

# Houghton Star

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## Classes plan for Winter Weekend

by Margaret Maxon

Now you see it. And now you don't. In terms of Winter Weekend that something is snow. The weather is proving to be an awkward problem with the weekend rescheduled for February 17. This year's theme for Houghton's traditional Winter Weekend, as recently announced by chairman Marcia Bunnell, is an "Ode to Walt Disney" a choice which makes available hundreds of cartoon characters, legendary heroes, famous fairy tales and film personalities for the snow sculpture.

The big question Saturday morning will be how the classes express their interpretation of the Disney theme. The Freshmen are organized under Jean Bowditch; Sophomores with Robert Elliott; Juniors with Kathleen Doran; Seniors with Joseph Hill. In each corner of the quad the theme will reflect the vast influence of Mr. Disney's creations. Judging of displays will be in the afternoon by three faculty members.

There will be a special air of excitement around the ski area for those who will demonstrate their techniques and skill in the individualized skiing competition. To break the ice for the non-skiers a sister-class hockey game is scheduled, Juniors and Freshmen against the Seniors and Sophomores.

Climaxing Winter Weekend will be the evening variety program at 7:30 in the campgrounds dining hall. Daniel Jerome, Houghton's Bert Parks, will announce the Snow Queen from the following candidates: Beverly Hatfield, senior; Nancy Osterman, senior; Helga Jensen, junior; Barbara Cox, sophomore; and Jill Pape, freshman.

A variety show will follow, featuring students and faculty, announcement of winners from the skiing competition, winners of the class sculpture contest, and winners of the sister-class hockey game. For a fun-filled time make the snow scene this Saturday.



Snow Queen candidates are, from left to right, Nancy Osterman, Jill Pape, Helga Jensen, Beverly Hatfield, and Barbara Cox.

## Elmore Oratorio planned for Spring Music Festival

The Spring Music Festival this year will be highlighted by the premiere of a brand new oratorio by Robert Elmore, noted organist, teacher and composer. The new musical work was commissioned especially for the Festival, and will be performed in the final concert on May 10.

The work is planned on a large scale, to be performed by two choruses, organ and orchestra. Dr. Elmore chose the text himself, assembling hymn texts and scripture selections around the double theme of Christ's passion and triumph. Much of the musical material is based on hymn tunes, from an old Moravian hymn which carries the theme of Gethsemane's agony throughout the work, to the final, triumphant strains of the hymn "Jesus shall reign."

Musically, the new oratorio is similar in idiom to Dr. Elmore's other published works. The

style is fresh and mildly contemporary, but straightforward and not difficult to understand.

Dr. Elmore is a prolific composer of organ and choral music, and has published several large scale works similar to the one he has written to be performed here. He is a distinguished recitalist and teacher, and a member of the organ faculty at the University of Pennsylvania. He is musical director of the First Moravian Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, as well as director of the famous Bethlehem Bach Festival.

According to Festival co-chairman Professor Keith Clark, Dr. Elmore presently expects to be on campus the week of the Music Festival, which will have Church Music as its theme this year. He will supervise final rehearsal of his composition, and perhaps give one of the chapels of the week.

## Shirley presents Series program

by Janet Pape

George Shirley who, according to the London Times, is "potentially America's finest spinto lyric tenor," will present a recital at 8 o'clock tonight as part of the 1967-68 Artist Series.

The 33-year-old Negro operatic artist has been singing informally since the age of two, but had his first real training in this particular field when he was a member of the U.S. Army Chorus under Themy Georgi.

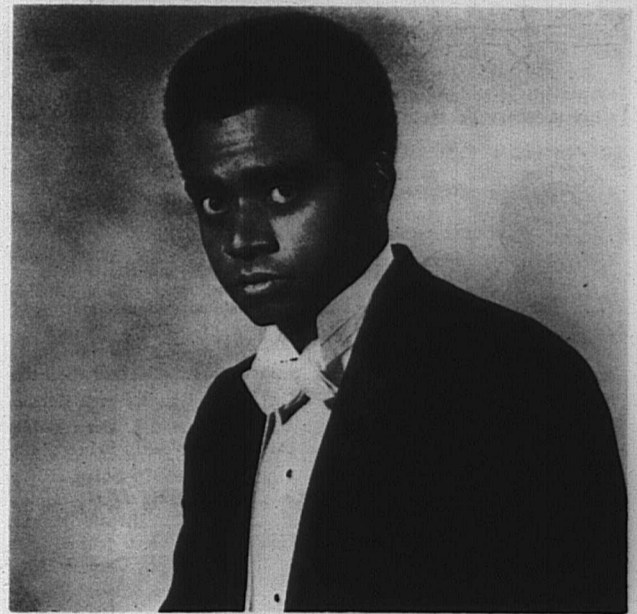
After leaving the Armed Forces in 1960, Mr. Shirley made successful debuts in New York, Milan and Florence, Italy, Teatro Colwon, Buenos Aires, Tanglewood and at the Newport Festival, the Glyndebourne Festival in England and the Scottish National Opera.

In 1961, he won an audition with the New York Metropolitan Opera. He then joined as a regular performer two years later. He has been singing with them in the leading tenor roles in *La Traviata*, *Falstaff*, *Elisir d'Amore*, *The Magic Flute*, and *Lucia di Lammermoor*.

American born and entirely American trained, George Shirley has been called "one of the most sought-after tenors on both sides of the Atlantic." This is evidenced by the number of awards that he has won — a National Arts Club Award, the Concorso di Vercelli in Italy and his American Auditions award. While he has also been praised for his fine dramatic talent, Shirley's good looks have charmed many younger music lovers.

Born in Indianapolis and raised in Detroit, Shirley received his B.S. degree from Wayne State University before entering military service. Some newspaper reviews have gone so far as to describe this young singer as a "lyric tenor with a baritone range. That hasn't happened, some say since Caruso."

Mr. Shirley's recital this evening will include works by Scarlatti, Schuman, Purcell; selections from Handel's *Judas Macabaeus*, Massenet's *Opera Werther*, and a cantata by J. Carter which employs transfigured Afro-American melodies.



Tenor George Shirley

## Theology Dept. considers age-old question

Houghton's Theology Department has reserved the week of February 20-23 in Chapel to present a series of messages confronting "The Question of Origins." Man will always want to know how the world as a whole came into being and how man originated. He will always desire to know how sin, the major disorder of the world, and its consequences came about. Representatives from the Department of Theology will attempt to articulate the Biblical answers to these questionings of man.

On Tuesday Professor Harold Kingdon will commence the series by speaking from the first chapter of Genesis on the origin of the world. Continuing the creation account, Professor Laurence Mullen will use the second chapter of Genesis as the source for a discussion of the origin of man. Professor Charles

Campbell will discuss the origin of sin from Genesis three. The series will conclude with a panel consisting of the three speakers, Dr. Shannon, Dr. Munro and Dr.

Hall as moderator. Friday's panel discussion will relate to the Chapel series previously presented by the Division of Science and Mathematics.

### Agenda

Tonight: George Shirley, tenor, Wesley Chapel, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: Winter Weekend Festival

3:00 p.m. Special — Slalom race at the ski area.

7:30 p.m. Entertainment at Campground Dining Hall.

## State evaluates Education Dept.

In a recent evaluation of Houghton's Education Department, Mr. L. Keith Cheney, Professor of Education, noted the importance of maintaining its high standards. Presently, Houghton's Education Program is registered with the N.Y.S. Department of Education.

Since this registration period expires in September, 1968, a five-member team from the State will visit our campus on May 14 and 15. The purpose of their visit is to determine whether the Education Program qualifies for an extended period of registration. The team will evaluate each division which has courses taken by student teachers. The

members will interview student teachers as well as review Houghton's teacher-training program of previous years.

On February 12 the Educational Policies Committee met to consider what preparations were needed. Since the impending visit places additional responsibilities on the faculty, Dr. Luckey has called a number of conferences to help prepare for it.

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# Choose wisely!

Within the next few weeks an important decision will be made which will affect Houghton student life for the 1968-69 school year. The sad factor in this decision is that it will be made by 60% to 75% of the total student population.

Contrary to various dissenting voices, the office of Student Body President entails a great deal of responsibility, far more responsibility than anyone except the president himself realizes. While a 60% to 75% voter participation may be considered quite good by certain national standards, here it speaks of a dangerous apathetic attitude toward student representation in college affairs.

The president, after all, is the only student link with faculty, staff and administration. He is often the sole voice consulted on important decisions, and he must reflect accurately the feelings of the student population.

Electing the president, therefore, projects upon the voters an intense responsibility to probe carefully the issues involved. Are they realistic? Are they valid? Are they attainable? Are they too far "left"? Are they too far "right"? Are they incompatible with school policy? Are they

mature?

The voter must probe the essence of the Man, too. Is he honest with himself and others? Is he merely an "image projector," or does he have a sound grasp of really important issues? Would he be a fitting representative of Houghton College wherever he may have to act in an official, or even an unofficial capacity? Does he have an adequate understanding of the reasons behind school policy? Does he have rapport with faculty, staff and administration? Does he have your respect? Is he a clique man? If he is, watch out! A clique man seldom makes an effective administrator. Does he stand up for his beliefs or bend to avoid criticism when he is discussing campus issues? If he's just one of the "cool guys," chances are he will spend all his time trying to please everyone, and that's a road to failure, not a road to success.

In the final analysis, the person elected Student Body President will accurately reflect how much you care about your school, your fellow students and yourself. He will have to represent you, make sure he can do that. Above all, **VOTE**, and when you do vote, choose wisely!



## The view from here by Ted and Pete

### Idle Threat

We're going to let that fine piece of rhetorical genius, promised for this week's "View," go for a couple weeks. Since elections have been moved back and since we're short on glowing prevarications and vote-reaping generalizations, that issue will keep.

### No Idle Threat

Occasionally we like to take a head-on pot-shot at problems around campus. This time the brick-bats will be flying at something you didn't know was a problem, until now, that is.

What is it that costs about \$70, lasts about two months, and does little of what it promises for the money? What is it that is recommended highly by the Dean for increasing your reading speed and studying ability? Why of course! The Baldrige Reading Program!

You've read ads promising to grow hair on a billiard ball head, make you a genius by improving your memory with a secret method, and give you guaranteed peace of mind through yoga. In our opinion, the Baldrige Reading Program should be relegated to the outer darkness of these other self-improvement programs. Since the course will probably be offered again next year in spite of what we say, here is an objective look at what the BRP can and cannot do for you, and why we urge you not to waste the money on it. Our authority on the subject is Ted, who took the course.

The Baldrige Reading Class meets five days per week. Each class is devoted to improvement in a certain type of reading: light reading like novels, heavier reading like a psychology or sociology text, and still heavier reading like chemistry, physics or mathematics. A typical class went something like this:

BRP teacher: Is it time for class already?  
Various students reply "enthusiastically": Yeah. Yeah it is.  
BRP teacher: Let's start reading then, ok?  
students: (stony silence)  
one student: Miss, when I read faster I miss most of the plot in novels.  
BRP teacher: You must read more carefully.  
one student: But then I can't read very fast.  
BRP teacher: You must read faster. That's why you're taking this course.  
one student: But all you do is tell me to read faster!  
BRP teacher: What do you want for seventy dollars? Magic? Read faster now and I'll put another gold star on your progress chart.

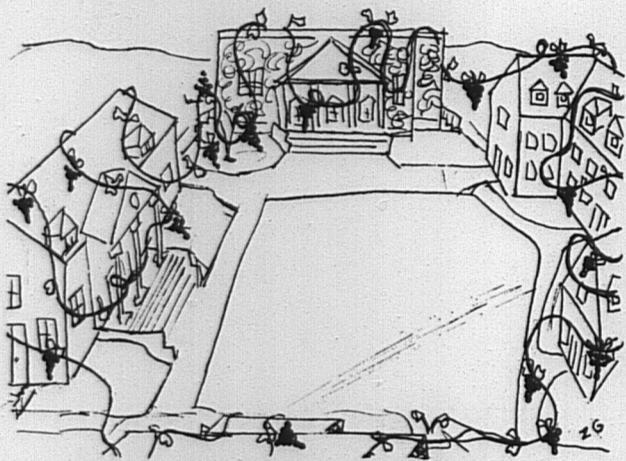
And this is the course essentially. The instructor tells you to read faster. On heavier material one must, of course, slow down. You know that before you took the course but BRP reveals it with all the fanfare usually attending a great scientific break-through. A few students did claim that the program helped them organize their study habits. The Baldrige secret? Outline whatever you read. You certainly don't need to attend classes for two months and pay \$70 to learn this.

## Grad school applications drop

(ACP) — The new draft law, which does not defer all graduate students, has caused a 40 per cent drop in applications to Michigan State University's graduate school, according to Milton E. Muelder, Dean of Advanced Graduate Studies, the State News reports.

"Students have held off applying until they find out how graduate students are going to be affected by the draft," he added. Muelder said if the uncertainty caused by the new law keeps applications at their present level, it could have serious consequences on the country. "It could affect the training of teachers and professors for our universities, the manning of important industrial executive positions and other positions now being manned and staffed by graduate students," he said.

The Council of Graduate Studies (CGS), representing about 250 universities, has sent a letter to President Johnson predicting the consequences of the law and asking for a more explicit ruling on it, Muelder said. The American Chemical Society (ACS) has also come out against the law. ACS Pres. Charles G. Overberger, in a letter to the National Security Council, said the Society favors a policy "that will not only permit, but (also) encourage qualified students to obtain advanced education." A policy which drafts men after their first year of graduate work "is not in the national interest and will be damaging both to our national defense effort and to our hopes of successfully attacking the many urgent and complex ills which confront us," Overberger said. "The ills which society faces demand highly educated and trained 'practitioners' just as badly as do individual human ills."



"For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again."



Dear Editor,

Just a few words on behalf of the Purple Onion. In spite of recent criticism made about the P.O., much good has come out of it and will continue to come from it. The P.O. is becoming a place to share the views of non-Houghtonians, especially those students from Alfred University. For the past few months, students from Alfred have visited our campus due to the work of CSO and other interested students there. They are curious about Houghton and they seek to know what makes the students different here. Yes, of all places, in the free atmosphere of the P.O. these students have come to discuss their philosophies of life as well as listen to the claims of Christ. These students are seeking what many of us have here.

One student commented, "This place isn't so bad after all." Later that night the same student continued, "Who is God, anyway, is He a person? How can I know Him then?"

Three of us Houghtonians sat with three Alfred students who felt free to talk about God and Christ in the P.O. Christ Himself went to sinners and those who hungered after righteousness followed Him. But He had to meet them where they would be and at the same time reveal Himself as the Son of God. He had no barriers. There is a definite reason for the existence of the P.O. where all of us can be ourselves and talk freely with our friends and even make friends to show others both on and off campus that we as Christians live Christ, too.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Filo

### Intended

Susan Batterson (SUNY, Geneseo '69) to Stanley Lane ('68)

Addy Chan (ex '68) to Randall Baker ('68)

Carol Knudsen ('68) to Daniel Cummings ('68)



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Book Review: "Death at an Early Age" by Jonathan Kozol

# Bureaucracy in Boston: a journey through Hell

by Edward Merzig  
 "Someday, maybe, there will exist a well-informed well-considered, and yet fervent public conviction that the most deadly of all possible sins is the mutilation of a child's spirit; for such mutilation undercuts the life

principle of trust, without which every human act, may it feel ever so good and seem ever so right, is prone to perversion by destructive forms of conscientiousness." — Erik Erikson  
 There's something rotten in the heart of Boston, and that

something is a bureaucratic School Committee in the Boston Public School System.  
 Kozol has found tumbling from Ivory Towers (Harvard, Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University) to real life Roxbury ghetto district of Boston a stunning revelation and a tumultuous emotional storm that cannot help but sting our social conscience.

down and dirty, relevant textbooks presenting a positive Negro history are not available, and to the white teachers, the children are "black buggers." How to restore and nourish a child's soul? Kozol ponders, searches by instinct, and seems to have found antitoxins for curing the organic disease of our American Negro at its source. His approach to all of this is highly emotional; playing on sentiments, hurt looks in faces, exquisite pictures of ragged children hoping for a better tomorrow, callous teachers, and perverted use of the rattan all combine to turn the stomach in a sort of sophisticated near-nausea. The first person narrative crawls along in childish syntax, but the refined sensitivity of the writer is all sentimental adult. The attitude is often rather obviously prejudiced, and admittedly prejudiced on occasion.

the way through their own enthralled curiosity would prove a valuable perspective for anyone in education to observe. This spirit undoubtedly aids in bringing the reader out of a negative reaction to emotionalism.

The book is saved, however, by enough publicly documented material corroborating Kozol's stories (much of which he includes in an appendix) to make the Boston System look horrid if but half of what he claims is true.

Jonathan Kozol was abruptly relieved of his teaching duties with the Boston School System by witch-hunting School Committee officials. He is now living in Boston's South End ghetto and teaches elementary age children in Newton, a Boston suburb. He is also a consultant in curriculum development with the federal government and has written for leading journals including *The Atlantic*, *The New Republic*, *Esquire*, *Harvard Educational Review*, and *The New York Review of Books*.

A refreshing spirit of search for new ways to stimulate young minds toward making this world their world, letting them lead

## Perspective . . . by Gene Cole

### Why We Aren't There

Every government must give its citizens lofty ideals for which to fight. However, our government has distorted history in rationalizing our involvement in Viet Nam.

"We are fighting Communist aggression" is perhaps the most common war-cry. In 1965 an administration White Paper reported that 4000 to 7000 North Vietnamese had infiltrated the South. (Later the Pentagon admitted the true figure was 400.) To offset this massive invasion, President Johnson ordered 100,000 American troops to Viet Nam. So large a force was hardly needed to offset infiltration from the North; instead it was used to combat South Vietnamese citizens engaged in civil war against the junta.

Since that time, Ho has sent more troops to offset our intervention. There is no doubt that Ho is a Communist; but first he is a nationalist. North Viet Nam was under China's foot for a thousand years, and Ho is not about to become Mao's pawn.

"We are defending democracy" — another fine, but false excuse. Who would apply the term democracy to the succession of military dictatorships in Saigon? One of Diem's first acts was to deprive the villages of their traditional right to elect local officials. The elections which supposedly legitimized the rule of the present generals were characterized by the exclusion of the junta's most popular opponents, and the imprisonment of the runner-up. Note that 65% of the votes were cast against the junta. Is this democracy we are defending?

"We must keep our word" is another pious pronouncement we often hear. But the reason we became involved at all is that

we originally broke our word. The 1954 Geneva Accords provided for elections to be held in two years. Although we did not sign them, our official position, as stated by President Eisenhower was, "The United States will not use force to disturb the settlement." Yet, in 1956, Diem refused to permit the elections; and the U.S. government backed him. As Eisenhower admitted, if elections had been held, Ho Chi Minh would have received 80% of the vote. When Ho saw he had been betrayed, he again took up arms. In view of the Geneva Accords, then, we find the cornerstone of our "moral obligation" is a broken promise.

Of course, there are reasons why our government has committed us to a policy of war in Viet Nam; however they are not those the American public has been given. But then the real reasons do not sound nearly so beautiful.

Comparing the narrative to a journey through Hell may be overstating the situation but this impression pops into mind so often, it could not have been too far from the author's intention. Fresh from superlative educational experiences in Europe, Kozol takes employment as a substitute teacher, with no education background. So where's his first job? Discipline school. A rather special place for disturbed children, unmanageable children and significantly, Negro children. School staff members either cannot handle them or don't bother. Few classes meet with regularity. It is not a school but "a zoo."

Moved on to another school, this one 96 per cent Negro, in the heart of Roxbury, the author finds a new, more subtle kind of hell. The children are brighter, talented, ready to learn; but the building is (literally) falling

## Senate Speaks A Revised Committee



In the spring all things begin new. This spring semester may very well bear fruit of seed once thought dead and buried in the past few months. Last semester a new program was instituted which was pleasing and welcome to the student body. Then, for reasons which many of us students could neither understand nor fully accept, the Concert Series was seemingly stifled.

The committee to construct the series for this year was established by the administration of the College last spring with the backing of the Student Senate. The committee was composed of two administrators, one faculty member, and two students, which worked throughout the summer to set up concerts for this school year. Two concerts were held, but because of pressure that the committee was acting contrary to the Constitution of the College brought to bear on the Cultural and Spiritual Life Committee, the third concert was cancelled and the Concert Committee disbanded.

To many students the promise of a more varied cultural program on campus was dead. Yet even as the seed, this new innovation had to die before it could bring the desired results. The Concert Series Committee has been revived and is in the process of re-formation. The new committee will be composed of three faculty members and three students, working in conjunction with both student organizations and the Cultural and Spiritual Life Committee. This is only one reason why the Senate is anticipating the new semester. Several new ideas and programs will be formulated; perhaps some old ones forwarded. These will be discussed through this column and personally as they develop. I invite you to respond as we endeavor to promote ideas, old or new, in a way that help in the harvesting of the hidden seed.

## Revolution Report!

by Nora Swindler

Mary Whitcomb, Barbara Wilcox and Barbara Hammond attended the state-wide Inter-Varsity Winter Weekend at Syracuse University and returned with glowing reports of "climax upon climax" after Houghton's own Special Meetings.

Campus Work continued to grow as fifty persons went to Alfred University last Friday night. Also, the district Campus Crusade representative spoke to students in a packed S-24 for the first Campus Work Training Class at 9:30 on Sunday morning.

The Geneseo branch is expanding into separate, but related, Inter-Varsity and campus witnessing groups on Tuesday evenings.

Though some may doubt the aptness of this column's head, a recently received letter from David and Cathy Hicks, now working with Operation Mobilization in India implies their support:

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Dear Soldiers,

We have a few reasons to praise the living God and to intercede:

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Rana — very busy in school, neglecting the Word, but still sensitive.

Our Hindi teacher — today he said he'd just become Christian; decision seems now on intellectual level—pray God captures his heart.

Enoch — Indian disciple and family just left 1,000 rupee/month job (equals \$200 in U.S.) to join Delhi team.

Pray for obedient hearts as God calls up the reserves for the world's spiritual crisis. Are you really in the battle?

Thanking the Lord for you,  
Dave and Cathy

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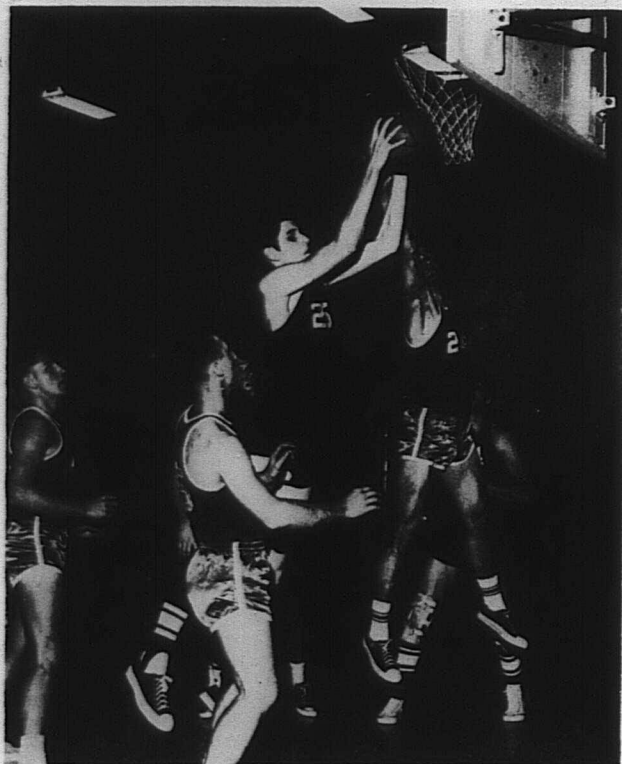
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Walt Mayo soars above the pack to pull down a rebound for the Juniors.

# Juniors trounce Seniors moving into second place

Monday night was a happy day for the Juniors as they kept their hopes alive in the class race by trouncing the Seniors 99-88. It was also a happy night for the Sophs as they moved one step closer to the championship. They are 5-1 and the Juniors and Seniors are 4-3.

The game was a scoring fest as both teams were hitting at a hot pace. The Juniors took the lead at the beginning and were never behind as they maintained a four to six point lead throughout the first half. The score at halftime was 43-40. Led by the rebounding and shooting of Al Hamann and Walt Mayo, the Juniors kept the Seniors at bay.

In the second half the Seniors cut the lead to two points at one time but could get no closer. Their big problem was fouls with two men in trouble at the end of the first half. Midway in the second half Wert fouled out and was followed by Gurley and Close. But it was still not over as Mike Holmes and the subs kept the Juniors from taking a safe lead by hitting on long jump shots. Newcomers Fred Parks and Lee Dominguez filled the gap left by John Lowery as they had 20 points between them. Mike Holmes led the Seniors with 31 points while Mayo pumped in 20 and Hamann had 26 to lead the Juniors. A big surprise was Gary Fairchild who had ridden the bench most of the year until pressed into the starting lineup. He contributed 19 points.

All that now stands between the Sophomores and the championship is a win over the Seniors

Monday night, but if '68 plays as well as it did against the Juniors it should be a good game.



Al Hamann, hottest shooting Junior in Monday night's contest, demonstrates the fight and concentration that spell successful basketball.

## Highlanders scheduled for 3 games in 8 days

The Houghton Highlanders will see extensive action in the next eight days as they play three games, all on the road. The first of these is with the St. John Fisher Frosh in Rochester tomorrow night. Then next weekend the Highlanders travel to Michigan for games with Owosso College and Spring Arbor College on Friday and Saturday.

On the Michigan road trip the Highlanders will encounter the first situation in which they will not be at a tremendous disadvantage.

This season has marked the first year of intercollegiate competition for Owosso as well as Houghton. The Lancers boast

a 4-4 record at this point, but it should be noted that the caliber of teams that they have played is not the same as that of Houghton's opponents thus far. Although not exceptionally tall, Owosso's team has a 6'5" center and several 6'3" forwards.

Spring Arbor defeated Messiah College (72-51 victors over the Highlanders two weeks ago) in a holiday tournament at Marion College early this season.

Key factors in the upcoming games will be the height factor and the improvement that has been made since the Point Park game. If shooting, a critical weakness thus far, is improved, chances for some victories look quite good.

## Juniors top Seniors 21-18, but Sophs hold first place

by Jan Evans  
The last half of the class basketball schedule is underway. The determined Junior girls, sparked by Sharon Miller,

beat the Seniors in a close game, 21-18.

After the first eight minutes of play, the score was a disappointing 4-2 in favor of the Seniors, who also led at halftime 12-10. A low-scoring third quarter found the Seniors still ahead 16-13. The Juniors pulled together in the last quarter, and, just as if they had it planned that way, outscored their opponents 8-2 to win by three points.

Appearing at times like a miniature houseleague football game, the roughness took its toll as the Seniors doubled the number of their opponents. Yet in spite of the plentiful bruises and brushburns, good sportsmanship was continually evident. Penny Salomon scored eight points for the Seniors, with Lynelle Tucker adding six for the losers. Sharon Miller threw in 10 points for the Juniors, with Jan Smith and Jan Evans each contributing four to the cause.

The Seniors now have a 1-6 record, and the Juniors record was pushed to 4-3. Another game with the Freshmen on Wednesday will determine whether the Junior girls can catch the first place Sophs.



Senior Penny Salomon grimaces as Lynelle Tucker's jump shot is stuffed by quick Junior hands.

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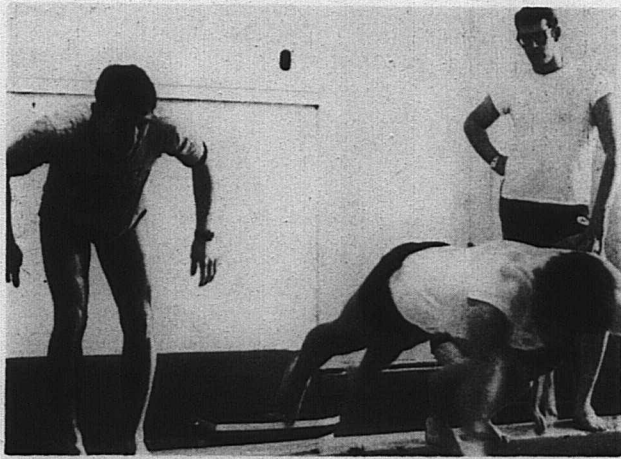
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Swim racers prepare to splash in the tub, practicing for class competition.

## Swimming competition begins on February 26

by Stephen Coupland

If you talk around campus about swimming as a Houghton sport, you will find that most people will 1) be surprised that it exists, 2) try to figure out how many times across the Bedford "tub" it takes to win the 500 meter freestyle, or 3) change the subject.

However, because of the "tub" and the collective lack of interest in swimming, some of the best swimmers in Houghton's history are going unnoticed. Last year, for example, Penny Johnson (Jr.) set two records in the women's P-G meet. Then Soph Jim Hassey set another school record in the men's meet. All three records were at least a second faster than the old records, pointing directly to the caliber of swimmers in Houghton.

Class swimming competition begins on Feb. 26 with the women's meet. Two days later the

men compete. Purple-Gold events are on the 11th and 12th of March. The Freshmen won the class competition last year with 27 points. Although the Gold women forfeited, the Gold men attempted a victory, but lost to Purple, 34-12.

Hassey will defend his 90-yd. Backstroke record (56.7) and Penny will return to better her 45 yd. free style (26.4) and 75 yd. Backcrawl (1:03.1) records. Paul Barnett, high scorer for the class of '70 will join Todd Carsten, Roy Haws and Dave Mitchell in an attempt to lead the Sophs to victory.

Junior men will count on Roger Foote and Tim Nielson to score most of their points. The absence of letter-winner Mark Noblett will definitely hurt the Seniors. Don Tilley will carry their hopes on the strength of two victories last year. If the Freshmen can match the interest and ability of the class of '70 last year, increased student support of excellent competition may be seen.

## Johnson House overthrows Psalms and Proverbs for A league first

by Ken Woodruff

Houseleague basketball finished its second week of action, with a full slate of games played during the past week. There were very few surprises in any of the leagues, as most of the top contenders were victorious in their encounters.

In the A League, Johnson House surged into first place with an overwhelming 78-34 victory over the Psalms and Proverbs. Fairman with 28 points and McCarty with 21 points led the way for Johnson House as they handed the Psalms and Proverbs their first loss of the new season to give them a 2-1 record. Johnson House is now 2-0. In another game, the Un-Named, 1-1, picked up their first victory of the new semester with

a forfeit win over the Bickom Bachelors, who are now 0-3. The rest of the league was idle last week.

Chickenfat Rebellion, 2-0, eked out a 46-40 victory in triple overtime over the Tornados, 0-2, to continue to lead the pack in B League. However, Yorkwood kept pace with Chickenfat, pulling out a surprising 60-40 victory over the Houghton Harriers, upping their record to 2-0. Yorkwood was led by Mauer with 23 points, all of them coming in the second half, and Carlson with 21. The Quazers, 1-1, received a forfeit win over Fred's Boys, 0-2, to remain close to the leaders.

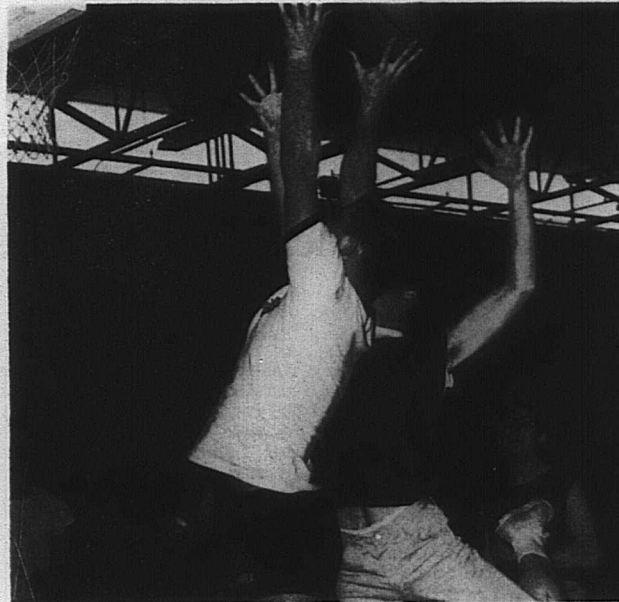
In C League, the Pan Hanoi Movement and Globetrotskys both emerged victorious to remain tied for the lead, and up

their records to 2-0. Pan Hanoi, led by Balson with 19 points, scored a 58-36 victory over Rhoades Runners, and the Globetrotskys, led by Schwab's 23 points, easily defeated the Potlickers 58-35. Rhoades Runners, 1-2, also dumped the Potlickers last week 36-26, and gave the Potlickers their second loss of the new season, and just about knocked last semester's co-champs out of contention. In another game, the Sod Busters, 1-1, triumphed over Maude's Men, 0-2, 48-38.

## Dog terrorizes East Hall girls

A dangerous animal was captured in East Hall Monday, freeing the three-hundred-odd (no offense) residents of that building from further harassment. Captor of the beast, John Robb, Head Maintenance Man of East, cautioned that "she snapped at me," in telling onlookers not to tamper with the savage, which was locked in a small room behind the desk for several hours. Janitor John plans to hold the criminal for five days to await the arrival of an owner. He will then "gas it or kill it."

Witnesses described the menace as a "skinny cocker-spaniel size" taffy-colored dog whose crimes were hand-licking and a soft, fuzzy head. Execution is scheduled for tomorrow; Houghton will be a safer place to live if the green-collared mongrel (whose license is out of date) lives no more.



Johnson House boys romp in Academy Gym.

## Martyrs crush previously undefeated Witch Hazlettes

Monday night's game between the Faithful Martyrs and the Witch Hazlettes may prove to be the most important game in "B" league. The Martyrs rolled past previously undefeated Witch Hazlettes, 21-17. Both teams have one loss on their record, but the Martyrs have the edge with 4 wins while the Hazlettes have three.

The second game of the evening featured the Twinkle Toes and the Ah-Bay-Who's. Michele Ed led the Ahh-Bay-Who's with eight points to beat the Twinkle Toes, 17-4. Barbara Austin and Irene Nowiczewski supplied the lone four points for the losers. This marked the fifth straight defeat for the Twinkle Toes.



Revival meeting atmosphere pervades during rollicking women's houseleague action.

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## Professor James Barcus completes his requirements for Ph. D. in English

English professor James Barcus has completed requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in English at the University of Pennsylvania. The degree will be conferred upon him May 20, 1968 during commencement ceremonies at the University of Pennsylvania.

Commenting on circumstances surrounding completion of his

work Mr. Barcus said, "The Lord has been very, very good. The way in which He has worked these things out has been unusual. It was anything but coincidence."

He went on to explain that in November of this academic year notice was received that his graduate studies supervisor at the University of Pennsylvania

had resigned and that August, 1968 was the latest date for completion of work started under this supervisor. In order to meet the deadline, Mr. Barcus redoubled his efforts and submitted his dissertation in late December. It was returned in January with "requests for minor changes in diction, syntax and mechanics." The second and third readers for the graduate school approved it without reservation.

The dissertation is focused on the prose of nineteenth century romanticist Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Mr. Barcus has analyzed three of these prose works to demonstrate an internal pattern of organization and an external interrelation between these works, both of which are directly related to Coleridge's philosophic principles. Most critics today take the opposite view, seeing no pattern or interrelation.

The University of Pennsylvania published Mr. Barcus' first book last year and by agreement has first rights to this dissertation. There is a good possibility that it will be made available to the public in book form.



## Chamber Singers delight listeners Wed. night

by Deborah Henderson

With silver shoes or satin tuxedo stripes gleaming in the footlights, the nine chamber singers — Janet Dennis, Susan Grettler, Sharlene Azzarelli, Patricia Huff, Thomas Brooks, Robert Hayman, Douglas Browne, Fred Stahl — stood poised on the stage of Wesley Chapel last Wednesday night.

After a brief introduction by Mr. Donald L. Bailey, the conductor, they began to sing, "In These Delightful Pleasant

Groves" by Thomas Morley. Since it was Valentine's Day, the music had been especially selected on the theme of love. This is certainly reflected in the titles of the four other songs in the first section: "My Heart Doth Beg You'll Not Forget," "Fire, Fire My Heart," "The Silver Swan" and "Matona, Lovely Maiden." The order of these songs was such that a gay, light-hearted one was followed by a more solemn, quiet one. This contrast accentuated the beauty of both.

One could close his eyes and imagine a Viennese ballroom during the second section which was Five Love Songs by Johannes Brahms. They were "Oh, Give Answer, Maiden Fairest," "O'er the Rocks the Tide Beats High," "When Thy Glance Is Fond and Kind," "No, There Is No Bearing With These Spiteful Neighbors" and "Locksmith, Ho." The versatile piano of Susan Stritch and Robert Badorf did much to enhance the moods of these songs.

After this section was completed, Mr. Bailey, with a curious smile, announced a switch in the order of the program: part four to precede three.

A merry, clever, contemporary piece entitled, "Laughing Song" was the next selection. It is a difficult song to perform, requiring various parts to follow each other with split-second precision. Also modern were the three madrigals by Emma Lou Diemer, "O Mistress Mine, Where Are You Roaming?", "Take, O Take Those Lips Away" and "Sigh No More, Ladies, Sigh No More!"

As the last notes of these lovely madrigals were fading, the auditorium suddenly became dark — only the red exit lights glowed. Heads bobbed as people whispered back and forth. Then light streamed down from an overhead spotlight and Mr. Bailey, wearing a now-broad smile, announced that the Chamber Singers were going to per-

form excerpts from Bizet's Carmen.

They not only sang, but acted. As the well-known notes flooded Wesley Chapel, it metamorphosed to Sevilla. Janet Dennis was the sneering, heartless Carmen. Invisible epaulets swished, as Fred Stahl, the proud toreador, strutted. Only five selections were performed — "We've a Plan, Tonight," "I've Brought a Letter," "Outside the Walls of Sevilla," the rousing "Toreador Song" and the "Finale," leaving the audience wishing for more, when the house lights came on and the concert was over.



Winter beauty hangs on at Letchworth Park.

## Advisory Council on College Chemistry discusses techniques

Jackson, Miss. (I.P.) — The biggest problem in teaching college chemistry is the rapidly increasing amount of material which must be covered as advances are made in chemistry, a panel of distinguished educators agreed recently at the final session of the regional conference of the Advisory Council on College Chemistry at Millsaps College.

And, they agreed, good equipment becomes an even more vital necessity as the amount of material expands. "Faulty equipment trains a student to expect bad answers," said one. "One must use experiments which are meaningful and which give valid answers. There simply isn't time for any others."

The panelists included Dr. Robert L. Pecsok, vice chairman of the Department of Chemistry at the University of California at Los Angeles; Dr. Furman Is-

bell, professor of Chemistry at Texas A & M, who was the official representative of the Advisory Council on College Chemistry; and Dr. Philip W. West, Boyd Professor of Chemistry at Louisiana State University.

Concern that the college student, regardless of how good or bad a background he has on the secondary level, be well prepared for whatever career he chooses was the predominant feeling of the approximately 60 educators in attendance.

The panel felt that the only way to add the new material needed was to justify what has traditionally been taught. It isn't necessary to improve progressively on the same experiment, said one. The group felt that it was more important to expose the student to a large variety of techniques and to help him understand the importance of precision and accuracy and how best to achieve them.

## Student teachers apply now for fall practice positions

by Mary Sherman

During the fall semester many Houghton students became "learning" teachers. In schools throughout western New York State they independently tested their knowledge. Now they have all returned, and this semester the quiet work behind Houghton's student teacher program begins.

Early this semester interested students applied for student teacher positions for next fall. The Education Department must now carefully process these applications. Soon the Department will be writing various schools to secure student-teaching positions which will be both economically sound and professionally valuable for the students concerned. A tentative list of fall appointments will be posted in May. It is anticipated that there will be a 25% increase in the number of students enrolled in the teaching program.

In April there will be a general orientation meeting of all these prospective student teachers. By next fall their appointments will have been confirmed and the students prepared. This semester's "quiet work" will be finished.

## Gao Dorm meeting minutes represent twenty years of historic campus life at Houghton

The minutes of Gaoyadeo Hall for the past twenty years provide an entertaining story. Glimpses are caught of many girls who have had their part

in the life and growth of the college.

Each year begins with a meeting on one important subject — rules. In 1952 "Miss Blake read the various rules urging each one's co-operation." This traditional meeting must have become shorter by 1961, for "Mrs. Orser said a few words."

"Unsatisfactory lining up" for dinner resulted in the signing up system for girls in 1961. Hungry students still had problems in conforming to this rule, however, and in 1964 the present "name-drawing" was established.

The usual void in Saturday night activities was filled one year by Gao singspirations. Whether these were purely dorm affairs or if others were invited is not mentioned.

Setting up the dorm kitchenette was a big project in 1954. The girls enthusiastically held bake sales to finance it. Major discussions were held as to whether "a tea set or a dinner set should be bought." An investigation into the kitchenette today shows a very mixed assortment of inferior dishes and utensils, with no sign of tea set or dinner set. Lately, the min-

utes call attention to the lack of interest in the kitchenette's condition.

Various notations cause the imagination to stir. A "film-strip on etiquette was cancelled because of unsuitability" in October, 1954. After working on a Homecoming float in 1961, a meeting was called and the girls were requested to return a fishing pole, boots and scotch tape.

Other items are somewhat confusing. In 1954 a secretary recorded the following statement from the infirmary. "Excuses may be refused if illness isn't valid, and trays will be given only at the infirm if you're sick you need to be waited upon, you should be at the infirm!" At a cabinet meeting the same year, an Open House was planned "at which games should be played, refreshments would be had and decorations would be hung."

At the last meeting of every year a special ceremony is recorded. Each senior girl who has made Gao her "home" is presented with a single rose, and sometimes an appropriate poem. And so each secretary "respectfully submits" and closes the Gao minutes on a very feminine note.

## Professors join '68-69 faculty

Two new teachers have been signed for next fall in the English and Zoology Departments.

In the Science Department, Miss Anne Whiting will become Assistant Professor of Biology. Miss Whiting has her B.A. in Biology from Eastern Nazarene and her M.S. in Botany from the University of Illinois. This summer, upon completion of her dissertation on the glandular tissue of Colubrid (black-fanged snakes) she hopes to receive her Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University.

Joining the English Department as Instructor in English will be Mr. Lloyd P. Wilt. Mr. Wilt, with his B.A. from Houghton College (class of '46), also has a B.D. from Faith Seminary, in Philadelphia, and an M.A. from the University of Maine.