mind the number of complaints that have arisen over having the small-groups at all, Chapel Committee should be allowed to run its course for now. The motion was defeated.

Viewpoint

By Their Megaphones Ye Shall Know Them...

Christianity. It was generally felt that if that was how Christians acted, they didn't want to have anything to do with these Christians. He also went on to say that he had never before heard such rudeness at a game and to me that doesn't say a lot for Houghton students.

This also concerns me because I know that Houghton has an outreach group on the Alfred campus. I'm sure that Alfred students will hear about the events of the game and I'm afraid that many of them will become resentful toward

those Houghton students who come to witness to them. They will get the impression that all kids at Houghton are inconsiderate, while in actual truth, these people are in the minority at Houghton.

I pray that in some way this letter will encourage people to remember that they are to be witnesses for Christ. Their behavior, whether in a classroom or on the playing field, is being noticed by the world, and they have the responsibility to act as Christ would have them.

Anne Ludington

Your Throat Is Not Red Enough

Dear Kay,

I would like to relate to you the facts, just the facts, nothing more, nothing less.

On November 12, 1978, my roommate went to the infirmary. Her symptoms: cough, sore throat, and severe fatigue. The nurse who saw her said, "I'm sorry, ma'am but your throat is not red enough: YOU CANNOT SEE THE DOCTOR."

Her cough got worse, and she tried several different brands of cough syrup. December 12, 1978, once again found my beloved roomie knocking on the infirmary door. She related to the nurse on duty that her cough was worse and that she needed to see the doctor. The nurse, after looking in her throat replied, "I'm sorry, but your throat is not red enough. You cannot see the doctor."

Christmas vacation came and went, and second semester was in full swing. My roommate had taken a full bottle of every brand of cough syrup in the Houghton Bookstore, and a few brands from the Fillmore Pharmacy. To be able to sleep, she was propped up on three pillows into a near sitting

position. Her cough was deep and definitely uncontrollable. After much persuasion by her suitemates, and yours truly, she went back to the infirm on February 12, 1979. A new development, the appearance of blood when she spit, was relayed to the nurse. "Oh, that's probably from a broken blood vessel in your neck, from coughing too hard," the nurse said. "Did she see the doctor? Of course not; her throat was not red enough."

While home for Easter vacation on April 12, 1979, my roommate went to her doctor, who immediately admitted her to a hospital for tests. When she returned to Houghton, she informed me that she had pneumonia and had had it for quite some time. Her lungs were half full of fluid at the present, but she felt better than she had all winter long. Her doctor in Florida told her to come back to see him as soon as the semester ended. He wanted to check on her because her condition was still serious. I guess her throat finally got red enough.

This year I wonder how sick you will have to be to see the doctor?

Sincerely,
Marilee Banner

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Houghton Dials Ronco Telephones

Houghton's new computer-based phone system, made by Ronco Communications, is expected to be less expensive for the college and less cumbersome to use than the old system.

The main advantage of the new phones for students is the ability to make a call directly from a dorm extension without having to call the desk proctor, which was necessary by the former system. This

saves time for both residents and proctors. For an on-campus call one simply dials the 3-digit extension number of the party desired. To reach someone in the Houghton community or Fillmore, one dials "9", "7" (instead of "567") and the last four digits of the number as it is listed in the directory. Presently long distance calls cannot be made from the dormitory phones but Mr. Larry Whitehead, assistant

business manager, hopes that by next semester the phones will be programmed for out-going collect calls.

Another advantage of the computerized phones is that there can be more of them around campus. The capacity of the old system was 100 telephones, which was increased by "bridging on" fifty additional phones. The same physical space can now accommodate 400 extensions, 240 of which are already in use.

As for the college, the main advantages of the Ronco system are financial. Since Houghton College now owns the telephone equipment on campus, monthly rental payments to the telephone company are cut out. Perhaps the most significant savings will be in repairs. Hardware repairs on the old phones became expensive. Most of the repairs on the computerized phones will involve "software". An extension number can now be changed simply by typing in a new code on the keyboard of the digital computer, without re-wiring the phone. The new phone system will be paid for in about 3½ years, Mr. Whitehead hopes, though for now pay phones are still used there. Originally, the college wanted to lease a line from the campus to the off-campus houses, but it was discovered that such a line would go to Fillmore and back, which would be too expensive, according to Mr. Whitehead.



On September 3rd, Tom Howard played to a full house in Wesley Chapel. His music was refreshing because his style is definitely his own. Howard opened with the familiar One More Reason to Praise Your Name and continued on with songs about everything from fish to kids to broken hearts, accompanying himself with expert piano improvisation and, for a small portion of the concert, some mellow guitar playing. An easy-going attitude towards the audience made the concert a good time; sensitive lyrics and skillfully composed music helped give a meaningful start to the school year.

"Merton" Initiates Lecture Series

by Graham Drake

On September 27, at 8:30 p.m., Professor John Leax will lecture on the first portion of his forthcoming book on Thomas Merton's poetry, *Journey to Lograire*. The lecture will be held in Fancher Auditorium.

Journey to Lograire treats Merton's growth as a poet. Leax plans to lecture Thursday on the first chapter, entitled "The Merton Problem: Poetry and the Contemplative Life", in which he attempts to define the central issue to understanding Merton's poetry.

Leax was introduced to Merton in 1962. He read an essay called "Poetry and the Contemplative Life," discussing Merton's inner conflict of poetic vs. spiritual vocation. Leax identified with Merton's struggle as a central issue of the Christian writer's experience.

In the fall of 1977, Leax took a sabbatical in Kentucky to begin researching *Journey to Lograire*. He has published three articles in reviews. Last year he chaired a panel on Mertonian verse at Columbia University's Merton Commemoration.

Thomas Merton was born in 1915 in Prades, France. After his parents' death, he was raised in Douglaston, Long Island. He studied at Cambridge and Columbia. In 1938 he was baptized into the Roman Catholic Church.

Following his conversion, Merton taught English at St. Bonaventure University in Olean. He entered Our Lady of Gethsemani, a Trappist monastery in Kentucky, in 1941. A Cistercian order, the Trappists are distinctive for their silent lifestyle.

In December 1968, Merton was preaching retreats at Catholic monasteries in Thailand. He was also attending an ecumenical conference of Asian and Christian monks. On December 10, he finished a speech with the words, "and so I shall disappear." Merton was never again seen in public. While stepping out of a shower a short time later, he touched an electric fan cord and was electrocuted instantly.

Although Merton was only 53 when he died, he had already published quite a number of sensitive works of religious devotion. Such books as *Seeds of Contemplation*, *No Man is an Island*, *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*, and the autobiographical *Seven-Storey Mountain* have sold widely among both Catholics and evangelicals. Why should a dead Cistercian monk win such a following among the Tim LaHaye/Eugenia Price set?

Leax points out that Merton was one of the most ecumenical of all modern Catholic writers. Paradoxically, as he progressed in his Catholicism, he concentrated less on the peculiarly Catholic elements of his Christian experience. Furthermore, the focus of all his work is international and Christ-centric. This emphasis appeals to Christians in the arts as well as to those with social concerns.

International News

US-Mexican Relations

by Ed Zehner

Jimmy Carter and Mexican President Lopez Portillo will meet next week to resolve their countries' differences, but Mexican-American relations have become so poor in the last three years that few observers expect any success. Several issues strain relations.

- There is still no agreement on Mexican natural gas exports to the US because of a dispute on price. Ironically, had the US agreed to the original Mexican price offer back in 1977, the US would be paying less today than the lowest price we could hope to get on a future contract. Many critics blame this mess on the shortsightedness of Energy Secretary James Schlesinger and even Mr. Carter.

- Mexican crops and soil suffer from the rising salt content of Colorado River water flowing from the US into Mexico.

- Mexicans see the US trade restrictions on Mexican agricultural and light-manufactured imports into the US market as increasingly severe and harmful to Mexican economic development.

- The flow of Mexican workers migration to the US is increasing to as much as 2.5 million a year. According to Mr. Lopez Portillo, "There is nothing wrong with people going where the jobs are." Americans complain about high unemployment in the US. Mexicans contend they rarely compete with Americans for their jobs. The number of unemployed is clearly not rising at a rate anywhere near 2.5 million a year. In addition, migration helps relieve Mexican population and unemployment pressures caused, in part, by the decreasing profitability of its small farms.

- Oil flowing from the blowout of a Mexican oil well continues to contaminate Texas beaches. The blowout is not yet completely controlled. Mexico refuses to help with the cleanup or property losses.

Disagreements between the two nations have mounted over the last few years. According to James Nelson Goodsell of the *Christian Science Monitor*, "Students of US-Mexican relations are in essential agreement. . . They tend to blame the Carter administration for failure to pay attention to Mexico during the past 2½ years, in the process allowing troubles to build."

Zimbabwe-Rhodesian Peace Conference

For the past two weeks representatives of the Zimbabwe-Rhodesian government, the Patriotic Front guerrillas, and the British government have been meeting in a peace conference to draw up a new Zimbabwean constitution and end the civil war in that country.

The negotiations have been complicated by the guerillas' refusal to even recognize the independence of this former British colony. At first they refused to acknowledge that they were dealing with any government besides the British, refusing to even talk socially with the Zimbabwean representatives.

But the "frontline countries," those countries that border Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, have been effectively pressuring the patriotic front to compromise. The opening speeches of Mr. Nkomo and Mugabe, the guerilla leaders, were surprisingly moderate. By Thursday, last week, the rival delegations were talking socially, and seemed determined to work out an agreement. Most diplomatic observers seemed confident of the conference's eventual success.

National News

by Susan Facer

Exhausted and in obvious distress, President Carter dropped to slightly past the midpoint of the 6.2 mile (10-kilometer) Catoclin Mountain Run Saturday near his Camp David retreat. Carter was assisted to a golf cart, where the White House physician, Dr. William Lukash, examined him and urged the president not to run any further. Carter moved to a White House car and was driven to Camp David to rest. Apparently recovered, the President later told guests at a runner's picnic that he got in trouble by trying to better his previous record over the course. A runner who was passed by the president at the 3-mile mark said, "It was clear that he was pressing and I thought he was pressing a little too hard."

What is clear to the American public is that Carter is pressing, scrambling to hold on as just last week his popularity dropped to its lowest since he took office. Carter's struggle to maintain his poise has included everything from a riverboat trip down the Mississippi in August to a perplexing shuffling of cabinet members, the Attorney General, and various advisors. With his "yes-men-team" completed, Carter has begun to prepare a strategy to meet a possible Kennedy assault if it comes. To most observers, that threat seems to be materializing. Last week Kennedy announced that his mother and wife had given their blessing to his candidacy if he decided to run. His *pro forma* protest that he was not yet in the race was qualified by his concern about the direction the country is going and the state of the economy.

Meanwhile, President Carter had helicoptered over coastal regions of Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida, promising governmental help "with taxpayers' money" to the area devastated by Hurricane Frederic. It will be interesting to note how early this relief is made available considering Carter's need for a "solid South" to help balance his teetering hopes for the 1980 Democratic presidential nomination.

DOE Drills Well In Stebbins Field

by Glenn Thibault

An experimental 2300 ft. natural gas well has been drilled on the property of Houghton College.

The research experiment is financed by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the New York State Energy Research Department. The experiment is an attempt to make use of small, previously unattainable pockets of natural gas, trapped in Devonian shale.

A relatively new process called "fracturing" is the object of this experiment. A pipe is drilled down into the ground. A week before the "fracturing" is to take place, half-inch holes are blown through the pipe in the strata in which the gas is believed to be.

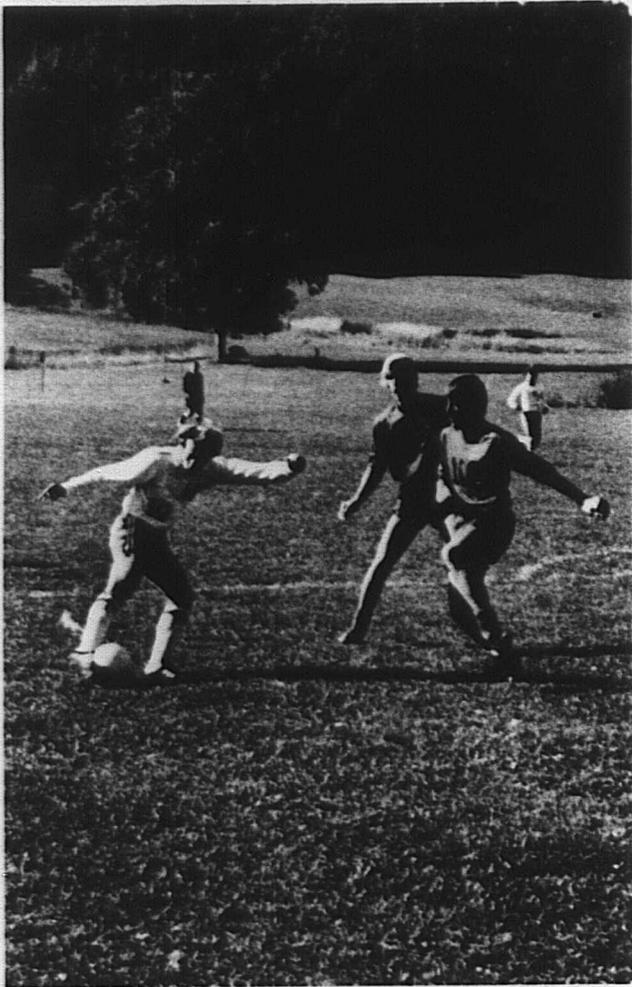
The locations of the pockets of gas are determined through testing. This process is called a "blowout." The next process, "fracturing," is taking liquid nitrogen and sand, and driving it through the pipe, through the holes, and into the shale. This mixture, under high pressure, opens the shale up. Without the sand, the shale would

fall right back down. This process allows the gas to escape and be collected. The Houghton well was fractured on September 7.

Early last week, gas from the well was being burned in order to eliminate water and other impurities from the well. These impurities caused a yellow flame, which did not turn blue for many days. The DOE also did not want to risk "losing" the well by capping it off too soon.

The DOE does not yet know how much gas is under the ground. It is thought that there may be enough gas to heat Shenawana dorm this winter. The money saved by using the well the first year will go to reimburse the New York State Energy Research Department. On the question of whether there will be enough gas to heat other campus buildings, it is still too early to tell.

Part of a movie dealing with four new processes for drilling for natural gas was filmed at Houghton College. The movie has not yet been released. A pipeline remains to be laid from the natural gas well to Shenawana Hall.



Cross Country Shows Potential

by Fred Havener

The Houghton Highlander Cross Country team began their season Wednesday, the 12th, against a strong RIT team. Saturday, the team traveled to Buffalo State to compete. Saturday's race was a slow one, as both teams had to overcome sweltering heat and the Houghton College course, judged by many to be one of the hardest in the state. In the end RIT came away with the victory 18-45 (low team wins in Cross Country). RIT's powerhouse runner, Don Campbell, jumped out into the lead from the start and never looked

back. Houghton's Mike Raybuck applied pressure throughout the first of the five miles, but by the end of the second mile, Raybuck had fallen back to third. RIT's Mark Blesch passed Raybuck to take over second position at the second mile. Meanwhile Campbell kept increasing his lead until the end. Campbell finished in 28 minutes 17 seconds, Blesch followed 30 seconds later and Raybuck 14 seconds after Blesch.

Saturday's meet, a six team invitational meet, included RIT (an A and B team), Buffalo State, Robert's Wesleyan, Lorraine CC, and Houghton. The competition was tough and the Highlanders had to settle for last place. Mike Raybuck again showed promise as he finished 10th overall, just one minute behind the winner.

"This team has a lot of potential," stated first year coach Al Blankley, "we've got some very good runners who I think will improve greatly as time goes by. By the end of the season each runner's time should decrease by a substantial amount. In Cross Country endurance is a must and endurance comes only from practice."

Highlander Soccer Kicks Off Year

On the weekend of September 7th and 8th the 1979-80 Highlander Varsity soccer team opened up their season with two road games. Friday afternoon, they ventured to Clarks Summit, Pa. to battle Baptist Bible college Defenders. Baptist Bible is a hard working team brandishing an aggressive brand of soccer. Their hustle, plus the fact that this was Houghton's first game of the year enabled BBC to keep the score close in the first half. The Highlanders did manage to score at 2:35 on a Steve Burke goal. The half ended 1-0. Baptist Bible scored a stunning and beautiful goal early in the second half. Goalie Brian Davidson was helpless as BBC put together a beautiful combination of heads. After this surprising goal, Houghton pulled together and began to turn things around. It was all over as Houghton's Al Bushart, Steve Burke, and Doug Johnson scored in succession. The final score stood Houghton 4-BBC 1.

Next Stop was Nyack New York. Houghton made it two wins in a row with a 5-1 route. Highlanders goals were scored by Doug Johnson,

Jay Jackomin and a hat trick from Steve Burke.

Wednesday, September 12th dawned bright and beautiful for the Highlander's first Home game. A large crowd turned out to see if this year's team was going to be able to carry on the Houghton tradition of exciting quality soccer. Alfred University gave Houghton a tough competitive game but could not put the ball past a solid Houghton defense. Goals by Steve Burke and Doug Johnson preserved Houghton's perfect record. Play was outstanding on both sides. Alfred's goalie Pat Fasano teased the predominately Houghton crown with numerous acrobatic saves. Steve Burke, Doug Johnson and Johnny Ortlip were outstanding. Steve Burke scored at an almost impossible baseline angle. The Highlander's second goal was set up by a Bob Chiapperino block of an Alfred defender's attempted clear. Bob managed to hit Doug Johnson in front of the goal and Doug made no mistakes as he drilled the ball past Fasano. Houghton held together to win 2-0.

On Saturday, September 15th the Highlanders journeyed to Binghamton to take on a powerful Binghamton team. The first half was scoreless. The Highlander broke the deadlock with a Doug Johnson goal with twelve minutes remaining in the second half. With a 1-0 lead, Houghton remained predominantly defensive for the remainder of the game. The defense was solid including several outstanding goals by goalie Brian Davidson. Victory remained uncertain until the final buzzer. Highlanders went home with a well-earned 1-0 victory.

The JV Soccer team led by tri-captains David Jack, Mark McOrmond, and Shane Hodges went to Genesee CC for their opener on Friday, September 14th. After the end of regulation time the teams were locked in a scoreless tie. Two overtime periods followed but the score remained 0-0. Goalie George Steinart made several outstanding saves enroute to the shutout. Steve Halter anchored a solid defense. Since this was not a championship game no shootout followed and the Highlanders were forced to accept a tie.

Lady Lobbers Lack Luster

by Ann Major-Stevenson

Already the women's tennis team has played three matches this season...losing every match.

Each of these have, however, proved to be interesting, and the team feels that with continued practice and renewed determination their prospects could be much brighter in the future.

The first match of the Autumn season was played away against Nazareth on Monday, September 10. Doubts (caused by heavy rain) about this match taking place, were washed away when the two teams moved to a nearby sports center and indoor courts. For most of the team, playing under these conditions was a new defeat. Our only successful player was Deb Persons, who beat Heather Bewwett of Nazareth 7-5, 7-5, making the total Houghton 1-Nazareth 14.

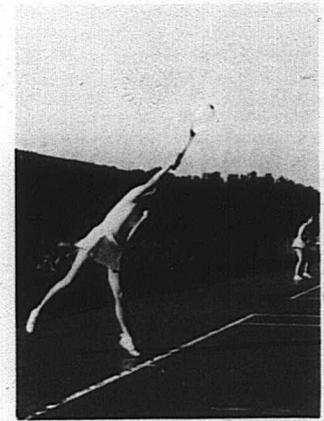
Genesee was the second of the team's opponents. The match was played at home on Thursday, September 13. Houghton fielded a different team for this match with the hope of a different, more favorable result. This was not to be, and once again Houghton was defeated.

Heidi Steinkamp replaced Carolyn Shirley to play first doubles with Ann Major-Stevenson. Heidi Pollock and Amy Geis comprised second doubles. Deb Persons, the

only Houghton victor in the first match fought a long, hard battle, only to lose in the closest of two set scores 7-5, 7-5.

On Saturday, September 15, the team played away against Alfred. Once again changes were made to the doubles players. Amy Geis was partnered by Ann Schirmer instead of Heidi Pollock. Cathy Christy had an excellent, time-consuming game, but was eventually defeated in three sets 7-5, 4-6, 4-6. Her consistent play may be a deciding factor in future games.

Sandy Wilson has assumed the position of coach and under her guidance the team hopes for a rewarding future.



Field Hockey

The Houghton field hockey squad opened the 1979 season last Thursday, September 13th, at William Smith College in Geneva. The Highlanders suffered a disappointing 3-1 loss but rebounded strongly against Oswego at home on Saturday, winning 1-0.

Against William Smith the girls dominated for approximately two-thirds of the first half. They led at the half 1-0 on a goal scored by Terry Allen. By the second half the girls had "lost the spark", allowing three goals resulting in the disappointing 3-1 final score.

The final score was not a true indication of the caliber of play. The Houghton defense was impressive when one considers that Smith had approximately fifteen shots resulting in three goals while Houghton had one shot and one goal. Against Oswego, Houghton held the edge all the way. A first-half goal by Tracey Brooks was all the

Highlanders needed. A penalty shot provided an opportunity for a second goal but such hopes were squelched by a fine save on the part of the opposing goalie. The defense played well, assuring the victory.

The outlook for the season is promising. Coach Wells hopes to see this year's squad over the .500 mark. He has never had a squad that had demonstrated the fine teamwork that this year's did. Many of the team members are new and it will take time before the girls reach their full potential as a team. The Coach believes that the offense is stronger this year than last and that the defense is together and tough. The team is looking forward to the Messiah Tournament in early November. Last year Houghton was the only team to be the championship team. This year Coach feels that the squad will be even stronger in the tourney.

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