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Pollock Conducts CLEW

by Dave Khenow

For the second time in Houghton College history, David Pollock, director of foreign studies, has become a last minute fill-in speaker for Christian Life Emphasis Week. Dr. Joseph Tson, exiled president of the Romanian Missionary Society, had been originally scheduled to speak, but because of the recent change in government in Romania, he decided to return there immediately. Pollock, who had helped the Houghton Wesleyan Church make contact with Tson and who had planned to be in Houghton for the week to hear him anyway, agreed to speak at the CLEW services himself.

Tson, a former Romanian pastor who had been living in exile in the United States for the past eight years, is the founder of the Romanian Missionary Society. RMS translates Bibles and religious literature into Romanian to distribute to students. RMS also trains preachers and educates Christians for different ministries. "This will be a great, great time for us," Tson wrote recently. "This will be a time for exploration and strategic planning, working together with the local churches in order to have a stronger and bolder ministry in Romania for our Lord."

David Pollock was "the first name that came into [my] mind," according to Pastor Michael Walters,

when he heard that Tson would not be able to come to Houghton this week. During Walters' first year in Houghton, Pollock was the CLEW speaker under similar circumstances, and was "one of the best speakers we've had," said Walters. Academic Dean Clarence Bence and President Daniel Chamberlain heartily agreed with Walters' decision, as did chapel coordinator Dr. Harold Kingdon, who said that Pollock has "filled this role before" and was "well received."



David Pollock
Photo by Chris Daniels



Chuck Barnes was one of several arrested at Tuesday's confrontation.

Photo by Don Tremblay

Siting Commission Returns, Opposed Again

by Kim Kerr

The sky may have been gray above the Caneadea land proposed for a low-level nuclear waste site on Tuesday, January 16, but not the atmosphere. Over 200 people, among them employees of Houghton College, rallied together to prevent the

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460 Years of Service Honored at Banquet

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At Houghton College's 15th annual recognition banquet Thursday evening, President Daniel Chamberlain cited 25 employees and three trustees for a collective 440 years of service to the college and announced one retiree contributing another 20.

Chamberlain said that Board of Trustees chair Herbert Stevenson, recognized for 35 years of service, embodies the skills of a "Sunday School teacher, engineer, Christmas tree harvester, real estate broker, mason, electrician, builder and college board chairman—not to mention a devoted husband and father." A 1938 Houghton alumnus, Stevenson has been chairman of the board for 15 years. He has helped plan nine major buildings on campus and has hooded over 60 honorary degree candidates. In 1986 he received his own honorary degree and was hooded by son and Houghton psychology division head, Daryl Stevenson. Stevenson has worked 40 years as an administrative engineer at Eastman Kodak and has devoted much of his life to his family, church and Houghton College; Chamberlain commented that Stevenson has "driven some 60,000 miles between his Rochester home and Houghton for board meetings."

Recognized for 30 years of service were Ellen Kreckman, coordinator of technical services at the Willard J. Houghton library, and science division head and chemistry professor Fred Shannon. Chamberlain added the Kreckman family name to his "distinguished list" of "famous families" that have given two or more generations of service to the college. The president called Shannon, a popular professor who has served in the church and the

community, a "Christian brother whose highest goal has always been to serve and glorify God."

Staff members Esther Burke and William Roeske and faculty member Warren Woolsey were each cited for 25 years. Purchasing agent since 1985, Burke has served in several college offices, and on the side, has supplied meals to dozens of her husband's soccer players over the past 22 years. She has been involved in the church and community and all of her four children have attended Houghton. Roeske, director of data processing, was influential in the development of a computer science major and minor and has facilitated the college's transition to a new administrative computer system. New Testament and missions professor Woolsey is a second generation professor and is known for his scholarship, Chamberlain said. Chamberlain proclaimed that Woolsey, a former missionary and Houghton graduate, has "earned respect from colleagues, students and alumni for the integrity and quality that has characterized [his] 25 years of service to Houghton College."

Faculty and staff recognized for 20 years with the college were: Shirley Jacobson, computer center; Ina Newcomb, accounting; Jean-Louis Roederer, foreign languages; and Annabelle Tullar, campus store. Cited for 15 years were: Richard Halberg, business; Dr. Paul LaCelle, trustee; and Don Taylor, custodian. Honored for 10 years of service were: Gary Baxter, art; Dr. Willis Beardsley, registrar; Dr. Charles Bressler, English; Nancy Harris, library; Ken Heck, phys. ed.; Robert Kaltenbaugh, trustee; Betty Lyman, student accounts; Maria Miller, pay-

roll; Diane Neal, development; Dee Parker, nurse; Ray Parlett, security; and Dr. Paul Young, psychology.

President Chamberlain announced the retirement of print shop darkroom and offset press technician Ray Coddington, who has served at Houghton for 20 years. During his college days at Houghton, Coddington worked in the print shop, but was called to the navy before he could finish college. While enlisted, he was the only one of 30 who passed the Navy's "Eddy Test", which measures aptitude for electronics. From there he attended schools in Illinois and Mississippi, leaving the Navy in 1946, and graduating from Houghton in 1947. In Liberia, during 17 years of missionary service, Coddington helped launch radio station ELWA. In 1971, Coddington took work at Houghton College press, first learning camera, then the large press. Involved in the Castile Baptist Church, and as deacon for the last nine years, Coddington retired from the college in November. Chamberlain applauded Coddington for "exemplifying those qualities of our Lord which Houghton College seeks to teach and model—subordination of self to higher purposes, innovation, caring for details and faithfulness without fanfare."

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The honorees (see article, page 2), from left: Esther Burke, William Roeske, Ellen Kreckman, Warren Woolsey, Ray Coddington, Fred Shannon, Herbert Stevenson

Commission Returns

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New York State Low-Level Nuclear Waste Siting Commission from conducting precharacterization studies on the proposed site. The protesters used cars and bodies to block road access and refused to let the Siting Commission pass. The Siting Commission tried four times to get through until it gave up and left, having only gotten a half mile from the site.

Each juncture on to the site was organized with support groups that helped monitor crowds, brought food and drink, and radioed in the action. "Ange" Szymanski of Houghton's custodial staff was one of the coordinators for the site. His job was to make sure that everything ran smoothly and all road blocks were manned with support groups. There were also people from The Allegany County Non-Violent Action Group (ACNAG), who were willing to get arrested and stood lined arm to arm

on the front line.

According to Houghton professor Jack Leax, ACNAG's intent is civil disobedience, slowing down the Siting Commission's actions and gaining publicity for the purpose of informing others. Leax is impressed with ACNAG's "commitment to non-violence" and feels "there is no danger of violence."

Police and state troopers were on the scene and made eight arrests, among them Alfred State College professors Klaus Wuersig of Belfast and Robert Albrecht of Alfred Station, Susan Hillman of Cuba, Mike Babcock and Norman Ives of Wellsville, Dennis Butts of Andover, Paul Curcio of Belfast and Caneadea landowner Chuck Barnes, a Houghton employee who voluntarily gave himself up for arrest.

Overall, the protest was a success and accomplished its task of

preventing the Siting Commission from entering the land. Szymanski felt that it was very peaceful and organized. "We want others to be aware," said Szymanski, "that the common folk will not and do not accept the nuclear waste produced by others." Szymanski stated his opinion, as did others, that waste should be kept on the site where it was produced. "There is no proven safe method of nuclear waste disposal, so why destroy two areas?" Szymanski asked.

Several Houghton employees, including Szymanski, Barnes, Leax, Academic Dean Clarence Bence, Dr. Katherine Lindley, and Professor David Manney showed up to give support.

The Siting Commission is scheduled to walk over the West Almond Site on Thursday, January 18.



News

The following article is the first in a series of articles that will appear in the *Star* this semester involving ethical concerns. In each article, the question, "In what ways does Houghton education encourage the building of ethical values, which will be taken by the student from Houghton into his or her eventual career?" will be raised. This week, Mark Thomson addressed this question, focusing on the business department.

The Bible and the Board Room

by Mark Thomson

"Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can." Professor Richard Halberg quoted John Wesley, attempting to sum up the attitude of the Houghton business department in a single phrase.

The topic of discussion is ethical business practice in an unethical business world—as taught at Houghton, a Christian college in an unchristian world. The matter of ethics in business is, indeed, a matter of some concern for the Houghton business department. As Halberg related, a commission was established a few years ago to determine whether or not this issue was being addressed sufficiently. In the autumn of 1988 the commission produced a report citing, course by course, just how ethics and morality were being taught. Some courses incorporate these themes in a concrete way as part of the course structure, while others deal with the topic as it presents itself. This report serves as a guideline for the department as it seeks to instill ethical principles in its students.

Without an ethical foundation, Halberg said, the free enterprise system is not inherently compatible with Christian doctrine. Halberg's comments were reinforced by Mike Warwick, a freshman business student. Although Mike has taken only a few business courses thus far, he has already been exposed to such themes as honesty in customer treatment and marketing. Warwick perceives a definite emphasis on ethics in the department. He noted that many of his professors are former business people who are willing to

share personal experience with their students. It is obvious that these professors actively apply their Christianity in their professional ideology. In fact, students are taught that sometimes the loss of profit is the price one pays for acting in an upright fashion.

The possibility exists, however, that Houghton does not go quite far enough. Business student Rick Ives, for example, does not feel that Houghton business students are adequately prepared to be simultaneously ethical in their actions and competitive in their practices. According to Ives, "Students are [not] asking hard ethical questions in class or during YAO. [Young Administrators Organization] dinners. At past YAO dinners, 90% of the questions asked were authored by professors, and the majority [did] not deal with ethical issues."

Ives also stated that he does not feel that professors are opening up enough in sharing past ethical struggles. He does point out that some are, indeed, most helpful in this area. Ives also questions the thoroughness of the one-hour senior seminar offered to business students concerning ethical behavior. While working as an insurance salesman over the summer of 1989, he said he was confronted with "gray areas": problems that he was not prepared to deal with.

It is to be expected that a Christian college, to maintain its integrity, will emphasize moral and ethical ideals, especially in a department like business and economics. Houghton obviously tries to do so. It

is also clear, however, that there is some room for improvement. The department noted in its statement on ethics that it chooses not to offer a specific course in business ethics because all students are required to take a general ethics course; but, while the general course covers some common ethical themes, students might find themselves at a loss in deciding just how to apply Kantian maxims to business practices. It might be more edifying to business students to take a course in "business ethics." A survey of Houghton business students may help in determining whether or not the present ethical emphasis as a whole is satisfactory. Whatever course is taken, it seems inevitable that some conflict will exist between a religion that practices giving and an occupation that, for whatever reasons, emphasizes getting.



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Called to Christ--Commanded to Missions An Interview with David Pollock

by Jon Sankovich

To say that David Pollock is well-travelled is an understatement. A man whose sojourns could aid Rand McNally's updates, Pollock not only has seen it all, but has done it all as well. He shared part of his life with me in a recent interview, but what he had to say is appropriate for any believer.

Pollock spent seven years as a pastor in New Jersey, followed by a four-year term as a missionary to Kenya. He went in conjunction with AIM as pastoral care for missionaries; but in missions, the job you start doing is not always the one you finish with. Many of the nations he has visited in God's service were visited in conjunction with Interaction, a group the purposes of which include talking to missionary children about adjustment to life "in the west," inservice meetings with faculty and staff, parenting conferences with parents of missionary children, and (time permitting) the giving of seminars in embassies.

It is perhaps his varied background that gives Pollock his in-depth insight into people and the problems facing them in their lives. When asked about scenes in this world which cause him the greatest hurt, he replied that the answer was two-fold: "The world's refusal to respond to the God who has taken the first initiative... and man's insatiable desire for power." This desire for power, he said, was a point of control; that is, not depending on God, but depending on one's self. On a somewhat narrower focus, Mr. Pollock had a few thoughts about problems on campus. While he acknowledged that it was difficult to

delineate one cause, he compared defining the problem to five blind men walking into an elephant. One man held the trunk, another held the tail, etc., and each tried to tell the other what the quintet had run into. To summarize the campus in his view, Pollock said, "If we fail to have the point of integration which puts things [in our lives] into perspective, we always end up in trouble." He also shared that he has seen the same type of struggle on other campuses he's visited. "The struggle comes in *waiting* to be an effective member of the body of Christ."

Turning to matters of the church and the mission field, Pollock revealed several insights which helped open my eyes a little wider. "The church is America's greatest problem is that we measure ourselves on the basis of the situation or culture around us. 'We're not as bad as...' we [tend to] measure ourselves against each other, and not the standard that God Himself set for us." The church in America faces no persecution, which would help believers stay alert in their faith. Pollock expressed concern over the new freedom found in the Eastern bloc. "What will happen to the Eastern bloc churches now that the pressure is off? What will they do now that the environs are friendly?" He related a story told to him by Daniel Poysti while Poysti was in Moscow: Poysti was engaged in a dialogue with the pastor of the Baptist church in Moscow, and just before leaving he told the Russian pastor, "I'm going to pray that the persecution of the Baptist church in Russia will end."

To his surprise, the pastor re-

sponded, "Don't you dare!"

"Why not?"

"Because the Russian church was never purer than it is now." When Poysti asked the minister about the potential church growth and wider evangelism possibilities, the pastor pointed out the window to a goat tied to a stake.

"Do you see that goat? When he has eaten all the grass in that perimeter of his rope, my wife will go out and move the stake and he will eat some more. When we accomplish all we can here, God will move the stake."

Pollock concluded this story with the analysis: "The greatest challenge to the free nations and the church: how to live with freedom?"

We talked a while longer, and I found myself intrigued with his philosophy about missions in the future. The events he would most like to see in missions for the 1990s are impact on and inroads into the Moslem world. "We as believers must not be belligerent in our witness to Moslems, but show the love of Christ. We don't need a greater cleverness than them. We need to demonstrate God's love so the world asks, 'Why? Why do you do that? What makes the difference?'"

What makes a difference, indeed! David Pollock has visited 59 to 60 countries worldwide, sharing the good news and aiding hurting people. But around the world or in tiny Houghton College, he is making a big difference, because the demonstration of God's love he professes is easily seen as well as heard.



And in Other News

by John Chong and Ken Cole

A near civil war in Azerbaijan and Lithuania, along with the other Baltic countries' demands for independence from the Soviet Union—these are the issues that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev must deal with. Indirectly, these problems can be attributed to *glasnost*; a few years ago, the Lithuanians would not have possessed the courage to attempt to secede, and the Azerbaijanis would not have been so bold in the acting out of their bitter hatred of the Armenians.

In Lithuania, there is a growing popular movement to secede from the Soviet Union and form an independent republic. This problem has been preoccupying the Soviet Presidium and Gorbachev, because a Lithuanian secession would probably lead to further secessions of other Soviet republics. On January 11, Gorbachev traveled to Lithuania, hoping to change the mindset of the people—but failing. The Lithuanians held their ground as Gorbachev attempted to reason with them by predicting the consequences of their wishes: higher prices on foodstuffs and fuel, establishment of trade tariffs, etc.

On January 15, the Soviet news agency Tass reported that the head of the Lithuanian Communist Party has been named president. Algirdas Brozauskas is the first Lithuanian president to hold the titles of Supreme Soviet chair and Party chief.

Azerbaijan is a small republic in the Soviet southwest. Its people are Persian in origin and have close ties with Iran, particularly a shared Islamic culture. Within the republic, there is an area called Nagorno Karalakh, containing a population of predominantly Christian Armenians. It is this enclave that is the focus of conflict. The neighboring republic of Armenia wants to control the region because of its large Armenian population; however, the Azerbaijanis feel that the land rightfully belongs to them.

The situation is getting progressively worse. As of January 17, there

have been a recorded total of 76 dead, mostly Armenians. There have been many reports of atrocities committed against the Armenians by the Azerbaijanis: men, women, and children burned alive, tortured, beaten.

The Soviet Union has responded to the situation by sending 22,000 Red Army troops into the region to maintain peace and order; maintaining peace and order, however, is difficult. Fighting is most intense in the city of Baku, where both sides are using captured military armour vehicles, tanks, helicopters, and sub-machine guns.

Iran is very supportive of the Azerbaijan uprising. The Iranian government has stated that it attaches "great importance" to the Islamic zeal of the Azerbaijanis.

So what does all this mean? It means that Gorbachev must deal with the effects of *glasnost*. *Glasnost* acted as a catalyst, bringing about the sweeping changes in Eastern Europe and now in the Baltic republics and Azerbaijan. The Soviet Union has always had a problem with nationalities; within its borders are several nationalities and republics which would rather be independent from Soviet domination.

The Lithuanians will probably see their dream of independence come true; Gorbachev most likely will not use the military to suppress the movement and thereby threaten the progress made in Eastern Europe. As for Azerbaijan and Armenia, it may be fairly accurate to say that they hate each other, exemplified by the current crisis. Animosity has always existed between the two republics, as one is Christian (politically) and the other Islamic. This hatred goes back many centuries, and not even socialism can soothe the bitterness.

With General Manuel Noriega incarcerated in a federal prison, activity in Panama is beginning to take a back seat in the media. After a persuasive Catholic Monsignor hastened the end of an eleven day standoff at the Vatican

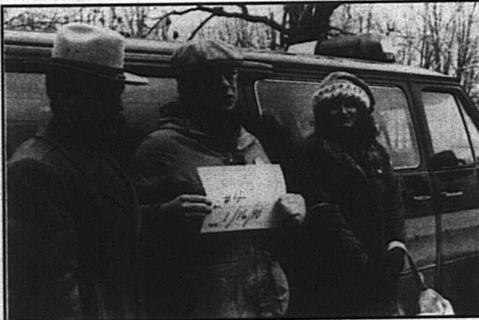
embassy between US troops and the former Panamanian dictator, Noriega was flown to Miami, thus completing a major objective of the Bush Administration in Panama. Indictments against Noriega cover a period of six years. If he is convicted, he may face up to \$1 million in fines and 210 years in jail.

The focus, however, has now shifted: speculators are asking not whether Noriega will be tried, but rather what the implications of the trial will be. It is likely that the defense will make use of the fact that much of the information required to try Noriega is classified; some officials seem to think that this information could be potentially embarrassing to the CIA and Justice Department. If, in fact, Noriega knows as much as officials suspect, the information arising in the trial could even compromise former CIA director President George Bush.

Noriega has been a skillful double agent for many years, playing the US, Cuba, the Sandinistas, the *contras*, and the Cuban drug lords against one another. Intimate involvement with the CIA has given Noriega access to a large volume of privileged information. US intelligence has not been naive to his illegal activities, but he certainly has proven to be a valuable enough source of information to keep around for awhile. Only after recent activities, which included the assassination of political opponents and blatant drug/arms smuggling, did the US decide that it had lost control of Noriega and start developing evidence for indictments against him.

The questions arising, then, are how much Noriega knows and how skillfully his attorneys can use it for his benefit. One friend of the former strongman has threatened that Noriega's capture would be ". . . enough to sink George Bush's presidency." Whether this threat was a bluff remains to be seen. While some express worry, many officials, including the President himself, maintain that there is no danger.

NEWS



A Tuesday arrest
Photo by Don Tremblay



Sheriff, Commission, and activists converge
Photo by Don Tremblay



Roadblock participants
Photo by Don Tremblay

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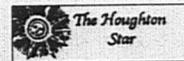
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This month's gallery exhibition is part of a cultural exchange between Houghton College and St. Bonaventure University. While works of Houghton art professors are currently being displayed at St. Bonaventure, David Poulin, Helen B.Beck, and James Cole Young have works displayed in the Houghton Gallery.

Poulin and Beck spoke about these works during the exhibit that opened on Friday, January 12.

Poulin, a sculptor, works in cast bronze, hammered steel, and similar material. His fascination with the human form, with people, has gone from the exterior shape of the body to an exploration of layered textures and the interior of the body. This progression can be seen in his larger works. The smaller works of the heads are a more immediate form of expression; the work and time involved are much less, measured in weeks rather than months.

Beck works in the printmaking and oil mediums. Storms and trees are especially common themes for her work, representing different forms of nature's energy. Each work stems from an intense, specific, and intimate experience, often portraying the "feel" of a particular place.



Gallery: St. Bonaventure faculty

by *Jedidiah McKee*



She spends several hours in her "subject landscape" before beginning the work of putting color to canvas, in order to portray the interaction of her own feelings and the energy of a place. There are some striking contrasts in her use of color, illustrating different emotions in differing situations. She likes working

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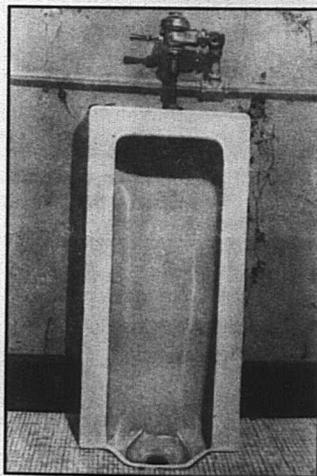


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Also on display are the intensely realistic works of James Cole Young, who was unable to be reached for discussion.

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Review: *The Importance of Being Earnest*

by Chris Daniels

This review of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* was meant for printing back in November, when Bruce Brenneman directed the English Expression production. Higher authority, however, has requested a review for this first issue of the *Star* this semester.

If you were unable to make it to the play, you missed an excellent production. The show's stars, David Huth and Adam English, combined their own comical talents into a blend of hilarious dialogue, which proceeded well throughout the play. English's portrayal of an upperclass, sophisticated "Bunburyist" (dual personality) was well-acted, and Huth fulfilled his laid-back, wit-like character description.

Kim Simpson, whose mannerisms kept many audience members laughing, was well suited to her role. Her romantic yet humorous lines were perfectly stated to keep the listeners attentive. Simpson's topsy-turvy friendship with Becky Lutz had its high points in the play; too much "sugar" and a reference to "sister" bound the audience in laughter. Lutz's performance as a sensible school girl was played to perfection.

Her interaction with Huth and English, along with the above mentioned scenes, made for a delightful character. Her naivete was well-acted and brought much humor to the stage.

Kathy Stockin also added much to the play with her role as Aunt Augusta. Criticism (with much ado about semi-recumbent positions)!

Although the roles of Rand Bellevia and Cristina Cortwright were relatively minor, their characters were delightful and well chosen by Brenneman. Cortwright wins my supporting actress award for her facial expressions and stage move-

ment. Brad Wilbur and Thomas Woods only had brief moments on stage, but they looked their parts (gardener and tax collector) to perfection. Also, the two butlers, portrayed by Dave Newton and Bobby Vandervliet, had a wonderful dry comical tone which carried many guffaws throughout the sold-out crowd.

In closing, along with a note about a terrific set and well timed sound effects, *Earnest* was indeed deserving of its praised responses. Hats off to director Bruce Brenneman and co-director Brad Wilbur—until next time.

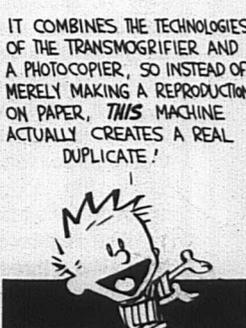
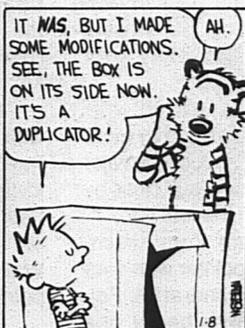
Gwendolen (Kim Simpson) and Worthing (Adam English) during an intimate moment.

Photo by Amber Kindsvogel



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



Sports

The women's basketball team began the first week of the new semester by posting two wins at home against Daemen and Elmira Colleges.

On January 9, Houghton played Daemen College in a matchup which would be decided in the final seconds. The Highlanders began the first half very strongly, boosting their lead to as much as 11 points at one time. Tricia Atkinson and Stacia Dagwell controlled the inside game, while Michelle Morris and Lorie Sheetz provided key shots from the outside. Daemen came back quickly in the last six minutes of the first half, though Daemen outscored Houghton 18-2 during this period, and took a 34-29 lead into the locker room at the half.

Daemen continued to pressure Houghton at the onset of the second half. Daemen's leading scorer, Mary Del Senora, began the final period with a three-point play, followed by another lay-up which boosted Daemen's lead to 10. Sheetz sank an outside shot with 16:21 left in the half, and followed that shot with a fast break lay-up, made possible by an assist from Morris. Two minutes later, Daemen saw their lead evapo-

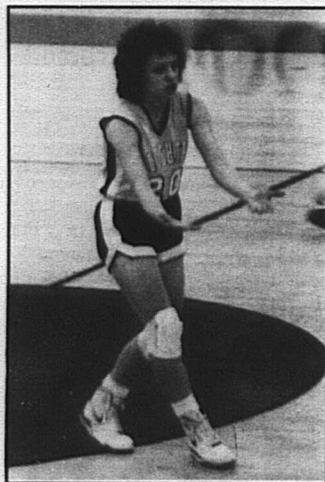


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rate, and the score was notched at 39. Both teams traded baskets for the remainder of the game, until Atkinson made an important lay-up with 1:29 remaining. Houghton's defense made the lead hold up, and the Highlanders defeated Daemen College 61-58. Atkinson led the Highlanders with 17 points, followed by Jill Hughes with 14, and Sheetz with 10.

Two nights later, Houghton hosted Elmira College, a team which proved not quite as formidable as its previous opponent. Houghton dominated the first half both offensively and defensively. Houghton finished the first half in a 12-0 win and led 44-18 midway through the game. Atkinson and Hughes combined for 22 points in the first half.

The second half was a bit more evenly matched, but Elmira could not seem to control Houghton's advantage on the boards, nor from the outside. Sarah Burak scored 11 points in the second half, helping Houghton defeat Elmira 72-54.

Atkinson led all scorers with 18 points, followed by Hughes with 12,

Highlanders Victorious at Home



by Kevin Fuller



Photo by Chris Daniels

Burak with 11, and Lori Wynn with 10.

Houghton improved its record to 7-5 with the two game victories.

St. Vincent Defeats Houghton

by Dave McMillan



Connecting on a three-point goal with 12 seconds left, Jack Brown propelled the visiting St. Vincent Bearcats to a 69-66 victory over Houghton Saturday night.

The game was played very closely, as neither team led by more than eight points or produced a major scoring run. Houghton kept close by shooting 84% from the foul line.

The Highlanders' Tom Kirschner nailed a three-pointer with 1:43 remaining to tie the game at 66. Following a timeout with barely one

minute left in the game, the Bearcats controlled the ball for most of the 45-second shot clock before Brown scored with the winning basket.

Dave Binkowski led Houghton with 25 points (including all 10 of his free throws) and 11 rebounds, followed by Kirschner's 14 points and freshman Dave Brocklehurst's 12 on 4-for-6 three-point shooting. Wally Jones led St. Vincent with 19 points and 7 rebounds.

Opinion

RANT: The Nice Column

by Mark Shiner

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Are you tired of the relentless criticism of Houghton College that has been a mainstay of the *Star's* opinion page? Are you tired of being challenged? Sick of being told that you, as a community, are not living up to the call of Christ? Well, take heart, then, because this week will be different. This week I will not challenge you, will not make you angry, and (hopefully) will not even make you think. This column goes out to all of you who are upset that no one ever has anything nice to say about Houghton. This is my "nice" column.

Some Things I Like About Houghton

(in no particular order)

1. Sometimes the sidewalks don't have ice on them.
2. Nice squirrels.
3. Hazlett and Leonard Houghton houses.
4. Sayers, Tyson, Dean Danner, the memory of Dr. Meade, etc.
5. Most of the freshmen I've met.
6. 79¢ Salt and Vinegar potato chips at Mobil.
7. Playing cards is Christian now.
8. A whole bunch of really decent, loving, honest, tolerant, and life-affirming people.
9. The Abbey of Genesee is relatively nearby.
10. There *is* such a thing as a seasonal suspension of the ethical.
11. Standing on campus center furniture.
12. Touching the opposite sex is Christian now.
13. Being Wesleyan is more highly prized than mere scholarship or competence.
14. Wesleyan professors have academic freedom.
15. Some of the Baptists here are actually Christians.

OK, OK, I know I'm getting sentimental now. Next week, back to the cynicism, anger, etc. Cheers.

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



Opinion

Dear Sir:

The New York State Low-Level Radioactive Waste Siting Commission has had numerous questions about how a site can be selected before a disposal technology. Until now, site and method selection have proceeded largely in parallel. Five potential sites in Cortland and Allegany Counties have been identified for further study; potential method "building blocks" were called out for conceptual design. The integration of the potential sites with the potential method concepts is now under way.

The regulations have been interpreted as indicating that the natural features of the site alone must be able to isolate waste. Engineered barriers then complement or improve the site's ability to isolate waste, but cannot correct site deficiencies. Therefore, site selection is critical to meeting the regulations, as are method selection, operation and all other aspects of low-level radioactive waste disposal.

The Siting Commission considers the disposal facility design to be as significant as the site. The Commission is committed to designing a facility with a goal of zero release from the engineered disposal unit. This can be accomplished in several ways. For example, multiple barriers can be used to provide additional levels of protection. Several types of designs could be used at a single facility to account for differences in the relative hazards of the waste. The Siting Commission is emphasizing retrievability in the evaluation of methods. Studies to date indicate that retrievability can be achieved in each of the designs selected for further study.

The Siting Commission must now develop confidence that particular site/method combinations are suitable for further

A Dream Being Fulfilled

by Troy Brown

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream that one day all the citizens of America would live together in peace and harmony.

He not only believed deeply in this Dream, but he died for it.

Now over 20-some-odd years later, I question myself, and the question I ponder most is: am I doing my part to fulfill the Dream that Dr. King died for? On a broader note, are we at Houghton doing our part to foster an atmosphere of love and acceptance?

In my opinion, the answer is yes. This doesn't mean the dream has been achieved; it only means

we must work harder to bridge the gap of social injustice so that Dr. King's memory will live on in our actions, prayers, and our

acceptance to the changes that still need to be implemented on this campus and community, the state of New York, and this country as a whole.

If we can just dedicate ourselves to caring and loving one another in the unity of Christ, then and only then will there be no obstacle too large, no issue too controversial to handle and further champion the causes fought for so diligently by Dr. King.



Uncle Ledley
Official Star Mascot

Uncle Ledley says:

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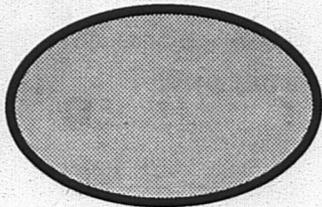
study. Several kinds of information will be considered, including public comments on the *Report on Potential Sites Identification*, information from pre-characterization data, and disposal method concepts that combine "building blocks" for different classes of waste into a facility concept. The Siting Commission staff will recommend at least two sites and up to three corresponding disposal

methods which will also be matched to the specific sites for further study. This decision is expected in the summer of 1990.

The Siting Commission welcomes questions and comments from the public at any time. It can be reached by calling toll-free 1-800-4441-2401.

Sincerely,
Angelo F. Orazio
Chair, Siting Commission

Opinion



To Mim and other 3-letter reversible words

by Jediah McKee

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dah dum dum
dum dum doom doom dom
ileo ileo oh kee ko dee
doe ee no ee nomenclature
(oh, ee)
Silly rhymes and sad-eyed times
I'm falling through the floor;
help me see just what I need,
I can't help feeling that their
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thing more than this.
Why can't I think?



One of my resolutions for this semester is to have a positive attitude, no more of that negative, harsh, griping stuff. So, sitting down to write, I started creating a positive, constructive column—and all those negative feelings came to visit me once again.

She sat on my floor asking me the same question I had asked myself over and over and over last semester, "What's wrong with this place?" She was really struggling. She had come to Houghton with high expectations; it would be her first experience with a "caring Christian community." A year later, she was sitting on my floor asking me a lot of questions I could not answer. "If Christians are supposed to be loving, why don't I feel loved?" "Why haven't I found any close friends here, why is everyone so superficial?" As she shared her questions I realized that my Christ-likeness has been just as faulty as everyone else's. Where had I been when she was hurting and couldn't find someone to talk to? Why hadn't I been a real friend until she was ready to quit college?

"What's wrong with this place?" I have realized that the answer is found in the lives of people like myself who don't reach out, who aren't willing to sacrifice our time or our sense of comfort. The problem really is that we don't think we can make a difference. We have convinced ourselves, or



My Fault

by Jenna Gieser

been convinced, that there is nothing we can do to change Houghton, much less the world. But look around. Look at history, look at the Eighties. A wall fell, and steps were made toward democracy because of individuals who motivated, led and inspired the masses. One person may not be able to change Houghton overnight, but one person can do something that will lead to change over time.

Go ahead and pray for Houghton, and write letters (or columns) to be printed in the Star, but do something too! Back up your prayers with action; give life to your words. Touch one life, go out of your way to make a new friend—don't just talk about God's love, SHOW IT (and not just to the beautiful, the smart, or the Christians just like you)! If you don't like something about Houghton, think of ways YOU can begin to bring about change, then act.

This is a new semester, a new year, a new decade, and we need a new attitude. When you wake up in the morning, look in the mirror and say out loud, "I can make a difference!" and then spend the whole day proving it.



*'Sleep not while
others speak'*

George Washington
(apocryphal)

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