

Basketball Season Starts

Our big indoor winter sport is off with a good start. In spite of the lack of heat, the "gym" was filled Friday night at the initial game of the season. Departing somewhat from the old custom of placing the new students against the combined forces of matched players among the old students, old student groups challenged the new players, who resolved themselves into College Freshmen.

The fact that the heating system was not complete did not seem to diminish the pep of either side, especially some in the audience, who were hardly able to restrain themselves.

Both games showed the clumsiness and inaccuracy usual at first. The girl's game at many times was a mad rush and scramble, although flashes of clever pass work at times showed the old form that with a few weeks of handling the "pill" will furnish some good snappy games. None of the girls seemed to have an eye for the hoop. The Frosh with a couple of lucky goals vanquished the Sophomores. Two new players, Beattie and Ackerman, with the usual old standbys, Loftis, Anderson, Molyneaux, and Cole showed considerable of the real basketball spirit.

The boys, after several collisions, tumbles, and apparently aimless shots, seemed to find their old basketball legs for some really fast ball. The last half was full of effective passwork. Carl Steese especially, and Fox, worked free for clean shots repeatedly. The "Steese Gang" surely worked well together. Paul's floorwork, executive in a way, we might say, kept working through for goal after goal.

The new fellows put up the best brand of opposition that any group of new students has here yet. Albro and Dennis had played together before, and were able to put across some clever teamwork and some very rapid and successful shots—especially some by Albro.

The new student quintet will probably break up, for soon the name will mean nothing. The Steese gang is a permanent group, probably, and will no doubt meet other groups soon.

Miss Magdalene de Boer of Sandy Lake, Pa. is visiting the Roth girls.

ARTIST ENTERTAINS ATHENIANS

Last Monday evening the Athenian Literary Society was privileged to have with them Harry Wood, an artist recently returned from a six months tour in Italy. Mr. Wood is illustrator for the Pictorial Review, Ladies Home Journal, and several books. At present he has a studio in New York. He drew blackboard sketches of Italy, mainly well-known ancient buildings, while Marion Fox read descriptive poems of Italy.

The first sketch was Vesuvius at dusk. Mr. Wood said that probably the picture was a little inaccurate as he had never seen it at dusk. At this time Miss Fox read "Drifting," and "An Evening in Italy."

The next picture was of the Forum, Colosseum, and Arch of Compainle at sunset. The artist says this is the most appropriate time to visit the Fo-

rum, as the cats are all eating and the American tourists are at dinner. During this time Miss Fox read "Roman Memories" and "At Rome". The third sketch was of the leaning tower of Pisa, together with the Cathedral. The buildings here are of white marble with red roofs. Although one always thinks of Italy as being mountainous, he is able to see only a level plain here.

During the fourth and last picture Miss Fox read "Yesterdays of Florence", "Venice", and "Invitation to the Gondola" concluding with Kiplings' "L'Envoie". The sketch included some buildings of the most beautiful city of Italy, Venice. He completed the picture by adding a gondola, in which he placed what he termed "innocents abroad".

We wish to thank Mr. Wood for this program.

Jack O'Lantern to his Comrades in the Cornfield

(With apologies to Rev. Elijah Kellogg's Spartacus)

—Erma Anderson—

Ye call me Jack O'Lantern; and ye do well to call me Jack O'Lantern, for that is now my name. Twelve long days have passed since I left your company; and days full of adventure have they been. Here in your quiet sphere ye long for a gayer life, but ye are better off as ye are! See my shattered countenance—a mere wreck of my former self—all caused from the shocks I received in the outside world.

And yet I was not always thus—a gaunt, grinning face peering forth from the darkness. My early life was spent in this quiet field, where children came and played "Indian" with the corn shocks for wigwams. Beside me was a comrade, whom they took away with me.

One evening, after we had made a long speculation as to what our fate would be, we underwent an operation. We felt a fierce cutting and scraping, and soon we could gaze out on the world before us. That operation opened for us a new career. We saw strange happenings carried on before our very eyes, of which, before, we had been totally ignorant.

That very night I was set upon a post by the gate. I saw strange spec-

tral shapes that made my blood run cold; tall, white ghosts with rattling bones and clanking chains; slim, black goblins and tiny, brown gnomes, lantern in hand scuttling along in the dead leaves of the gutter; light airy-fairy spooks laughing gaily at some prank they had played on an unwary one; tall clowns whispering appropriate nothings to slim goblins by their side. Then at the sight of a hideous, sly, coal-black figure with pointed horns and a forked tail, and gleaming, yellow eyes, skulking along in the shadows, my poor counterpart fell from his post, opposite—shattered to atoms.

I told the ugly spook that the pumpkin opposite had been my friend, shining and bright; and I begged that he would work no more such ravages. Ay! upon my post, I begged that poor boon, while all the assembled ghosts and gnomes, and the fairy creatures they call elves, and the clowns, stood around laughing, deeming it rare sport, forsooth to hear the largest Jack O'Lantern talk. And the grinning fiend drew back as if I were pollution and sternly cried, "Let the pumpkin rot! There are no noble pumpkins but Jack O'Lanterns!"

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Important Meeting of the U. L. A.

Special Chapel Speakers

At the U. L. A. meeting held after chapel Tuesday, it was voted that \$100 of the amount left over from the receipts of last year's lecture course tickets should be appropriated for the purpose of obtaining special chapel speakers. Last year the same plan was carried out successfully and we feel sure that many good things are in store for us this year through the special chapel speakers which we shall be privileged to hear.

BIGGER STAR VOTED FOR

Another matter of great importance to everyone interested in Houghton was also brought up at this time. Doubtless many had heard a rumor to the effect that the Star was to be enlarged. It is no longer a rumor, however, as was evident from the vote that was taken in the U. L. A. meeting. But who wouldn't be in favor of a bigger Star? Surely our school deserves it; the alumni want it; and the students are looking forward to it.

As is always the case in a business proposition of any moment, there must be a financial basis suitable to uphold the proposition. Should not our subscription list increase noticeably because of the offer that is being given? Yea, verily! Students, alumni, do you realize that for the same price that you now pay, you are going to get a Star which will be 80% larger? Last year over \$300 was obtained from subscriptions. Surely with the impetus that the Star is presently to assume, we as loyal students and alumni of Houghton should bring the subscription list far beyond three hundred. Let us one and all muster up every spark of loyalty which we possess. Let us be genuine boosters in word as well as in deed; and let us do our best to make the bigger Star a reality—a paper of which every friend, student, and alumnus of Houghton may be duly proud.

Parent-Teachers are to have Party

The Parent-Teachers Ass'n will have a Hallowe'en Party at the District School House Friday evening. Every one interested in the school is invited to attend. Come and join the Association.

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Editorial**Topics of Interest**

Beyond a doubt one of the best places connected with Houghton College in which we can forget our lessons is the gymnasium. Last Friday night we had an exhibit of some of the enthusiasm which has been shown in past years. Many good times have we had there together.

We are proud to know now that additional equipment is being added. For years all of the activities have been held on the gym floor, but we hope it will not be long before we shall hear shouts of glee and excitement arising from the basement. Here, we are to have a new heating system, showers, and above all—a swimming pool. It has been rumored that our gym fees may be increased when the work is completed, but who would not be glad to pay more for the privilege of having a "winter-dip"?

We hope that within a short time the work will be completed. To celebrate the opening of our pool etc. would it not be a good idea to invite our alumni over and have a "Homecoming Day" occupied with athletic games and a general good time?

We have often heard those memorable lines quoted by Lincoln that "A house divided against itself cannot stand." This statement has often been proved true in life. The truth of it is backed by the Bible. Last year the question of a Student Council was agitated. In fact, a group of students went so far as to gather material which could be used in the formation of such an organization. The faculty was in

favor of the plan, but the student body strongly opposed it. They chose rather to be governed by higher powers, than to have a voice themselves. At the present time the faculty is earnestly enforcing the "out of town rule". As far as the rule goes this is a good thing. Why have a rule, if it isn't enforced? We sometimes wonder if College students are not old enough to be trusted. Students! don't you think the faculty believe we are? If they don't, it is time we prove it to their satisfaction that we are.

LOCALS

Ione Driscoll spent the week-end with Ruby Hogg in Rochester.

Mrs. Bowen spent Sunday with Professor and Mrs. J. M. Molyneaux at Bliss.

Professor and Mrs. Ries are spending a few days with Mrs. Ries' father who is quite ill.

Miss Doris Stevens of Rochester spent the week-end with her sister, Vivian Stevens.

Professor and Mrs. Whitaker spent a very pleasant week end with their son in Ithaca, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Arling Saunders of Belmont are the parents of a baby boy Donald Coleman, born September 30.

Ellsworth Brown, Vivian Crippen, Treva McKinney, and Leon Worden spent the week-end in Youngsville, Pa.

The students and faculty extend their sympathy to Hazel Sartwell who was called to Mooers by the death of her father, Mr. Edwin Sartwell.

Earl Schoepflin, a former student, while working in Buffalo, received severe injuries from a fall down an elevator shaft. Mr. Schoepflin is in a Buffalo hospital, and is gradually improving.

The Few

The easy roads are crowded
And the level roads are jammed;
The pleasant little rivers
With the drifting folk are crammed.
But off yonder where its rocky,
Where you get a better view,
You will find the ranks are thinning
And the travelers are few.

Where the going's smooth and pleasant
You will always find the throng,
For the many, more's the pity,
Seem to like to drift along.
But the steepers that call for courage,
And the task that's hard to do
In the end result in glory
For the never-wavering few.
Edgar A. Guest

Life is real! Life is earnest!

And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returneth,
Was not spoken of the soul.

—Longfellow

Wise men say that there are three sorts of persons who are wholly deprived of judgment,—those who are ambitious of preferment in the courts of princes; they who make use of poison to show their skill in curing it; and they who intrust women with their secrets.—Pilpay

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Senior Spinsters

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In their usual calm and efficient manner they set about to dispose of three hours of gossip and, not tea, but pancakes and sausage and coffee.

This meeting was a decided success. "Cookie" was able to manage one more pancake than ever before, and "Ikey" broke all sausage-eating records previously established in Houghton.

The results of the meeting, except for a few like indigestion and lack of sleep are not yet evident, but there is no doubt that some of the plans made at that time will be the means of bringing great joy to our fellow creatures.

Coming! Don't You Hear It?

No great thing is ever accomplished without first overcoming enormous difficulties. The raising of \$1600 for a Bus looked like an impossible task to many, but already the students have pledged \$825. This amount has reached the highest expectations of the faculty, so that we are enabled to "boost the Bus" among our friends and all Houghton lovers.

Because the first half is won you must not rest, but rather put more vim into the drive than ever before. Send out all the bills and pledge slips that you can. Accompany these slips with an appeal of your own, one that carries with it your personal touch and influence. With all your might exercise faith, motivate it by works, season the whole with prayer, and then God can work. "Is anything too hard for Jehovah?"

Able? Abundantly So!

Truly, the Lord of Hosts was in our midst in the prayer meeting Tuesday evening. Our hearts were encouraged by the word of God as read from Jude by Miss Secord, the leader. She especially emphasized verse 24, "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling."

Many who were present testified to knowing the saving, sanctifying and wonderful keeping power of God. Several students expressed a desire to be sanctified, while some said that they had recently found definite help. We felt keenly that melting revival spirit for which our hearts long. If we continue to walk with Jesus, he has for us the greatest revival Houghton ever witnessed.

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Winning of Beowulf's Wife

—Seeley Austin—

Beowulf, Ecgtheow's son, slayer of
monsters,
Fought a fair fight in the midst of the
deep;
Rid kindly Hrothgar, king of the Half-
Danes,
From Grendel and monster-wife, curs-
ed kin of Cain.
For these deeds of daring the keeper of
treasure
Feasted the Weder-Geats brave in the
mead-hall,
Freauara' daughter of Hrothgar, the
fairest;
Bare to the warriors the beakers of ale.
Troth-pledged to Froda, the son of the
Scylfings,
She would end death-feuds and strife
for the Danes.
High grew the feasting 'neath hollow
of heaven;
Harp's joy, the pleasure-wood, sang to
the scop's song.
Fast flew the ale from cups in the high-
hall;
Fair to the Geat grew this girl of the
Danes.
Up spake the Wede-Geat, leader of
battle-hosts:
"Forth will I fare to the land of the
Scylfs,

I will fight Froda for fairest of maidens
None can e'er win such a girl but a
Geat."

Then on the whale-road sailed this
stout sea-craft,
Bearing its burden o'er most of the
waves.
Soon Beowulf, in the land of the
Scylfings,
Sprang from the ship with his war-gear
and sword.
Challenged he Froda to fight for fair
Treauara,
Froda the mighty, the fiercest of foes.
Then on the shore, in the sight of the
Scylfings,
Bloody the battle; God's wrath they
both bare.
Great grew the sword-play on broad-
shield and burrie,
Mighty the conflict 'tween battle-fierce
men.
Froda grew weary; he sank to the sea-
beach;
His trappings of terror brave Beowulf
broke.
The Scylfings cried out at the death of
their leader;
Joy to the ravens was Froda's death
mission;
Sword-drink was mixed with the swirl
of the waves.
Beowulf, matchless, the ruthless in
battle,
Went back o'er the waves in his foamy
necked ship:
Returned to kind Hrothgar and fairest
of maidens,
Told of his fight and the death of his
foe.
Warm-hearted Hrothgar troth-plight-
him Treauara,
Beowulf swore she was worth all the
conflict,
He won the she-one; the fair to the
brave.
Happy the scop's sang once more in the
high-hall;
Wine still flowed freely; Wyrd goes as
she will.

Jack O'Lantern

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And so fellow pumpkins, must you
and so must I, see our friend thus de-
molished. O, Hallowe'en! Hallowe'en!
thy mischief and merry-making has
caused the downfall of my dear, dear
friend. Why need it be so?

Ye lie there like fat pumpkins, as ye
are! The sunshine and sweet rains of
many days are in your veins. These
tales move ye not. Do ye still wish
for life and adventure? I tell you, ye
are better off as ye are! rather than
age as I have done because of the grue-
some sights of a Hallowe'en. O, com-
rades! squashes! pumpkins! if ye must
wish for glory and honor, let it be in
some golden, toothsome pie!

Another Houghton Reunion

Up in this north country we had a
Ho'ton reunion, Tuesday evening' Oct.
19 in honor of Rev. B. V. Richards,
shepherd of the Wesleyan flock, in the
city of Rome. The host and hostess
Brother and Sister Huntsman, served
the dantiest luncheon at 5 p. m. Prof.
J. H. Higgins, principal of Cadyville
High, accompanied by Louie Baker mo-
tored to the scene of merriment. "Dot"
Meade, whom we are pleased to have
with us this year added to the eve-
ning's pleasure by being present.

The evening was spent in a manner
sanctioned by the Unseen Guest in the
singing of spirit-filled hymns, college
songs and reminiscences of Houghton
days.

All present were alumni of Ho'ton so
we gave three cheers for our Alma Ma-
ter.

Alumni Notes

The Class of '25
—"Dad" Tierney—

Continuing the notes on the "Class
of 25" we are pleased to learn, as per-
haps you all know, that Miss Helen
Davison, late of Cadyville, N. Y.,
where last year she taught young hope-
fuls Latin, French, and English, has re-
turned to her Alma Mater for the year
1926-27 to act as the Dean of Women.
Helen is a former member of Hough-
ton's debate team and president of the
student body. She has also been very
active in church circles.

Mr. K. G. Farner, member of Purple
basket ball teams for three seasons,
track and field star, and member of de-
bate teams, is still pursuing his studies,
and other things in Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Mamie Churchill is still in the
University of Pennsylvania in prepara-
tion for her life's work as a doctor. She
has been very successful there. Miss
Clarice Spencer who spent the year
1925-26 teaching in Machias, will be in
Belfast High School this year.

Fred Bedford was very successful in
his work at Amherst College last year.
He obtained his Master's degree in
Physies. During the oncoming year
one may address his mail to Forksville,
Pa., where he will both work on his
mother's farm and teach in the Estella
High School.

Kenneth Gibbin has also followed
the teaching profession, being stationed
last year at Farmersville and this year
at Delevan, N. Y. He request all the
girls to write him.

Mr. Arthur Bernhoft with his wife
and family is living in Scio, N. Y. He
acted as principal of Scio High School
and has been retained there for the
coming year.

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