

Famous Lead Bass of the Met Once High School Choir Reject

BY LINDA COLLEN



Jerome Hines
As Mozart's "Don Giovanni"

A prominent magazine described Jerome Hines as "the dashing, big-voiced, six-foot-six basso from California." Those who attended last Friday's chapel and Artist Series cannot disagree with that description. His deep voice and rather large frame predominated as he took command of the audience's attention.

Surprisingly, Mr. Hines has not always possessed musical talent. In junior high school he was asked to leave the choir due to a lack of ability to carry a tune! But, Mr. Hines loved to sing, took private lessons and proceeded to perform with the San Francisco Opera and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. He also had another love which was science, and graduated from U.C.L.A. with a major in chemistry. However, he gave up a scientific career to become a professional singer after winning several young artists' contests, capped by the Caruso Award of the Metropolitan Opera.

The Metropolitan has become his home theatre and he has sung many great roles to consistent critical acclaim. He has appeared in many of the great opera houses of the world and sung in the leading Music Festivals. Mr. Hines has performed often with major orchestras, and is as renowned as a concert singer as he is an operatic one.

Currently celebrating his nineteenth season with the Metropolitan Opera, Mr. Hines has scored an impressive number of firsts with the

company. Prominent among them was his portrayal of the mad Tsar of "Boris Godounov", a portion of which was presented in the Friday evening concert. In 1962 Mr. Hines created a sensation when he sang, in Russian, the title role of "Boris" in Moscow, Russia.

In his leisure time, Mr. Hines works in his home laboratory, enjoys sports and carpentry, and is active in his church and in the work with the underprivileged.

Hines Concert Memorable For Drama, Power And Expression

BY DONALD C. DOIG

The first Artist Series of 1966, presented by Jerome Hines on January 7, proved to be a superbly rewarding musical experience.

Hines is one of the greatest basses available to concert-goers anywhere in the world. His voice is big, rich and beautiful, yet extremely flexible. He has all the physical attributes necessary for the operatic stage, and the power to convey any dramatic expression with confidence and clarity.

The program began with Mendelssohn's "Is Not His Word Like a Fire," which was characterized by rhythmic verve and vocal display. "What Land is This" from *Hercules* closed the first group of songs.

The *lieder* Hines selected for his second group were all dramatic in nature. He gave them a strictly operatic treatment, with the use of more gestures than one usually finds on the recital stage. This was particularly noticeable in the first song, "Der Floh" by Beethoven. From Schubert's treasure house of song Hines chose "Der Doppelgänger" and the forceful "Der Erlkönig". Literature from the Italian school of Carissimi, Zandonai, and Rossini was included in the third group.

For the most outstanding part of the program, Hines dramatized with costume and make-up, three arias from Mozart's "Don Giovanni" and the death scene from "Boris Godounov" by Moussorgsky. The latter is a classic with Hines since he made his Metropolitan Opera debut in "Boris" and later became the first American to sing the title role in that opera. His portrayal of the scene was extremely moving and brought a standing ovation.

Throughout the concert Mr. Hines displayed a warmth of character, a spontaneous expression and a magnetic rapport with the audience.

Alexander Alexay provided sensitive accompaniments for Mr. Hines. He also exhibited warmth and technical facility in solo piano pieces by Shostakovich, Gershwin and Chopin.

D.C. Seminar

BY TED ROBINSON

The 1966 Washington Seminar, sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals, will be held February 11-13, in the nation's capital. Ten students from Houghton College will participate, along with 120 other juniors and seniors from across the country. Over fifteen colleges will be represented.

During the three days of the seminar, students will visit various government agencies and bureaus, and will hear talks by officials. The stated purpose of the seminar is to attract qualified Christian young people into federal service.

To attend the seminar, students must meet certain criteria. Applicants must have a 3.0 cumulative in their major, a 2.5 grade point for the previous semester, and an over-all 2.0 cumulative grade point.

First Orchestra Concert Of Year Presents Three Student Soloists

Wednesday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Wesley Chapel the Houghton College Department of Music presented the Houghton College Symphony, conducted by Mr. Eldon Basney, in a performance of von Weber, Puccini, Vivaldi and Schumann.

The program commenced with Weber's *Overture to Oberon*. The opera *Oberon* was not very successful due to its "rambling" libretto, however, the overture has had much success as "a fine example of tone painting," and is thought of today not as an opera overture, but concert overture.

The concert continued with Vincent Persichetti's depiction of T. S. Eliot's poem *The Hollow Men*, composed musically for strings and trumpet. Robert Taylor, a senior trumpet major, played the solo. The composition is built upon melodic and harmonic intervals of a fourth and fifth. Both intervals sound very "open" and "hollow", and this symbolizes the deep sepulchral mood of the poem. The piece is typically
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Lecture Tonite Features History of Berlin Wall

"Berlin — Island City" is the lecture film featured this Friday, January 14, at 8:00 p.m. in Wesley Chapel. This travel-adventure film by Art Wilson and Fred Keiffer was made in 1961 and includes twenty-five minutes on East Berlin. Mr. Wilson was arrested by the East Berlin authorities while filming the city, but eventually talked his way out along with the rare and forbidden films he had shot.

Single admission price for the non-season ticket holder is adult, \$.50 and high school students, \$.25.

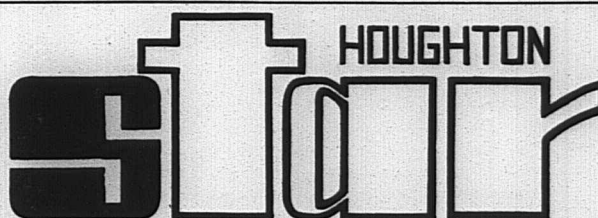
Mr. Wilson is a graduate of Northwestern University with a major in foreign trade and transportation, in which field he worked for nine years, the last five of those years as an export manager.

Mr. Keiffer is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Engineering. He is currently employed as a metallurgist with the American Steel and Wire Division of U.S. Steel.

Mr. Wilson's interest in travel and foreign countries became serious during his military service with the U.S. Air Force at the end of World War II, when he had occasion to live and travel in a number of foreign countries.

Mr. Keiffer has always had a great interest in the theatre and the entertainment world. This interest led him through amateur theatre and professional puppetry to professional theater where he served as a technical director. During that time he also served the technical department of a commercial film company. His talent in the theatrical field and photography combines well with Mr. Wilson's knowledge of other countries to present entertaining and informative film lectures.

While filming France and Berlin, they took their film of America and presented it free of charge to the people of the area in which they were working for whatever good will and understanding it might create.



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School Investigates Possibility Of Federal Grant For Science Building

BY JOYCE LAWSON

In 1965, Houghton College received \$141,851.45 in gifts to be used for capital purposes. A large percentage of this sum is a result of the fund-raising drive for the new science building. Already, \$100,802.67 has been received and \$24,670 more has been pledged for this purpose.

To speed the actuality of our science building, the college has applied for a Federal grant which could cover up to two-thirds of the building cost. Information concerning the grant should be definite around March 1st, said Dr. Robert Luckey, Vice President in development.

Work will probably begin, Dr. Luckey expects, in the Spring of 1967 without the grant, and in the Fall of 1966 with the grant. Work would have to begin within six months of receipt of the grant. This would pressurize the school drive for the remaining funds. At present, the Science faculty, under Dr. Kenneth Lindley, is working on details of the building plans.

Accompanying the drive for the science building is the drive for an increase in faculty salaries, as recommended by the Accrediting Committee last Spring. Gifts amounting to \$7,295 in cash and \$5,000 in pledges have been received for this purpose. Another project is that of the ten new courts, which will cost \$23,205.40. Gifts this year totaled \$2,512.50. The remaining gifts were for the campus center, the organ (for which \$11,171 remains to be paid), the library (pledges being paid), and the Aboretum.

Business Class Evaluates Local Computer Systems

BY ALAN R. BAGG

What are the possibilities of a computer system being installed at Houghton College? This question was again faced this past Wednesday when Mr. Arnold Cook's office management class made a field trip to St. Bonaventure University to see their computer system in operation.

The advantages of the computer at present are more numerous than problems. For instance, the job of compiling grades which before took weeks can be completed in hours by means of the flick of a switch. Class scheduling is also quickly handled, as well as putting these classes into the proper sized rooms. Particularly appealing is the speed at which the computer handles pre-registration students. The computer takes care of this early in the summer, even before the students come back to school.

Mr. Cook would find a computer particularly useful in his business administration courses, where students could learn the techniques of data processing to equip them with the knowledge they will need for tomorrow's quickening business world.

Much study still remains to be done on the project but one thing is known: Houghton is moving as rapidly as steps can be taken toward the goal of installing a data processing system here on the campus.

Norton Recital Slated For Monday Nite

BY JACK BURNAM

A faculty clarinet recital by Mr. Edgar Norton, accompanied by Dr. C. Nolan Huizenga, will conclude this semester's recital schedule Monday night at 7:30 p.m.

Handel's *Sonata, Op. 1, No. 8*, originally composed for oboe, is the only transcription on the program. Johannes Brahms' *Clarinet Sonata, Op. 120, No. 1* is the major work of the evening; it exemplifies his most mature period of composition.

Five Bagatelles by the modern English composer Gerald Finzi provide contrast to the weighty, ambitious Brahms. These short, folksy pieces demonstrate Mr. Finzi's peculiarly engaging melodic style.

The program will conclude with the final movement of a sonata written by Dr. William Allen and dedicated to Mr. Norton. A delightful tongue-in-cheek affair, it is brimming with typical Allen wit.



Editorial . . .

What's Your Reason?

"Because I know I should believe that way . . ." Sound familiar? It's a multi-purpose answer to a variety of questions. Why should (or should not) the United States remain in South Viet Nam? Why should I support John Doe for Student Senate President? How can you prove the Bible is infallible?

Yes, it's an answer but it's not a very intelligent one. Taking the three general categories particularized above, let's examine this prevalent response for value. Let's see if we can find a better one, or, at least, an antidote to an unthinking reply.

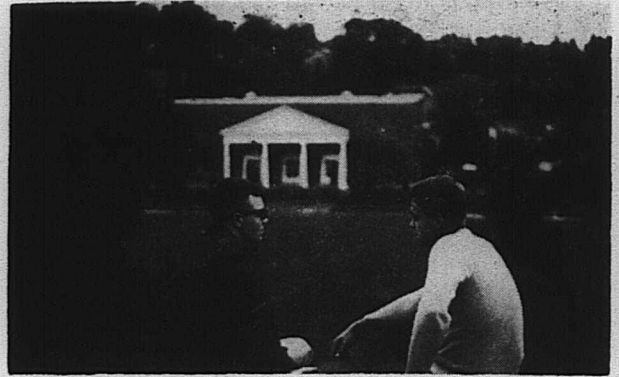
1) Current events — national and world-wide. Most Houghton students would quickly give an opinion when asked about anti-war movements, "teach-ins," SNCC, etc. But, in most cases, sad to report, few would be basing this opinion on facts — rather, on emotion or a sense of "obligation" to such a reply; what he feels his reply should be. Indeed, to many, the initials "SNCC" may be altogether meaningless. Why is the John Birch Society wrong? Do you know what the John Birch Society is? "Lyndon Johnson is a lousy president." Why? or Why not? Cite definite instances of definite failures and/or successes. The point — intelligent awareness of our world is the mark of a true citizen and intelligent individual. "Because it's right . . ." won't hold up here. Facts are incontrovertible.

2) Local scene — politics, society, *et al.* Even in a "closed circle" of people, such as is found at Houghton, there exist those who will vote for a certain candidate running for political office with this reasoning — "I like him." All too frequently, here too, time is not taken to seek out the relevant facts which should govern the correct choice. In a local political contest, as

in even more far-reaching events, all too often the race is nothing more than a popularity contest. "Because I think I should . . ." hardly begins to justify choice for president of class, club or senate. Certainly, it takes time and (minimum) effort to find facts and make an unbiased, clear-cut judgment. But this is what often determines whether you get a worker or a talker in office. Of course, in our case, we can always say "The Lord's will was done."

3) Spiritual — "Because I know I should believe this way." How sad — How inadequate! The faith which hasn't been questioned, searched out and (mentally or physically) fought for is not worth defending. Indeed, if it hasn't been questioned, the chances are you won't know what you are defending! Wholesale doubt and unthinking rejection is not what I'm advocating, but rather a sincere search for personal apologetics. An atheist questions — "What do you mean, the Holy Spirit (your term, by the way) 'works' in a Christian's life?" And if you can only respond "The Bible says so," or "I've seen it in others," I'm afraid you'll lose your audience.

Perhaps this whole "sermon" is about convictions. Do we do what we do, say what we say, believe what we believe (nationally, locally, internally) because we "know we should" or because we are convinced this is the answer? There are already enough Milquetoast Christians "serving" the Lord — The Bible encourages us over and over to search, dig and become convinced of our salvation. "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling," "Study to show yourself approved . . ." In summation, let's do away with ". . . because I know I should believe this way" and affirm honestly "because I know!"



Reflections

* Generalization from two visitors to the South at Christmas: They don't like Lyndon down there. They think that we up here elected him, and that we love him.

* Recent ski report from western New York area: Two inches of windblown dust on packed pine needles on solid rock base. Fair to poor.

* In Finland, the best ski resort hotel room with all meals is \$7.60 a day.

* In Chile they ski the year-round.

* There are no Wesleyan colleges in Finland or Chile.

* When "Vietniks" picketed recently at the White House, others counter-picketed them with signs reading, "It's fun to bathe."

* Mark Twain was asked what the men of the world would be without women. His reply, "Scarce."

Resolutions

Resolved:

* That a special study room for dogs and cats be established in the library to ease the load on the main reading room.

* That no more than 400 people eat early serving lunch.

* That the column "The View From Here" be started sooner and then on purpose.

Recommendations

Perhaps a word could be said about the despicable traffic situation present on and about campus roads during the ice-snow storms frequent to this locale, the most recent example being the free-for-all following the Artist Series one week ago. We acknowledge the attempts of Mr. John Robb, constable of the town of Caneadea, to alleviate the problem but are quick to observe that one man against the elements is hardly cricket.

Our suggestions:

1) Assuming that the town of Caneadea is not able to provide adequate safeguards against the hazardous driving conditions (it is quite necessary that these be available as long as such conditions persist), including sand trucks, road blockades, and traffic directors, we strongly recommend that the College provide such facilities.

2) We see no essential reason why the lower Centerville road from Route 19 to the East Hall parking lot be kept open when weather conditions make it impassable. Therefore, we recommend that it be closed to all thru traffic on such occasions in the future.

3) College vehicles do not make suitable road blockades when they are left unattended, and especially when they obstruct or prohibit the normal flow of traffic. We trust this farce will not be repeated.

Had these relatively simple directives been followed last Friday night, an ugly traffic snarl might have been prevented or at least kept within reasonable bounds.

Repetitions

To comment enthusiastically on the Jerome Hines concert last Friday evening would indeed be repetitious. We would simply pass on this statement quoted from a well-known campus personality: "Drama has finally come to Houghton." Let's keep it here!

For Seniors Only

"Maturity: among other things, a new lack of self-consciousness — the kind you can only attain when you have become entirely indifferent to yourself through an absolute assent to your fate."

He who has placed himself in God's hands stands free vis-à-vis men: he is entirely at ease with them, because he has granted them the right to judge." (from *Markings*, by Dag Hammarskjöld)

Letters



Dear Editor,

If I have agreed to live under a certain discipline and its rules of conduct, there is a contract formed between the discipline and myself. The discipline promises to enforce its rules with fairness, just consideration of the circumstances, and equality to all. I agree to order my life so that it conforms to this discipline. I have, however, noticed in the past several weeks that this contract has been broken on the discipline's part in several incidences when dealing with misconduct of those under the discipline. Because of this I am quickly losing respect for certain aspects of the discipline. Would it not be wise for each student to examine his actions as to what is socially and spiritually correct before God and the discipline, and would it not be wise for the discipline to give due consideration to its means of evaluating misconduct and its treatment of it?

Sincerely yours,

Dan Perrine

Dear Editor:

Do Houghton students think creatively? From what I have seen and heard, generally I think we do not. Why not? Perhaps because we do not have to. I am amazed and discouraged by the rarity of spontaneous classroom debates and discussions and downright hot-headed arguments. Does a college education consist only of innumerable class lectures, the length and width of numerous textbooks, and the ink and frustration of several term papers?

I firmly believe that a higher education consists of much more than these. The questions of the validity of the war in Viet Nam, the integrity of integration methods, the mechanization of our society (and we are a part of the American society — a fact easily forgotten here at Houghton), and the population ex-

A psalm to David.

Yahweh (is) my shepherd, I shall not lack.
In pleasant herbage he causes me to lie down,
By the waters of quietness he leads me.
My soul he brings back when it wanders,
He leads me in the well-cut paths¹ of rightness because of his name.
Even though I walk in the valley of thickest darkness,²
I will not fear evil,
Because you (are) with me.
Your rod and your staff,
These cause me to breathe freely.³
You arrange before my face a festive spread right in front of my adversaries,
You cover with oil my head,
My cup (is) an overflowing abundance.
Certainly (his) goodness and (his) lovingkindness shall pursue me
all the days of my life,
And my dwelling (shall be) in the house of Yahweh unto stretched-out days.⁴

¹ concretely, "wagon trails"

² a figure for "great calamity or distress"

³ literally, "take the lump out of my throat"

⁴ meaning, "as far into the future as I can see"

plosion are but a few of the major questions which thinking, educated adults must weigh and resolve for themselves. Apparently these philosophical questions are either being ignored or dismissed, often because they do not relate directly to "Christian matters" or, in the case of individual classes, to the subject material at hand. Can such thought and discussion be generated by we students ourselves? Perhaps, but only on a small scale and among groups of "loud-mouthed intellectuals." (Please forgive me, brains.)

I feel that the responsibility for igniting student thought lies with the faculty. It is up to the faculty to break away from daily lectures (often based on the textbook material which students are quite capable of reading themselves) and to relate the facts and figures to basic philosophical problems of our society and to current events. It is up to the professor to provide opportunity for the ex-

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A Fresh Translation from the Hebrew
BY BERT H. HALL

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The Graduate Record Examinations, administered by the Educational Testing Service, will be given at Houghton on January 15, 1966. These standardized tests are designed to give graduate schools uniform appraisals of the intellectual qualifications of their applicants. The G.R.E.'s consist of two tests: the Aptitude Test, measuring general scholastic ability in verbal and quantitative categories, and the Advanced Test, measuring mastery and comprehension in a specialized area. Most universities require these G.R.E. scores for admission into graduate degree work.

Approximately 35% of the senior class will be taking at least one of the two 3-hour tests at Houghton. Students may take the G.R.E.'s on one of the three dates remaining in this school year but

Students Spend Christmas Recess In Depth Evangelism

BY J. H. KANE

Mariachi, bull fights, soft guitars, siestas — the gay color and noise that is part of Mexico: poverty, spiritual need, unrest, and endless work — the other side of our neighbor to the South.

This past Christmas vacation twenty-four Houghton students and faculty traveled under *Send The Light* to see the real Mexico for themselves.

Friday afternoon, December 17th, feeling not unlike modern day pioneers, the group set out in a four car caravan and pushed their "painful" way westward through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Once across the Rio Grande, they joined nearly 300 other young people from both the United States and Mexico in Operation Mobilization, an attempt to fill the entire city of Monterrey with the Gospel. The group was divided into teams and sent to the various churches in the city. Each team was to cover a certain number of blocks around its respective church.

The normal day began about 6:30 and by 8 o'clock the groups were in the streets speaking to passersby and knocking on doors. On several occasions everyone met at Operation Mobilization's headquarters to share experiences and receive new strength from God's word.

Thursday afternoon, Dec. 30, the entire group gathered for one final meeting and then spent the evening showering downtown Monterrey with tracts and New Testaments. They walked amid the post-holiday bargain-hunting crowds and offered them the greatest bargain imaginable — eternal life completely free.

Before the sun rose on the morning of the 31st, the four cars were working their way back toward the United States border. Taking the southern route this time, the cars crossed Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania, and arrived at Houghton on the 3rd of January.

For those who went, the people of Mexico — their gay color and their great need — will never seem quite so far away as before: neither will the responsibility of their new knowledge.



Houghton Missionaries Monterrey Bound

The rest stops were concerts

Society News

ANSCOMBE — OSGOOD
Mr. & Mrs. Donald S. Cornell of Tonawanda, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Anscombe ('66), to Mr. Sterling Osgood ('68), son of the Rev. & Mrs. Chester L. Osgood, Pierpont Manor, N.Y. A June 11, 1966, wedding is planned.

BARKER — BUNNELL
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Barker of Houghton, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynne Eileen (ex '66), to David Arthur Bunnell (ex '67) of Indianapolis, Indiana, son of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bunnell of Springville, Pa. An August wedding is planned.

BRANDT — BLANCHARD
Dr. & Mrs. Henry Brandt of Flint, Michigan announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth L. ('66) to Paul D. Blanchard (U. of Michigan, '65), son of Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Blanchard also of Flint. A June, 1966, wedding is planned.

CHACE — KENT
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred N. Chace of Greenwood, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Maye, ('69), to Mr. Clifford L. Kent, son of Mr. & Mrs. Louis Kent, of Canisteo, N.Y.

DAVENPORT — PUTNAM
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Davenport of Atlantic City, N.J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lois ('67), to Mr. William H. Putnam ('67), son of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Putnam of Stockton, N.Y. A June 1967 wedding is planned.

DEFILIPPO — TUTTLE
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Defilippo of Elmira Heights, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda J. ('66), to Mr. James E. Tuttle ('67), son of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Tuttle of Rochester, Pa. A June 1967 wedding is planned.

HARRISON — STRUSE
The Rev. & Mrs. Bruce Harrison of Manasquan, N.J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Joyce, to Mr. William Struse ('67),

son of Drs. Tolbert and Sarah Struse of Phoenixville, Pa.

JAGER — SWIFT
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Jager of Strongsville, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Ruth ('68), to Mr. Daniel B. Swift ('68), son of Mr. & Mrs. Oan B. Swift, Jr. of Milford, Michigan. A summer, 1968, wedding is planned.

MILLIGAN — ROBBINS
Mr. & Mrs. Clark Milligan of Lake Huntington, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Bernice Ann, to Mr. Paul Robbins ('66), son of Mrs. Edith Robbins and the late Seaman L. Robbins. An August 20, 1966, wedding is planned.

NEWLAND — MEADER
Mr. & Mrs. John W. Newland of Hamburg, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Jo ('66) to Mr. David J. Meader ('65), son of Mr. & Mrs. Leon Meader of W. Acton, Mass. A June wedding is planned.

SLOCUM — OWENS
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Slocum of Rushford, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Audrey ('66), to Mr. C. Robert Owens ('66), son of Mr. & Mrs. Clinton Owens of Erieview, N.Y. A summer, 1967, wedding is planned.

NEW SEATS
The American Seat Company will supply the balcony of Wesley Chapel with 425 padded seats to be installed for use by next fall. The decision which authorized this was made last Friday by the Board of Trustees of Houghton. The college bought the upholstery material for the seats at the time of the erection of the chapel, but due to lack of money, has waited until now to use it. The increase in sales of Artist Series reserved seats was influential in the decision, for the administration felt that a padded seat in the main part of Wesley Chapel should not be sold for the same price as a chair in the balcony. The total cost of the operation will be \$11,738.85.

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Earlier Schedule Set For Senate Elections

BY WALLY STROCK

Senate elections, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Retreat, Thanksgiving vacation — these are just some of the recent items of the Senate agenda.

Elections of Senate officers will be marked this year by snow covered signs and cold windy campaigns. Instead of the usual moderating temperatures of late April, elections will be held in chilly February. "The reason?" you ask. The primary reason is to acclimate the new Senate cabinet to the business of student government. The success, importance, and creativity of student government becomes directly related to the understanding of the problems which present themselves to it; understanding, in like manner, presupposes an adequate knowledge of the problems. The Senate, furthermore, becomes an important medium for unity; an acquaintance of its senators, especially its officers, with the Administration and Faculty is the basis of understanding and unity. If you are thinking of running, ignite your icy ideas and initiate the preliminary campaign plans. Petitions and platforms will be due on February 16 and the race will be wound up by final elections on February 25. From the present junior class will come the president and vice-president; from the present sophomore class, the secretary and treasurer.

But elections are not the only matter that will concern this year's Senate on the weekend of February 19. Friday and Saturday of the same week will supply an opportunity for Houghtonians to interact with students of colleges and universities in the surrounding area. The first Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Retreat held at Houghton will be a time of mutual enrichment — Christian to Christian; but more important, it will be a time of Christian testimony to the Gospel. "Is God Dead?" presents itself as the theme of the Friday and Saturday evening discussion groups. Specific breakdown of the theme will be twofold: "An Analysis of Life — The Nature of Security" and "A Synthesis of Life — The Road to Security." The discussions are to be included in a weekend of winter sports. Where do we fit in? First, visiting students will be rooming with those Houghtonians who volunteer to house them. Second, those interested Houghtonians will be able, upon registration, to participate in the discussions (announcements concerning this to be made soon). This retreat will be an excellent opportunity to escape Houghton's isolation. Interest and participation will be the guides as to future intercollegiate programming by the Senate.

Let us reverse now to an item of past history. The outcome of the Senate and Faculty discussion concerning the addition of a Thanksgiving vacation is of special interest to all of us. A Wednesday to Tuesday vacation is now included in the calendar. With the additional recess, however, comes the "pre-mid-September school-year-start."

This etching of the Senate program could be expanded. Other events will be mentioned later. Among such events, the Washington Seminar, the Christian Colleges' College Bowl, and the Senate Science Lecture Series are coming in the near future.

Agenda

Friday, January 14: Lecture Series, Art Wilson, 8:00 p.m.
Basketball 1-3.
Saturday, January 15: Basketball 2-5.
Monday, January 17: Departmental Recital, 2:40 p.m.
Student - Faculty - Administration Dinner, 5:30
Faculty Recital, Edgar R. Norton, 7:30 p.m.
Basketball 1-4.
Wednesday, January 19: Reading Day.
Basketball 2-3.
Thursday, January 20 - January 26: Final Examinations.
Friday, January 21 and Saturday, January 22: Academy presents the Walt Disney film, "Big Red", Fancher Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Of Men And Things

BY R. HUGHES

The passing year is always a subject of reflection, and to this college it contained individuals and events which stand head and shoulders above others in significance. It is with this in mind that this column presents its EVENT OF THE YEAR, and MAN OF THE YEAR awards.

The criteria for the event of the year are set high, since many events might well qualify. A history of the award would reveal such events as Washington's crossing of the Delaware, the Crimean War, and the 1964 Skip Weekend return. This year's award goes to the Library Days held under the able direction of two rival houses. The event was extremely significant in that it showed the jolly side of many of our most respected seniors, who in dedication to a righteous cause, did participate most happily.

Our Man of the Year award might be compared to the Nobel Peace Prize, since the criteria demand an upstanding individual who has contributed to the cause of peace. A study of previous winners reveals such star-studded personages as Pope Boniface VIII, Napoleon Bonaparte, and '64-winner Lyndon B. Johnson. Many qualified for the award this year, the decision therefore being quite difficult, but after considering the qualifications of the applicants, it was decided that our new town constable, Mr. John Robb, deserves the award.

By no means does this column slight other individuals and events. For instance, some other events high on the list were the first three Houghton Grand-Prix, and the reopening of the Genesee Valley Canal as Mr. Kuntz sailed his barge deep into the waterless depths.

LETTERS . . .

pression of student opinion and to ask the questions which provoke creative and individualistic thought.

I am disappointed by the amazing lack of intellectual stimulation I have experienced so far this year.

Sincerely yours,

Mimi Gray

Dear Editor,

Just recently, within a week's time, my car received three sizeable dents from some of our gifted Houghton drivers who thoughtfully ran into it in one of the parking lots. I cannot conceive of the fact that they did not realize that they hit the car, simply because of the size of the dents. I am fully aware of the terrible caliber of drivers that we have in the Houghton area, yet there seems to be something drastically out of line when they cannot report an accident to the owner and pay for the damage. Is this the sign of a "true Christian witness?"

Sincerely, Dick Martin

Dear Editor,

Romans 16: 17 & 18 says, "Stay away from those who cause divisions and scandals, teaching things about Christ that are against what you have been taught. Such teachers are not working for our Lord Jesus, but only want gain for themselves. They are good speakers and simple-minded people are often fooled by them."

Can not an application be made from these verses relating to those whom the college permits to appear on the platform in chapel and on lecture series?

Sincerely, David L. Musser

Positive Objectives Sought In Viewing Sports Program

BY JACK HAZZARD

There have been many arguments both for and against an inter-collegiate sports program at Houghton. It is not my purpose to support either side of the issue, but I do suggest that if the college is to include inter-collegiate sports into its total program, the sports program must make positive contributions towards the ultimate goals and standards of Houghton College.

President Paine challenged each of us in chapel this past Tuesday when he urged us to become more familiar with our college songs. This is not just a matter of taking time to memorize some songs that we will forget the moment we are handed our college diplomas, but rather a matter which should reflect a wholesome spirit towards our school. One of the most impressive parts of the college football bowl games this past New Years was the break that was taken from the excitement and cheering to play the Alma Mater. It was stirring to feel the deep respect and loyalty that students displayed towards their college in those few quiet moments that the Alma Mater was played. Where is our respect? Where is our loyalty? College spirit seems, I am sure, to be a trite phrase, but never-the-less a good spirit and a true sense of loyalty toward the eternal objectives of our college, the molding of Christian men and women, are prerequisites of a successful and positive inter-collegiate program.

In light of the ultimate objectives of this college, the inter-collegiate sports program, if ever put into effect, must be aware that the teams it displays do not only represent some small college in Allegheny County, New York, but they also represent the ideal of Christianity. How can this be done? In many Christian colleges, the teams not only represent their college and its ideals on the basketball court; they carry their Christian witness off the floor and into churches in the community where they are visiting.

I am in no position to write down what the objectives of inter-collegiate sports should be nor do I pretend to know why we do not have or should have such a program. I only suggest that we think in a positive way and search for positive contributions that inter-collegiate sports can offer to our total program. To think this way is much more constructive than to unjustly criticize the Administration and the Student Senate for its carelessness in introducing inter-collegiate sports.



Conglomerate Spectators
The apathy . . .

Ski Club Views Vermont Slopes For Annual Mid-Semester Trip

Ski Club is about ready to embark on its third annual semester break ski trip. Not only do fond thoughts of schussing down the slopes and making parallel turns run through their minds but also memories of broken arms, bruised faces and tired limbs descend upon them as they consider this year's trek.

Leaving Houghton after final exams are over, about twenty hardy souls will seek adventure on the snow-clad mountains of New England. Although Allegheny State Park has been the site of the past two trips, this year Vermont is on the agenda. Featuring such world-renowned ski areas as Stowe, Mount Snow, and Glen Ellen, this state is recognized as one of the top spots in the country.

Gone will be the T-bars of Allegheny and the mitten-shredding rope-tow of the college slope. Instead, double chair-lifts will provide a much more pleasing way of ascending the heights. Once there, Houghton skiers will find slopes laid out before them will make the college's look like a kiddie sled run.

Upon arriving, the skiers will find warm fires in the fireplace, hot chocolate, snowballs and, perhaps, skiing for those who dare.

President Jack Wright says that Chateau Ecole at Pittsford is the prime choice for the trip. If this pans out, the cost for the trip will be only twenty-five dollars, which includes all expenses.

There is a possibility that the Vermont trip cannot be made, in which case the students will stay at Houghton and make day trips to such local spots as Kissing Bridge. If this is done, the cost will be greatly reduced.

Seeing as how the snow has finally decided to fall, enthusiasm is mounting among Houghton skiers. For those not wishing to trek up to the ski slope, the "slide-for-life" down the path to the Inn is breath-taking.

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Juniors' Perrine
The agony!

Sophomore Women Take Series With No Losses

The first girls' basketball game of the new year was played between the Sophomores and Juniors on Monday. The teams seemed to be a little out of practice, mainly because of the lack of practice over the Christmas vacation. The last time these two teams clashed the game was close, but this game was even closer and more exciting. Going into this game the Sophomores had an undefeated season.

The first quarter was extremely close with the score 6-2, favor the Juniors. With the fine defensive playing of both teams the score at half time was only 9-7, still favor the Juniors. In the third quarter the Sophs started to work as a team and by the end of the game, the score was 24-17, favor the Sophs.

Throughout the game, Barbara Wurth and Alice Peoples for the Juniors made an excellent combination of passing and controlling the ball. Jan Elliott and Sheila Harris kept a tight defense under the basket. In the beginning of the game the Sophs could not make their passes and shot connect for the basket. The pass from Jackie Cheney to Marcia Carlson to Penny Solomon seemed to be the vital link to the success for the class of '68. Under the basket for the Sophs were Winky Leinster who was top rebounder, and Joyce Deibert.

Alice Peoples led the scoring with thirteen points. Jackie Cheney was high for the Sophs with nine points, and Penny Solomon was next with six points. Nan Miller, Marcia Carlson and Barbara Wurth all had four points.

The Sophs definitely have the girls' championship even if they lose their last game against the Seniors tonight, which is unlikely. The Freshmen and Juniors are tied for second place, while the Seniors are in last place.



The ecstasy?

Drybones, Visitors And Convicts Lead In Houseleague Ball Series

In men's A League action the Drybones appear to be headed for the championship. The Drybones defeated the Academy Varsity, putting the league into a three way tie.

Academy's George Dickenson dumped in 18 points — many of them in the first quarter to contribute to a 14-6 lead at the end of this quarter. The Drybones, however, tightened their defense. At the half the Academy led 15-14.

The Drybones took the lead in the third quarter, but the score always remained within only four points. With thirty seconds to go in the fourth quarter, Bill Greenway, who was held to twelve points, put in two foul shots to give the Drybones a 38-36 victory.

In other A league action the Ayermales remained tied for the lead by defeating the Romper Room Gang 63-47. Dave Wolfe scored 21 points.

In B League the Visitors maintained their winning streak by defeating the Excelsiors 38-36. The Excelsiors led at the end of the third quarter, but Henry Abbink scored the winning baskets in the last quarter. Jack Hazzard had 16 for the winners.

The Ulcers beat Bickom Bachelors 32-26 and the Academy J.V.'s 53-50. Ulcers' Rick Jorgenson scored 15 points and 23 points in these victories.

In C League the undefeated Convicts beat Waldorf 54-31 and the V.C. Five 67-48. Dave Loughery scored 17 and 20 points in the games respectively.

In Women's League the Academy remained the only undefeated team downing the Adam's Ribs 30-24. The Academy took an early lead but Adam's Ribs led at the half 14-12. Judy Stockin scored 13 for the winners while Carlene Miller put in 11 for the losers.

MEN'S CLASS BASKETBALL

TEAM	WON	LOST
Frosh	4	1
Juniors	4	2
Seniors	2	2
Sophs	0	5