

Oratorio to Climax Bach Week Tonight in Church

The third quadrennial Bach Festival, April 29 to May 2, under the leadership of Dr. Charles Finney, is featuring a variety of works by one of the greatest composers of all time.

The composer, Bach, lends himself to a one-man festival because of the variety of the music in his name. He composed works for voice, cello, flute, piano and violin; the Music Department is seeking to present a variety of Bach works. The Festival has been a sampling of the different Bach works but admits to have been only a brief sketch of the great mass of compositions by this man.

The Houghton College Oratorio Society and Chorus under Dr. Charles H. Finney will present the closing concert of the Festival this evening at 8:00 in the Houghton Church. The choral group will present *The Magnificat*, the opening chorus, "Lord and Master," from *The Passion of Our Lord According to St. John*, and *Chorus and Cantata 11 for Ascension-tide*, "Praise our God."

Highlights of the week's activities have included double chapels, Tuesday through Friday, occurring simultaneously in the Chapel and Music

Auditorium. Bernina Hostetter presented her senior organ recital of all Bach works in conjunction with the week's observation. Evening recitals, Tuesday and Thursday, have featured different Bach works by the college music students.

G. Cambell, Lucy Mears To Perform

Lucy Mears and Gerald Campbell will present a joint piano and composition recital on Friday, May 16, at 8:00 p. m. in the chapel.

Mr. Campbell, who is taking a theory course with an organ major, will present two of his own compositions: *Piece for Trumpet*, played by Robert MacKenzie and *Psalm 97*, presented by the College Chorus under the direction of Dr. Charles Finney. Mr. Campbell will accompany the trumpet selection on the piano. While at Houghton, Gerald has been a member of Chorus, Orchestra and Torchbearers. His home is in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Miss Mears, who received her B.A. degree from Houghton in 1955, is presenting this recital in partial fulfillment of the requirements for a Bachelor of Music degree with a major in music education. She has been teaching music since she was graduated.

Marantis Tops Campus Society



W. Marantis, R. Woodson

William Marantis was elected to a second term as the president of Torchbearers in their annual election, April 19.

Other persons elected were: Robert Woodson, vice-president; Ruth Goranson, secretary; Ronald Waite, treasurer; Carolyn Gifford, advertising manager; J. Fay Cleveland, extension secretary; and Donald Corliss, radio manager.

Torchbearers functions as the student evangelistic society on campus, giving students field training in Christian personal work.

Student Affairs Committee has recommended that Torchbearers start a regular news feature in the *Star*.

UNITED PRESS HEADLINES - MAY 2, 1958

The United States is expected to set off the first nuclear device today of its planned spring series of tests.

An American Matador guided missile was test-fired for the first time in the Far East today when it blasted off from a base on Formosa.

Russia is expected to announce today whether it will go along with a proposed open skies inspection plan for Arctic lands.

The United States, France and Britain plan to tell Russia today they will continue separate diplomatic sessions in preparation for a possible summit meeting.

Dynasty to Tumble

Free China Awaits Golden Hour To Return Home, States Tong



Stanley Sandler, *Star* Current Affairs Editor, questions Ambassador Tong during Anniversary Week.

BY STANLEY SANDLER

A Christian gentleman and scholar, Dr. Hollington K. Tong, ambassador from China to the United States, visited Houghton last Monday.

The aura of traditional diplomatic charm blended with unshakable determination to once again see a free and resurrected China. This absolute belief in ultimate victory for the Nationalist cause is the hall mark of all free China officials. For those who would bargain with Red China or Russia, Free China merely says "look at the record." Of over twenty solemn agreements made by the U.S.S.R. in international affairs, only one has been kept.

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Gregory, Moos, Van Der Decker, Hokanson Vie for Senate Office



E. Moos, C. Gregory, C. Hokanson, J. Van Der Decker

The student body will elect Student Senate officers in chapel, May 7. Those running for the office of president are Curtis Gregory, Carl Hokanson, Edward Moos and John Van Der Decker. Bonnie Boggs, Lois Hess and Gail Pfahler are the candidates for the office of secretary; those in the race for the office of treasurer are Edward Crandall, Eugene George and James Walker.

Mr. Gregory's Platform

The platform of Mr. Gregory includes the following proposals:

1. To stress relations with the National Associations of Evangelicals and to look into the affiliation Houghton may achieve with the National Association of Christian Schools and with the National Students Association.
2. To emphasize the political seminars in Washington, D. C. and to invite political lecturers to campus.
3. To initiate a Career Day Program in which professional men will

introduce their vocational field through lectures.

4. To strengthen the bond between the Student Senate and the students and the faculty. The means of uniting these would be the establishment of a Student Court.

5. To examine the possibilities for Honor Seminars in which four unit hours of credit will be given to those students who are 3.5 and above. These courses would be on the level of graduate work and should obtain recognition as such.

6. To examine and make any necessary revisions in the Student Senate Constitution.

7. To improve upon picnic facilities and to set aside an area near or on campus with the proper facilities.

Mr. Hokanson's Platform

Mr. Hokanson proposes:

1. Participation in the Evangelical Association of Christian Students.

2. A stronger relationship between Houghton College and Roberts Wesleyan.

3. A greater unity among the students and faculty.

4. A strong spiritual emphasis in all student activities.

Mr. Moos's Platform

Mr. Moos plans:

1. The establishment of a student advisory committee.

2. Working for the idea of having the school, church and community better united through synchronized prayer meetings.

3. Revision of the present dating policy.

4. The designing of a school flag.

5. To promote a plan whereby the whole student body and faculty would read through the Bible together in one year.

6. A Student Senate meeting bi-monthly held in the chapel at the regular chapel time where the whole student body may attend and see what the Senate is doing and also to present their own matters.

7. Continuation of present recreation hall project.

8. Further development of the Political Affairs Conference.

Mr. Van Der Decker's Platform

Mr. Van Der Decker designs:

1. To continue to promote the Student Senate as a mature and intelligent agency for representing student opinion which will have the respect of the administration.

2. To investigate the possibilities of the honor system.

3. To delegate more committee power to Senators in engaging student assistance.

4. To encourage the bringing to Houghton campus persons of importance in the world today, following the recent example of the Political Affairs Council and Student Senate in bringing Dr. Tong to Houghton.

5. To publicize the proceedings of the Senate through WJSL and the *Star*.

Juniors to Fete Seniors, May 9

The Junior-Senior Banquet will be held, May 9, at 7:00 p. m. The place, speaker and menu are secret. Carl Hokanson will act as master of ceremonies. Special vocal music will be provided. Decorations will consist of flowers and a display for those who desire to take pictures.

Diamond Anniversary . . .

by Razlett

Previous articles in this series have treated the more historic aspects of academic life in Houghton around the turn of the century. Now the question may well be asked, "What did the students of this primitive period, the so-called equine-equipage era, do for relaxation and recreation?"

Admittedly and quite literally, these were the good old halcyon horse-and-buggy days. Henry Clark (now living in Caneadea) commuted about three miles to the Old Sem via Lattice Bridge. Shirley Babbitt, Business Manager of the *Star* during my editorial regime, jogged daily from that vague region called Podonque to the New Sem likewise. Stanley Wright, the first Business Manager and second editor, recalls how he drove a spanking team (2 h. p.) to printer Benjamin at Rushford, and how the editor read proof or completed her editorial while ascending Sand Hill. One can understand why today, all the children in sight rush to hitch a ride on Mr. Clark's wagon when he drives into town at the rate of three miles per hour.

As for physical effort and exercise,

there was plenty of manual labor on farms in the area — splitting and cording wood and digging potatoes in season — but there was practically no athletic program of organized sports in those days. One of my first memories is of Ted Woodward in the act of batting up flies in the meadow extending from what is now the village park to the Clement-Crandall house. Rules about outside competition were of course, even more stringent than now, but home students managed to find technical loopholes for discreet evasion of the ban.

Shortly after 1906, several enterprising students introduced tennis and basketball. "Ern" Hall, whom I have previously referred to as my boyhood hero, took the initiative as an innovator, aided by such kindred spirits as the Carpenter boys from the effete East and the breezy Thompson boys from the wilds of South Dakota. They first vainly tried to hire a hayloft in a village barn; then they settled for the long, narrow, low-ceilinged chapel in the abandoned Old Sem. With chicken wire over

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Student Government Should Be Educational

Dean W. P. Shofstall of Arizona State University said recently:

"If we do not have a system of real student government in our schools, a system patterned after our state and national governments, where or how will students learn to want to vote in our form of government, to want to participate in civic affairs, etc.?"

"Active participation in government has to be learned, and if it is to be learned, it has to be taught. It can be taught only through experience in self government.

"The student who is satisfied to do his classwork and take advantage of activities furnished for him, not by him, will almost certainly be satisfied after graduation to let the politicians run his government for him, and will seldom even vote or take civic responsibility so long as he has a job, social security, is at peace, has schools, parks, highways and other things he wants. Can the critics of student government deny this? Why should he suddenly turn into a good citizen after graduation?"

"Why student government? The answer is why education? Is there much sense in being educated only to find yourself living in a police state? This wouldn't have made much sense to our founding fathers. Are we different from them?"

We bring this to the attention of the Houghton student who will vote in the coming Senate election merely because a white ballot is thrust in front of him, Wednesday morning, May 7. There is more at stake than the election of a "good guy" to the position of student body leader.

Every student's future position as a Christian in the world (but not of the world) is on trial. "We cannot shut our eyes to our obligations to bring the redemptive power of Christ into every sphere of human society", states Dr. Carl F. H. Henry in his book, *The Uneasy Conscience of Modern Fundamentalism*. The Student Senate elections can be a training ground for every Christian who would put his "world view" into practice.

The Houghton student must examine platforms and qualifications intelligently and then vote with as clear thinking as possible. This is no game we're playing.

Editor-Elect Claims Bible Is Center Of Our Study

BY MORRIS ATWOOD, Editor-elect of 1958-59 Star

Expressed in appropriate religious terms, the Bible is God's revelation to man. In practical, yet not irreverent terms, the Bible is man's text-book for life. But it is not just another source-book of facts; it is the inspired Word of God. Now if Christian collegians believe that man is unable to live by mere earthly resources, no matter how philosophically or psychologically sound they may appear, it would seem that those persons should give their great, Divine Source Book more attention. If they are convinced that Christians need supernatural power to live wholesome lives, they ought also to realize the necessity of drawing upon the source of that supernatural power.

Knowledge of Bible Essential

How can one witness of personal spiritual growth when he has only heard it testified from another Christian's lips but has not experienced it for himself? If Christian collegians are to make any impact for Christ on the world in their respective future professions, they must not only be thoroughly prepared in their field, but also they must be scholars of the written Revelation of God. Experience not founded on the Word of God can at best be superficial. And a testimony of such an experience will rapidly disintegrate when its foundations are inspected.

Imitate Bible Study Groups

Can we honestly sing — "I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, in the joy of what Thou art" — when we do not know exactly what He is? Houghton students would do well to follow the example of those on our campus who have initiated Bible study groups. The active participation involved stimulates consistent devotional life and practical Christian living.

Knowledge Permits Ready Response

Let us purpose two things: (1) to be able to say from our hearts, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God" (Romans 11:33), and (2) to "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh us a reason of the hope that is within us with meekness and fear." (1 Peter 3:15).



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Minority Report



Exit The Existential

One of the few who had the ability to "see" beneath the surface of things, and to stimulate thought in every phase of life, has left campus. This champion of Henry James, battered sneakers and the continual "as if" . . . and guardian of East Hall, will journey to Oklahoma this June to train for Wycliffe translation work. We speak of Bill Banker, a fellow peer and trusted colleague, who has meanwhile returned to his apple orchards to philosophize and contemplate in the foothills of the Adirondacks.

Donning the minority mantle, Bert Williams, compeer and no less concerned for the hierarchy of values and historically defined orthodoxy, is aiding "the knob" in this edition of *Minority Report*.

Have Books, Will Travel

Plaudits to Dr. Hall on his acceptance to the Post Graduate School of Theology in the University of Edinburgh in Scotland for the year 1958-59. Dr. Hall is a scholar in the true sense of the word, and our philosophy department's loss is Europe's gain. Dr. Hall will be writing a regular column from Europe for the *Star* next year.

Another Star In The Literary Firmament

The 1958 *Lanthon* will come off the press within a week or so, "chock full of vital warmth and meaning." The *Lanthon* this year is seeking to explore more fully the realm of the arts on campus by offering, in this enlarged anniversary edition, not only prize-winning works but several new features and reviews. The cost is fifty cents, and you can't afford to be without one.

Spectral Analysis Of Our Anniversary

Rumor has it that the \$1200 was not given to the *Boulder* just to add more pages of black and white halftones.

Propaganda, Publicity and Prognosis

The spring is come again, and with the rain of the season, we are inundated with the annual flood of persuasive advertising that each candidate offers in his Senate campaign. An examination of platforms of the past will reveal that over half of planks offered were never fulfilled (such as a party system, bringing industry to Houghton, Saturday night activities, revision of the movie policy, etc.), yet we suppose that it is impossible to win without one — be it plausible or not. We suggest that students examine the past of each candidate to see what he has accomplished, rather than to be inveigled by promises. Experience and specific accomplishment on Houghton campus are the valid criteria for election, in our book.

Question of The Week

Is it true that everyone who is driving to the Jr.-Sr. banquet is packing a pump in the trunk of his automobile?

The First Seventy-five Are Gone

Students who were not present at the Anniversary Convocation Thursday night missed the thrust and impact of the entire week. Dr. Tozer's lecture was both inspiring and scholarly, and the expressions on the faculty member's faces as the Oratorio sang "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name" were testimony to the definite part Houghton has played in the advancement of the kingdom. From the silvery hair of professor emeritus Leroy Fancher to the gray-thatched crown of Prof. Stanley Wright; from the shining visage of Doc Jo to the profound, meditative look on Dr. Lynip's face; from the radiant, almost tearful, smile of Dr. Pool to the youthful awe on Prof. Talbot's and Prof. Kimball's countenances, there came to us an overwhelming feeling that these teachers, who have been shapers of so many young people's destinies in the service of God, would not have traded places with the King of England on that or any other night.

We repeat, if you missed that occasion, you are still just a student on a college campus, merely standing by as the great parade of the years has gone, and is going by you. This Anniversary Week wasn't meant to be so much noise-making.

Subtlety To The Winds

All kidding aside, what is the essential difference between Sadie Hawkins day and any other boy-girl situation on campus throughout the school year? It's merely that on this occasion the women take the premium off subtlety and emphasize obnoxiousity.

The Bach Quadrennial

It is especially fitting, we feel, that the Bach quadrennial falls on the 75th Anniversary celebration of the school. Not only is Bach's music among the world's finest art, but a vast amount of his choral literature is derived directly from the Bible and constitutes a bold presentation of the gospel whenever performed. At a time when we are evaluating the contribution of the college in other areas, we need to realize that the Bach Festival itself, and the quality of the performance of the participants is no less a valuable criterion for sizing up our school. Let us continue to be reminded that it is ever the imperative of the Christian to be presenting the world with a message as purposive and as forceful as that of Bach's.

The Gadfly



by Nancy Lance,
Lanthon Editor

T. S. Eliot in his poem "East Coker" from *Four Quartets* cried, "... And so each venture is a new beginning, a raid on the inarticulate . . ." The 1958 *Lanthon* is a venture and a new beginning for Houghton's literary magazine.

Houghton lacks a vital organ for the expression of the arts. The *Boulder* preserves the years activities; the *Star* records current news; the *Lanthon* should be the medium for the Fine Arts. In the past the *Lanthon* has been strictly a magazine of the literary contest with little emphasis on the other arts. In this issue we have included the literature of the contest and criticism of current outside literature in the form of a book review. Also, we have added criticisms of Houghton drama and music.

We have begun a venture — "a raid on the inarticulate. With shabby equipment always deteriorating. In the general mess of imprecision of feeling. Undisciplined squads of emotion!"

Society News

JOHNSON — HARBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harbers of Ridgefield Park, N. J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Rose ('57), to Mr. Stephen S. Johnson ('58) of Central, S. C. The wedding will take place in July.

ARMSTRONG — DEMAREST

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford A. Demarest of Flushing, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Ann ('59), to Mr. Brian Armstrong ('58) of Guys Mills, Pa. No date has been set for the wedding.

TAYLOR — THAYER

Mr. and Mrs. Russel M. Thayer of Eggertsville, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Jane ('58), to Mr. Lowell D. Taylor (Jan. '58) of West Hempstead, Long Island.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart, class of '56 and ex '58 respectively, announce the birth of a son, Bruce Douglas, April 21.

Letters to the Editor . . .

Mr. Editor:

It seems that there is a handful of girls who are so overconsiderate to some that they are inconsiderate to many others.

Every lunch bell draws a flock of them first into the dining hall; like beach-master seals, they capture a domain of at least one table and sometimes three and ward off all would-be trespassers by barking, "I'm sorry, it's saved." Sadder yet, their friends often never arrive at the exclusive pasture, a greener one being elsewhere.

Despite complaints of the boys and hints by their Dean, these undaunted queens of the chow hall continue to rudely usurp their kingdoms and defend them by murderous looks or embarrassed silence. Can nothing be done? Should we constantly be so royally rewarded because we must be gentlemen?

Carl Berggren

Town Meeting: Israel Jewish Nation Clings To Determined Dream

Retrospect of Anniversary Week Shows Emphasis on Wesleyanism



This saga begins in Russia during the 1880's. A little Jewish boy is collecting pennies from his ghetto neighbors. The pennies are for a "national homeland for the Jews." Fantastic? Well, let us continue the story.

The time is now 1917. The Jewish lad is now a world-renowned chemist. A British government, grateful for his contributions toward winning the First World War, asks him to name his reward. He asks nothing for himself, only a homeland for his wandering, persecuted people. "Would the British government support his dream?" Thus is issued the famous Balfour Declaration: "His Majesty's government views with favour the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine."

We follow this modern Moses as he leads his people out of the stinking ghettos of Eastern Europe, away from the pogroms and thousand-odd insults and discriminations that have made the Jew the shame of Christendom.

They come by foot and boat to the rocky, arid promised land. With sweat and blood a land becomes gradually transformed from desert to gar-

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the windows and with no heat, showers, or other accessories, they were ready to shoot baskets.

Neither was tennis any game for sissies! Ern Hall, Will Frazier and one or two others built the first court under a huge spreading chestnut tree where the present Science Building stands. The present tennis courts were constructed soon after on the site of the brick kilns, where they still are. By this time Harold Luckey and I practically monopolized the courts. One summer we were thrilled by playing with the women's tennis champion of Oberlin, Miss Ruth Houghton, the granddaughter of the founder. One of my sincere regrets has been that, so far as I know neither she nor Ern Hall ever returned to Houghton in later years.

Yes, students in those days may have been easily satisfied with a simple life, but they also possessed initiative and imagination. Whether the younger fry vied with each other to see who would be the first to dive off the rocks in the spring, or to get up on a frosty autumn morning to go chestnutting (one could fill a five or ten pound cloth sugar bag in a matter of minutes); or whether the older students would go on a sleigh-ride or skating at the Cove on a zero night in February, everyone felt the tingle of red blood in his veins. Life had an authentic flavor and zestfulness about it then that is often lacking today. We lived with gusto, and might have said with Wordsworth: "In that dawn it was joy to be alive; To be young was very heaven."

Watch for it!

The Enlarged

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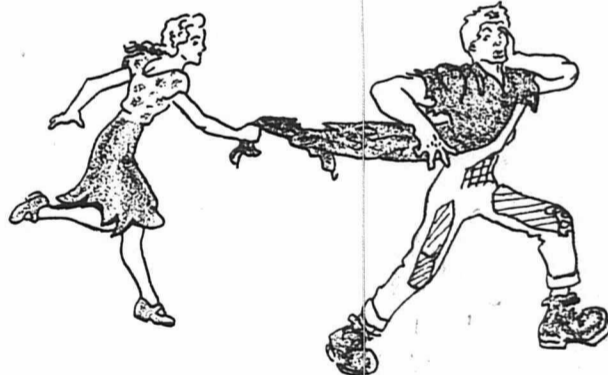
den. But the natives are restless; although the Arabs have been paid for their land, they resent bitterly the steady stream of outsiders that threaten to swamp their traditional way of life. They murder and burn and snipe.

Only World War Two prevents open civil war. This is the time of Jacob's trouble. At the end of the war, sixteen million Jews who have shared the homeland dream never see it fulfilled. They lie in gas chambers, crematoriums and shallow graves by the scores of thousands, mute testimony to the return of the Dark Ages.

Europe, a continent in turmoil, on the move, has little time for the Jews. So they renew their weary exodus. The British vainly try to stop them. Under cross-fire from Arab and Jew, the exasperated British pulled out. The next day, May 14, 1948 (Jewish calendar, April 24) the new state of Israel is proclaimed. The one-time ghetto lad, Dr. Chaim Weitzman, becomes its first president. That night the City of Peace has its first air-raid and experienced invasion by five Arab nations. A rag-tag, bob-tailed army, hastily equipped from the junkyards of Europe, puts these Arab armies to headlong flight. An armistice ends the first phase of Israel's history.

And They're Off

Senate Probates Annual Chase; Girls Will Chase Men May 14

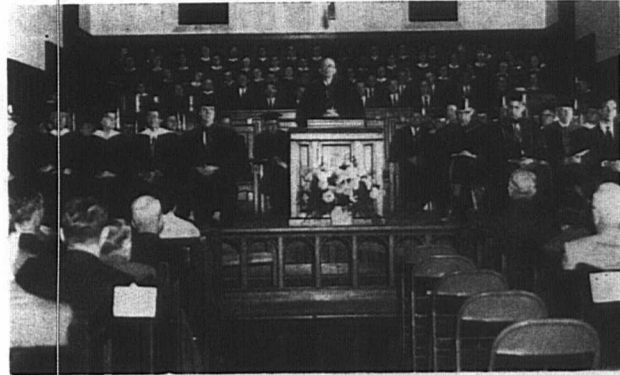


Dr. Hall Will Study Abroad

Dr. Bert H. Hall, dean of students and instructor in philosophy, has been accepted to study in the Post-Graduate School of Theology, New College, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, for his sabbatical year, 1958-59.

He will study courses in Old Testament, New Testament and Philosophy of Religion during the autumn term under James Stewart and John Baillie.

He has been invited to the faculty of the Israel-American Institute of Biblical Studies for the second semester 1958-59 with campus located in Jerusalem, and he will teach nine hours of seminary courses in connection with this offer. He will engage in archeological exploration and will visit Biblical sites in Palestine.



A. W. Tozer addresses Convocation audience in church, April 24.



Mr. Harry France, syndicated columnist, addresses Businessmen's Dinner in East Hall, April 23.



Mr. Steve Johnson, president of Student Senate, shows Anniversary booklet to Dr. Hollington Tong, who spoke April 21.

"What we need to have is a bigger idea of God," Dr. A. W. Tozer, noted author and editor of *Alliance Weekly*, stated Thursday night at the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Convocation. "We don't need a bigger God, but a bigger concept of Him." In speaking of the person and being of God, Dr. Tozer stated that God is characterized by moral purity, mystery, strangeness, and fearfulness, and only the atonement of Christ can protect us from His awfulness.

Also included in Anniversary Week activities were the final anniversary lectures on "The Wesleyan Contribution to Evangelism" and "Houghton's Contribution to Evangelism" on Wednesday and Thursday by Dr. Paul S. Rees, for twenty years pastor of First Covenant Church, Minneapolis, and by the Rev. George Failing, former Houghton College Director of Public Relations and present editor of Sunday School literature for the Wesleyan Methodist church.

Dr. Rees pointed out that although John Wesley was "many men rolled into one . . . the most towering fact about him was that he was an evangelist." "Wesley broke out of the prison of method in the larger interests of the message," he stated. Mr. Failing said that Houghton's contribution to evangelism was primarily in three directions — depth or re-

vival emphasis, length or missionary endeavor and breadth or teaching of the deeper life.

At a special Family Anniversary Chapel, Wednesday morning, held in the new chapel-auditorium, Houghton's historical booklet, "Consider the Years" was presented. First copies were given to the editor, Dr. Kenneth Wilson, and the artists, Mr. and Mrs. H. Willard Ortlip. Representatives of college supporting groups tolled the bell seventy-five times in honor of Houghton's seventy-five years of existence.

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a China war was labeled as the "wrong war in the wrong place at the wrong time" — as if we could choose time or place to fight our wars.

Dr. Tong has lived through the entire history of the modern Chinese Republic. It was he who introduced 20th century journalism to China. (as a cub reporter, he interviewed Teddy Roosevelt) He plans to retire from the service of his country in May. He is living proof of the value and effectiveness of Christian service in the arena of world affairs.

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Jim Walker (l.) will toss the discus for Purple; May 15. Don Kunkel (above, r.) will broad jump for Gold, and Ron Trail (lower r.) will run the hurdles.



Watch out, Sadie!

Class Runners to Vie Sat.; P-G Thin Clads Run May 15

An exciting track season looms ahead for all cinder aspirants and fans alike. Two meets are scheduled for the spring season: the class track meet will be held this Saturday at 1:30 p.m., and the color meet which falls on track and field day on the 15th of May.

Sophs Won Last Year

The sophomore class, last year's winners by a very close margin over the juniors, are out to defend their track laurels with another strong slate of performers. The field this year will be very even in all respects and with the girl's events counted in the final score, will prove to be an exciting meet. Jim Walker leads the squad with his shot putting, running and discus throwing. Fred Thomas will high jump for the Sophs, and Dean Barnett and Bary Ross will cover the broad jump for the champions.

Barnett's ability in the distance races will aid the Sophs greatly. His only competition in the mile classic will be three freshmen, John Howard, Bob Barr and Ron Stuckey. Howard, Paul Biggers of the Academy and senior Art Everett remain as the only challengers to Barnett in the 880 yard run.

Kerr, Trail to Battle

Ron Kerr hurdles well for the Sophs, but he will receive stiff competition from Ron Trail of the Seniors in both the 120 yard highs and the 220 lows. The freshman squad will be ready to challenge the Sophs all the way. Besides the men mentioned already, there remain Skip Bergmann in the 100 and 220 yard dashes; Dave Nylund, who will throw the discus and the javelin, and Bob Barr who tosses the shot put.

John Miller, at the moment, looms as the only Junior willing and able to advance the reputation of the green and white. John is a sure shot in the pole vault with only the question of his breaking the record remaining. Miller will also sprint and probably broad jump, an event he won last year with only one leap in the middle of his pole vaulting chores. Ed Moos will help Miller by entering

a sprint or two, and Carl Hokanson is a possibility in the hurdles.

Junior Girls Favored

The color meet will follow the same pattern as the class meets. Most winners of the individual events in the class meet will repeat their victories in the color competition with a few minor exceptions or else a reversal of first and second places. An upset is a rarity at the Houghton color meet in comparison to the class meet. The girls track score adds weight in the final outcome. It is here that the Juniors pin their hopes. Carol Demarest and Barb States broad jump and high jump respectively, and are able to run a few events in between leaps. The Soph girls will have Vivian Marcon and Elsie Stumpf in the baseball toss while Vivian will also broad jump.

Purple Ties Baseball Series; Munson's Hit Wins 1st Game

FLASH
Purple evened the baseball series at one apiece late yesterday afternoon with a 3-2 win over Gold. Ken German was the winning pitcher.

The 1958 Houghton baseball season jumped to a successful beginning on April 26th, as Gold, true to form, came from behind to defeat Purple 4-2. Ben Munson belted a three run homer to cap a four run 6th inning for the victors.

Until the blast by the Gladiator centerfielder, the Pharaohs had led from the first inning. With Lyman Pierce on the mound and two out in the first inning, Percy, the Purple shortstop, walked, stole second and while stealing third, the catcher's toss went into left field enabling him to score the first run. Similarly in the third inning, Moos scored after he reached first when Armstrong dropped a third strike, went to third on Armstrong's errant pickoff attempt and scored on a balk. Purple had

Burke Enters P.E. Dept.

Purple Wins 1st Softball Game 19-13

The 1958 softball season opened last Monday with Purple defeating Gold 19-13 in a slugfest. Ray Stover belted a home run for the victors, Larry Umfleet pitched a seven-hitter and swatted three doubles and Denny McCarty had a triple and a brace of singles for the winners.

Pharaohs Start Fast

In the first inning Purple scored six times. In the second frame two walks, a single, double and another single accounted for four more. The Pharaohs also pushed across four in the third frame. Fred Moon singled, Umfleet walked and Schiffer walked. Rockhill scored one run with a bingle, and McCarty cleaned the bases with his triple.

Gold Retaliates

This was quite enough to take the ball game, for at the end of four innings Purple led 15-2. In the sixth frame, Gold came through with seven big runs. Six walks, a hit batsman, two errors and two wild pitches were wrapped around singles by Fred Thomas and Paul Mills to account for the markers.

Late Rally Fails

With one inning left to the Gladiators, the score stood 19-9 against them. But they were not through. Thomas walked, Proctor walked — in fact six men walked to score four big runs — but it was not enough. Larry Umfleet, the winning pitcher, gave up thirteen runs, seven hits, thirteen walks (seven of which scored) and struck out seven.

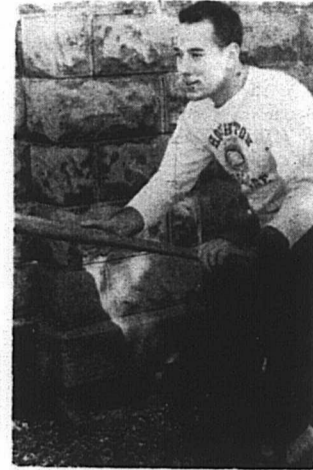
Ed Stansfield for Gold gave up ten walks, struck out one, and gave up thirteen hits. Gold made six big errors behind him and stranded fourteen men on the basepaths. The two teams will meet again soon and will each play the high school once in their quests for the crown.

The addition of a new faculty member in the physical education department heads a bright list of new things planned for Houghton sports next year. Mr. Ernest D. Burke of Chazy, New York, has accepted the position of physical education instructor and athletic coach at Houghton College.

Mr. Burke received his B.S. from Wheaton College in 1953 and his M.A. in physical education from Syracuse University in 1954. He has worked at Lake Sabago in the summer program of New York University. At present, Mr. Burke is physical education instructor at Chazy Central School, a position he has held since September of 1954.

At Chazy Central, Mr. Burke inaugurated interscholastic contests and in the town itself, he set up the first summer program for the Chazy Youth Commission. He has taught and coached a number of sports. However, his main field of endeavor has been on the basketball floor.

Chazy Central School is the one endowed high school of the state. The W. H. Miner Foundation supplies two thirds of their budget. The net result is its tremendous appeal to faculty and students alike. Houghton College is grateful for the Lord's leading in the contact of a new member for the P.E. department. Houghton sports are bound to grow in stature, and a large step has been taken in this direction.



Ray Stover is captain of the Pharaoh softball team.



Percy Pens - - - Farewell to Houghton; Philosophizes on Sports

It is easy to write sports. Joy or wrath can be easily expressed in the reporting of athletics. Runs, baskets and first downs can be described in a multitude of ways. Opinions, however, are hard to express. Some writers do it very coyly, slyly mastering words to abet their purposes. Unfortunately, I can't write that well. I am too blunt. People often are hurt; others emphatically agree. I don't care either way. After this last *Percy Pens* column, I turn my back on sports as I have known it. Soon I will become a YMCA man and no more.

What does athletic activity mean to us? Individual answers most probably categorize themselves under three reasons: to win, to have fun, to learn. To win? That's in part a good reason, for winning is the end result of competition. And why not play to win? Go ahead, give it everything. Just don't break the rules trying to keep ahead. To have fun? This answer is usually quickly swallowed when your opponent does something you don't like, or when you have to win, or when you lose. Let's not be fooled by the mythical, "I just play to have fun."

And of learning? Without a doubt, athletics is more than winning or having fun, more than a religion or a passing fancy. To me, sports is educational, a boon to one's knowledge. Realistically, you have to learn to live with the friendly, the obnoxious and the unconcerned. Athletics can help teach you how. To win you have to be tough and mean. Future battles are won on the playing fields of Eton because there one can learn to rattle a few heads. But it should be more. Every time I play, I learn to respect more of other's feelings and their beliefs.

Let's not be shallow-minded. Houghton College is an educational institution. Is it educational enough? Of course not. Or why else would we try to improve ourselves? One way we can do this is through athletic activity. Don't be so small you can't learn through another avenue of activity.

Sports have been extremely good to me. It is simply amazing how much of another you can pierce by playing with and against him. A healthy respect and knowledge of another's religion, his philosophy of life and his emotions is necessary for each one of us. It is superfluous to say that it can be better done through intercollegiate channels. But I'm not here to labor that point. And then of yourself — just how well do you know yourself? How long can you remain cool under pressure? Can you lead? Or follow? Do you enjoy giving a project our all? Can you control your self pride? There is a possibility of finding man answers in sports. It is wonderful to have had the opportunity.

Before thoughts are directed to other areas of life, where excellence awaits the anxious seeker, a word of farewell is in order. To my sports friends at Houghton, adieu: to Trasher, Moon, Taylor, West, Moos, Hammond, Rockhill, teammates . . . to Dick Sheesley, absent . . . to Lyman Wood, friend, . . . to Jack Thomson, roommate . . . to John Seth Reist, boss . . . to Beck and Gommer, gone . . . and to others who will be leaders in Houghton's future sports activity . . . and may sports at Houghton constantly strive for perfection in every way possible.



Ben Munson, soph centerfielder, won opening game with three-run homer in the sixth inning.

scored a run without benefit of a hit. Gold's revenge came in the sixth inning off pitcher Ron Waite. Up to this frame, Waite had successfully pitched himself out of three jams. After one man grounded out in the sixth, Seawright and Sabeen hit back to back singles. Pierce's grounder

was bobbled by Walker at third to load the bases, and Simmeth scored one on his infield bouncer. Munson was the next Gold hitter, and he belted the third pitch up the right-center field alley for a three-run homer.

Pierce, the winning hurler, struck out 10 men and gave only three hits. Waite allowed five hits while striking out seven men. Dick Seawright and Munson collected two hits apiece for Gold while Day, Moos and German got wrong field hits for Purple.