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Byrd's Secretary Debate to Be To Lecture Feb. 4 Held Wednesday

Will Show Pictures of South Polar Expedition

On February 4 Charles Lofgren will bring an illustrated lecture on Byrd's Antarctic Expedition. Lofgren was Byrd's secretary from the beginning of the organization of the expedition, his right hand man through every minute of that inspiring triumph, and his personal aide on his 1930 American tour. Byrd selected Lofgren as the man best qualified by education, previous experience and actual participation to bring a first hand recital of this expedition before the American people.

Expression Club Gives Program of Winter Poems

The wind and snow whirling for one of the few times this winter co-operated with the Expression Club in presenting the program "Winter with the Poets," Monday evening.

Theda Thomas, the first reader, presented the description of the winter scene as Sir Launfal returns from his fruitless search of the Holy Grail as told by James Russel Lowell. After a delightful piano solo by Aliene Schaus, Ila Underwood recited the well known and loved "Snowbound" by Whittier. From the "Pickwick Papers" Lauren Williams gave the amusing experience of Mr. Winkle on skates. Merle Brown discussed winter sports at Lake Placid.

In conclusion the Misses Ware, Carter, Murphy and Miller cooperated in a Ukelele quartet bringing three popular songs to an appreciative audience who would not be satisfied with one number only.

Excitement Created By False Alarm

Houghton has been having trouble with her fire-alarm all week. Last Friday the unsuspecting students rushed to the edge of the campus intent on enjoying or forestalling a great fire. The siren was shrieking fiercely. The stage was all set for an exciting afternoon, but there was no smoke. Minutes passed the crowd gathered but nothing happened. Disappointment settled down on the faces of the most sceptical and a thin stream of folks began to pour back into the building. It was half an hour, however, before the last of the thrill-seekers left the scene of action.

Owls Welcome Members

Of the number of students who have made application for admittance into the "Owls", only two have been successful. The persons accepted are Edna Roberts and Harry Gross. With proper ceremony, they were officially welcomed into the Club at its regular meeting last night.

Socialism in U. S. Topic for Discussion

All are most cordially invited to the debate to be held in the college chapel Wednesday evening, January 27, at 6:30 o'clock. The question is—"Resolved: That the United States of America Should Have a Socialist Government". The merits of the two teams shall be decided by the audience; therefore, come and be one of the judges!

Negative (Debate Class)

Chester Osgood
Lauren Williams
Richard Rhodes

Affirmative (Challenging team)

Edna Roberts
Blanche Gage
Kenneth Wright

Tellers

Prof. Stanley Wright
Prof. Frieda Gillett
Mr. Alvin Barker
Mr. Harold Elliott

Chairman

Prof. Bertha Rothermel

During the interval while the votes are being counted there will be a brief musical program.

Orators to Speak in Preliminary Contest

The United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission is sponsoring a National Oratorical Contest for all colleges throughout the United States. The college preliminary contest for Houghton will be held in the chapel on Monday January 25th at 6:30 p. m. Fifteen students mostly from the oratory department wrote orations for this contest. The five who have won distinction for the preliminary contest are: Lauren Williams—Washington, First in Peace.

Paul Allen—The Spirit of Washington.

Doris Lee—Washington's Understanding of Men.

Stephanie Kluzit—The Spirit of Washington.

Ethel Barnett—The Spirit of Washington.

Out of town judges will determine the winner for the state regional contest. Those winning in the state contests will go to the National contests. The state will pay expenses for the National contest only. Medals are to be awarded and all orations of winners are to be printed in book form.

There will be a tax of ten cents admission to defray expenses of delegate to the regional meet.

The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear.—Socrates.

Our civilization is not going to depend upon what we do when we work so much as what we do in our time off.—Herbert Hoover.

Young Peoples' Society Formed

Thursday morning, the new young peoples' organization met to elect officers. This organization is a unit of the large organization which is being established within the Wesleyan Methodist Church throughout. All Christian young people are invited and urged to join also those who are of good moral character may join as associate members. The purpose of this organization particularly in Houghton College is to cooperate with other Christian groups already established and to aid in organizing groups of young people in neighboring district churches.

The officers are as follows:

President—Fred Ebner
Vice-Pres.—Evangeline Clarke
Sec. & Treas.—Elsie Chind
Chairman of Devotional Com.—Malcolm Cronk
Chairman of Membership Com.—Kenneth Wright.

Rev. E. W. Black to Conduct Special Services

The winter series of revival meetings will begin on the evening of Tuesday, February ninth. The evangelist this year is the Rev. E. W. Black of the North Carolina Conference. He is not unknown in Houghton, having been one of the evangelists at the campmeeting of 1930. This revival season has come to be an integral part of the year's work and it merits the attention of every student.

Purple Lions Gain Double Victory over Gold Teams

Men Tie Series While Women Enjoy Two Game Lead

A rather unique Purple-Gold basketball contest was staged in the gym last Wednesday evening. The boys game, which was anticipated as the best of the series, resulted in a second team battle due to the peculiar ineligibility of three Purple regulars and four first string Gold players.

The teams seemed quite evenly matched in the first quarter checked by the frequent blowing of "Sid" Miles whistle. In the second period "Tom" Armstrong and his four "panthers" plowed through the Purple defense and came out on the long end of a 12-8 score when the whistle sounded for half time.

After a short rush, however, the Purple Lions, led by Francis Miller began to click and helped out by Ayer's three dukes the score came back to even up. Hayes, who replaced Drape Smith in the fourth quarter, spirited the Purple boys up a bit and they went through for the winning points. The final score was 26-19.

Cronk, who had to be drafted from the cheerleader ranks, assisted by Bill Mein's snappy passwork headed the scoring list for the Purple with 9 points. Parry, the Gold center, was high scorer for the Gold with 7 points while Mountjoy starred at his guard position holding his man to one field goal.

On a whole the game was a very loosely played contest which resulted in the calling of 36 personal fouls.

Needless to say many spectators who anticipated a closely fought contest were disappointed in that poor demonstration of college basketball.

In the first game the Purple Girls again seemingly surprised the Gold in a fast, close game. Coach Cronk tried a new lineup with Kissinger at center, Frank and Congdon forwards and "Peg" Ackerman, and Mac Farlane at guard. The fast playing of Frank and Congdon seemed to upset the Gold and the score at half time read: Purple 8—Gold 6.

In the second half the Purple strengthened by Minnis at center maintained their lead and finished the game with the score 17-13.

Frank scored high for the Purple with 6 points while Matthews starred for the Gold with 5 points. This game was by far more exciting than the boys, which is very unusual.

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Tribute Paid to Prof. West of Marion

Houghton feels the exceedingly great loss suffered by her sister college at Marion. Probably not all of us know of one of the ties that exists between the two institutions. President Luckey goes to Marion College not simply to represent us and to take our message of sympathy, but he goes as the official head of that school. For for some years President Luckey has been not only President of Houghton College, but President of Marion College as well. Professor West was known as the Acting President.

Professor Henry A. West has been closely connected with the educational work of the church. He has taught in all of the other schools of the church except this. He has never been here during the school year, therefore he has remained largely a stranger to the student body. However, he has worked with a number of the members of our faculty, Professor Stanley Wright, Professor W. L. Fancher, and Professor W. C. Bain.

Professor Stanley Wright, in paying tribute to Mr. West, said, "I think of this man particularly as a type of friend. He knew how to be a lot of things. He knew how to touch life pleasantly in very many relationships. He was a good administrator, and was doing well at Marion. And above all he knew how to be a friend which is something worthwhile in these days."

Speaking of him as a personal friend, Professor Wright said, "He and I were friends together in an unusually large number of life's relationships. I have memories of nearly every sort concerning him. We played together as men, sided on questions together, found ourselves pitted very definitely against each

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SCHEDULE OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

January 30—February 5, 1932

Saturday, January 30

8:00—10:00 Classes scheduled regularly at 8:00 T. T. S.
10:15—12:15 Technique of Teaching and Sophomore English (High School Study Hall)

Monday, February 1

8:00—10:00 Classes scheduled regularly at 9:00 T. T. S.
10:30—12:30 General Psychology and Freshman English (High School Study Hall)
2:00—4:00 Freshman Bible (High School Study Hall)

Tuesday, February 2

8:00—10:00 Classes scheduled regularly at 10:30 M. W. F.
10:30—12:30 Classes scheduled regularly at 11:30 T. T. S.
2:00—4:00 Classes scheduled regularly at 2:30 M. W. F.

Wednesday, February 3

8:00—10:00 Classes scheduled regularly at 11:30 M. W. F.
10:30—12:30 Classes scheduled regularly at 10:30 T. T. S.
2:00—4:00 General Chemistry (Recitation Room)

Thursday, February 4

8:00—10:00 Classes scheduled regularly at 9:00 M. W. F.
10:30—12:30 Classes scheduled regularly at 2:30 T. T. S.
2:00—4:00 German I (Large Room on 4th floor of High School)

Friday, February 5

8:00—10:00 Classes scheduled regularly at 8:00 M. W. F.
10:30—12:30 French 3, and 1:30 M. W. F. classes
2:00—4:00 Freshman Mathematics and Latin B1 (Large Room on 4th floor of High School)

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Collegiate Sam Says:

If you find it hurts you to give others their due, you may have discovered the secret of your lack of popularity.

IF WINTER COMES—

Let's talk about the weather. You'll have to admit we have gotten enough of it lately. The way things look now Prohibition hasn't got a chance. The country, even around here, is entirely wet. There's another thing—here we are in the midst of a January thaw and we haven't had a bit of winter yet. However, let's not kick. The world will be cruelly cold in about two weeks. All over the scholastic United States the temperature will be somewhere about zero and we can safely predict excruciating tortures for Californians and Kentuckians as well as for ourselves. Some of us will be "frozen up" by February seventh and the rest will go limping through next semester, pointing back with dubious thankfulness to the blizzard of thirty-two. Yes, it will be terrible. There is only one thing that gives us consolation in looking forward to it. That's expressed in a line of poetry we have all stumbled across (Frosh will soon)—

"If winter comes can spring be far behind?"—W. L. Z.

NEXT ISSUE?

Due to being chained to the vicious habit of cramming for exams, we the STAR Staff will be unable to issue a STAR for two weeks.

Purple - Gold Games

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BOX SCORES

Purple

	fg	fp	tp
Cronk, F	3	3	9
Mein, F	1	3	5
Smith, C	0	1	1
Ayer, C	3	0	6
Miller, G	0	2	2
Pierce, C	0	0	0
Hayes, G	1	1	3
Total	8	10	26

Gold

	fg	fp	tp
VanOrnum, F	1	0	2
Armstrong, F	2	0	4
Parry, C	1	5	7
Mountjoy, G	1	4	6
Burns, G	0	0	0
Moon, F	0	0	0

Cronk, F	0	0	0
McGowan, G	0	0	0
Total	5	9	19

Purple

	fg	fp	tp
Congdon, F	0	3	3
Frank, F	3	0	6
Kissinger C&G	1	0	2
Minnis, C	2	0	4
Ackerman, G	0	0	0
MacFarlane, G	0	2	2
Total	6	5	17

Gold

	fg	fp	tp
Fero, F	0	0	0
Hall, F	1	1	3
Hewitt, C	1	0	2
Matthews, G	2	1	5
Harbeck, G	1	1	3
Pitzrick, F	0	0	0
Stratton, G	0	0	0
Total	5	3	13

PERSONALS

Miss Brockett visited her home in Kenmore Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Kate Cole spent the week-end at home.

Marian Taylor has been spending a few days at the hospital.

Marjorie Dye took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dentler one day last week.

Miss Elizabeth MacFarlane and Kate Cole went to Wellsville to shop one day last week.

Florence Clissold, Eileen Hawn Alvin Barker and Malcolm Cronk went to Friendship Sunday night to help Mr. Arlin and Miss Noss in their services there.

Messrs Glen and William Carpenter, student of Houghton 1905-10, visited the campus Monday evening. Mr. Glen Carpenter is pastor of a Presbyterian church in Grand Rapids and Mr. William Carpenter is the Secretary of the Michigan State Welfare Commission. Both are sons of E. D. Carpenter, president of the General Conference of the Wesleyan Church.

Bea Jones Leaves For West Chazy

A crowd of Seniors listened to "Bea's" farewell speech, at the station Thursday night.

"Bea" has signed a contract to teach in West Chazy, New York. We extend our sincere congratulations to her. But how we'll miss her! She seemed an indispensable member of the class; for with her went cheerfulness, keen wit, and a wholesome love of life.

We wish her success and happiness in her new work. And "Bea" don't take time to be lonesome. Use that time to answer the mob of letters we gave you for a send-off.

Farewell Party Held

The home of Mrs. Hunt was the scene of a gay time on Thursday evening, January 14. Miss Fancher, Miss Burnell, Miss Rothermel, and the Senior girls were royally entertained at a farewell party for Bea Jones and Catherine McCarty, who are leaving us in January. The Royal Family presented a famous tragedy. The quartet from the Rothermel house sang a number and then the girls' celebrated jazz orchestra gave their rendition of several popular numbers. The judges have been unable to decide which of the various other skits that were presented, won the prize, but congratulations are offered to Miss Mary K. Thomas for her quartet, to Mrs. Kluzit for her "Model" school, to Miss Rothermel for her boarding school, and to Miss Chind and Miss Potter for their well brought-up family.

After refreshments, the party broke up, but not before having expressed sincere regrets that Catherine was unable to attend on account of illness, and having wished Bea good-bye and good luck.

"How do the police disperse riots in Aberdeen?"

"By passing the hat."

—Ex.

Freshman Receives Scholarship

Crystal Crone, a Freshman in Houghton College has received notice of a State Scholarship award to her for her high record in Olean High School. This scholarship entitles her to one hundred dollars a year for four years paid by the State of New York.

There are now five in the Freshman class who have earned scholarships.

Literary Corner

Professor L. A. King head of the department of English at Peru State Teachers College, Peru, Nebraska, very kindly gave his permission for us to print two of his poems. Here they are:

This one as Professor King says "in the tone of Edgar Lee Masters"

LET'S KILL TIME

They said: "Let's kill Time;
We'll stab him dead with jest and rime
And merrily laugh as he dies."

One day I saw old Time with curled
fresh locks,
Sitting smiling under the eternal
skies.

I looked where he was gazing and
saw
A twisted, smoking mass of steel and
bone;

A nameless hollow in a weedy potter's
field;

A corpse, revolver in hand, lying in
blood;
A green-scummed, slimp quicksand
pool in Indiana;
An old cripple who could not die.

Kill Time? Young Time, with
straight, gray strings of hair,
Killed them.—L. A. K.

And this one, lighter, but very
thoughtful too.

Close up under the roof one day,
I heard a tiny bird's feet tap, as if to
say,

"Please may I come in?"

Forgive now, Death, if on their
happy way

My young feet have seemed, too, ur-
gently to pray;

"Open; let me come in."

I meant not so.

Church Services

"Owe no man anything but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law." Rom. 13: 8.

Rev. Pitt showed that this love is not the love which is typified by the word charity in the Bible. It is a far deeper love; a love which enabled Jesus, while in agony on the cross, to pray for the forgiveness of his persecutors.

This debt of love is one which we should be always paying, but a debt which can never be settled in full.

A true Christian has seen himself as utterly destitute of the love of God. He has accepted Jesus that this new principle of divine love might be implanted in his heart.

It would be worth a great deal if we learned to think of our pre-
judices as something to conquer.

—Ex.

It Seems to Me . . .

There are many things that Houghton needs very badly; a new church, a new dorm, a new road up to the school, and various other improvements that would add greatly to the appearance and efficiency of our school. A lack of financial backing delays all these things that would be of such benefit to the student body and faculty, and makes them look rather far-away and unattainable. But there are some things that our school needs that do not necessitate an expenditure of money, yet will benefit our school as truly as some great financial undertaking.

One of the greatest things that Houghton needs if it hopes to prosper has its foundations in the very attitudes of the student body. It is a vital matter, without which no society can survive. I am speaking of cooperation. It seems to me that the students show a very weak cooperative spirit in their school life; so weak that, in some instances, it is practically negligible. Without a sincere, deep-founded sense of cooperation, the school will lapse into a mediocre, lifeless social liability.

If the individual members of the various school activities were willing to work towards one goal, these societies would become much stronger than they are. As it is now, two or three leaders have to take the whole responsibility upon their shoulders, which overburdens them so greatly that it is unfair to them as well as to the other members. The student body fails to do its best in public presentations, such as the regular programs, the special concerts, the Christmas pageant, and other numbers, merely because the students refuse to cooperate and work together. It is expected that a committee chairman has to do all the work, and all who have served on committees can count on their two hands the members of the student body that can be expected to cooperate with them.

This general lassitude has spread until it reaches every phase of our school life. The school Weekly suffers from a lack of cooperation. The students think that their duty is to subscribe to the STAR, do something occasionally that can be printed as news—if a reporter manages to find it out, and last, but not least, to "crab" because the paper isn't what they think it should be. Some think that it should be literary; let them contribute some literary material that is of real value. Some think that it should be humorous; how many of them ever send in a joke? Some think that it should be Utopian: a see-all, hear-all, know-all; and that it should be printed to suit their taste alone.

Let us alter this deplorable condition. Instead of shirking, let us cooperate; instead of picking flaws, let us at least criticize constructively. If we want our school to grow and to become of State-wide, or greater still, of National repute, let us organize with but one aim in mind—A Bigger, Better Houghton!—The Hermit.

Definition of a Scotchman: A man who would take long steps to save shoe leather if he didn't take short steps for fear of straining the stitches in his underwear.

—Ex.

Thirty Day' War

Never did an infant have to wage a more fierce battle to secure for itself a name, than did the new Literary Club of Houghton College (Houghton, N. Y.). Enthusiasm ran high among the members for adopting an unusual name befitting the organization. But alas, the fondest hopes of youth are often dashed relentlessly into the Sea of Despond especially in Houghton. To our chagrin the faculty did not accept the proposed name. The War was on! But attacking was like battering a stone wall with a tophick. Charge after charge the Club made, only to be routed each time into a disorderly retreat. Surrender seemed inevitable. But just when the Club was about to make their last stand, the parable in Luke 18: 1-6 found application. and armistice was signed.

The first choice of the Club was a Greek name with Greek letters as symbols. Recognizing the fact that there was an argument in this case, the Club next chose a name within the realm of our mother tongue. They chose the ultra-dignified name of *Green Owls*. The attempt was again a failure. Finally, though shedding bitter tears of grief withal, the Club removed the beloved adjective "Green", and submitted the name "Owls" (o pronounced like a in cat). To our amazement, a small detachment of faculty troops led by Prof. Frank Wright, again repulsed the onslaught of the Club. Provisions began to run low in both camps, so the skirmishing was brought to a close by the selection of the name "Owls".

Think you that we *Owls* are merely another Houghton organization like the rest? You're as far wrong as most of my replies to the curious queries of the teachers during the first week of February will be. The Club has been formed about the Star Staff as a nucleus, but will be augmented by a very limited number drawn from the student body on a competitive basis. The Club is selective in membership, lofty in purpose, and efficient in organization. Would you like to join? Why not try?

Benjamin Franklin, One of America's Greatest Sons

On January 17 occurred the 226th anniversary of a great American who should not be forgotten amid the nation's tribute to George Washington this year; for this noted American was not only a glory to our history but without him Washington might not have been able to achieve our independence.

This great American was Benjamin Franklin, who became, next to George Washington, the best known American of the 18th Century. Wherever enlightened men gathered during Franklin's lifetime, they accounted him foremost in philosophy, politics, and diplomacy, and to this day his name is secure in history as that of a pioneer in science.

Franklin was one of the most versatile men of our history. His clear thinking and good common sense won him fame everywhere. As for his personality, it proved a tremendous asset to the American cause. The final victories of Washington on the battlefield would never have been possible but for Franklin's skill in the field of diplomacy and his ul-

mate winning of the French nation to America's side.

Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston, on January 17, 1706, the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission reminds us.

His father wanted him to learn the trade of candle-making, an occupation that he disliked so much that he threatened to revolt. To forestall his running away to sea, the boy Franklin was apprenticed to his half-brother, James, a printer; and here Franklin's rapid self-education got its start. In his brother's shop he met intelligent people, he eagerly read the best books, and he soon tried his hand at writing for his brother's newspaper, called the "first sensational sheet in America."

Quarreling with his brother, Franklin set out for Philadelphia at the age of 17, to make his own way. There he soon caught the attention of Governor Keith at whose suggestion he went to London. There, in spite of many hardships, he soon obtained employment and his agreeable personality brought him many influential friends. One of them, a Quaker merchant named Denham, offered Franklin a job in a store that he planned to open in Philadelphia. Within a short time Denham died and Franklin again was without a job, but his next step was important.

With Hugh Meredith he established a printing shop in Philadelphia and in ten years he had made it the most important business of its kind in the country. Next he bought the Pennsylvania Gazette, which soon gained a circulation of 10,000 and became one of the outstanding papers of the time. In this paper he began those pithy maxims to be gathered under the title of "Poor Richard's Almanac," which lives today in lasting fame.

Meanwhile Franklin's interest and activities had broadened in every direction. He founded the American Philosophical Society, organized the first fire company in Philadelphia, and became the city's postmaster and clerk of the Pennsylvania Assembly. His interest in science also developed, and he invented a stove and began those experiments in electricity which have made his name a household word in the scientific world.

Every schoolboy knows the story of Franklin's suspicion that the lightningbolt was simply a larger specimen of the spark he drew from a Leyden jar. He proved the likeness with his historic experiment of the kite and the key during a thunderstorm. The invention of the lightning-rod soon followed.

Franklin's diplomatic feats make too long a list for a newspaper column, but it was he who first sought to bind the Colonies together in union. He performed many saving services for the Colonies before the Revolution, and during that struggle his influence in France provided the factor that turned the Revolution to victory for America.

Even at 81, Franklin's deeds for his country were not yet ended, for in 1787 he performed the culminating service of his long career with the fitting act of becoming a member of the Convention that wrote the Constitution.

Throughout his life he was a devoted admirer of George Washington, and the friendship of these two men is one of the fairest pages in early American history. On his death, on April 17, 1790, Franklin willed his cane to Washington, with the famous words: "My fine crab-tree

walking stick, with a gold head curiously wrought in the form of a cap of liberty, I give to my friend and the friend of mankind, General Washington. If it were a sceptre, he has merited it and would become it."

BACK SEAT DRIVING

When Missus Noah was afloat, I have no doubt she said: "The way you steer this Ark I don't see why we all aren't dead."

When Cleopatra and her Mark Took barge to tour the Nile, I'm sure she told him how to guide It every little while.

When Grandma took the surrey out, In Eighteen-Eighty-Nine, I've heard that Grandma often would Reach out and grab a line.

I do not think back-seat control Came just this century—I'll bet that Eve told Adam when To "Whoa" or "Haw" or "Gee." —Selected.

Tony Midey

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Two old maids were in a insane asylum for years, always knitting and knitting.

"Oh," sighed Mayme one day "I wish some tall, handsome man would wind his arms around me and squeeze me until I gasp."

"Now you're talking sense," from Jayne. "You'll be out of here in a few days."

Customer: I want some powder to kill cockroaches.

Clerk: Will you take it with you?

Customer: No, I'll have the cockroaches call and you can rub it on their little tummies.

"My sugar daddy has a heart of pure gold."

"Yes, it's surprising what treasures you will sometimes find in an old chest."

An Irishman hearing of a friend who had a stone coffin made for himself, explained:

"Faith, that's good. Sure an' a stone coffin 'ud last a man a lifetime."

Teacher: Now take the Jones family; there is mama, papa and the baby. How many does that make?

Johnnie: Two and one to carry.

"Here's something queer," said the dentist. "You say this tooth has never been worked on before, but I find small flakes of gold on my instrument."

"I think you have struck my back collar button," moaned the victim.

Servant (announcing new arrivals at the party): Mr. Tootle.

Mr. Tootle (in undertone) And Mrs. Tootle.

Servant: And Mrs. Tootle, too.

"Your teeth are like the stars," he said

And pressed her hand so white. And he spoke true, for, like the stars,

Her teeth came out at night. Am. Boy Magazine

H C

A Fertile Field for Judging Character

Sophomore English, most famous of all English courses, is notorious for several reasons. In fact, it is so notorious that it would not be fitting that a whole year should pass without an article appearing in the "Star" concerning it. One of the reasons for the notoriety of this subject is that sooner or later every college student is subjected (or would you say edited) to it. Then, all who take it are very profuse with their criticism of the greatest English classics such as the "Faerie Queene" and "Paradise Lost". This criticism is so very intellectual and literary that it adds much to the renown of Sophomore English students. The third reason is that the course itself requires mental exertion of a more or less strenuous type. This makes the course unpopular, therefore notorious.

However, it is not my purpose to dwell upon this well-known English course itself but rather upon the idiosyncrasies of the people who take it. Since most of the students are Sophomores, this article will necessarily reflect upon either the good or the bad qualities of the members of this class. However, in order not to be at all personal I shall confine my remarks to the English class as a whole and mention no particular member. In order to qualify as eligible to make the following statements I shall limit myself to the section of Soph. English of which I am a member. Under these conditions I believe I know whereof I speak, and therefore speak with some authority.

It is said that if you wish to judge a man well, judge him by the manner in which he spends his leisure time. A session of English class affords a very opportune time to do this, for many persons spend the whole class period in a very leisurely manner. If we may use this as a criterion by which to judge character, we are able to find various types.

First we have those people who, though usually considered intelligent, sane, and possessing dignity, are in reality scarcely as mature as babes wrapped in swaddling clothes. They fondly gaze out the window at Dame Celia or out the door at some conceited Freshman performing some acrobatical stunt for their benefit. Saturday morning brings around its usual train of Frosh who gaze in upon us and even go so far as to push the door open and then, like scared puppies, flee. All of these incidents greatly amuse this group and supply a pastime to wile away the fifty-five minutes.

Then we have a group, which is in the minority to be sure, that takes advantage of the teacher in every possible way. Some examination papers which are turned in are no more the work of the individual whose name the paper bears than it is the work of Shakespeare himself. But I do not desire to magnify this fault. Some other students, however, indulge in the less harmful but forbidden sports of playing catch, gossiping, or raising Cain in general. This group as a whole is made up of the less dignified Sophomores, yet one would not naturally class them in this group.

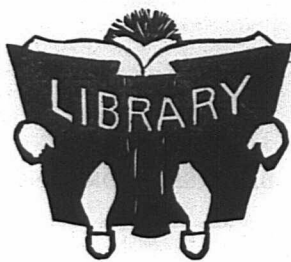
Then there is the group which attends class in order to gain knowledge. These people, sad to say, are in the minority; but their influence is sure to be felt sooner or later. It is this group which is endeavoring to get something out of the confusing mass of English literary productions amidst the chaos and turmoil raised by unscrupulous seat mates.

If any of these remarks have been misleading or too harsh, I stand corrected. I have not meant to criticize the English department nor the professor of Sophomore English. I believe the whole cause of the chaos in our case lies in the unsportsmanly manner in which the class conducts itself. I have drawn this conclusion from personal knowledge. Have we not, fellow classmen, enough dignity and sense of fairness to ourselves and all concerned to reform our English class?

—K. W. W.

FLOWERS

Oppenheim - Olean



High School students should be grateful to their principal, Mrs. Bowen, for the discovery of a most interesting book, *Epics of America* by James Truslow Adams. In his new book the author has achieved a notable success in making history fascinating. College students and members of the faculty will enjoy the book later after the high school has finished reading it.

A Thousand and One Nights of Opera by Martens will be useful in answering the questions, which so frequently come up, whenever we attend a musical entertainment, or listen to a program of operatic music over the air. It is indexed both by titles and composers.

"The first glance at Schubert's music suggests a rippling movement, and by the side of the rippling a flowering" are the opening words of Capell's introduction to his *Schubert's Songs*.

The book combines to a surprising degree the simplicity required by the average reader with the technical information needed by the music student.

A very scholarly work is Bekker's *Richard Wagner*. While it is calculated for use by advanced students in music, it is well within the interest of every one who loves music.

Most of our New Year's resolutions are broken by this time so a new one will be welcomed by all of us. How about this one—I will attend the library benefit concert on Feb. 23.

—The—

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Group Pictures Taken for Annual

The photographer for Boulder pictures arrived Wednesday and shot everybody in sight.

Students were so thrilled over the opportunity for evading classes (legitimately or otherwise) that surely the pictures will show Houghton students as cheerful cherubs.

Poses ran all the way from the heights of dignity to the depths of fear. The fear was occasional by the sudden brightness from the flash-light. This year a new method of taking flash light pictures was used. The flash was caused by connecting an electric current to a bulb containing aluminum ribbon and oxygen. This method does away with the smoke and danger of fire.

H C

Tribute to Prof. West (Continued from Page One)

other on opposite sides of a question. We found ourselves thrown together in very trying business relationships. Our lives touched in an unusually large number of relationships. There was something about him that made the kind of a friend that could stand that. He came through these relationships exactly the same sort of friend friendship. I believe with that great writer who said that friendship is the greatest thing in the world."

"He was a man who came as near putting everything that he had into a job and saying not a word about it, as any man I know."

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