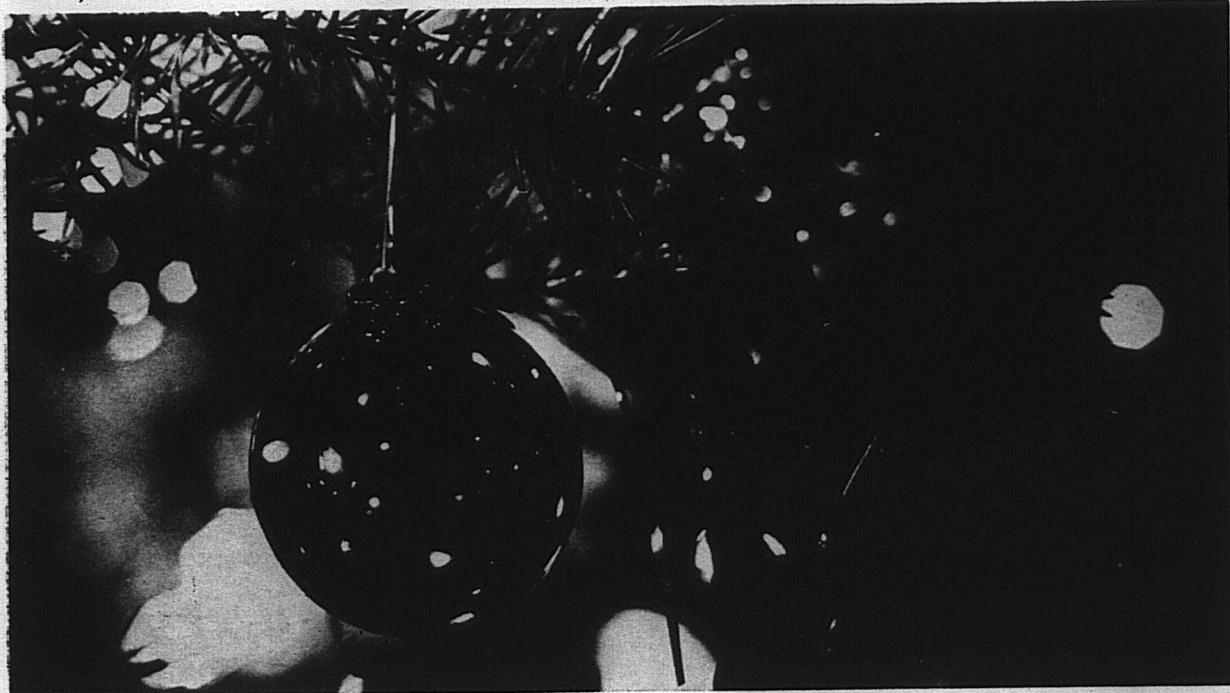


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## A Look at the Ghosts of Christmas Past

by Jan Boyle

It was called "the first major exodus of the school year" in a 1953 December issue of the *Star*. But before "Operation Home for Christmas" was put into motion, the Houghton students of the past celebrated the season joyously yet reverently.

Festivities began with each of the four classes engaged in parties. Entertainment in a holiday mood and devotions based on the Christmas story characterized the respective class parties. The students celebrated with skits, musical shows, carol singing, games, etc. One class performed an adaption of *The Christmas Carol* by Dickens.

Decorations adorned the dorms and Administrative buildings, and especially the dining room (then Gaoyadeo basement) where, the night before vacation, a special Christmas dinner was served. Among the chalk murals of the nativity scene, blue reindeer, streamers, evergreen boughs, mistletoe, and stuffed animals suspended from the ceiling, one could enjoy the traditional performance of "The Night Before Christmas." This was sung by a group of waiters and waitresses, and more often, by a double male quartet.

Adding to the religious atmosphere of the season, *The Messiah* was presented annually with students, faculty, and

townspeople participating in the program. This performance attracted a considerable number of people. In the 1950's, Houghton's Oratorio Society, conducted by Eldon E. Basney, performed *The Messiah* with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra in Kleinhans Music Hall.

In the very early days of the college (1920's and 1930's), students going and coming by way of the railroad had their own Christmas traditions, also. A train would leave from downtown Houghton around 4 or 5 o'clock on the eve of vacation. Anticipating the pilgrimage from Houghton, the railroad would add extra coaches. Singing carols as they

went, the students walked down to the station to bid each other a cheerful farewell, and a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." What a strange sight to passengers already on the train!

No matter who the students, what the year, or how it was celebrated, most found delight, happiness, and peace amid the season's activities. Each age has had its own traditions to make the Christmas holiday more meaningful. This year we've had our special chapel services and madrigal dinners, but, for some reason, it just doesn't seem like Christmas without those red, green, yellow, and blue lights adorning the tall, blue spruce by Gao.

# Flak and Feedback

Dear Editor,

It's a well-known and established tradition at Houghton College to require of all registering students proof of their willingness to abide by certain policies and regulations concerning personal appearance and practices in the form of their signature in the "Deans' Book" or on a "pledge card." While it is admitted in the **Student Guide** that such issues are secondary, they are nonetheless considered important enough to require those who are "careless" about their observance to withdraw from the college.

That the policies and regulations espoused by the college concerning personal appearance and practices are transient and therefore do not necessarily accurately reflect nor fully express the eternal Truth and love of God, is indicated by the disappearance of certain prohibitions and the varying degree of importance placed on others as the accept-

ed code of conduct is variously revised.

Furthermore, since it is evident that not all the injunctions are against issues which are in fact of a sinful nature, the exercise of one's Christian freedom may cause him to be in violation of an oath to which he has given assent. Hence, that very oath has become an occasion for sin. While the issue of personal appearance or practice involved may not be sinful, the violation of an oath — a lie — clearly is. In both cases he is responsible to God alone.

Paul, in Romans chapter 14, encourages everyone "to be fully convinced in your own mind" concerning such secondary issues. He also advises us that "he who has doubts is condemned, if he (partakes), because he does not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin." We are encouraged to strive for Christian maturity, and not to rely on a legal code for per-

sonal direction. Indeed, "a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ . . . by works of the law shall no one be justified."

There is place for law in religion — as man's response to the revelation of God — but it is not to be in the central place. That is reserved for Christ. Neither should Christian communities, as parts of the body of Christ, be dominated by law. We are not saved by grace through faith alone that we might once again become entangled in a web of law as we endeavor to live responsibly before God in this world: "If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the universe, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world? Why do you submit to regulations, 'Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch' (referring to things which all perish as they are used), according to human precepts and doctrines?" (Colossians 2:20-22). Order in the Christian community is not maintained by the enforcement of any legal code. Rather, order and harmony are produced as Christians adopt love as their working principle: "For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:13-14)

In Galatians, chapter 5, Paul uses the rite of circumcision as an example of improper reliance upon the pious acts of law: "You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace." Furthermore, we cannot even rightly adhere to the practice of legalism for the purpose of achieving righteousness, "For through the Spirit, by faith, we wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is of any avail, but faith working through love."

The requirement that all students attending Houghton College adhere to a specifically delineated code of conduct, regardless of their own personal level of spiritual development, forces them to either sacrifice the opportunity of acquiring a Christian liberal arts education, or to "submit again to a yoke of slavery." The later

Paul advises against: "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery . . . This persuasion is not from him who called you." (Galatians 5:1, 8) The first alternative illustrates the absence of a place for mercy when such importance is placed upon conformity to specific policies and regulations concerning personal appearance and practices.

For returning students the decision is especially hard. To continue the opportunity to study under and fellowship with faculty members they have come to sincerely love and respect they must give their assent to an oath which is in its very essence at least extra-biblical and at most anti-Christian. Faculty likewise are restricted in the students they are permitted to instruct and with whom they are able to continue what must be at times mutually beneficial interpersonal relationships.

I therefore urge, in the interests of Christian mercy and freedom, the termination of the required signing of the "Deans' Book" (or "pledge cards") and the reconsideration of all college policies of regulation and discipline in the light of the great doctrine of salvation: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Sincerely,  
Richard E. Downs

## Intended

Sandra Clark ('75) to Ronald Masse ('73, U. of Mass.)

Ruth Weiss ('75) to Stephen Haffly (ex Roberts Wesleyan '75)

Kathlene Ward ('76) to Douglas Rabe (Roberts Wesleyan, '76)



## Editorial

### A Self Evaluation

The semester is over. It's a time of relaxation, a time to forget papers, tests and labs. It's a time to return to the world outside the Island, to catch up on all the TV shows we've missed since September.

It's also a time for evaluation. This year's **Star** staff is halfway through its ordeal. In the first issue I outlined some goals for the paper; it's important to periodically check back and see if we're living up to those goals.

The first and main objective was to make the **Star** a student publication, primarily "by, for, and about students." To what extent I have achieved this depends on which student you talk to. Some students are very disappointed with the **Star**, some are middle-of-the-road, and some like it. Have I made the **Star** a true student publication? I think so. Whether I am right or not is certainly questionable; I have heard many suggestions for more humor, less humor; more intellectual material, less intellectual material; more sports, less sports, and the list goes on.

The second goal was accuracy. I have tried to be as accurate as possible. If you as a reader feel that the **Star** has misrepresented anything, we apologize. But our reporters are urged to be objective, to refrain from interpreting facts which may look different to different people.

The third and final goal was to work to the glorification of God. Whether I've done this or not I probably will never know in this life.

If I had to name my biggest problem as editor, I would have to say I've been over-cautious of the power of the administration. After all the hassles that have gone on in the past few years between **Star** editors and administration, I have been apprehensive about taking a stand on many college questions. Because of this the **Star** has remained neutral on subjects that some students feel strongly about. I honestly don't know how to solve this problem. Should I rush boldly forward with a devil-may-care attitude? Should I take an anti-administration stand on an issue just for the sake of having an opinion? Maybe this problem can't be solved in one year, but maybe by admitting a problem we can begin on a solution.

— Howard Chapman

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I am writing in response to your letter to the Editor of the issue which appeared on November 26th. I understand that you did not mention responsibility as to the body as to the reporting on the

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## More Flak & Feedback

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to one of the letters to the Editor in the last *Star* issue which came out November 26th. It concerns the statement that "the *Star's* sport editor did not fulfill his responsibility to the student body as to negligence in reporting on the soccer team."

Well, I would first like to state some facts before I proceed to answer the letter. So far, there have been five *Stars* printed and distributed plus this one. Now, as to the writing articles concerning the Athletic program here at Houghton, either intercollegiate or intramural, soccer received approximately 25% of all of that space. Yes, there were two issues which did not have anything about the soccer team, but one was because the writer failed to hand in the article. Our main responsibility as reporters is to cover all sports and sports-oriented activities in the *Star*.

You see, there are other fall sports here, such as women's varsity volleyball, tennis, cheerleading, field hockey, men's varsity tennis, golf, cross-country, baseball, and class and houseleague sports, plus the many other activities. Since we are limited to the number of editions being circulated, prompt coverage is nearly impossible on a sport, especially since articles being written have to be submitted about four days before the printing of the *Star* and the delay of several stories can hold up the entire printing.

With this in mind, I feel that soccer did in fact receive good coverage, even though the time and space elements that we have to work with are restrictive. Possible solutions to your problem are open if you are willing to take advantage

of them. Immediate coverage can be made public through the scoop sheet, announcements at meals, a bulletin board being set up in Bedford, and countless other ways.

We do feel that the soccer team should be commended on their success, and that's why we closed our articles about them with the one we did. Don't forget, the soccer players are not the only ones who "sacrifice time and grades."

Sincerely,

Gary Morris, Sports Ed.

Dear Editor:

After reading Cindy Rudd's article on unauthorized "borrowing" of books from the library, I was appalled to learn the magnitude of this problem. Was I naive to expect a higher standard of performance in this area at Houghton because it is a Christian school?

It is true that the temptation is greater to walk out with a book when there are no turnstiles and monitors who stop and search all persons exiting from the library. These precautions are taken by most large universities, to my knowledge. To say nothing of the expense, it would be unpleasant to have this system, with its implied mistrust of library users, installed in Houghton's library.

I would, therefore, appeal to members of the community to discipline themselves and be better stewards. Consider: in order for effective scholarship (both student and faculty) to take place at Houghton, library users must have confidence that books that are supposed to be here are here. Most of us cannot always afford to wait for interlibrary loan, or until we can find time to drive to Buffalo. Give us all a break, please.

Dennis R. Ridley



Keith Tyler gets his teeth into the Madrigal dinner.

## Madrigals Go A-wassailing

"Who's that guy with the skinny legs?" "They're surrounding us! I think that we are going to be blasted out." "What do you do if you get a run in your tights?" "Does the boar's head really have dandruff?"

These are some of the things one hears first-hand at the Madrigal Dinners. Each year the Houghton College Chamber Singers present to the public and student body an evening of crowded candlelight tables, tantalizing roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, beautiful waiters and waitresses who attempt to fulfill the people's every desire; not to mention sixteen students adorned in 16th century attire.

Last week the fourth and final dinner was completed for this year's Madrigal Singers. The boar's head is returned to its place on the shelf, and the wardrobe has gone to the cos-

tume house in Buffalo. What do those sixteen students have to do now, besides papers for Advanced Comp., tests in Bio., and insignificant *Star* articles?

Well, when Christmas vacation finally rolls along they can sit back for a long winter's nap and remember these days of laughter, singing, good food, and heartburn. There was the time when you made an exit and the door was blocked. . . . There was the time when you saw your Bio. teacher at one of the tables and prayed that she'd have mercy on the next day's test. There was the time of practicing until your throat turned raw. But there will also be memories of singing carols together to celebrate Christ's birth. There will be memories of fellowship together with the other members of the group around a warm fireplace. And there will be memories of making someone smile.

## Better Intercommunications

Under the temporary masthead of *Intercom*, Houghton College's faculty and staff now have a scoop sheet of their own. Its intentions are not to undermine any existing communications on campus, but rather to provide an outlet for news which is more faculty and staff orientated. Included in this monthly newsletter will be personality profiles on different members of the community, historical features, classifieds, and general news like births, weddings or trips.

The coordinators of this publication are Chaplain and Mrs. Bareiss aided by Dean Liddick. As of yet, there is no systematic procedure for obtaining the news, only via

"word of mouth." Their intentions are to attain tidbits from all of the various divisions and departments which would be of interest to the other employees and their families. These articles will then be compiled and mailed to all Houghton College employees in the form of a newsletter.

The first appearance of the *Intercom* is the December edition. It comprises of an editorial of explanation by Dean Liddick, a complimentary profile on Elmer Roth, a member of the maintenance department, a historical look at Houghton's clay and other community news.

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## Glory of the Mother and Child

by Carla Kay

Mary and Jesus. Mother and child. God's love for man personified in a helpless infant. A mother's love for her child personified in a gentle woman. This has been a theme of Christian art for centuries.

In the first millennium of Byzantine art Mary is stiff and formal, with a sober red tunic, a blue cloak and a white veil. The Christ child is dressed and often giving a blessing. Both are haloed. They are found in mosaics and frescos in the apses and vaults and on the walls and triumphal arches of churches. They are done in marble, metal, ivory reliefs, coins, cut stones, small pictures, and miniatures.

Western artists varied this basic theme. They gave expression to their faces, put them in architectural settings, gardens and landscapes. Mary is shown nursing her baby, or playing with him. Other people surround them — the Holy Family, John the Baptist, the saints. Leonardo da Vinci put them both on St. Anne's lap. In the Renaissance, the greatest artists produced works celebrating this greatest of all events in human history. In more modern times, the greatest artists are no longer very interested.

I have seen a Japanese Madonna and Child, a Bali Madonna and Child, an Indonesian Madonna and Child. Put them in a rain forest, in a snow storm, on a donkey, in a manger. Dress Mary in a sari, as a Renaissance Queen, in a simple veil and tunic. The story remains the same whatever the setting. The Christmas story, when God was a baby, born of a virgin mother.

## A.C.O. Reaches Out at Christmas Party

by Flossie Gage

The ACO Christmas party was held Thursday, December 5, 1974, 6:15-9:00. Games were played first, and refreshments were served at the Church Community Room. Next stop: Campground Dining Hall for a movie. Then to the Chapel for a few devotional thoughts.

Gifts were not distributed at the party. It is now the policy that family visitors will personally choose gifts for family members. ACO has allotted five dollars per child for the particular purpose of a Christmas gift.

For a look into the future in ACO one important change will take place. The file system is being renovated and will warrant the cooperation of all ACO members. Letters will be distributed in the near future to update the information within the files.

Another reminder to ACO members: ACO has many available items (boots, toothbrushes and clothes) for those in need in Allegany County. All members are to feel free to utilize this service to their families.



Dr. Wilber T. Dayton

## Dr. Dayton, The Man Behind the Office

Dr. Dayton is a man many of us know by face, but not personally. In an effort to better acquaint the students of Houghton with the man behind the school we bring this article to you.

Dr. Dayton graduated from High School as valedictorian of his class and then took a year off. During that year he worked, bought a typewriter, and took a home-study ministerial course. Then he came to Houghton. At that time there were three to four hundred students here. The Dean of men was teaching a full class load in addition to his duties as dean of men. Dr. Dayton told us that President Luckey used to tell them in chapel not to cheer in unison while watching basketball games in Bedford gym, as Dr. Dayton put it, "for fear of a tragedy." He was quite active as a student. He was on the *Star* and *Boulder* staffs. He also played some basketball. "There weren't many people, so they took what they could get," he told us.

What happens in the Dayton household at Christmas-time? When he was younger the family used to look forward to oyster stew which his mother made every year. Now the big celebration happens on the Dayton's wedding anniversary, which is Christmas Eve. Christmas-time for the family is a get-together time for them much as it is for most of us.

Dr. Dayton told us he is surprised that he has spent so much time in academics. As

a student here at Houghton, he looked forward to the life of a minister, spending his time in the pulpit. But many satisfactions have been his as he looks at each day with a "work a day" attitude. "We must learn to find our joys," he said "in the real meaning of life" and look past the tensions we feel at the moment. Dr. Dayton said that he wants to give the students his best wishes for the season and for life at Houghton.

## Class Celebrations

by Mike Guilford

The time for jolly ho-ho-hos of class Christmas parties is here again. But, whether due to a lack of spirit, stagflation or just old-fashioned cramming, half of the Houghton student body will not be celebrating Christmas this year — that is, not with class parties anyways.

The two classes which do have plans for celebrating are the freshmen and the sopho-

mores. The frosh sponsored a Christmas Class Banquet held at the Campground Dining Hall on Monday, Dec. 16 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Chaplain Bareiss delivered a short twenty-minute address. Live music was also provided by a Houghton group, "The New Covenant," during two twenty minute sets.

The sophs have planned a frosty evening of entertainment for themselves. They will convene at the ski slope at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 18 for skiing and tobogganing galore. This will be followed by some healthy basketball-playing in the gym. Refreshments will be served afterwards to console all those appetites aroused by all that vigorous activity.

As for the upperclassmen, be sure to have a Merry Christmas anyways.



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# Women's Volleyball Set Up a Great Season

by Jackie Marciano

Have you noticed Miss Kinnett smiling more, lately? Well, if you had seen the girl's Volleyball Team at Geneseo and Binghamton you would know why. On November 13th the team went to Elmira for the P.C.A.C. Tournament, with a 9-4 record. The scores of the previous games were as follows: Elmira, 15-8, 15-8 (won); Binghamton, 4-15, 15-12, 15-9 (won); Fredonia, 11-15, 16-14, 15-10 (won); U. of R., 15-10, 15-12 (won); Geneseo C. C., 17-15, 12-15, 6-15 (lost); Monroe C. C. 15-7, 15-1 (won); Roberts W. C., 15-5, 15-13 (won); Canisius, 15-2, 15-7 (won); Brockport, 12-15, 7-15 (lost); Buff State, 15-11, 15-8 (won); U. B., 16-14, 15-5 (won); Cortland at Geneseo, 0-15, 4-15 (lost); Geneseo at Geneseo, 15-10, 8-15, 10-15 (lost).

At the P.C.A.C. Tournament Houghton placed first, beating Eisenhower (15-1, 15-5) and Roberts (6-15, 15-5).

On Saturday, November 6th, the girls went to Geneseo for the District VI Play-Offs with a record of 11-4. The team consisted of: Darlene Ort, Darlene Wells, Sue Roorbach, Peggy Roorbach, Janet Van-Skiver, Karen Ploetz, Linda Clow, Brenda Cummings, Ruth Rasmussen, Debbie Barnett, Rita Foster, Ruth Reilly, Barb Mullen, Sheryl Osgood, Carol Goodnight, Coach Kinnett, and Marilyn Watrous, Team Manager. Houghton played two games with St. John Fisher, Geneseo, U. of R., R.I.T., and Brockport. The two top teams in the district got to go to State. Houghton was the top team with 9 out of 10 wins.

## This Winter, Be a Sport

by Judy Harper

As the snow piles around our campus, many students grumble and hibernate in the warmer regions of campus buildings. But there are those students who joy at the sight of falling snow and the feel of drooping temperatures.

Houghton does not die in the winter, even though it is plunged into a deep freeze. As a matter of fact, there are various outdoor activities that only survive with snow, ice and cold temperatures. But you ask, how can WE survive the blizzards and enjoy sports in the snow? First, invest in some long underwear, socks, boots, hats, mittens, jeans, and a warm jacket. (You can even spray waterproofer on your

The highlight of the day was the last game when Houghton played and beat Brockport 15-0 and 15-12. Coach Kinnett's enthusiasm took her out of her seat more than once as she and the fans cheered the team on to their District Championship and a place in the State Tournament at Binghamton.

The last game played before the State Tournament was against R.I.T. They won with scores of 15-11 and 15-0.

On Friday, November 22nd, Houghton left for the State Tournament. There were sixteen schools in pools of four. Each team played the teams in their pool and the team with the most wins into the Single Elimination Tournament on Saturday. Houghton

came in first in their pool with a win against Binghamton (15-5, 15-11, a bye, and a win against second seated Lehman (15-4, 16-14). On Saturday their team spirit was at a high and Coach Kinnett's confidence in their victory was evident. They played Cornell and won (14-12, 17-15). Their second game was against Ithaca. They won in three games (11-7, 3-15, 14-12). These two wins put them in the Championship Game with Oneonta. The first game was 15-10 Oneonta. In the second game the clock ran out while the volley was still going. Houghton fought hard and won the volley which gave them the point and kept Oneonta from taking the win right away.

But the final score was 14-12 Oneonta. The Houghton Volleyball Team came away Second in the State.

The girls' overall sportmanship was something to see. They played together as a team, each girl giving all she had, each watching out for the other individual. Their team work was the best of the season. They were quick, skillful, and precise. Coach Kinnett's knowledge and understanding of each individual and the team as a whole allowed them to play to the best of their ability.

The girls had a great volleyball season. If you missed it come on out to their Varsity Basketball games and give them your support.

## Houseleague Onward

As the snow falls gently on Houghtonland, the intramural basketball season keeps rolling right along. The big game in the men's A-league this past week was between Ma Burns and Local Locos. Ma Burns thought they were unbeatable. However, the Local Locos cleaned up that bad attitude with a 51-48 win over Ma Burns. Certain members (if not all) of Ma Burns feel that they were "ripped off" in the game against the Local Locos. But when asked to explain this, they more or less said, "No comment." In the other men's leagues, Chosen Few is still unbeaten with a 4-0 record. RIP has 3 wins and no losses as does Lithos Meter.

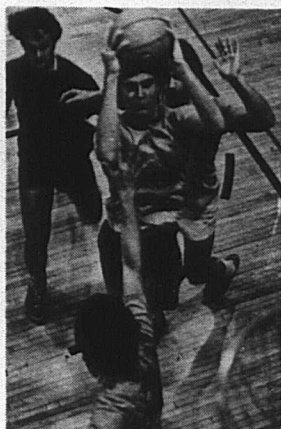
A quick look at the men's class basketball league finds

the Seniors and Drybones battling for first place. They each have one loss and this battle will most likely be decided on Monday, December 16 at 10 p.m. when the two teams meet again. Here are the standings of all the leagues: (these may not be completely accurate as the information was not the easiest to obtain.)

GIRLS	W	L
Adams Ribs	3	0
Seniors	2	0
Juniors	1	1
Sophomores	1	2
Freshmen	0	2
Brookside 3rd	2	0
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Local Locos	5	0
Ma Burns	3	1
Makin Trouble	2	2
Truck Drivers	2	3
Waldorf Zoo	1	3

B & C Leagues	W	L
Chosen Few	4	0
RIP	3	0
Lithos Meter	3	0
Gym Rats	3	1
Wingnuts	3	3
Coughlin House	3	2
Mitochondria	1	2
Music Majors	1	3
Havenwood	0	1
Run & Gun	0	2
Streak	0	2
R.A.G.	0	2
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Seniors	8	1
Drybones	7	1
Sophomores	4	4
Freshmen	2	6
Juniors	0	9

## Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team has their opening game on Saturday, January 18 when they face Elmira on their home court. The team consists of Shiela DiTullio, Maria DiTullio, Peggy Roorbach, Darlene Ort, Sue Roorbach, Jan Van-Skiver, Darlene Wells, Eileen Lindley, Sheryl Osgood, Debbie Barnett, and Rita Foster as manager. Coach Kinnett says she expects a good team this year although they will have to play more of a running game than before, because of lack of height and advantage in speed.

# Merry Christmas

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