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COLLEGE RECEIVES \$25,000 SITE NEW DEAN OF MEN LISTS REGULATIONS Letchworth Scene Of Class Picnics 73 LOTS INCLUDED IN RUSHFORD GLEN

After an extended debate last Monday night, the Student Senate ratified a series of new regulations for men students, which were drawn up by a senate committee in collaboration with Henry Brandt, the new dean of men. The proposed rules were passed on a tentative basis by a 14-3 roll-call vote, with one senator abstaining.

The new regulation involves the use of automobiles and out-of-town permissions for men, and will constitute a partial revision of the *Students' Handbook*. As amended, the success or failure of the regulations during a ten-week trial period will determine its continuance on a permanent basis.

According to Dean Brandt, the new rules are necessary to meet two basic problems which face him as dean of men. First is his responsibility to know the whereabouts of the students at all times in order to reach them for phone calls, telegrams, etc. The second reason is to give the dean a basis for helping students make the best possible use of their time. The solution to this problem, as outlined by Dean Brandt and the Senate committee, lies in a sign-out system for the evenings after 7:30. That is, all men (excluding those living with their families) will be required to sign out from their houses when leaving town and when leaving the house after 7:30 p. m. There is no compulsory time limit whatsoever on the hour of return.

Dean Brandt emphasized that he did not expect to "legislate either honesty or good sense into college students," but that the new rules would simply give him the opportunity to offer help where it is needed. Consequently there will be no enforcement of the dean's suggestions concerning the use of time, provided he is not engaged in activities contrary to school policies. Being a "free moral agent," the student may either accept or reject the suggestions.

At the first meeting of the Senate during the current school year, the new proposals were referred to a committee which, with Dean Brandt, worked out the basic outline of the regulations which will soon go into effect.

In the following meeting, the pro-

New Missionary Med Course Offered Here

The missionary course offered at Houghton this year has attracted the attention of many students who plan to spend future years on the mission fields. Students may take this course for credit either semester. The class meets in Dr. McMillen's office, while Dr. Moreland has charge of the laboratory classes.

The purpose of this missionary course is to give instruction on diseases that are contracted by the missionary. Many missionaries have lost their lives due to the lack of knowledge of medicine and its proper application. Also, this course will teach the future laborers to dispense medical aid to those whom they are serving.

posed rules were submitted to the Senate for examination and amendment. After a somewhat heated debate, the proposals were accepted by the Senate on a narrow margin.

Interested in the complete understanding and support of the Senate and students, the new dean of men requested the opportunity to explain and answer questions and criticisms of the proposed rules. The vote which followed the Monday night discussion showed a substantial margin of approval. Dean Brandt said that he hoped this pattern of discussion would be followed in all school problems.

According to Rules 2 and 3, (which constitute only minor changes from those in the *Students' Handbook*) all freshmen and first semester sopho-

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'51 Enrollment Drops to 611

A total enrollment of 611 students, as of September 22, has been announced by the registrar's office. Of these 577 are full-time and 34 are part-time students. However, final enrollment figures will not be available until September 29, the last day students may register.

There are 340 men and 271 women enrolled this year. The freshman class is the largest, having 192 members. There are 151 sophomores, 109 juniors, 142 seniors, and 17 unclassified students.

Last year the enrollment was 705 full-time and 36 part-time students—a total of 741, or 130 more than this year's total. Prior to World War II the largest enrollment was 482 in 1940-41. The drop in enrollment anticipated by the registrar, since most colleges expected a drop of 30-40% in enrollment this fall. It has been apparent for several months that 575 full-time students would probably be the highest enrollment figure possible.

There are several reasons for the lower figure. Most of the veterans who attended college under the G. I. Bill of Rights have by now completed their training. Some men students have been inducted into the army; others withdrew from school in order to enlist in different branches of the armed forces. Because of the Korean conflict, work is now available at high wages in defense and other industries. During the war when colleges were overcrowded, many community and junior colleges were established, and most of them are still in operation. The majority of persons who apply for admission to Houghton come from homes of moderate means, and many of them find it necessary to earn part of their expenses. Because of lack of finances, many students who would prefer to attend a Christian college such as Houghton find it necessary instead to attend a local or state college. Dean Lynip said that college authorities were pleased at the number of upper class students who had returned this year.

The annual Letchworth picnics will be held this Friday, Sept. 28. The senior and juniors will once again entertain; the seniors and sophs at the lower falls and the juniors and frosh at the upper-middle falls.

Horseshoes, baseball, football, volleyball, and badminton are on the sports agenda for the afternoon. Jean Forquer and Dave Sutterlein will lead the frosh on a tour around the park immediately following the games.

Ruth Fink and Charlotte Owen, senior and junior respectively, will have full charge of the picnic suppers. Everything from barbecues to donuts is promised for the hungry crowd.

The evening entertainment will have George Heustis and Ken Post presiding as masters of ceremonies for the sophs and seniors. Ken and George will present as their main feature, "So They Went to Alaska". At the middle-upper falls, with Paul Dekker as master of ceremonies, "The Pyrennes Mountain Boys" will be serenading.

The senior chaplains, Edwin Hostetter and Lorraine Hartzell, will be in charge of the devotions, which will end the senior-soph program. A male quartet and girl's trio will participate. Bob Denny will function as song leader, and a short message will be brought by Dale Turner. Mary Ellen Kick and Paul Dekker are planning the devotional part of the junior-frosh program. They will be having group singing followed by a faculty speaker.

Senate Sponsors Formal Reception

The first formal party of the year was held Friday night for the new students. The reception, sponsored by the Student Social committee, is an annual event established to acquaint the new students, faculty and staff with the college's customs and inhabitants.

On hand to greet the guests were Dr. and Mrs. Stephen W. Paine, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Lynip, the Rev. and Mrs. George E. Failing, Dr. and Mrs. Willard G. Smith, Charles Stuart, Carol Woerner, Forrest Crocker, and Stephen Castor.

Following the invocation by the Rev. Edward Angell, Charles Stuart, president of the Student Senate, gave the freshmen and new students a welcoming address.

The musical entertainment was furnished by the Houghton College Quartet and the College Trumpet Trio.

Dr. Bert H. Hall, the principle speaker for the evening, presented a short talk entitled, "I Was a Freshman Once". His apparent robust health and ability to laugh at past experiences gave the freshmen a new outlook on life and renewed their courage to go on.

Richard Dunbar led the group in singing choruses, followed by Dow Robinson's devotional comments.

The singing of the Alma Mater and the serving of the refreshments brought the reception to a close.



Seventy-three lots on Rushford lake valued at over \$25,000 became the property of Houghton college last month through the generosity of Mr. Thomas B. Russell of Canadea.

One Wednesday afternoon, August 22, in the office of the Allegheny county surrogate, before the Honorable Judge Ward M. Hopkins, Mr. Russell executed a deed to Houghton college covering his holdings in the subdivision known as Rushford Glen. Of the seventy-three lots included, twenty-one front on the lake shore. These lots will vary in exact sale prices, but they should average between \$500. and \$600.

A committee consisting of Dr. Robert Luckey, Miss Crystal Rork, and Mr. George Wells has been appointed to draw up a plan for the use of the Rushford lake property. Plans are tentative so far. A portion may be used as a recreational area for the college, and a large part of the land will probably be sold in lots, according to Dr. Luckey.

Mr. Russell, who originally owned 1213 acres around Rushford lake, generally accompanies the local board of assessors on their rounds because he is so familiar with the area. This summer he discussed with Dr. Robert Luckey, one of the assessors, the possibility of deeding some land to the college. Mr. Russell said that he was "pretty well acquainted with Jim Luckey," but that he didn't know "the young feller that's president down there now." Dr. Luckey arranged a meeting of Mr. Russell, Dr. Paine, and the Honorable Judge Ward M. Hopkins, and the details of the gift were decided.

Mr. Russell, who was born in Canadea, has lived there all his life. He served as postmaster, sold farm machinery, and ran a general store there for many years. Buying as many as ten different commodities by the carload, he did a business of \$36,000. in one year alone. Houghton college purchased the lime for the bricks in the old administration building and the central section of Gaoyadeo hall from Mr. Russell.

At the time when the Canadea dam was built about twenty years ago, Mr. Russell had charge of the commissary department of the construction project for the Rochester Gas and Electric company. It was the first time in all his life that Mr. Russell, who was then 59, had worked for anyone else. After the completion of the dam, he was retained by the company to salvage the temporary buildings and equipment and to clean up the grounds. Mr. Russell himself planted practically all the evergreens growing in the vicinity of the dam

and around his home at Rushford lake.

Following this, as there began to be a demand for lake lots for resort purposes, the power company sold to Mr. Russell the majority of the land around the lake. He has sold many lots, and still has substantial holdings in the subdivisions called Rocky Crest, Lake View, and Sunset.

Mr. Russell says that his sales this year have been higher than at any other time during the nineteen years in which he has been selling lake property. Mr. Russell thinks that Rushford lake is one of the most beautiful in the vicinity. In some places "you can look twenty or thirty feet down in the water," he says, "and see the fish." Although Mr. Russell asserts with a twinkle in his eye that he's "tougher than a boiled owl," he does regret that he hasn't been able to do as much work on his property as he'd like to in the last few years. He hopes that the college will not sell the property until it has been developed.

A real philanthropist, Mr. Russell has provided that his eyes will be given to the Buffalo eye bank after his death. In his will he is leaving a sum of money to the Canadea church, and he is also leaving money to create a plaque in Canadea in honor of the Civil War dead. In the past Mr. Russell has made gifts of back volumes of magazines to the Houghton college library.

Mr. Russell has fourteen children, eleven girls and three boys, and twenty-seven grandchildren. One of his daughters is a graduate of Houghton college. Each year on the third Sunday in August, all the children come home for a big family get-together.

Dr. Paine Speaks in Syracuse and Chicago

Dr. Stephen W. Paine was featured last Tuesday morning as a speaker at the second annual convention of the Empire State Evangelical association held in the North Baptist Church at Syracuse. His topic was entitled, "Where Do We Go from Here?"

Dr. Paine arrived in Syracuse on Monday to attend the earlier sessions. Among the others attending was Dr. Donald G. Barnhouse.

Dr. Paine also spoke to the W. C. T. U. county convention at Bolivar, N. Y. on the twelfth, with an appearance the next day in Chicago to attend an executive committee meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals.

From the Editor's Desk . . . More Than Books

The participation in extra-curricular activity is of vital importance to the college student. To graduate from college with a high grade point index is not alone indication that the graduate is prepared to assume the full responsibilities of life. Since the administration has realized that extra-curricular activities form an important part of a student's work, a wide variety of activities is afforded the student. To sum it up we might say: "College is more than books."

Though provisions have been made for extra-curricular activity, many students fail to acquaint themselves with these activities and thus miss a key to a successful college life and preparation for future life. Perhaps this negligence or indifference might best be explained as a lack of appreciation for the value of extra-curricular activity. But it is of real significance that we gain a true appreciation of the place of outside activities toward a well-rounded college education.

In the first place, by these activities the student experiences a social responsibility, which is quite unlike the self-centered responsibility found in the classroom. The graduate enters a social world which demands of him that he assume responsibility toward others. It is difficult for the graduate to assume this responsibility unless he has been conditioned in his college days.

Furthermore, the college graduate is considered as the leader of society. The opportunity to assume positions of leadership is not to be found in the textbook or classroom, but rather in extra-curricular activity. It would be unreasonable to suppose that all who participate in extra-curricular activity will be assured positions of leadership, but herein lies the only opportunity for those of ability to assume such positions. Also it must be remembered that one of the chief attributes of leadership is the ability to assume social responsibility.

Moreover, the student is offered practical knowledge gained in the classroom through extra-curricular activities. There are science majors. There are English majors. There are social science majors. There are music majors. Likewise there are various and segregated activities such as Pre-med club, *Star*, International Relations club and a cappella choir that greatly enhance the student in his chosen field of endeavor.

Therefore, it is to the advantage of each student to acquaint himself with the extra-curricular activity afforded by the school. These activities present their value when carefully chosen and an active participation is taken in them. The stress has long been on books—let them not be neglected—but a true appreciation for extra-curricular activity has often been the sacrifice much to the chagrin of those graduates who have found themselves thus ill-prepared to meet the full responsibilities of life.

Spotlighting the Times

BY ART RUPPRECHT

The decade immediately following World War II will reveal many things to the historian analyzing it from the perspective of time. Al-



ready ravaged by a world war, with another delicately hanging in the balance, it has become an era of fear. The aegis of the Western World no longer lies in occidental man's confidence in his own and his nation's capacities and capabilities, but in 87 B-36 bombers based "somewhere in the U. S.," ready to deliver atomic bombs to all the cities in the Soviet Union in a matter of hours.

This fear has brought about a revolution in social thinking. The average citizen places responsibility for himself upon his government rather than himself. This trend is all too well illustrated in various countries of the free world. The British Empire is at present ruled by a socialist Labor government; in France the largest single political party is the communist party; and in our own United States, one out of every eleven employees is on the payroll of the federal government.

Karl Marx once said that the only way to destroy democracy is "by taxes and more taxes," yet in America today, we find this very thing happening. Many of the large corpora-

tions in this country showed profits in 1951 as much as 30% greater before taxes than in 1950; yet after taxes they showed a decrease in profits. For this and other reasons, men are hesitant to risk capital which can at best only reap taxes for the federal government when jobs with security are available.

Fear of communist aggression and of economic uncertainty are only two aspects of a torturous melancholy which has gripped western man. Once again the trend towards state socialism will be soon tested. The questions loom imminent. Has the revitalized strength of the Atlantic Pact nations so restored confidence that a conservative party victory in Great Britain's coming elections is a strong possibility?

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Engagements

WILLIAMS-BEACH

Rev. and Mrs. Douglas L. Williams of Geneseo, N. Y. announce the engagement of their daughter Connis Eileen ('52) to Mr. Clinton Fiske Beach of Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Beach is a senior at Hope College, Holland, Michigan. The wedding is anticipated for September of 1953.

BRESEE-POST

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bresee of Ulster, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Jeanette ('52), to Mr. Kenneth G. Post ('52), son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Post of Beacon, N. Y.

SMITH-PRESLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon O. Smith of Central Islip, Long Island, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara ('52), to Edwin T. Presley, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Presley of Lacona, N. Y.

BASSETT-HOSTETTER

Announcement is made by Mrs. Helen H. Bassett, Interlaken, N. Y. of the engagement of her daughter, Miss Frances Helen Bassett ('50) to Mr. J. Edwin Hostetter ('52), son of Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Hostetter, of East Stroudsburg, Pa. No date has been set for the wedding.

ENGSTROM-BELL

Mr. and Mrs. Olle D. Engstrom of Morris Plains, N. J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Marilyn Anne ('52) to Earl Harrington Bell ('52), son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira J. Bell of Niagara Falls, N. Y.

KARGER-ROBINSON

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Karger of McKees Rocks, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lois Lynne ('52) to Dow F. Robinson ('52), son of Mr. and Mrs. Dow M. Robinson of Weymouth Heights, Mass. The wedding is planned for August of 1952.

HILL-JOHNSON

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hill of New Market, N. J. announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara M., to Mr. J. Allen Johnson ('52) of Garden City, N. Y.

WILLIAMS-HORST

Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Williams of Geneseo, N. Y. announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Coleen Avela Williams to Franklin Horst ('52), son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Horst of Dunellen, N. J. Miss Williams is a student at the Practical Bible Training School in Binghamton, N. Y.

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Weddings

FLETCHER-IRISH

On June 30, 1951, in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Waltham, Quebec, Canada, Miss Ruth Fletcher became the bride of Mr. Frederick Irish, of Toronto, Ontario. The Reverend Edward W. Topley of Moncton, New Brunswick, was the officiating minister.

FILBERT-LAWTON

On June 9, 1951, Miss Dorothy M. Filbert of Baltimore, Md., became the bride of Mr. Lewis C. Lawton, Jr. ('52).

MACDONALD-BECKER

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Graf announce the marriage of their daughter, Gladys Isabel MacDonald ('49), to Mr. Carl K. Becker, Jr. ('47) on Saturday, September 22, 1951, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, N. J.

SHORE-SKOLFIELD

Edna Rose Shore ('51), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Shore and David Thomas Skolfield ('52), son of Mrs. Bailey Skolfield of Asheville, North Carolina, announce their marriage at Maple Street Methodist Church, Columbia, S. C. on July 10, 1951.

MEADE-DINGMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Ray L. Meade announce the marriage of their daughter, Janice Louise to Mr. Robert W. Dingman on August 25, 1951 at 3:00 p. m. in the Main Street Baptist Church, Binghamton, N. Y.

JACKSON-CASTOR

Rev. and Mrs. Paul G. Jackson, Providence, R. I., announce the marriage of their daughter, Constance Anne, to N. Stephen Castor, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Richard Castor, Sheridan, Pa. The ceremony took place in Providence on September 2.

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Births . . .

Born to Joyce and Bob Morgan, a daughter, Candace Mary, 7 lbs. 8 ozs. on September 17, 1951.

Chapel Cuts

Dean Brandt . . . "What I'm interested in it guided freedom!" Taken from talk given in divided chapel on Thursday, September 27.

Why not take . . . Just a Glance

BY DOW F. ROBINSON

A missionary in India, while visiting the sacred river Ganges, watched the figures of devout Hindus intently as they bathed their bodies, hoping to remove their sins. His eyes fastened upon a woman whose very facial expressions of hopelessness, poverty, heartache, and tragedy portrayed aptly the person whom scripture describes as "without hope" and "without God."



He approached her and, noticing the dying form of an emaciated child on her lap, he attempted to bring her comfort and hope. She remained silent. Sensing her indifference, the missionary moved on.

Later that day he happened upon the same woman, unmoved, staring intently at the river, this time without her child. Again the missionary queried about her spiritual matters and her child. Upon hearing mention of her child, she pointed mutely to the muddy sacred river. Horror stricken, the missionary searched vainly for words, finally asking, "Couldn't you at least have waited until he died before casting him into the river?" With the same deadness of expression, she turned and said, "We give our best to our gods."

The same missionary, having returned to the homeland, was now on deputation work. In a wealthy suburban church, two ladies eagerly approached him to tell of their renewed vows to sacrifice for the Lord, especially towards missions. "We do want to sacrifice all we can to work for our Lord and contribute to missions. We just love chocolate bars and for years have been saving the tinfoil from the bars. The money received for the tinfoil we send to missions. But now we've decided to buy chocolate bars by the box-full and use the extra tinfoil to send more money for missions."

Oh, Christian reader, has the Lord been getting the TINFOIL of your life? Some pagans gladly give their dearest possessions to a cruel, heartless, devil-inspired idol. God wants all of your life for use in His will. He will take nothing until He takes all and He will not be satisfied until He has all. God's ideal is a life abandoned to Himself.

Romans 12:1, 2 exhorts us: (1) "Present your bodies a living sacrifice," not just part of ourselves or that part we think God should have; (2) "Be not conformed to this world" includes not only what we think is harmful but anything God desires to remove; (3) "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." When the mind is renewed to follow after and serve God, the whole man will naturally live that way. David breathed this attitude in Psalm 108:5, "Be thou exalted, Oh God, above the heavens." Paul echoed the same in Phil. 1:21, "To me to live is Christ." Matthew reiterated this in his book chapter 6:33, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." John the Baptist said of His Master, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30). Christ Himself had the attitude, "Not my will, but thine be done" (Luke 22:42). Perhaps this attitude which God is seeking to place in your life could be expressed in the words of the Westminster Confession of 1774: "What is the chief end (purpose) of man? Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." May your goal in life be to glorify Him . . . "as poor, yet making many rich: as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."

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CHAPEL

Tues. Rev. George Hilson
Wed. Rev. Kenneth Adams
Thurs. Dr. C. A. Reis
Fri. A Cappella Choir

Annual Faculty New Pastor in Retreat Held Old Setting

On Friday, Sept. 8, accompanied by ideal summer weather, the faculty of Houghton College and Preparatory held a retreat at the Methodist Manor at Silver Lake, N. Y., for the purpose of academic, spiritual, and recreational advancement. The retreat was planned and carried out by the Committee of Faculty Program and Organization with Dr. Rork as its chairman.

In charge of the morning session was the Administration committee. During this time the new faculty members were introduced, and following this was a talk by the Rev. George Failing entitled, "The Houghton Partnership," in which he stressed the idea that as Houghton college was founded on prayer, faith, and hard work by its initiators in the yesterdays, so we today are partners with them in keeping it moving ahead. He also emphasized the fact that, in the highest plane, we are partners with God. We are not only subservient to God but partners with Him. Secondly, he said that we are partners with one another, a corporate body working at one job.

"Also," said Mr. Failing, "we are partners in a larger area—the students, their parents, Christian friends, and the church."

After a luncheon served by Mrs. Edward Gibson, in charge of the Methodist Manor, the Committee on Spiritual Life presented a short devotional program. Then followed a *vox populi* with the Reverend Failing presiding, where the possibility of an "all-high-school day" was discussed. At this time high school students from outside would be brought in and entertained on the campus in order that they might obtain an inside glimpse of a Christian college in operation.

The possibility of an off-campus music festival in other schools was also proposed. It was also suggested that plans be drawn up for beautifying the campus. The thought of having an evening program of classes for staff members and others interested was entertained, among other proposals.

Klub Korner Pre-Med Club

The Pasteur Pre-Medic club will meet for the first time this fall on Wednesday evening, October 2, at 7:30 in room S-27. A special welcome is extended to any freshmen and new students who plan to go into medical, dental, or laboratory-technician fields. During a brief business meeting, qualifications for membership will be explained and new members enrolled.

Spanish Club

The first meeting of the Spanish club this year will be held on Wednesday, October 3, at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Miss Alice Pool.

The meeting, which will have a Puerto Rican emphasis, will feature slides of Puerto Rico taken by Miss Pool on her recent trip to South America. Augusto Casiano will give a reading in his native tongue.

The devotions for the evening will be conducted by Mrs. Hagberg, a former missionary to Venezuela.

Psych Club

Dr. Henry Brandt dean of men, spoke on the presentation of Sex Education in the High Schools Thursday evening, at the first Psych. club meeting of the new school year.

"I must live up to my name," the Rev. Edward Angell said with a smile and apologies to Dr. Bert Hall. "I'm always up in the air and harping on something." Houghton's new pastor has found that people always



THE REV. EDWARD ANGELL

have some remark aimed at his rather auspicious name. One man, after a Sunday morning's sermon, told him, "You know, there are two kinds of angels." The years have hardened him, however, to such cracks.

Before taking the pastorate at Houghton, the Reverend Angell had enjoyed teaching theology and ethics, along with other courses, at Miltonvale college in Kansas. Bsedsei plying the teaching profession diligently, he pitched ball for the faculty team. No fossils, the team of young profs gave the student team a tussle each season. The score was pretty evenly balanced between the two.

Several schools have educated the Reverend Angell for his work. First was Miltonvale where he met his wife in his student days. Two years at Marion college and final study at the seminary of the Lutheran Capitol university at Baltimore gave him his B. D. degree.

From there he pastored his first church at Laketon, Indiana. "There was a large house with no furniture," he recalled. His wife, an ex-school teacher, made it liveable with her good house-keeping and expert cooking.

His last church in Delphos, Kansas, was really a challenge spiritually. The Reverend Angell served as a supply pastor in the small town of 700 and felt the spiritual hunger of the people. There were no Sunday night services or prayer meetings. The Lord worked through revival services, and before the Reverend Angell left, 100 people were enthusiastically attending Sunday night services.

Baseball, swimming, and pitching horse-shoes keep the Reverend Edward Angell busy in his leisure moments. Since L. P. Greene has rigged up a lighted court, he often

A Cappella Choir Plans Early Season

The A Cappella choir of Houghton college, under the direction of Prof. Charles H. Finney, will hold its first concert of the school season in Wells-ville, New York, on October 7.

Professor Finney, head of the Music and Art department of the college, will be assisted by Miss Marian Senft at the organ and George R. Wells as the business manager.

The 39-voice choir plans to cover Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois, on its annual spring tour, with performances during the school year in Syracuse, Buffalo, Rochester, Pittsburg, and Toronto.

Sophs Greet 192 Frosh With Warm Welcome

Four years of college life at Houghton were ushered in for the class of 1955 by the activities of Orientation Week. This period was opened on Tuesday, September 11, by devotions in the chapel. Dr. Stephen Paine then officially greeted the new students and roll call was taken.

The remaining days of Orientation Week were, for most freshmen, a hectic round of achievement and personality tests, lectures, conducted tours and evening receptions. Tuesday morning, the Seashore music test and a mathematics test were given, and then Dr. Lynip spoke to the assembled freshman class—following this, the students met their advisors in front of the Luckey Memorial building.

Wednesday morning featured talks by the dean of men and dean of women, the English placement test, and a lecture on "Studying Effectively." In the afternoon the group toured the library and the radio station, where several freshmen were interviewed.

On Thursday morning, the class was addressed by the deans, Mr. Smith, Prof. and Mrs. Nelson. In the afternoon, a student forum, which presented phases of the athletic, social and spiritual life of the college, was held.

Another highlight of the week was the Dean's Reception on Tuesday evening, which helped the future classmates to get acquainted. The Faculty reception, a progressive party held the next night, acquainted them more intimately with Houghton and its surrounding hills.

Orientation week as a whole was concluded by registration on Friday and Saturday and the freshman church service in the Houghton church.

enjoys an evening of pitching horse-shoes with other devotees of the sport. "Professor Hall can't stand Kant, but he surely can stand horse-shoes," he remarked with a twinkle in his eyes.

A small son is not the least of his interests. At Miltonvale when the boy was only three, someone asked him who he was. "Oh," he replied nonchalantly, "I'm just a chip off the old blockhead."

Houghton, the Reverend Angell feels, is going to be a means of broadening his own vision. He's enthusiastic about the non-denominational spirit and warm friendliness of the students. The Reverend Angell is anxious that each student feel free to talk with him either at his home or in the church study anytime he has the desire. He knows that important decisions can be made in private consultation as well as at the altar. "My goal for Houghton," said the Reverend Angell, "was expressed in my first sermon: that every student should find the will of God for his character and career."

END FOOT AILMENTS,

with properly fitted shoes. Comfort plus style at a price within your budget. See that your next shoes are made for you.

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America's Last Frontier

GEORGE HUESTIS

"What is Alaska like?" you ask. It would be impossible to describe in a short article like this the wonders of the land to the northwest. It is hard to describe in words alone the matchless beauty of this far northern land. When one first sees the majestic peaks of Mount McKinley reflecting the crimson rays of the setting sun, a feeling of awe chokes back any word a mortal could express to describe the sight. Yes, Alaska is a land of matchless beauty, yet it is a wild land, a land of dangerous big game animals, frozen tundra, and mile after mile of semi-barren waste.



The village of Takotna where I spent eleven weeks of the past summer is typical of many hundreds of small Alaskan villages. It is located approximately half-way between Nome and Anchorage in the mountainous region known as the McKinley foothills. The village itself has no more than a dozen families living there in year-round residence. There is no church, no missionary, no Gospel witness in the entire town or in the surrounding country for a twenty-five mile radius. The nearest missionary is in McGrath, another small town more than thirty miles away, and accessible only by plane or in winter by dog sled.

When the government began a large project close to Takotna, the village became a very real boom town, catering to the worldly appetites of

the large influx of military personnel and civilian workers. The town's one bar was soon augmented by a second one. Lewd women arrived to ply their shameful trade. Corruption and immorality were the rule and not the exception, for the nearest law officer was twenty miles away in McGrath.

These conditions are deplorable, yet Takotna is only one of a number of like towns, catering to the people building Uncle Sam's northern defense ring. The people of Takotna do not need more civilization. The white man has brought nothing but multiplied evils to the native population of Alaska. In fact, many of these same natives are the offspring of lustful white men who took undue advantage of the Eskimo women, and then soon left to hunt their fortune elsewhere. These children were left to grow up in a few widely scattered, church-run orphanages. These same half-breed natives grow up quickly in the white man's sinful ways. At an early age these natives acquire habits that quickly blight any hope they may have of growing to be recent and useful people.

No, Alaska does not need the white man's civilization. Alaska needs Christ and His redemption. Alaska needs young men and women, Spirit filled and on fire with a passion for the lost souls of this, our last frontier.

You ask me what Alaska is like? Alaska is the land of the midnight sun, but it is also the land of terrible spiritual darkness. Alaska can boast the highest and most magnificent mountain in North America, yet practically in the shadow of this majestic peak, men are groping about in the depths of gross sin. Alaska is a land of promise to many, but a land of spiritual despair to far many more. Alaska is a land of ice and snow, yet it is also a land hovering on the brink of a very real hell.

We, as a Christian church, have failed Alaska up to the present. Our duty is clear. Let us pray for Alaska, give to Alaskan missions, but most important, let us go to the end that Alaska, our last frontier may experience a spiritual awakening to the fact that Christ died to save sinners—everywhere.

Gospel Practice Thru Torchbearers

The Torchbearers is a campus organization whose primary interest is the spreading of the Gospel to those in the surrounding areas. Two meetings are held each week in connection with the work of this group. On Monday evenings an instruction class in soul-winning, sometimes featuring a special speaker, is held in S-24; on Saturday evenings a prayer meeting is held in S-21 for those going out on visitation work the following day.

On the first and third Sundays of each month, groups visit those in the various hospitals in the area, distributing tracts, presenting musical numbers, and speaking personally to the patients. This year three new homes have been opened to those who go to hold services for the inmates of this institution.

The remaining Sundays of the month are devoted to house-to-house visitation throughout the countryside surrounding Houghton. Many souls have been won to Christ through this ministry. In order to keep the students informed concerning their work, the Torchbearers sponsor a radio program each Wednesday night at 9:30 over WJSL.

New Regulations . . .

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mores under twenty-one must obtain permission from the dean of men before leaving town. Second semester sophomore, junior, and senior men may leave town without permission if they have a grade point index of 2.5 or over. They must, however, notify the dean of men of their destination by means of the sign-out cards. Those who have a grade point index of less than 2.5 must apply for permission to the dean or to those appointed by him. These rules will be enforced.

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BY DICK PRICE



The thump of shoulder pad against shoulder, characteristic grunts and groans, and the consequential tramp of weary feet bespeaks but one thing—it's the season for that hit-and-run sport—football. Breaking the ancient tradition of having Gold play against Purple, this year initiates a new system whereby Purple will play Gold. This will add a bit of variety, you see, for those poor wretches called seniors, who have seen the thing year after year.

From all the evidence that is available, it is possible that Gold's long reign as football kings may be snapped in this year's competition.

The Purple Pharaohs, with veterans Don Eckler and Johnny Chambers as co-captains, will direct a team which may include four other men with previous service on the gridiron—Alderman, Flaesch, Neu, and Nichols. With ends such as Danks, Venlet, Hershelman, or Alderman as potential threats, a competent chucker may prove to be the answer to cheap yardage. Whether or not they can find a pair that will click is a question which is still in the hat.

On the other hand, the Gladiators are faced with the task of forming a team from a majority of new material. Bob Denny was elected temporary captain. Jicha, Chapman, Wilson and Castor will be strong contenders for their old positions, while new comers include Snowberger, D. Seeland, Kurtz, Paine, Rounds, McClure, McGeoth, and two frosh who have shown promise, John Essepian and Curt Bowen, both back-field men.

This year's series will begin on October 6, a week from Saturday. So far as is possible, outside officials will be used. (The games will be played outside too.)

The natural reaction of the incoming frosh, as well as many upperclassmen, is "Who cares about the touch-tackle football?" Admittedly, one doesn't see the pile-ups and spine-tingling runs which characterize the high school game with which you are more familiar. However, line play is just as hard, blocking is just as vicious, and there'll be more thrills and spills than you might imagine.

But if you're still obstinate, sign up on a house league roster, where "equipment" is a foreign word. If you're still hunting for a bruise, walk up to a couple of frosh boys, tell them you're a soph, and that you need a shine. (Put an r on that last word, bud.)

If you see a little man with the zeal of the bursar on registration day going around shouting, "Tack it on the wall, put it under the mattress, lay it on the floor," you can assume

that it's Bob (how about a quarter) Denny. As you already know, the bundle under his arm is the handsome blotters now being sold by the Athletic Association. With the entire sports schedule for the year on them, you can't miss for two bits. The only thing that's worrying me is that after using the thing for a couple of weeks, we'll have to use ultra-blot light to read the schedule. Any remedy, boys? Anyway, you can put it on the wall to cover one of the holes in the plaster.

Providing the weather casts a pleasant eye on the campus, the tennis tournament may be completed this year for a change. The merits of the women contestants being unknown, a prediction now would be like sawing the limb off behind me. But I'll hang on to the tip of it as I remark that Bob Young ('52) should cry publicly if he doesn't emerge with the crown in the male domain. Yet, with the qualities of the frosh still a question mark, the tourney may be even more interesting than expected.

Staff Organization Elects New Cabinet

The first meeting of the Houghton College Staff Organization was held Monday evening in the college dining hall. The cabinet was elected for the coming year as follows:

President—James Hurd
Vice-President—Elmer Roth
Secretary-Treasurer—Dorothy Miller

Representative of Dormitory Group—Walter Wright

Representative of Maintenance Group—Charles Malson

Representative of Secretarial Group—Viola Donelson.

Misses Helen Hubbard, Viola Donelson, and Mary Williamson entertained with songs, and Mrs. Esther Smith and Mr. Charles Malson showed colored slides of Letchworth and Houghton.

Just a Glance . . .

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Now, what does scripture say is the result of abandoning ourselves to God and living for His glory? "Among other things, a Christian's attitude towards 'things' changes. For 'A man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesses' (Luke 12:15). Furthermore, Paul says in Romans 18:17 that we are 'heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.' (Co-heirs receive definite allotments from an inheritance, joint-heirs receive access to everything in the entire inheritance.) Thus, we have access to all the riches of heaven, and there remains no need for building earthly fortunes save to finance His work.

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President Proposes Threefold College Sports Program

At the recent faculty retreat, Dr. Stephen Paine presented a threefold plan in conjunction with the sports program of Houghton college. While these are not all possible in the immediate future, they are to be put into operation as soon as possible.

Number one on the agenda is the completion of the new athletic field. It was decided to take four thousand dollars from the fall campaign and accept bids from contractors. This would eliminate the use of student labor on the construction.

The three suggested names for the field are: 1) Morris-Engle Memorial Field. This name is suggested in memory of two students who died while engaged in college promotion work. Both were excellent students and athletes. 2) Alumni Field; and 3) Alumni Memorial Field. Of the three named, the last one seems most likely to be selected. It was selected by the alumni cabinet and it seems likely that the alumni vote will concur.

In conjunction with this proposition was one of repairing the present tennis courts. The Student Senate is working on a plan of using six volunteer helpers for the project. A miniature nine hole golf course is also proposed. However, there will be room for nine more holes. As it is now proposed, a fee of ten cents will be charged with the intention of putting the money back into the course to increase the size and quality. The horseshoe pits, already in use, are to be improved.

Included in this phase of the planning is the possibility of installing lights. This evening use would be limited to fellows, but the girls would be able to use it Saturday nights.

The third part of the program involves the building of the several new tennis courts. The black top to be used in the new courts has been donated by a friend of the college. Nothing yet has been decided in reference to their location. However, it has been suggested that the land between the creek and the girls' dormitory would be a possibility. By putting them at an angle it is figured that seven courts could be constructed. It is a good location for drainage and is protected from the wind.

David Seeland is chairman of the Campus Improvement committee, which is in charge of volunteer student labor.

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Frosh-Sophs Tangle

BY JOYCE FISCHER

Enthusiastic cheers—Come on sophs! Yeah frosh!—are heard in front of Luckey Memorial. "What could be going on when I want to study?" I ask myself. "Let's see, this is Wednesday. Of course, it is the last day of freshman activities. I didn't want to study anyway."

Such were the thoughts of many Houghton students on the closing day of athletic contests during freshman week. Participants as well as onlookers were rewarded for their attendance with a hilarious time.

The first event, a dizzy one, gave frosh and soph fellows a chance to show their levelheadedness. After running a few yards to a baseball bat, the fellows had to turn around ten times with their forehead on the bat and then return to their teammates. Following many thrills and spills the sophs were victorious.

The women's wheelbarrow race was a different story. The frosh girls pushed to victory by at least five feet. They demonstrated also their pulling power by defeating the sophomore women in the tug of war.

One mad dash and the freshmen and sophomore fellows were just a mass of humanity. This was the pipe grab. After Coach Wells untangled the fellows he found each team had the same number of hands on the pipe! On the second try the sophs came out on top. Could the decisive factors have been Bernie McClure and his toe hold on that "frosh fellow?"

The sophomore girls showed their skill in carpentry by beating the frosh in the nail-pounding contest. Sophomores also make good rabbits. In the potato bag race Nancy Treichler hopped down the home stretch, as nimbly as Bugs Bunny himself, carrying the sophomore colors to victory.

Did you know the frosh were all

wet? You should have seen them, and the sophomores, too. The men's human wheelbarrow race was given added excitement by placing a can of water on the "wheelbarrow's" back. Each time the can fell off, the couple had to go back and start again. After many starts and after their clothes were completely soaked, the frosh fellows crossed the finish line. I don't know where the sophs were.

In the greased pole contest, sophomore veteran, George Neu, unseated his frosh opponent in a matter of seconds. To make sure no partiality was shown, a soph and a frosh girl greased the pole.

The concluding event Wednesday was the men's tug of war. Limited time prevented the trip to the lake, but the Houghton fire department did their duty well. At least the sophs were all wet after the frosh had pulled them down the field inch by inch for three minutes.

These activities yielded the freshmen 30 points and the sophomores 25, but Monday's softball games had put the sophomores out in front to stay. The girls forfeited their game to the sophs; however, the men fought to the end.

The teams were quite evenly matched until the third inning, when the freshmen finally bowed to the sophomore onslaught. The score was 21-9 for the green and white.

The final tally of points for all the activities was 65-55. The freshmen put up a good fight; but nevertheless, the more experienced sophomores took the trophy.

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