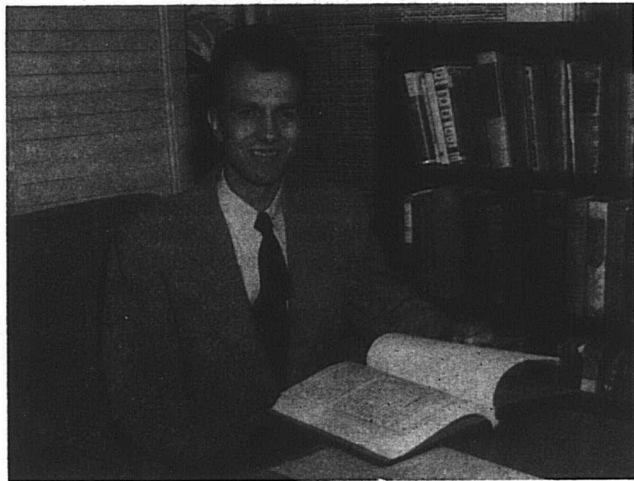


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Dr. Stockin with his Thesis

Stockin Earns Doctor's Degree; Univ. of Illinois Accepts Thesis

Second Semester Brings Decrease In Enrollment

Five hundred fifty students are enrolled at Houghton College this semester. This represents a net loss of thirteen this January as compared to twenty-two last year. The January, 1954, graduating class was nine; that of January, 1953, was two.

Those entering the college for the first time include: Thomas Ashmead, Marion Banks, Wilber Barber, Patricia Dean, Helen Hanson, Wallace Haviland, Dean Hegarty, Gordon Jones, Jane Krug, William Lowery, Ingrid Mollersten, John Masuda, Delbert Nordstrom, Grace Peterson, Wayne Reese, Marion Rochwood, Robert Schroth, Ben Udo, and Rose Whipple.

Samuel Baertschi, William Brannon, Eugene Canfield, Jack White, and Theodore Hazlett are those students who are re-entering after an absence.

Houghton's popular and smiling professor of Latin and Greek, Frank Gordon Stockin, Jr., has received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Classical Philology at the graduate college of the University of Illinois, after overcoming many set-backs.

Having all but completed a dissertation in 1948, Mr. Stockin tried to get his "Study in the Verse Vocabulary of Virgil and Seneca" accepted, but was unsuccessful because of a variety of circumstances created largely by a change of advisers. The death of his adviser, Professor William A. Oldfather, and the intervening war years, brought inevitable problems. The next year, the persistent Mr. Stockin, under the guidance of Dr. Ben E. Perry, a top scholar in the field of Aesopic literature, commenced another thesis on "The Sequence of Thought and Motivation in the Metamorphoses of Apuleius," which was accepted January 28, 1954.

Mr. Stockin began work for his Ph.D. in 1940, doing all his research and study in the summer vacation. He has maintained a full-time teaching position at Houghton during the entire period.

Dr. Stephen W. Paine, college president, also received his degree from the University of Illinois in the same field. Classical Philology embraces the study of the complete civilizations of the Greek and Roman world of which language study is only a part.

To climax the requirements for the degree, a two-and-one-half-hour comprehensive oral examination was taken. Six professors, four in the classics department and two in the French department gave this examination. Mr. Stockin's doctorate minor is French literature in the first half of the 19th century. When interrogated by one of the professors as to the dubious authenticity of some dates, candidate Stockin remarked that he adopted the dates used by the same professor in his own thesis in 1919.

Informal graduation exercises were held Sunday afternoon, January 31, in the Student Union building on the University campus. No academic regalia was worn.

The thesis, "A Sequence of Thought and Motivation in the Metamorphoses of Apuleius," concerns

the development of the storytelling arts since the first Latin novel, *Metamorphoses*, by Apuleius. Symbolic of time and effort, the 125 page thesis took nearly 70 hours to type.

Dr. Stockin, associate professor of Greek and Latin, has taught at Houghton College since 1938. In 1937 he completed his master's degree at the University of Cincinnati, following his graduation from Houghton. In 1941 he temporarily substituted at Ohio Wesleyan University. From 1943-46, he acted as principal of the Wesleyan Methodist Seminary, the present Houghton Preparatory School.

It was at Houghton, in 1941, that he became interested in Marjorie E. Ortlip, whom he married. They now have four children, aged 10, 7, and 5 years, and 6 months.

—D. C.

Lanthorn Contest Services End Now In Progress This Weekend

Whether a student may be of a philosophical turn of mind, or wedded to poetic fancy, he is in demand for the current student literary contest which closes March 15. This contest gives each student an opportunity to express himself in any of three divisions featuring essays, short stories, and poems.

Entries gaining the highest recognition will be published in the *Lanthorn*. In addition, those students winning first place in each of the three divisions will have their names engraved on a silver cup in the library.

No limit is placed upon the number of entries which an individual may make. Free-lance writers are especially encouraged to submit any unpublished manuscripts. Full details concerning the contest may be found in the rules posted on the arcade bulletin board.

—R. S.

Prizes Offered for Unpublished Poetry

The Lyric Foundation for Traditional Poetry Award of one hundred dollars will be made for the best original and unpublished poem of 32 lines or less, written in the traditional manner by an enrolled student in any American college or university. An added honorarium of one hundred dollars will be made to the library of the college in which the student is enrolled providing that library is on the list of the subscribers to *The Lyric*, a magazine of poetry.

Poems should be mailed not later than June 1, 1954, to *The Lyric*, P.O. Box 390, Christiansburg, Virginia. Contestants should be sure to mention the name of their college or university, and should keep a copy of their contribution, as no poems will

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Torchbearers Hear Talk On Evangelism

The Rev. Mr. Donald Penner, a 1952 graduate of Houghton, was the speaker at the January 18 meeting of the Torchbearers. He spoke concerning personal evangelism.

Mr. Penner is pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Great Valley, New York.

The theme of personal evangelism will be continued throughout the semester, featuring members of the Houghton faculty as guest speakers.

—C. M.

Special services are continuing this week each evening at the church. Rev. Forrest Gearhart of Sturgis, Michigan, is the speaker. He also speaks each day at the morning chapel meeting. Professor Hynes directs the choir during the services.

Sunday evening, February 14, is the date for the closing service of this series.

Winter Snow Carnival Planned Next Weekend . . . If Snow Comes

A Snow Carnival is being planned by the Houghton College Student Senate social committee in conjunction with the Alpha Phi Omega service organization. The festivities, under the rule of a Snow King and Queen, will be held February 19 and 20.

Ice skating, skiing and tobogganing will be featured throughout the weekend. A tentative snow fight between a student group and some faculty and staff members is also being planned.

A snow sculpturing contest, in which all the dormitories and various organizations are asked to participate, will terminate the afternoon's fête. These figures, which will be on display in front of the Luckey Memorial building, will be judged for "artistic beauty" by Mrs. Stockin, Mrs. Aileen

Shea and Mr. Ortlip. There will be no specific theme for the figures but they are to be in color.

There will be four fellows and four girls nominated for the King and Queen of Snow by a council comprised of a representative from the different college dormitories. The royal pair will be the two nominees receiving the most money for the March of Dimes in lieu of votes. The price will be 5¢ a vote.

The winners of the snow sculpturing as well as the Snow King and Queen will be announced at the opening of the Rec Hall next Saturday evening.

—J. P.

Lecturer Presents Pakistan Film

The Houghton College Lecture Series will present Hal Linker at the third lecture of the 1953-54 school year, February 19, 1954, at 8 p.m. Mr. Linker, 'round-the-world traveler, cinematographer, and film narrator, will show his newest film, *Pakistan*.

This is the first film in which both East and West Pakistan are shown in their entirety. The industry, customs, and habits of the people are vividly depicted. Fierce tribal dances and the famous monsoons of the Far East are featured, as well as the tale of the emergence of Moslem women from strict seclusion into the modern world. Dramatic and gorgeous color vividly portray the Prime Minister of Pakistan as he receives guests in his garden. The jute industry, elephants, cobras, and other foreign wonders also will be seen. A running commentary will be given by Mr. Linker as the film progresses.

Mr. Linker, Production Director of International Films, Hollywood, takes many risks in producing such films. However, having served in the Amphibious Forces of the U.S. Navy and participated in the invasions of



MR. HAL LINKER

Iwo Jima and Okinawa, these risks seem routine to him.

He holds the degree of B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and speaks five languages, including Japanese.

—J. R.

Moreland Rated One of Top Ten

Greenville College, Greenville, Ill., has just indicated that Dr. Moreland, head of the science and mathematics department here, is one of their top ten graduates, scholastically, since the school was founded in 1893.

After graduating, he returned to Greenville College as Professor of biology and chairman of the division of science and mathematics. Dr. Moreland has been teaching in Houghton since 1941.

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March of Dimes Campaign Reports Total of \$500

Houghton went all out to support the March of Dimes this year. Mrs. Homer Fero, chairman of the Houghton area, reported on February 5 that a total of \$491.71 had been collected. Coin envelopes were still being returned.

No definite figures are available, but Mrs. Fero believes this year's total is well above the total for any other year.

The baked food sale was a success, netting over one hundred dollars. The women who helped in the Mothers' March reported that everyone was ready and willing to give. Houghton can be proud of the fine community spirit which everyone displayed.

—R. C.

Alumnus Visits Campus

Mr. Myron Bromley ('48) visited Houghton campus January 20 on his way to embark for New Guinea. He plans to work among the Ndani tribe of natives in reducing their language to writing.

After graduation from Houghton in 1948, Mr. Bromley attended Asbury Seminary, Wycliffe school of linguistics, and the University of Minnesota. He also taught for a time at the St. Paul Bible Institute in Minnesota.

Christian Courtesy

Traffic was heavy one afternoon on the Parkway into Philadelphia. There was one driver in particular who was making driving a difficult feat for everyone else on the road. He was constantly weaving in and out of traffic, frequently causing others to slam on their brakes or to swerve severely as he cut in and out. On the back of his car, clearly visible as he maneuvered over the road, was a sign, "Prepare to meet your God." One driver, who had just narrowly missed being hit by this road cowboy, summed up what most of the others were probably thinking, when he said in a scornful voice, "Prepare to meet your God." Huh! He needn't force us to eternity!"

The total effect of the slogan on the back of that car was lost to all who witnessed it simply because of the inconsiderate attitude of the driver.

I heard a classmate of mine in high school once say that she wondered why Christians were always so rude. That's something I've thought about. How many times has a testimony been made void because the person who gave it didn't live it? Why should Christians fail to observe the common, ordinary courtesies of society?

Here on our campus this attitude of being discourteous seems in many instances to prevail. Because our classmates and instructors are fellow Christians, is that reason to show them less courtesy and consideration than persons in secular universities show their fellows?

In chapel, for example, when someone rises to announce the hymn, why are there a few minutes of continued chatter? In any secular meeting the one who rises to address the group can expect prompt attention. Why not in chapel at Houghton College?

"Thank you" is a little word, but it can mean much when spoken sincerely. Why is it so frequently overlooked among Christians? Why is it that in the dormitories on our campus there is so often an attitude of "Well, I don't have to study right now, so why should anyone?" Between semesters in one of the dorms the following remarks were overheard. Several persons were laughing and talking quite loudly in the hall. One asked, "I wonder if anyone on this floor is trying to sleep?" The quick response was, "Well, if they are, it's just too bad!" Is that the Christian standard of courtesy for others?

In Bible club as young children we were taught this little slogan: "Jesus, then Others, then You, spells JOY." Perhaps we could make life more enjoyable for ourselves by making it more pleasant for others. Taking care to observe even the common points of courtesy and being considerate of others, whether they be fellow Christians on campus, other drivers on the road, or those outside of Christ with whom we have innumerable and often unexpected contacts, pays large dividends for eternity.

Let's make our testimony mean more by making the influence of that to which we testify evident in our relationships with and attitudes toward others.

—A.K.

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And the Bus

Was Late . . .

BY STANLEY W. WRIGHT

Did you ever have difficulty getting into Houghton? The bus was late? The hitch-hiking was slow? You had a flat tire?

In September of 1902 nine of us, five girls and four fellows from our eastern Pennsylvania community, the Elkland Charge, started out for Houghton Seminary. It was an early morning start, for the trip began with a fifteen-mile journey by horse to the nearest railroad station, New Albany. A train that had made the grades and the curves through the mountains then jostled us to Towanda. That was the first train for some of us. The Lehigh Valley took us from there to Sayre where a locomotive pulling one coach transferred us to Waverly, N.Y. There we took turns eating our lunches; half of us eating while the rest shooed flies. Finally an Erie train took us on for Hornellsville, — Hornell to you. There we changed to the Buffalo Division for Portage. Of course, that Erie train lost time by the mile.

At Portage we piled out of the coach and into a horse-drawn bus that carried us down the hill to Portageville. That Erie train had lost too much time. The Pennsylvania train had gone! Eight-thirty on Saturday night—fifteen miles from Houghton—stranded! We bethought ourselves of that bus driver and hunted him up. By that time his team was in the barn, and he was headed for bed. Would he take us up the river to Houghton? He would. What a man!

At ten o'clock we again packed our baggage into that bus and wedged ourselves into the crevasses. And I do mean baggage. What we had brought with us would have to last us till Christmas vacation, and we were to board ourselves.

The next four hours may best be left to the mercy of silence. At 2:00 a.m. a tired team pulled a creaking bus loaded with aching youngsters into a pitch-dark Houghton. During that twenty hours we had traveled almost two hundred miles. And that had put us five thousand miles from home.

Yes, the bus had been a bit late. The hitch-hiking had been plenty slow. And we were all flat tires.

—HC—

Town & Campus

The Division of Foreign Languages met informally at the house of Dr. and Mrs. Pierce Woolsey, Wednesday evening, February 3, in honor of Professor Stockin, who has recently received his doctorate.

Nearly one hundred Houghton students and several faculty members joined in the fun at a roller skating party, February 1, at Bolivar. Houghton College rented the rink for the evening. A short devotional period climaxed an enjoyable evening.

Two clothes dryers have been installed in East Hall. This facilitates washing and also eliminates the necessity of providing additional clothes line space.

Dr. and Mrs. Shea were injured in an accident between semesters while on their way to Syracuse. After a short recuperation period, Dr. Shea returned to classes.

Dr. and Mrs. McMillen held Youth Meetings at Marion College, Marion, Indiana, during the last week of January.

The sophomores are sporting their new purple and white class jackets.

Mr. Henry Cornell ('52) and Mr. Richard Troutman ('53) recently visited our campus. Both of them are engaged in graduate work studies.

—HC—

Engagement

POLANSKY-SHERMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Rose Sherman of Troy, Pa., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Betty (ex '56), to Harold Lee Polansky ('52), son of Mrs. Daniel Polansky and the late Mr. Daniel Polansky of Auburn, N. Y. No date has been set for the wedding.

—HC—

Wedding

PAWLING-ALDERMAN

Miss Jean Alderman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Alderman, was married to Mr. Shirley Pawling ('57), son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pawling of Cohocton, N. Y., in Haskinsville, N. Y., on Dec. 19, 1953. The couple is residing in Houghton.

Former Student Writes of Japan

Marvin Merry (ex '54), presently in Japan with the U.S. Army, has requested the prayers of Houghton friends concerning a ministry which has been opened to him there.

In a recent letter to Dr. Lynip, Marvin tells of his finding a community of Korean displaced persons near Tokyo. Together with a Christian buddy, he has been instrumental in distributing food and clothing to this destitute group. He writes, "At present, we are waiting for completion of printing letters of explanation and the story of salvation to be given with the other articles. We ask you that God might direct in this, and that, through letters printed in the Japanese language, these needy people might find the wealth of God's riches even though those of the world might be withheld from them. . . . Won't you join us in prayer that these good-hearted people might accept Christ and that their wonderful children might know the rich experience of growing up in a Christian home? We need your spiritual assistance and are counting on you. Don't let us down."

Marvin's address is: A 3c Marvin Merry, AF12412996, 16th Comm. Sq. TAF, Box 70, APO 925, c/o P.M., San Francisco, California.

—HC—

Prayer

'Tis naught to pray when faith is tired
By sorrow's scourging rod;

'Tis easy then to need a guide
And lean upon our God.

But heaven bless a thousandfold
The man without a care,

Who still to faith can steadfast hold
And kneel to God in prayer.

—RUTH DAVIS

Birth

A daughter, Arla Therese, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Paine on Dec. 8, 1953.

Another Beginning

We are at the beginning of another semester. We have planned our courses, schedules, wardrobes, and budgets. That is only logical; beginnings of anything call for plans.

Although God "inhabits eternity," He, too, is interested in beginnings. Since He is the master Architect of the ages, God's plan and purposes are perfect in their construction. His own Word indicates progression.

The book of Genesis is the book of beginnings. It starts without a single apology and states, "In the beginning God." Making no endeavor to prove the existence of God, the author assumes that we have sense enough to know that there had to be a first cause. Any intelligent creature knows that the intricacies of the universe, the human being and body must have been conceived and constructed by a greater Intelligence.

The beginning of what may be called "time" came when God started a certain plan which He has been working out and is still working out today. But the mere statement of this fact does not change the individual in his planning or in his conduct.

The writer of Proverbs made the fact of great value when he recorded, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Wisdom is action directed by knowledge. Wisdom applies knowledge. The greatest exercise of wisdom is employed as the individual learns and practices the placing of the Lord and His program as primary in his activities.

Two kinds are described in I Corinthians: the wisdom of this world, which is foolishness with God, and the wisdom of God. "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved, it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." (I Cor. 3:19) "But we preach Christ crucified . . . unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men." (I Cor. 1:18-25)

The beginning of our eternal life starts with the eternal Christ in our souls. Jesus came to reveal what God is like and to create new people.

The new semester will be a great blessing in spiritual growth and purpose to all as Christ, the wisdom of God, reigns within our hearts. —R. H.

See You There!

Friday, February 13

3:30 p.m. — Deans' Reception for new students

Wednesday, February 17

7:30 p.m. — Recital: Patricia Swithers, Oscar Munch

7:30 p.m. — Purple-Gold basketball game

7:30 p.m. — Student Ministerial Association. Dr. Hall, speaker: "The Minister's Library"

Thursday, February 18

6:45 p.m. — Science Club - films

Friday, February 19

4:00 p.m. — Solo tryouts for Oratorio

7:30 p.m. — Purple-Gold basketball game

8:00 p.m. — Hal Linker - lecture, Chapel

Wednesday, February 24

7:30 p.m. — Star program, Chapel

7:30 p.m. — Basketball game

Thursday, February 25

7:30 p.m. — Science Club, Prof. Green speaking on photography

Friday, February 26

7:30 p.m. — Purple-Gold basketball game

8:00 p.m. — Boulder program, Chapel

"Roses are Red"

There are various theories about how the name of Valentine came to be connected with the day on which lovers send tokens to one another. One is based on the belief throughout Europe during the Middle Ages that the birds began to mate on February 14. Others suggest that the association grew out of the similarity between the Norman word "galantin," meaning a lover of women, and the name of the saint. They think that Galatin's Day with the initial "g" frequently pronounced as "v", led to confusion in the popular mind.

Another theory is that the lovers' custom is a survival and a Christianized form of a practice associated with the Roman feast of the Lupercalia occurring in February. The names of young men and women were put in a box from which they were drawn by chance, an arrangement under which a young man became the gallant of a young woman for the next year. As this drawing occurred on February 14, the day of the saint, the association with Valentine was established.

Whatever the theory, the custom of sending valentines has grown up. When the post offices were established and postal rates were reduced, the mail was crowded with the sweet messages every year. In the early part of the century the Chicago post office alone handled 1,250,000 valentines in one year.

St. Valentine's Day in the modern world is observed primarily by children and young lovers. Maybe all of us don't fall in the category of "children," but many of Houghton's residents belong in the second class — "young lovers."

For the past few weeks the displays of heart-shaped boxes of chocolates have been predominant in all the local

business concerns. Sales of the sentimental cards have reached an all-time high as the guys and gals have found new expressions of their tender feelings for each other in the verses.

Don't ask me how I found out, but I'll let you in on a few special cards which will be received in Houghton. The most unique one will find its way to Arizona Bill Raymond. A cowboy and his cowgal are pictured and she is saying "I'd love to be roped in by you. Be my Valentine!" as she drops the loop of the rope over his head. Joan Wideman sends a sweet one. The little kitty says to George, "Let me be your pet, Valentine." And Evelyn Hipps, with her Southern drawl down on paper says, "I—all is yours, Is you—all mine?"

Most appropriate for Houghton is Dave Speedy's card to Dottie. "Rain or shine. Say you'll be my Valentine." Bob Baird tantalizes Patty Jo with, "I'd be a good 'catch', Valentine. Be a good sport and 'play ball' with me."

Well, some people are nonsensical; others are insulting in their Valentine messages. Can you imagine a senior girl sending this one to a senior fellow? "To my Valentine: No love and kisses, no hearts and lace — Just how d'you do, old funny face."

We've approached the day from the historical and humorous angles, but we should not forget the true meaning of Valentine's Day. Fellows and girls, pledge your love anew. Do something special for that special someone on February 14. Candy and cards can say a lot, but "actions speak louder than words." —P. T.

—HC—

Student Senators Transact Business

Various business matters were discussed and action taken by the Student Senate in their meeting Monday evening, February 8. In spite of slow progress in repairing the rec hall, a formal opening is planned for February 20. The A.P.O. has been working in connection with the Senate social committee in planning activities for the opening.

Operation Mud will be presented to the student body in a special drive from February 15 to the beginning of the Easter recess. The Public Relations office will set goals for each college class, according to the enrollment. Information concerning the drive will be presented to the students next week in the form of mimeographed sheets.

A traffic campaign on the campus, together with a traffic court and a safe driving week, are under consideration by the Senate parking committee. A committee was appointed to look into the problem of the establishment of a lost and found department.

Next week, an attempt will be made to alleviate the congestion in the lower hall during mail distribution hours. One-way traffic has been suggested as a solution.

Other matters discussed at the Senate meeting included evening study halls, cleaning off the skating pond, a Senate radio program over WJSL, and the overcrowded dining hall during exam week.

—HC—

Poetry . . .

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be returned. The winner will be announced in the Autumn 1954 issue of *The Lyric*.

This award is made in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kent Cummins, Founder of the Lyric Foundation and for several years editor of *The Lyric* magazine.

Innovations a' la Punta

Punta was a Tryolese pianist of the seventh century. His full name was Ezra Q. Punta (607-653). From the time he first began music lessons, Ezra displayed a marked ability to innovate. His mother writes of finding him at practice balanced on one leg of the piano stool. While playing "The Jolly Farmer" in a minor key, he was tracing a delicate obligatto with the butt end of a sucker that was clenched between his baby teeth.

On one later occasion when he was old enough to go on concert tours (he began at the age of 9 years, 4 months), he astounded his audience when, for an encore, he had the concert grand piano tipped on its side and proceeded to pluck the strings, playing in this manner a difficult Chopin nocturne.

Others imitated this *tour de force*, and eventually manufacturers produced pianos especially made to stand on edge. These were later given the name "harp," after an Irish piano maker who further popularized the instrument by giving away a blond toupée to each purchaser. These are still characteristically worn by harp players.

To get back to Punta, so devious and startling were his innovations that he became the darling of the hearts of young, impressionable musicians. These called themselves "Puntalists." Punta was the first to develop and play on a double keyboard. The concert audience nearly rioted when he appeared on the stage in his bare feet and, with nimble toe-work, accomplished the impossible: music produced by all four pedal extremities.

These and other sensational tactics earned for Punta the undying hatred of other older piano artists who banded together into what they called the contra-puntal society. This group succeeded in ridding themselves of the odious Punta by spreading a deadly poison on the mouthpiece of his harmonica.

(Ed. Note — The above article came to the *Star* office signed "Anonymous." However, we entertain strong suspicions that this remarkable opus is the product of intensive research on the part of one of our erudite Music Majors.)

—HC—

Extension Group Holds Services

Services were held in Lockport, N. Y., at the Salvation Army Citadel, January 30 and 31, by an extension group consisting of Robert Reasner, Hudson Hess, Rebecca Ledden, and Doris Ulrich. Mr. Reasner, group leader, preached and played the trumpet. Hudson Hess led the singing and did chalk drawings. Rebecca Ledden and Hudson Hess sang duets. The pianist was Miss Ulrich.

During the week-end six services were held, one of which was an open-air service. Captain and Mrs. Bassett, parents of Carol Bassett ('57), are the officers in charge at Lockport.

— N. B.

— WORTH 25 CENTS —

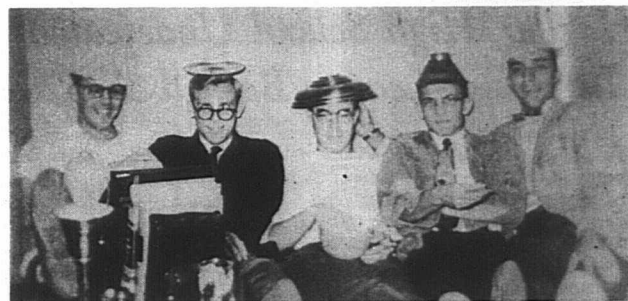
THIS COUPON WHEN PRESENTED WITH 25 CENTS WILL ADMIT ONE COUPLE TO THE STAR NIGHT PROGRAM —

See: Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary Definition 3 of "couple"

February 24, 7:30 p.m.

— WORTH 25 CENTS —

Walking Shadows



Shaded trees cast no shadows, Shady Characters yield no credos.

Out of the darkness into the night lurk the Shady Characters. In murky blackness they slither in the protection of shadows with a determination to accomplish their "shady deals." To the chagrin of Houghton's campus, it has been discovered that an unorganized organization of mal-

function, known by no misnomer as the Shady Characters, has embedded its roots in Houghton mud. An intensive investigation by Senator McCarthy reveals the following confession of a true Shady Character.

What is the origin of this society? Its beginning slums back to the mire of the year '52 when five sophs took delight in engaging themselves in dubious dealing on Halloween.

What is its purpose? Their highest ambition is to subtly induce another of their clan into mischief. The one most often succeeding, holds Houghton's most distinguished title—The Shadiest Character. In truth they appear quite innocent and possess the remarkable ability of turning on their halos and sprouting angelic wings upon discovery (see cut).

How do they classify themselves? Although the clan is rankless, the following numbers have been prescribed to the members of the clan for the sake of concealing their true identity: No. 1, Stupor; No. 2, Marshmellowski; No. 3, Black Jack; No. 4, Chaucer; No. 5, Achin' Back. When a character considers going

"steady," a negative sign is affixed to his number. Those who choose to marry are permitted to do so with great protest and dishonorable discharge. At present, one is in the frying pan; two in the fire. Wives always play "second fiddle" to the organization; the Characters conduct.

What are their extra-curricular activities? They are many, varied, and eccentric. To relieve themselves when the "heat's on" (final exams), they sleep outdoors in frigid temperatures of -10°F. To keep the *Info* out of the red, they annually purchase a full-page advertisement. To possess a hangout, they occupy and often dominate the Boulder or *Star* offices. To become influential they acquire highly-appointed posts where they can throw their weight around (gym janitor). These are a few of their present activities; their past is a shaded secret.

Life to a Shady Character is but a walking shadow that leisurely spends his days in the shade and is heard all the more. Hence, horrible shadows, away!

—HC—

Gaoyadeo Girls Hold Open House

Saturday, February 13, from three to five p.m., Gaoyadeo Hall girls will hold their annual Open House. Valentine's Day decorations will adorn the inner reception room and some of the girls' doors.

As you visit the Hall, take particular note of the new doors at the end of each hall for fire protection. Note also the fluorescent lights on the third floor. These will be put throughout the building in the near future.

Refreshments will be served in the inner reception room. A drawing will also take place, and a box of candy will be awarded at dinner to the lucky person whose number is chosen. All are invited, so be sure you are among the guests.

Debaters to Compete In King's College Tourney

The Houghton College Debate Team, under the direction of Dr. Bert Hall, will compete in a tournament Saturday, February 20, at King's College, Wilkes Barre, Pa. Various colleges of western Pennsylvania and eastern New York will participate in the tournament.

The national debate topic for this year is, "Resolved: that the United States government should adopt a policy of free trade." At King's College, John Seeland and Glendon Bryce will debate for the affirmative, while Lea Voorhees and Glen McNulty will debate for the negative.

Regional tournaments are also on the agenda for the debate team this spring.

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PURPLE--GOLD SERIES OPENS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Hazlett, High School Undeclared In House-League Basketball Race

Behind the scenes of class basketball is being played a series of House League games comparable in quality and excitement to the best Houghton offers. A close contest for first place stars the Hazlett Comedians against "Pop" Mills' high school five. Hazlett Houlett House now boasts seven

wins and no losses. Following with six wins and no losses in the high school.

Each team has a total of ten games to play. As of yet, the Hazlett boys have not met the high school power. When they do, on Friday, February 19, it promises that sparks will fly in one of the season's fastest and best games. Hazlett's are looking for a win after scouting high school play against the juniors, when the juniors won their first game of the season 45-36.

Games yet to be played in this league are posted on the gym bulletin board. Following is a win and loss record of all games played thus far.

Standing	Team	Won	Lost
1	Hazlett	7	0
2	High School	6	0
3	Paine House	5	1
4	Dry Bones	4	3
5 (tie)	Athletics & Tucker	3	3
6	Panich	2	4
7	McKinley	2	5
8 (tie)	College Inn & Nelson	1	4
9	Mills House	0	6

Testing Program Results Received

The final report of the 1953 National College Testing Program verifies an earlier report concerning the outstanding caliber of the class of 1957. A survey of the average scores of the 129 participating colleges finds Houghton ranking forty-third. The school ranking first in the results of the ACE psychological examination obtained an average raw score of 132.2. The lowest raw score was 36.9, while Houghton's score was 106.0.

Houghton freshmen excelled the number one school only in the field of natural sciences and mathematics.

This final report differed from the earlier report on the percentile achievement of Houghton in only one respect. It was previously estimated that Houghton's average score placed the freshmen in the sixtieth percentile. The revised tables show Houghton freshmen to be in the seventieth percentile. This means that the average Houghton student did better work than seventy per cent of the others taking the test.

It was stated by Dean Lynip that no profound conclusions should be drawn from these results, but it can be said that our freshmen are an above-average group as compared with the freshmen of other colleges.

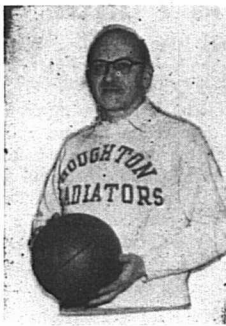
The sophomore testing program is scheduled for March 4 and 11, 1954. Last year's sophomores obtained excellent grades in cultural affairs but placed in the lower brackets in their knowledge of contemporary matters.

— B. S.

Soph Men Trim Juniors In Final Class Game

The powerful sophomore men's basketball team trimmed the juniors in the season's final game by a score of 85-45. High-scorers in the game were Stewart for the sophs with 18 and Burton with 19. Jerry Pollock scored 15 points and Tom Harris sank 14 to pace the juniors.

Final standings for the season are as follows:			
Sophomores	5	1	
Freshmen	4	2	
Seniors	3	3	
Juniors	0	6	



PROF. LAWRENCE GREEN, coach of the champion sophomore class team. Mr. Green, principal of Houghton Preparatory, coached the first place senior team last year, the class of 1953, to the championship, and he acted as coach of the Gold team for the past few years. He will be coaching Gold this year against Herb Reinhardt, coaching the Purple team.

Juniors Score Victory Over Preparatory Team

Tuesday night, February 2, the junior and high school teams met in an exhibition game which saw the juniors win their first and only game of the season. Paced by the brilliant shooting of Hugh Manning, the juniors commanded a lead in the first quarter which they never gave up. Paul Mills, the outstanding freshman on the Prep team scored 13 points, even though he was "off" on his shooting.

Box Score			
Manning	17	Mills	13
Little	3	Van Schoick	6
Pollock	17	Baxter	8
Essepian	4	Bain	4
Minser	2	White	5
McCaw	2	Caley	0
	45		36

INDIVIDUAL SCORING HONORS			
	G	Avr.	T
Heintz	6	18.7	112
Janowsky	6	16.2	97
Manning	5	16.0	80
Markle	6	13.0	78
Baird	6	12.5	75
Lewis	6	11.7	70
Treichler	6	11.0	66

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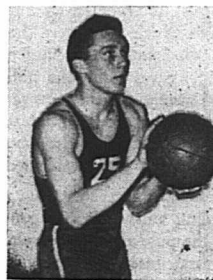
Purple Team Holds Edge In Height and Scoring

Purple-Gold rivalry begins again Wednesday night, February 17, when two strong teams take the floor of Houghton's Bedford Gymnasium. Players from all class teams are now joining sides to battle for the best three out of five wins in this series. After the last game on March 3, a varsity will be chosen from the upper-class men, which will tangle with the freshman class team on March 10.

At present, Purple seems to hold an edge in height and scoring potential. Phil Janowsky, high scorer in class ball, will probably be jumping center spot, with Bob Baird, Chuck Gom-

mer, and Gordie Beck playing behind him as guards. More height will be added by such forwards as Leon Arnold, Bill Roeski, Ted Hazlett, and other six-foot "skyscrapers."

Gold, too, is aiming for wins as they send onto the floor such stars as Hugh Manning, Chuck Paine, Bernie McClure, and Sam Markle. Although



Girls Evenly Matched For Purple-Gold Series

The women's Purple-Gold basketball season should prove to be very exciting. The girls playing on the Purple team have selected Bob Baird and Chuck Hershelman as their coaches. Bernie McClure and Chuck Paine have been selected as Gold coaches.

The first game is to be played Wednesday night, February 17.

— C. C.

Junior Girls Rank Second

The junior girls' basketball team defeated the sophomore girls to win second position in the girls' basketball standings. The final score was 42-28. Doris Kaiser was high scorer with 28 points.

SCORE BY PERIODS				
Juniors	8	20	33	42
Sophs	7	16	20	28

FINAL CLASS STANDINGS				
	W	L	W	L
Frosh	5	1	Juniors	4
Seniors	3	3	Sophs	0

INDIVIDUAL SCORING HONORS			
	name	games played	total points
	T. Lazarides	6	17.3
	D. Kaiser	6	16.5
	L. Mein	6	14.0
	J. Swancott	6	14.0
	L. Hall	6	13.0
	M. Cronk	6	12.8

— C. C.

height is wanting, Gold will probably make up for this in accuracy of shots.

Last year's series was clinched in three straight wins by Purple. Beck and Baird, each averaging 16 points a game, led Purple to easy victories.

As a season's climax, after the Varsity-Frosh game, Houghton alumni get their chance to play the year's Varsity team, Friday, March 12. Last year the alumni, showing exceptional ball handling, came quite close to upsetting the Varsity of '53. This year's game may be won closer in score.

— J. L.

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Other outstanding graduates from this college are: Dr. Smith, president of Roberts Wesleyan College; Arthur Secord, professor of English at the University of Illinois; Melvin A. Casberg, assistant secretary to Secretary of Defense Charles Wilson; and Dr. Leslie Marston, general superintendent of the Free Methodist Church.

— L. G.

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