

## STUDENTS WIN SCHOLARSHIPS



C. Davis



R. Elmer



B. Gunstra



I. Jones



S. Soderberg



C. Hong Sling

### Dean Announces Tuition Awards

Dean Lauren A. King has announced the winners of the college upperclass scholarships for the first semester of 1948-9. They are: seniors, Carol Davis and Romona Elmer; junior, Bernard Gunstra; and sophomore, Corinne Hong Sling. These scholarships, awarded to the student with the highest grade point in his class for the preceding year, provide one-half tuition for one semester of the present year. In the case of a tie the amount is divided proportionately. This year the two seniors and the three juniors tied at 4.000.

### Offers One Free Concert

Music department announces that all holders of student activity tickets are entitled to one free ticket to one Artist Series concert. These may be obtained at the Music Building Office, Monday afternoon, September 27, upon presentation of the student activity ticket.

### Library Extends Public Services

Several changes in library organization and administration are effective this fall. Mrs. Lester Seaman (Ann Bush, '48) has joined the staff as Loan Assistant. Miss Doris Kopp is serving full time as secretary in the library office instead of dividing time between that office and the music department. Mrs. Duane Larson has been employed as secretary-librarian in the music department. The office on first floor has become a combined office and library under her direction. Records for use in the listening room may be borrowed from her, according to regulations posted on the door. Other regulations and services will be announced as plans are completed.

The new periodical room in the basement is open on a limited schedule, 1:45-9:30 p. m., while construction is in process. Mrs. Leon Johnston continues as head of the department. Current magazines and newspapers have been moved there.

### CLASSES MAINTAIN PICNIC TRADITIONS

The Senior-Sophomore and Junior-Freshman class picnics are being held tomorrow at Letchworth State Park. Heading the committees for the seniors are Warren Ball, general chairman, Mary Lou Armstrong, food, Barbara Phipps, invitations, Meredith Sutton, program, Dave Kaser and Don Kouwe, transportation, Dorothy Ellenberger and Charles Rupp, devotions, and Norman Walker, athletics.

Rudolph Rabe and Miriam King are co-chairmen of the Junior Class committee.

### Staff Boost Includes 2 Ph.D.'s

Nine teachers, two with doctor's degrees, joined the Houghton college faculty this semester.

Miss Beulah Green, Mr. James Harr and Mr. Elwood Stone are instructors in the English department. Miss Green completed her master's degree at the University of Illinois in 1948 where she was in charge of publications for *H's* magazine. Mr. Harr received his B.A. from Houghton college last June. Mr. Stone, Syracuse University graduate, has taught for several years in public schools and for two years in Houghton preparatory.

New members of the science department are Dr. E. Russell Wightman, Dr. Floyd E. Reese and Mr. Ma ven Nelson, instructors in physics, chemistry and psychology respectively. Dr. Wightman, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, worked with young people as a teacher of physics for twenty-three years at Western State college of Colorado, and Doane college of Nebraska. For the past five years he has been a radio engineer in the signal department. Mr. Nelson, who has taught at Central college, Eastern New Mexico State college, Taylor university, and McPherson, Kansas, completed his residence study for a Ph.D. at the University of Toronto in 1948. He has also pastored churches in Oklahoma and Ontario.

Miss Vera Barker of the history department has taught in Houghton preparatory and East New Castle high school. She holds an M.Lit. from the University of Pittsburgh.

Miss Beatrice Fletcher and Mr. Maynard McConnell are the new music instructors. Miss Fletcher received a B.M. from Houghton college in 1948 as a piano major. Mr. McConnell received a M.A. from the Arthur Jordan conservatory in Indiana in 1948.

### Canadian Ex-Chaplain Addresses Students

Captain Earl H. Thompson, former chaplain in the Canadian Army and present pastor of the Fillmore Wesleyan Methodist Church, will speak in chapel on September 24. His subject will be "Discipline in the Christian Life."

For sixteen years Captain Thompson served as a missionary to Egypt and Palestine. Then during the recent war he joined the Canadian Army as a chaplain and served in England.

The Thompsons come to Fillmore from Uxbridge, Ontario. Rev. Thompson's two sons, Glen and George, are enrolled in the freshman class of Houghton College this year.

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## Eleanor Steber Sings In Year's Initial Artist Series Concert

### Nucleonics Heads New Courses

The atomic physics department leads the roster of curriculum additions for the 1948-49 term at Houghton. Atomic physics, the study of nucleonics, will place emphasis on the plan of the atom bomb. The instructor, Dr. E. Russell Wightman, is offering also a seminar concentrating on the wired wireless. Students will construct a design for a system by which receiving sets in the campus area may pick up broadcasts coming over electric light lines.

Three chemistry courses have been added: anal. inorganic and organic chemistry, and a seminar consisting of reports and discussions of current chemical topics. The old chemistry classroom is in the process of being renovated to exclusive use as a new forty-desk chemistry laboratory. Two new suction fans are to be installed in the present chemistry laboratory as part of the new ventilation system. S10 is to be used solely as a chemistry classroom.

The physical education department has inaugurated a course in Community Organization which will be profitable to social workers, pastors, and teachers. This course will concern the methods for planning organizational activities for community recreation. Prof. George R. Wells,

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### CALENDAR

#### ACTIVITIES

Friday, September 24  
Soph-Senior, Frosh-Junior picnics at Letchworth park.  
Sunday, September 26  
Services as usual  
Tuesday, September 28  
Student Prayer Meeting  
Wednesday, September 29  
Artist Series Concert  
Thursday, September 30  
Class Prayer Meetings

#### CHAPEL SPEAKERS

Sept. 28 - Oct. 1  
Tues.—Dr. Paine  
Wed.—Prof. Wright  
Thurs.—Mrs. MacMillan  
Fri.—Rev. Failing

### Iturbi Comes Oct. 29

Eleanor Steber, young Metropolitan Opera soprano, heads the list of those performing for the Houghton 1948-49 Artist Series with her concert in the college chapel, 8:30 p. m., Wednesday, September 29. Amparo Iturbi, pianist, will present a program October 29; Roman Totenberg, violinist, November 19; Alexander Kipnis and Adelaide Bishop, vocal duo, on March 25; and Guilett String Quartet, on April 29.

About Miss Steber's performance of "Tosca" with Dimitri Mitropoulos conducting, at Lewisham Stadium, New York, July 26 and 27, the *New York Times* says, "Eleanor Steber sang beautifully—with passion and dramatic conviction, as well as with sumptuousness of vocal sound."

Students who heard Miss Steber when she was guest soloist at a summer concert of the Buffalo Philharmonic orchestra, conducted by Howard Barlow, director of the Firestone orchestra, report that they found her singing excellent.

In her concert Miss Steber will sing: Part I: "Piangero from 'Julius Caesar,' by Handel; 'Bester Jungling' from 'Der Schauspielerdirektor,' by Mozart. Part II: 'Auflosung,' (Poem by Mayerhofer) by Schubert; 'Immer leiser wird mein Schlummer,' by Brahms; 'Elfenlied' by Wolf; 'Freundliche Vision' and 'Standchen' by Richard Strauss. Part III: 'Selva Opaca' from 'William Tell,' by Rossini. Part IV: 'Des Fleurs' from 'Proses Lyriques,' 'Chevaux de bois' from 'Ariettes Oublies,' and 'Fantoches' by Debussy; 'Depuis le jour' from 'Louise,' by Charpentier. Part V: 'Sea Wrack,' by Charles Villiers Stanford; 'Walk Slowly Dear,' by Courtland Palmer; 'Preciosa,' by Virgil Thompson; 'The Bird,' by John Duke; and 'Primavera,' by Celius Dougherty.

Tickets can be secured from Professor Raynard Alger at the Music Building.

### Torch Bearers Reveals Policy



The Torch Bearers, spearhead of Houghton college evangelistic efforts, announces a change in operating policy. In practice this new policy will mean that the group treasury will no longer retain a percentage of the offering received by extension groups. Transportation costs will be paid from gifts supplemented by the treasury. Cabinet members express a desire that the student body will uphold the Torch Bearers this year in prayer, service, and finances.

In a recent chapel the Torch Bearers presented an informative program outlining the plans for the school year. Lloyd Montzingo, president, introduced Charles Rupp, ex-

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## Big Fish --- Little Pool Or . . .

Dear Freshman Sons,

You have heard lectures upon the subjects of the proper method to study, the tensile strength of a bowl of "Mushies", and other items of value which should enable you to finish your college career. But all this is not quite sufficient. Actions, at times, define character. That is the excuse for this letter.

Two plus two equals five. Misprint or otherwise, the foregoing statement is foolish. This illustrates how some freshman actions appear to upperclassman and others. Not that upperclassmen are more grown-up, mind you, but experience has a reputation for providing some people with hard earned wisdom. Just follow the simple advice below and socially you will make quite a splash in the pool called "Houghton Society."

At the dining hall, during Friday night meals, the main object is to talk as fast and as loud as possible. When dinner music is being offered for your entertainment, the volume should be stepped up a few decibels. By so doing, you make a big hit with a certain class of people on the campus known as "The Cultural Slobs." They are always on the lookout for prospective members. Keep making a noble attempt to gain attention and you will probably get a special embossed invitation to become a life member in their "noble" organization.

Every time you see a football flying through the air, run out on the field and get in the game. Continue until it is time for supper and be sure to work up a quantity of perspiration while you are at it. Don't worry about the people you eat with, they'll love that manly odor. However, you will not have to look far to find others who think that the place for gym clothes is in the gym. And by the way, your mother will have a great time getting that white shirt clean,

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## Policy . . .

Looking forward editorially to this year's Houghton Star, we realize that an immediate "must" is the clarification of our policies. As far as a written code, we have none. Our obligations are self-determined; inevitably, however, conditioned upon student and faculty opinion. Our function, broadly outlined by the *Student Handbook*, is to record happenings and maintain the ideals of the institution.

Our chief reason for remaining in existence is to represent the students. This is accomplished not only by giving coherence, unity, and propagation to student opinion; but also by pointing out obvious lacks in our student society, by supporting worthy enterprises, and by interpreting current happenings in the measure in which they affect us. It is important that opinions become crystallized so that they achieve progress and not dissent; that our voices be a voice and not a babble. However, this student medium must be regulated by editorial sanction. The function of editorial sanction is not a defense mechanism, but stems from our sincere belief in the standards for which Houghton was founded. Certainly we would partially defeat the aim "to train men and women for efficient Christian leadership" if we were to publish material contradictory to Houghton's ideals.

Therefore, it is our aim to make this paper not merely a record for future years, as is so often true of college papers, but primarily an agent of *constructive criticism, the interpreter of significant trends, and an influence for positive action.*

## Maturity . . .

Maturity is the state of full development. Upon reaching college we all pride ourselves in having attained certain levels of mental achievement. However, it is apparent from our definition that full development is not limited to the narrow confines of intellectual prowess. Maturity must carry over into every endeavor.

It is evident that we have not all learned the full sense of this word. To be specific and to cite one glaring instance. Laws of parliamentary procedure have been universally adopted to maintain uniformity and to insure the decorum of public assemblies. There is no necessity in reminding you of the painful lack of this basic skill in our campus organizations.

It is not our purpose to scrutinize every club, class meeting, and student body meeting; but merely to say that it is time we all realize how immature must appear our uninhibited exhibitionism at public gatherings. If only for selfish motives, it is to the advantage of each one of us to become conversant with the rudiments of parliamentary law, which we will all inevitably be called upon to use later. Needless to say maturity for college students does not stop here.

## Editor's Mailbox

The columns of the *Star* will again be available to direct student opinion through the medium of letters to the editor. Comments upon any topic, so long as they are phrased in unobjectionable and diplomatic language, will be published in their original content. However, it must be stipulated that each letter be signed by the correspondent.

## FROSH MEET FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENT HEADS

"Teaching at Houghton is a Christian service that is an honor," declared Dr. Stephen W. Paine, introducing the sixteen new faculty and staff members at the New Students' reception held in the tabernacle, September 17.

Nearly 1,000 students, alumni, and guests, wearing small colored cards to indicate their status, exchanged greetings in a short social period. A one act comedy, *The Paths of Glory*, written by David Kaser, was presented by Elaine Tonge, Helen Orr, Kenneth Motts, Iggy Giacomelli and the author.

Warren Ball, president of the student body, presented the various organizations of Houghton college in four groups: student government, cultural clubs, publications' officers, and the science and physical education groups.

Cakes, individual tea breads and punch were served buffet style.

## Torchbearers Announce . .

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tension secretary, Robert Morgan, visitation secretary, and Harry Wilcke, treasurer, who presented the various opportunities for service in their respective departments.

## Schedules Set September 25

Since courses may not be taken for full credit after the second full week following registration, all requests for change of schedules must be signed by instructors and dean, and must be returned to the Registrar's Office on or before September 25. On September 27 class rolls become permanent.

For any course dropped after Sept. 25, the student will receive a grade of W or F, as outlined on p. 67 of the Student Handbook. Please note that you are not officially enrolled in a course until the instructor has your class card. You have not officially withdrawn from a course until the Registrar has notified the instructor of your withdrawal. This notification is sent immediately after you have filed the completed Change of Schedule Request at the Registrar's Office. While the Handbook states that the Change of Schedule Request blank must be returned to the Registrar within a week, for changes made during the first two weeks of the semester the blank must be returned immediately. Please read p. 67 of the Handbook carefully.

A temporary class card is not valid after September 25. If at the time of registration you received temporary class cards, be sure that the instructor in each of your courses receives a permanent card to replace the temporary one before September 27.

## OFFICE ORDERS TRANSCRIPTS IN

All transcripts for summer school work taken elsewhere must be in the Registrar's Office by September 25, since the official classification lists for the semester are made up immediately following that date.

Registration for any entering student whose final transcript has not yet arrived is tentative. It is imperative that all official records be on file in the Registrar's Office by September 25. Permanent record cards for entering students are made out immediately thereafter, and if an official record arrives after that date it will be necessary for us to charge a \$1.00 fee for copying the record. The official classification for a student will not be changed after September 25.

## Worship The Lord . . .

Sun., Sept. 12, 1948

BY IOLA JONES

Dear Diary,  
 I won't admit it to anyone else, but I'll tell you that I was homesick today. At least, I suppose that's what you call it when your thoughts are all at home and your body is not.

Who'd ever think I'd long to see one of Grandma Larcom's baskets of zinnias, calendulas, larkspur, baby's breath and all the other old-fashioned flowers in her carefully tended garden? Yet this morning when I walked into church, I felt a pang of regret when I looked in vain for her colorful bouquet.

Then, too, I didn't see the chubby Jason twins. In fact, I saw no children. Fortunately, the usher gave me a bulletin. Otherwise I would have made a spectacle of myself by standing and sitting at the wrong time.

I thought too of my own dear pastor. I wish I could have heard him this morning . . .

For some reason I can't record my usual Sunday nuggets. Oh, if only I could have been in my own church today.

Wed., Sept. 16, 1948

Dear Diary,  
 Today I have a spiritual blessing to share with you. This morning as I was reading John 4 during my regular "Quiet Time" the words, "the Father seeketh such to worship Him" arrested my attention. The clause referred to true worshippers who worship God in spirit and in truth. I had often thought of my need of sincerity in worship and of my need of the Holy Spirit's enabling. Yet, I had never thought of God's desiring my worship so much that He would seek it. Indeed, I had thought only of the benefit and satisfaction I would derive. That God allows my fellowship is wonderful, but that He truly desires it is nearly too much for my understanding.

Have I been giving God joy and satisfaction in my worship of Him? That would include both my private devotions and my public worship. Did I worship God last Sunday?

## Twin Spruce Opens In Month - Owner

The Twin Spruce Inn will open in approximately one month, Mr. Jean Brentlinger announced last Monday. The opening will be reserved exclusively for Houghton college students.

Mr. Brentlinger promised an entirely renovated building, more complete soda fountain and restaurant facilities, and expanded seating capacity in more comfortable and attractive conditions.

## Big Fish - Little Pool Or . . .

which you did not have time to change.

A word about the use of your talents. If you can sing, get into a quartet as soon as possible. Practice at each chance you get and especially before meals. There is nothing better than to hear a quartet render a few numbers before every meal. If there seem to be less and less people around each time you sing, blame it on their lack of appreciation. Just remember that Joe Tonedef said you had a voice. It is quite immaterial if every human also has one.

One more thing to remember is, always discuss your classes at the table. Sit with a fellow who is in quite a few classes with you and proceed to talk about the life cycle of a dependent verb, as described by Prof. so and so that morning, or the hot "info" you picked up in Dr. Wightman's nuclear physics class. Your table partners will die with attention. What's more, the word might get around and you may find that you can sell tickets for the other two seats. It might even work out so you can pay all your expenses for the year that way.

Last but not least, try to be a man. Prove to every "date" you have that man, not woman, is the power in the world today. And as you come to the end of the school year, keep in mind the fact that each year about 150 new girls enroll. You'll make out . . .

Love,

Papa Norm,

My heart cried out to God, "Teach me how to truly worship Thee. May I be blind to things that would distract my attention from Thee. May my thoughts be centered in Thee. Especially bless the pastor and those contributing to public worship. Above all I desire that Thou shalt be honored in my worship, and may I receive the blessing Thou art longing to give me."

Sun., Sept. 19, 1948

Dear Diary,  
 "Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things." Today I sought fellowship with God who seeks my worship. When I entered the church my heart rejoiced as I realized the privilege of worshipping Him with many other young people. My joy deepened as I noticed my professors who likewise had not "forsaken the assembling of themselves together." Truly I praised God for the privilege of attending a college in which professors and students unite in worship.

The bouquet of zinnias reminded me of God's infinite care. As the pastor spoke I desired a God-given love that would extend to all those with whom I come in contact. The words of the hymn "Lord Keep My Inmost Heart, Only for Thee" are still directing my thoughts in worship. My expectant faith was rewarded by the Father who "seeketh such to worship Him."

## SIGN FOR CHAPEL SEAT

Anyone who has not been assigned a chapel seat should report to Miss Viola Donelson in the registrar's office immediately and ask for a seat assignment.

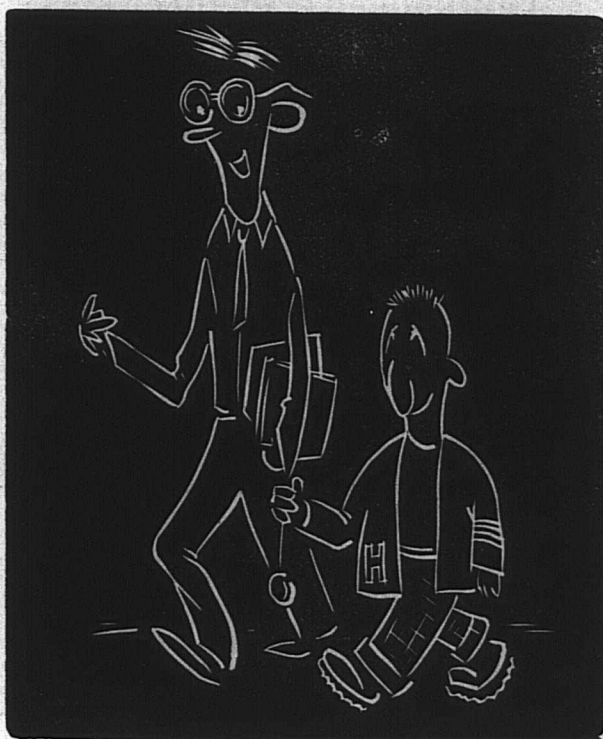
If you are entitled to be excused for certain absences from classes and chapel, the first requisite is to obtain the signature of the dean on your excuse blank and the signature of your instructors. Then write at the bottom of the blank your complete chapel seating assignment, (section, row, and seat number), and place it in the chapel excuse box beside the mailboxes in the basement.

If a commuting student is in Houghton on only two chapel days a week, he is entitled to a "Permanent Excuse" for the other two chapel days and may secure such an excuse from the dean of men or the dean of women. If he is granted a "Permanent Excuse" for the first semester and wishes it to be continued for the second semester he must renew it by filling out another blank in January.



## PSYCH MAJOR

BY JERZ



I am of the opinion that you—, are an intellectual schmoo—.

## Talk of Many Things . . .

BY DELLA HERMAN

Lest there be any doubt in your minds as to the origin of the title of this column, be it known that it is taken from Lewis Carroll's story, *Through the Looking Glass*. You know—the walrus's speech.

"The time has come," the walrus said,  
"To talk of many things:  
Of shoes—and ships—and sealing—  
wax  
Of cabbages and kings—  
And why the sea is boiling hot—  
And whether pigs have wings."

Also, be it known that the only similarity between the above mentioned walrus and your columnist is purely coincidental. . .

That was merely introductory, and we shall now talk of many things.

Whether students are making a valiant attempt to get in Dr. King's "successful college student, successful in life" classification, or not, little groups can be seen and heard here and there on the campus, talking of subjects that have a distinctly academic flavor.

A gang of get-all-the-sun-you-can enthusiasts were interestedly comparing their opinions about the fact that it is possible to determine what philosophy of life people have by mere observation. They found that their conclusions were very much the same, and with the startled thought, "Oh, oh! Your philosophy of life is showing!", they turned to wondering about the natural beauties that surrounded them. They thought that we students of Houghton college ought to know a little about the history of the Genesee Valley.

Between long thoughtful squints up at the blue Houghton sky, they permitted stories of the past to people the woods with Indians. The campus buildings faded away, and Indian tipis sprang up along the banks of the Genesee. Mary Jemison, the "white woman of the Genesee", sat in authority once more, and the Seneca Indians throughout the valley bowed at her command. They stalked the deer that fled from their arrows, and picked the wild berries that grew in the woods.

The little settlement of Houghton Creek grew as the valley was invaded by white settlers, and finally the Indians were moved away to a reservation. One old tribesman, however, successfully begged to remain in his home (not far from the spot where the new classrooms are being constructed near the music building). Here he died and was buried.

When the little creek began to wear away the soil near his grave, it was decided that something must be done about his final resting place. By this time Houghton Creek had become the village of Houghton, and Houghton Seminary was growing into Houghton college. Students selected the spot in front of the Old Administration Building, now marked by the Boulder, and there, with great ceremony, they laid to rest the remains of the last of the Seneca Indians. And when our day dreaming students glanced over toward that spot where the ceremony was held, it was peopled with students, laughing and talking and studying, where once the Senecas lived out their lives. Only the sun was the same.

## CLASSES ELECT

Leslie Beach was elected president of the senior class at its election on Tuesday, September 14. Other officers elected are: Lloyd Montzingo, vice-president; Jane Jewell, secretary; Gordon Tropic, treasurer; Dorothy Ellenberger and Charles Rupp, chaplains.

The junior class elected Rudolph Rabe for its president on Wednesday, September 15. Because no majority vote was made for other class officers, a special meeting was held on Wednesday. Election results will be in next week's *Star*.

Sophomore class officers elected for the 1948-49 school year are: Walter Dryer, president; Paul Meyerink, vice-president; Lynne Merryman, secretary; Walter Fitton, treasurer; Joy Carpenter and Edgar Munyan, chaplains. Cabinet members elected by the class are: Claire Ejov, Charmaine Lemmon, Charles Malsom, and Joseph Howland.

Court Terminates  
Frosh Tribulation

The week of Freshman activities began September 13 with the noise of rattling cans, the singing of the Alma Mater, and the recitation of the "soph" poem; the initiation of the underclassmen had started with amazing rapidity. At the cry of "air raid," all Frosh sat on the ground for one minute. Proposals, strange attire, carrying of sophomore books, and huge cardboard signs were also orders for the day.

Freshman tribulation was climaxed on Wednesday, September 15, in an afternoon of game competition and the time-honored tradition, "the Court of Honor", which is the tribunal for all offending freshmen and sophomores. The highlight of the competition was the greased pole fight between Bob Barnett representing the frosh, and Walter Dryer for the sophs. After a few preliminary tussles with the potato sacks, both contestants were found on the wrong side of the pole battling it out with the sacks and also their heads. It was a matter of who could hold on the longest. Dryer, president of the class of '51, came out the winner.

It was then that the black-robed Chief Justice, Paul Ellenberger, of the Honor Court, rose and pronounced sentences on guilty frosh. He was ably assisted by Justices Barbara Phipps, Jayne Beach, Edgar Brill, and Dave Kaser.

A few bearded ladies and five o'clock shadows were the result of eating charcoal-covered marshmallows blindfolded, while eight fellows went on a treasure hunt in pans of flour, face first.

What is worse than a freshman? An overbearing soph is the answer. Phyllis Martin received her just reward with a Lifebouy shampoo and vinegar rinse by a blindfolded freshman, Bob Barnett.

To wash the charcoal and flour off the freshmen's faces, the sophs obligingly pulled them through the college lake to win the men's tug-of-war, and to finish a successful week of freshman initiation.

FRESHMEN STAGE  
TALENT PROGRAM

"Frosh Sloss '52" the Freshmen Talent Program, embarked last Wednesday evening in the Houghton college chapel with Richard Schnorbus at the helm. "Skipper Dick", as Mr. Schnorbus was introduced by Coach George Wells, as the president of the freshman class, and was the master of ceremonies throughout the entire talent program.

The program marked the end of the Freshman-Sophomore activities which culminated in a judgment earlier in the day. In response to the "Frosh Suicide Poem", which had to be learned by all participating freshmen, Ronald Niedauer read an original poem reminding the sophomores that there would be a new freshman class next year. Among the musical numbers were a male quartet consisting of Kenneth Johnson, Paul Freeland, Lawrence Allen and Clarence Martin, a brass quartet, composed of Edwin Hostetter, David Hill, John Atwood, and Lorig Sparks, a viola solo by John Warner, a marimba solo by Virginia Sells, and an original song by Paul Moore. Clifford La Forge related the history of the "Good Ship Frosh Sloss."

Warren Ball, the student body president, presented the sportsmanship award to the class having achieved the highest number of credits during soph-frosh competition. Walter Dryer, sophomore president, accepted the cup on behalf of his class.



## THE RUT

BY JAN BURR

And believe me, once you get in it, you're stuck. Surely, I said, there must be another name for this column; this can't go on indefinitely. That's what I told myself, anyway. Then I set out to find a new name. I read Webster's dictionary, Roget's *Thesaurus*, Stephenson's *Home Book of Quotations*, Sear's latest catalogue, a '39 *World Almanac*, the Bronx telephone directory, Smithsonian Institute reports, *Field and Stream*,—somewhere along the line there I lost all recollection. At any rate, when I finally came to, my roommate was still administering strong sedatives, and six other inmates were sitting on me. "So", I said, curling up my toes in surrender, "you're stuck in the Rut, and you might just as well admit it. That's what everyone will call it anyway."

We're off with a big black bloody prediction: By another year there will be no girls' dormitory and no more Bowen Bachelors unless someone stops ringing those wedding bells. They're breaking up that old gang of ours. Seems that over the summer, every chap, whether man or mouse, got himself an adoring spouse. Now the place is overrun by—let's see now, mouse, mice, spouse, sp—yah, spice. Spice all over the place. Well, I guess we have to admit that marriage really is the spice of life.

I.R.C. Hears Ex-Chaplain  
Inasmuch Transfers

The first meeting of the International Relations club will be held on Wednesday, September 29, in room S-21. Captain Earl H. Thompson, a returned chaplain of the Canadian Army and present pastor of the Filmore Wesleyan Methodist church, will speak on the "Near East."

The Inasmuch group, which has been operating under the supervision of the education department since October, 1947, will become part of the Foreign Missions fellowship this year. During the past year the Inasmuch group has taken in \$1950 in cash, sent out 75 CARE packages and packed 415 packages of clothing and food for European relief. The materials sent out by the Inasmuch group go to ministers and Christian workers in Germany and Czechoslovakia for distribution.

## RUMOR DISSOLVES

The rumor that Dr. Paine, president of Houghton College, will take a leave of absence this year to carry on the work of the National Association of Evangelicals is just a rumor. Dr. Paine has assumed his regular duties as head of the college, and his work as president of NAE will be carried on through correspondence and board meetings, his secretary has announced.

Keep your parents and friends posted on activities at Houghton. Remember that they are interested in you and your school. Send home a year's subscription to the *STAR*. The form below is for your convenience.

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And that's not the only change. The class of '52 is running all over the college, while the class of '48 is running the college. Walked into the main dorm office and what to my wondering eyes should appear but "Mother Blake", head resident. Then I found a new and decorative face in the English department, Professor Harr. "I wonder," I said to myself, "I wonder if—", and then I sauntered out to the athletic field, and sure enough, there in the grandstand still cheering madly was—yes, it was none other than Pat Douglas.

But here's the revolutionary reform of the year. With chapel at 9:00, that old 10:40 post-chapel massacre at the mail boxes just ain't no more. The world is growing tamer. Our Frosh will never grow into the rugged individuals that Houghton made the rest of us. How valiantly we fought, bled, and nearly died, just to break into our boxes—and find a notice from the dean, a bill from the bursar, and a reminder from the librarian of half a dozen books two weeks overdue. Life was no bed of roses in the good old days.

Even the *Star* office has changed its stamping grounds. Super efficient Bitner has the new office all laid out for super efficiency. He even threatened to keep the door locked and prevent the staff from dumping books, coats, old shoes, tin cans, sea shells, leopard skins, ice skates, and man-hole covers in the office—which, of course, is the only reason anyone joins the staff anyway, other than our \$50.00 a week salary. (That last note is really hot news. Nobody has heard it before—not even the front office.)

At least one thing hasn't changed, reformed, or died—the Rut. Jack Connors once said, "The Rut is not a thing of beauty nor a joy forever." That may be, J.C., but don't be too optimistic about that "forever."

## Library Extends Services

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The space vacated by periodicals has become the reference department, and the open shelf department has been extended to occupy the space formerly occupied by reference. Open shelf books may be borrowed for seven days. The position of Assistant Librarian in charge of Reference, vacated by Mrs. Donald Wing in June, has not yet been filled. This necessitates Miss Graham's filling a schedule in the Reading Room, which decreases her office hours. She is available for conference regularly 10:00-11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, other times by appointment.

As recorded in the 1948 Student Handbook, the hour of opening has been changed back to 7:50 a.m. this year. A few changes have been made in the fine system. All library fines are now payable at the accountant's

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## The End Zone

BY MED &amp; NORM

This week Houghton college starts another year of intramural sports. To the freshman who comes filled with merely a vague idea of college life, this is often one of the main disappointments. He has read short stories about driving to see the championship game between his college and the state university in his new convertible, watching the bands perform between the halves, and feeling that thrill as the rich boys from state were plowed into the gridiron. That will never happen at Houghton.

What does happen is that the average student there is either actively engaged in our program, passively interested, or doesn't care what happens over in the gym. But the challenging factor is that the ones who do take part in the setup gain certain advantages unknown to the others. You are here to develop spiritually, mentally, and physically. Why neglect one and concentrate on the others? Certainly the lack of competition from the outside causes a good deal of griping but the many who gripe are the same ones who would let their bodies stagnate even if we did have intercollegiate competition.

Talk to the students who play the sports offered. Ask them why they do it. The majority will answer that they enjoy keeping themselves fit although it means being pitted against their classmates. They'll answer too that teamwork is developed in the same way whether it is in Podunk Normal or Southern California. If you have talent in athletic activities, you can find a place to show it at Houghton. Anyone can be on the team. And if, after giving this serious thought and trying it for yourself, the intercollegiate item still bothers you, go out for the debate team. They like people who object to everything. And if you still don't like it, remember—that's the way it is!

\* \* \* There have been two softball games between the first year 'greenies' and their plasma charged rivals, the sophomores. It rapidly developed into a track meet featuring the four bag dash by the sophs. Of course, it must be remembered that the lads of '52 claim they are cold weather players. Pity us when the snow sets

in then. Incidentally, the sophs won both games by scores resembling the national debt. (Note: The word game has been used loosely so far.)

\* \* \* Football, that game of pass the pill before you're pummeled, threatens to break out again soon. The Juniors have their usual latent power, and we predict that it will remain so. Last year they and Brooklyn were the "people's cherce," but both fell flat before a superior and more educated foe. The Seniors (handle that name carefully, son) have two men, both hold-overs from last year. They are Pat Douglas and Eldred Douglas. If you are inclined to doubt this, remember that he plays guard and tackle at the same time. We'll stick our neck out and say that the Seniors will be fortunate to score as much as a touchback.

\* \* \* Will everyone who objected to swimming around the boys' locker room last year please take note of the fact that there have been some changes made. A new drain has been put in and those who are in the know (don't ask us how) wish to inform the sports-minded public that the water will swish down the hole promptly.

\* \* \* The gym floor itself has been re-finished and it makes the gym actually look bigger. That's a noteworthy feat considering all the facts. The finish applied is the same as that used in Madison Square Garden and West Point. Let's hope that the brand of ball played on it will somewhat do the finish justice.

### AREA GAMES

Schedule of college football games to be played in the area of Houghton college.

#### CANISIUS

Head Coach: Jimmy Wilson  
Oct. 9—Fordham  
17—Niagara  
24—Scranton  
Nov. 7—St. Bonaventure

#### ST. BONAVENTURE

Head Coach: Hugh Devore  
Oct. 3—Dayton  
23—William and Mary  
Nov. 7—Canisius (Buffalo)  
14—Niagara Univ.  
25—San Francisco

#### ALFRED U.

Head Coach: Alex Yunevich  
Oct. 2—Renn. Poly. Inst.  
9—Clarkson Tech  
16—at Buffalo Univ.  
23—Hartwick

#### UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO

Head Coach: Frank Clair  
Oct. 2—Hobart (Civic Stadium)  
9—RPI (Civic Stadium)  
16—Alfred (Civic Stadium)  
Nov. 6—Niagara (Civic)  
12—Bucknell (Civic)

### Engine Arrives Soon

Mr. Worth Cott, Chief of the Houghton Fire department, announced last Monday that the new fire engine is expected to arrive between the 12th and 16th of October. He stated that the new engine would cost approximately ten thousand dollars.

## Coach Plans Testing Program To Evaluate Phys Ed Course



"Houghton college's physical education program is up to date with the exception of a testing program," a Star reporter was told this week by coach George Wells. Coach Wells took advanced work in testing and measurements, advanced basketball coaching, and allied fields at Spring-

field college, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Basically, Houghton's physical education program will not be changed, but the coach hopes to introduce new methods and various tests to determine the value of the course. Necessarily, however, any plans for the physical education course are limited by the brevity of periods.

### Library Extends Services

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office instead of at the library loan send notices but will not be collecting desk. The library will continue to the money.

Space is seriously at a premium. Full cooperation in planning individual use of the library will be appreciated. Students are requested not to bring their own books to the library to study or to plan for any other type of activity there which can be pursued elsewhere. Above all, the kind that calls for consultation between two or more persons must be planned and carried on outside the library reading room.

As far as consistent with general welfare, special needs of commuters will be given special consideration if the persons concerned will let their needs be known to the librarian.

Attention is called to page 30 of the Handbook, which states that a fine of 25c will be charged for failure to return to the loan desk a book charged for inside use.

No special stack permits will be issued this year. Seniors will still be afforded stack privileges according to Handbook specifications.

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## Net Tournaments Begin; Former Finalists Participate

### DEAN WRIGHT SELLS BOOKS

Professor Frank H. Wright, dean of men has in his office in Luckey Memorial building the library of a retired minister which he is selling at about 80% of its original cost. This library of some 200 books includes commentaries, meditations, helps for working with young people, and study material. It is the desire of the minister, Rev. Charles Cady, of Weston's Mill, N. Y., that these books be sold to theological students and those interested in missions. All those who are interested are invited to stop in at Professor Wright's office and look the books over for possible use.

### Nucleonics Heads Changes

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Physical Education instructor has announced the purchase of archery equipment made possible by the increase in the student activity fee. The assortment of bows, arrows and accessories will be used in connection with classes, and also for recreational purposes. Tentative plans are to employ the Smith Lot for arching.

Other courses being initially presented are French Civilization, Spanish Literature, Hebrew, Comparative Religion, and Animal and Plant Biology.

The tennis courts located behind the Science building will be the scene of the men and women's tennis tournament this year.

Singles will be played to determine the letter winners in each division. Freshmen who finish in the first three brackets will not be given a letter as no freshman may receive a varsity award.

The participants in the men's division include, among others, R. Dingman, R. Morgan, "Iggy", and N. Walker who were finalists in the tournament last year. The women's division has J. Burr, R. Wilde, and N. Ross who were finalists in their division last year and quite a few freshman girls.

The matches may be played at the contestants convenience providing the first round is completed by the first of October. The pairings are made by Coach Wells. The winners are determined by single elimination for first place and a new system, whereby each player plays the rest of the entries, determines second and third place.

### Group Begins Year's Activities

The Expression club will hold its first meeting in the Music Hall auditorium, Wednesday, September 29. Election of officers will take place, and a reading will be given by Mrs. Miriam Foster. All students interested in joining the club are invited to attend.

### GAME SCHEDULE

#### HOCKEY

Thurs. Sept. 23  
Tues. Sept. 28  
Thurs., Sept. 30  
Tues., Oct. 5  
Thurs., Oct. 7  
Tues., Oct. 12  
Thurs., Oct.  
Tues., Oct.  
Thurs., Oct. 21  
Tues., Oct. 26

#### FOOTBALL

2-3 Mon., Sept. 27  
1-4 Wed., Sept. 29  
3-5 Fri., Oct. 1  
4-5 Wed., Oct. 6  
1-2 Fri., Oct. 8  
3-4 Wed., Oct. 13  
1-3 Fri., Oct. 15  
2-5 Mon., Oct. 18  
1-5 Wed., Oct. 20  
2-4 Fri., Oct. 22

Games will begin at 3:50—15 minutes will be allowed before forfeiture.

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