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Pre-Meds Accepted At Graduate Schools

Congratulations are due several of our pre-med students who have been accepted at various medical schools for the year 1954. Following is the "Pre-med Parade" and the schools of their choice: Myron Stern and Donald Bortner, Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia; Lawrence Green, Columbia University, New York; John LaCelle, Syracuse University, Syracuse; Albert Ekar, Western Reserve, Cleveland; John Austin, McGill University, Montreal; Charles Paine, University of Illinois, Chicago; and Earl Young, Tufts Medical College, Boston.

Prospective dentists, Richard Castor and Harold Polanski, will enter University of Pennsylvania and Western Reserve Dental Schools, respectively.

Two others, Herbert Queen and Roy Livingston, have applied to medical schools but haven't received replies yet.

— S. P.

College Purchases Reading Accelerator

A new Science Research Association Reading Accelerator has been purchased recently by the college. This machine, which mechanically forces one to read quickly, will be under the direction of Dr. Nelson. Any student will be permitted to use it if he arranges in advance for an appointment. The accelerator, to be most valuable, should be used in a series of practice periods.

Members of the Psychology department, while aiding students to increase their reading skills, will be conducting research in order to discover just how valuable this machine is in that regard.

Dr. Lynip says that the machine can aid one greatly in increasing his reading speed and comprehension. Some subjects double their speed and at the same time increase their comprehension of the reading matter. Carefully set-up standardized tests aid in this accomplishment.

— B. S.

Choir Presents Elijah

Sunday evening, March 28, the Houghton church choir, under the direction of Eldon E. Basney, presented Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah* in the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist church. Soloists were: Joanne Bingham, soprano; Margaret Smith, alto; Hugh Lucas, tenor; and Gilbert Hynes, baritone. Charles H. Finney and Esther Saxon accompanied the group on the organ and piano respectively.

— J. P.

FMF Needs \$2700

Does \$2700 sound like a lot of money to you? That is the amount, according to treasurer Jack Austin, that must be raised by the Foreign Missions Fellowship each year. This is the total salary of eight missionaries at \$900 each per year.

The money is raised by an offering during the Missionary Conquest in November, a monthly offering by the young people's group at the church, and the gifts and pledges of students, faculty and alumni.

Jack said that three salaries, amounting to \$2700, are due in June. As yet there aren't sufficient funds in the treasury to pay them, but if pledges are paid as promptly as promised, there will be enough when the time comes.

Have you paid your pledge?

— S. P.

Library Given Latin MS. Leaf

An original 15th century Johannes de Burgo manuscript leaf has been acquired by the library of Houghton College as a gift from James J. Rudisill, president of the Printing Industry of America.

This well-preserved leaf was taken from an uncommon English parchment manuscript scribed by a monk. Written in Vulgate Latin with pleasing calligraphy and marginal glosses, the text deals with the administration of the Sacraments.

Mr. Rudisill, who makes a hobby of collecting rare manuscripts, is owner and operator of Rudisill & Co., Inc., a printing firm in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

— R. D.

Mid-Semester Dean's List Totals 41 with Five 4-Pointers

Forty-one students achieved scholastic recognition for the first half of the second semester, Dean Lynip has announced. Thirty-five full-time students and six persons taking less than twelve hours of college work attained a grade-point index of 3.5 or over.

The mid-semester Dean's list is as follows: Virginia Mundy, 4.00;

Foster Williams, 4.00; William Barker, 3.94; Richard Hasler, 3.82; Janis Hildebrandt, 3.82; Allen Minser, 3.82; Dwight Strum, 3.82; Margaret Chapman, 3.80; Benjamin Saoshiro, 3.80; Elizabeth Sadler, 3.79; Dorothy Beuter, 3.75; Marie Curtis, 3.73; Arlene Kober, 3.73; Claudia Speicher, 3.73; Nancy Boynton, 3.69; Erma Beatty, 3.67; Joyce Fischer, 3.64; Linda McMillen, 3.64; Roberta Swauger, 3.62; Mary Augsburg, 3.61; Leatrice Voorhees, 3.61; Glendon Bryce, 3.59; Ronald Willey, 3.59; Olga Norman, 3.57; Elizabeth Chenaault, 3.56; John Reist, 3.56; Elizabeth Stark, 3.56; Glenn McNulty, 3.54; Jerard Aman, 3.5; Dallas Decker, 3.5; Janice Johe, 3.5; Marilyn Johnson, 3.5; Marith Reinertsen, 3.5; Helen Stitson, 3.5; David Swithers, 3.5.

Students carrying less than twelve hours who are included on the Dean's list are: Ruth Davis (6 hours) 4.00; Robert Fidler (9 hours) 4.00; Robert Watson (7 hours) 4.00; Carol Neely (7 hours) 3.86; Mildred Gilmour (10 hours) 3.80; George Bagley (11 hours) 3.73.

Quartet Ensemble To Be Featured At Final Concert

The Quartet Ensemble will be the talent featured at the Artist Series, April 30, at 8 p. m. In the ensemble will be Frances Snow-Drinker, flutist; Daniel Pinkham, harpsichordist; Daniel Saldenberg, cellist; and Robert Brink, violinist.

Bach numbers will constitute the program. The performances will be held during the Bach festival.

— N. B.

Debate Team Participates In Tourney at Dartmouth College

Houghton's Varsity Debate Team participated in a regional tournament including thirty colleges and universities from the six New England states and New York at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, March 25-27.

Pitted against such colleges and universities as Harvard, Dartmouth, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Yale, St. John's of Brooklyn, Kings Point, and Notre Dame College, Houghton came out with a record of five wins and eleven losses. This record placed Houghton in the

upper half of school standings in the tournament. To limit each school to eight debates, there was no choice in the picking of opponents. Numbers were drawn from a hat, which associated Houghton with the top teams of the tournament. Decisions were reached by a new system in which two judges rated each debate. The customary procedure has been to have only one judge rate a contest. It is interesting to note that Houghton spoke versus the winner of the tournament, Dartmouth, and Harvard, second place winner.

Richard Hasler received a "one" rating against Harvard and M. I. T. There were no individual placement honors, but each debater of a contest was rated one, two, three or four.

The varsity team of Leatrice Voorhees and Richard Hasler, accompanied by Dr. Hall, left for historic New Hampshire early Thursday morning, March 26. After a twelve-hour auto ride, they debated with St. John's of Brooklyn that evening. A banquet was held Friday evening in Dartmouth Hall for all the debaters. Lea and Dick were able to visit many of the traditional buildings on campus.

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The program was completely planned and presented by the boys. John De Santo, magician, gave some demonstrations of his skill. Dressed as a baseball star, Gordon Jones dramatically presented "Casey at the Bat." Bill Prichard, the clown, entertained with jokes throughout the evening. Berte Newman led the group in a singspiration period, and a film portraying the life of Queen Esther was shown.

Refreshments of cocoa and doughnuts were served, the boys catering to the girls. The evening ended with devotions by Gordon Stockin, teacher of the men's class.

— R. C.

Youth In One Accord Tours Canada



Coach Wells, S. Spear, G. Conrad, R. Frase, R. Miller, and J. Stevenson.

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"Step right up and I'll guess your weight!"

Clowns, Skits Amuse Classes

The class parties Friday night were a huge success. Freshmen entertained the juniors, and sophomores entertained the seniors. Both parties were well attended, and the social chairmen were well rewarded for their efforts.

— N. B.

Bedford Gymnasium was converted into a regular circus "Big Top." Booths had been installed along the walls, and the party-goers went from booth to booth, spending their tickets. The "Kissing Booth" was the center of much interest for the fellas. Ringmaster Herman Heintz, assisted by two clowns, introduced those who entertained. The evening ended with refreshments, and devotions consisted of a film of Christ on the road to Emmaus.

The East Hall lounge was also the scene of much activity Friday night. A couple of lively games were played by the juniors and frosh. Following this was a short skit by two frosh, and a program presented by the faculty members. Mr. Hynes sang, Mr. Allen played, and Miss Saxon gave a reading: "Jonah and the Whale." Devotions were in the form of a picture drawn by Mr. Ortlip while Mr. Hynes sang two numbers. Refreshments topped off the evening's entertainment.

— N. K.

Film & Panel Discussion To Be Presented April 23

Colonel John H. Lycette, news editor of the Buffalo Evening News, will be present at this college April 23 as a member of a discussion panel which will accompany the showing of a film, "Is Fighting Communism Perilous Civil Rights?"

The film is in the form of a debate between two men, Representative Richard Boling, Democrat, from Mississippi, and Representative Patrick Hillings, Republican from California. Each will present his side of the question.

Following the presentation of the picture, a panel of experts with Dr. Whitney Shea as chairman will ask questions of the audience. Other members of the panel will be Dr. Gillette; Dr. Hall; Mr. Hazlett; Edward Mergler, a lawyer from Bolivar, New York; and Colonel Lycette.

The film will be shown in an effort to stimulate public discussion on national issues. If the quality of the movie and the audience's reaction warrant it, a series of such pictures will be shown next year to the students. Some other movies in the series are: "Do we Need New Wire-tapping Laws?," "Tax Policy — What About It?," and "The Arab-Israel Question."

— B. S.

Clubs Take Field Trips

Several classes and clubs have made field trips to various points of interest near Houghton. Monday afternoon, April 5, about 25 members of the science club visited the Sinclair Oil Refinery at Wellsville.

Some of the art classes joined in a trip to the Corning Glass Center at Corning, N. Y., on April 1.

The Psychology club visited the State Hospital at Gowanda, N. Y., on Tuesday, April 6.

Arnold Nicholson, third prize winner, will be traveling to Fillmore (Continued on Page Four)

We Are Different . . . Revival Notes from London Must He Be Unknown?

-- Dr. Robert O. Ferm

What about campus attitudes? Considering the last editorial in this column, we understand that Houghton's campus differs little in many respects from other colleges in the United States. Are we Houghtonians justified in differing little in campus attitudes and conforming to those of other colleges? Hardly — that is, if we claim a Christian perspective.

What is determined by our attitudes that seems pertinent to Houghton's campus? Let us consider, briefly, three: criticism, cooperation and conduct. Just criticism, collectively and individually, is a means of focusing attention on specific needs. It discerns between good qualities as well as bad; virtues as well as faults. Criticism is neither identical nor similar to cynicism. One bears good intentions; the other exhibits a motivation of biased opinion. One is the result of careful consideration; the other is a product of shallow, unstable emotion, lacking acumen. One reveals fallacies; the other excites contempt.

That all criticism may be both constructive and destructive is infrequently realized. It may be a tool of progress that can sharpen toward perfection any system that allows it, or if used unjustly, can produce an immutable mar. Although the cant of criticism may be most tormenting at times, "rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee." The criterion of criticism's virtue, then, lies not in the person who presents it (as undiplomatic as he may be), nor in how it is presented (as tactless as that may be), but in the way in which it is received, evaluated, and applied toward some immediate or progressive improvement.

Attitudes also determine campus cooperation and conduct. Cooperation and unity reverse prejudiced individualism and its inevitable dissension. A watch may be impaired or even rendered useless if but one integral part tends to act contradictory to the purpose for which the whole was made. This proves true in life — the per cent of effectiveness in any campus group depends solely on the conduct of the individual; each must perform his particular function. What should this mean then, for a Christian campus in contrast to a non-Christian?

If we are to hold considerate attitudes, we must be concerned with that which determines them. Universally speaking, attitudes arise from the recognition of a need. But for the Christian campus an additional cause is brought into vivid focus — the need of God and the effect of Christ in our lives. With reference to Christian attitudes, an amalgamation of prayer, Scripture and the Holy Spirit molds in us the "mind of Christ." "Let this mind be in you," for it will ultimately determine our campus attitudes, which in turn determine the nature and extent of our criticisms, cooperation, and conduct. Unjust criticisms, uncooperativeness and questionable conduct do not point us Godward. Only the "mind of Christ" can yield maximum Christian potential on Houghton's campus.

— R. C.

For the past few weeks many of us have been following the Billy Graham meetings in London, England. Christians everywhere have been thrilled at the reports of radio broadcasts and newspaper coverage that the people of London are responding to the Gospel, and that our prayers are being answered. We at Houghton are privileged to have "on-the-spot" news of the campaign direct from our Dean, Robert O. Ferm, who is working with the Graham party in this gigantic mission.

The following excerpts from Dr. Ferm's letters to his wife give us his impressions of the city of London, the people, and the progress of the crusade.

March . . . I first knew I was in another world when I had to pay a half crown for a bus fare. The bus was on the left hand side of the street, traffic going like crazy, with these midget cars, motorcycles, and pony carts going every way . . .

The Harringway auditorium was filled to capacity. It is about like the municipal auditorium in Buffalo. Thousands were turned away, and today they have three identical services, which means that if they had room, more than 35,000 would be there to hear the Gospel . . .

March 14 . . . This is Sunday, and we have no crusade meeting; so . . . (we) went to Westminster Abbey for the morning worship . . . Going out, I stood before the plaque marking the burial place of John Wesley and read, "I look upon the whole world as my Parish," and "God buries his workers, but his work goes on." Except for D. L. Moody, Billy is the only other man in history to stir the English people in a way that compares with Wesley . . . Saturday completed the second week, and already they number some 4,000 who have made confession of their faith. Only God knows if this will compare with former revivals . . .

March 23 . . . Immediately after lunch I decided to take a bus to St. Albans. We (with others) were there about 3:00 and started a hurried tour of one of the oldest cities in Britain.

St. Albans Cathedral is a building of special interest. It is one of the largest churches in the world. Actually, it was built before the great age of cathedrals and lacks the delicate lines of some Gothic structures, but it has a majestic and solid look

Positions Accepted

Recently the Bureau of Appointments has aided several seniors in securing teaching positions for the coming year. Claire Wallace will be in charge of the second grade in New Hartford, New York. The Corfu New York high school will employ Ralph Frick to teach social studies. Thalia Lazarides has accepted the position of science teacher in the Nanuet, New York, junior high school, and Dorothy Beuter will serve as an English instructor in the Clymer, New York, high school.

— B. S.

Births

A son, Telfer Mark, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Telfer Preston on March 27. Mr. Preston, a sophomore at Houghton, serves as photo editor for the Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peterson of Kingston, N. Y., are the parents of a son, Daniel Mark, born March 23. Mr. Peterson is a 1953 graduate of Houghton College.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Woolsey are parents of a son born April 3. The Woolseys, missionaries to Africa, are presently on furlough in this country.

that could easily remind you of the Norman conquerors . . .

This church was the scene of one of the early persecutions (Diocletian, 285-305) and in the basement have been found the bones of early martyrs, with rusty chains still there. They must have been left there to die either by starvation or perhaps hanged with chains from the rafters . . .

At the close of the meeting tonight the total number of professions was 6,927. By tomorrow night this will exceed any previous campaign. It is even more wonderful when you realize that 72% have never made any kind of religious profession before. The rest seem to recall only very vaguely any religious experience . . . Roy and Dale (Rogers) were at the meeting tonight and were following in their Bibles and when the invitation was given, they prayed and praised the Lord.

This is the most wonderful manifestation of the power of the Gospel. There are no sceptics in the meetings. They simply can't exist under the force of the Word of God . . . There are no indifferent people. They make decisions . . .

—HC—

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. S. Hugh Paine of Chicago, Illinois, announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret E. ('53), to Mr. Vernon Swanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Swanson, also of Chicago. Miss Paine is attending Cook County Nursing School, Chicago. No date has been set for the wedding.

—HC—

Dr. Chen in U.S.A.

Dr. Chuan Chen of Taipei, Formosa, father of James Chen ('56), has recently come to America as an exchange doctor. Now in residency at Doctor's Hospital, Cleveland, he plans to remain in this country about two years. A son, Francis, is a senior in the premedical course at Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

James plans to return to Formosa after he completes his studies in this country "to serve my people," as he told the Fillmore Rotary Club, Monday evening.

—HC—

Town & Campus

Dr. Willard Smith has been elected president of the Fillmore Rotary Club for one year, beginning July 1, 1954. Besides serving as business manager of Houghton College, Dr. Smith is active in a number of other capacities, including the following positions: supervisor of the Town of Canadea; member of the board of directors of the State Bank of Fillmore; and chairman of the Supervisors' Committee on Civilian Defense for Allegany County.

Recent visitors to our campus included the following alumni and former students: Marshall Umlauf, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chapman, Hubert Jicha, Virgil Cruz, Barbara Jicha, Patricia Kern, Scott Webber, Janice White, and Joanne Bingham.

Friends of Frances Ellis entertained her at a shower Monday evening, March 29, at the inner reception room in Gaoyadeo Hall.

There have always been some people who for various reasons have failed to know who God is; hence, they must be separated from Him throughout eternity. Some choose not to know Him.

Before Christ came, many heard God's words from the lips of His prophets and portions of the Old Testament were available to them. Among those who heard but rejected the truth is Pharaoh, who refused to let the children of Israel leave Egypt, and because of this, hardened his own heart. Another example is the Israelites, who, in Moses' absence, made a god to worship, and murmured continuously, although they had everything that God could provide.

Some failed to know Jesus in His earthly life. There were the Scribes and Pharisees who kept the letter of the law, worshiping, fasting, and praying. However, their religion was only legal, and did not affect their inward lives. The rich young ruler sought eternal life. He qualified except for one condition which he considered too great. Consequently, he retained his possessions and forfeited his privilege of serving Jesus. Pilate almost recognized Jesus, but because of public persuasion he consented to His crucifixion.

When Christ came to the end of His earthly journey, He was misunderstood and almost unknown even to his closest friends. Peter, who promised never to forsake the Master, did exactly the opposite. Mary Magdalene, with tear-filled eyes, did not recognize Jesus at the tomb the morning of the resurrection.

Today half the world has the Gospel on the printed page. There are probably more true preachers of the Word than there have ever been before, but many men do not respond because they seek worldly success.

There are others who would know Jesus if they could, but they make up the half of the world who have never heard His Name. They still do not know that Jesus died that they might be redeemed from sin. If they are to hear, someone must tell them.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How, then, shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" (Rom. 10:13-15).

The great commission is so important that it is included near the end of each of the four gospels and at the beginning of Acts.

Are we so overpowered with the love of Jesus that we are compelled to tell others — that all may know our God?

— V. H.

See You There!

- Thursday, April 8
8:00 p. m. — Student Senate films, Chapel
- Friday, April 9
10:30 a. m. — Beginning of Spring Recess
- Sunday, April 18
Easter
- Tuesday, April 20
8:00 a. m. — Resumption of classes
- Wednesday, April 21
7:30 p. m. — Student Ministerial meeting.
Speaker, Rev. Edward Angell
- 8:30 p. m. — Survey of Music Literature
Mr. Basney's students
- Sunday, April 25
Home Concert — A Cappella Choir
- Monday, April 26
8:30 p. m. — Piano students of Mr. Basney
- Wednesday, April 28 — Sunday, May 2
Music Festival
- Friday, April 30
8:00 p. m. — Artist Series: Quartet Ensemble

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OBSERVATIONS from the lower region

(Editor's note: The author of this article prefers to remain anonymous for obvious reasons, not yet having possession of a signed diploma.)

From the exceptionally fine seats on the five-yard line in chapel which are assigned each year to the fortunate seniors, it has been noted that much may be observed in connection with the occupants of the seats on the platform. For instance, did you note the day when all the women on the faculty came to chapel wearing red? Or did you notice one morning when four gentlemen in the front row sat primly, with legs crossed left over right, swinging their feet in perfect rhythm and displaying four different shades of maroon socks, accented by ties also in four different shades of maroon?

Have you ever observed the intricate twisting of Dean Lynip's appendages around the legs of the chair on which he happens to be parked? His legs are either multi-double-jointed, or rubberized! And speaking of maroons, as I was a few paragraphs back, did you register the combination Mr. Hynes sported one day — that gorgeous red bow tie astride the collar of his maroon shirt?

Then too, there's that classic scarlet vest, which on occasion adorns Dr. Shea. It's deplorable that he isn't permitted to wear his matching plaid cap to chapel.

We would never insinuate that any of these distinguished persons would — how shall we say it — sleep (?) in chapel, but have you ever noticed the rhythmic nodding of Professor Fancher's head? Or have you seen the way Miss Burnell props her head cozily on Miss Blake's shoulder, while

resting her eyes?

One of the most difficult times in chapel seems to be the moments that come each day at the close of the hour. As the pianist beats out a steady 4-4 time, the faculty skip and hop (sedately) about, endeavoring to get the right foot forward at the right time. And as they leave, supposedly to file down the aisle two by two, it has often been the humble opinion of this student that it would be a commendable safety measure if someone were appointed to act as director of traffic at the base of the steps from the platform. One of these days there's going to be a serious collision!

Day after day we in the lower region sit facing those pedagogical stares, and day after day we sit and think. It's amazing where one's mind may wander when thinking in the face of such a situation. One morning as I raised my eyes from the cracks in the floor to the dignitaries on the dais, I was somewhat shocked to see before me a veritable zoo. I do not mean to infer that said dignitaries (in any other than vaguely) resemble any occupants of said institution, but at that moment there was no denying that I did perceive striking physical

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Seniors Presented In Joint Recitals

McINTOSH, BIRTWISTLE

A joint senior recital was presented in the chapel Monday, April 5, by David Birtwistle, violinist, and Duncan McIntosh, pianist.

The opening number, *Sonata, Op. 8, No. 1* by Grieg was performed by both artists.

Mr. McIntosh, a student of Mr. Alfred Kreckman, played *English Suite No. 3 in G minor* by Bach, *Night Winds, Op. 5, No. 3* by Griffes, *Seguidillas, Op. 232, No. 5*, *Albeniz, Sonetto 123 del Petrarca* by Liszt, and *Toccata* by Khachaturian.

Mr. Birtwistle, who is studying under Mr. John Andrews, performed "Lullaby on a Cobweb" by Keenan, "Dance For a Little Man with a Funny Hat," and "From San Domingo," by Benjamin, "Romance" by Wieniawski, and "Mazurka in G" by Mlynarski. He was accompanied by Frances Spink.

Both these students are studying for a Bachelor of Music degree in music education.

Following the recital a reception was held at the home of Mr. Andrews for the families of the performers and the professors.

HIRSCH, BERGEMAN

Vivian Hirsch, trumpet pupil of Jay Burchank, and Helen Bergeman, voice pupil of Gilbert Hynes, collaborated in a colorful recital Wednesday evening, April 7, in the college chapel.

Accompanied on the piano by Marilyn Canfield, Miss Hirsch presented the aria "If With All Your Hearts" from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*. She also played the *allegro, moderato, adagio, and rondo* movements from Ernest Willams' Second Concerto, and De Boeck's *Allegro*.

Miss Bergeman, soprano, accompanied by Doris Ulrich, sang "The Cry of Rachel," by Turner Salter; "Slumber Song," by Gretchaninoff; and "One Fine Day," from Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*. Nancy Smith assisted with a flute obligato as Helen sang "Lo! Here the Gentle Lark," by Sir Henry Bishop. Marion Johnson joined her in singing "Every Flower" from *Madame Butterfly*.

Miss Bergeman also presented a group of light classical solos, including "The Time for Making Songs Has Come," by James Rogers; "Down in the Forest," by Landon Ronald;

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Pranks

Houghton College has its pranks, too. It seems, however, that they don't go as far here as people do in other institutions.

For instance, there is one Richard Myers. Dick's ambition since transferring from Baylor has been to turn cartwheels in the library. Miss Carrier is not a gymnastics coach, so it was necessary for Dick to wait until our honored librarian left the main reading room. Then, with the grace of an engaged Gargantua, he realized his ambition to the bewilderment of the students. Tch, tch!

Then there are the four freshman boys from Philadelphia who, with great emotion and expression, gave the Maplecrest maidens two harmonious selections of "Goodnight, Irene" and "You Are My Sunshine" one night last week. John DeSanto, with his patented uke, Bert Newmann, Bob Schroth, and Gordy Jones are the culprits, girls. Gordy sings a mean tenor, we've heard.

Of course, there are the two girls who were locked in a room in the science building one night by two sophomore pranksters, and the piano that wouldn't play one night at dinner devotions. John Stewart, Jay Butler and Paul Beavers might know something about these tricks.

That faithful night watchman, Robert Fidler, reversed the prank of some fellows who climbed up to the tower of the Old Ad building one night: he locked the door which led to freedom!

Our professors likewise enjoy a joke once in a while, it seems. When Dr. Nelson entered the classroom to teach Tests and Measurements a few days ago, he discovered that practically all of the students were deeply engrossed in reading the *Star*. Without a word, he left the room, no doubt "feeling rejected," as one student commented. Some time later he returned with two copies of the *Star*, one of which he graciously offered to an unfortunate student who did not have one. Then, much to the students' delight, he sat at his desk and started reading the other copy.

When Dr. Woolsey's beginning French class entered the room the other day, they sobered at the sight of the pronunciation chart rolled down — a sure sign that a quiz was written on the blackboard under the chart. After a few minutes' drill on pronunciation, Dr. Woolsey announced, "And now for the quiz." He rolled up the chart to reveal what was written on the board — APRIL FOOL! Yes, it was the first day of April.

—HC—

Faculty Holds Second Dinner

"What an inspiring talk last night. I see that we are really doing something even if it doesn't always seem like it." Such was the comment of a faculty member on the address of President Paine at the second faculty dinner of the year, held in the college dining hall, Tuesday, March 30.

President Paine pointed out that the Christian college alone among institutions of higher learning has the unifying ideology that gives meaning to the individual subjects. He said that his contention was substantiated by the Harvard Report on higher education. Though the editors of that document acknowledged the unifying power of the Christian concept, they refused to accept it, the President observed; but, he added, could find no other to take its place.

Christian education, he pointed out, is seeing everything in relation to Christ, not simply a secular education in a Christian atmosphere.

Postal Peregrinations from behind the mailboxes

"All work and no play" would make our mailmen dull boys. There are two important diversions which liven up the daily tasks of the fellows in our mailroom. The first are the remarks heard outside the mailboxes and the queries directed to Dallas or "Johann." "Empty as usual," "I forgot to put a stamp on it," or "No package list up yet" are everyday occurrences. Students peer expectantly into their boxes for five minutes, then yell, "Are the D's out yet?" Conversations, arguments, and remarks in passing can be very educational for one who keeps his ears open to all sounds!

But the boys do not find this diversion half so entertaining or educational ("interesting" is too trite an adjective) as the second one. You see, the postman sees more than the name or box number on these envelopes. He doesn't poke around in the letters to be nosy, but can't help seeing things. Some of the notes are even meant for him!

To begin with, pen pals of Houghton students like to elaborate on the name of the addressee. Written missives have come to Gay Dish Baxter, Albert Einstein Ekar, Bluebeard Weiss, Ricky Meyers (% Parliament of Fools), Miss Clar-O-Hill-Billy Moschen, Bishop L. E. Tallman, Donna Jane Esmerelda Matilda Sir Louis, and Father Goodness Driscoll, Ph. D.

The last personage mentioned above has his mail sent to Houghton (Crazyland), New York, by a certain Brother Ecstasy. Robert A. Driscoll, Houghton's only opera lover, is informed, "No box seat deductions for groups — a friend from school wants to go along. They reduced number of standees at Opera House. Their antics were annoying to subscription members."

Bob's friend is not the only one whose correspondence spills out. These are comments to keep one completely up to date. A few might be: "Just as I was nearly entering the Land of Nod at 11:30 p.m., the fire siren

rang and we had a fire drill." "Gertrude's boss just called and said she will be able to work for a few weeks." "Enclosed find the promised allowance." "Find another stooge for me yet?" "Love to Al too!" "P. S. No more room inside. I love you muchly. Do you love me?" "How much is your board bill?" "Dave is still watching stamps." "Please send some nice perfume. I'm all out of it. Prince Match of Woodhue." "If you want, you can call me and we can talk it over, but not Saturday night in case someone is here."

And then there are the direct notes to the United States Postal Service such as: "Buffalo to Houghton via Pony Express." (Someone realized the seriousness of the mud situation). "Fragile — contains broken English." "Disastrously Pertinent — Please Rush." "If this letter doesn't reach this person within five days, please don't send it back, because, you see, I've read it!" And the not-too-original "Deliver De-letter, De-sooner De-better". Someone really got interested — "Please do not bend. Do you have any snapshots you can send me (of yourself)?"

Mottoes, codes, and sweet little nothings find themselves on the flaps, upper or lower corners of the envelopes. "Wie Gehts" and "Te Amo" are favorites. "Suzy Q, I love you" must be from a younger brother or sister. "Whole wampum forever" from the younger set, too. The classical SWAK is found regularly on some letters . . .

There are folks who make sure the receiver does justice to his bit of writing. "To open, chew along dotted line", is a gentle hint. "For best results, open before reading" credits the average college student with no intelligence whatsoever.

My! Are your faces red! One discriminating factor might be added. None of the above mentioned messagettes were found on letters to the faculty members. All complaints may be filed with Dallas Decker, John Venlet, Bob Veitch, or Doug Kingdon. They are the guys who had the idea. For two weeks they have paid careful attention to all incoming mail, and if your letter to the folks back home happened to slip out of the bag, your postscripts were added to the collection. "Ideas have consequences," and since I was responsible for the consequences, I am deeply grateful to them for their cooperation.

— P. T.

F.M.F. Elects New Cabinet

Donald Rhine was elected president of the Foreign Missions Fellowship for 1954-55. Other officers elected are: vice-president, Ronald Miller; treasurer, Benjamin Saoshiro; secretary, Ruthella Coile; filing secretary, Betty Jane Sadler; prayer group chairman, Roger Rider; radio manager, James Ridgway; Inasmuch secretary, Lois Burls; bulletin board manager, Mary Fowler; advertising manager, John Tsutada. Dr. Claude Ries was elected adviser for the group.

May 12, in connection with the Pre-Med club, the F.M.F. will sponsor a banquet for its members.

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Ulrich Breaks Two Records

Purple men won a very close swimming meet, 32-30, on Wednesday, March 31. Ron Ulrich set two new records. Last year Ron equaled R. Morgan's 90-yard time of 50 seconds. This year he swam it in 48.4. Morgan held the 450-yard free-style record at 6 min. 15.3 sec.; Ron swam the 30 lengths of the pool in 5 min. 47.2 sec., bettering Morgan's time by almost half a minute.

Bob Thompson and Bernie McClure each took first place in two events, and Chuck Paine took first in one event. The Purple team of Thompson, Boronow and Ulrich swam the medley relay in 1:24.1, which was one-half second from the time on the record board.

The girls' Purple-Gold swimming meet was won by Gold. Nancy Brink took two first places and won the only letter awarded to the girls. She and Martha Miller both showed fine improvement over the class meet. Janet Lidstone and Dottie Cushman also swam.

Ron Ulrich, Bob Thompson, Chuck Paine, and Bernie McClure were awarded letters. — A. B.

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Extension Group

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ence.

The members of the group — Shirley Spear, Rachel Frase, Gail Conrad, June Stevenson, and Ronald Miller — have the desire "to represent the Lord and Houghton College" in the churches they visit.

They will be traveling through Ontario and Quebec, holding a total of thirteen services.

The itinerary includes the following services:

April 9, Friday — Wesleyan Methodist Church, Toronto, Ontario

April 10, Saturday — Youth for Christ Rally, Belleville, Ontario

April 11, Sunday — Wesleyan Methodist Church, Belleville, Ontario

April 11, Sunday — Wesleyan Methodist Church, Brockville, Ont.

April 12, Monday — Wesleyan Methodist Church, Cornwall, Ont.

April 13, Tuesday — Wesleyan Methodist Church, Newington, Ont.

April 14, Wednesday — Inkerman, Ontario

April 15, Thursday — Wesleyan Methodist Church, Winchester, Ont.

April 16, Friday — Wesleyan Methodist Church, Waltham, Quebec

April 17, Saturday — Wesleyan Methodist Church, Cambell's Bay, Quebec

April 18, Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, Christian Men of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario

April 18, Sunday a. m. — Wesleyan Methodist Church, Shawville, Quebec

April 18, Sunday p. m. — Wesleyan Methodist Church, Ottawa, Ontario

— V. A.

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Recital

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and "The Answer," by Robert H. Terry.

Miss Hirsch, a senior, will receive her B. Mus. degree in music education, while Miss Bergeman, also a senior, will receive her B. Mus. degree in voice.

REWARD OFFERED

The Houghton College mantle, composed of the colors of the graduating classes from 1925 to 1952, has been missing since 1952. Anyone knowing the whereabouts, please contact:

Box 67, Houghton College
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Seniors Lead Girls' Volleyball

As of Monday, April 5, the senior girls' volleyball team was leading in the class competition, ahead of the juniors and high school, who are tied for second place.

Games and Scores:

W	L	1st	2nd	3rd
H. S. vs. Fr.	15-9	15-11		
Sr. vs. Fr.	17-15	15-9		
Jr. vs. So.	15-4	15-8		
Sr. vs. H. S.	15-8	15-13		
So. vs. Fr.	14-16	15-10	15-12	
Jr. vs. Fr.	14-16	15-4	15-11	
Sr. vs. So.	15-4	15-7		
H. S. vs. Jr.	15-0	15-0		
Sr. vs. Jr.	15-11	11-15	15-6	

Standings

Team	Won	Lost
Seniors	4	0
Juniors	2	2
High School	2	1
Sophmores	1	2
Freshmen	0	4

—HC—

Indian Student Visits Houghton

Among the visitors on our campus this week was a forlorn student from India. Chandrakant Leonard Manilal Gamadia was formerly a member of the Wesleyan Methodist mission, where his father was the schoolmaster of the station at Parki. He came to the United States in February to do graduate work at Case Institute of Technology.

While on campus, Mr. Gamadia spoke to Miss Fancher's history of education class Tuesday morning.

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Debators at Dartmouth

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and to observe contestants in a skiing contest Saturday afternoon.

The debates were characterized by an adherence to the main issues, Lea commented. There was no filibustering or hedging over definitions to sidetrack the issue. Dick mentioned that the eloquence and evidence of the participating teams was remarkable.

The first weekend after vacation, April 24-25, the team will travel to Carnegie Tech for a tournament of schools of the eastern Ohio and Pittsburgh areas. Tentative in the schedule is the Kings Point Merchant Marine Tournament which will bring such teams as Princeton and Penn State into competition. If Houghton is unable to make that tournament, a contest at State Teachers College at Oswego will pit our debators against such teams as Syracuse and Cornell and teams of eastern New York.

— D. C.

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Roeske, Mein Capture Top Honors In Season Badminton Contests

William Roeske and Lillian "Squirt" Mein are Houghton's badminton champions. Thursday, March 25, Bill defeated Gordon Beck for the boy's diadem and "Squirt" subdued Marian Weiss.

Bill beat Gordy two games to one—11-15, 15-11, 15-6. The two other players to reach the semi-finals were George Pattington, whom Gordy Beck eliminated, and John Kotmel, who was beaten by Bill Roeske.

"Squirt" beat Marian Weiss in two straight games, 11-3, 11-7. Betty Worster and Virginia Hall entered the semi-finals, only to be beaten by "Squirt" and Marian Weiss respectively.

Since a total of twenty-four boys and seventeen girls participated, the tournament took two weeks for completion. — J. R.

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Observations

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resemblances!

There I beheld, sitting with poise and intelligent decorum, listening attentively to the speaker of the morning, an array of creatures such as never before to my knowledge had ever been assembled. I distinctly saw a bear calmly seated by a rabbit. Not far away were a lizard, a gazelle, a beagle hound and an owl. I saw a duck, a horse, a kangaroo and a giraffe. Across the way sat a llama and a mouse smiling quaintly in the general direction of the speaker. I also saw a camel, two little birds, a chicken hawk, and a frog.

It took me a few moments following the initial surprise to compose my thoughts. After blinking rapidly, and shaking my head vigorously, I found the illusion less forceful, and with only minor apprehension I was again able to rivet my attention on the speaker.

Many times since this first mirage I have been highly amused by the striking resemblances to the animal kingdom to be found among the faculty. I must admit, however, that I have never seen a more amiable bear, nor a more intelligent lizard, a more genial giraffe, nor in general a more admirable and delightful society anywhere.

Incidentally, I wonder what the lower region looks like from the dais!

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Senior Men Place First In Volleyball Contest

Just to keep limber between seasons, Houghton athletes of all sizes and shapes turn their talents to class volleyball. The mighty Seniors again hold an overpowering hand on the ball, now leading the league with four wins and no losses. In second place come the Sophs with only one loss.

In a title game Tuesday afternoon, the Seniors clinched first place by downing the Junior team. This puts the Juniors into a battle for the cellar with the high school team. The only teams that haven't played opposite each other are the Sophs and Frosh and, in as much as the title has been decided, they will probably not play this game. The single wins of the Junior and Prep teams were from the Freshman and Junior teams respectively.

STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost
Seniors	4	0
Sophmores	2	1
Freshmen	1	2
Juniors	1	3
High School	1	3

—HC—

Blood Donated To Red Cross

The students and townspeople of Houghton donated 50 pints of blood to the Red Cross this week. Another 15 persons offered to donate blood, but had to be rejected.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile unit from Rochester visited the campus on Monday, April 5. Members of the Pre-Med club, the APO, and the Anna Houghton Daughters assisted the Red Cross workers.

Last spring, our community donated 126 pints, and topped the goal of 100 pints for the first time. This year, we only realized half of our goal.

The blood will be used mainly for the needs of the Rochester area. — A. B.

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Talent Review

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to obtain the part of his prize, which is two dinners at McCarty's Dairy Bar. While he's relaxing after his dinner, he can enjoy his other award, the book, *Peace With God*, which was presented to him by the Word Bearer Press. Perhaps he will share the dinners with his sister Alice who accompanied him as he played "Hot Canary" on his violin. — C. M.

Athletic Field Nearly Ready For Partial Use

"Barring some catastrophe, a jumping pit will be finished in time for the Track and Field Day this spring," Mr. Willard Smith, business manager of the college, stated concerning the Alumni Field. As soon as weather permits, work will go forward on the field. Two tons of fertilizer will be applied. The track will be completely graveled, and then cinders will be put on one inch at a time, and each layer rolled in order to help pack the cinders down.

When the project began, the estimated cost was \$15,000. Already \$17,801 has been spent on the field. The contributions have only totaled to \$15,424, leaving a \$2,377 deficit. It is estimated that \$5,000 more will be needed to finish the track and field complete with backstop and baseball bleachers.

The backstop and the permanent bleachers, seating 350, at the north end, will be used for baseball games. It is hoped that the baseball field can be used this spring.

Sometime in the future it is hoped that permanent bleachers, seating 1000, will be built on the west side of the field for football and track spectators. A section built under the bleachers will contain locker and rest rooms.

The construction of the new athletic field was officially inaugurated as an alumni project at the alumni banquet in Houghton in June of 1948. Since the work was progressing so slowly because of lack of funds, the development committee decided in 1953 that all general development funds that weren't specified for another project could be used to finish the field.

— M. M.

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