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Newly elected Foreign Missions Fellowship officers: William Best, treasurer; Carolyn Muller, corresponding secretary; David Pollock, president; Richard Ulrich, vice president.

Pollock, Ulrich Gain Offices In Missions Organization

BY PATRICIA LEWIS

The Foreign Missions Fellowship elected officers for the next year at a regular meeting held March 15. David Pollock will be the new president; Richard Ulrich, vice president; Carolyn Muller, corresponding secretary; William Best, treasurer; and Marjorie Demarest, prayer group manager. These five offices compose the executive council.

A graduate from Moody Bible Institute, David Pollock plans to be a medical missionary and is especially interested in the Moslem work. A first semester junior, he is a pre-med student majoring in zoology. Mr. Pollock participates in Pre-Med club and heads the Sonyea work for Torchbearers. While at Moody he was on the cabinet of the Missionary Union, Moody's mission group. His challenge for FMF next year is "that more students of the school might participate."

Vice President Richard Ulrich is also a pre-med student majoring in chemistry. This is his third year in FMF. He is Junior class chaplain and works with Torchbearers at Sonyea. A member of the Pre-Med club for two years, he also played junior class basketball. Mr. Ulrich belongs to the African prayer group. Next year he hopes that students will consider FMF "more than a duty or even a responsibility, but a joy and a privilege."

English major Carolyn Muller has been in FMF for one and half years and this year is secretary to the treasurer. A junior, Miss Muller works in the accounting office and belongs to Torchbearers. She is a member of the Africa prayer group and hopes to go into full-time Christian service, perhaps in the field of literature.

William Best, a history major who now plans to go into Christian service, is a freshman and belongs to the South American prayer group. He is active in extension work, going out weekends to Gainesville. He feels that FMF has "made the needs of the mission field more real" to him and that it "should be the main activity on campus."

A member of FMF for two years and filing secretary this year, Marjorie Demarest will be prayer group manager next year. She is a Bible major and elementary education minor and is considering missionary service. A member of the Central America prayer group, she is also active in extension work, singing in a girl's trio.

Other officers who were elected are: Filing Secretary, Penelope Lazaris; In-As-Much Secretary, Victor Carpenter; Advertising Manager, Nancy Cairns; Bulletin Board Manager, Roberta Perkins; Song Leader, Douglas Lansing; Pianist, Joy Failing; Radio Manager, John Hitchcock.

Dr. Wilson Addresses Banquet; Merna Blowers Is Valedictorian

BY ROBERT PALMATIER

Nineteen members of the senior class will receive honors this evening at the Senior Honors Banquet at the Olean House in Olean. Following the roast turkey dinner, Dr. Bert H. Hall will announce the graduation honors. Dr. J. Christy Wilson will then give the address.

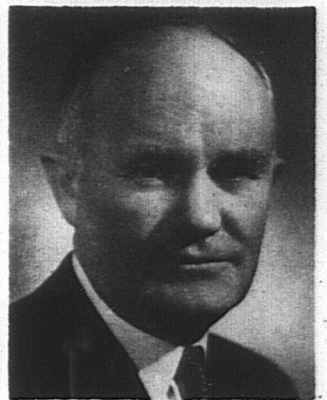
Merna Blowers, whose quality point average is 3.917, will be named Valedictorian and Mary Douglas will be honored Salutatorian with a 3.883 quality point average. Richard Gould with a 3.826 average is the third graduate receiving the honor *Summa Cum Laude*, a quality point average of 3.80 or above.

Ten members with a quality point average above 3.5 will be graduated *Magna Cum Laude*. These include, in order of their averages; Carolyn Gifford, Karen Goodling, Peter Lee, Mary-Jane Fancher, Corinna Johnson, Janet Worrad, Constance Johnson, Carla Marcus, Patricia Lewis and Frederick Laurenzo.

Those who will graduate *Cum Laude*, a quality point average above 3.25, are in order of their averages: Joyce Buhite, Carolyn Codd, Loine Engle, Evalyn Mills Taylor, Vivian King and Dian Sheppard.

Dr. J. Christy Wilson is dean of field service at Princeton Theological Seminary. He has spent twenty years in Iran, served as interpreter and teacher with the Dr. Frank Laubach Literacy Campaign in Afghanistan in 1951 and has recently returned from a visit to the Middle East and Soviet Russia. Author of several books and articles on Islam and Near Eastern subjects, Dr. Wilson has appeared several times with Lowell Thomas on his news broadcasts concerning events in the Near and Middle East.

James Zull, Senior class vice president, completed the arrangements for the banquet. Eldon Davis managed the transportation arrangements.



Dr. J. Christy Wilson

Christians In Social Work Meet For Twelfth Annual Conference

BY DAVID ROBINSON

Delegates from New England to California and from twelve colleges are attending the twelfth annual conference of Christians in Social Work being held here March 23 to 25. Originated in 1950, these conferences make possible the mutual acquaintance of evangelicals engaged in a profession offering unique opportunities for ministering to needy people through professional welfare agencies.

Special guest speaker for the banquet Friday evening is Judge Edward Griffiths of Philadelphia. Judge Griffiths is a graduate of the law school of the University of Pennsylvania and received an honorary LL.D. degree from Wheaton College and an honorary J. U. D. degree from Beaver College. Mr. Griffiths was elected Judge of Common Pleas Court No. 1 in Philadelphia in 1953.

Dr. Truman Esau, Director of the Counseling Center at North Park College in Chicago, will deliver several addresses on the concept of psychiatry as related to the family and the limitations of psychiatry in psychotherapy. Dr. Esau is a Board Certified psychiatrist and is a graduate of Wheaton College and Albany Medical College. He also is a Board member of the National Association of Christians in Social Work and also

on the medical staff of the Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago and a consultant to the Evangelical Child Welfare Agency in that city.

A carefully planned discussion of social work concepts in the light of Biblical truth will be presented in the conference. Sectional meetings headed by professionals in that field will cover various areas in social work.

Among the aims of the conference are encouraging the development of Christian thought in the field of social work, fostering good social work practice among Evangelicals and providing Christian fellowship for those who attend.

Keynoter Views Current Thought

BY JUNE E. STEFFENSEN

Mr. James Barcus, Houghton '59, who is presently working on his Master's degree with a teaching fellowship from the University of Kentucky, keynoted the Graduate Student Seminar on Saturday. The bi-annual seminar is held to stimulate interest in graduate study.

In his talk, "Hollow Men in a Wasteland," Mr. Barcus presented a view of our current world-thought as fluctuating, fragmented and needing absolutes and universals.

Recent thinkers have acknowledged this problem and sought a foundation relatively dependent on a concept of God. Toynbee, a historian who has spent his life in a world of reason, now states that we can come in contact with a Supreme Being, while T. S. Eliot, in his poem *Ash Wednesday*, speaks of choosing the garden of God rather than the desert of Man. Another contemporary, C. S. Lewis, has come from atheism, through realism, pantheism and theism, to Christianity.

Mr. Barcus used modern art and literature as proof of a disintegrated world. Stein, Joyce, Moreau, Picasso and others are all in revolt against order.

A student in graduate school faces multiplicity and division of thought on both the meaning of the world and the nature of man. The "hollow men" must be brought from their "wasteland;" the Christian, graduate student has the means of such deliverance.

Choir Takes Members On Tour Of Thirteen Cities



Choir members gather on bus to begin Spring Tour.

BY MARCIA CALDWELL

"Hey kids, the night we're at my house we can . . . !" "Could you really ride a subway the entire day for 15¢?" "I'll never get all my stuff in one suitcase; maybe I could sneak a trunk."

The 38 member Houghton College A Cappella Choir augmented by Mr. Robert Shewan, conductor, and Mr. James Hurd, business manager, is on the brink of its annual spring expedition.

Included in this year's journey are 13 cities within the eastern states of Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware. The premier service commences at 8:00 p. m. Friday, March 24, in Scotia, N. Y., and the concluding program is at 6:45 p. m. Sunday, April 2, in Collingswood, N. J.

Psalm 117 is the call to worship; *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

is the benediction. Integral parts of the concert are a Bach motet, songs by Dr. William Allen and Dr. Charles Finney plus *Allerluia* by Albert King, a senior theory major. Negro spirituals *Certainly Lord*, *Deep River* and *Ezekiel Saw De Wheel* are among audience favorites, while the choir enjoys singing *The Falcon* by Gerriah.

The group, consisting of the school stationwagon and a large Trailways bus, travels in a rather modern example of the Far Eastern caravan.

Choir members work on a modified buddy system — at an evening's termination two buddies disperse to spend their hours of somnolence in the home of a local patron. Here they partake of breakfast. Lunch breaks up the day's pilgrimage and the church at which they are singing serves them supper. One chorister estimated that at least eight of the 24 hours are spent eating.

McNiel Leads Brass Ensemble Concert

Houghton College Brass Ensemble, under the direction of Harold E. McNiel, presented a program of historical music from as early as the thirteenth century up to the period of the Revolutionary War on Wednesday evening, March 22, in the Chapel-Auditorium.

Two anonymous Medieval Motets of the thirteenth century were performed, as well as *Tsat een meskin* by Jacob Obrecht; *Two Ayres for Cornetts and Sagbuts* by John Adson; *Canzona per sonare*, No. 2 by Giovanni Gabrieli; and *Toccata* by Aurello Bonelli. Also included in the program were *Three Pieces* by Johann Pezel — *Intrade*, *Sarabande* and *Bal* — as well as his *Sonata*, No. 22. *Three Marches of American Revolutionary Days*, transcribed by Daniel Hodgson, were played.



Rainy weather gear should be included for Spring Recess regardless of the limited suitcase space.

Vacation Exodus To Bring Relief To All Concerned

BY DANIEL G. CUTTER

Suitcases are dusted and packed; car trunks are defrosted and jammed to capacity. The cars themselves bulge with smiling, home-bound students. Spring recess has begun!

Exodus!

At 10:30 Friday morning, classrooms will suddenly become deserted. Custodians and professors will view the exodus with relief, if not complete thankfulness. By 11:00, remaining students and townspeople will have discovered that Houghton, too, can be a peaceful town. The empty dining hall, abandoned lounges and unpeopled buildings will think that they are dreaming.

Vacation Objectives

Sleep is the main object of many students. Late hours and drooping eyelids contribute to a pre-vacation condition which must be corrected before complete enjoyment is possible.

Upon awaking, the student finally realizes the full impact of the truth. "I'm free," he bellows as he hurls himself toward the kitchen. A squinting glance at the clock reveals that one tenth of the vacation is already gone — slept away. Then the activities begin: devouring novels, predicting grades and penning term papers. Old acquaintances will be

renewed, summer jobs sought and mom's own variety of every dish will be consumed.

The coming of April 4 will shock many. Dreams will be over for another nine weeks — only fond memories will remain.

Boulder Program Offers Greer, Bingham Concert

Mr. Norris Greer, lyric tenor, and Miss Joanne Bingham, dramatic soprano, will present a musical program in the Chapel-Auditorium April 7, at 8:00 p. m.

Sponsored by the Boulder staff, the program will include solos from works by de Falla, Aubert and other English and American composers, and two duets, one from *L'Amico Fritz* by Mascagni and one from *Butterfly* by Puccini.

Miss Bingham, who received her bachelor's degree in music from Houghton College, is also a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music at Oberlin, Ohio.

Mr. Greer, presently voice instructor here, is a graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Both Mr. Greer and Miss Bingham

BY JANE McMAHON

Mr. Robert Goldsand, pianist-teacher, was the performer at the seventh Artist Series concert of the year. The evening had some tense moments for the artist. Suffering from a sore finger, it became necessary for Mr. Goldsand to completely stop in the Allemande movement of the *Partita in C minor* by Bach. In spite of the handicap, he showed incredible delicacy in all the following movements.

This delicacy, however, is not necessarily the type of touch required for all six dance forms. We missed the straight forward, neat, detached style demanded for this Baroque piece. He also phrased in a romantic fashion. Nevertheless, the strong dynamic contrasts between sections were easily discernible and there were some lovely moments during the piece.

The two frequently heard, difficult sonatas by Alessandro Scarlatti were beautifully controlled. Mr. Goldsand has amazing finger facility

which was relentlessly exhibited one other pianist are presently performing the difficult Godowsky arrangement of the Chopin *Etudes*. This outstanding technical achievement was more clearly witnessed in the second half of the program. His best style was displayed in the *Jeux d'Eau* and *Alborado del Gracioso* by Ravel. The brilliant *Etudes* by Paganini-Liszt were superbly played.

Mr. Goldsand played two encores, *Berceuse* by Chopin, and the G-sharp minor *Prelude* by Rachmaninoff. Needless to say, Mr. Goldsand communicated musically with telling effect.

Dorm Desk Proctoring Requires Responsibility, Resourcefulness



Supervising the sign-in hassle at East Hall and checking out-of-town permission requests at Gaoyadeo are only two responsibilities given proctors.

MARY-JANE FANCHER

Putting out mail and males, making change and giving out light bulbs are among the duties of an East Hall desk proctor. The possibility of studying while earning money or perhaps the lure of the food served at the many receptions held in the lounge has helped draw twenty girls into this work. Another advantage is a first hand knowledge of the date life of the Houghton male.

The greatest responsibility of the job is answering phone calls — long distance, local, intra-campus and intra-dorm — and delivering all messages. At times the switchboard is a constant buzz, and proctors have been known to ask a second wing girl calling a girl on second main, "Don't you think you could walk over there?"

Proctoring begins at 8:00 each

morning. During the daytime hours Mrs. Woolsey usually occupies the desk. It is not until all 230 girls are in the dorm or accounted for that the proctor may leave the lounge. This is usually around 11:00 on a week night, 1:00 a. m. on Sunday, or as late as anyone has permission on any night. Occasionally proctors have been found sleeping soundly on a sofa in the lounge.

The busiest times at the desk are when East opens her doors to the masculine element — 3:30 in the afternoon, Sunday and Friday nights, and particularly Artist Series nights. Especially frustrating at these times is the boy who stands at the desk waiting for the proctor to call his current flame, expecting the proctor to automatically know, at all times and in all seasons, who is current. This is sometimes embarrassing for all concerned.

Griffith Leads Gold To Victory Over Purple Swimming Squad

The Gold men's swimming team triumphed over Purple in the Purple-Gold swimming competition, March 17, with a cumulative score of 29 points.

Three Gold Firsts

William Griffith led Gold with 11 points gained in three first place wins: the 90 yard breast stroke, the 90 yard back crawl, and the three man medley. Doug Wiemer added another 10 points to Gold's 29. Mac Cox contributed 7 points and Bill Revere offered 1.

Only Two Purple Men

Gold's only competitors, two Purple swimmers, Jim Buck and Dick Dunbar, together earned 16 points for Purple. Buck took first place in 2 events: the 45 yard free style and the 90 yard free style.

Other Winners

Winners in the other events were Doug Wiemer, 210 yard free style and the individual medley, and Mac Cox, William Griffith and Bill Revere, 135 yard three man medley.

Christian University Subject At First Dean's Conversation Hour

BY MARY DOUGLAS

Professor Ronald Nash urged the need for evangelical graduate schools at the first Dean's Conversation Hour March 17. Citing the example of Catholic education, he said that Christian education is not complete unless the student on the graduate level can relate biblical theism to his subject matter.

Mr. Nash stated that the most practical method for answering the problem is to add graduate departments to already-existing evangelical colleges. He suggested the use of some clearing-house such as a council of the NAE to recommend two or three Christian schools for such a program. Evangelical groups could then concentrate their funds on these geographically distributed centers of education.

The speaker named three requirements for a Christian graduate school: a faculty of Christian scholars, a curriculum in which advanced studies in the sciences and humanities are integrated with the theistic world-view and accreditation. None of the present Christian graduate programs fulfill all three stipulations, he noted.

Professor Nash rejected the plan for an entirely new Christian university proposed by Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today*. Such a plan requires too much financial backing at one time and results in delay. A Christian university would provide only one center of education and would seriously weaken the faculties of evangelical liberal arts colleges.

The New English Bible will be the subject of discussion at the next Conversation Hour, April 14.

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