

Proposal for the Elimination of Spring Vacation Is Still in Hypothetical Stage

Students Favor Short Semester

Despite all rumors to the contrary, absolutely nothing has been decided upon the proposal to cut out spring vacation here at Houghton and thus shorten the semester, nor will anything definite be known on this matter until after a board meeting of the representatives of colleges and universities in New York State, tentatively set for January 19th in Albany. Of course there is a fairly strong possibility that such a move will be taken as in a number of institutions elsewhere, but it is by no means certain.

The proposal to cut out spring vacation is for the purpose of allowing fellows a longer time for working at defense jobs during the summer and also for permitting many of them to enter that particular branch of the armed forces in which they desire to fight—which in some cases would not be possible if the semester were to last, as originally scheduled, until June 8th.

The adoption of this proposal in other schools has also meant the inclusion of a full summer schedule to permit juniors to graduate in the following October, and other students over a longer period to get their degree after three instead of the customary four years. It is a matter of conjecture, however, whether this summer schedule would also be included here at Houghton in the event that the spring semester is shortened.

Student opinion, as a representative survey taken by the *Star* this week indicates, is decidedly in favor of this proposition. Better than three out of every four students welcomed the plan. The only doubt about the question was whether such a prolonged period of study as this plan would necessitate would be too great a mental strain on the individual student. Gordon Wilson, a freshman from Portsmouth, N. H. gave a typical answer—"I am in favor of the elimination of spring vacation because it may, in a small degree at

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College Digging Needed Well Near York House

At a meeting called last Monday afternoon to determine the location for a well to meet the pressing need of a greater water supply for Houghton, it was decided to drill a well immediately near the York house. At the conference were Richard Gorman of Hornell, district sanitary engineer of the state health department, Mr. Charles Elmendorf of the William Lozier Engineering Firm of Rochester, Mr. Howard Cranston of Henry H. Cranston and Son, Drilling Contractors of Fredonia, and Houghton representatives.

This well, which will probably have been drilled by the time the *Star* comes out, will not be fully completed until later in the year since the contractors are in demand for many other wells in this area. What is done, though, should be sufficient to meet the present shortage. When finished, the well will be a double cased, gravel packed, electrically driven turbine arrangement, yielding a supply of 100-150 gallons per minute.

Juniors Defeat Frosh To Take Debate Series

The junior class debate team, composed of Warren Woolsey and Robert Fredenburg, won the inter-class forensic series for the third year in a row yesterday when they defeated the freshman team of Edwin Mehne and Charles Ritenburg. The winning team debated the affirmative side of the question, "resolved: that the present regents system should be abolished." Their main contention was that the present regents system failed to prepare students for life in a democracy.

In presenting their case the juniors employed a novel device in debating technique at Houghton in using two charts to help establish a few of their points. Both juniors and frosh had previously won in class forensic engagements, the former having conquered the seniors and the latter, the sophomores.

Debaters to Have More Tournaments

With a pre-season tourney triumph to their credit, Houghton's debaters are now preparing for an extensive program during the second semester. The policy to be followed this year is to accept more tournament bids. To facilitate this plan, there will be fewer dual debates with neighboring colleges. Tournaments to which Houghton has received invitations include the Shippensburg tournament, the Manchester-Huntington affair at Indiana, the Slippery Rock tournament, Grove City, Penn State's annual feature, and the Strawberry Leaf tournament sponsored by Winthrop College at Rock Hill, South Carolina.

February 14 is the tentative date for Houghton's next tournament, the Shippensburg affair. This tournament is conducted in the Oregon style of debating and has always proved to be one of the debaters' favorite trips. Houghton's debaters will be defending champions, for last year they lost only one debate, tying Penn State for first place.

Not since the days of DeRight, Sheffer, Albany, and Nussey has Houghton participated in the Manchester-Huntington tournament held at Huntington, Indiana, on February 27 and 28. This is one of the largest tournaments of the year, with six rounds of debating. Houghton's acceptance to this tournament greatly depends upon its showing at the Shippensburg tournament.

The Slippery Rock tournament, scheduled for March 7, will undoubtedly find Houghton on hand. The debaters have always placed high at this tournament, winning it several times. Last year's team finished in a three-way tie for second place while Slippery Rock grabbed first place.

One week after the Slippery Rock gathering, Grove City College is holding its second annual tournament. Houghton did not attend the inaugural tournament last year, but this year the debaters are anxious to see if they can cop the bunting.

Penn State, always one of Houghton's

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Election Returns . . .

The W. Y. P. S. cabinet wishes to announce that Harvey Yount, a freshman from Nu Mine, Pa., was the winner of the election last Tuesday night for the position of vice-president of the W. Y. P. S. left vacant by the entrance of George Kilpatrick into the army during the Christmas vacation. Mr. Yount will deliver the message at the young people's meeting Sunday evening, his first night in office. Both cabinet and students alike wish to express their appreciation for Mr. Kilpatrick's faithful service in this capacity and trust that with God's help the new vice-president will do equally as well.

'Dr.' Miller, Bible Instructor, Dies

Wrote a Number Of Commentaries

Herbert Sumner Miller, noted Bible teacher, writer, and evangelist, who was particularly known locally through his work with the Word-Bearer Press, died at his home on January 5th after a prolonged illness. Among the works of his pen, the book, *Biblical Introduction*, is no doubt the most familiar to Houghton students. As a teacher, "Doctor" Miller, as the students were prone to call him, spent thirteen years as Professor of New Testament Languages, History, and Interpretation in the National Bible Institute; twelve years in the Practical Bible Training School in Binghamton; and two years as Professor of New Testament Languages, History, and Interpretation at Fort Wayne Bible Institute.

Mr. Miller was born May 30, 1867, in Avon, New York, receiving his early education in various public schools. The first two years of high school studies were completed at Avon, but since he could not obtain Greek there, he went to Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, Lima, N. Y., where he was graduated as salutatorian of his class in 1888.

He entered Syracuse University in the fall of 1888 and completed the classical course there, graduating in 1892 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and in 1895 with the degree of Master of Arts. In 1897 he married Miss Alice Belles, an efficient Christian worker and Bible student who assisted him until her death in 1929. Soon after his marriage he was ordained to the gospel ministry in Rochester at the Faith Mission there.

After graduation, Prof. Miller gave himself faithfully to the work of the church in evangelistic services and Bible conferences. His principal field of labor, however, was teaching. In all his work he rendered a most devoted and efficient service in the preparation of young men and women for ministerial and missionary service. He has written a number of books, outstanding among which are *Ephesians* and *The Tabernacle*.

The funeral service was conducted

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First Lieut. Julius Fox, of the Aviation Cadet Examining Board, Buffalo, N. Y., will visit Houghton next Friday, to see students interested in the Aviation Cadet Corps.

Julian Huxley Lectures on Democratic Transformation

'Star' Reporter Quizzes J. Huxley on Way Here

By THOMAS GROOME

In his usual grave, albeit friendly, manner, Dr. Julian Huxley gave some of his own candid opinions on the present international war during our ride down from Rochester last Friday afternoon. "The war will not last more than two years," was one of the first of his comments, "for the simple reason that the people of the belligerent nations cannot possibly endure the stress and strain, both nervous and physical, any longer than that."

In the opinion of the world-famous lecturer, the American people are going to encounter considerable difficulty in adapting themselves to the Spartan way of life that the increase in rationing will demand. In contrast to this the fact was cited that the English people are amazingly "calm, cool, and collected, at all times, adopting an almost phlegmatic attitude. They have learned to live and enjoy life even though they are provided with but the bare necessities of existence."

Dr. Huxley, who crossed the Atlantic in a convoy, told of a narrow escape on the way over in which an Axis submarine attacked his ship. Fortunately the torpedo missed, and the marauder was repelled. When quizzed as to his means of return to England, he replied with a twinkle in his eyes, "Well, I intended to fly back by bomber, but they are all going to Malaya now, so I don't know how I shall return."

Since his arrival in this country in December, Dr. Huxley has divided his time between New York and Washington. His present lecture tour which he expects to terminate with an appearance on the program, *Information Please*, will continue until February.

Student Council Plans Benefit for Red Cross

As a consequence of our unwilling entrance into the present world conflagration, every warm-blooded American is eager to do his bit to aid in the defense of our precious heritage. The students of Houghton College being no exception, the Student Council has been swamped with suggestions for cooperation from the student body.

The council, after lengthy consideration, has decided upon a plan which it deems as the most practicable and feasible. This plan, that of a refugee dinner, would simply mean that the students would forego the usual pleasure of a Friday night repast and partake of the same fare as a refugee might. The money thus saved, would be contributed to the American Red Cross.

The Student Council urges the students to consider the matter carefully before the next student body meeting. Remember, students, we will be doing a service to humanity as well as to our country.

The editor wishes to announce that there will be no *Star* next week because of final examinations.

Opines on War And Peace Aims

Dr. Julian Huxley, distinguished British scientist and social philosopher, delivered a lecture on the subject "Democracy Marches" in the chapel, Friday evening, January 9. Commander Donald B. MacMillan, who was scheduled to speak on that date, was called into full time service of the United States Navy.

Dr. Huxley, who comes from a family of distinguished writers and scientists, has written a number of books and done scientific research in England and America. In introducing his subject, he pointed out the importance of thinking now about future peace—our peace aims will not only be of value later on but right now they help to win the war. These aims must be practical and inspiring.

The speaker asserted that the current war is only a symptom of a major crisis—a transformation that is occurring, which will change competitive individualism into a more unified society. He illustrated by describing changes which the war has brought in his native country, England—changes in classes of society, in diet and domestic habits, in agriculture, service organizations, etc.

Dr. Huxley continued by enumerating the principles behind democratic cooperative transformation. People must be the yardstick of changes. A change is measured by whether or not it increases opportunities that make life worth living for the individual. The changes must be extended to the whole world; cooperative internationalism must replace nationalism. There must be a development of backward areas. The speaker expressed the hope that England and America would collaborate to maintain the ideals being fought for.

To suggest some peace aims, Dr. Huxley mentioned a "people's charter of welfare," which would be a birthright guaranteeing health, economic security, education, freedom to every individual, to be backed by the state. A "world conference for peaceful change" held periodically, where people could be guaranteed settlement for their grievances, a world economically and politically united, and doing away with imperialism were mentioned. Contented people are not driven to war.

Art Department Makes Picture Filing Cabinet

The art department and the library are cooperating to form a picture file which should eventually prove useful to the entire school, particularly to practice teachers who wish to illustrate various topics in class. The filing cabinet is now in the art studio, and a good deal of the actual material has already been gathered. The library plans to contribute duplicates of such magazines as the *National Geographic*, which will furnish much of the material. It now remains for the pictures to be organized under general headings and a card index made to assist in locating the material. It is hoped that in a few months, this new reference aid will be available to all students.

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Demand for Christian Living

One does not have to be on a college campus very long before a fairly accurate estimate of the seriousness of the students is determined. The indifferent attitude, portrayed by the scuffling gait, the slouchy posture and the unkempt hair, is no longer characteristic of the college bred youth, raised on his father's dough. But participation, by choice, in the cultural program the college affords speaks loudly of the dominant desire to prepare for life's ultimate demands.

And what demands are to be made! To him who has woven into the warp and woof of his personality those qualities that permit him to meet the emergencies of life with calm and grim determination, to him will come opportunities for service where decisions are to be made with haste, yet with consideration. The cultivation of the ability to think straight and to think constructively will be the supreme demand in the immediate future, as this "war of nerves" is brought closer and closer to our shores.

The Christian college, however, provides a further opportunity for training for life by offering advantages for the development of character. To witness the attention given a chapel speaker presenting the claims of the Galilean teacher is to conclude that there exists a sincere desire to know, for one's self, the most vulnerable points in character building and to strengthen them. In the service in the college church, likewise, a serious devotion in worship speaks inspiringly of a consciousness of the values of truth and of a spirit-directed life.

In a nation at war, with a call to serious, prayerful living, no greater demand will be made than that upon character and Christ-centered living. To avail one's self of the opportunities afforded for the development of this all-essential phase of one's life is to prepare, most consistently, for humble service to God and fellow men. One such opportunity will soon be upon us. Shall we not enter, one hundred per-cent, into this conquest for God, and carefully, with seriousness, analyze the claims of Him who is "the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE?" Dr. George W. Moreland

Modern Design — in Attitudes

The problems of life, like the poor, we have always with us. The problems of the present tend to appear more perplexing and confusing than those of the past or those imagined ones of the future. In a world at war, the difficulties multiply over night. They reach strange, new proportions. Wherein lies the responsibility of the college student in relation to these problems?

For men who, under the act of Congress, are called into the armed forces the path is clear. But what remains for us whose way is not dictated by the government? Oh, yes, we will take Red Cross nursing courses; we will train for Home Defense; we will be blackout wardens; we will write the boys; we will, indirectly, bear the financial burden. Action we will find, but what of our attitudes? We, who hope to run the world in a few years must guard lest the present chaos distort our philosophy, attitudes, and ideals. What we shall become as a result of today's problems may well be indicated by our answers to the following questions.

Will we allow the sharp reality of broken plans destroy our faith in our ability to have realized our dreams? Will we lose the courage to carry on life's regular duties amidst the noise of the tumult? In our burst of patriotism will we overlook our nation's faults? Will we in the enthusiasm of war endeavor, forget the terribleness of the conflict? Will our philosophy of life become pessimistic, cynical, because of the evils we see? Will we allow our unique individuality to become standardized by the regimentation of war?

If we allow war to warp our attitudes, we shall fail as citizens of a post-war world. From our distorted thinking will come a distorted peace treaty. From our misshapen minds will grow misshapen lives. —L. B.

Letters to the Editor

Increase in Board . . .

When the current copy of the college catalog was issued it was felt advisable to insert a notice reserving to the college the right to raise the price of board during the school year should this be made necessary by rising food costs. Early in the first semester the Local Advisory Board again considered the question whether the price of board at the college dining hall should be raised.

It was decided not to increase at that time the regular price of \$75.00 per semester but to endeavor through careful planning and economy to avoid any increase as long as possible. Many other institutions raised the cost of board very considerably at the beginning of the school year.

A careful study of costs thus far during the semester makes it quite clear that beginning with next semester it will be necessary to make a small increase in the price of \$75.00 per semester. The Local Board of Managers has consequently voted to recommend to the Trustees an increase of \$10.00 per semester. There will also be a slight corresponding modification of the price of single meals to be announced later.

This increase has been kept as small as possible. With the cooperation of the student body in the matter of food economy we hope no further increases will be necessary.

Stephen W. Paine

Boulder Deadline . . .

To the Student Body:

There have been many rumors and stories circulating about the campus concerning the publication of the '42 *Boulder*. We desire to give you some definite facts having to do with the business angle of production.

First of all, it is necessary that all subscriptions shall be in by February 1, 1942. The reason for this action is that we might know the extent of our circulation and thus budget production costs accordingly.

Our printer, engraver, photographer and cover manufacturer have urged upon us the need of early production in order to insure production. Last week the Editor received a letter from our Photographer, The Zamsky Studios, which has emphasized our plea.

We quote directly from their letter: "I have your letter of December 26th regarding dates for the completion of your work. I need not tell you at this time, Don, that the matter of yearbook production is in a very precarious situation. It is entirely possible that the Graphic Arts may be ordered to cease yearbook production for conservation of vital material and with this in mind, it is my advice to you that when the operator returns to your campus that you endeavor to get all of your work completed on this trip and get your

work in to the engraver and printer as early as possible. With the restrictions and prohibitions that are coming through from day to day, it is going to make it increasingly difficult for us to render the service that we should like to render. Just how long we are going to be able to continue to travel without being able to purchase tires and automotive equipment is anyone's guess, and if it means sacrificing a few pictures I would suggest that you get your year book on the press at the earliest possible moment."

Congress is at the present time working on a sales tax bill in which 3% tax will be imposed on all sales. This will raise the price of the *Boulder* if you do not order immediately. Thus far we have been able to keep prices down by signing contracts early and getting engraving copy in for discounts. This saving on our part keeps the price of each subscription down at the present time to \$2.50. We can make no further guarantee as to the price of subscriptions.

On this basis we ask you for your subscription by February 1, 1942 in order that we may cooperate with our producers in every way possible. This year we can not run the risk of gambling on production. We must know the financial facts very soon.

Most sincerely,
John Merzig
Business Manager

Ski Suit Rule . . .

To whom it may concern:

The recent ruling from the office of the Dean of Women approaches the absurd. Behind such a rule must be the belief that girls should refrain from wearing mannish clothes. It is pertinent to point out that snow suits are designed for girls and worn exclusively by girls. Consequently, they cannot be called mannish.

The college handbook says: "The policy of the school is to encourage simplicity and modesty of dress." Snow suits carry out this idea better than do skirts. With the prevailing weather conditions in the chapel, the class rooms, and outside at Houghton College, this attire is the obvious solution.

Drawing a comparison from our sister college Greenville, located in a similar climate, the girls are allowed to dress sensibly and wear snow suits.

The recent wearing of snow suits lasted only during the extreme weather. On Monday, when the ruling appeared, there were none worn as the temperature had risen. Girls of college age possess sufficient intelligence to gage their dress by the temperature and do not need an administrative decree.

Sincerely yours,
Paul Stewart

Marjorie Updyke, '39, Marries Gerald Beach

Gerald Beach, '39, and Marjorie Updyke, '39, were married in the West Clarksville Baptist Church on December 27, 1941 at 2 p.m., following which they spent a week on their honeymoon in Washington, D. C. "Gerry" was well-known as Print Shop Manager during the year '39-'40, while "Marge" was also popular, serving as dorm president in her senior year. At present, Mr. Beach is working in Olean as a draftsman for Clark Brothers. Mrs. Beach expects to finish out her year as a teacher in the Rushford Central School before taking up the "full-time" job of housekeeping in Olean.

Considerable interest has been raised on the campus by the announcement that a nursing course will

be offered in Houghton for next semester. It is expected that there will be an afternoon class for students four days a week for six weeks taught by the county nurse, and a similar arrangement at night for faculty and townspeople. Classes are expected to be filled to capacity at each session.

The *Boulder* will announce the winner of its photography contest on January 29th in the next *Star*. The choice will be based on the best three pictures presented by each person. Judges in this contest are Prof. Willard G. Smith, faculty advisor for the year-book; Allen Smith, photography director; Donald Pratt, editor; and John Merzig, business manager.

The college quartet traveled to Buffalo last Tuesday night to assist Prof. Claude A. Ries at a father and son banquet held in the United Brethren Church of the city.

Want Ads



By "BEEPS"

I was talking to Beeps the other day and was glad to get back up here in this forsaken sagebrush sanctuary that sees two seasons—January and Saturday night.

"Yep," Beeps told me, "Houghton—thou fair land of wearisome whacks . . . waterless baths . . . 'you-must-sit-in-yer-own-place' dining room arrangements . . . alleged meals . . . Friday nights, or some other reasonable facsimile for a good time . . . and back to nature at 15 below." He honestly thought he was somewhere else . . . saw a girl or five in slacks . . . just like college.

And as the little gent wriggled his peanut-shaped head bewilderedly from below a pile of dissipated tinsel and shattered Christmas tree ornaments—he snuggled so snugly next to my ear that I knew anyone would have to love him in spite of his idle gossip.

Beeps made me feel as antiquated as Noah's hair tonic when he mentioned all of the 'third-finger-left-hand' recruits that the holidays precipitated—oh, well—Cicero grew old and wrote about it and they make innocent high-school kids take it. So I played a few measures of *Lohengrin* and woke up only to find Beeps bouncing madly up and down on my coat lapel—bravely broaching his boiling, bloody, breast with bombastic blows.

"What's hatchin', Beeps?"

And then a calm—something like the quiet after an Artist Series performer's refusal to play a *seventh* encore—permeated the little gent's being as he told me he was just acting like Barnett did when "Friedfelt" (sole survivor on the priorities list of Adam's Hats) wasn't home after he bummed all the way to New York to see her—soo—he went to see La Guardia, and when he picked himself up from the City Hall steps—he returned in so deep a remorse that the raucous starlings hung their heads in homage to a brave man!

All of a sudden Beeps shuddered so fiercely that his teeth played "Yankee Doodle" on his wind pipe. After hiding under a lock of nomadic hair, he coyly erected himself and told me he had just seen a horrible beard walking off with Harry Walker—and he thought Frank Buck had cooped them all up!

Beeps told me he was standing at a prominent point on the North Carolina road map when Moon and Blackie idled past—headed for Florida. "Got as far as some place called Charlotte," Beeps said, "might know—it wouldn't take any more than a lady to make those two guys tarry." Guess Blackie had a glorified family reunion all the way down—Mullin also bummed.

Blackie's workin' on his travelogue, "Life on the Road" or "Chicken Crates vs. Pennsylvania Pullmen." Moon is publishing "How to Hop Rides and Discourage Motorists." Topic sentence says something about putting your best foot forward or—you bum while Blackie hides himself.

Beeps said he went into a lunch counter and said—

"Do you serve crabs here,"

"We serve anyone—sit down!"

And so—as Danner's advisors told him before his one date—"Keep a lip upper-stiff, you lucky people."

Here's a toast to the Japs: "Bottom's up," and one to Uncle Sam: "May we never know any difference between our country and others except the oceans that separate them!"—

Spiritual GLEANINGS

By BOB LONGACRE

Probably at few times in the history of the Christian church have men begun to realize the inherently revolutionary character of Christianity. A contemporary writer has observed that "the (ancient) world was not ready for the revolution in morals and social attitudes that Jesus advocated", and he may well have added "nor is the Church today." We have largely forgotten that strange utterance of Jesus, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth; I came not to send peace, but a sword" (Matt. 10:34), or that other word of His, "I am come to send fire on the earth" (Luke 11:49). Yet it was the Prince of Peace who spoke these words, for He realized that before any other peace could be established, the hearts of men must be set at peace with God. Evil, He saw, was deeply entrenched in the human soul, and not to be expelled without the most intense of struggles. Here then was the real battle-line; here was the true "war to end wars." The world-spirit of rebellion against its Creator must be replaced by the Christ-spirit; the Prince of this World must be overthrown. Whenever the Church forgets this and settles down on amicable terms with the world, it no longer has an excuse for existence. Ceaseless conflict, constant agitation, a joyful devotion of one's entire energies and resources to the supreme task—these constitute the true Christian heritage.

Such a conception of Christianity will save us from the mistake of relegating it to the margin of our lives. The kingdom of sin and darkness will suffer little damage from the man who regards Christianity as only the exercise of the religious side of his nature, and not as the center around which to organize one's personality. Certainly all the sides of man's nature should be developed, but this self-realization is not an end in itself. Indeed, to the Christian, even living is not an end, for it is not sufficient to live but we must live unto Him. Of course, if the gospel of Jesus Christ is not unique, if it is only a fabrication of the human mind in its groping toward God, it should remain marginal; in the words of Matthew Arnold we should then say that "the notion of a one thing needful, a one side in us to be made uppermost, the disregard of a full and harmonious development tells injuriously on our thinking and acting." If, however, the claims of Christ are legitimate, as most of us profess, His Living Personality must be made central in our lives. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and come, take up his cross, and follow me."

"Vast areas of the Christian world are inoculated with a mild form of Christianity, and the real thing seems impossible and strange. As one put it, 'Our churches are made up of people who would be equally shocked to see Christianity doubted or put into practice.'"

—E. Stanley Jones.

"Commissioned"

"Out from the realm of the glory-light
Into the far-away land of night;
Out of the bliss of worshipful song
Into the pain of hatred and wrong;
Out from the holy rapture above
Into the grief of rejected love;
Out from the life at the Father's side
Into the death of the crucified;
Out of high honor and into shame
The Master willingly, gladly came:
And now, since He may not suffer anew,
As the Father sent Him, so sendeth He you!"

Social Science Club Has Round-Table Discussion

In an attempt to define the adjustments necessary in the post-war days, the Social Science Club sponsored a round-table discussion, Monday night, on the topic "After War-What?" Led by Paul Stewart, Chairman, Mrs. Winona Cronk, Janice Crowley and Clinton Boone gave their ideas on what problems will face the world after the war.

Mrs. Cronk, presenting the intellectual and moral problems of a post-war world, emphasized the difficulties of the readjustments of populations and the necessity for building now a mental attitude toward democracy that will be ready to function in a post-war democracy.

"How we can reconcile the idea of the brotherhood of man to the war, I cannot say," declared Mrs. Cronk, "but, to men it seems the only attitude to take unless we give ourselves up to endless chaos."

The problems of women refusing to give up their jobs to the returning soldiers and of youth with uncompleted education returning from war formed the burden of Janice Crowley's message. Clinton Boone and Paul Stewart were alike in believing that a new era of technology might save the world from a post-war depression.

Dr. Moreland Preaches On 'God's Investment'

"God's Investment" was the topic of a talk given Sunday night by Dr. George E. Moreland who occupied the pulpit in the absence of the Rev. E. W. Black. "Man is more than a machine," he explained, "he is a living soul, a responsible being with an intellect." In discussing the value of man, Dr. Moreland showed how man's estimation of himself is sometimes not very high. God's investment in man, however, is one hundred per cent in that He gave His only begotten Son that man might be saved from sin.

In My Opinion . . .

Each year about this time the seniors start wondering what would be a good gift to offer to the school as a farewell present. The *Star* is also interested in this question, but not so much in order to help out the seniors but rather so as to determine what are the most pressing needs around the campus, the needs that ought to be met as soon as possible. Realizing that the students themselves are most aware of just what Houghton is short of, we have interviewed a number of them and now submit to you a representative group of answers received. Other answers that would be printed did space permit, vary from a large electric clock for the girl's dorm to automatic reversible spittoons (whatever they are).

What gift should the seniors present to the college this year?

Fred Hill, a junior from Cincinnati, N. Y.—"Offhand I'd say that the erection of a stone arch-way across the road coming up to the campus would be one of the most beautiful and enduring presents the seniors could give. I don't believe that a stone-laid arch-way would cost more than the senior class is accustomed to pay."

Doryce Armstrong, a sophomore from Houghton, N. Y.—"The seniors ought to furnish the school with a new supply of hymn books—especially for the benefit of those who sit in the rear of the chapel. At present even some of the students who are up front don't have a book to look on. It wouldn't be necessary to change the hymnal since the present

College Choir Has Extensive Schedule

The A Cappella Choir will be out singing on the average of twice a month for the rest of the year, according to a statement by Coach McNeese, choir manager. Many trips, he further explained, have been planned tentatively, but the only definite dates so far are January 18 and February 1.

On January 18 the choir will sing at the First Methodist Church in Canaseraga at 11:30 a. m., the First Presbyterian Church in Cohocton at 4:00 p. m., and climax a heavy day by singing in the First Methodist Church in Dansville at 7:30 p. m.

February 1, they will journey to Jamestown for a 3:00 p. m. concert at the First Presbyterian Church and to Fredonia's First Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m.

This schedule will carry the choir up to Revivals. The full schedule will be released later.

Debate Plans . . .

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ton's closest debate rivals, has extended an invitation to its annual tournament to be held sometime in March. Houghton's plans regarding this year's tournament are as yet very indefinite.

The climax of the season, if it is financially possible, will be the Strawberry Leaf tournament at Rock Hill, South Carolina, from April 8 to 11. Last year, conditions didn't permit the team to attend this gala affair, but the final decision will be governed by previous tournament showings and financial circumstances.

As an anti-climax, Houghton's debaters always attend the annual New York State debate conference and model legislature. This year's state legislature is to be held at Skidmore College at Saratoga, the last week in April. Houghton will be represented by four delegates to mark the completion of what should be a very successful year.

Rev. E. Black Resigns, Planning to Go South

Rev. E. W. Black, pastor of the college church, announced at the last quarterly meeting of the Houghton Church that he desired to go south next year because of his wife's poor health and thus would not be able to continue as pastor here. As a result, the pulpit supply committee, whose chairman is Dr. Paine, has suggested the selection of Rev. C. I. Armstrong, an evangelist whose home is in Houghton, to replace Rev. Black. Before this nomination becomes effective, it will need to be approved by Rev. Armstrong and the local church and then endorsed at the annual meeting of the Lockport Conference, to be held probably in May.

Houghton students have come to appreciate the extent of Rev. Black's labors in our midst and will regret his departure. We extend to him our best wishes for a prosperous future in the will of God.

Spring Vacation . . .

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least, help to speed up the defense program. It is my conviction that all true Americans should be willing to do all that they can for the democracy in which we live. While it is true that there will be considerable mental strain due to a prolonged period of study without vacation, I am sure that a few cuts wisely taken will provide recuperation for all in need."

Prof. Miller . . .

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by Prof. Claude Ries, assisted by the Rev. E. W. Black, on Wednesday, January 7th, at two p. m. Internment was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Houghton, New York. Prof. Miller is survived by four sons, two daughters, one sister, and nine grandchildren. His will made Houghton College the recipient of his property; Claude Ries, his library, and Elizabeth Eyler, the business of the Word-Bearer Press.

. . . Senior Gift?

near the steps leading downtown over to the Rec Hall. Although I have no idea just how much such an undertaking would cost, I'm sure it would beautify the campus quite a bit. Many campuses have shrubbery in that fashion, and we would do well to copy them."

Edythe Hinckley, a senior from Dunkirk, N. Y.—"I think the wisest thing the seniors could do in the way of a practical gift is to give the school enough money for the making of a good athletic field near the campus. At present due to the Luckey Memorial building, our ball-players have to travel to Fillmore for their games. A diamond close to the college would help a lot. Perhaps the amount of money the seniors would give would not be quite enough to provide fully for such a field, but at least it would be a big step in the right direction."

Harriet Kalla, a junior from East Aurora, N. Y.—"The first thing that comes into my mind along the line of a gift is two new microscopes for the botany or zoo labs. The things we're using right now don't serve the purpose at all. Such a gift would be beneficial to students for years to come."

John MacLachlan, a junior from West Pittston, Pa.—"It seems to me that the most practical gift the seniors could present to the school would be a contribution to the library in the form of certain books that are badly needed, especially in the social sciences. The present financial allotment to the library isn't adequate to keep the various sections up-to-date."

STRICTLY MUSICAL

By LEON GIBSON

The repercussions which war has made to be felt in every phase of life are well manifested in the many changes now crystallizing in the field of music. Forgetting for the time the possibility of the manifestation today of the false and pitifully infantine patriotism which marked the last world war with the banishment from performance of the works of German and Austrian composers, we do well to consider, both for interest and profit, the alterations which international strife are daily effecting in our own nation.

To be sure, many of the immediate effects of the world conflagration are transient and serve only for a temporary interest. For example, we hear of the laudable undertaking of the National Federation of Music clubs in providing army camps with musical instruments, record-players, and music, the effect of which in diversion and instruction to the trainees is incalculable. The Bundles for Britain project has also elicited its full cooperation in the form of hundreds of concerts throughout the nation, with the remuneration going to their cause. Then, too, a large number of European singers, whose services have been considered indispensable to the maintenance of the Metropolitan Opera Company's supremacy among opera houses, have been "unavoidably detained" on the continent, causing in this sophisticated musical establishment a hitherto unthought of transformation—a membership comprised mostly of American musicians. And far be it from me to refrain from recounting how the drive for complete patriotism has laid a heavy hand upon the Little Symphony Orchestra of Houghton College. In the true spirit of victory, the orchestra is to feature its long-delayed concert with the playing of the first movement of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, which, because of the rather curious code of the opening bars, has become an emblem of national triumph, though at the same time a token of defeat to the little group of aspiring musicians who are struggling to surmount the redoubtable barrier of three eighth notes determined not to be played as a triplet.

Of truly prime significance, and, we trust, of continuing benefit however, is the aim undertaken a little more than a year ago by the Music Educators National Conference, announced vibrantly now by the slogan, "American Unity Through Music"—"to generate and fortify unity in and among the Americas." Making due allowance for the fact that the true music of Latin America is practically unknown through the exploitation of the intriguing rhythms of Spanish-American music by tin-pan alley, without representing more than a few native South American composers, and that continental influence is almost impossible to discern, the M.E.N.C. has selected a committee to advise upon the selection of representative Latin-American music for educational purposes in our own country to foster an accurate appreciation of South America's musical genius. American music is not to be made the medium of education in the Latin countries so much as their music is to be taught and interpreted among us. Thus, in making America sympathetic with the true character of South America's art, the M.E.N.C., eagerly awaiting the 1942 March-April Biennial in Milwaukee, hopes that a true and lasting understanding and unity shall be developed "in and among the Americas."



By DAVE PAINE

After asking six sports-minded students to take over for this week the task of answering "City Editor," Oehrig's plea for "something in the way of a sports column," I have finally resigned myself and you, dear reader, to the inevitable.

It happened! The big "maroon wave," riding on the momentum of a seven game winning streak, and after flirting with disaster for three games, was spilled from the ranks of the undefeated by a scrappy underdog frosh outfit. To explain satisfactorily this startling upset would be a difficult task. We think perhaps the junior fellows, too used to the winning habit, under-rated their yearling foes in starting the game with their reserve material on the floor. As for the frosh, perhaps the loss of their captain and scoring ace, Harry Walker, did something to wake them up and make them a bit more determined. Remember, too, that the underdog always has a psychological advantage—everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Joe Louis, in making his 20th title defense, lived up to all expectations in putting away Buddy Baer in 2:56 of the first round last Friday night in Madison Square Garden. Baer stood 6 ft. 7 in. and tipped the beam at 250 pounds, but this "Brown Bomber" has a way of whittling them all down to his size.

Joe's entire cut of the receipts was donated to the U. S. Navy, along with part of Baer's. In this magnificent patriotic gesture, Joe showed himself the really great champion that he is. It's not every title-holder that will risk his laurels and ask nothing in return. Joe now wants to meet Billy Conn in a return bout and give his cut to some other cause. This would be an even greater gesture, for it promises to bring a million dollar gate.

Recently there has been an undercover investigation of the possibility of constructing an ice-skating rink in the vicinity of the campus for student use. In former years, this project has been undertaken by the student council at different times, with the theoretical cooperation of the student body in the actual work involved. Each time the project has fizzled out because of lack of organization and a dearth of workers. Here's what—why not make the necessary preparations in the fall so that when cold weather sets in, the rink can be made immediately, with a minimum of confusion, and before half of Houghton's skating weather—at best a dubious factor—has gone?

And it's always been a source of mystery to some why the kids don't put the hills and valleys in this vicinity to as great a use in the winter as in the spring or fall. Personally, I'd like to see skiing a popular pastime in Houghton, and the country is made to order for it.

Standing of the Teams

Men			
	WON	LOST	PCT.
Juniors	7	1	.875
Seniors	4	4	.500
Sophomores	3	6	.333
Freshmen	3	6	.333
Women			
	WON	LOST	PCT.
Juniors	6	1	.857
Sophomores	6	1	.857
Seniors	4	3	.571
Freshmen	1	6	.143
H. S. & B. S.	1	7	.125

Juniors, Sophs Clash in Black Sox Championship

Climaxing a week packed full of basketball, and bringing the current inter-class series to its conclusion will be Friday night's sports bill, featuring the soph and junior girls in a championship tilt, with the junior and senior men's outfits slated to meet in the second game.

The junior feds, favored in pre-season odds to repeat their championship performance of last year, ran into a snag in their very first game, suffering a 21-16 defeat at the hands of the seniors. In their first encounter with the soph sharpshooters, however, Dave Paine's understudies rallied strongly in the final to cop a sizzling 18-17 victory; so, with the count evened at one defeat apiece, they square off for the finale, which should prove to be a well-played climax to an altogether profitable series.

The sophs, who have turned out to be the "dark horse" club in this league, have definitely proved themselves a dangerous threat to the pennant-hungry junior sextet. Although given less than the proverbial "monkey's chance" in pre-season speculations, this scrappy outfit has improved steadily under the tutelage of Jim Fenton and today has a good chance to cop the title.

Starting lineups for the teams should read as follows: for the juniors—French, Fancher, and Leech as forwards, with Thornton, Walberger, and Waterman in the back court; for the sophs—Ortlip, Fyfe, and Woolsey in the gunner's spots, and Armstrong, Burt, and Gebhardt on the defence.

In the second game, the seniors will be gunning for their first defeat of the juniors in three starts and a firm grasp on second place in the final standings. In their first encounter, the juniors won easily 34-23. In their second, the seniors pushed the 1942 champs to a rather unimpressive 39-36 victory. Since that time, the seniors have improved steadily, downing the sophs 31-21, while the juniors defeated the sophs 29-25. Though not a championship tilt, this should prove to be one of the outstanding games of the season. Starting lineups for the two teams are unknown.

Injury Forces Walker to Refrain from Athletics

Harry Walker, masked marvel of the frosh firing squad, has been forced to give up athletics, at least for the duration of the basketball series, and probably for the balance of the school year. He expects to undergo an operation at the Fillmore General Hospital next Monday, which will necessitate a complete rest for at least two weeks and as little physical activity as possible for at least six more weeks.

When asked how he felt about the whole thing, Harry smiled ruefully from behind his budding "Abe Lincoln" and said: "It's like telling an opera singer she can't sing anymore. I'll hate it—you know that. The team? —Oh, they'll get along okay. They have some good ball players and should carry on. They'll win by forty points (referring to last Saturday night's game), and you can quote me!"

Harry led the scoring in both rounds of the class series, amassing the impressive total of 72 points in the six games, while his do-or-die fighting spirit did much to put the frosh back in the series after an inauspicious debut. His congeniality and sportsmanlike conduct, on the court and off, have made him a favorite with Houghton sports fans.

A bachelor is a man who didn't have a car when he was young.

—"Shakespeare"

Sports Flash . . .

Rolling up the biggest score of the year, the senior quintet crushed a weak frosh outfit, 58-33. Moon Mullin starred for the victors with twenty three points while Ben Armstrong scored nineteen for the losers. The sages led all through the game, gradually piling up a tremendous lead and never being threatened. At half-time the score stood 23-15 in favor of the upper-classmen. In the third period the seniors started to open up a little more and made fifteen markers, but it was not until the last quarter that they really got going, when they massed twenty points to the frosh nine. This was the season's final game for the frosh.

Sophs Hand Frosh Surprise Setback

LaSorte Stars With 10 Markers

About a hundred cheering spectators, unusual for an afternoon game, watched the soph skyscraper Tony LaSorte pace the stalwarts in upsetting a favored frosh five Monday afternoon, 33-29. The floor had not yet cooled from the activity of Saturday night, which saw the frosh polishing off the big maroon wave, 1942 champions, while the sophs bowed to a 31-21 drubbing at the hands of the seniors, at that time tied with the frosh for second place—which all goes to show that anything can happen.

The Frosh swished to an early lead when Strong dropped a "hang-er" and Lewellen followed with a nice shot from the center. A soph timeout seemed to organize the soph defense, and they came back to ring up five quick points in succession. Lewellen and Creque each dropped a long shot, but the frosh passwork was faulty as Tony LaSorte and Livingston stole cross-court tosses to get six more easy tallies and a soph lead of 11-8 at the quarter.

In the second quarter the frosh utilized a fast break with Strong on the receiving end. Although many of these plays went awry, the frosh scored ten points before the quarter ended on two buckets by Strong and others by Waaser, Creque and Armstrong. Two nice shots by Wells, and one by Morris were not enough, the frosh leading 18-17 at the half.

While holding the yearlings to two baskets in the third quarter, the sophs went into the lead again as LaSorte scored three points, and teammates Morris and Tuttle came through with four more. Score, 24-22.

The final period was a fast and furious affair, with both teams abandoning the orthodox types of court strategy, throwing caution to the winds, and giving it the old college try. The sophs, playing their original lineup of the season for the first time, came through on baskets by Bennett, Gannett, Chase, and Stratton and an extra free throw by Gannett to swamp the efforts of Strong, Armstrong and Creque, who accounted for seven points. Final score, 33-29.

Pivot-man LaSorte accounted for ten points for the victors; Strong and Creque led the lost cause with nine and eight respectively.

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Frosh Topple Junior Five; Seniors Prevail Over Sophs

Soph-Senior Game Is Listless Affair

Ending in another poor showing by the sophomores, Saturday night's game with the seniors finished with the sophs on the short end of a 31-21 score.

As the first quarter doggedly telescoped into the second, there was nothing but a host of incompleting passes, a bevy of wild attempts to score to designate the action. The seniors led, 6-4.

Little more could be said for the second period with seniors still building a slight edge in the scoring, 13-9. Resuming play at the half, the seniors made a decided rally by tallying twice as many points in the third quarter as the sophomores. When the period was ended, they led 25-15. The final period closed with play nearly as stagnant as the first two quarters, the seniors finally winning, 31-21.

Mullin led both teams at the basket by garnering twelve points with Eyer, his teammate, close behind with eleven. LaSorte, Gannett, and Stratton (who made five points each) were one point behind the sophomore high-scorer, Fenton.

Juniors, Sophs Trounce High School Black Sox

A rather inexperienced but highly hopeful quintet of high-school girls emerged Friday afternoon on the timid end of a 46-15 score.

It was French all the way who was personally responsible for 24 points... most of them accumulated by her accurate long shots. Following her up was Gwen Fancher, who hung up 14 points. Very effective guarding on the part of the juniors held the high school high-scorer—Peg Fancher—to 5 field goals, with Panich helping out with 2 floor-shots and one free throw.

The game on the whole was so lopsided that had it not been for the high spirit of the high school girls it would not even be considered a good junior practice.

The soph sextet snatched another victory in their pennant drive when they downed a snappy high school outfit Tuesday afternoon, 31-13. Ortlip and Woolsey scored fifteen and ten points respectively for the sophs, while Fancher and Panich led the losers with seven and six points apiece.

needed basket as the closing whistle blew.

In this game the frosh scored the upset of the year and displayed their best ball-handling of the season. Conspicuously absent from the lineups were Harry Walker and Dave Paine, both heading the injured list. Even with these two boys out, the game was still the best and most colorful of the current season.

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Armstrong Paces Yearlings to Win

The majority of Houghton sport fans missed one of the best and most colorful games of the season played on the local Bedford court last Saturday night when the league-leading juniors succumbed to the frosh five in an overtime period 38-37. Rumors of it being a "practice game" for the undefeated juniors may have contributed greatly to the sudden frosh up-rise and subsequent victory. The battle was hard fought from start to finish as both teams were out to win at all costs. The hero of the evening was peppy Ben Armstrong, frosh forward, who sank 19 tallies to be high scorer for the evening and made the winning basket in the closing seconds of play.

At the opening whistle, the second-string junior five took to the court to uphold class honors. Both teams played rough ball—much resembling a game of rugby. Fouling by both teams was frequent and the scoring was compiled on both baskets and foul shots equally. Piling up a lead of points, the frosh, sparked by Ben Armstrong, caught the victory spirit, which carried them on to final triumph.

When the second period started, John Sheffer, the junior captain, replaced his reserves with his first-string men in an effort to change the tide of the game. At times the juniors displayed the most brilliant passing attacks ever displayed here, but at others their efforts resembled more the gridiron aerials prominent in the minor league. The frosh, however, fared no better as their passing also went astray. Nevertheless, the after-effects of any interceptions were not fatal since the ball see-sawed back and forth in typical volleyball style with the forward lines of both teams being able to score amid this melee. Fast breaks and foul shots compiled the frosh scoring, and the junior system of "you take the blame for the shot" netted the third-year men twelve points. Although two points behind at the half, the juniors seemed to need the inspiration of being on the tail end of a lop-sided score to come through and salvage the "scorched bacon."

The third quarter was fast from beginning to end. Twice the frosh widened the gap to eight or nine points, but a strong junior offensive of Sheffer, Kennedy and Clark came back to close up the difference. Each member of the frosh five was able to penetrate the junior defense and score. Again the juniors were faced by a deficit at the close of the quarter.

The last quarter proved to be a field day for the juniors since their defense held the luckless frosh to a lone tally. Meanwhile Sheffer and Clark managed to sink seven points to tie up the ball game. Sheffer made the crowd go wild when he received the ball and split the meshes in the closing split second of play with an over-the-shoulder shot to give the juniors a momentary reprieve.

About this time both teams and the referee, Joe Palone, began to think how nice a bed would feel. Badly battered, winded and tired, the teams again summoned sufficient strength to play the hair-raising over-time period. The juniors seemed to have been deserted by "Lady Luck" as their shots consistently rolled off the rim. The score see-sawed as both teams began to pile up their points, Armstrong and Kennedy vying with each other for the period scoring honors. With only seconds remaining, and the frosh faced with a one point deficit, Armstrong received the ball and sank the