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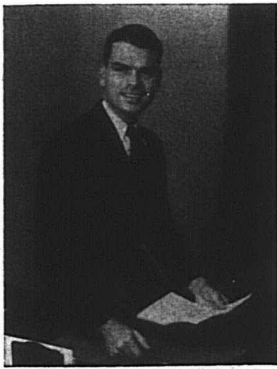
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## SHORTAGE DECLARED IN APRIL FUEL

### Publishers Release "Road to Olympus"

Dr. Stephen W. Paine's latest book, *Road to Olympus*, resulting from his study abroad during the summer of 1947, will soon be available at the college book store, publishers announced yesterday.



The book, featuring present day tourist aspects of classical mythology, is copiously illustrated with color photographs taken by the author. When asked to comment upon the *Road to Olympus*, Dr. Paine, who is also author of *Gold Made Easy*, *Lens Fun For The Amateur*, and *Why I Do Not Attend The Movies*, said bashfully, "Oh, just something I threw together."

As reported in the May 1, 1947 edition of the *Houghton Star*, Dr. Paine had planned to make an extensive European tour during his sabbatical leave. Because of increasing administrative responsibilities, however, he found it necessary to cancel his sabbatical and

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### Henry J. Wallace To Speak Here

The Honorable Henry J. Wallace, unsuccessful presidential candidate in the 1948 campaign, will speak in the Houghton college chapel, Wednesday, April 6, at 8:00 p. m. His topic will be, "The Future of the Democratic Party in the Pre-War World."

Mr. Wallace, the third of four lecturers presented this year by the Lecture Series, is well qualified to speak on the subject he has chosen. During the major part of his life he was a member of the Democratic party. A split during the recent presidential campaign caused him to form the Progressive Party.

Admittance to the lecture is through a qualified showing of eggs and tomatoes. Seats will be reserved for those coming best prepared.

### Social Committee Plans Saturday Evening Program

The social committee released plans this week for an unusual evening of entertainment on Saturday night, April 2. The best features of the Artist Series programs will be combined with those of the Lecture Series to bring to the campus a program unparalleled in recent history. For the musical part of the program, Mr. Bing Crosby, the well known baritone of radio and recording fame, will render some of his more popular numbers. Then, for the intellectuals who enjoy the Lecture Series, the committee has arranged to have Mr. Bob Hope enlighten us on a current topic of interest.

As the chapel will not hold the record crowd that is hoped will attend, the Athletic Association has granted permission for the use of Bedford Hall for the evening. Mr. Crosby preferred this building especially for its fine acoustics. In keeping with their custom, Mr. Crosby and Mr. Hope have called their program "Road to Bedford." Don't forget this important date and be sure to tell your friends about this great opportunity. Tickets may be purchased at the furnace room doors of the Music Building, Luckey Memorial, and the Science Building.

—BO—

### EXAMS ABOLISHED

No final examinations this year!

That was the unanimous decision of the faculty at a special meeting, April 1, 1949.

President Paine, calling the conference, pointed out that the health of the students is being seriously endangered by late study hours. Since the body is more important than the mind, he reasoned, we must do away with exams and force the students to get more rest.

Final marks under the new system will be based on daily quizzes and occasional one-page reports. Term papers will be eliminated so that work will not be too oppressive. Recreation of at least one hour each day will be enforced, beginning Monday, April 4.

Also considered at the meeting was a change in the marking system. Under the new plan, only A's, B's and C's will be used. A C will be worth four units, B worth three and A worth two. Under this system there will be more four-pointers and less two-pointers. Only one Dean's list will be published, and that will include all students with an average of at least 4.0.

Fun-loving Anthony desires correspondence with fun-loving Cleopatra—Box 391.

### Professor Bert Hall Becomes Prexy of Columbia University

Professor Bert Hall, for the past two years instructor in Theology and Religious Education at Houghton college, today becomes the new president of Columbia university, it was announced early this morning by the board of trustees of the school. This news came immediately following the death of the former president, Dwight Eisenhower.



PROF. BERT HALL

Mr. Hall, who was born in Jamestown on February 6, 1921, spent the major portion of his life in active Christian service. He was converted in 1936 through the influence of a godly Sunday School teacher. In 1939 he felt called to Christian service and that same year, immediately following his graduation from high school, came to Houghton college.

During his first three years Mr. Hall worked in the college print shop, and he served as student pastor of the Oakland Wesleyan Methodist chapel during his senior year.

In 1943 he was graduated from Houghton and the same year entered Northern Baptist seminary, Chicago. He received a B.D. de-

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### Students Enroll In Preparation Course

From fifteen to twenty new students are enrolling for the second semester. These students will be new candidates for the recently instituted L.S.M.F.B. (Let's Stop My Father's Broke) degrees, which will be conferred on them upon satisfactorily completing the prescribed courses.

Special emphasis will be placed on courses dealing with the Art of Food Preparation. The purpose of these additional courses is to broaden the student and give him a well rounded look.

Prospective students intending to enroll in these courses will need as a prerequisite a cast-iron stomach and several bottles of anti-burp pills which may be obtained from the college infirmary under the heading of sore-foot remedy. They must also be able to benefit and show substantial proof thereof.

A special placement bureau has been set up to place graduates into Asylums and Institutions where they might continue their education and work on an experimental basis.

### Weather Report

CLEARING FRIDAY, FOLLOWED BY SATURDAY. LOCAL — ALLEGANY COUNTY FAIR.

### CHAPEL

Mr. Anthony  
Friday, April 7  
The Mad Russian  
Thursday, April 6  
Jack Benny  
Wednesday, April 5  
Arthur Godfrey  
Tuesday, April 4

### MUSIC FACULTY SELECTS ARTISTS

A recent announcement by the music faculty reveals that another outstanding series of concerts will be presented next year by the Artist Series.

Artists who will perform here are: Gene Autry, baritone, Dec. 13; Spike Jones, famous for his interpretations of classical music, Feb. 30; Judy Canova, coloratura soprano, March 11; and Al Jolson, bass-baritone, April 16.

Tickets for the series will be placed on sale next week by Professor Bert Hall. Prices will be ten cents for an individual concert, four for a quarter.

Much time and deliberation was spent by the print shop employees in selecting this group of choice musicians.

# HOUGHTON STAR

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## The Power of the Press

The freedom of the press is a cornerstone in the foundation of American democracy. It must be remembered that the power of the press to shape and influence public opinion is virtually unlimited. Almost every type of individual interest and ability is found in printing and its allied industries. Let us truly evaluate the importance of printing. Printing interprets all arts and human knowledge. Upon the efforts of printers rests the education of everyone. We should regard printing as the most beneficial factor in the history of all mankind. It is because of this—and because man's use of the printed word shall largely establish his success or failure in life, be it commerce, industry, or trade—that printing becomes an important factor in education.

Seldom do we realize when we read a newspaper, magazine or even an advertisement that we owe our present intellectual, social, economic and spiritual development to the thoughts we have received—through the printed word.

Just as printing has aided civilization to emerge from the weak, unlettered confusion of the Dark Ages, so much printing help develop the type of world we as Christians believe in. The powerful moving force of all this is education. Whether it be in literature, music, the professions, industry, commerce or government, knowledge must be acquired through the medium of printing. History, philosophy, science, the languages—all are to be found preserved in books for posterity.

This publication has meant two weeks of preparation and work, with only the best interest of the school and the student body at heart. A good laugh is a panacea for all social ills. We felt it was worth the effort if it helps some of us to live in closer harmony.

Who said we haven't got what it takes? I've said it and I'm glad!  
—S.M.

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## Not Just An Office

A visitor to the college print shop recently stated, "I didn't know there was so much equipment back here; you certainly must do a considerable amount of work."

To the average Houghton student, the college press is merely an office across the hall from the *Star* office. All they see in that office is reams of paper, a blonde secretary (stay away from her, fellows; she's married to Les Fuller), and a pack of male jokesters.

Actually, the Houghton College Press is a large business enterprise. All of the printing for the college, except the *Boulder* and some special forms, is done there. An estimated \$12,000 worth of printing is done each year by a crew of three full-time and seven part-time employees.

The college catalog states that the print shop has the following equipment, valued at \$25,000: one Mergenthaler linotype; one Lee cylinder press; three Chandler and Price platen presses; one Kelly automatic press with non-offset gun; a Cleveland automatic folder; a Boston wire stitcher; two cutters; and other small pieces of equipment.

Approximately three hundred working hours per week are spent in the print shop. Fifty hours are spent on the *Star* alone. Work on the college newspaper starts Monday morning when feature copy arrives. All is set on the linotype, which for the entire *Star* consumes 15 hours of time.

After the type is set for the *Star*, two proofs of each galley of type are made on a proof press. Corrections are made on the one; the second is used for planning the design of the paper.

Straight news copy comes into the print shop Tuesday morning.

## Editor's Mailbox

● Ed—With this issue the *Star* makes a change in policy. Previously, letters were printed only when accompanied by the writer's signature. In the future, a letter will not be printed if the author has signed his name. Only the name will be printed. Letters unsigned will be printed in full.

—BO—

Dearest Editor:

I have a few "gripes," so please put down your pencil and telephone and listen to me.

Ever since that new rule went into effect in the dining hall, I have had a hard time finding a seat at meal-time. You see, I'm a junior. We always used to enter the door nearest the Science building. That way we had a good chance for a seat at breakfast and lunch. But now all the sophomore and freshmen girls "make a bee-line" for the dining room. Those who legally have the right to sit in the "seats of honor"

Between Tuesday evening and Friday afternoon a part of the *Star* staff "makes up" the paper—plans the design for the current week. They decide the style of headlines and the position of each article according to its importance.

When the "dummy" sheets come to the print shop, we start our actual work on the *Star*. Headlines are first set by hand. Then they are placed in position in a form with the linotype slugs according to the design of the makeup staff.

After spacing is completed and the form is locked up, a proof is taken of each page. These are sent for final approval to the editor. Anything not corrected here will be found by the reader. All blaring errors having been corrected, the *Star* then goes to press.

That, however, is not the end of our part of publishing the college newspaper. After the *Star* is printed, it is run through a machine which folds it into convenient mail-box size.

As is stressed in the other serious article in this paper, the press truly has great power. The Houghton College Press is not merely a "front office." We are serving the college and you for a purpose.

—M.E.B.

## LIBRARY NOTICE

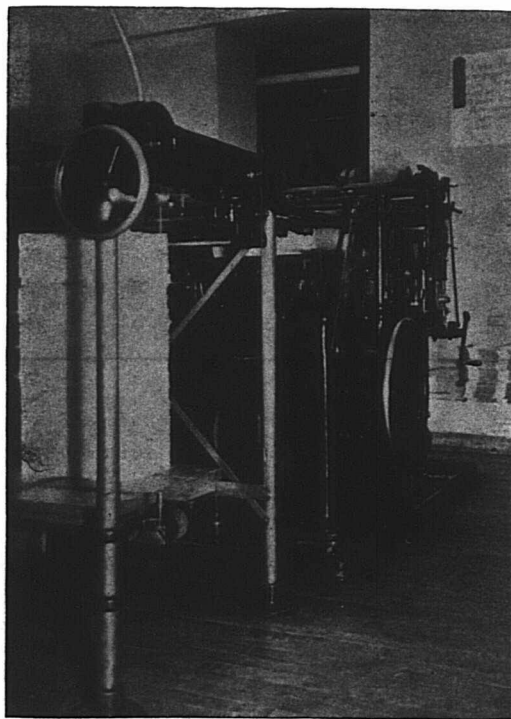
Willard Houghton Memorial Library (WHML) Form No. 75 has been discontinued in favor of forms 75a and 75b. The library staff requests that all forms now in circulation be returned immediately.

A posse is being formed to look for Dave Kaser. He has not been seen since he went to the stacks last week to look for the *New York Times*, April 1, 1917.

● What hap-pen?

must sit either in the first room or in the annex.

A definite improvement could be made in the girls' dorm with the addition of a coat rack in the reception room. It seems that too many visitors have had to place their coats on the same pile with those of the college men. The school has been receiving an undue number of cleaning bills from out-of-town companies for cleaning and pressing jobs on men's overcoats.

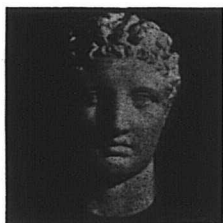


KELLY AUTOMATIC PRESS



## Noted Architect Reveals Plans for Girls' Dorm

• Ed. note: This week we present as an added feature Mr. Cicero Gwadruski, guest writer. As you will note by his autobiography, he is a well-known architect. The purpose of Mr. Gwadruski's appearance on Houghton's scene is self-explanatory.



CICERO GWADRUSKI

I thank you very much, Mr. Editor, for the privilege of writing this column. You asked me to write a short autobiography of forty volumes, so I will try to tell as much about myself as possible.

First, I am come here to Houghton because I was invited to come. Mr. Smith, the business manager, was looking for an architect for the new girls' dorm. So he says, "I think Mr. Gnumarisz is the best one in the world. Therefore, I will summon Mr. Gwadruski, because he is cheaper."

So I come to Houghton to be architectural adviser for the new girls dorm. Now, get this straight. I don't think Houghton needs a new dorm. Gaoyadeo Hall is the best structure I have ever seen. It is stable (Webster's second definition) and it is virtually escape-proof. But since Houghton wants a new girls' dorm so much, I'll help her to get the best one she could ever hope for.

My conception of an ideal dormitory

### Hall Heads Columbia . . .

gree from that institution in 1946. Since then he has completed his residence and thesis for a Th.D. from the same school.

While attending seminary in Chicago, Mr. Hall worked in the Good News Publishing company. He attended the Oak Park Wesleyan Methodist church of which he was treasurer and Sunday School superintendent. He also did some work in missions and with boys in the Oak Park YMCA.

Mr. Hall joined the faculty of Houghton college in the fall of 1947. His main interest was apologetics, and all his courses were weighted in that direction.

Mr. Hall is married to the former Harriet Kalla, and they have two daughters, Lucille Kathrynne and Elizabeth Joanne.

The Halls plan to take up their new work actively at the end of the present school year.

is to have a Gothic pattern throughout, except for the halls. They will be Roman. Mr. Smith says he wants the offices on the first floor. Now wouldn't it be better to put them on the third floor? That would make it easier for the girls to sneak in at night without being detected, thus saving correctional problems.

I think it would also be a very good idea to have a dining hall in the new dorm. The old dining hall is crowded as it is, and the space could be well used for such a need.

I guess I've told enough about the dorm plans. Now I want to relate part of my life history to you.

I was born in Athens, Italy (I'm a Greek Italian), on April 1, 1843. I was born in Athens, Italy, because that's where my parents happened to be at the time. Early in life I took an interest in architecture. I always liked to study buildings and see how they were put together and what made them tick.

After fighting in the American Revolution, I decided to go to school to follow my interests. (She was a cute blond). I went to the University of Greece, where I met Mr. F. Gordon Hosiery doing work toward his doctorate. I understand he has been head of your classical architecture department since his graduation in 1910.

Coming to America in 1916, I found myself in a war against Germany. The Army sought my services to help them plan a series of Army huts and tents to be used both in this country and overseas. My work took me to all parts of the world, and this of course helped me in my education. During one of these trips, I met Miss Frieda Blue-Blades in France, I believe.

Until the Second World War I fooled away my time travelling from city to town to hamlet in an effort to obtain some work. In 1940 the Army again called me to their services, and

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### Ritzman-Clifford

Mr. and Mrs. Joyce R. Ritzman, Sr., of Shamokin, Penna., announce the engagement of their daughter, Joyce Ritzman, Jr., to Mr. E. "Rolly" Clifford of Corry, Penna. No date has been set for the wedding.

Some people have been asking why June Dukeshire's picture was in the window of the old book store a few days ago. Since she is the chicken of tomorrow, we figured she must be a pretty good egg today. This has no relation to the previous statement, but next time you see her, notice that "June is busting out all over."

A: "Hey, fella, what are you doing, wearing your p.j.'s here in the print shop?"

B: "I ain't wearing them in the print shop. Can't you see my books? I'm on my way to class!"

A: "What's class got to do with p.j.'s?"

B: "Well, I can never tell when I might want to take a nap!"

•Bitner, you really had us scared when you walked in the door 10:00 p.m. Sat.

## Electron Microscope Donated To School

Dr. Wightman today announced the arrival of the new electron microscope which was recently donated to the college by the government. Made in General Electric's Laboratory in Schenectady, this instrument saw use in the medical corps during the last war under the direction of Dr. Halsel Bulbous, world famous bacteriologist who was graduated from Houghton in 1927. It was through Dr. Bulbous' influence that the instrument was presented to our science department and in a statement made by Mr. Bulbous he expressed his hope that the microscope will make possible "... addition of greater achievements to Houghton's already splendid record ..."

## Homework Exchange To Aid Grade Points

A homework exchange will be set up next week in the old book store, it was announced today by Dr. B. A. Queen, dean of the college. Reason given this change in educational methods came as the result of an extra-high number of students on probation due to low grade points.

Under the system students will take their finished homework to the exchange office. They will turn in their paper and check out another paper to help them in their other subjects. This will make legal a practice which has been carried on for quite a while in a minor way.

With the issuing of grade points last week it was found that 251 received a grade point index of less than 2.0. Ten of the faculty-student committees met in joint session to try to stem the tide towards worse work. The only possible relief was the homework exchange.

Old term papers will also be placed on sale at the exchange. Subjects will range from "The Hypnotism of Stuffed Alligators" to "The Homelife of Abu-Merwar - Mohammed - Ben-Abdulmalec - Ben-Zohon."

## THUG



"... why he's local director of trees, rocks, and sidewalks ..."

## Recollection

(This is Hobo Type.)

You'll never believe me but I was quite a character when I was small. I can just see my proud father laying my head gently against a mat. Eighty-five picas long! The boys said I was a wrong font, but dad insisted I was just the right type, in fact there was nonpareil.

Not being of the upper bracket our living quarters were condensed. The furniture was limited to the ATF (American Type Foundry) variety. It wasn't exactly the Cloister type, but in the more remote corners one could find traces of the Gothic, Roman, and even some Old English.

To amuse myself I would line up the Roman characters and the Italics and lead 'em. One day my dad caught me at my killing and ruled my base (capital punishment). Boy, I yelled so loud I almost broke a ligature.

The noises of the shop became a kind of symphony. However, I am still annoyed by those stupid pigs they keep behind the lino, to say nothing of that brayer next to the proof press.

Something weak is less concentrated, due to a higher degree of association.

Ionization and divorce are akin: both are disassociation.



Dear Miss Fortune,

I have been going with the same person for four years. Do you think it is all right to kiss this person goodnight on the dorm steps.

Dear Perplexed,

I would say you should be able to kiss "this person" goodnight if it is a member of the opposite sex. I would recommend, however, that you kiss it on the cheek—not on the dorm step.

Miss Fortune

Dear Miss Fortune,

I have a problem. My grade point is 1.8. I've been here more than one semester, but as yet I am not engaged. Should I stay in college, or should I go home and get a woman in the natural way?

Frustrated

Dear Frustrated,

Don't quit school. Drop into my office sometime and we'll discuss your situation further.

Miss Fortune

Latin Principle Parts:

Piggo, pigere, squeeli, gruntum.

Scito, scitere, biti, scratchum.

Occido, ere, occisi, occissus sum. (We learned that one from a girl. Anyhow, Prof. Frank said it was all right).

# Houghton Basketeers Skunk Hides Off OPU In Thriller

In the closing game of the season, the Houghton college basketball team last night beat Old Pennsylvania university, 87-64. The contest, played before a crowd of 50,000 in Bedford Palestra, was sparked by a new individual scoring record of 34 points, tossed in by handsome center Wilbur Stewart.

The Purple and Gold started the game in its typically slow manner. Not one goal was scored during the first quarter, the four points being obtained from foul shots. The score at the end of the initial period was 19-4.

Not much more could be done during the second stanza. Forward Jimmy Adlard was the only one who could score at all, and the quarter ended with the score, 30-12.

A rejuvenated team and a change in Coach Wells' strategy brought about a rapid change in the score. During the half, the Coach decided to play five men instead of four. Reserve Mitz Maeda was put in as a squeaker. Whenever Houghton got the ball, they threw it to Mitz, who quickly dumped it in the

bucket. This, plus the dead eye of Wilbur Stewart (who thinks he's a pretty good basketball player), was too much for the city boys. The game ended with a shower for each of the fellows.

## BOX SCORES

HC			
	F	G	P
Stewart	4	15	34
Adlard	0	4	8
Maeda	0	14	28
Buck	0	2	4
Guest	3	0	3

OPU			
	F	G	P
Jinguski	2	3	8
Morowitz	1	7	15
Jaworski	1	5	11
Howskowski	2	9	20
Smith	2	4	10

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## "Road to Olympus"

curtail his trip to one summer. Most of the time was spent in traveling in Italy and Greece, but he was able also to do some research at Oxford university and at the university of Edinburgh. The author, well-acquainted with seasickness from previous voyages, flew both ways.

Mr. Wallace Mason, college book store manager, has had a shipment of these books on order since the day the book went to press in September. He has announced that Dr. Paine has consented to autograph the first five hundred copies of *Road To Olympus* to be sold through the bookstore.

We realize all are not able to buy one of the first 500 books. All you must do is cut out this signature and paste it in your copy.

*Stephen W. Paine*

## Do You Desire A Better Head?

Did you ever wish you had a new head? According to Dr. Nalap Zulitshkoff, whose national origin is unknown, transplanting of large amounts of tissue and bone is now possible, and even the transplantation of arms, legs, and heads will be possible in the very near future with the development of KS, a drug which hastens cell growth thereby speeding the healing on incisions. In concluding his remarks Mr. Zulitshkoff pointed out the possible applications of "head swapping" surgery, stating that it would no doubt be a boon to poor college students who are trying to get a head.

**Cut it Out !!!**

MWF TTS MWF TTS MWF TTS	EARLY BREAKFAST EARLY LUNCH EARLY DINNER	<p>HOUGHTON COLLEGE <b>DINING HALL</b></p> <p>1948 - 1949 <b>Second Semester</b></p>	LATE BREAKFAST LATE LUNCH LATE DINNER	MWF TTS MWF TTS MWF TTS
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TO BE USED SUNDAYS ONLY BY THOSE WHO  
EAT AT TWIN SPRUCE INN.  
(invalid week-days!)



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## New Major Sport Introduced Next Fall

Croquet will become a major sport next fall, as the result of increasing interest in the sport on the campus. Tom Boghosian, Don Arbitter, and Walt Vikestad, present unofficial champions, were the chief proponents in receiving the approval of the faculty and the Athletic association.

For years croquet was played on the lawn in front of the dorm. Minor leagues were formed in the late spring and the early fall, but the only satisfaction received by the winners was the raise in social prestige within the league.

A tournament will be played off next month. The three top winners in both the ladies' and men's divisions will be awarded varsity letters. A small mallet will be placed on the letter to signify the sport in which the owner participated.

All interested in playing should see croquet varsity men's manager, Walt Vikestad, within the next week.

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## NOTICE

Special faculty action today made wrestling a major sport, as long as it is carried on in the swimming pool. This will place wrestling on a cleaner basis. A list will be posted next week in the arcade for those interested in participating.

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Private Bath - Cut Flowers  
Each Room

Next Semester

ROOMS AVAILABLE!

Miss Gillette, officiator  
College Dining Hall  
Two Waiters  
A Man to Wash Dishes and

WANTED !!!

A girl who eats late serving  
to save seat in dining room;  
good conversationalist; Fri-  
day night optional. See Med  
Sutton.

WANTED !!!

FOR BOYS ONLY

We knew you would read it if you didn't.  
You wouldn't be a girl if you

## Dorm Architect Says

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with the help of Dr. Albert Einstein, I designed two valuable things: Quonset huts and the shape of the Atom Bomb. Mr. Einstein, however, has become much more famous through it than I have.

A thought just occurred to me. Why not build the new -irls' dorm in the shape of a Quonset hut and with the usefulness of a pup tent? Then we could take it down in the summer when there is no great need for the rooms.

What are my plans for the new dorm? I think it would be possible for me to get my work done by April 1, 1955. Ten years later it could be put in the hands of the contractor. By the time the class of 1952 sends their grandchildren to college, the recreational room in the basement of the new dorm will be ready for use.

Thank you, Mr. Gwadruski. Printing of this article does not necessarily endorse all the ideas herein contained.

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## Heart - Saw Recital

The music department presents in collaboration with the print shop a "joint" (and we use the word lightly) recital, featuring Meredith Sutton at the Vibra-heart, and Jan Burr on the musical saw. This is the first recital of its type ever presented at Houghton. A capacity crowd is expected to watch the performance. Comments received on Mr. Sutton's professional ability on the heart are: "Breath-taking," Brooklyn Eagle; and "Pulse-beating," *Hobo News*. Walter Winchell has exclaimed Miss Burr's performance to be "cutting." The concert will be held this evening in the chapel at 10:00.

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## FOR SALE

Large dog. Will eat anything.

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A.—I can't play tonight; I feel rotten.  
B.—Well, ferment a while, and then you'll be in good spirits.