

WJSL Officers College Asks Elected Monday In Absentia For Seniors

Officials for WJSL for the coming year elected by the student body Monday were: Allyn Foster, station manager; Robert Woodburn, program manager; James Frase, business manager; and Dan Eastman, chief engineer.

Allyn Foster has served as chief announcer, program manager and station manager for WJSL. Robert Woodburn has served as announcer, while James Frase and Dan Eastman have worked in the engineering department of the station.

Fellowship Day Planned Tuesday

The Genesee Conference of the Free Methodist Church and the Lockport Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church will hold United Fellowship Day March 16 at the Houghton Church. The theme of this conference will be "United in Faith and Service." Rev. B. N. Miner, Superintendent of the Genesee Conference, will preside and Rev. Harry Gits will be the song leader.

At the afternoon Fellowship Worship Hour, which will begin at 1:45, the Rev. Miss Mary E. Bennett, Promotional Secretary of the Wesleyan Sunday School Department, will speak on "Is our Christianity Coping with Current Conditions?" Professor Harry Anderson of Roberts Wesleyan College will discuss "The Essentials for Maintaining a Spiritual Methodism," and the Reverend Lowry E. McKeown, former pastor of College Church, McPherson, Kansas, and present pastor of the Niagara Falls Free Methodist Church, will speak on "Encouraging Denominational Fellowship."

The Fellowship Dinner Hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the college dining hall. The Rev. Alton Liddick, Director of Public Relations at Houghton College, will act as toastmaster, and Pastor Angell will conclude the evening with a message on "The Beauty of Holiness in Methodism."

Special music for the day will be given by the Lockport Conference Quartet, the Genesee Conference Quartet, and Mrs. Merlin Smith of Roberts Wesleyan College. — J. S.

Senate Initiates Lost & Found Dept.

Have you lost something lately — a glove, a pen, a scarf, a shoe? You may get it back if you look for it Tuesday or Thursday evenings in the Old Administration Building from 6:45 to 7:00.

The Student Senate, which has recently taken over the "lost and found" bureau, has announced this arrangement.

Any article not claimed after 30 days will be sold at an auction sale at the end of the semester.

A safety week, which will launch a crackdown on reckless campus drivers, is being planned by the parking committee of the Student Senate.

A traffic court with a judge and jury will be established to punish the offenders seized by the senators acting as police officers. The first offense calls for a warning; the second, a warning and fine; the third, a sizeable fine as well as the possibility of the loss of driving privileges.

— F. S.

A request to permit Houghton to grant senior *in absentia* privilege has been presented to the State Board of Education. Under this plan, students of outstanding ability who are accepted by an accredited professional school after the completion of three years of undergraduate work may qualify for the appropriate degree by referring back to Houghton credit the first two years of professional study, thus shortening by one year their pre-professional training.

The privilege of taking their senior year *in absentia* would be granted to a very limited number of students. Only those with approximately a B average and well-laid plans for entering a profession would be eligible.

Although many undergraduate colleges have given their students *in absentia* permission in the last few years, the general trend in graduate schools has been away from accepting college juniors into graduate work. One-third of the medical schools permit it, and *in absentia* work is quite common in the profession of law.

This privilege would be available to students wishing to enter training for careers in medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, law, engineering, or nursing. The nursing *in absentia* privilege, however, would require the candidate to complete three years of nurse's training, either collegiate or non-collegiate, for the award of the Houghton degree, thereby prolonging the period of education in that field to six years.

— B. S.

Senior Accepts Position

Miss Vivian Hirsch has accepted a teaching position at the New Hartford Central School, New Hartford, New York. Miss Hirsch, who obtained her job through the Bureau of Appointments, will be an instructor in instrumental music.

— B. S.

Church Disciplinary Course Given

Thirty-four men and women attended the third annual disciplinary course of study of the Wesleyan Methodist Church held here March 1-12.

The two-week course was designed for those ministers of the church who have not yet been ordained as elders. Any interested person, however, may attend.

This year nine states and Canada were represented. The states are: Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. The conferences represented were Allegany, Lockport, Iowa, Michigan, Rochester, Ohio, Middle Atlantic states, and Canada.

Houghton professors teaching in the school included Dr. Bert Hall, Dr. Marvin Nelson, Dr. Claude Ries, and Rev. Edward Angell. In addition, Rev. Everett Elliott, president of the Lockport Conference; Rev. Mary Bennett, promotional secretary of the Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School Department; and Rev. Warren Woolsey, missionary on furlough from Sierra Leone, West Africa, also conducted classes.

Some of the courses taught were psychology, ethics, Robert's Rules of Order, homiletics, Christian evidences, and Wesleyan Methodist history.

Hedley Hepworth

CONTEST EXTENDED

A two-day extension of the close of the *Lanthorn* contest has been announced by the editor, Roberta Swauger. Although the deadline was originally announced as March 15, you may hand your contest essay, story, or poem (plus 10¢ for each item) to any member of the English department or to Roberta Swauger any time through Wednesday, March 17.

Angelica School Hears Orchestra

The Houghton College Symphony Orchestra received enthusiastic praise from the audience at their concert in the Angelica Central School auditorium, Thursday, March 4. "The best thing in Angelica for years" was one of the comments. The concert was played as a benefit for the Angelica high school seniors.

The works presented were: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, by Bach; Haydn's *London Symphony No. 2*; *Mississippi Suite*, by Grofé; *The Enchanted Castle*, by Hadley; and Hanson's *The Children's Dance*.

Duncan McIntosh, an orchestra member who is now practice teaching in Angelica, briefly explained the various instruments in the orchestra and gave background notes on the program.

Dr. Lynip Visits Eastern Baptist as Examiner

Dr. Lynip has just returned from a four-day trip to Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and College where he was a member of the Middle States Accrediting Team examining that institution. Eastern Baptist is applying for the first time for accreditation, under a new plan wherein an institution as a whole is examined rather than its parts. The data gathered by the group of which Dr. Lynip is a member, will be submitted to a special Middle States committee for its decision as to whether the college should receive accreditation.

Other members of the inspection team were: President Holloway of Drew University, Dean Roberts of Princeton Theological Seminary, Dr. Seiefert of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Dean Grant of Morgan State Teachers' College, Dr. Himes of Lycoming College, and the librarian of Wilson College. Chairman of the committee was Stanton Crawford, Dean of the University of Pittsburgh and formerly chairman of the evaluation committee which examined Houghton College.

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English Actor to Portray Dickens Roles Tonight

Hedley Hepworth, a distinguished English dramatist who has charmed many American audiences with his impersonations in make-up of some of Dickens' immortal characters, will appear in the Houghton College chapel tonight at 8:00.

Mr. Hepworth has traveled through Europe, the British Isles, and the United States interpreting Dickens' characters to large audiences.

The British Secret Service made good use of Mr. Hepworth's dramatic and impersonation talents during the war. For eighteen months he impersonated a British stevedore, making the pubs to find out whether sailors and others were talking out of turn. Not once was his disguise discovered. Hepworth was also one of the most popular entertainers to appear before the British soldiers.

His program tonight will feature impersonations of Wilkins Micawber, Uriah Heep, Ebenezer Scrooge, Sydney Carton, Grandfather Smalweed, and Sergeant Buzfuz. He will also appear as Dickens himself.

Debate Team Places Third In Tourney

The Houghton College Debate Team, under the direction of Dr. Bert Hall, took third place in the King's College Tournament at Wilkes Barre, Penna., February 20.

King's Point Merchant Marine Academy came in first, followed by Dartmouth College and Princeton University, who tied for second place. Twenty-one colleges from the eastern United States participated in the tournament.

Houghton's negative team, made up of Leatrice Voorhees and Richard Hasler, won all four of their debates; John Seeland and Glendon Bryce, debating for the affirmative, won one out of four. In addition, Richard Hasler ranked fourth in the individual speaking contest.

Leatrice Voorhees and Richard Hasler will represent Houghton in the Regional Tournament at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, March 25, 26, and 27. They will be debating for both the affirmative and the negative.

The national debate topic for this year is, "Resolved: that the United States Government should adopt a policy of free trade."

— E. M.

Stevens, Knowlton Give Joint Recital

A joint senior recital was presented in the college chapel, Wednesday evening, March 3, by Louis Knowlton, violist and Robert Stevens, tenor.

The opening and final sections of the program were unique in that the numbers were performed by both of the artists. The two performers blended voice and viola in presenting four pieces composed by R. Vaughan Williams. These were: *Lord! Come Away; Who is This Fair One?; Come Love, Come Lord; and Evening Hymn*.

Mr. Stevens and Mr. Knowlton are students of Mr. Gilbert Hynes and Mr. John Andrews, respectively.

Accompanied by Doris Ulrich, Mr. Stevens opened his part of the recital singing two of Handel's compositions: *Vanne si, superba val* and *Ask if Yon Damask Rose*. Highlighting his next two groups was a composition by one of Houghton's own faculty members, Alfred Kreckman, entitled, *A Late Lark*. This was sung together with *Set Me As a Seal* by George Rochberg, and Sydney Homer's *A Banjo Song*.

Mr. Knowlton's viola resounded with the strains of the *Sonata in F Major* by Benedetto-Vardi as he began his individual performance. The rest of his program contained John Barbirolli's *Concerto on Themes of Handel*, Gabriel Faure's *Après un Rêve*, and *Hopak* by Modeste Moussorgsky. He was accompanied by Dorothy Yahn.

— C. M.

Journalist Speaks At APO Banquet

Alpha Phi Omega, Houghton's service organization, held its first annual banquet Friday evening, February 26, in the Colonial Room of the Olean House in Olean, N. Y. Forty people were present.

After dinner, Richard Pocock, president of the group, introduced Dr. F. G. Stockin, faculty advisor of the A.P.O., who presented, in a humorous vein, "Memorabilia" (things to be remembered). Prof. William Allen, who entertained at the piano throughout the dinner, played a self-styled composition before the speaker of the evening was introduced.

The major event of the evening was a speech, "The Eleventh Commandment," delivered by Mr. Lance Zavitz of Buffalo, New York. Mr. Zavitz, a lay minister of the Congregational Church, is also associated with the Buffalo Evening News as the rewrite editor. Along with these duties, he has just concluded a world tour with his wife.

"The Eleventh Commandment" dealt with world affairs and America's attitude in compliance with God's command. Mr. Zavitz concluded with this thought: "To us who dwell in the strife-torn, hate-filled world, yet who are not part of that world, as the ambassador of the kingdom is not a citizen of a country in which his assignment compels him to dwell, the King speaks again tonight: I say unto you: love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, pray for them that curse you and treat you spitefully. For if ye love them which love you, what credit do you deserve? Do not even unbelievers and Communists do that?"

The banquet was concluded with the singing of the A.P.O. song.

— J. P.

Dr. Paine Travels

Although the number of trips President Paine has been making has decreased because of his daughter's illness, he has still made several important ones during this school year. According to his secretary, Miss Hubbard, the most important trip was on January 19, when he attended a meeting of the State Teacher's Council in Albany.

The purpose of this meeting was to

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An Old Trick

As Christians, we are always grieved to notice anyone who professes a new life in Christ trying to imitate the world. On the other hand, it is equally deplorable to witness attempts of the unsaved to manufacture a synthetic religion. It reminds us of the magicians of Egypt who imitated the miracles of Moses and Aaron.

Perhaps you, too, have been tempted to throw the radio out the window when you run across a syncopated rendition of "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" or "I've got the Joy." The devil is still using his same old tactics. The sham of the situation has been ably commented upon by a writer whom we herewith quote by permission.

THE RELIGION IS COINCIDENTAL

(From the Cornell Daily Sun,
Cornell University)

"SEE the brave Christians defy Roman suppression — on Cinemascope! SEE the wicked splendors of ancient Rome — on Cinemascope! SEE the . . ." a huge ad for "The Robe" read in the New York Times recently. . . the force of an earthquake!" the ads proclaim of Martin Luther.

When some future historian or sociologist looks back on today's society, not the most insignificant aspect will be the fad for religion in commercial doses, starting over a year ago and apparently still on the climb. According to a recent report, more than a dozen major religious spectacles are on Hollywood's production schedule for the coming year. And "Crying in the Chapel" and "Vaya Con Dios" have already gotten a blistering trend underway in the record field . . .

To some this trend is, despite its more crude manifestations, a good sign that the populace is "seeing the need of religion." But, as has been asked, "It may be boxoffice, but is it Bible?"

"Touch the Robe and become converted," is the message of "The Robe." "Give 'em sex, noise, crowds, sentiment and lots of lightning and they'll be inspired," is the message of "Quo Vadis" and "Salome." "Cry your heart out (in the chapel) and you'll find contentment" is June Valli's message.

One hillybilly song is our favorite. The situation: the lovers are married — to other people. Neither can get a divorce, so they must "sneak away" to see each other. "But God up above knows our love is true." We've heard people draw on religion to justify almost everything, but we're pretty certain that this is the first time it has been used to justify adultery.

But it's not too surprising. Any resemblance to religion in the first place, after all, is purely coincidental.

Maybe It Was Skip Day

BY STANLEY W. WRIGHT

(Editor's Note — This is the third in a series of articles graciously contributed to the Star at our request by a former Houghton faculty member who now resides in the town.)

The senior class of Houghton Seminary in 1906 was made up of sixteen persons, eight girls and eight fellows. It was the largest to that time and generally accepted, at least by the class itself, to be the most illustrious. (The intervening years might indicate that such rating was not entirely without foundation). Sometime during the spring, the aforementioned class conceived the revolutionary idea of pulling out and taking off for a day. There was nothing furtive about it. Everybody knew all about everything all of the time.

The place chosen to which to go was Belmont. The distance was a bit staggering, but we were hardy souls. The occasion was an evening lecture to be given by Eugene Chafin, historian and candidate for president of the United States. Dinner would be served us in one of the Belmont homes. We hired a big old farm wagon, "lumber wagon," filled deep with straw and well upholstered with robes and horse blankets; two teams of horses; two teamsters and two teamstresses. Twenty of us. Yes, that's right: no chaperone.

The weather that afternoon and the trip up the river were all that had been hoped for. The dinner arrangement proved perfect. The lecture was really a high spot. But in the early evening it began to snow like "all get-out." When we were ready to start for home, there was a covering of several inches on everything in general and on the wagon in particular. But we burrowed in, and were on our way by ten o'clock. The storm increased by the mile; the snow became deeper; the load became heavier; the teams became wetter and wearier. By the time we reached Belfast the snow was about a foot deep, and those wagon wheels drove more heavily than did ever Pharaoh's chariot wheels on the Red Sea crossing.

At four o'clock the next morning that caravan crept back onto the campus, and a ton and a half of humanity rolled out from under another half-ton of snow. And the day was over. A great day it had been, too. Not a dull moment, even on that six-hour return trip. Believe me, we had made good time on that sixteen-mile return. Something over two hours was the best we could do from Canadea on in. I venture that that trip abides as a happy memory with every remaining member of the Class of '06.

Maybe it was the original Senior Skip Day, and we didn't know it.

Recently my wife (who was also on that ride) and I were again returning to Houghton. We were coming in on Route 19. As we passed through Belmont, I recalled that earlier trip. In just a little more than twenty minutes we were home. Oh, sure; I know. Some fellow on campus who has a car, or some semblance thereof, is saying, "Wonder what was the matter that he couldn't get that crate out of second gear."

—HC—

Extension Group To Tour Canada

The Youth in One Accord Gospel team will travel throughout the Canada Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church during the spring recess. The five-member group, led by Coach George Wells, will conduct ten or twelve services during that time.

This semester, the group is made up of a trio consisting of Shirley Spear, Rachel Frase, and Donna McCoy; a pianist, June Stevenson; and the speaker, Coach Wells. Shirley Spear is also soloist.

The team, which has been out almost every weekend of the school year, has held services in such widely separated cities as Buffalo, Corning, Waterloo, Auburn, and Rochester. In addition, the group is solidly booked up until after the Easter vacation. Included among their plans for the future is an extended weekend trip to Long Island. — W. B.

—HC—

Retired Minister To Build House

A new house is to be erected on the level above the McMillen home in the immediate future. The owners? The Rev. and Mrs. D. B. Hampe, parents of Mrs. McMillen.

The 92-year-old minister, who is retiring from a pastorate in Akron, Ohio, plans to come to Houghton early this summer.

Having preached about sixty years in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania and Oregon, he has organized seven churches and was president of the Wilamette Wesleyan Conference on the Pacific Coast for ten years. When he was 87, Mr. Hampe helped build his church in Akron. — P. M.

—HC—

Marjorie Paine Moved To Research Institute

Monday, March 1, Marjorie Paine was moved from Meyer Memorial Hospital to the Chronic Disease Research Institute. Dr. and Mrs. Paine are greatly pleased by this change, and feel that the most recent techniques and world-famous specialists will help Marjorie's rehabilitation.

The trip was made with no artificial breathing aids. The Paines and others feel that her admittance was a direct answer to prayer, since only 14 patients are in this research center. Another interesting fact is that one of the other patients is a 15-year-old Christian girl.

Marjorie's new address is: Chronic Disease Research Institute, 2186 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y. — A. B.

Force or Farce?

Everyone was talking about it! In the automobile world, a new age of power had dawned. As witnesses to this moment of achievement, three thousand car dealers strained for a first glimpse of the new Tucker, which was to be the last word in automobile craftsmanship. But anticipation soon grew to amazement; amazement heated into anger. There it was: unparalleled in design, but unsuccessful in mechanics. The Tucker stood shockingly idle, incapable of proving its claim to power. In the eyes of the world, what had been introduced as a force, had terminated as a farce.

When unprecedented activity swept down into the streets of Jerusalem, the curious spectators accused the participants of drunkenness. But Peter corrected them: "These are not drunken as ye suppose . . ., but this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; . . . I will pour out . . . my Spirit." This was no farce, but a tremendous new force at work.

The early church was possessed of a fervency that minimized personal discomfort and scorned ease, for to them had been assigned the prodigious task of evangelizing the world. A gigantic conquest was in operation, which had no place for passiveness. What was it that welded the church into a mighty weapon against Satanic forces? Peter explained it to the Jerusalem mob: "This is that which Joel prophesied."

The fulfillment of the promise, "ye shall receive power," had had its effect — an effect that labeled Paul and Silas as men who "turned the world upside down;" that caused the high priest to question, "By what power have ye done this?"; that paralyzed the rulers: "Did not we command you that ye should not teach in this name? And behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine." Even Gamaliel recognized an invincible force behind this siege: "If it be of God ye cannot overthrow it."

Today a frenzied world waits to see such a release of power as was manifested in the early church. Mere dabbling in religion cannot save mankind. Affectation cannot successfully grapple with the powers of darkness. The sham of self-contentment cannot crush the enemy. These have no dynamic motivation. Only a genuine fusion of man with God can produce a force capable of conquering the farce of indifference. Only the impregnation of the soul with the power of the Holy Spirit can triumph over wickedness. Force or farce — which? — R. S.

See You There!

Friday, March 12

7:30 p. m. — Varsity basketball game

8:00 p. m. — Lecture, Hedley Hepworth

Monday, March 15

8:15 p. m. — Senior recital: Marilyn Canfield, piano

Wednesday, March 17

7:30 p. m. — Band and Orchestra concert

Friday, March 19

7:30 p. m. — Athletic Association program

Monday, March 22

8:15 p. m. — Junior recital: Marilyn Tucker, piano; Warren Byerly, violin

Wednesday, March 24

7:30 p. m. — Junior recital: Dorothy Ames, violin; Marion Johnson, soprano

Wednesday, March 24

Senior Honors Banquet

Friday, March 26

8:00 p. m. — WJSL Talent program, chapel

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Engagements

MCALLESTER - SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Smith of Dunkirk, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Ann ('56), to Wayne McAllester ('55), son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. McAllester of Lake View, N. Y. No date has been set for the wedding.

KRAFT - WALLACE

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Wallace of Waterbury, Conn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Lois (ex '56) to Robert A. Kraft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kraft of Walcott, Conn. Both Miss Wallace and Mr. Kraft are juniors at Wheaton College. No date has been set for the wedding.

—HC—

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Swauger are the parents of a son, Paul Landis, Jr., born on March 4, 1954.

A daughter, Katherine Elaine, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Price on February 28, 1954.

KEEP ON LAUGHING Meet Benny

Ann and I had worked together before I came to school. She is a fine, sensible girl with a high school education, six months of business school, and a year's office experience. I pitied her lack of opportunity to enjoy the higher things of life that college exposes us to. In order to introduce her to the culturing, refining, broadening, maturing influence of college, I invited her to school for a weekend.

"I'd like you to meet Ann, a friend of mine," I said to a table partner while we were waiting for Chuck to plead, "Shall we pause for the blessing?"

He said, "Huh? What's your maladjustment?"

I tried again. "This is Ann; we used to work at desks next to each other in the city."

"How tender," he said.

Two more came to our table. I introduced Ann to them.

"Have you been asked to join the snake club yet?" they asked her. "We wouldn't ask your friend but maybe you'd like to join!"

"My neurosis!" I cried.

"I care," he said.

After dinner we went for mail. Grade points were out. "How'd you do?" was the question.

"Uh! Enough to rot your socks!"

"Puh-leese; how crude!"

"Deteriorate one's hosiery . . ."

We walked through the arcade.

Dr. Paine . . .

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see whether some arrangement could be made whereby a student could enter the teaching profession without the fifth year of college, which is now required by the New York State law. Co-operating in this endeavor are approximately twenty-one liberal arts colleges. President Paine is the spokesman for a group of four area schools.

Although no decision was made, the discussion was favorable. A committee headed by Dr. Hollis Caswell, Dean of Columbia University, has been appointed to draw up a plan.

Several trips have been made to Winona Lake this year by Dr. Paine to meetings of the Joint Commission, whose purpose is to discuss the possibilities of a merger between the Free Methodist and the Wesleyan Methodist churches. This commission met in September, November, and December, and will meet again in March. A tentative plan of union was presented in 1951. The Commission, of which Dr. Paine is secretary, was then ordered to prepare an entire proposed book of discipline for consideration by the two denominations. This work is now going on. As yet there has been no commitment to final union by either denomination, but they are continually endeavoring to find the possible basis for their union, should the churches ultimately decide for this.

Other trips President Paine has taken this year are to Boston on January 25, and to New York City on February 16. In Boston he spoke at the Boston Christian High School banquet on the subject, "What Do We Owe the Coming Generation?" The Boston Christian High School is a member of the New England Association of Christian Schools. The purpose of this banquet was two-fold: to interest more parents in sending their children to Christian high schools and colleges, and to raise funds for the Boston Christian High School.

In New York City, Dr. Paine attended a meeting of the Empire State Foundation, a fund-raising organization of the liberal arts colleges which approaches corporations for contributions. The money collected is distributed among the liberal arts colleges in the organization.

On Friday, February 26, Dr. Paine addressed the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of the University of Rochester. In March he will be attending the next meeting of the Joint Commission and will be speaking at various Lenten services. —J.S.

A group of my very best friends were there. I thought Ann would like to meet them.

"Here it comes," I heard.

"Let's ignore it!"

"Maybe if we feed it, it'll go away!"

"Looks like something from Homer!"

"Say it isn't so!"

"Hi!" I ventured.

"Crawl back into your cages; we'll knock when we want you two!" Immediately, I knew that Ann had been accepted.

"This is Ann."

"Knock-knock!"

She looked at me for an explanation. "Shall I crawl out or ask who's there?"

"Better check first," I said.

"Who's there?"

"Mahatma."

"Mahatma who?" she sighed.

"Mahatma came please, I'm going for a walk!"

"How clubby!" Ann volunteered.

"You're terrific!" they yelled.

"Keep laughing," she said. "It happens in the best of families."

— M. J.

Dr. Lynip . . .

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A number of former Houghton students who are now attending Eastern Baptist Seminary were consulted by the inspection team. Several were: David Wilson, Averill Carson, Albert Runge, Charles Scott, David Juree, and Harold Litzenberg. — B. S.

Psychology Apology

Before setting forth our argument for Psych majors, it is well to examine the charges brought against us. There are two sets of accusers — the former and the latter. Of these, the former are most to be feared, for they have poisoned the minds of the children against us, saying, "Now, Son, when you go to college you will find a certain group of wise guys, —

psychologists — who are forever busy with things which do not concern themselves. They dig into things under the earth, (molest the students) search out the things in the heavens, (investigate the mores of the faculty), and make the better argument appear the worse. But, what is far more objectionable, they teach others to do the same." Thus, O fellow Psych majors, has arisen this prejudice against us; and influenced by it, these latter accusers bring forth their charges.

But you will say, "If this is not true, how is it that such things are said about you? Surely, you must have done something to arouse such a feeling against you!" Therefore, it is well that we see how this prejudice has arisen and acquaint you with our various activities. When we visited the oracle at Gowanda we were told, "psychologists are the wisest of men;" and feeling that this could not be so, we set out to prove otherwise. It is from this pursuit that such malice has arisen.

We set about to investigate, in order, such departments around the campus as seemed to have wisdom, hoping that we might find even one possessed of superior knowledge. First, we challenged the dining hall and made coffee every Monday and Friday afternoons. This so aroused the headwaiter and those standing by that we became an object of hatred to everyone present. Finding such an ungrateful reception we soon left their presence and proceeded to investigate the Music Department. On this sortie we all took the Seashore test; but when we attempted to compare scores, we found that the department had destroyed all

Everyone knows Mr. Bennett E. Smith. Of course! "Benny" is the official chauffeur of Houghton's "Green Horner." The little man behind the wheel of the renovated green hearse is a familiar sight on campus.

Mr. Smith and his wife live just inside the city limits of Houghton in the little cottage "this side of the college farm road." He was born in Chyler County, New York, is now seventy-four years of age, has one son and three grandchildren, and is now in his ninth year of doing general work for the college.

Benny grew up with his brother and sister on a farm near Watkins Glen which, he informed me, is a state park. His formal education ended with the seventh grade. At that time he wanted to get away from home, and for the next few years he traveled here and there working with road shows, as prop man. When his last company abandoned the road, Benny abandoned the show business. He decided that he would like to go to Europe. He figured that if he could work on a canal boat and get to New York City, he could find passage for himself from there to the continent.

He walked up and down the Erie Canal seeking for a job without success. One night he slept in an open shed. The next morning he was greeted by a professional hobo. "Have you had any breakfast?" he questioned. When Benny confided that he'd had nothing to eat since breakfast the day before, the bum said, "Come along." (Benny was too proud to ask for a handout, but was willing for the other fellow to do it.) As they were walking along the tow path, however, a man across the canal

records of test scores, thus preventing the detection of superior ability in music students.

Next, Dick Castor set out to prove that rabbits could be made more neurotic by reading them selections from Chaucer than by reading them equal portions from Freud. This precipitated such jealousy from the Medical school that they attempted to prove it all due to inhaling. Mysteriously enough, all the rabbits died of cancer.

Lastly, we approach the Department of Philosophy. Though they had many seemingly wise beliefs, they could not prove them experimentally, but apprehended them by a sort of inspiration. Much to our amazement we found them to have as many guilt complexes as we. Thus it is that all those claiming knowledge beyond that which they possessed became enraged, and aroused such prejudice against us.

From this prejudice, O Psych majors, the latter accusers bring forth their formal charges: "Psychologists are guilty of refusing to worship Chaucer and Bach and of bringing in new, unrecognized authorities such as Freud and Kinsey. In addition, they corrupt the youth of the campus."

As to corrupting the youth, it is unnecessary to make a defense, for it is apparent that we are not so unwise as to think we could make the youth evil without ourselves suffering at their hand. But as to the charge of irreverence, we submit ourselves to the mercy of the Classics department, realizing that true science will be acquitted by her roommates.

— R. F.



"Operation Mud" Boosted

"Operation Mud" was given a new boost in the chapel service of February 26. Three students and Mr. Liddick gave talks to promote a plan in which the classes will help raise sufficient funds to build a walk up the hill in front of Gaoyadeo Hall. This will eliminate the necessity of walking in the road to reach the town. If the \$2,600.00 goal is reached, construction of the walk will start this spring.

Each class, with the co-operation of the Student Senate, has organized separately in a contest to reach this goal. The aim of this contest, which will be judged on per capita giving, is to achieve 100% participation. The members of the sophomore class promised to give \$154, which is the largest amount pledged. A committee, with John Stewart as chairman, has been appointed to collect this amount, and more if possible. Plans are being made for the students to write to parents and friends asking for their assistance.

John Powers and Elizabeth Stark have been appointed by the freshman class to arrange plans to raise the students' pledges of \$86.50.

Students of the junior class will be given special literature concerning "Operation Mud." This material will be sent to friends and parents to assist the juniors in acquiring their total pledge of \$56. The pledges given by the seniors amounted to \$87. Much more than the present amount pledged must be acquired to reach the goal. Each student will have to do his best.

— V.A.

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PURPLE TRIUMPHS OVER GOLD IN FINAL GAME OF SERIES

Hazlett Team Cops First Place in H.L.

Hazlett House rejoiced, as they took their ease Saturday afternoon, to hear that first place had been handed them in House League competition when seventh-place McKinley upset High School's chances for tied honors by squeezing out a 35-32 victory.

High School, one game behind Hazlett, needed this win to share the top, but upon losing, dropped to second place with Pool-Paine.

McKinley House, now dear friends of the Hazlett boys, barely managed to hold their lead Saturday with Don Thompson swishing 22 points through the loop for high-scorer. Although McKinley holds undisputed seventh place, it has the honor of claiming 63 points in one game, the highest made at one time in this year's House League play.

With but two minor games left to play in the regular series, here are the four top team's records:

Team	won	lost	pts.	avr.
Hazlett	9	1	349	38.9
High School	8	2	416	41.6
Pool-Paine	8	2	478	47.8
Tucker Lotes	6	4*	316	39.5

* two forfeits

—HC—

Meet Benny . . .

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lived rather recklessly and had as his philosophy, "Well, everybody can't be saved. Somebody has to go to hell and I could go as much as anyone else." "Then one day," he went on, "God revealed to me the influence of my life upon some friends of mine. I thought of the judgment, and knew that if I came up lacking, so would my friends, and I would be responsible for them. That really touched me, and though all those friends weren't saved, my past is under the Blood."

He has always been a Wesleyan Methodist, and is now a member of the local church. He has been a strong advocate of the Prohibitionist Party. He is, however, an admirer of President Eisenhower at the present time.

Benny likes young people, and that is his main reason for liking Houghton. "Young folks keep you young," he chuckled. His favorite pastime? Talking! If you want inspiration, or mere entertainment, on any subject, hunt for Benny and converse with him. My half-hour with him was a most enjoyable one. He has acquired an education of experience from his travels and his study of people and human nature. He serves his Master quietly, yet fervently. He is a nimble and cheerful little man who has a great zest for life!

—P.T.

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Purple Wins Girls' Basketball

In the fourth and final game of the women's color basketball series last Friday night, the Purple girls' team took the championship with a 41-28 victory.

Diane Clinton with 19 points and Joyce Fischer with 13 points were high scorers for the evening.

SCORE BY PERIODS				
Gold	9	20	24	28
Purple	16	—	32	41

LINEUPS AND POINTS				
Gold	FG	FT	PTS	
E. Hipps	—	1	3	
L. McMullen	5	1	7	
T. Lazarides	—	1	5	
J. Fischer	—	9	13	
M. Rockwood	0	0	0	
L. Schneider	0	0	0	
Total			28	

Guards: E. Holden, C. Culp, M. Cohoon, B. Wooster, M. R. Tysinger.

Purple	FG	FT	PTS
L. Hall	4	3	11
M. Weiss	0	0	0
V. Dunkerton	4	2	10
D. Kaiser	—	1	1
D. Clinton	8	3	19
D. Cushman	0	0	0

Guards: C. Wallace, E. Melton, A. Jones, F. Stein, E. Brown, M. Harbers.

—HC—

Purple Girls Take Scoring Honors

HIGH SCORES FOR SERIES

	pts.	games	ave.
Lorraine Hall	51	4	12.7
Diane Clinton	49	4	12.2
Vivian Dunkerton	37	4	9.2
Thalia Lazarides	26	3	8.8

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Freshmen Rally to Beat Varsity 49-48, Alumni Play Tonight

For the benefit of those loyal fans that left at the end of the third quarter Wednesday night, this article will deal mainly with events of the last ten minutes, during which the Freshmen overtook an eleven point Varsity lead to win 49-48.

You are not to be blamed for leaving so soon, since most of the game to that point was quite uninspiring. Both teams passed and played poorly — probably worn out from the exhausting Purple-Gold series. Excitement did come once though — during the half-time as two teams of midgets (3rd, 4th, and 5th grade girls) battled in an almost scoreless frolic.

Coach Wells, Varsity strategist, began the last quarter with his second team. Before he realized it, the Freshmen had scored five buckets — his men, none. Back in went the first string, fully instructed as to how to hold that now only one unreassuring point lead. But the Freshmen caught up, 46-46, and passed them too. It was about then that the Varsity finally realized what was happening. With only a minute and a half left, they were behind three points, 46-49, after Paine had missed two in a row. Bud Lewis was able to leave in one before the buzzer sealed their doom, just a point behind, 48-49.

—HC—

Varsity Girls Top Frosh

The Varsity girls found it difficult to defeat an inspired Freshman team in the annual Varsity-Frosh basketball game Wednesday night. The low-scoring game was surprisingly close until the final quarter when Lorraine Hall began to connect with two hook shots. The final score tallied 22 for Varsity and 14 for Freshmen.

The champion Freshman team of the class series, hurt by loss of regulars June Swancott, Lillian Mein and Marty Cronk because of ineligibility, displayed a remarkable fighting spirit.

Tonight the Varsity takes on the Alumni, coached by Warren Woolsey, in another traditional game.

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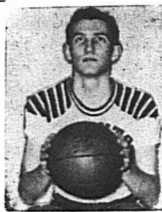
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High Scorer Is Gold Chuck Paine With 20; Baird Paces Purple

Purple took a split-decision win in the 1954 basketball series by out-pointing Gold 50 to 45 in the finals Wednesday evening, March 3.

Season's high scorer, Chuck Paine, added twenty points to the glory road of Gold defeat, for the game's high scoring position. Baird, pacing Purple victory, hit for the first time this year, with seventeen points.

Gold Makes Series Go To Fifth Game; Tops Purple 57-51

Chuck Paine, high scorer during the five-game Purple-Gold series this year, paced an inspired Gold quintet to a 57-51 triumph Friday night, February 26. It was their second straight conquest of the season, temporarily tying the series at two games each.

With Ted Hazlett and Leon Arnold under the boards, Purple had little trouble monopolizing the backboards, and throughout most of the game enjoyed a slim lead. However, as the third period dwindled to a close, Purple's refusal to score on no more than 30% of their shots from the floor provided Gold with sufficient incentive to spring into a 41-40 lead. From that point on, Gold was in command.

Despite Purple's poor shooting percentage, they could have won had they not missed so many shots from the foul line. Each team had twenty-four opportunities to advance their cause in this manner; but while Gold capitalized on seventeen of their chances, Purple could find the range only nine times.

Among the leading scorers during the evening were Chuck Paine with 23 points, Arnold (16), Markle (12), Beck (12), and Smythe (10). If Purple had had the services of two of their regular starters, Phil Janowsky and Don Blowers, the final score would probably have been quite different.

Box Scores by Quarters				
	1st	2nd	3rd	Final
Gold	13	27	41	57
Purple	15	28	40	51

BOX SCORE

Final Purple-Gold Game

PURPLE	FT	FG	TP
Smythe	2	2	6
Roeske	1	1	3
Arnold	2	2	6
Hazlett	5	3	11
Beck	3	1	5
Baird	5	6	17
Gommer	2	0	2

Total 50

GOLD	FT	FG	TP
Paine	2	9	20
Manning	2	2	6
Stewart	1	1	3
Lewis	1	0	1
Hagelmann	2	0	2
Burton	2	1	4
Jenkins	2	1	3
Markle	2	1	4
Essepien	0	1	2

Total 45

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