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## School Increases Faculty Roster; *SpaceMen, Bridie* Students Tour Wonderland Ten Members Join College Staff *Murphy Star In* With Alice During Program *Parties Tonight*

Nine teachers have been added to the Houghton College faculty, five of them full-time.

Stephen W. Calhoun, Jr., of the class of 1953, will fill the position in the chemistry department vacated by Dr. Floyd Reese. It is significant to note that the late Miss Burnell stated that she hoped to live until the time that Mr. Calhoun would be returning to take over her place. The college hopes to work out a plan whereby Mr. Calhoun can continue his Ph.D. studies at Ohio State University during the summer.

Mr. Jack Bemis has been secured to teach woodwinds and music theory. He received his master's degree at the Eastman School of Music in August, 1956. Before that, he served in the Air Force where he played oboe in the 525th and 566th Air Force Bands.

Ian Lennox, instructor in sociology, is no stranger to Houghton, for he was a social science major at Houghton. Mr. Lennox is suspending his studies at theological seminary to assist the college.

Edgar Norton, a Fredonia State Teachers College graduate, will replace Mr. Albert Schroer as head of the music education program. Mr. Norton, who taught seven years in Public School, was active in Youth for Christ in Wellsville.

Mr. Vance Johnston came to Houghton from King's College to work on his doctorate. He soon found himself drafted to teach two education classes, Introduction to Second-

ary Education and Philosophy of Education.

Mrs. Ian Lennox, who received her Master's degree in Education from Alfred University, is teaching Educational Psychology and Women's Physical Education.

Rev. Everett Elliott, the President of the Lockport Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, is teaching Pastoral Methods.

Mrs. Stockin is returning to the faculty to serve in her father's place, who has been commissioned to begin work on the murals for the new chapel.

Several additions have been made to the staff: Donna Brumagin is the Secretary to the Business Manager; Evelyn Kaylor, Secretary to College Development; Martha Mowry Thompson, Book Store Clerk; Frances Stockin, Secretary at the Music Bldg.; Ruth Wynn Foulk, Cashier; Mildred Feguer, Registrar's Assistant, and Mrs. Gilbert Hynes, Secretary to the Dean of Students.

Miss Carrier has added two new library staff workers; Mrs. Hess and Mrs. Stephen Calhoun.

On the maintenance staff is C. J. Mowerer, janitorial assistant.

Tonight marks another grand exodus of Houghton students and faculty to scenic Letchworth Park for the annual school picnic held each fall.

For the Freshmen, this will be the first of several such festivities, and the juniors are planning to introduce them well to the beauties of the park. Vaughn Dunham, junior chairman, advises all junior and freshmen to leave their earthly cares and worries behind and be prepared for a trip into outer space. *McCarty's Midnight Men* will be along on the trip to provide special music. The journey will start from the Upper Falls area of the park.

Whereas this is the first picnic for the Freshmen, this is also the last for the Seniors, who are planning a Houghton version of the *Bridie Murphy* story, under the leadership of Marge Harbers, senior social chairman. The Soph-Senior party will center in the Lower Falls area.

After an afternoon of various recreational activities, dinner will be served at 6:30, followed by the various programs.

Where is Wonderland?  
Where in the world is Wonderland?  
Over the hill or underland  
Or just behind a tree?

Three hundred and fifty guests journeyed to Wonderland at the Student Senate New Students' Reception, Friday evening, September 21. The event climaxed orientation activities for incoming students.



## Freshman Music Majors Display Versatility, Talents in Recital

Fifteen new music majors performed in the Freshman recital presented by the Houghton College Department of music and given in the college chapel on September 19.

The program was one of the most varied in recent years. It contained vocal selections as well as those on the piano, clarinet, cello, trumpet and cornet. These selections were both sacred and secular in character.

Two vocalists — Gay Goodroe, soprano, and Donald Hontz, bass-baritone, — chose the sacred numbers "Twenty-Third Psalm" and "Consecration Hymn", while the third, a soprano, Gloria Ann Benham, sang Schumann's "Thou Art So Like a Flower." They were accompanied by Anne Musser, Linda Fleetwood and Vaughn Dunham.

The piano selections were "Sonata in D Major, No. 11" by Haydn, "Rhapsody in E Flat Major" by Brahms, "Clair de Lune" by Debussy and "Prelude in C Sharp Minor" by Rachmaninoff. These were performed by Constance Perrine, David Childs, Helene Harris and Elaine Farris respectively.

The clarinetist, Sandra Wells, who was accompanied by Mary Parker, played "Ah, So Pure (Martha)" by von Flotow, and the cellist, Elizabeth Drake, accompanied by Carolyn Pock, rendered "Now the Sheep Se-

cure Are Grazing" by Bach.

Robert Vogan played Rubenstein's "Romance Op. 44" on the trumpet with Alyce VanAtter at the piano, and Robert MacKenzie, trumpeter, played "The Debutante" by Clarke with Gerald Campbell accompanying. The cornetist, Ronald Kerr, selected "Willow Echoes" by Simon as his number. He was assisted by Harley Gearhart at the piano.

## Sophomore and Senior Students Tie In Upper Class Scholarship Award

Honor students in the senior and sophomore classes have tied for the class scholarships for this semester. The winners are Barbara Erickson and Elizabeth Stark in the senior class, David Neu in the junior class, and Carol Demarest and John Van Der Decker in the sophomore class. All had straight A averages.

Barbara Erickson is majoring in psychology, has been active in the Oratorio, Foreign Missions Fellowship,

Dwight Strum, president of the Student Senate, greeted the new students and introduced Bruce Hess, who led a devotional period. Following the introduction of new faculty and staff members by Dr. A. W. Lynip and Dr. W. G. Smith, a girls quartet led the audience through the doors of Wonderland to Father William and his precocious young friend embodied

in Paul Earl singing "You are Old Father William." Barbara Mitchell as Alice sang "I give myself very good advice, but I very seldom follow it" from "Contradictory Counsel." Original music was provided throughout the program by June Stevenson.

A reading — "A Mad Tea Party" featured a cast of Beverly Garrison as the Mad Hatter, Paul Earl as the March Hare, Irwin Reist as the Dormouse and Alice Banker as Alice. Joan Egeler narrated. The dilatory March Hare led the audience to Bedford Gymnasium where the aura of Wonderland prevailed. Lollipops and stuffed animals dangled through the pastel streamers. A hexagonal booth dispensed refreshments hidden under awnings. A human-electric eye regulated the "Soup of the Evening" booth giving amusement to the thirsty.

The entire program was under the chairmanship of Joan Egeler. Carolyn Metzger and Paul Earl headed the decoration committee. Marilyn Martin and Robert Stowell were in charge of refreshments. The publicity committee worked under the leadership of Molly Castor.

## Teachers Return

Eleven seniors returned to Houghton early this year to begin three weeks of practice teaching in neighboring high schools. The students, most of whom have returned, lived in the community where they taught, and so, participated in extra-curricular activities.

The students taught in these subject fields: Social Science — Ann Carrier to Scio, Fred Nagle to Nunda, Helen Ott to Arcade, Grace Peterson to Jamestown, Raymond Tirrell to Cuba, Frederick Towstik to Castile; Social Science and English — Rose Whipple to Angelica; English — Betty Stark to Holland; Latin and English — Sandra Gemmell to Friendship; Spanish and English — Donna-belle Pagett to Cuba; French — Janet Swift to Wellsville.

## Enrollment Jumps

College enrollment this semester is 617 compared with last year's figure of 590 at this time. Fifteen are part-time students taking less than twelve hours, leaving a total of 592 full-time students. The total of men students is 292 and women is 315.

The senior total is 113; juniors, 123; sophomores, 162; freshmen, 196; and unclassified, 13. There are 25 transfer students.

Two new foreign students are also registered. They are Aristotle Nicolaides, a freshman, from Jerusalem, Jordan, and Orebawale Bodunrin, also a freshman, from Nigeria. A third foreign student, expected to arrive this week, is Anthony Yu from Hong Kong.

## W. T. Allen Assumes Direction of Choral

Professor Allen is taking over the choral in place of Professor Basney, who is teaching violin this year. The following are members this year as a result of auditions held the first week of classes: G. Benham, V. Dunham, D. Hedstrom, R. Ledden, G. Goodroe, D. Ziefert, R. McKelvie, G. Douglas, D. Sir Louis, J. Hersch, B. Platt, M. Harbers, F. Kendall, R. Trail, D. Linton, F. Estep, D. Keller and M. Atwood.

Professor Allen plans to concentrate on arrangements of hymns with some classical selections. He will conduct a tour during Easter vacation.

Since Prof. William Allen came to Houghton in September, 1953, he has composed two outstanding operettas, *Ardelia* and *The Coffee Machine*. The words of *Ardelia* were written by Prof. Charles Davis of the English department.

## Building Plans Progress

Before winter sets in, the front door of Luckey Memorial should be in use. A landing, steps and a connecting walk in front of the building are to be finished before the snow falls.

Mr. Clifford Brocker and his associates completed the structural details and bid specifications for the East Hall wing during the summer. Further progress awaits a reply from the government concerning loan assistance.

At present Mr. Brocker is proceeding with structural details for the chapel auditorium.

## Frosh Obtain \$4,500 In Scholarship Help

Approximately 35 per cent of the freshman class is receiving scholarship aid from the college this semester. The college awards three types of discounts: freshman scholarships covering 15 to 45 per cent of tuition, depending on high school records and need; parental discounts covering 5 to 25 per cent of tuition to children of ministers, missionaries and faculty members, scaled according to parental income; and ministerial discounts covering 5 to 25 per cent, offered to students taking the ministerial course, also based on need.

Sixty freshman scholarships were awarded this year, amounting to a total of \$4,615.29, compared with 48 scholarships last year, totaling \$3,672.31. Eight others received ministerial or parental discounts.

and Torchbearers, and has worked on the *Star* and the *Boulder*. Elizabeth Stark is majoring in psychology and has been active in the Oratorio, expression club, and *Star* and *Lantern* work. She also won a freshman scholarship and her class scholarship first semester last year.

David Neu is majoring in mathematics and has been active in sports, Torchbearers, WJSL, and chorus. He also won a freshman scholarship.

Carol Demarest is majoring in mathematics and has been active in Foreign Missions Fellowship, sports, and the Student Senate. John Van Der Decker is a pre-medical student and has been active in WJSL, Foreign Missions Fellowship, and Torchbearers. Both won a freshman scholarship.

There were no ties last year.

## Belcher Aids Sea Rescue

The aerial team work of Lt. Sylvester A. Belcher of Houghton and Clarence W. Abendschein, Aviation Machinist Mate First Class, Kenmore, N. Y., naval reservists of VF (Jet) 852 N.A.S. Niagara Falls, N. Y. aided in the air-sea rescue operation during an alert for a person in a sailboat reported missing on Lake Ontario, August 27th.

They used an AT-6 "Texan" trainer for the operation.



## Reach for the Stars

"The Stars are out" doesn't always mean to look up. When you hear those words Friday mornings, you can be sure that another issue of your college newspaper is off the press and in your mailbox.

The staff hopes that you will enjoy each issue of the *Star*. Our prime goal is to adequately cover all campus news — and as many Houghton sidelines as possible. Also, we hope to promote greater participation in events of the college, to advance the prestige of Houghton, to encourage cooperation between faculty and students and to present a positive Christian testimony.

If you feel that the staff is missing these goals, be sure to let us know; if not, we'd like to hear that too. Or, if you have any contributions or suggestions to make, please drop in the office — or better still, write us a letter, but please sign it if you want it to receive proper consideration. By the way, freshmen, the slot in the *Star* office door is for such letters to the editor — not outgoing mail.

## For Meditation

### Wayfarer

BY HERB REINHARDT

"I am the Way . . ." John 14:6.

As Christians, many times we are guilty of lightly quoting these words without giving serious thought to their full content — not so with the apostle Paul! If we could catch his knowledge and fervency as he undoubtedly pondered this phrase, then we could experience similar results.

It took Paul a number of years to find his way in life. At first, religious bigotry seemed to be the path to follow. But at Damascus his spiritual eyes were opened, and from then on he was able to see the Eternal Way.

He had now become a son in the household of faith. His citizenship was in the kingdom of God, and he took upon himself the attitude of a representative with a vital message from the King of Heaven. He too, like Abraham, recognized that he was a sojourner in a strange land with no certain dwelling place. His lot became that of pointing wandering men to this way of life which he had found.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Paul recorded these comments for those who in future years would be trying to find their way in life or encountering difficulty because of a strayed walk.

If such is our case we have but to look in faith to the same Lamb of God who is waiting to shed His light on the path we are to follow.



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## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



TH GUYS WHO WRITE UP THESE CATALOGS FORGET WE DON'T HAVE A COLLEGE EDUCATION YET.

## Bifocal



Marilyn and Bob

Now that the dust is settled, the suitcases packed away, and the delights of Freshman week over, what better opportunity to wedge in a word of greeting to everyone and a welcome to the new members of Houghton's family — faculty and students. By this time the gaudy hilarity of first meetings since May has passed, and there prevails the more sobering realization (we hope) that the big job — of a year at college — has begun. From reports of the midnight lamps already burning, it is obvious how eager and quick some of us are. So with "push" as the byword for all of us — hearty and frail — our hat is off to the start of another year.

## IN MEMORIAM

One of the sad parts of returning to college each Fall is to notice the missing person's file. Written on that roll this semester are Dr. Nelson, Pastor Angell, Mr. Andrews (but only temporarily), Mr. Shroer, Miss Miller, Rev. and Prof. Shea, Dr. Reese and Miss Kelly. Also the class of '56, and those who, for one reason or another, were unable to return. We wish them every goodness and trust that they will think about us now and then — as we shall certainly be wondering about them.

## FAMILY TREE

Beth and Fredi have also gone. *In Medias Res* was their brainchild; its life blazed the trail which *Bifocal* now follows. Thanks, B and F, for leaving a paramount precedent; we hope it will make its family proud. The reader may notice a difference in the offspring, of course; we trust deviation will be accepted.

## BRAVO

We hear that "Senior privileges" have been extended to the 21-year olds, instead of the 24-year olds as in the past years. This is certainly a welcome and sensible change, since 21-year olds can vote and assume complete independence in other areas.

## A WORD TO THE WONDERING

The "Greenberg Girls" wish it made known that they are not all on special diets. They have neither diabetes, nor hypertension, and most of them are satisfied with their present weight. They are just a hardy bunch who don't mind living in an antique and eating their own cooking.

## QUO VADIS?

A *Bifocal* salute goes to the eleven o'clock chapel. The old students are perfectly agreeable (aren't you?) to these new, sleep-permitting arrangements, and it is obvious that the Freshmen can't possibly appreciate this good fortune.

## IT'S ALL HOW YOU PHRASE IT . . .

Father: What's this item on your college bill? It's called "chapel fee?"

Student: Oh, that's sort of a fund they have to raise money for the new chapel. They assess each student for a contribution inversely proportional to the number of times he has used the present chapel during the past semester.

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS DEPARTMENT

An addition to our campus scene this year is a forty-eight cubic foot monument erected to the honor of the Canadea Civil War Veterans. It is located on the Gaoyadeo point.

## WE STICK TOGETHER

The make-up staff wishes to thank Miss Rork for so graciously providing the rubber cement they needed for the first issue of the *Star*. This just goes to show how integrated the literary and scientific departments of Houghton College are.

## Suared

### CHRISTENSEN — MILLIGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Milligan of Hamburg, New York announce the engagement of their daughter, Joyann ('57), to William E. Christensen ('56) of Roxbury, Mass.

No date has been set for the wedding.

### ESTEP — DUNHAM

Rev. and Mrs. Verne L. Dunham of Lorain, Ohio announce the engagement of their daughter, Vaughn ('58), to Frank M. Estep ('57) of Altoona, Pa.

No date has been set for the wedding.

### WOOD — CRONK

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cronk of Chattanooga, Tennessee announce the engagement of their daughter, Martha H. ('57), to Lyman R. Wood ('58) of Gorham, New York.

No date has been set for the wedding.

### SAVOLAIN — STURGIS

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan L. Sturgis of New Castle, Pennsylvania announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol ('59), to Edward Savolaine ('59), also of New Castle.

No date has been set for the wedding.

### MOOS — McCLURE

Mrs. Lydia McClure of Floral Park, New York announces the engagement of her daughter, Doris Elaine ('59) to Mr. Warren Moos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moos of New Hyde Park, New York.

Mr. Moos is now a senior at Brown University, Providence, R. I.

### BEDFORD — ZUBER

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Zuber of Battle Creek, Michigan announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel L. (ex '58) to Harry Bedford, also of Battle Creek.

No date has been set for the wedding.

### DE GROAT — BRACKETT

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brackett of Fulton, New York announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda ('59), to David Everett De Groat ('57) of Lyons, N. Y.

No date has been set for the wedding.

### TOWLE — TALLMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Tallman of Silver Springs, New York announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Pauline ('56), to Horace Q. Towle ('56) of North Caldwell, New Jersey.

No date has been set for the wedding.

## Paired

### KNOWLTON — MILLER

Rev. and Mrs. H. Franklin Miller of Kittanning, Pennsylvania announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Frances ('56), to Louis E. Knowlton ('54) on August 25, at the Union Baptist Church of Kittanning, Pa.

### ALLEN — GIFFORD

Mr. and Mrs. George Gifford of Stanley, New York, announce the marriage of their daughter, Martha (ex '58), to Bruce Allen of Hackensack, New Jersey on September 8, 1956 at 2:30 p. m. in the Bethel Baptist Church in Gorham, New York.

### DOTTS — AUGSBURGER

Mr. and Mrs. Chris D. Augsburger announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth ('57), to Raymond Richard Dotts ('59) on September 1, 1956 at 2:00 p. m. in Quakertown, Pennsylvania.

### EVERETT — GUTWEIN

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gutwein of Fords, New Jersey, announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy M. ('58), to Arthur R. Everett Jr. ('58), on September 1, at 3:00 p. m., in the St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed Church of Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

## Heired

### POLLOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Pollock ('55), announce the birth of a daughter, Susan Edith, on September 2,

### ZWIEBEL

Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Zwiebel ('57), announce the arrival of a daughter, Cheryl Lynn, born on June 7.



# Town Meeting: Arab Nationalism Freshman Among Best to Enter Houghton: Precipitates Suez Canal Crisis Campus is Scene of Greenies' Beautification

BY STANLEY SANDLER

While most of us were away this summer, relaxing from the grind of studies, the wheels of political influence and intrigue continued to turn in devious and mysterious ways, fueled by the fires of militant Arab nationalism. Frustrated in his attempt to literally blackmail the United States into building the Aswan Dam, on the Nile River, the dictator of Egypt, Gamel Abdel Nasser, proclaimed to a howling mob that henceforth the Suez canal was to be run by "Egyptians . . . Egyptians . . . Egyptians."

The effect of this announcement on the capitals of the world was immediate and frightening. From London, Paris, Oslo, The Hague, and Canberra came denunciation of Nasser's action in nationalizing the Suez canal. Paris branded him "another Hitler," who must be stopped now.

The reason for the anguish of the statesmen of the West is plain and sobering. The vast majority of Europe's oil comes from the Middle East via Suez. The canal is a short-cut that makes unnecessary the weary trip around Africa. It cuts 8 days to two weeks from steamship routes. For both economic and strategic reasons the Suez canal is vital to Western Europe.

The dispute is not with Mr. Nasser's right to nationalize the canal. The International Convention of 1888 assured Egypt's sovereignty over Suez. It also provided that the canal was to be open to all nations in both peace and war. What the Western nations fear and bitterly oppose is the fact that this jugular vein of Europe can be controlled-or-cut by one man—Mr. Nasser. The Western nations feel that they cannot accept Nasser's word that he will not interfere with the operation of the canal for several reasons. Earlier this year Nasser completed a deal with communist Czechoslovakia for vast quantities of second-hand arms. He leaves little doubt that he intends to use them against Israel, whose defeat of Egypt in 1948 is still a cause for teeth-gnashing humiliation and rage. As part-payment for this aid, Nasser had adopted more and more the neutralist or even communist international point-of-view, flirting dangerously with China and the Soviet Union, (whose propaganda now makes it difficult for him to back down). Some of the more disturbing of Mr. Nasser's unsavory traits may be found in his book, *Philosophy of the Revolution*, a must for all students of Middle-East Affairs. He dreams big. He envisions an Arab empire "stretching from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean"—with himself as the head.

If the Western nations had concrete assurances that shipping through the canal would be unhindered, the dispute would be settled. Nasser says that he will permit free passage through the canal for all. For eight years, however, Israeli shipping has been barred and even ships of other countries carrying goods to Israel have been stopped. For the above reasons, and others, Nasser reveals himself as a man in whom it would be suicide to place the explicit trust of this life-line of Europe.

In his present position Nasser is strong and at the same time quite weak. Politically, he has strong support from the Arab masses. He is their idol, the fuhrer. He also has a great measure of support from the neutralist countries (India, Indonesia, Ceylon, etc.) The communists have lost little time in gleefully jumping in to drive a wedge between the West and the Arab countries.

Economically, Nasser could little stand a protracted blockade, boycott or sanctions which would surely be imposed if he interfered with the operation of the canal. Egypt is a dirt-poor country, most of her people living at near-starvation level. Without the canal and its tolls and taxes for Cairo's coffers, the country would become completely bankrupt, the people would starve and Nasser would be forced to concede.

The sands of time, however, run quickly. Arab nationalism, allied with communism could produce a force for evil which would engulf the entire East in a flood of misery and war.

## WE'RE BLUSHING! (But we like it!)

Somebody likes us after all! The president of the American Textbook Publishers Institute—that's the association of most of the textbook publishing companies—says that we are "essential to our whole system of higher education". We're glad someone else said it, for we would be immodest if we said it.

This authority goes on to say that, "Running a college store is a vexatious and often thankless effort. But without the college store, the professor and the student would be without the tools of teaching and learning. If textbooks and supplies had to be sold directly to individuals or small groups, this more expensive system of distribution would greatly increase prices to all students. The college store is an integral part of the educational system, performing essential services and, for the most

part, performing them well. The store management deserves the thanks of students, faculty and administration."



Sure, we're blushing at those words, but we like them! Now we would like to say something about the publishers and their books. Penny for penny, page for page, books are the best "buy" of your college career. Come in and see for yourself.

## Houghton College Book Store

According to Houghton custom, the sophs greeted the frosh of 1956 with a full and frolicking program of initiation and competition, in which the sophs took the victory.

The sophomore initiation committee, Judy Miller, Mary Robson, Ed Moos and Jack Thompson, enforced rules that sent frosh gals all over campus borrowing shirts from the frosh fellows.

In addition to the usual wearing of identification signs and clothing inside out, each "lowly freshman" was given an opportunity to receive a free hair glamorizing treatment at the soph Beauty-Barber Shop in front of the Science Building. Several new students, tired of their usual drab hair color, brightened it up with red, green and blue dye.

Dave Harris, orator and speech student of the class of 1960, gave a most heart-stirring recitation of the frosh pledge on top of the chapel

steps "to the most high and superior Sophomores." The onlookers were taken captive by the ferocious onslaught of his verbal gymnastic.

Dean Lynip's dog, thanks to Augie



Beauty Barber Shop

King, got one of the best scratching of his fleas that he had known for quite some time by eight freshmen girls.

The Court of Honor, held by the upperclassmen under Judge John Reist and patrolled by Sergeants Dwight Strum and Paul Earl, convened Wednesday afternoon in front of Luckey Memorial to punish freshmen and sophomore violators.

"This, then, is a sombre and sonorous occasion," thundered Judge Reist to those who were present for the trial of offenders.

Charges were brought against Mary Robson for compelling persecuted freshmen to stroll and promenade up and down the byways in the rain. The ladies and gentlemen of the jury found her guilty. Her sentence, along with Jim Banker's, who was guilty of being a Banker and thus a "sinister influence" on Houghton campus like the rest of his clan, was to sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Jim received further punishment by being drenched with water by Mary Robson.

"The lowest of the low," Augie King, was prosecuted for using his masculine charms and suave methods to ensnare freshmen females. The defendant was found guilty and thereby sentenced to lie down on Luckey lawn while a chicken was given free license to eat feed from his chest. Ironically, the rooster refused this free meal.

Results of Wednesday's competition between freshmen and sophomores are:

### Women:

Tug-of-war—sophomores  
Nail Driving—sophomores  
Dodge Ball—sophomores  
Potato Bag Race—sophomores

### Men:

Greased Pole—sophomores  
Pipe Grab—sophomores  
Wheel Barrow—sophomores  
Airplane Race—freshmen  
"The Big Push"—sophomores  
Tug-of-war—freshmen  
Sophomore total — 127 points  
Freshmen total — 116 points

## Awe-Stricken Adventurers Reminisce On Journey Across European Continent

If you find any unusually starry-eyed individuals roaming campus, don't disenchant them. More than likely it's one of the kids who went on the tour this summer.

The group of 24 students and alumni and Mr. and Mrs. Fern left Quebec City, July 3, aboard the *Arosa Star*. They arrived at Southampton, England, on the 12th of July, making 10 days of sea sickness for some of the party. Before they set sail for the good old U.S. from France, August 20, they had roamed some 1500 miles over Europe. After the tour of London and the Shakespearian country, the group left for Holland and the rest of the Continent. Then began those perennial tourist problems in earnest!

Besides having to learn the currencies, there's the language, and the food. For example, unless you know the language, it's better to be certain of the name of your hotel when you go out—if you want to come back, or so some of the kids found out. Or, unless you're absolutely sure (and you never are) that you're buying ground beef when in Paris, you'd better not. It's usually and actually horsemeat!

However, these are things easily forgotten when you can view probably the most extensive collection of Rembrandt's paintings ever assembled together in Amsterdam in the Bejks museum; or the great German gothic cathedral of Cologne standing in the city that was over 85% destroyed in the war; or any of the vast and inspiring wonders Europe offers.

From Holland the group motored into Germany, then took a steamer down the Rhine River into Switzerland, through the Alps (generally agreed by the tourists to be breathtaking sight of all) and into bright, sunny Italy.

All the students that I have interviewed were amazed by the climate of Italy, "Quite different from that around our Alma Mater," they emphasized. Beside the usual scenery, at least three of the party hold those romantic gondolas of Venice in awe. It seems they can be rather tipsy even on the Grand Canal.

The tour of Italy included: Milan, the Renaissance city of Venice, Naples, the Isle of Capri, Florence and of course, many-splendored Rome.

The route back from Italy led along the Amalfi Drive through the Italian and French Rivas, through

Monaco, Monte Carlo, and eventually Paris. Five days later, all that remained of the tour was the return crossing.

Dean Fern plans to show his films Saturday night in the chapel. He will probably have the group who went comment on the pictures.

Houghtonians who went included: Prof. William Allen, Jean Seyler, Elaine Mager, Gordon Beck, Robert Driscoll, Betty Jackson, Martha Beckwith, Sylvia Carver, Alice Nicholson, Joan Hunter, Willa Brown, and Terry Dennis. They received six hours of college credit for a course in Greek and Roman history taught on location.

Did I hear someone ask, "When do we leave for Europe next summer?"

## Book Review . . .

BY JOEL SAMUELS

THE CUP OF FURY, Upton Sinclair, Great Neck, N. Y.: Channel Press, 1956. \$3.00.

Author of nearly eighty books, Mr. Sinclair is a self appointed social reformer motivated by a kind of religious philosophy. In *Cup of Fury*, he takes up a crusade against the liquor industry's attempt to make social drinking an essential of life.

Mr. Sinclair was raised on a "sea of liquor" and he relates the story of his father and his uncles, as their moderate drinking became a rampant disease. This is only the beginning; Jack London, Stephen Crane, O. Henry and other literary geniuses are placed in the spotlight. All forty of these friends began as social drinkers and quickly slipped into a tragic life. Eleven of them took their own life, a few spent time in mental institutions, and others died an early death.

The array of data given is informative. A basic fact is that three out of four college students are drinkers. One out of sixteen drinkers will become alcoholics, and one out of five will be a problem drinker. Is this education for democracy—or tragedy?

The significance of the book lies in the fact that these twisted and broken lives represent the depths of pathos which humanity can experience. Such a crusade against this social evil is necessary. Is a real solution possible, however, unless the matrix of the problem be changed so that the person has real life?

## Repairs Alter Appearance of Gao, Campus Buildings

The *New Look* came to many spots on the Houghton Campus this summer, since the college spent over \$15,000 for special projects.

In Gaoyadeo Hall, major repairs included the complete reroofing of the building, the painting of over 30 rooms and the remodeling of the dishwashing room in the kitchen. Over \$1,000 was spent for new furniture in the lounge.

New metal stair treads were laid on all the stairs in the Old Administration and Science Buildings at an expense of over \$1,000. Room S-27 was brightened with a new floor, paint, desks and lights. Other improvements in these buildings included refinishing of floors, reroofing the Arcade, rebuilding front steps of the Old Ad Building and the painting of rooms.

In the Music Building, the practice rooms and studios were painted, in addition to reconditioning of basement instrument rooms. A skylight has been installed in Room F-23 in the Fine Arts Building.

The pool and locker rooms received a new coat of paint, Waldorf house was remodeled and several other buildings have been painted.

Dr. Smith reports that the ground maintenance was excellent this summer, and that the campus looks better than ever before.



# Gold Opposes Eager Purple Squad on Gridiron

## Seth Says:-

### Pigskin Prognosis Precarious; Squads Are Evenly Matched

A little boy was standing next to his father at Houghton's Annual Homecoming football game. After watching the first three quarters end in a scoreless tie with only one first down made by either team, he turned to his father and said,

"Daddy, why do they run with the ball so much, when it seems there are so many players who can just reach out and tag the carrier before he gains?"

"They run merely to keep the defense honest, son. If they passed all the time, the defense would learn to watch only for passes."

"Yes, but they run the ball so much that it seems they pass just to make sure the defense isn't expecting a run every time. Anyway, a pass is much quicker and you get farther with it, if it's caught. If it falls to the ground, you're still at the same place you'd be if you had run the ball."

"You don't understand, son. Red Blaik, coach of Army, says that the pass play is being re-evaluated and is being used only as a segment of play sequences rather than the basis. Hopalong Cassidy and Don Hollender have proven that a ground attack gains much more when mixed with an occasional pass, rather than vice versa."

"O, I see," nodded the boy.

The father smiled approvingly and continued watching the scoreless duel. After two running plays gained absolutely nothing, and Gold punted for the eighth time, the boy ventured, "Daddy?"

"Yes, son?" yawned his father.

"But these guys aren't playing tackle, are they?"

All of which goes to say that we hope this year's football series produces a few more touchdowns. Consider the scores of last year's games — 0-0, 13-6, 12-0, 7-0, 0-0. Or 1954 — 6-0, 8-0, 6-0, 8-0, 8-7. Add all of these points together, and the sum is 75. Divide by four, and you get a grand total of average points for each team per season of 18.75, a not too astronomical total. Or look at it another way — Purple scored 13 points last season while Gold scored 19, a ridiculous figure when you consider that S. M. U. beat Notre Dame by the same score last Saturday. One season of such low scores might be excused as due to two very capable defensive teams or continuous inclement weather, or both; but two such consecutive years questions the excuse, especially when a look at the record discloses that not since September 25, 1953, when Gold beat Purple 26-0, has one team scored more than twice. Small wonder that attendance at football games is sparse.

#### Revision of offenses is necessary

Should either Purple or Gold seek to revitalize their offense, the answer will be found in a total revamping of offensive tactics. It has been said that the best defense is a good offense, so let no one argue that we are too offensive-minded. How's the other guy going to beat you if you score every time you get the ball?

What is needed is an offensive that passes 65 to 75% of the time, and varies the attack — end run options, flat passes, buttonhooks, Z and S pass patterns, screen passes, long and short passes, down and out passes. Adopting such a repertoire would mean that those end sweeps, in which most of the running has been lateral, would start to gain, and those cross bucks and off-tackle slants would pick up an occasional first down. The situation might be expressed somewhat mathematically: passing equals touchdowns equals points equals victory equals championship equals cheers equals larger attendance.

#### Beck's breakaway speed may decide.

These conditions existing, it is indeed a foolhardy man who attempts a prediction on the football series here. In such a defensive-minded series, the breaks decide the game — a fumble produced by a slap on the arm, a blocked kick that ricochets into the end zone, or a bad pass from center. Purple and Gold seem evenly matched. Purple is much taller and heavier, while Gold is lighter and perhaps a bit quicker. Purple might have the advantage in speed, however, since Beck is the only breakaway runner on either team. If the Pharaohs shake him loose for a few long pass receptions or punt returns, that will be the deciding factor. Charles and the vulpine Gommer are adequate short passers, but neither is accurate on long tosses. Gommer is a better faker than Don, but the latter is the better runner.

At halfback, Percy and Ayers are faster than the Reist twins, but perhaps not as elusive. They compensate for this with their better blocking, though. At fullback, Seawright is a raging line plunger, and a blocker who hurts. Bob Norton is relatively untried, but seems to have the weight to throw around. Perhaps Dick's punting gives him the edge.

Gordy Beck has no peer as an offensive end, but Omdal and Thompson are hard to match defensively. Jay Cole must prove himself. Jim Banker, if he had Beck's speed, would rank with him because of his receiving ability. Ed Moos should add enough to give Purple the edge here.

At guard, Rovell, Taylor, Cox, Cooley and Omdal (who will probably alternate between end and guard) are about even in ability with the ursine Trasher and Gass, but they are much more experienced and probably faster. Omdal is the best offensive center in the school.

In the defensive secondary and tertiary, no edge is evident. The Reist twins, Don Charles, and Jim Johnson are experienced pass defenders, but Gommer, Norton, Ayers, and Percy will probably be just as good. If Beck drops back to play safety, he may mean the difference.

Because a prediction is usually ventured, we make one, but with several face-saving excuses ready come November should things fall out differently. Gold is the twice-tested champion, and the ancient adage in boxing is "When the issue is in doubt, the nod goes to the champs." We concur.

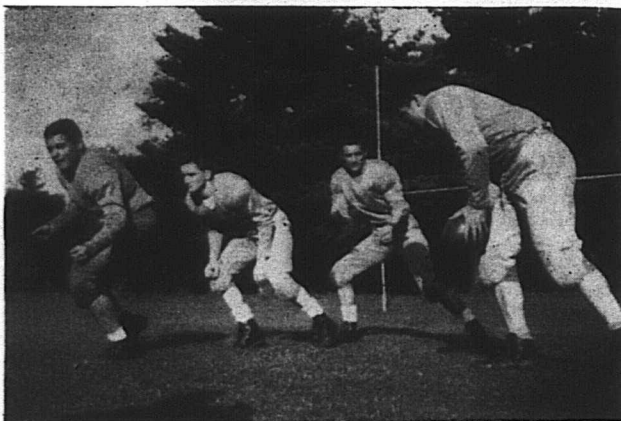


#### SPORTS CALENDAR

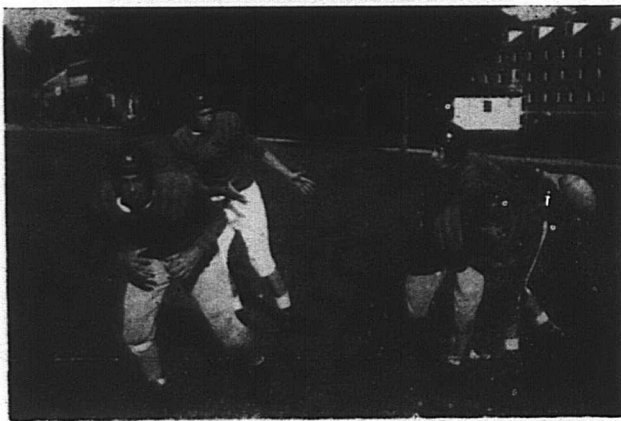
2:15 p. m., Saturday, Sept. 29 — Purple-Gold Football Game  
3:30 p. m., Monday, October 1 — Frosh-Soph Field Hockey

The Purple Pharaohs and Gold Gladiators open the year's color football series on the Alumni Athletic field tomorrow, Saturday, September 29, at 2:15 p. m.

The Gladiators, with two consecutive championships under their belts, are relying on Coach Don Gordon and several returning veterans as they defend their title against a vengeful Purple squad that has not won since 1952. Purple will be a much heavier and somewhat cumbersome squad that is smarting under the successive beatings they have taken from the lighter, quicker Gladiators, and they are anxious to resurrect their pigskin superiority.



Quarterback Don Charles pitches out to Gold Capt. Irv Reist during practice this week. Dick Seawright and John Reist lead the play around end.



Pharaohs' starting backfield goes through their paces. (L-R) Bob Norton, Russ Ayers, Jay Cole, and Co-Capt. Chuck Gommer run an off-tackle slant.

## Fall Tennis Tournaments Begins; Ex-Champ Morton Returns for Try

The 1956 Tennis Tournament is slated to get underway as soon as the signed-up contestants agree on a time to play their matches. The list of eligible contestants is posted in the vestibule bulletin board in the gym.

Last year's champion, Phil Janowsky, is graduated, but Warren Morton, 1954 titlest and runner-up last year, is slated to try for his second championship. Gordy Beck, versatile Houghton athlete, and Jim Johnson, approved net performer and a veteran of two former tournaments, will provide Warren with enough competition to keep him busy.

## Srs - Sophs Begin Field Hockey Season

The annual women's class field hockey series got underway Wednesday, September 26 with the seniors opposing the sophomores. As we go to press, no results are available.

Last year only one game was played, the freshmen defeating the high school 3-1. If this year's series is to be a success at all, enthusiasm must be more feverish than last fall. This is the only autumn sport in which women may participate, except tennis, so it should not be too difficult for each class to field a team. Class competition provides practical experience for Purple-Gold, which begins October 26.

BY J. S. REIST

#### Pharaohs Inexperienced

Purple will field a relatively inexperienced team, but it has a three man nucleus that is expected to enhance the Pharaoh's reputation. Chuck Gommer, a two year vet at quarterback, and an adept short passer, will call signals; Don Trasher, a big 190 lb. soph who is anxious to improve, will wreck plays at his guard position; and John Percy, also a one year vet, is counted on to fill one halfback post. John is a bruising blocker and an adequate pass receiver.

The new faces in Purple uniforms this year are Gordy Beck, lightning fast end, who hurt his leg during his first season three years ago and is back to salvage a season; Forest Gass, squat, yet burly and a rough guard who is out for the first time; Carlton Talbot, a 220 lb. center in his first year; Bob Norton, 195 lb. halfback, who is a freshman and has shown well; Russ Ayers, another freshman halfback who weighs in at 160 lb. and stands 6 ft.; and Jay Cole and Ed Moos, tall and lanky first year ends.

#### Gold Relies On Vets

Gold has a more experienced squad, despite the fact that John Pletincks, first string quarterback; Lyman Pierce, perhaps the best lineman at Houghton last year; and Bruce Price have been lost to the team. The backfield is much lighter, except for fullback Dick Seawright, who has been switched from his guard post. Dick will do the punting, but will be utilized mostly as a blocking back. At the halfback posts will be Irwin and John Reist, who will also back up the line on defense. Irv is a three year man, and John is returning for his third year after missing a year. Don Charles will play quarterback and defensive safety.

Dave Morton, an elusive halfback transfer from Morgan State Teachers, will be used on punt returns and also will see action in relief of the starting backfield. Art West will also play quarterback and halfback.

Gold's line has been cut in two by the absence of Pierce and Price, but they won't be hurting for adequate linemen. Jim Banker, Don Thompson, and Jim Johnson will play end, and will probably divide playing time. All three are acceptably fast, with Banker having an edge because of his catching ability. On defense, Don Thompson will give no quarter to anyone. At guard, Bob Rovell, Charley Omdal, Doug Cox, George Cooley and George Taylor hold forth, with Bob and Charley probably getting the nod. Bob is a one year man, while Charley, as rough and mobile as they come, will be back for his third year. George Taylor, a transfer sophomore who will push Seawright for the punting job, will also be used at defensive end. Doug Cox is a track man turned football player and will be used mostly as a linebacker.

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