

## Torchbearers Travel Many Miles; Cover Large Area In Weekend

Twelve persons within the Torchbearers' visitation radius have made decisions for Christ since September 26. Eighty-five students have traveled a distance of 1167 miles, made 335 calls, and distributed 72 gospels of John and 297 tracts. This is in addition to the work in the four hospitals and homes for the aged visited each Sunday. They have spent \$166.69 for supplies and traveling expenses out of the \$247.25 they have received, which leaves a balance on hand as of November 1 of \$80.56. Last Sunday 42 visitors went out and there was one decision.

Approximately 50 faculty members and students spoke or provided music in various churches last weekend. Three groups went out under Torchbearer sponsorship and the rest independently.

The Royalaires traveled the farthest, appearing in Cobleskill for the Saturday night Youth for Christ and for the Sunday morning service in the Wesleyan Church.

The Ambassador Brass Trio was in Rochester Youth for Christ Saturday night and in Quakertown, Saturday night and in Quakertown, Sunday services in the First Baptist Church, Hamburg. The college girl's quartet brought music at Willoughby.

Prof. Bert Hall preached at the Methodist Church at South Dayton. Six Houghton alumni teach in the high school there. A girl's trio provided the music and Richard Schnorbus led the song service. In the Arcade Alliance Church Sunday night

## Piano Students Present Recital

Piano students took the lead in the general recital held in the college chapel at 7:30, Wednesday, November 10, the outstanding number being Debussy's "Evening in Grenada," played by Howard Bauer. Vocal music was presented solely by Clarence Martin, who sang "Seben, crudele" by Caldara. Instrumentalists were Eileen Griffen, flutist, who played Bach's "Polonaise" and "Badinage," and Florence Crocker, violinist, who played Bach's "Concerto in A Minor."

The piano selections played by Walter Hofmann, Ellen Thompson, Jeannette Rupp, Darwin Townsend, and Phyllis Redding were by Bach, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Albeniz, Iturbi, and Lecuona respectively.

Paul Jennings spoke, Robert Wollcott led the singing, and a girl's trio sang. Another trio sang in the Troupsburg Methodist Church.

Dean Lauren King spoke in the Fillmore and Hume Methodist Churches and Prof. Marvin Nelson in the Rushford Free Methodist, the occasion being Men and Missions Sunday.

## Faculty Attend Alfred Exercises

Professors F. G. Stockin, Claude A. Ries, B. H. Hall, and Frank H. Wright of Houghton college participated in the academic procession of Alfred university's Convocation day exercises, November 11. Professor Wright, dean of men at Houghton college holds a B.D. from Alfred.

The procession at this annual Founder's day program held in the University gymnasium, was estimated by Professor Wright to be one quarter of a mile in length.

The guest speaker, Mr. W. Judd, formerly a Congregational missionary to China and now a Minnesota congressman, delivered his talk without notes on "Which Way to Peace?" encouraging cooperation and denouncing force by arms.

Dr. M. Ellis Drake, president of Alfred, conferred on Mr. W. Judd, honorary degree of doctor of laws.

## Overheated Furnace Starts Cellar Blaze

An overheated furnace was the cause of a fire which broke out in the Davis house, situated across from Houghton Hall, shortly after 5:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

Damage was confined to the first floor and two wall partitions by Houghton volunteer firemen, who had considerable difficulty locating the source of the fire because of dense smoke. Fire apparatus came from Caneadea and provided additional lights and ladders needed to combat the blaze.

The fire was discovered by Bernard Grunstra, one of six Houghton college students rooming in the house. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Davis, the residents, were not at home when the fire broke out. Mr. Davis is a senior at Houghton.

Owners of the house are Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Van Riper, both former Houghton students, who live in Rockville, Maryland.

## OFFICIALS PLAN DORM PUBLICITY PUSH

Mr. Robert E. Hausser, field secretary of Houghton college, was here during the past week to discuss plans for raising money for the new dormitory. A careful study is being made of various types of publicity to be used regarding financial assistance and also suggested memorial gifts and groups of potential donors.

Mr. Frank W. Rowe, registered architect of Williamsville, N. Y., who designed the Lucky Memorial building and also executed the blue prints for the new dormitory was in Houghton recently. Matters discussed with him were twofold: (1) regarding the design for a new front entrance to Gaoyadeo Hall, which would include a larger porch over a boys' cloak room, and (2) regarding structural design and details for steps and terracing for the main entrance of the Lucky Memorial building overlooking the present track field.

### CHAPEL

Tuesday, Nov. 23  
Dr. S. W. Paine  
Wednesday, Nov. 24  
Dr. Russel Carter  
Thursday, Nov. 25  
Thanksgiving Day—No Chapel Service.

Friday, Nov. 26  
Mr. Norman Grubb

### ACTIVITIES

Saturday, Nov. 20  
Singspiration — 6:45 p. m.—  
Dorm Reception Room  
Church Choir Practice — 7:30  
p. m.—Church

Monday, Nov. 22  
Student Body Meeting — 9:00  
a. m.—Chapel  
Oratorio Practice—7:30 p. m.—  
Chapel

Tuesday, Nov. 23  
Student Prayer Meeting—7:30  
p. m.—Chapel

Wednesday, Nov. 24  
Mission Study — 7:30 p. m.—  
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Student Council Meeting—7:30  
p. m.—S-21  
Expression Club—7:30 p. m.—  
Music Auditorium

Student Council Movies—7:30  
p. m.—Chapel

Thursday, Nov. 25  
Thanksgiving  
FMF Meeting, Mr. Norman  
Grubb—7:30 p. m.—Church

Friday, Nov. 26  
Class Basketball Series — 7:30  
p. m.—Gym

Social Committee Program—  
7:30 p. m.—Chapel

## F. M. F. Chooses Delegates To Missions Convention

### DEAN ANNOUNCES MID-SEMESTER LIST

Iola Jones, a junior majoring in Greek, has the distinction of being the only student carrying at least 15 hours who has attained a 4.000 grade index during this marking period. Jane Crosby, Freda Myers, and Jeannette Rupp, students carrying less than 15 hours, have also earned 4.000 indices.

This announcement was released by Dr. L. A. King, dean of Houghton college, together with the following names of those included on the first mid-semester dean's list:

Arthur Austin, Robert Bailey, Betty Bartholomew, Harold Blatt, Janice Burr, Cynthia Comstock, Carol Davis, Martha Davis, Henri DuBois, Marilyn A. Funk, Mary Anna Gerhardt, Bernard Grunstra, Albert Haley, Iola Jones, Lois Karger, Helen Lawrie, Elizabeth McMartin, Phyllis Martin, Phyllis Park, Richard Price, Philip Roddy, Virginia Sension, Douglas Silvermail, Stanley Soderberg, Harold Stopp, Charles Stuart, Perry Troutman, James Wagner, Bruce

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## Totenberg Presents Violin Concert Tonight

Roman Totenberg, violinist, will present a varied program tonight at 8 o'clock in the college chapel for the third concert of this season's Artists' series. Polish-born, now an American citizen, Mr. Totenberg will play Bertok's "Roumanian Dances," Nin's "Spanish Dances," and Paganini-Kreisler's "I Palpiti."

Having performed as soloist with a number of outstanding orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic-Symphony and the Cleveland Symphony, Mr. Totenberg has received press acclaim. The New York Times said on one occasion, "purity of tone, clarity of outline and depth of understanding," and the Baltimore Sun stated, "superb violin-playing."

Introduced to this continent by his famous compatriot, Artur Rubenstein, they toured South America in joint recitals. At Buenos Aires M. Totenberg was compelled to give twelve concerts during a single season.

In tonight's program, accompanying Mr. Totenberg, will be Arthur Balsam, pianist.

At a recent meeting of the Foreign Missions' fellowship, delegates and an alternate were nominated for attendance at the second FMF Inter-varsity Christian fellowship "convention for missionary conquest" to be held at the University of Illinois, Urbana, from December 27 to December 31, 1948. Those nominated were Luke Boughter and Harold Blatt, representatives, and Iola Jones, alternate. The final choice of delegates will be made at a student body meeting on Monday, November 22, in the chapel. The sum of \$50 per delegate must be raised to send these representatives.

The first conference of this group was held in December, 1946, at Toronto, Canada, and was attended by 600 college students of the United States and Canada. The motto of this year's convention is to take the Gospel "from every campus to every country." Among the leaders of the convention will be Bishop Frank Houghton, general director of the China Inland mission, Dr. Frank C. Torrey, pastor of Calvary Independent church in Lancaster, Pa., and fifty missionaries representing world-wide fields.

An IVCF representative visiting Houghton a few weeks ago urged that students not appointed as delegates sacrifice and attend the convention. All reservations must be made by Thanksgiving weekend. Registration blanks may be obtained from the Foreign Missions fellowship table in S-24.

## Grubb to Speak Thanksgiving

Norman P. Grubb, distinguished British missionary and head of the Worldwide Evangelization crusade, will speak in the annual Thanksgiving service to be held Thanksgiving evening in the college church at 7:30. He will also speak in chapel Friday morning.

Mr. Grubb, son-in-law of the famous C. T. Studd, is author of C. T. Studd, Cricketer and Pioneer, ten thousand copies of which, given to college and university students, have stimulated great missionary advance.

The Thanksgiving service will be in charge of the Foreign Missions fellowship. Special music will be provided.

## "Americans -- Hurry, Worry, Marry, and Bury" -- Leland Wang

BY CONNIE JACKSON

"There are four words that describe Americans—hurry, worry, marry, and bury," said Leland Wang of the Chinese Missionary Union after his chapel talk Friday morning.

Although he has made several visits to this country, Mr. Wang is still not used to the peculiarities of the United States. Gum-chewing seems quite the most ridiculous of them all. "Since they don't chew much when they eat their food, they make up for it by chewing gum," he suggested with a twinkle in his eye. Despite the oddities, there are many things about the United States that delight him. The drinking fountains "where you push a button and

psst! the water squirts out" never cease to hold a fascination for him. And the gigantic skyscrapers in New York City are wonders of American ingenuity. Mr. Wang has a definite soft spot in his heart for the United States.

Perhaps he may be slightly influenced in his opinion by the fact that five out of his six children are going to school here. Several of them are attending Wheaton, and one is planning to return to China as a missionary after training at Faith seminary.

Mr. Wang is proud, too, of his six grandchildren. He finds that visits to America are necessary in order to keep up with his growing family.

Mr. Wang was reared in a heathen home in China. His wife became a Christian under the teachings of a missionary from the United States, but it was not until later that he realized his own need. While all alone reading the Bible one night, Mr. Wang came to a knowledge of Christ as his own Savior. He abandoned his ambition to be a naval officer in the Chinese Navy and became interested in training his own people as missionaries under the Chinese Missionary Union in which he has been active for twenty-eight years.

Mr. Wang and his wife are personal friends of the Chiang Kai-Sheks. Both the Generalissimo and his wife attended his services when

he spoke to government officials in Nanking. Later they enjoyed talking together around the dinner table. Madame Chiang said then that she and her husband were Christians not for political reasons but rather for their own convictions. They are enthusiastically supporting the Wang's in their visit to America, for they feel that the people of this country should realize the urgency of the plight of China.

Mr. Wang is keenly aware of the danger of the Russian influence in China. The Communists are taking advantage of the poverty of the country, and many of the people are accepting their doctrines simply because they believe anything would

be preferable to the starvation they are enduring now. He does not understand how the Americans with their superabundance of possessions can possibly accept the teachings of Communism. He is afraid that they will lose their sense of values in their continual search for something better than they have now. There can be no compromise between communism and Christianity, Mr. Wang firmly believes.

Mr. Wang considers his mother country the greatest mission field in the world. There are only 7,000 missionaries to minister to a huge population of 165,000,000. Tibet is the most difficult part of China to work

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"And yet one may ask if science, for all its consolidating of premises and its increasing accuracy of description, is leading men toward or away from reality. In its attempt to penetrate beyond the limitations of man's senses, science has tended ever more and more to interpret reality in terms of mathematical symbols.

"Man realized long hence that his senses were simply a clouded glass through which he vainly sought to discern reality. It may be that the lens of mathematics is simply another clouded glass. For man, standing between the macrocosm and the microcosm, finds barriers on both sides, and must perhaps conclude with St. Paul that 'the world was created by the Word of God so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear.'"<sup>1</sup>

These concluding paragraphs from the pen of a noted writer of authoritative scientific articles are no doubt startling to the average Christian. They should not only be startling, but they should startle us into an awareness of our unprecedented privilege and responsibility in our present age.

Carl F. H. Henry in *Remarking the Modern Mind* points out that in face of overwhelming evidence modern philosophers are having to abandon their position in regard to the inherent good of man and the inevitability of progress.

In political circles leaders are turning away from old institutions, to newer ones which they hope will cope with up-to-date circumstances. Morally, orthodox standards are being questioned and just as often disregarded. The fact alone that the Kinsey report on *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* has become a best seller among non-fiction publications is indicative of the widespread interest in the status of morals.

One could cite innumerable examples of this unrest and the consequent casting about for something substantial to grasp. The great aspiration of many is to be able to say, "This answers my questions. This gives me a faith which nothing can shake." The desire is present. The need goes on unanswered.

Why does this concern us? Because we believe if we are sincere, thinking Christians, that the Christian view is sufficient to meet every facet of man's need. If you accept this to be true, then you will logically ask, "Why is the need going unanswered?"

There are many complex factors which have caused this need to go unheeded. Perhaps it all stems back to the fact that the Christian world view has never been given a clearly delineated, definitive presentation, which would be to Christianity what the *Communist Manifesto*, and Darwin's *Origin and Growth of the Species*, have been to Marxism and evolution. The periphery has been touched upon by many authors, but no one scholar has yet attempted the gamut of the field of philosophy. Closely associated is the similar need for a scholarly work introducing a Christian approach to scientific interpretation.

There is a challenge for us college students to face the fact that everyone does not believe as we do; neither will every type of person be reached by an appeal to emotion—some must be reached on the basis of that which is reasonable. We cannot all write the Christian classic of the age; but each of us are constrained to be "ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you."

<sup>1</sup> Barnett, Lincoln. "The Universe and Dr. Einstein." *Harper's Magazine*, xcvi, Apr.-June, 1948.

(Editor's note: We highly commend the precedent set last year in presenting Dr. McKeel's addresses introducing the subject of apologetics. We anticipate its continuance.)

## Editor's Mailbox

We reprint below the content of a letter recently received from Rochester Regional Blood Center of the Red Cross:

Dear Dr. Paine:

I wish to take this opportunity to express to you the sincere appreciation of all of us connected with the Rochester Regional Red Cross Blood program for the fine cooperation and generous response given by the members of your student body when our Mobile Unit visited Houghton college on Thursday, October 21. We would like particularly to commend the work of the Pre-Medical group which carried the burden of the donor recruitment and also provided necessary volunteer workers to assist our technical staff.

The Blood Center has advised me that a total of 144 donors were recruited from your student body and we were successful in obtaining 119 units of blood. This is indeed a most generous response and a fine contribution on the part of your college to the health and welfare of the community in which we live.

I wish it were possible to thank all those who contributed to the success of our visit personally. However, since this is not possible, I trust that you will be able to convey our sentiments to them. I should like particularly to thank you, Dr. Paine, for making the opportunity to visit Houghton college available to us.

Sincerely yours,  
 Thomas R. White  
 Chairman,

Rochester Regional Blood Program

Dear Editor,

Since the Editor's Mailbox seems to be the catch-all for the most insignificant, ridiculous, and inane little gripes imaginable, I feel justified in here supplying mine. I don't think we should have any more fires on Sunday.

Dear Editor:

The attitude of the letters which you published last week and the week before does not seem to be entirely justified. In fact it seems to be an indication of a bias, which, however, is typical of a large number of Christians. The attitude which I mention as being prevalent is one which shouts a big "no" to all concerned, when the subject of movies is even approached.

It is in reply to this attitude and not to these specific letters that I'm replying.

Christian people, as a whole, totally reject all moving pictures because they have been produced by those whose lives are not considered exemplary of Christian standards of morality. But can such a total position be maintained consistently throughout every area of our existence? If we were to be consistent, we would also of necessity totally be forced to discontinue use of many commodities of everyday living and even the reading of many of our textbooks. Literature might be given as an example. There are books fitting needs of every description—but in every type of book there must be the division of good ones and bad ones. Must we then reject all books because there are those of a questionable nature? Must we give up fiction entirely because some fiction is contrary to our own standards? A problem closely associated to this would bring up the question: Should I patronize publishing houses, among the output of which is contained material which is evolutionary, suggestive, or otherwise anti-Christian. The futility of such a position is evident to anyone who must live in a world of everyday business.

It may sound as though I am ad-

## "To Err is Human..."

One summer I was engaged in children's work in a refuge home. During my frequent conversations with a fellow staff member, the subject of the director of the work came up in this fashion. "But Dot," I exclaimed, "a man in his position has no right to display such a beastly temper!"

She shrugged and parried, "Well, I suppose not, but after all, the man is human, isn't he?"

After all he was human. That was the crux of the whole matter. He was too wretchedly human, as is the case with many of us in numerous phases of our lives.

This director had long been a Christian. He had held evangelistic services at intervals over a period of fifteen years. Then he had settled down in children's work. So long a Christian! So active in God's vineyard! So vicious a temper! Shame! It was a sad commentary for a child of God.

I have heard folk say that we should keep our eyes upon the Lord. We should ignore men such as this director. All well and good, but as young people preparing for Christian leadership we should be able to say with Paul, "Be ye imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ." 1 Cor. 11:1.

"To err is human—" We are prone to fall back on the phrase often. At times we almost seem to glory in it. As we err, backslide, procrastinate, as we are loathe to part with some questionable bauble, as our failures loom up before us, we glibly say, "We're nothing but clay temples, dust. Yes, just human." A poor hiding place.

Now, there is another side to this picture. It is true, perfectly true,

vocating movie going for Christians. I'm not, in view of the circumstances and company one must associate with at the modern movie theater. I do feel that by being selective in our choice of films we would probably benefit, if these movies could be shown under more favorable circumstances.

In view of this I think that the showing of these movies is defensible. The movie had been carefully chosen and was shown on campus. The student attending this could go with every confidence that his thought would not be polluted. I hope that everyone will stop making such a gigantic issue out of a matter which would have otherwise been trivial if allowed to pass.

Dear Editor,

I certainly enjoyed the singing in chapel this morning (Tuesday), and was sorry that there was only one verse of it sung in parts. The problem of atmosphere has been such a debated question, that the partial solution offered in this way is a boon to the senses. I LIKE THE PRESENT SEATING ARRANGEMENT AND THINK IT ONE OF THE MOST INTELLIGENT AND SENSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS.

Dear Editor:

Just a note by way of reply to the letter which you carried last week criticising the showing at the college of the film, "The Last of the Mohicans." It seems to me that it ought to be said, in order to keep the record straight, that the showing of this Hollywood produced film was definitely not in accord with the school policy but was rather a slip on our part. Showing of Hollywood produced films is not countenanced at Houghton college.

Stephen W. Paine

that when you are thrown into a hole, and someone shoves dirt on your face with a few pats of a spade, your body will badly disintegrate in time. But, we well know that there is a part of us which goes beyond that stage. We must always keep in mind that we were created for eternity, not for time. We are creatures of eternity, not time. Time is just a "stepping-off" place, a mere drop in the bucket of eternity.

Yet, our motives, aims, dreams, ideas, plans, thoughts, in fact our very lives are earthbound. We are all wrapped up in our little worlds, so lush, so plush, and cozy that we hate to be disturbed. This is true despite the fact that Christ said, "Seek those things which are above . . ." and "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness . . ."

And yet we must not forget, that we are here on earth for a definite purpose. God has something for us to do. We should not become so sanctimonious that we cannot associate with others less pious. Neither should our heads be so in the clouds that we are always in a fog.

There is a blessed balance to be maintained. Most of us are lopsided. Not many of us consider to any extent the heavenly life. To Paul, it was a great struggle not to do so too much. In Philippians 1:2, 3, he says, "For I am in a dire strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart and to be with Christ; which is far better: nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you." Then we turn to 2 Cor. 12:15 where Paul speaks of one who was "caught up to the third heaven" and heard things "which it is not lawful for a man to utter."

We shrug off these words and experiences of glory because they come through Paul. We behave as though they were a special dispensation for him alone.

An old Scottish shepherd lay dying. A visiting friend said to him, "Sandy, do you think that you'll go to heaven?"

Sandy's eyes glowed. "Why man, I've been living there for the past ten years."

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above . . ."

## Wang Interview . . .

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in because of the utter lack of conveniences. There the people live in tents, and the men are inveterate robbers. They consider stealing the mark of a man's virility. Mr. Wang's lasting impression of Tibet on his one visit there was his eight hours a day on horseback. He said that afterward he was barely able to walk for lameness.

The greatest opportunity for intelligent Christian young people, Mr. Wang believes, is in the field of Christian education in the colleges and universities of China. There are thirteen so-called Christian colleges, but none of them have an evangelical emphasis. The need for a stronger Inter-Varsity work among these schools is unlimited. China should be a challenge to the young people of Houghton college.

## King Releases Dean's List

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Waltke, Jay Wenger, Arleen Wetters, Edelgard Wieschollek, and Swantina Zylstra.

Also included on this list but not carrying a full semester schedule are: Lois Albro, Howard G. Bauer, Jane Crosby, Robert Kalle, Marion Mabuice, Freda Myers, Jeanette Rupp, Gordon Tropsf, and Martha Wice.





## THE RUT

BY DAVID KASER

Once upon a time there was a boy named Alfred. Alfred's poor father had died of chicken pox when he was two years old. (That's when Alfred was two years old—not his father.) Alfred was therefore forced to work his way through a magazine selling colleges. (I mean through college selling magazines.) At any rate Alfred worked six years one summer just saving enough money to pay for his freshman year. (I mean to say that he worked six summers one year—no—oh well.)

In college Alfred got along fine. The first semester the Dean was on Alfred's list. (I mean Alfred was on the Dean's list.) To tell the truth, Alfred was a Schmoo. Yes, sir, he was a Schmoo until one day when one of his professors (not the one you're thinking—this one isn't there anymore) said to Alfred, "Really, Mr. Jones, (Alfred's last name was Jones), it isn't the grade that matters as much as what you get out of the course."

From that time forward Alfred's whole life changed. Two days later Alfred became an excellent basketball player, three days later after that he was elected editor of the school paper, and seven years after that Alfred graduated from dear old Emotional State. (For it was dear old Emotional State which Alfred was attending.)

Alfred soon found that to be successful in his field it was necessary that he attend graduate school. However, graduate schools took one look at Alfred's transcript and decided that they had no place for him. International Occidental University, in answering Alfred's application for admission, wrote, "Your credit not good at IOU."

For many months Alfred wandered from university to university. In Vienna he was laughed at, in Paris he was shouted at, in London he was kicked at, and in Chicago he was flirted at. (No, it was in Minnesota that he was flirted at.) In Wurtenberg he was considered a modern James Meredith of Killingsworthtown. In fact, small boys often followed him down the street pelt-

ing him with fruit and shouting, "Oh, you modern James Meredith of Killingsworthtown." In Hollywood a trained lion cub walking on his hind legs (That's the lion cub who walked on his hind legs—not Alfred. Alfred never walked on his hind legs.) preceded him down the boulevard shouting, "Here comes Alfred Jones who was so anxious to learn that he disregarded his assignments." In all societies he was considered an oddity but no graduate school would take a chance on him.

It has now been three years since Alfred graduated and he has completely disappeared from society. Some would have it that Alfred committed suicide but it is the opinion of the author that Alfred grew a beard and returned to dear old Emotional State where he is starting over under an assumed name, that time trying hard not to assimilate any information that will not help him get a good grade.

And so, boys and girls, we come to the moral of this our little story. "Unless you want this to happen to you—BEAT ALFRED."

### FMF Makes

#### Mission Pledge Report

Isabella Buchanan, the treasurer of the Foreign Missions fellowship, reports that approximately \$1300 of the amount pledged to the support of the college missionaries last June has been paid. That leaves a deficit of about \$500 in addition to the bulk of the \$2447 pledged on Missionary day this fall. Some of the \$628.96 given in cash last June and the \$381.05 given this fall was payment on pledges. It is suggested that it would be well to pay the pledges as early in the school year as possible.

At the last meeting of the FMF, an informal discussion of "What Constitutes a Missionary's Call" was led by the Rev. George Failing. The part of emotions, love for the field, and prayer was considered. "I have never received a call to foreign mission work—but I have received a call to mission work," Mr. Failing stated.

### SPONSORS OFFER LITERARY PRIZES

Tomorrow magazine is offering a first prize of \$500 in a short story contest for undergraduates. The purpose of this contest is to encourage new creative writing talent in order to insure a supply of writers in the future. Entries will be judged solely on the basis of literary merit. The manuscripts are limited to 5000 words, and those accepted will be published in the spring and summer issues of the magazine. Other manuscripts will be considered for possible publication as regular contributions. All entries must be postmarked prior to December 31, 1948.

In answer to a growing demand by chaplains for tracts, the Colportage division of Moody Bible institute is sponsoring a religious tract-writing contest, open only to veterans and servicemen. Entries should be between 500 and 750 words in length and should include an explanation of the writer's service record. First prize is a set of the four newly-published books in the Wycliffe series of Christian classics. A selection of any three of these books will be awarded as second prize, with two as third prize, and one as fourth prize. Manuscripts should be sent to Colportage Tract contest, 153 Institute Place, Chicago 10, Illinois, before March 1, 1949.

Additional information concerning these and future contests will be posted on the bulletin board in Luckey Memorial.

### The Life Cycle . . .

BY MITZ

"Whatever you do, Mitz, you better stay away from that music building when you get to school, I mean Houghton!" said my big sister just before my transition from human being to college student. I took a more or less nonchalant attitude toward this advice because I was convinced that college students were all normal. (Me, so young and innocent in those days!) But, oh, I was so wrong.

Through not heeding my sister's warning I had the weirdest, most terrifying, most spine tingling experience. It was a most monstrous experience. (This has got to be good, right Crosby?)

I trailed a music student. First of all, we know that there are two types of students: music students and the other ordinary ones. Music students are frustrated and disillusioned individuals. The exceptions are those who have evolved. There is hope.

On a typical day my student tears over to the music building at five o'clock in the morn'g where he meets a man with a whip. After wiping off the blood (he is 36½ seconds late) he plunks out "Mary Had a Little Lamb," if he is a first year student. If he is advanced, he bangs "Eastside, Westside," and "Little Boy Blue."

One hour of practice is all he can take. He fools around until Pantry-time. Then he hides in the gym from the man with the whip and plays a little (really a little) basketball.

Following lunch he catches a few winks (not from opposite sex) because he has had a "tough" morning. Dinner is served to him in bed if he doesn't get around in time, and he spends the evening relaxing.

Boy, whatta life! But I'd still rather be one of the ordinary kind of student. That early morning walk nearly finished me.

Hey! Hoffman, take your pals away from me! I'm too young and too delicate to die. Please . . .

(Flowers may be obtained from Maxwell Fancher.)

### Talk of Many Things . . .

BY MIKE KAY

It has finally happened. The Star has abandoned all attempt at gaining or keeping literary standards and asked me to fill a column or two with ravings from my demented mind. They must want to prove that you can stay in Houghton college for at least three years and still not know anything.

Last week I had an experience. While walking down the road I suddenly became aware of the presence of the law. Just because I had a shot gun, a pocket full of shells, and a blood stained coat, he seemed to think that here was someone hunting. He must have been a very careful and astute student of human psychology.

After digging down past my selective service registration certificate, driver's license, Social Security card, identification card, a library card from Warren, Pa., student activity ticket, post office box number, picture of my sister, Houghton college calendar, and a three cent stamp, I discovered of all things a hunting license for 1948. The Warden then took his gun out of my back and seemed agreeably surprised. We talked, and he released his hammer lock, took off the handcuffs, unlocked the door and mumbled something about people thinking that all he did was to go around trying to arrest someone. The gist of the matter seems to be that he has received reports of students hunting without a license.

In line with Houghton's policy of economy, if someone would find the fire pump that belongs on the shelf in the back entrance to Luckey Memorial and replace it, they might save the new fire truck a trip up the hill.

It seems strange that we don't hear more people testify to the Lord calling them into school teaching. Is it because they don't think their call sounds as romantic as one to the pygmies in Siberia or what?

By not going into school teaching Christians are missing a chance to contact more unevangelized youth of America than is possible in any other field. Of course our public schools are wicked and controlled by ungodly people. The Temple was full of "thieves and robbers" but Jesus and Paul both taught there. What excuse can we give for not reaching the unsaved? If you think that you can't carry an effective witness to your people because there are laws

against teaching religion, you are only kidding yourself. If the only way your pupils can tell you are a Christian is by what you say, you had better ask the Lord for a new kind of religion.

One big field for conscientious Christians is in guidance. Every year the schools are absorbing all of the Guidance Counselors they can get and asking for more. What a chance for the missionary minded Christian! Of course you can't hit a pupil over the head with the Bible every time he comes into your office, but you can win his confidence by love, patience and tact so that he will be interested in discovering why you have such a radiant Christian personality. You can see that this is not an easy field but there are no easy places for the real Christian.

Goodbye now, all you happy people. I'll be back next week with more concrete facts from my concrete skull. If this sounds like so much exhaust just remember that I may be exhausted. Don't forget, write cheerful letters home and don't let them know how crushed you feel when you get an answer.

### INTER CAMPUS CLIPPINGS . . .

We introduce a newcomer to our feature columns. Each week, choosing at random from my exchange files, we will publish significant developments from other campuses. These are reprinted verbatim.

From *Fiat Lux* from Alfred U.  
Alfred University faculty today approved "by a substantial majority" the establishment of a Reserve Officers Training Corps unit here. . . "It will help to make those eligible for the draft better trained or others who are not drafted better prepared to serve in the defense of our country."

From *Current*—Smith college bulletin:

A student activities' Bulletin will be published once a week. This new plan eliminates post cards and extra announcements of organizational meetings usually made at lunch time.

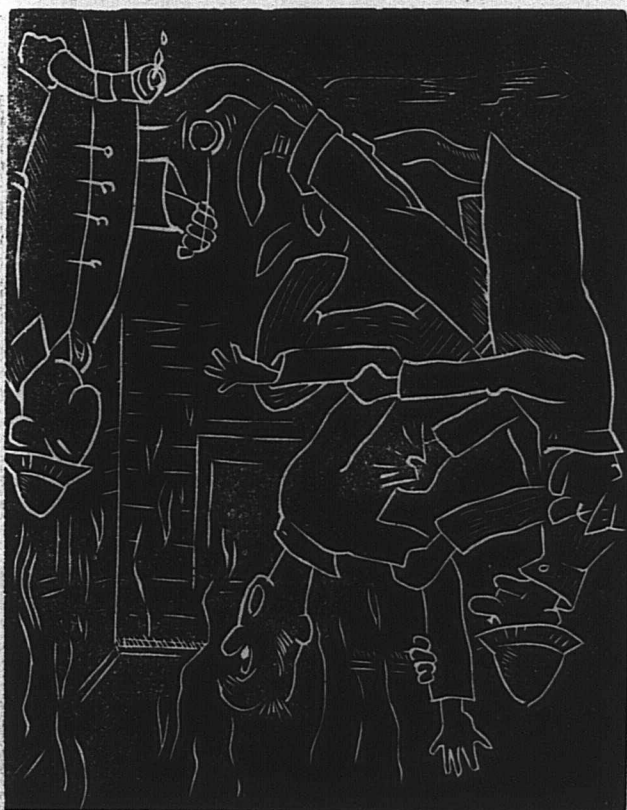
The purpose is to eliminate confusion and make it possible for students to know about meetings they wish to attend in time to plan their entire week.

W.S.C. - N. Y. U. Bulletin:  
Bartley Crum, Congressman Jacob Javits, and Samuel Fisher, in the absence of Councilman Eugene Connolly, spoke Wednesday at a Democratic Club—sponsored Town Hall Meeting on the question, "Who Will Get My Vote In November." Mr. Fisher, observing that the audience numbered less than 200, commented on the amazing apathy of students when such noted speakers came to a college meeting.

The *Wheaton Record*:  
Results of the Public Affairs forum mock election of Wheaton students Tuesday showed a substantiation of the Record's straw vote of last week. Dewey received 407 votes while ballots for President Truman mounted to the meagre total of 20.

Class participation was highest in the senior class with 50 per cent of the members voting. Jack Varland, PAF prexy, comments that "the large percentage of split ballots would seem to indicate a higher interest and knowledge in political and national affairs than what seems to be the existing opinion by many on Wheaton's campus."

Seventy-five per cent of the voting was done by men. Of the seniors who voted in the poll, 80 per cent of those eligible voted in the national election.



"No, No, Braymiller, think of the collections."

### LIBRARY TO CLOSE DURING VACATION

Miss Mary Graham, head librarian, announces that the library will close for Christmas vacation on Tuesday, December 21. However, all books will be due Monday, December 20.

Regular books may be borrowed over the vacation from Wednesday, December 15, through Tuesday noon, and will be due January 5. Class reserves may be taken Tuesday morning unless previously designated for use in the library. In the latter case they may be borrowed at 12:00 noon.

Books may also be reserved ahead of time for the vacation period by request at the loan desk. There is no general limit on this number, but not more than one class reserve may be taken by one student. However, additional ones may be taken if available at that time. The library maintains the right to limit the number of books in special demand.



## Foul Lines

BY MED

By now you all know the result of our little contest to determine a suitable name for this column. After sorting through the numerous suggestions that came our way, the staff of experts decided on the above title. They said, collectively, "It fits so well." The lucky winner is Miss Francis Journey, freshman, from Chester, Pennsylvania. Get away you hounds, I don't know her telephone number. She wins a . . . well, included among her prizes are three back issues of the *Star*. You'll have to ask her about the rest.

Being stuck for some news, I asked Pat Douglas to write some suitable dribble. He responded with the same. The following is a paragraph selected at random from the ten pages, he turned in.

"That ball can dance (Ed. note: Please excuse the expression) through and across a kaleidoscope of precision minded, top-notch, tip-toed players like a playful hot potato, and can keep one suspended in the silence of a breath-taking suspense greater than the moment before she says yes, and the pretty pert swish going through the net is one of the coyest whispering expressions I've heard yet. (Another note: yet rimes with net.)"

Now truthfully readers, aren't you glad that he doesn't write this thing all the time?

Some of you boys who have been moaning about the absence of inter-collegiate sports around here should have gone to the bull session over in Dr. Paine's office last Tuesday. Everyone was invited, yet few took advantage of the chance to talk things over. The sports program at Houghton was one of the main subjects discussed. Naturally, the students present took the side of inter-collegiate competition and, just as naturally, Dr. Paine and his associates defended their stand. We hope to have a complete statement of policy by the faculty on this whole sports question in the near future. Remember, there are two sides to every issue.

Attention please: Miss Ruth Carr, sophomore, Erie, Pennsylvania, has switched to reading this column.

## Junior Lassies Trounce Frosh

The 1947-48 champion junior girls basketball team smothered the first year girls 40-22 on Friday evening, November 12.

The underdog frosh team fought hard and held their big sisters to a 15-11 half time score. In the third quarter led by the accuracy of Helfers and Fancher the juniors piled up 15 points while Holmes sank 6 and Krause 4 to keep alive their chance of victory. But in the final canto the game became a rout as the third year girls held their opponents to 1 point the entire quarter while their forwards were dumping in 10.

High scoring honors went to Helfers with 20 closely followed by Fancher's 16 points. Holmes led the losers offensive with 14 markers.



The drama prize for the week went to the farce cheerleaders, for their Five Act Farce. Runnerup was Andy Berger, who proved that his head is tougher than the ball.

I know a certain player,  
Who is so unethical.  
He claims, "I never touched him",  
So the ref says, "Technical."

He flexes his big biceps,  
When he's down upon the floor,  
He dribbles, shoots, and misses,  
But the fans scream, "We want Moore."

## Soph Men Conquer Fighting Frosh Team

The sophomore men's basketball team racked up their first victory of the year with a 52-37 win over the frosh, Wednesday night. This was the latter's second set back in as many starts.

The contest was nip and tuck until the final canto in which the sophs literally ran away with the ball game.

The game was fast and furious in the opening period, but both teams could not seem to score from anywhere on the court. This first quarter ended in a lowly 7-4 count with the black and gold boys in the lead. The following period proved to be like the first as the boys could not set their eyes. The half time ended with the sophs leading 19-13.

In the quarter following intermission the frosh started fast and sank two successive field goals and from here on the opponents matched basket for basket with Larson leading the way for the first year men and Nichols for the sophs. The sophs still led by a slim 29-25 margin at the close of this period. In the final quarter with Buck, Troutman, and Nichols spear-heading the attack the second year men smothered the frosh defense with 23 markers which was the decisive turning point of the contest.

Buck led the scoring for the winners with 14 points, followed by Troutman with 13 and Nichols with 11. Price dumped in 11 for the losers and Larson 10.

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## First Year Men Routed By Juniors

The high-flying junior basketball team kept their unblemished record intact as they routed the frosh 58-39 on Friday evening, November 12.

The game started fast when both teams unleashed effective offensives. MacPherson and Dongell led the way for the upper classmen as they held a slim 15-13 lead at the close of the first period. In the second quarter the junior defense went to work and held their little sisters to 4 tallies while exploding for 16 counters. This period was characterized by blocked passes, stolen balls and fast breaks on part of the juniors. The half ended with the junior boys on the long end of a 31-17 score.

The third canto proved to be the slowest played portion of the entire contest as both teams shot frantically in a vain effort to rack-up points. In this quarter the opponents concentrated mainly on their defensive tactics to bottle up each other. The juniors managed to score 10 points while the frosh could only rack up half this total. In the final period both teams became offensively minded and went on a scoring spree which resulted in the 58-37 score.

High scoring laurels were carried away by Don Strong with 12 points, followed by Kay Perry's 9 tallies and MacPherson's 8.

## Varsity Hockey Team Announced

Coach Wells gave out the following list of girls as the team he would pick if Houghton were to have a hockey varsity. Being chosen on this team is similar to playing on a team that would play other schools. The team is as follows: forward, Ginny Gibb, Lynn Phillips, Charlie Lemmon, Lou Armstrong; half-backs, Doty Ellenberger, Arlene Werres, full-backs, Edna Shore, Jan Mote; goalie, Ruth Knapp. Clara Ejov is utility as full or half-back, Marion Anderson is utility as forward or half-back, and Lou Armstrong would relieve as goalie.

This team, like the football team, would have no one definite first team, but would be flexible according to the situation prevailing.

A letter to the business office from the New York Central Railroad concerning vacation travel indicates that the train leaving Rochester for the east in the mid-afternoon in the Empire Express. The Railroad is not able to place a special car for students on this train. The Passenger Agent indicated that individual reservations for this train should be in before Saturday noon, November 20th.

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## '48 Varsity Football Team Picked; Juniors Capture Six Positions

### Soph Girls Edge Out Frosh In Close Game

The soph and frosh women's basketball team played the closest game of the young season. The contest was finally won by the sophs 18-16. The frosh managed to score only 1 point in the opening period which their opponents piled up 5 markers. When the half-time buzzer sounded the sophs were still on the long-end of a 11-6 count.

In the third quarter the frosh pulled within 2 points by scoring 4 points while their guards held down the soph offensive to a single marker. The final canto was marked by both teams fighting for possession of the ball but the first year girls could not quite overcome the 2 point deficit.

Russell led the winners attack with 11 points; for the losers it was Gravink with 11 counters.

### VET'S HELD RESPONSIBLE

A recent decision by the United States Veteran's administration holds that if a veteran is responsible to the government because of the overpayment or the illegal payment of another Federal veteran's benefits, the gratuity payment amounting to four per cent of the guaranteed portion of a G. I. loan may be retained by the government for application against this indebtedness. By the same token, should the veteran default on a VA guaranteed loan, he may be denied payment of other benefits until he is free from debt.

It is the veteran's responsibility to make arrangements with the administration to repay in installments or otherwise any indebtedness. If he has defaulted on VA guaranteed standing, he may find himself denied education and training (as well as subsistence) and compensation benefits to which he is entitled. Anyone who has been overpaid in subsistence allowance may have his compensation, present or future, withheld until he has paid or made arrangements to repay it.

A daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Willis C. Moore of Niagara Falls on November 7. Both parents are former Houghton students.

Coach Wells announced the football varsity for this year on Wednesday afternoon. He said that the choice of the varsity team this year was difficult due to the fine ability of the men who turned out for the practices.

The backfield is as follows: Dave Buck, Ralph and Paul Nast and Tony Lombardi. The line men are: ends, Les Beach and Keith MacPherson, guards, John Gililand and Bob Morgan, Center, Milt Trautman, Med Sutton and Ollie Dongell are the remaining two who will receive letters and they are listed as alternating between back and end. Under this system there is really no first team as the backfield can be shifted so as to have the most effective team playing at all times. According to classification the team is made up of two seniors, six juniors and three sophomores.

Beach as an end for the seniors scored once during the class game and caught a few passes for long gains. Sutton as a senior end also pulled down many passes but saw most of his action as a backfield man passing the ball and punting. Dongell played backfield for the juniors but was sent out for passes on "flood plays." Gililand and Morgan played guard for the juniors and were very capable of keeping the opposition out of the backfields. MacPherson was noted for his hard charging line play when on the defense. He dislocated his shoulder in the Purple-Gold games. Paul Nast was the arm of the juniors. He threw most of the touchdown passes and was noted for his interceptions. Lombardi distinguished himself in the purple-gold games as he played Q-back and did a fair share of the passing for the purple. Buck was the brains and power behind the soph team. He worked an otherwise mediocre team into an efficient organization that almost took the championship. His best ability was passing which was very effective. Ralph Nast played blocking back for the sophs and provided Buck with the needed time to get his passes off. Trautman was the soph center and did most of the extra-point attempts.

Thus, another football season has been brought to an end. The juniors won their second championship and Gold won the color series. Another year may see a better brand of ball and with it there is the hope that better school interest may be aroused.

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