

# "For The Benefit of The Frosh (And Others) . . ." --Andrew Berger

Andrew Berger, a native of Hungary, was graduated last year from Houghton. Now studying for his M. A. in clinical psychology at the University of Indiana, "Andy" gives a few study hints which have proved effectual to him.—Ed.

Dear Editor:

For the benefit of the frosh and others, I think the following should be published. After all, this "knowledge" was acquired right in the halls of our beloved Alma Mater.

I graduated from Houghton, and if you (frosh and others) want to graduate also, all you have to do is follow Berger's 11 points:

1. Study your Prof. well. Learn his "looking-habits" and then sit in the direction he looks oftener, and in the front row. By all means sit in the front row.

2. Make comments whenever he has talked uninterrupted for a longer period of time. (You can usually tell by counting the number of eyes fixed on him—oh, and don't forget

to divide by two.) Any kind of comments will do; even though you think it hasn't got anything to do with the subject; he will!

3. Look awake! I know this is the hardest of all, and you have my deepest sympathy, kiddo, but try like mad to look alert.

4. Get him to notice your pen (or pencil), and make noises once in a while with the paper you're writing (letters?) on, so he'll realize that the output of energy is no small matter.

5. Bring him clippings from magazines, (don't get them at Willard Memorial); any clippings, he'll find some angle so as to apply it to his subject. You see, he thinks everything has something to do with the course he's teaching.

6. If you really think you've got a point, take it easy; this is your big chance; don't spoil it. Give the big idea in slowly; don't act smart; he wouldn't like that. Just appear as a matter-of-fact genius.

7. If you just don't know beans,

but you still want to graduate, be vague, slippery in your arguments, "lost in thought", wrinkle your forehead (vertical lines in forehead, not longitudinal—that's important), chew on the end of your pencil, as someone trying awfully hard. (If you don't have a pencil at hand, chew on fingernail—pick on only one finger.

8. Don't ever let the Prof. see you staring at your watch unbelievably or listening to see (?) if it still ticks. Just make believe you're

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## Dr. Don Falkenburg Tells About Closing Missions

Communism is closing one mission field after another to the Gospel of Christ, Dr. Don R. Falkenburg, organizer of the Bible Meditation league, stated Sunday night in Houghton Wesleyan Methodist church.

Citing as examples Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, and China, the speaker asserted that, although at one time these countries had been open to the Gospel, they are now closed by government pressure.

"French Indo-China, Indonesia, and Korea are thought to be next on the communists' agenda," Dr. Falkenburg continued. "Now is the time to get Bibles and Biblical literature into the hands of the people in these countries."

"Revival fires in Japan are burning as never before," he stated. "The young people are crying out for the Word of God; over ten thousand are enrolled in Bible classes."

"We are faced with the fact that here in the United States, we are going to be confronted with communism in its full force," Dr. Falkenburg continued. "The only answer to the communist is the Word of God," so, "let us use it here in the homeland to repel the thrusts of Satan and to win souls to Christ."

Dr. Falkenburg showed several slides at the close of the service on the work in Japan. The general theme of the slides was "From Buddha to Christ in Japan."

### CHAPEL

Friday, Nov. 25  
Rev. Stevenson  
Tuesday, Nov. 29  
Dr. Paine  
Wednesday, Nov. 30  
Choral Lit. Class  
Thursday, Dec. 1  
Mrs. Ortlip  
Friday, Dec. 2  
Mr. Zavitz

## Judge W. Hopkins Addresses Faculty

On Nov. 18, addressing the faculty of Houghton college at its dinner at Moonwinks, Judge Ward Hopkins of Allegany county asserted that a good home and a good education constitute the surest way to prevent crime.

Based on his experience with 159 cases, Judge Hopkins said that the average age for felony offenders in Allegany county is 28, while the average age for misdemeanors is 39. He also stated that only one felon had had college education; most of the persons committing misdemeanors had little educational background.

Judge Hopkins congratulated the faculty for living in Allegany county which is "signally free from serious crimes." It is what he considers a "clean county."

The judge suggested that "we choose our partners with greater care. A better home and family life is another major step in crime prevention," he said. The happy home life of a child, or a happy family life when married is the ideal way to avoid crime.

Judge Hopkins believes that this can be achieved through education. Houghton, he said, "is in the field that helps the prevention of crimes."

## INITIAL ORCHESTRA CONCERT TO BE PRESENTED NOV. 30

Prof. John Andrews has chosen a program of compositions ranging from Bach to Mozart to the contemporary Morton Gould for the college orchestra's initial performance of the season, on Nov. 30.

The program will open with Bach's choral prelude "Sheep May Safely Graze," followed by one of Mozart's most widely acclaimed works, the *Symphony in G Minor*. The humorous Overture to *The Barber of Seville* by Rossini will then be presented, after which two contemporary compositions will be played: "In a Chinese Temple Garden," by Ketelby and "Hill Billy," by Gould. In conclusion the orchestra will play Wagner's Procession from *Die Meistersinger*.

### Applications Accepted

The New York State Department of Civil Service examinations for Professional and Technical assistant will be given January 14, 1950. Applications will be accepted up to December 10, 1949. Further information may be obtained at the Registrar's office.

Thirty-five members comprise the orchestra's personnel. The first violin section is made up of Joanne Ludwig, concert mistress, Lester Seaman, Dr. Stefan Rose, Prof. Ray W. Hazlett, Nina Borisuk, and Alice Campbell; second violins: Margaret Wynn, principal, Louis Knowlton, Martha Reisdorph and Dorothy Omes; violas: Florence Crocker and John Warner; cello: Ruth Foot and David Negley; double bass: Lawrence Green and Paul Razzman; flutes: Carol Anderson, Ellen Thompson, Eileen Griffen, and Sibyl Brennen; clarinets: Clara Bowers, Barbara Smith, and Caroline Giles; bassoon: Lila Andrews; saxophones: Richard Troutman and Lillian Hutchins; trumpets: Homer Cornish and Prof. H. R. Alger; trombones: Douglas Monroe and Stanley Morse; percussion: Virginia Sell and David Evans; harp: Mrs. Mary Budensiek; piano: Jean Smith; guitar: Paul Razzman; manager: Prof. Harry Perison; librarian: John Warner.

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### ACTIVITIES

Friday, Nov. 25

Artist Series—Rochester Little

Symphony—8:30 p. m. Chapel

Saturday, Nov. 26

Singspiration—6:45 p. m.—dorm

reception room

Church Choir Rehearsal—7:30

p. m.—Church

Monday, Nov. 28

Oratorio Rehearsal—7:30 p. m.

—Chapel

Tuesday, Nov. 29

College Prayer Meeting—7:30

p. m.—Chapel

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Basketball game—Soph-Frosh—

7:30 p. m.—Bedford Gym

Ministerial Club—S-24—7:30

p. m.

Science Club—S-21—7:30

p. m.

Orchestra Concert—8:00 p. m.

—Chapel

Thursday, Dec. 1

Fast & Prayer Hour—11:30

a. m., 12:30 p. m.

Class Prayer Meetings—6:45

p. m.

Friday, Dec. 2

Basketball game—Seniors-Soph

—7:30 p. m.—Bedford Gym

Boulder movies—8:00 p. m.—

Chapel

## Mrs. Jacobson Delivers Second Lecture of Series

It is seldom that Houghton has a lecture series speaker whose entire speech is made up of anecdotes and humor, but that is what students laughed through on the evening of November 17, at the second Lecture Series.

Mrs. Emilie Jacobson, billed as English journalist and widely traveled linguist and observer, in her speech entitled "Humor—First Aid to Understanding," said that when people can laugh together, they can also live together. "Pleasure is the chief nourisher in life's feast," she went on.

"People should laugh with their meals, for laughter is very healthy. It shakes up the liver."

According to Mrs. Jacobson's philosophy of humor, in order to maintain good human relations, one should always laugh with people, not at them. Never tell jokes in dialect unless sure of it, for otherwise serious offense can be given, she said. "There is more in a real sense of humor than to laugh at funny stories. There is courage in true humor. To know what makes a man laugh is to know a great deal about him."

After defining humor as a warm, all-embracing thing, and wit as a border-line case of ridicule, the speaker aptly compared the humor of England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Italy, and America, giving numerous first-hand illustrations of each. English humor, she said, is typically Cockney humor. The Irish always know when they are funny and tell their jokes with tongue in cheek. Scottish humor is usually tied up with stinginess.

Mrs. Jacobson raised her brows in amazement as she told of the effect of the radio commercial on modern American life. "There are no radio commercials in Britain," she said. "If an actress has achieved fame in some field, she is not allowed to mention on the radio the title of the play in which she is playing." Too, the Britisher was resentful of the inference that the American has to rush to the medicine cabinet after eating to relieve the pain in his stomach. She stated that she liked the variety of American food and thought it quite digestible.

Mrs. Jacobson spoke gleefully of the American attitude that a woman is never too old to be a girl. "You're just all girls together in America. The sting has been taken out of being old," she said. "It's a wonderful feeling."

American slang is regarded by her to be most apt and completely to the point. "One can say three times as much in one-third the time," she remarked.

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## Students Sought

As part of the public relations' program to canvass for new students, John Zavitz visited Bennett High school, Buffalo, N. Y., on Annual College Day, Nov. 22.

Mr. Hausser, as a representative of Houghton college, is at a conference at Nyack.

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## WORLD TELESCOPE

By CHUCK STUART

With the domestic scene comparatively quiet, the big news of the week is centered around what would seem to be the beginning of the end of the Nationalist Government in China. The fall of Kuomintang would come as no shock to the world since it has been a pending question as to when it would actually fall. When the Communists captured Canton, the Nationalist Government fled to the inland city of Chungking. Since that time, the Chinese Reds have shown no great hurry in capturing the city, although at the present time they are only a distance of a day and a half's truck ride from it. The report concerning the fall of the city may be expected at any time, for the Nationalists have little resistance to throw in the way of action.

The possibility of an early nationalist collapse on the mainland was increased this past week when the refugee government learned of the departure to Hong Kong of acting president, Li Tsung-jen for some supposed medical treatment. Li's secretary said that he would return to Chungking as soon as his malady is cured. In the wake of his departure to the island colony, Li's associate divulged the fact that Li had finally broken with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

Reports from Chungking showed no indication that Chiang had any

immediate intentions of again taking over the official leadership of nationalist China, despite Li's retirement. The Generalissimo is working behind the scenes to try and bring about some order out of chaos. It is reported that General Yen Hsi-Shan, present premier and defense minister, would take over the additional duties of president for the time being.

While the affairs in China seemed to be shaping up to an inevitable end, the State Department in Washington disclosed that it had called together

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## The Anna Houghton Daughters Entertain

The Anna Houghton Daughters entertained the wives of Houghton students Monday evening, Nov. 21, at 7:30, at a party in Houghton College Recreation hall. The main feature of the evening was a 3-act play presented by Miss Elizabeth Beck entitled "We Dress," demonstrating to the ladies present how to dress well on a limited budget.

Musical entertainment, including "The Lost Chord" and "Warsaw Concerto," was provided by a record player, while the ladies were gathering. Mrs. Stephen Paine opened with prayer and Mrs. George Failing welcomed the ladies and gave a short explanation of the purpose of the Anna Houghton Daughters.

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## "Never been done before," but--

One of the leaders of the junior class two years ago was a young man by the name of Warren Ball. In the spring of that school year, Warren was one of several nominees for the presidency of the student body.

Warren's housemates, desirous of seeing their friend get into office, put on a minor political campaign for him. With a blaring bugle and a shotgun which shot blanks, they toured the campus in a motor cavalcade. The words, "Ball for President," were both on their lips and on signs distributed throughout the campus.

Many students questioned the ethical advisability of such a practice. Those same students today would probably admit that the reason they objected was that such had never before been done in Houghton. Nevertheless, Warren Ball was president of our student body last year.

The controlling student organization of Wheaton college is the student council. They have no student body organization. Thus, the person who is president of the student council has a considerable amount of prestige in the administration of student policies.

Wheaton college each spring conducts its own political campaign. Last year the three men who had been presidents of the class of 1950 announced their intention to run for the presidency of the student council. Each chose his campaign manager. Rosebuds were passed out after chapel by one of the contestants. Another, choosing the slogan, "The Best for the Most," stated that "this is admittedly vague, but we have chosen it as the most all-inclusive statement of our purposes . . ."

Last April 22 the students of Wheaton college went to the polls to vote for the president of their student council for the coming year. The two highest from this primary election were taken to the finals the following week. More than 80 per cent of the eligible 1200 full-time students voted in the finals.

This system, however, has not always been in use at Wheaton. As late as 1944 they used a method similar to the one employed here in Houghton. The *Wheaton Record* states that "the candidates spoke in chapel, ballots were passed out, and the results were announced at the close of the meeting. But this system had its disadvantages; in 1941 the losing candidate was called on for the closing prayer immediately after the winner was announced."

Concerning the efficacy of such a campaign, the manager of one of the contestants at Wheaton last spring said, "A campaign shows the candidate's interest and, most important of all, gets people to vote. We hope that our president will be chosen in an *all-school* election."

Wheaton is not the only college using this system; many colleges have annual political campaigns. And Houghton could no doubt benefit from the adoption of a similar plan. The results would be freer expression of student opinion, more resourceful consideration of student-faculty issues, and greater responsiveness to campus needs. When students are represented in a direct way, they take greater interest in school activities.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

"Let us forget" is a familiar phrase that has often aroused our deep, inner-most sentiments. These three words recall to my mind many scenes of anxiety, suffering, and death witnessed in the South Pacific. American men died a few years back under the colors of our flag. They were the guardians of our faith and freedom. However, several of those men often anticipated the future with such statements as, "When we get back to the States, who will remember what has gone on over here?"

Recalling November 11, 1949, Houghton college, Houghton, New York, may I ask, "Who will remember?"

Sincerely,

Frank Odor

## Berger Writes

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having a wonderful time.

9. Not every once in a while and give short signs of approval. Murmur: "How true, how true, amazing . . . etc."

10. Laugh at every one of his jokes. You must learn to know when he has told a joke: every time he looks up from his notes and smile expectantly. Remind the class (when he hears you) of one of his favorite jokes. Say: "Like Prof. XX, who said a couple of months ago 'blaabla . . . and so on!'"

11. Don't contradict him, " . . . but the book says . . ."; no, that he won't like! And most of all, never call him a "bird-brain," why that's not nice. Never mind the book! You want to graduate, don't you?

Well you'll catch on. I'd like to be there tomorrow when everybody will want to sit in the front row!

Your "adviser",

Andrew Berger

## The Wheels Go Round

BY STEVE CASTOR

Behold! Soph, junior, and senior men have been regularly studying their Sunday School lesson for the last three weeks. Nor do they wait for late Saturday night to delve into their subject as so often happens with less entertaining and attracting topics. No indeed! Friday night, with one accord, they attempt to correlate the facts of personal experience with the subject matter of Dr. King's lesson. What prompts this unusual phenomena? Why the fervent interest? The topic chosen by the class for discussion (or, better yet, dissension) is—"Boy-Girl Relations for the Christian."

Now, the two primary sources of empirical knowledge on this subject are, rather obviously: first, one's own experience; and secondly, the experience of others. Those who are fortunate enough to have first-hand information have been spending Mondays through Thursdays organizing past experience into a logical, coherent order. From the perspective thus derived, they are enabled to draw accurate, consistent inductions. Friday night is usually spent verifying these conclusions.

However, this order is not universally true, for there are some, who, insisting that past experience is colored by dreamy rationalization, firmly avow that only the daily observations of the present are valid bases for our inductions. Hence we have some who spend not only Fridays, but also Mon-

days through Thursdays, and often Saturdays and Sunday afternoons as well. These associations are not limited to the evenings, but frequently take up much of the mornings and afternoons. This extended situation has become known at Houghton as the "all-day date." As for myself, I honestly don't know how valid a basis such a set-up would offer. Nevertheless, this whole digression has been rather irrelevant, since the "all-day date" is not at all typical of Houghton men.

Not at all loath to work over the diverse reports, Dr. King vigorously turns the crank of his mental grinder and presents various conclusions, some of them at variance with the students' previous theories. In fact, some of the most highly prized theories maintained by students make very fine hash when finished. At any rate, all evidence goes into the making of the final conclusions, which emerge from Dr. King's mental processes as a coherent, consistent, and workable system of standards.

But we must not forget those fellows who are not in such a position as to have access to first-hand data, but only to the second-hand info of "older brothers." To be sure, such a situation is not due to any innate characteristics, but rather is due to environmental influences for the most part. Thus the dependence on second-hand knowledge is very likely only temporary, and boy-girl relationships, now a very small part of the

## "Think on These Things"

BY MARK ANDERSON

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." Col. 3:15. "And the peace that Christ is let arbitrate in your hearts, into which also ye are called in one body; and keep on becoming thankful." (Literal translation.)

On the authority of the Bible I submit that it is possible only for the person who is in the will of God to be genuinely thankful. A person who is out of God's will has at least one factor in his life which hinders him from being undividedly thankful. Our text is an infallible recipe for thankfulness; it gives the *how* of staying in the will of God. Note the sequence used: "put on love," vs. 14; "let peace rule," vs. 15; "be joyful," vs. 16—love, peace joy, a basic trinity in Christianity.

The peace that Christ is, does not constitute an abstract quality of being, but a living, objective reality—the Holy Spirit. Christ dwells in our hearts through the Spirit. God has no peace for anyone apart from the Person of Christ. "For he is our peace," Eph. 2:14.

Paul says that the human part of maintaining peace is active, not passive; a matter of choice, not chance. He uses the imperative of a word meaning to arbitrate—let rule. We must choose to let it rule.

Actually, he says let Christ call the decisions, say what is right or wrong, whether to indulge or abstain. If we exchange the peace that Christ is for something else we want, then we esteem that something of greater worth than the peace of Christ. Let Christ be umpire.

The place Christ rules is in our hearts. Elsewhere Scripture declares, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Christ ruling at the source of life automatically insures the purity of the stream. What we are in our hearts is what in reality we are. Moffat says, let the peace of Christ be supreme. The supremacy of Christ is either maintained, or rejected in our hearts. The very purpose of our calling is declared to be peace, "into which also ye are called in one body."

I Cor. 7:15 says, "It is to a life of peace that God has called you." (Moffat). The Christian is called to a life of inner calm, while the unbeliever knows only unrest. Having no peace, he cannot be thankful. A Christian with inner peace can be thankful irrespective of circumstances.

Paul says that letting Christ rule in our hearts is the foundation for a thankful attitude. If we are practicing the foregoing, thankfulness will be natural; and not just on thanksgiving, but consistently the year around. A. T. Robertson notes that it is the idea of *continuous* obligation, "keep on becoming thankful." Thankfulness is an attitude, not an individual act.

James Harr wrote in a *Star* article, "gratitude is a sign of maturity."

It is the child, the immature, who is a sort of human sponge, soaking up everything he can get. Paul says, now that we are spiritual men we have put away childish things—I think that includes ingratitude. Ingratitude negates all the sweetness of a Christian disposition. On the positive side of the ledger I quote A. W. Tozer: "Gratitude is a life-building force within us. We cannot be too grateful, and many of us make the mistake of not being grateful enough."

## World Telescope

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American leaders outside of the government in order to help find a solution to the Communist regime in China. Former Secretary of State George C. Marshall and Harold Stassen were among 25 men who participated in a closed door 3 day session which plans to bring about a change in American policy in the Far East. What to do about recognizing the new Communist regime and the halting of the advance of Communism to the rest of the Far East were some of the questions discussed.

Getting away from the political side of the news, the hearts of the public were gladdened this past week when it was announced that the crew of the B-29 bomber which went down in the Atlantic had been rescued. The news of this rescue was marred only by the fact that two men lost their lives in the mishap. The survivors of the crash spent three days on the ocean with waves as high as 29 feet. This rescue has been accredited to a combination of Canadian and American forces working together in this mission. The actual rescue of the survivors was carried out by a small Canadian destroyer, "H. M. C. Haida."

## Jacobson Speaks . . .

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marked. "One could write pages of standard English and not express so much."

In closing Mrs. Jacobson touched the problem of world peace, saying that "until man's heart catches up with his head, there will not be peace. Humor is indeed first aid to understanding."

students' life, will occupy a place of considerably greater importance in the future.

What, then, can we conclude? Only that the Sunday School has for every upperclassman, regardless of social status, a message of paramount importance. Seriously, fellows, the topic is very near to all of us. And, since it has such a close relation to our personal lives and testimonies, it behooves us, therefore, as Christians to establish for ourselves very definite ethical standards—to know what we believe, and why we believe it. Sunday School can help you.



## The Querist

Some one dragged the poor skeleton we call "School Spirit" out and attempted to revive it with the homecoming parade. It was a noble attempt but let's keep it out now—what do you say? Here's what some of our members think about the school spirit. Do you agree with them?

Miss Rickard: "If you mean the rah-rah type, there's not much. I don't come in contact with the students much on this point, but I do notice most of them think it's wonderful to come to a Christian college which has a Christian spirit such as ours."

Tom Anderson: "What do I think? What a question! I think it would increase if the college adopted a program of inter-collegiate athletics. Of course, I realize there are many obstacles, but I think the rivalry between classes tends to build factions."

Franklin Vaughn: "I think it's better this year, but it'll never be really unified as long as we're pitting one class against another in athletics."

Gloria Moschen: "It was very good on Homecoming, but I think more should have been done on Armistice day."

Mary Juliana Moreland: "I think the school spirit is better than it has been for several years. Attendance at lectures, prayer meetings, and such things isn't what it should be for a Christian college."

Max Nichols: "I think it's lousy."

## Why Education?

BY CHARLES SAMUELS

It is fine to be well educated, but what good will your knowledge do if you are not able to use it? And to be of the most efficient service to mankind, you must have sound bodies. Physical education certainly is the most important course.

A person may know multitudinous facts, but if he is incapable of expressing himself to others with clarity and persuasiveness—behold, all his learning is of little value! English undoubtedly is the most essential course in the educational program.

Not every man cares for history, science, or philosophy, but every soul that has ever breathed the breath of life loves music. The king, the peasant, the millionaire, the pauper, the saint, the reprobate—all love music.

If a man is going to obtain the richness of a happy life—he is going to philosophize. Yea, to live is to philosophize! One cannot escape philosophy; he might mistreat it or abuse it, but in so doing he will be doing some sort of philosophizing.

Music, art, science, history, literature, language, social science, psychology, theology, philosophy—we know that you all are close intimate friends, for each one of you belongs to the great happy family of knowledge. We know that you depend upon one another, even as we rely on you.

Let us join this large family and remember that there must be no fences of enmity between the members. Then let us love them all. If we do not let a liberal arts education do at least this much for us, perhaps we have erred at some point in the past.

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Mrs. Merrill Kreckman

It would help if we had more class pep rallies and also better gym facilities."

Dr. King: "I was just remarking to someone that I thought the school spirit was a lot better this year. As for what could be done to improve it—I'd have to sit and think awhile."

Shirley Havens: "There's plenty going on. It's not that. There seemed to be more spirit during the football season than usual. Why doesn't one dorm invite another over for parties? Something ought to be done to the rec hall so we could have big parties there, too."

These are specific attitudes of some, whose general attitude seemed to be that the school spirit this year is fair and improved but that it could stand a lot of improvement yet. School spirit can be gained only through collective cooperation of all the members of our student body. How is your school spirit?

## Anna Ho'ton Daughters

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Refreshments which consisted of tuna fish salad, potato chips, candy, and hot cider, were served by Mrs. Willard Smith and other members of the Anna Houghton Daughters.

An opportunity was afforded for the students' wives to become acquainted with wives of faculty members and with each other, as they participated in a few mixing games while refreshments were being prepared.

## What About Your Future?

Associated Collegiate Press

A feature writer for the "Daily Texan" summarized a recent survey made by a national magazine among college graduates. 9,065 degree-holders, considered representative, were questioned. If you get a degree and go to work, according to the survey, here is what you can expect:

You will become a professional man or an executive with a salary of about \$4,500 a year.

You will own your own home which will have six rooms and a monthly rental value of \$84. You will marry only once and will not become divorced. You will plan to have three children but will probably have only two.

You will read most of the best sellers, both fiction and non-fiction. You will also read from one to four magazines, concentrating on the "Reader's Digest," "Life," "Time," and the "Saturday Evening Post."

You will attend church fairly regularly and belong to about three other organizations. But the other organizations will have to do without you at about half of their meetings.

You will engage in about five political activities which include reading about politics in newspapers and magazines and discussing it with your

friends. You will keep up with local civic activities and take an active part in the civic affairs of your community. You will also keep up with national and international developments, but your active status in politics will probably be confined to voting.

Interestingly enough, you will not arbitrarily identify yourself with any political party but will vote according to the issue in any given election.

You will have only slightly less than four hours a day to spend in spare time activities. Most of that time will be taken up by reading or visiting friends. You will rarely ever go to a night club for entertainment.

In the matter of attitudes, you will believe that personal integrity of conduct and continuous searching for truth are the most important goals in life, and you will believe less and less that the greatest satisfaction in life comes from financial success, influence, or prestige.

You will become more liberal than you were in college. You will believe that all Americans should have equal opportunity in social, economic, and political affairs; and you won't agree that children of minority groups or other races should play among themselves.

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## Introducing...

"Once I was blind, but now I can see," holds a double meaning for Eugene Donald High, college freshman and first tenor in the Royalaires quartet.

Doctors once gave him only three days to live and said there was no hope. Just six years of age, blind and fatally stricken with Bright's disease, Gene grew worse each day. For three days, his family and a visiting minister fasted and prayed.

"On the morning of the third day, my high temperature broke, I came out of my coma, I wanted to eat, and my sight was restored!" Gene recounted.

Gene was further told that he would never be strong and would have to stay out of sports. Today, weighing 182½ lbs., he loves to play football and swim.

After Gene had been healed the doctor said that he would never say again that there was no hope. When man's power is at an end, there is an Eternal Power.

He fully consecrated his life to God during the fall revival services this year. Taking a Christian Workers course, he wants to enter full time evangelistic work in the musical line. He has had experience in several quartets, and for the past four years has played the trumpet.

Before Gene came to Houghton, he was assistant manager for Capital Bedding company, in Allentown, Pa., his birthplace and home town.

## Just in Passing

STANLEY SODERBERG

Thanksgiving is with us again, and as sure as night follows day, so sure will our hearts and minds swell with inexpressible gratitude to Almighty God for the multitudinous blessings of the past year—if we will only stop to think. And think we must, if we are to find room for thankfulness amid the countless headaches and heartaches which it has most certainly been our lot to endure. Yes, friends, we need the pick and shovel of proper thinking and open-mindedness to dig below the mere festivities and material elements of the day, if we would rest assured that our thankfulness was not mere lip service, hypocrisy in the major key. Silent meditation creates an ideal atmosphere within which to gain a reasonable

perspective of the mysteries of life. The tears that have coursed their way down many a cheek within the past year will often appear like limpid diamonds, rich and meaningful. Could they speak, I'm certain many would praise God that He saw fit to give them freedom to express themselves. But, be that as it may, all of us have much for which to be thankful.

I'm thankful, first of all, that I have someone else to thank besides myself for the blessings which have been poured upon me in endless quantities. If I myself were the source of power and blessing, such would be limited by eyes that could see no farther than the present, and a mind that would dismiss all trials as detrimental to my welfare, and all pleasure as the only standard for worthiness in life. How shallow and superficial life would be! But I am not the pilot of my helm, the "master of my fate," my own creator and sustainer—and for this I am grateful.

I'm thankful that I cannot thank my money for the joys of life, for if the cause must be equal to or greater than the effect in such a case, then how fleeting all these joys would be! They would be born and would die the same day. My fate would lie in the hands of the banker, and life would be one of eternal fretting. I have enough worries now without adding more. I have never enjoyed a full pocket and probably never will, yet Contentment has been a fellow traveler of mine, though at times he has been lost in the fog, and I would not trade him for all the diamonds in the world.

I'm thankful that my future is not in the hands of others, for it would cause no end of trouble with them; and as for me, if my head were not in the dust, I would certainly have gray hairs before I was twenty-five. The closest of friends are almost as fallible as I, and as for the rest, they remind me of the weather-cock on Farmer Brown's barn—they turn with the wind. Their own hides are more precious to them than a needy soul, and to place somebody's future welfare in their hands would be like casting fresh meat into a pack of ravening wolves.

I'm thankful, finally, that the one and only worthy object of thanksgiving for the blessings of life was early placed before me by a catechizing mother and a Christian father. The eternal and unchanging Christ was ever held supreme in the home—Christ, the source of all blessing; Christ, the Giver of every good and perfect gift; Christ, who loves me with an everlasting love, and who will perfect that in me which He has begun. He alone deserves my unfaltering confidence and devotion. "Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

## Graduate, Paul Fall Leads in Chemistry

Back in 1913 Houghton college had a tall, slim first baseman by the name of Paul Fall. In those days Mr. H. LeRoy Fancher was instructor of German and French, and Mr. James S. Luckey was our college president.

Paul Fall finished his course for the degree of bachelor of science; then he returned to Houghton to teach chemistry and mathematics in 1915-16. In 1916 Mr. Fall left our alma mater.

He became research chemist for Du Pont de Nemours Company at the end of the first World War. Later, he became head of the chemistry department of Hiram college in Ohio, and received his doctorate in 1925.

His next official visit to Houghton was in 1937 while he was professor of chemistry at Williams college in Massachusetts.

On Founder's Day in 1937 Houghton college gave Dr. Fall the highest honor it is able to give. The Star gave this account of it: "The assembly at the Founder's Day convocation held its breath as Dr. Douglas and Dr. Woolsey draped the insignia standing for doctor of laws around the shoulders of Dr. Paul Fall . . . Saturday morning, Nov 7." Dr. Fall gave an address that morning on "James S. Luckey, the Builder." President Luckey had died the year before.

Today, Dr. Fall is president of Hiram college. This past summer he did some investigation work in Germany. Just recently he sent from Hamburg a post card to Professor H. LeRoy Fancher, in which he stated: "For ten weeks I have been studying the conditions pertaining to the dismantling of ten huge chemical plants in the Ruhr area." He added, "The rural area of Germany is beautiful, but the cities are a mass of Ruins."

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## The Backboard

BY STEVE



The 1949-50 basketball season was officially initiated last weekend with a rousing game between the juniors and seniors. Won in the final minute with a half-court shot by Captain Milt Troutman, the game aroused much speculation as to the respective merits of not only the two teams in question, but also the soph and frosh teams.

Although there is little enough agreement as to the relative advantages and disadvantages of the individual squads, opinion is even more widely distributed in regard to team bids for the championship. Strangely enough, this opinion seems to align itself with class affiliation. Perhaps some are actually prejudiced.

It is interesting to follow the trends of class sentiment as the season progresses. The following opinions have been drawn from members of the respective squads, but do not necessarily represent the feelings of the squads as a whole. Possibly that could account for some of the prejudice therein.

The Frosh, having had little opportunity for observation in the past, can't decide whether the juniors or seniors are more to be feared. Their air castles were considerably damaged by those nasty, but necessary, grade points, which, together with a rather solid elbow in the face of six-foot-six center Paul Dekker, may have been responsible for their admittedly poor showing against the high school. In spite of this game, which was finally won by the freshmen 39-32, Coach Mel Clark is convinced that if the team can work together, they can give their older and more ex-

perienced foes a "lot of trouble."

The only group to consider the sophs a serious threat are the sophs (surely this isn't more prejudice). They now rank the juniors as their greatest stumbling block, although, before the season started, they rather surprisingly accorded this honor to the freshmen.

As for the upper classes, the juniors and seniors mutually concede (very kindly, I think) that the other is "the team to beat." Nevertheless, the seniors are reasonably certain that under the excellent coaching of Iggy, they will prove more than a match for the juniors.

On the other hand, the juniors feel sure that they have talent, which, once developed and coordinated, will prove an equally unhappy problem to the seniors.

Thus lies class opinion, which, if it can be adopted as a basis for our judgments, would indicate that 1949-50 will be a crackerjack season with Friday's thriller setting the stage for many more—the rule rather than the exception.

## Students Visit Lab, Hospital

Fourteen members of the Pasteur Pre-Medical society, including Dr. Floyd Rees, visited the Belmont Public Health Laboratory at the Allegeny county court house. The purpose of the visit was to view the control of communicable diseases. The rest of the club members visited the Warsaw General hospital and listened to several lectures explaining the work of the hospital.

The public health laboratory has been in the court house for 12 years, and unlike many other county laboratories, it does not make any charge for tests, bacteriological examinations, and clinical reports. The laboratory is approved and is run by the county board of managers, with half of the expenses paid by the state. Approximately 10,000 examinations are made in a year.

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## Fillmore Doctor Joins Orchestra

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Dr. Rose's musical experience begins in his boyhood when he studied the violin for seven years. In high school and college, he was a member of orchestras but Medical school prevented his interests in music from reaching any great heights.

He came to Fillmore in 1936 from Brooklyn, his former home and birthplace.

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## Frosh Open Series, Top High School

The Frosh topped the high school 39-32 in the initial basketball game of the 1949-50 series, Nov. 18. The high school, who scored the first points of the game, led at the end of the first period by a score of 7-3.

Although a Frosh forward, Dekker, was injured early in the game, the score stood 12-11 in favor of the Frosh at the half. The third quarter found the Frosh ahead, 26-15, and the final result of the game was 39-32 in favor of the Frosh.

FRESHMEN	g	ft	f	pt
Position				
Kolowsky—C	2	0	0	4
Dekker—F	0	0	0	0
Knowlton—F	4	4	0	12
Fountain—F	1	1	3	3
Lewis—F	4	0	3	8
Doel—F	2	0	0	4
Zike—G	1	0	0	2
Wheeler—G	0	0	1	0
Danks—G	3	0	3	6
Totals	17	5	10	39

HIGH SCHOOL	g	ft	f	pt
Position				
Twaddle—C	2	0	1	4
Valkenberg—F	1	1	0	3
Benton—F	3	0	0	6
Roughton—G	2	0	2	4
McDowell—G	1	0	2	2
Brown—G	5	3	1	13
Totals	14	4	6	32

## Communism Discussed

Mr. J. Whitney Shea, associate professor in economics and sociology, will speak to the members of the ministerial association on the subject, "The Minister Faces Communism," next Wednesday evening, November 30 at 7:30 in room S-24. Mr. Shea will discuss questions and problems suggested by members present.

## Junior Cagers Outvie Seniors By One Point

The junior cagers eked out a narrow victory against their upperclassmen, the seniors, 42-41 on Friday night, Nov. 19, before a full house of spectators in Bedford gym.

The outcome of the contest was always in question, and the student partisan forces took advantage of this fact in the intensity of their cheers. The seniors got their offensive machine under way early in the contest with Hank Jenkins hitting on long shots twice in succession. These two baskets provided the margin of difference between the two teams during the first period. Both teams maintained slow, methodical offensive systems during the first half as compared with the style each adopted in the

last half.

However, Max Nichols and Norm Hostetter led their teammates, the juniors, into the lead just before the first half closed, with nine and five points respectively. These points were made chiefly through sharp-shooting from outside. The seniors slowed down the tempo of attack during this assault. The score at the half-time was 27-23.

The third period opened with nine points being scored by the seniors before the juniors got into the scoring column. Don Strong, Hank Jenkins, and Joe Guest provided the scoring punch with a renewal of their powerful first-half attack. This margin of superiority continued to be enjoyed by the fourth-year men until the final minutes of the encounter.

The final period found the juniors regaining their stride and slowly closing the gap. Joe Guest scored all five points for the seniors in this crucial period. The foul shot accuracy of the juniors, especially in this instance and throughout the contest, was of particular note. They converted 13 points out of 27 attempts, while the seniors had a 7 for 14 proportion of their fouls successful.

## Freshmen Girls Win Over High School, 25 to 20

On Nov. 16, the first game of the girls' inter-class basketball series, featuring a contest of skills between the frosh and the high school, resulted in a victory for the frosh with a score of 25 to 20.

Before a capacity-filled gym, the seniors topped the juniors by only one point on Nov. 18. The final score tallied up 29 points for the victorious seniors and 28 points for the juniors.

For the juniors, Joan Carville led in the individual scoring by bringing in 14 points, while Anna Belle Russell piled up 8 points for her credit.

Joanne Fancher was high scorer for the seniors by dumping 14 points into the victim's basket; Ellen Thompson came in a close second with 11 points.

The next game of the series will be played on Nov. 30 when the high school challenge the juniors at 3:30 p.m., and in the evening the frosh take on the sophs.

	B	F	T
Nichols	2	7	11
Vining	1	1	3
Lederhouse	0	0	0
Troutman	5	2	12
Roberts	0	0	0
Lennox	0	2	2
Bailey	0	0	0
Nast	1	1	2
Hostetter	3	5	11
	12	13	42

	B	F	T
Strong	4	1	9
Guest	5	3	13
Johnson	2	3	7
Lombardi	0	0	0
Jenkins	6	0	12
Dingman	0	0	0
MacPherson	0	1	1
Inkster	0	0	0
	17	7	41

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