



June Steffensen



Rolland Kidder

Steffensen And Kidder Are Elected In Lanthorn Race

The student body elected the editor and business manager for the '62 Lanthorn at a chapel on Dec. 5. June

Steffensen of Richmond Hill, New York, was elected editor of the magazine and Rolland Kidder, of Jamestown, New York, was selected business manager.

Marcus, Simonsen To Present Program

Carla Marcus and Laura Simonsen will present a senior-junior recital at 7:30 on Jan. 18 at the church.

Miss Marcus is a Church Music major concentrating in organ under the teaching of Dr. Charles Finney. Her repertoire includes three chorale preludes by Bach: *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*, *Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der von uns den Himmel und die Erde regiert*, and *Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott*; Seth Bingham's *Fantasy on 'Riverton'*, Kaminski's *Morning Star* *Tocata* and the *Hymn Prelude on 'Leoni'* by Albert King, a senior at Houghton.

Miss Simonsen is an Applied Music major, specializing in cello under the instruction of Mr. Eldon Basney. Her program consists of Marcello's *Sonata No. 1 in F Major, Largo, Allegro, Largo and Presto*, and Bach *Hal Nedre's Opus 47, O Day of God*.

Miss Marcus' plans for the future are indefinite, while Miss Simonsen has plans for college teaching. While at Houghton, Miss Marcus has been a member of A Cappella Choir, Oratorio Society and a *Star* reporter. Miss Simonsen has been a member of Oratorio Society, Chamber Orchestra, F.M.F. and Orchestra.

Professor Greer Presents Varied Program At Recital

Professor Norris G. Greer, instructor in voice at Houghton, presented a recital Wednesday evening, Nov. 30, in the Chapel-Auditorium. Professor Eldon E. Basney accompanied him.

Mr. Greer performed works by Purcell, Duparc, Poulenc, Schubert and Strauss. He also sang *"Cielo e mar"* from *La Gioconda* by Amilcare Ponchielli, *"Le Papillon et La Fleur"* by Faure and *"Fantoche"* by Debussy. The program, which included Italian, French and German works, concluded with a section of songs in English: *"The Doves"* by Theodore Chanler, *"In a Myrtle Shade"* and *"Evening Song"* by Charles T. Griffes and the Scottish song, *"Annie Laurie,"* arranged by Lehmann.



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Students Choose Ruth Percy, Robert Orr To Head '61-'62 Star

The student body elected Ruth Percy of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, as editor of the '61-'62 *Star* and Robert Orr of Moores, New York, as business manager on Dec. 5.

Miss Percy was coordinating editor of her high school paper, make-up editor of the *Star* in her sophomore year and secretary of her sophomore class. She is secretary of the Student Senate this year, and assistant editor of the '61 *Boulder*.

A math major and a French minor, Miss Percy plans to teach math upon graduation.

Mr. Orr was editor of his high school year book. At present he is business manager of the '61 *Boulder* and business manager of the '61 *Info*. He has sung in Oratorio Society for three years and has been a member of the pre-med club for three years.

Mr. Orr is a pre-med student with a major in chemistry and a minor in zoology and he plans to attend medical school in the future.

The 'Star' staff extends best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year to all.

Ruth Percy and Robert Orr, *Star* editor and business manager elect.

English Major

Miss Steffensen is literary editor of the '61 *Boulder*, a *Star* feature writer, a member of the Student Senate and also plays basketball for the Junior team. She is an English major and has minors in psychology, philosophy and education. After obtaining a master's degree she plans to teach English.

YFC Director

Mr. Kidder was a member of the Student Senate and chairman of the Elections' Publicity Committee in his sophomore year. He is now director of Youth For Christ in the Wellsville area. He is a history major and a philosophy minor. His future plans are indefinite, but he intends to do advanced study.

Noble Lectures Concerning Soviet Prison Experience

BY BETH REMEL

John Noble, who was a prisoner in the Soviet slave labor camps, will

Class Christmas Celebrations Include A Variety Of Activities

Bells are ringing, children singing, all is merry and bright, as Houghton students anticipate the celebration of the Christmas season at class parties

Traditional Treat

The senior social chairmen have prepared a special treat of holiday music to highlight their party. Piano, choir, vocal and instrumental music will form the bulk of the program. The warmth of the East Hall hearthside will prevail as Mrs. Woolsey reads the traditional "Twas The Night Before Christmas." Following the visit of childhood's favorite fantasy, costumed in his typical red and white suit, Mrs. Woolsey will recount the laments of "Twas The Night After Christmas."

Cozy Comfort

The cozy comfort of the fireplace will create a warm atmosphere for the junior class party in the Rec Hall. John Bechtel, as Master of Ceremonies, will narrate an enjoyable and entertaining program of skits, music and humor.



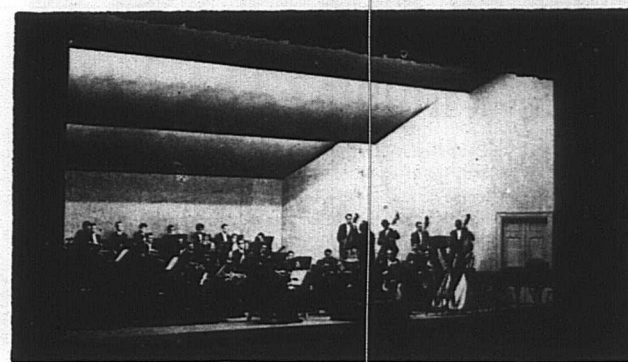
Marcia Caldwell and Bob Palmatier plan senior party with Mrs. Woolsey.

Sophomores will gather in the gymnasium, the center for their festivities. One main event of the program will be a scavenger hunt, for which the students will scatter and scurry around the campus and town. The playing of Christmas carols on water-filled cider jugs will be another highlight of the program.

Frosh Hayride

A hayride over the hills of Houghton will provide excitement and gaiety for the freshman class. The excursion will be suspended for a time of fun around a crackling bonfire, before all return for a casual party in the basement of the Chapel-Auditorium.

Dr. Hanson Conducts Eastman Orchestra In Fifth Artist Series



The Eastman Philharmonia Orchestra, directed by Dr. Howard Hanson.

The Eastman Philharmonia Orchestra, directed by Dr. Howard Hanson, will present the fifth Artist Series concert Friday, Jan. 13, 1960, at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel-Auditorium.

Dr. Hanson established the orchestra during the 1958-59 concert season in the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester. Members were selected from the more than 200 instrumentalists of the Eastman School of Music as being representative of the finest orchestral talent of the school.

The orchestra has recorded for Mercury Records and was selected by

the United States Information Agency of the United States State Department to be featured in a film as representative of orchestras in all music schools in the United States. The film, now being shown throughout the world, is part of President Eisenhower's People to People Cultural Exchange Program.

Dr. Howard Hanson, who has spent 35 years as Director of Eastman School of Music, received the Pulitzer Prize in 1944 for his *Symphony Number 4, Opus 34*. In 1945 he was presented with the Ditson Award and in 1946 received the George Foster Peabody Award. In October of 1959,

speak in the Chapel-Auditorium Jan. 4. The National Association of Evangelicals is sponsoring him.

Shortly after V-E Day in 1945 an American citizen disappeared into the Russian zone of Germany. From that time and for the next ten years John Noble was a prisoner of the Communists, shuttled from Muehlberg to Buchenwald, from Dresden to the Arctic.

When John Noble crossed the border of East Berlin into the American sector he brought with him an eyewitness account of life behind barbed wire and of the struggle of Christians to maintain their faith in the face of forty years of official Communist atheism.

Mr. Noble's account, based on his personal experience in the Soviet slave labor camps, has captured the interest of Christians throughout the world.

Among the people who have lauded his book, *I Found God in Soviet Russia*, are Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of *Christian Herald*, Rev. Billy Graham, Dr. Clyde Taylor, Secretary of Public Affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals, Dr. Robert VanDeusen, secretary of the Washington branch of the National Lutheran Council, and Robert A. Fangmeier, National Director of Christian Citizenship for the United Christian Missionary Society.

Mr. Fangmeier says, "Based on his personal experience, John Noble has given us valuable insight into the Soviet slave labor camps. He reaffirms for all of us the power of Christianity to survive persecution."

Fables Cloud True Meaning

by Patricia Lewis

Reinhold Niebuhr makes a definite differentiation between history and salvation history, stating that an act may be possible in salvation history, yet impossible in history. For him "the idea of the resurrection of the body can of course not be literally true," but is merely a symbol, a myth, which expresses "conceptions of a completion of life which transcends our present existence." As he deals with the resurrection, so he deals with the Virgin birth and the rest of the Christian miracles.

This is a dangerous position for the Christian to take, and as Carnell states, "Spiritual values and historical facts cannot be separated in a rational world." It was, upon fact, not myth, that the early Christians placed their hope.

These early Christians suffered for this reality of their Lord. The younger Pliny, governor of Bithynia, wrote to the Emperor Trajan, "I have followed this procedure: I asked the defendants in person whether they were Christians. If they admitted it I asked them for a second and a third time, threatening punishment; if they persisted, I ordered them to be executed. For I had no doubt that whatever it was they were confessing, their persistence and unbending stubbornness deserved to be punished." For these people Christianity had a meaning deep enough to endure anything, but erase this central fact, as Niebuhr does, and this meaning is lost.

Through the centuries the fact of Christ's birth has been almost erased by the celebrations, customs, and myths surrounding it. Ask any group of people what they first associate with Christmas, and you will receive a multitude of answers — Santa Claus, gifts, tree, Christmas dinner, home. But you will be lucky if Christ is mentioned.

Today we are so used to fables that we struggle to remember the truth about Christmas, and thus we are liable to unconsciously accept a misconstrued truth, like the one presented by Niebuhr.

We must consciously think of the meaning of Christmas; it is not ever before us as it was in Pliny's time. Yet this conscious thinking is necessary to uphold orthodox Christianity in an enigmatic world. The birth of Christ is central to our Christian belief. We should remember, consider and cherish it not only at Christmas, but continually, that we might retain a firm faith founded on the truth of the Christian message.

Paper Outlines Policy

by Mr. Charles Davis

In the light of recent events, it might be well to clarify the policy of the *Star*. We are, first of all, bound to print nothing prejudicial to the Wesleyan Methodist Church. But no code, written or otherwise, can take care of every case. For this area, where Christian common sense must apply, we are bound by the corollary that we want nothing in the *Star* that will dishonor our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As a news sheet, we are at a disadvantage. For persons on campus, our news is usually old. Our chief function here is to preserve the news as accurately as may be for posterity.

Our greatest contribution, we feel, is on the editorial and literary pages. These are pages of opinion. We are not infallible, but we insist that our intentions are good. We want our readers to believe that we are not habitually or wilfully given to (1) heresy, (2) plagiarism, or (3) misrepresentation. Before criticizing an article, get the objectionable matter in context. Then if nothing else will do, write us a letter.

We value letters. It is the democratic process to print both sides of an issue. This we will do, space permitting, but we make certain reservations. First, we do not necessarily abandon a position because we print a letter disagreeing with it. Second, as to letters: we do not print anonymous letters, nor letters exploiting personal grudges or obvious spite. Neither do we like to be addressed in tones of (1) shocked disbelief or (2) gleeful superiority. We repeat: we are not infallible, but we expect to be treated with courtesy as equals.

The paper belongs to the school. It is not an "island." Its excellence or lack of excellence affects everybody connected with Houghton College. An injury done to the paper is an injury to all of us.



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Society News

DAVIS — SPRINGER

Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Springer of Danville, Pa. announce the engagement of their daughter, Doris Joanne ('60), to Mr. Eldon L. Davis ('61). A summer wedding is planned.

KLEM — GUSTAVSON

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Gustavson of 241-17 Memphis Ave., Rosedale, New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara (ex '60), to Herbert Klem, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Klem, of Jamaica, New York. A summer wedding is planned.

Promethean Pursuits



Rich and Pat

Shakespeare poetized in over one hundred sonnets on the fleetness of time. As we suddenly realize that December vacation is upon us we are inclined to agree with him. What ever happened to October and November? But we are equally sure that vacation won't drag — term papers, back assignments, trips and visits, besides the expected holiday festivities, will take care of that. But if the planned relaxation sounds hectic, cheer up — in only eighteen days we return.

We Note

"The Psychology of Christian Conversion" will be the theme for discussion at the Christian Association for Psychological Studies, which will meet in Chicago during April, 1961. We note that all delegates have been advised to read former Houghton Dean, Dr. Ferm's, book on the subject before attending.

We Recommend

"Through thousands of years the Fertile Crescent had occupied the center stage of history. But thereafter the focal points of power moved west," states G. Ernest Wright in his article "The Last Thousand Years Before Christ," in the December, 1960 *National Geographic*. Turmoil, bloodshed and rebellion characterize this millenium, the last important one for the Crescent. Both text and painting present Bible commentary side by side with archeological discoveries and reconstructions of life at the time. For Christmas reading this is an apt and captivating comment on Bible history, by an outstanding Old Testament authority and noted field archeologist, the Parkman professor of Divinity at Harvard.

Neibuhr Conversation Recorded

Correspondent Henry Brandon records a conversation with theologian Reinhold Niebuhr concerning the Christian task in a democratic society, in December *Harper's*. Niebuhr criticizes America's "Religiosity — faith in faith," and analyzes the problems of population growth, group prejudices, and secularism in the light of his "quasi-social" interpretation of the Gospel.

Seasonal Quote

"If all the year were playing holidays,
To sport would be as tedious as to work;
But when they seldom come, they wish'd for come."
—Shakespeare, King Henry IV

Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus

A little girl wrote a letter to the editor of a large daily newspaper to ask if there was a Santa Claus. Francis P. Church, editorial writer for the *New York Sun*, replied to this child, Virginia O'Hanlon, in an editorial that has now become a Christmas Classic. The question and reply reprinted below were first printed on Sept. 21, 1897.

Eight Year Old Writes

Dear Editor:
I am eight years old. Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in the *Sun* it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Friends Are Wrong

Dear Virginia,
Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intell-

ect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

There Is A Santa Claus

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith, then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no

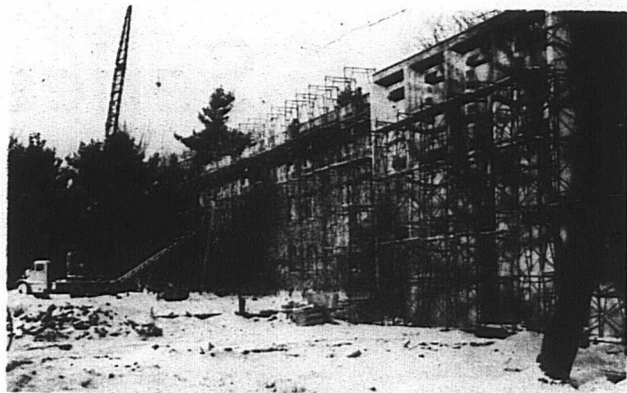
Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view — and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

Santa Lives Forever

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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Arrival of snow fails to hamper construction progress on the new men's Dormitory.

New Men's Dorm May See Early Completion Of Work

The men's dorm, begun in early August by local contractor Bob Fiegl, and scheduled to be completed by June 1, 1961, may be finished by May 1. The work has been progressing according to schedule, and the men are currently beginning the roof. The dorm is being financed by a government Housing and Home Finance Loan, and the estimated expense is \$420,000.

For 130 Students

The building, which will accommodate 130 students, has four floors including the basement with a recreation room. Each of the above-ground floors will contain a lounge and kitchen with refrigerator, stove and built-in ironing boards.

Modern Features

The new dorm has ceilings of acoustical tile and soundproof insulation, as well as air conditioning.

The proctors on the main floor will

have two bedrooms, a complete bathroom, a kitchen, living room, office and visitor's room.

From The Bookshelf . . .



McGinley Presents New Light Verse Collection

BY TIMOTHY MEUNZER

Phyllis McGinley. *Times Three: Selected Verse from Three Decades, with Seventy New Poems.* New York: The Viking Press, 1960.

The wholesome tradition of exquisite light verse dominates *Times Three*, Phyllis McGinley's latest collection. After the stuffy obscurity of some modern verse, Miss McGinley's breezy lines, written to be read for enjoyment, are indeed welcome.

Light verse properly avoids the

flippancy of lost meter and the strained humor of intolerable rhymes. Phyllis McGinley has good command of the mechanics of her art. There is a delightful variety of form: sonnet, rondeau and triplet appear with many others.

In private life, Phyllis McGinley is Mrs. Charles Hayden, a Larchmont, New York, housewife and mother. Some of her best verse is about what she knows best: her daughters, and the life of a small town:

"Small-Town Parade"
Decoration Day

"Below the lawns and picket fences,
Just past the firehouse, half a block,

Sharp at eleven-five commences
This ardent and memorial walk
(Announced, last night, for ten o'clock).

"Solemn, beneath the elmy arches,
Neighbor and next-door neighbor meet.

For half the village forward marches
To the school band's uncertain beat,
And half is lined along the street."

Miss McGinley's humor appears first in the titles, such as "Epithalamion: 'If Spenser had been on the staff of The Bride's Magazine.'" Her ever-gentle satire points up notable incongruities. Her social criticism is sympathetic.

From "Notes on Some Eminent Foreign Novelists":

"The wise commit the errors,
The good commit the sins.
The brave are full of terrors.
Only the loser wins.
And even white is partly black
In books by Francois Mauriac."

"The Angry Man"

"The other day I chanced to meet
An angry man upon the street —
A man of wrath, a man of war,
A man who truculently bore
Over his shoulder, like a lance,
A banner labeled 'Tolerance.'"

"And when I asked him why he strode
Thus scowling down the human road,
Scowling, he answered, 'I am he
Who champions total liberty —
Intolerance being, ma'am, a state
No tolerant man can tolerate."

The collection ends with an envoy
"In Praise of Diversity," which is
quite characteristic of *Times Three*.

Reminiscence Reveals Christmas Has Changed From Olden Days

BY NORALYN CROSSLEY

When there is time to reminisce, the thoughts of Houghton's senior citizens waft back to the turn of this century when Christmases were in some ways different, if not better. Actually, Christmas traditions change very slowly, and the spirit of Christmas always remains the same for those who treasure its significance.

In those days, as now, children were the first to anticipate the holiday season. Preparations for the big Christmas program which was held in the one-room school house began weeks in advance. Pre-readers in the chart class contributed their share of paper chains, as the more capable students learned lengthy recitations for the audience. Everyone attended, no matter if his farm was the most remote on the countryside.



Men sing carols in front of East Hall giving a modern interpretation to this ancient custom.

Next to the children, the school were scarce; but chicken, pork and Christmas tree captured the most admiration; especially if, among the popcorn and colored paper hung a rare and exotic orange. Next to the tree, the children valued the sack of candy and nuts which each of them received.

In many quiet Christian homes the time spent in gaiety by the world was passed in solemn reverence. As a rule, carols were not sung, nor were gifts given. The Christmas pageants and dialogues which now often visualize the Bible story were looked upon with askance because of their theatrical connotation.

Christmas dinner was always something very special, however. Turkeys

were scarce; but chicken, pork and wild game, including deer, rabbit, squirrel and raccoon supplied the main course. An even greater variety of home-grown vegetables, frugally preserved, were consumed prior to the mince pie and plum pudding.

For some strange reason, it seems that snow was colder, crustier and more dependable sixty years ago. This is why the young at heart could count on a Christmas evening sleigh ride complete with jingle bells. Girls in long, wool coats, high button shoes and crocheted scarves called "fasciators" joined the boys who were equally prepared for the temperature, and off they would go up Tucker Hill Road.

Cross Country Cogitations Adequate Knowledge For Defense Is Necessary

BY DAVID SABEAN AND TONY YU

The secular university is the pluralist society *par excellence*. There are few places where so many widely divergent viewpoints are represented. One will run across neo-Thomists, Jeffersonian Marxists, neo-orthodox, pietists and existentialists in the same seminar.

Adequate And Honest Expression Necessary

The problem for the Christian student is to develop a consistent *Weltanschauung* which he can express adequately and honestly. Here the Christian point of view is not looked upon with a patronizing air. It is respected — respected as much as its representative. If the Evangelical relies upon clichés and glib universals, he soon loses the ear of those around him. The dogmatist is not looked upon with disfavor; only the stupid dogmatist is.

Question Of Knowledge And Truth

The first and biggest question to answer is the problem of knowledge and truth. To answer the neo-Thomist, for example, one needs to study Aristotle, Scotus and Occam as well as Aquinas. After erecting a sturdy foundation upon these thinkers one should study contemporary Catholic apologists such as Jacques Maritain.

Each contemporary vein deserves the same careful study as that suggested for neo-Thomism. More important, the Christian must deeply immerse himself in the Word and faithfully spend time alone with his Lord. Here is where the Christian learns to consider all problems in their proper perspective.

Orthodox Scholarship Needed

The Evangelical student in a secular university should realize that he is defending a faith whose modern disciples have not adequately studied this modern problem: the separation of Christian theology from modern knowledge. Other groups, such as the neo-Orthodox, have surpassed orthodox scholarship in this area.

The problem, to relate the Christian world view to twentieth-century thinking, can be worked out in several areas of effort: in psychotherapy and depth psychology, in the defense of the inspiration of the scriptures, in the debate on religious authority, in literature and the arts, and in Biblical language.

Devotion Substantiated By Labors

If it is true that the early Christians out-thought the pagans, then our task today is a formidable one. For those of us involved in higher education, our devotion to Christ must be substantiated by our scholastic labors in words and in deeds.

Town Meeting:



School Integration Still Poses Problem In South

BY DAVID LACHMAN

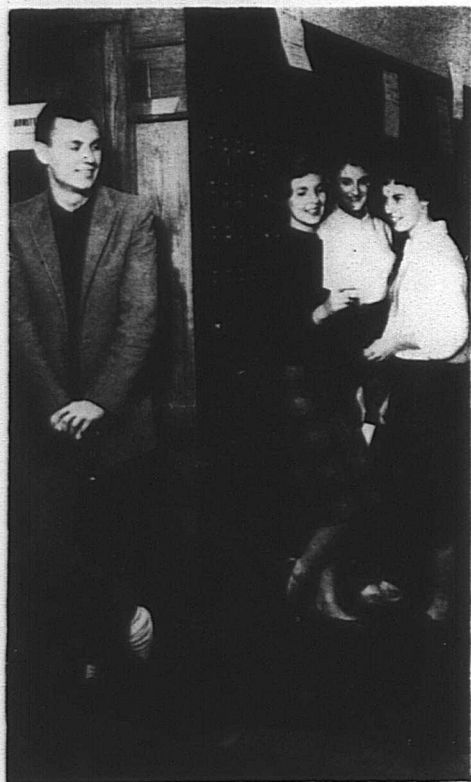
The controversy over public school integration has been recently brought back into prominence. The present battleground is New Orleans, where there is much active resistance to the token integration which is now being attempted.

It was six years ago that the Supreme Court unanimously decided that no public school could be closed to anyone for reasons relating to color or race. Since then some progress has been made. With little opposition, Washington, D.C. and most of the border states moved to comply with actual integration. However, this only took place in states outside the former Confederacy. The next step was compliance by those states outside the Black Belt, the area of greatest Negro concentration. After initial resistance in such states as Virginia and North Carolina, gradual desegregation plans were adopted, admitting token numbers of Negro students to avoid real integration for the near future. In Arkansas at Little Rock in 1957, Federal compulsion was applied to implement Federal court orders. After a brief flare-up, the schools were eventually reopened on an integrated basis. Throughout this period Federal courts had been constantly prodding the states to initiate integration programs. Until now this progress has been made entirely in states outside the Deep South, which is comprised of five states: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. These states, containing the Black Belt have the highest percentage of Negro residents. It is here that resistance has been intransigent.

The current resistance has been on both public and individual levels. The Louisiana State Legislature, under Governor Davis, has used every available means to intervene, but each attempt has been thwarted by Federal District Judge Skelly Wright. Individuals and various Segregationist organizations have been waging campaigns of hate, fear and prejudice against all who favor any degree opposing them, Communists or worse.

In spite of this, the integration process continues. No abatement in the constant pressure seems likely. The result is inevitable, but the process toward it may be facilitated by both understanding and moral force applied by citizens outside the South. President-elect Kennedy should exert the influence he will acquire by providing moral leadership in the drive for this eventual complete desegregation. The realization of the program will not occur soon in the Deep South, but positive action toward this goal must be pursued with all "deliberate speed," replacing the inaction now present in many areas.

Holiday Banquet And Artist Series



No matter how often repeated and reiterated, the sparkling festivities of the holiday season are never trite. The magic moments of the long-awaited evening live on, and become jewels in the cloak of remembrances.

The hoped-for invitation arrives and life softens to a rosy glow, while the bashful questioner observes the effect . . . Last minute touches take longer than expected — a dash of lipstick, the Windsor knot — and the night has begun . . . The fellow's compliment to beauty, flowers give that added thought that girls always remember . . . "Twas the Night Before Christmas" receives a ringing rendition as the Waiter's Chorus continues the annual custom — "They also serve who only stand and wait" . . . The magic of candlelight, the glitter of tinsel, the sumptuous repast, that delicate spark of romance — this is the Christmas banquet . . . Sixteenth century folk songs give a light touch, beautiful in its simplicity, to the Christmas concert, presented by the Riverside Chamber Singers . . . A last minute review for performers, too — they even work during intermissions . . . Another candle, but this for a snack while formalities cease and campus chatter dominates . . . Good-nights are hard when all has been so perfect, but though the festivities end, the glow remains — The Christmas spirit in a personal way.



Offer Festive Evening Of Entertainment



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Riverside Singers Exhibit Rare Blending And Ability

BY JANE McMAHON

The Houghton College Artist Series presented the Riverside Chamber Singers of New York City Thursday evening in one of the most sensitive ensemble music programs yet heard on the campus.

These six young people were all soloists by ability and practice, yet they fulfilled the title of "musician" by subduing their solo qualities and blending each of their voices into a coordinated whole. At times one could detect a slight "pushed" tone by one of the mezzo sopranos, which was not, however, enough to mar the oneness of the group. The conductor hardly seemed necessary at times because of the unity felt, even in the difficult attacks and releases. The diction was excellent.

The *Quand mon vari vient de dehors* song of the French section demanded expert control in the pianissimo "echo" parts. These early French pieces were delightful with their gay lyric duets among various members.

In the serious Brahms *Five Songs Op. 104*, Ray DeVoll, tenor, demonstrated a beautiful covered tone in the high register, which predominated in just the right spots, but never overshadowed the low register of the mezzo soprano when the two were equal.

The contemporary songs by Frederic Hart, employing classical forms, were dedicated to the Riverside Singers. These and the Ravel-Debussy impressionistic finals required keen pitch sense, careful dynamic nuance and excellent breath control, which the performers successfully executed.

The group seemed impressed by the warmth of the audience and sang as encores two Christmas Carols, "Noel We Sing" (English) and "Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella" (French).

Cheerleaders Spark Houseleague Game

Cheerleading gathered added acclaim and spectator interest at Saturday's houseleague game. The usually unwatched league played before a filled-to-capacity gym due to the originality of the cheerleaders.

The three "Cheerleading School-marks," Miss Fair, Mrs. Smith and Miss Pool, equipped with slates, spectacles, globes, shawls, bonnets and bustles, made an unprecedented appearance to urge on their champions, the Drybones.

The Varsity Rejects, not to be outdone in the cheering department, secured the services of Vivian Brady, Frances King, Diane Ottaviano, Virginia Palm and Judith Reidenbaker. Dressed in clashing colors, extra large sweaters, knee socks and crazy hats, the girls made a splashy spectacle as they vainly tried to inspire the Rejects to victory.

The half-time and time out activities were more cheered than the game itself, due to the spirit and humor of the faculty women. Whatever the cause, good cheering or good ball-handling, the Drybones captured the day.

Cheers and enthusiasm also resounded from the gym in the evening. The Freshman pep rally was well represented by almost 75 frosh to work up enthusiasm for their next game.

Donald Johnson Assumes New Post In Public Relations Office

The Board of Trustees of Houghton College has hired Donald Johnson as a part-time field man for the Public Relations Office.

Mr. Johnson, whose title will be Assistant to the President, will perform the two primary duties of soliciting funds for the proposed new library and contacting high schools concerning future student enrollment at Houghton College.

To fulfill these duties of a part-time field man, he will travel in New York State and other neighboring states for about two weeks each month.

Since he is also an accountant in business for himself, Mr. Johnson will spend about ten days out of every month traveling to and from his place of business in Holland, Michigan. Although he will be operating in an unofficial capacity in this case, he will still perform his duties as a field man.

Originally residents of Holland, Michigan, Mr. Johnson and his fami-

ly are presently living in Johnson House, which Mr. Johnson purchased this past summer from the family of the former owner, Ray Lewis.

One of his sons, Larry Johnson, is a member of the freshman class at Houghton College, and one of his daughters, Marlene Johnson, is a member of the senior class of the Academy.



Mr. Donald Johnson



Professor Harold McNeil directs the Wind Ensemble in their performance December 7.

McNeil Directs Wind Ensemble In Concert

The Houghton College Wind Ensemble presented a concert in the Chapel-Auditorium on Dec. 7 at 7:30. This musical assemblage is under the direction of Professor Harold McNeil.

The militant strains of Ganne's *The Celebrated Marche Lorraine* introduced the repertoire of the evening. "Mannin Veen" from *Dear Isle of Man* by Haydn Wood, *Officer of the Day* by R. B. Hall, and "The Girl I Left Behind Me" from *The Irish Suite* by Leroy Anderson composed the first part of the concert.

R. Vaughan Williams *Quick March* including "Princess Royal," "Admiral Come Sunday," "My Bonny Boy," and "Benhow and Portsmouth" and his *Folk Song Suite* including "Seventeen Folk Songs from Somerset," "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach-Leidzen and Serge Prokofiev's *March, Opus 99* concluded the program.

visibility of broadcasting all considerations in a discipline case, Dr. Paine explained that "communicating these to a responsible student committee will help to prevent rumors and assure the students that fair consideration has been given." He further assured that "the Committee can also advise the administration of its own viewpoint in cases under study."

The Committee may be convened either by the personnel deans, or on its own initiative. Requirements for membership on this committee are that the student be, during term of office, either a junior or senior and have a cumulative grade point of 2.5 or higher.

The Senate's recommendation for a Deans' Advisory Committee was one of two presented to the faculty by Miss Lewis and Malcolm Cox, president of Student Senate, as an alternative to the 1958-proposed Student Judiciary Committee. A recommendation for a Disciplinary Review Committee, which accompanied that of the Deans' Advisory Committee, failed to meet faculty approval after an hour-long debate during the faculty meeting of last Wednesday. The Disciplinary Review was a proposed revision of the present Faculty Review, and would have admitted three students to this traditionally all-faculty disciplinary tribunal.

David Norman Gives Junior Violin Recital

David Norman will give his junior recital Dec. 14, 1960 at 2:40 p. m. in the Chapel-Auditorium.

Mr. Norman is a music-major specializing in applied violin under the instruction of Mr. John Andrews. His repertoire includes *Sonata in G Minor, Allegro vivo*; Bloch's *Nigun* (Improvisation); Bruch's *Concerto in G Minor, Adagio*; and Boulanger's *Nocturne*. Pauline Schweinforth will be his accompanist.

Mr. Norman plans to do post graduate work, possibly at the University of Michigan. After completing his studies he hopes to teach in the music field on the college level.

Superintendents Address Confab

Houghton College was the site for the annual Wesleyan Leaders' Conference which took place Dec. 6-8. Featured speakers were the three general superintendents of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Rev. B. H. Phaup, Dr. R. D. Reisdorph and Dr. H. K. Sheets.

Topics Presented

The following topics were presented: "Evaluating and Improving the Ministry as it relates to the Sanctified Life," by Rev. Phaup on Tuesday night; "Operation Outreach," by Dr. Sheets on Wednesday evening; and "The Church's Responsibility in the area of Moral Reform," by Rev. Phaup on Thursday morning. Various discussion groups also examined certain topics relative to the Wesleyan Church.

Conference Set-up

The Wesleyan Church in North America is divided into four areas, one of which is the Houghton area. This division consists of seven conferences in the northeastern part of the United States and Canada. The Leaders' Conference takes place each year when the church leaders of the particular area, including presidents, vice-presidents and local pastors, gather at the Wesleyan-affiliated college of that area.

New Press Means Better 'Star'; Miller Simplex To Be Installed

Al Smith, Houghton's printer, will receive a \$5000 Christmas present. The local Advisory Board has approved the purchase of a 20 by 26 Miller Simplex press which will replace two present presses.

Old Press

The College Print Shop purchased the Lee Cylinder press, which prints the *Star* and college catalog, in the early 1920's. It is slow, worn out, and must be fed by hand. The new press is self-oiling and stopping, produces top-quality work, and is completely automatic.

Increased Production

A great improvement and saving in the production of the catalog will result. Approximately one and one-half tons of paper and 65,000 impressions are needed to make the catalog edition. All work must be hand-fed. The maximum speed is 1000 impressions per hour. However, the new press can produce one and one-half to two times this amount automatically, and print a quality of picture not possible on the old press. This will produce a new catalog format with a larger page, ending the need for offset-produced picture inserts.

More Production Hours

The Miller Simplex will make possible more production-hours and better efficiency. Since it also will replace the Kelly Automatic press purchased in 1935, a roomier print shop will result. Most of the work formerly done by the Kelly press is now done on the offset press.

Top Six Students Win Scholarships

The class scholarships, awarded for high scholastic achievement last semester, have been announced by the dean's office. Winners of these scholarships receive a tuition discount. Four seniors tied with the highest class grade point. Each is receiving a 20% discount. Myrna Blowers from Rochester, New York, is a psychology major with minors in elementary education and history. Richard Gould, a classics major with minors in English, French and philosophy, is from Dexter, New York. Corinna Johnson, from Olney, Maryland, is majoring in psychology and minoring in French, art, sociology, and education. Evalyn Mills from Port Byron, New York, is majoring in sociology. Her minors are psychology and Christian education.

Junior Winner

Barbara Conant won the junior class scholarship, a 50% discount. Barbara is a sociology major with minors in elementary education and Greek.

Sophomore Scholarship

The winner of the 50% sophomore scholarship, Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, is also a sociology major. Her minors are elementary education and history.

Paine Cites Reasons For Lacking Intercollegiate Sports Program

BY RALPH MARKEE

The question of whether or not Houghton should participate in intercollegiate athletics is being debated on campus.

Last year one of the candidates for the office of Student Senate President listed among the planks in his platform that he would try to introduce a conservative plan for intercollegiate sports.

Could Reach Students

This year many of the students have been asking why we do not have such a plan. William Griffith, for example, pointed out the fact that our touring choir reaches many prospective students who had never considered Houghton before, and reasoned that a touring team might well reach many others.

Board Discusses Reasons

The reasons why the Wesleyan Methodist Colleges do not participate in intercollegiate athletics were debated by the General Board of Trustees during their discussion of Miltonvale College's request for intercollegiate athletics in 1959. While the reasons were not set down in the action, these were given by Dr. Paine as being in the discussion:

Hesitate At Expense

"... Each advance in student expense calls for a certain amount of question and hesitance. The faculty teach sacrificially and expenses are wittingly kept at a minimum, so that

as few as possible may be excluded from college by cost. It was thought that the cost of intercollegiate sports programs would inevitably be greater than for the present intramural programs.

Emphasis Considered

"Another consideration was that of emphasis. It was felt that once the decision is made to enter the intercollegiate field of competition the athletic program tends to assume a much more central and important place in school life. And it is almost impossible for a board to control this matter of emphasis. It is not enough just to be in extramural competition. A favorable win-record is the thing which then becomes vital. And as the teams fight for the honor of the college, it is no longer the student but the athlete who is the central figure in college life. This is not desirable in an academic institution.

Service To Area Churches

"Another consideration was the matter of service by the institutions to the churches of their areas. In all four areas there was known to be a significant division of opinion in the churches. To make the change would have meant a definite cost to each of the colleges in the confidence and support of some of its churches. These were the principal reasons advanced against the advisability of going into intercollegiate sports when the vote was taken by the General Board."

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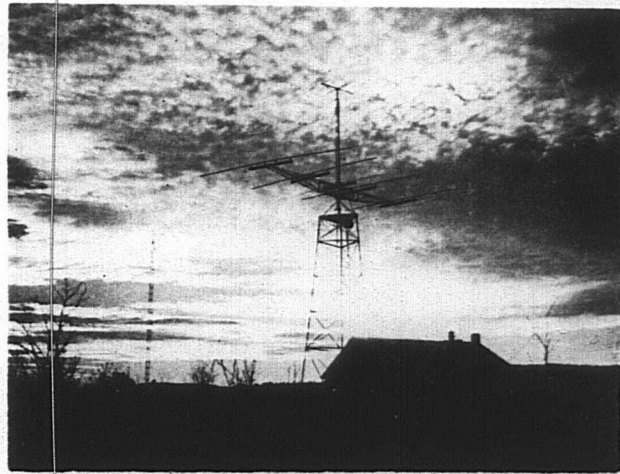
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Missionary Radio Operations Set Up Local Headquarters

BY THOMAS MAGNER

"Speeding the Gospel by multiplying the missionary" is the slogan of Missionary Engineering Incorporated.

Headed by General Director Gordon Sanders, Missionary Engineering fulfills this slogan in a threefold ministry: developing and constructing

communications equipment for use on the mission field; shipping, placing, installing and maintaining the equipment on the field; testing other equipment for durability, within the limits of the staff's ability and equipment.

At its office located on Seymour Street, the organization is currently



Mr. Gordon Sanders

working on the production of small transmitter-receiver units, known technically as "transceivers." This construction program, as well as the testing program, is supervised by Mr. Everett Gilbert.

As Mr. Sanders stated in a recent chapel message, Missionary Engineering endeavors to install these units in the isolated areas of the world to assist the missionaries in overcoming their communications problems.

Another phase of Missionary Engineering is the work done at the amateur Missionary Radio Station, K2GQG. Basically, the Station performs two major tasks: communicating with missionaries on amateur frequencies where third person communication is permitted and handling traffic in the states for the organization.

Monday through Friday, the Station reports in to a missionary radio network, of which the net control is the amateur station at Moody Bible Institute. This network is composed of Christian radio amateurs interested in radio work.

Under the supervision of Mr. Allen Smith, three Houghton College students, Donald Feistemel, John Hitchcock and Raymond Gordon, are responsible for daily amateur radio contacts between the station and other "ham" operators.

Foreign Theme Prevails At Annual Christmas Banquet

BY MARY-JANE FANCHER

Santa's elves worked hard last Wednesday night. While the rest of the campus donned flannel pajamas and snuggled down in their blankets, these elves transformed our utilitarian dining room into a world of Christmas beauty. The Christmas banquet, preceding the Artist Series on Dec. 8, marked the beginning of the holiday season on campus. Students dined by candlelight in the German room, French room and Spanish room.

Pine boughs and scrolls bearing Christmas carols of the country represented decorated the walls of each room. Most of the lighting in the main, or German, room was provided by advent wreaths on the ceiling. In keeping with the German tradition, the Christmas tree standing in the corner of the room was decorated with white lights and tinsel.

From the ceiling of the first room hung gaily colored paper balls representing Spanish pinatas. In Spain pinatas are made of clay in the shape of balls, squares or animals. They are painted bright colors and filled with candies and small presents.

White yarn-covered balls, sprinkled with glitter and hung with gold and blue Christmas balls, decorated the annex. Silver stars, a typical French decoration, also hung from the ceiling.

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College Press

Junior Men End Losing Streak; Senior Men Retain First Position

BY GARETH LARDER

The Juniors won their first game of the season on December 12 by trouncing the Frosh 74-58. Wayne Hill led a well-balanced Junior attack.

Revere Leads

Bill Revere led the Sophomores to a 75-51 victory over the Freshmen on Dec. 7. Revere scored 25 points and dominated the backboards in a fine display of basketball.

high scorers with 24 and 17 respectively.

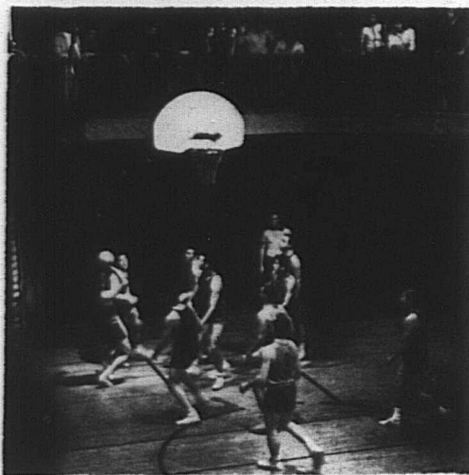
Soph vs. Academy

Action of Dec. 3 saw the Sophs take an easy 55-33 victory over the Academy. Leading 35-16 at half-time, the college boys proved that they were a solid notch above the high schoolers. The Sophs had a balanced scoring attack led by Mitchener and Revere, who scored 16 and

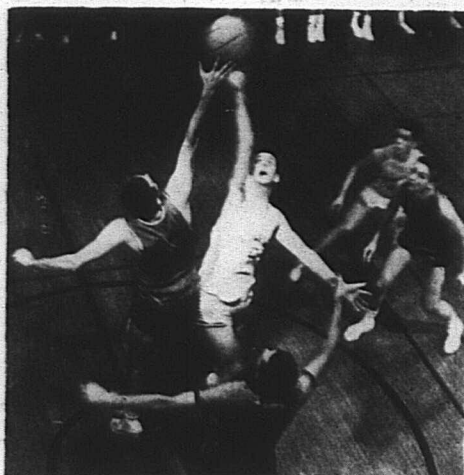
able to set up their deadly outside shots. Only John Ernst could find the shooting range with any consistency.

The Seniors held a 40-24 half-time margin and soon turned the game into a runaway. The Senior second string wound up the contest.

Mills finished with 28 points, while German and Griffith added 16 and 14 respectively. Ernst tallied 18 for the Frosh.



The Junior men close in as Senior Herm Simmeth prepares to shoot.



Rich Dominguez and Paul Roth go up for the tip off at the start of the Academy-Sophomore game.



Action halts for a moment during the Sophomore and Academy girls game.

Frosh Beat Sophs In Overtime; Juniors Outscore Senior Women

The Freshmen women took Monday night's contest from the disorganized Junior basketweavers 24-18. Sue Putman put in 19 points for the victors. June Steffensen put in 8 and Pat Brink sank 10 points, of which 6 were foul shots in the fourth quarter, for the losers.

One second of playing time remained in a sudden death period when Audrey Stockin thrust in the winning basket for the Freshman women to beat the Sophomores 26-25 Wednesday night.

A previous overtime period of three minutes produced a basket apiece for a 24 point tie. The regulation game time ended with each team having scored 22 points. Sue Putman took scoring honors with 17 points and Audrey Stockin contributed nine tallies for the Frosh.

The Frosh used a "man-to-man" defense which covered the Sophomores tightly while their forwards gamboled under the basket shooting and missing, but getting the rebounds.

At the half, the Freshmen held the large end of the 11-7 score. The third quarter tempo quickened as the Sophs decided to contend for possession with more tenacity. They guarded closely and tried fast set ups to forge ahead 14-13.

Violations and fouls multiplied during the exciting tie finish. The two overtime periods seemed to be continuous tip off contests with different pairs of jumpers matching height, skill and relative states of fatigue.

The Juniors conquered the hitherto unbeaten Seniors 39-36 last Monday, Dec. 5. June Steffensen tossed in 25 points for the Juniors and Janet Worrad tallied 15 for the losers.

Greater accuracy on the free throws boosted the Juniors considerably, for seniors Barb Day and Pat Lewis fouled out of the game.

The Seniors squeezed past the Sophs on Nov. 28, 20-18. They froze the ball to conserve their two point lead in the last half minute of play. Senior Jan Worrad was top scorer with 10 points.

Bodies cluttered the floor as the girls blanketed their opponents in the contest which the Sophs wrested away from the Juniors 29-17 on Nov. 25. The Lilliputian forwards on the Junior squad paid dearly for the absence of June Steffensen. Junior Gail De Mik turned in a model performance in efficiency.

Playmaking Is Difference

Playmaking proved to be the difference. The Frosh just couldn't set up the big plays. Meanwhile, Tom DeVinney and Dave Mitchener turned in a superb job of playmaking for the Sophs.

Larry Johnson tallied 22 points for the Freshmen. Sophs Mitchener and DeVinney backed up Revere with 18 and 14 respectively.

The Sophomores edged out the Juniors 65-62 on Nov. 28 with a fine team effort. The Sophs, who led 28-27 at the intermission, dominated the closing minutes to gain the victory.

The Sophs built their scoring attack on the sharp shooting of Mitchener and Rich Dominguez. Meanwhile, DeVinney turned in another superb job of setting up the plays. Wayne Hill kept the Juniors in the game with a fine display of shooting in the second half.

High Scores

Mitchener led the scoring parade with 29 points. Moses clicked for 22 markers for the losers.

The Seniors eked out a 69-68 win over the Sophomores on Mills' left-handed hook with just 16 seconds left in the game Nov. 25.

The game was a see-saw battle all the way. The Sophs suffered a tough break near the end when Revere, their big rebounder, fouled out. With time running out, Mills sank the winning bucket, only to have the Sophs threaten back. Mitchener fired a jump shot with six seconds remaining, but missed his mark.

The Seniors kept their perfect record intact on Dec. 5 with a 72-44 shellacking of the hapless Juniors. Using a full court press to utmost advantage, the Seniors turned a slim 30-26 half-time lead into a complete rout.

Senior Game

Herm Simmeth played a tremendous defensive game, while Paul Mills, Ken German and Bill Griffith starred offensively for the Gray squad. Mills and Robb Moses were

11 respectively. John Tysinger netted 13 for the Academy, while Bud Tysinger and Paul Roth each chipped in with nine.

The Seniors walloped the Freshmen in an important game by a score of 79-51 on Nov. 30. The upper classmen paralyzed the Frosh offense with a full court press and stole the ball continuously.

Neither team played its best game, and each tallied on the other's mistakes, but the Frosh made more mistakes. The Frosh team didn't seem to know what to do without being

Eye on the Ball . . .



Senior Men Lead Series; Early Predictions Waver

BY DON HOUSLEY AND AUDREY JOHNSON

The class basketball season is half finished, with the Seniors and Sophs leading in the men's division, and the Seniors and Frosh ahead in the feminine sector of the round-ball sport. The Seniors, combining the play-making of German, the shooting of Mills and an unbeatable spirit, have shot to a quick lead.

The Sophs, led by surprising DeVinney and Dominguez and steady Mitchener and Revere, are right behind the Seniors and ready to grab the top position as soon as the opportunity presents itself. The Frosh still have a mathematical chance. The brilliant shooting of Johnson and Ernst could put this team in the lead, but they are seriously hampered by a lack of depth behind these two. The surprise of the season has been the dismal showing of the Junior team. There seems to be no play-maker, defense and reserve spirit, which results in only one good half per game for this team.

Low Batting Average

This column is batting almost .000 in the prediction department. The subtle choice of the Juniors to repeat in the men's division, plus the difficulty the Soph women are having almost make the reader lose confidence in the sterling forecasts issued herein. Although the Frosh women have the talent to push ahead in the competition, they aren't as yet well coordinated. The Senior women are well coordinated, but woefully lacking in the talent of good, consistent shooting. The Junior women are a numerical possibility. This leaves the well-coordinated, talented, non-consistent Sophs as our feeble and questioning choice for first place.

Sports Briefs

A rough, ragged game of basketball results when there is only one ref to keep order . . . The discussion of intercollegiate sports is mentioned in this issue. We hope that this article will kindle student interest in this phase of college life. It's good to have soda and pop corn at the games — way to go, J. B. and the A. A.

Varsity Rejects Go Down At Hands Of Faculty Men

BY JOHN HOWARD

The basketball game of the year was played Saturday, Dec. 10. The renowned Ma Park's Rejects took on the Dry Bones before a packed gallery in this momentous contest. The game was hotly-contested and the action raged on without a letup.

When the smoke of battle cleared, the Dry Bones, led by Mr. Neu and Coach Burke with nine points each, emerged victorious by a slim 42-28 count.

The second game of the day matched Fern House and the Inn with the former eking out a 31-28 win in the final minute of play. Marshal Cook topped Fern House with 16 points and Ron Stratford dumped in 13 points for the Inn.

Bowen House, with Bob Sperry notching nine points, came off with an easy 26-17 victory over the Academy J.V.'s in the final game of the day. Phil Stockin had five points for the Academy.

The previous week's action saw the Leonard Houghton Luck Masters return to winning form with a 38-15 trouncing of the Byerly Brains. Dave Rahn topped all scorers for Leonard Houghton with 13 points. Dick Munson registered five for the Brains.

The second game was the feature game of the day with the Varsity Rejects opposing the unbeaten Johnson House quintet. When the confusion was finally cleared away, Johnson House, with Ron Johns showing the way, came out of the fray still unbeaten.

The Dry Bones topped the Academy J.V.'s by an easy 42-27 score in the final game of the day with Mr. Keith garnering 15 points for the Bones. Hugo Cabrices hung up eight for the J.V.'s.

The third week of the season saw the Byerly Brains top Fern House 23-16. Terry Preston led the Brains with four points while Marshal Cook and Roy Hendrix each had five for Fern.

The resurgent Bowen House five took the measure of the Inn in the second game 30-22.

The top game of the day saw the highly-regarded Varsity Rejects pummel the Leonard Houghton Luck Masters 47-37.