

Dr. LeRoy Fancher Dies After 32 Years Service

Dr. H. LeRoy Fancher, vice-president emeritus of Houghton College and professor of German, 1923-1955, died at Warsaw hospital Dec. 31, after a long illness. He was 74 years old.

Native Houghtonian

Dr. Fancher, known affectionately as "Pop" among the students who knew him well, was born in Houghton in 1884. He graduated from Cattaraugus high school in 1902, received his B.A. from Oberlin College in 1911, his M.A. from Cornell University in 1924. In 1955 Houghton College conferred on him an honorary doctor of letters degree.

He taught public school for a few years before coming to the Houghton seminary where he taught from 1912 to 1922. In 1923 he became professor of German in Houghton College and taught until his retirement in 1955. In his beginning years with the college he also taught some Greek and French. For more than 30 years he served as vice-president of the college and acted as interim president in 1937-38 after the death of President James S. Luckey.

Started Scholarship Fund

Dr. Fancher was a member of the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Church and also of the Gideons International. He was also an active member of the German Club in the years following his retirement.

In lieu of flowers, about \$75 has been deposited in the Lucius and Mary E. Fancher scholarship fund, started before his death by Dr. Fancher in honor of his parents.

Survivors

He is survived by his wife Isabelle Stebbins Fancher, five children, twelve grandchildren, a sister, Miss Bessie Fancher, a retired professor of Houghton College, and a brother Ralph, a maintenance employee of the college. (His children are Mrs. Esther Lister, a missionary to Ethiopia; Mrs. Ruth Hutton, a teacher in Houghton Academy; Miss Margaret Fancher of Syracuse, N. Y.; Miss



Dr. H. LeRoy Fancher

Joanna Fancher, a nurse in Cleveland; and Roscoe of Thiensville, Wis. Another brother, LaVay, a former dean of Houghton College, died in 1934.)

Pastor Martin Cox, of the Houghton Church, officiated at the funeral services. Interment is in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Houghton.

Tony Yu And Donald Hontz Give Piano, Voice Recital

Mr. Donald Hontz, bass and Mr. Anthony Yu, pianist, will present a joint recital in the Chapel Friday, Jan. 23, at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Hontz's program includes *Vittoria, Mio Cor!* by Carissimi, *Ah! Mio Cor* by Handel, *Lord God of Abraham* from Mendelssohn's *Elijah* and *Consider, Oh My Soul* from the *St. John Passion* by Bach. He will also sing three old English numbers followed by *Wie Bist Du Meine Konigen* by Brahms, *Black Is The Color of My True Love's Hair*, and *Love's Philosophy* by Roger Quilter. Miss Constance Perrine will accompany him.

Mr. Hontz's vocal training includes two years at Moody Bible Institute where he was enrolled in the Christian Education Music Course. At Hough-

ton he studied with Prof. Gilbert Hynes for two years and is now a student of Prof. Norris Greer.

Mr. Hontz was a member of the Moody Chorale which gave a five week concert tour in Great Britain during the summer of 1954. He is now a member of the A Cappella Choir and was bass soloist in the Oratorio Society's December presentation of the *Messiah*.

Mr. Hontz, a music education major, plans to teach in junior and senior high school in the fall.

BOULDER PROGRAM

The 1959 BOULDER is presenting two films, "The Littlest Outlaw" and the "Alaskan Eskimo," tonight in the college chapel. Admission to the one hour and forty minute program is fifty cents.

Mr. Yu's program includes *Impromptu in G Flat* by Schubert, *Prelude and Fugue in B Flat* by Bach and *Sonata in D* by Mozart.

Mr. Yu, a music minor, is presently studying piano with Miss Marie McCord. He also studied with the late Professor Alfred Kreckman.

Before coming to Houghton Mr. Yu had no formal training in music. In the future, he plans to use music in the service of the church in the Far East.

Decker Receives Award For Donations

"Instead of Houghton paying me for working here, I should be paying them for the privilege," Mr. Ellsworth Decker, head contractor for the Houghton Construction Company, said in chapel Tuesday morning. Because he has done just that — not only saved the college money in construction, but also given money for the building program — Mr. Decker received the award for the most outstanding gift of the year, a painting by H. Willard Ortlip, entitled "Sounding of the Seventh Angel." The canvas, a duplicate of one of the pictures in Mr. Ortlip's mural for the chapel-auditorium, won such approval at a recent mural art exhibit that the entrant was asked to become a member of the Allied Artists of America.

Mr. Decker emphasized the advan-



Kay Kaufman threatens Auguste King in a scene from the coming *Lantern* play.

science, who "knows too much," but every attempt fails.

Cast of Characters

Playing the leading roles are Fred Thomas as Dr. Morton; Auguste King, his Conscience; Kay Kaufman, his housekeeper, Mrs. Wagg; Bonnie Boggs, the housemaid, Mary Jane.

A. Glasser Speaks At F. M. F. Lecture

Mr. Arthur Glasser, assistant Home Director of North America for the China Inland Mission, is the scheduled speaker for a Foreign Missions Fellowship lecture, Feb. 5. He will be speaking on topics related to students and foreign missions of today. The place of the lecture is to be announced. The banquet originally scheduled for this date has been cancelled to prevent unnecessary expense.

Mr. Glasser, a civil engineer, is a graduate of Cornell University. While designing a bridge for Dravo Corporation in Pittsburgh, he realized God's will for him to prepare for the mission field. After training at Moody Bible Institute and Faith Seminary, he served in World War II as a chaplain in the Marines. In 1946, he went to China under the China Inland Mission.

In the March, 1956 issue of *His* magazine, Mr. Glasser has written an article entitled, "The Hurricane's Warning," relating how the missionaries of China were driven out by the "wearing of the Red Star."

Ferm Resigns, Becomes Editor

The college announces the resignation of Dr. Robert O. Ferm, dean of students, to be effective at the end of the 1958-1959 school year. Dr. Ferm will assume full-time duties with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in Minneapolis as editor of the Bible correspondence course.

The college has agreed to accept Dr. Ferm's resignation with the stipulation that he be on an indefinite leave of absence. The expanding work of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has made it necessary for him to relinquish his present administrative responsibilities.

Dr. Ferm came to Houghton in 1953 as dean of men. In 1955 his title was enlarged to dean of students.

As a member of the Evangelistic Association, Dean Ferm took a two-month leave of absence during the 1954 London crusade. A full year's leave of absence in 1957-1958 enabled him to carry on follow-up work on a world tour for the association.

Federal Loans To Be Given

The National Defense Act of 1958 established for the first time in the national history a student loan fund. By this act, a student may borrow up to \$1000 for a maximum of five years. No interest is paid during college terms, and the 3% interest does not go into effect until one year after graduation.

The principle is paid in ten equal installments.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare is responsible for the administration of these funds and will provide a statement about funds available for individual colleges by the first of February. The college will grant loans up to the full amount of the allotment.

Six million dollars was the appropriation of the last Congress. Since this amount is inadequate, it is hoped that an additional 40 million will be set aside this session.

The loan funds are available to student's of "superior academic background." Application forms will be in the dean's office after Friday, Jan. 16.

From The Scottish Quad ...

By DR. BERT H. HALL

As the first term at the University of Edinburgh draws to a close, I would like to make some comparisons between the British and American system of University education.

Like his American cousin, the British student is a born procrastinator, but even more so. Through the term he is actively engaged in clubs, debating societies and athletic associations. Both afternoon and evenings are occupied with the pleasures of serious conversation and fun loving gaiety. But, two weeks before the final exams these all cease operations as the libraries and study rooms burst at the seams with cramming students. Exams are crowded into three or four days and some students have three exams a day. At the last moment many decide that they are not ready for finals and put them off until the next term.

Lecture Method is European Weakness

The Scottish professors take it for granted that the students read the latest books in the field, especially the dozen that are assigned. Frequently exams cover assigned books, even when they have not been covered in class lectures or discussions.

The real weakness in European education is the exclusive use of the lecture method with almost no visual aids or class participation. Many professors read their lectures, breaking the rapid flow of words here and there for an occasional, impromptu comment. Students rapidly copy all they can from the lecture, even when the same material can be found in the lecturer's latest book or some other authority on the subject.

American Has Better Grasp Of Subject

The sharp contrast between student and professor is everywhere evident. Wearing his gown, the professor frequently arrives five minutes late for class, reads his prepared manuscript, and then walks out abruptly before being cornered by student questions. Yet, in the dining hall or by special appointment, one may always secure a student-faculty conference.

In all of this I get the feeling that European teachers are better technical scholars than I have been accustomed to in the States. However, the American student knows more of the subject matter than the average British graduate. The American is less likely to use his knowledge in a general situation, while the British student spends much time receiving and clarifying his ideas in the debating club and Common's bull session.

One chap told me he learned most of his information for an undergraduate ethics course by talking the problems over outside of class. With this knowledge he passed the course, while neither reading the text nor attending half the lectures.

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Indecision Breeds Legalism

As a recent chapel speaker put it: man is plagued with indecision. He would rather let someone else make his decisions for him. And it follows that he is a natural legalist because a set of laws makes his decisions for him to some extent; it frees his conscience. Of course, the particular set of laws has some bearing upon whether or not he will keep them. The laws must appeal to his desires in some degree.

But one of the greatest thoughts of the Bible is found in the exhortation to "stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Gal. 5:1). And there is a good reason why the Christian must walk in the law of liberty. James 2:12 indicates that we shall be judged by the law of liberty and that we should speak and act accordingly.

Standard Defined

The terms law and liberty may sound paradoxical and some incongruity may be imagined in the term "law of liberty." That term would seem to abandon a definite standard or criterion for judgment, but the Christian knows that the law of liberty opens up to him new avenues of responsibility. He knows that the standard whereby he shall be judged includes not only his actions, but also his motives. His hope lies in the fact that with the increased demands resident in the law of liberty, there is abundant power and strength available through the Holy Spirit to carry out these demands.

Love Vs. Legalism

The criterion for judgment now rests upon the measure of our love for Christ. Christ probed deeper than the keeping commandments to the attitude of the will and said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words" (John 14:23). He was concerned first with love. It was the lack of love which he found among the Pharisees that caused Him to rebuke them for their legalism. Their consciences were insensitive to know what actions God desired from man for him to fulfill the perfect law of love. It was because they were trying to protect their own sinful deeds that they prosecuted the obvious law breakers, while they themselves were hiding behind the outward keeping of its letters.

We, too, are pharisaical when we return to legalism by trying to justify our deeds by the law. We think that by merely adhering to certain "don'ts" in the *Student Guide*, we are living the Christian life in its fullest expression. I am not advocating that anyone should deliberately break rules, but I am pointing out the inadequacy of looking to a superficial standard as the criterion of a righteous life. If some of us were less concerned with avoiding the soiling of our hands, and more concerned with exercising tangible expressions of love for the brethren, our Christianity would be more vital and New Testament, that is, fulfilling the law of Christ.

From The Scottish Quad . . .

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Exams are always of the discussion type. It is below the dignity of the European professor to give objective questions. Yet, the questions are not always difficult. In a first-year Greek course, the only exam or quiz through the term was the translation of three English sentences into Greek. The final exam required the students to set forth a noun paradigm, a verb conjugation and to translate less than ten sentences.

The average American is educated for his future profession. How few could say that they learned how to be a suave master of ceremonies because of their college training? On the other hand, the average Britisher with the training received outside the classroom (when he should have been inside) would have no trouble at all in being president of a society and making it sparkle with spontaneous humor and life situations. He may not receive as high a grade on his history exam but he will have definite opinions on every controversial historical question.

This all raises the age-long question: What is the goal of education?



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WJSL PROGRAM

Wednesday, Feb. 11, radio station WJSL will sponsor its annual talent program in the chapel. All students and townspeople are urged to audition before Feb. 4. Robert Norberg, station manager, will be in charge of the program.

From The Bookshelf . . .



Writer Exposes Evils In Fringe Protestantism

BY CARL BERGGREN

Apostles of Discord, Ralph Lord Roy, The Beacon Press, Boston, c. 1953, 437 pp.

Occasionally a highly emotional book is published containing extensive documentation which supposedly justifies its publication. Such books are highly controversial and often difficult to review.

Has Questionable Values

Apostles of Discord, claiming to be "A study of organized bigotry and disruption on the fringes of Protestantism," is a book which demands as much attention by its worthwhile factual content as by its subtle and dangerous invectives.

Has Negative Content

Mr. Roy ostensibly writes against those who foment "hostility against Americans who are Negro and not white, Jew and not Gentile, Catholic and not Protestant." He defames those antecumenists deliberately fighting against inter-denominational cooperation and the "social gospel," religious leaders propagating right-wing politics, and religious-front communists.

Contains Invalid Criticism

Not being a real theologian, the author nevertheless appears to deliberately attempt to impassion his readers against beliefs which are clearly theological. To do this, he rarely presents a counter-argument; he rather uses loaded words, stereotypes such as "undemocratic," "immoral" and "subversive of the Christian faith," and "guilt through association."

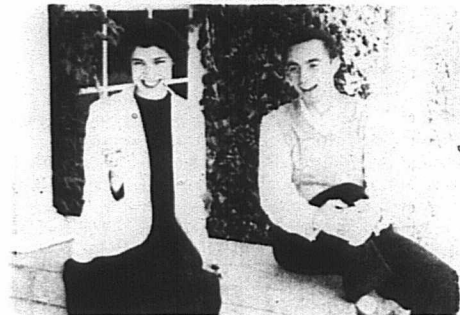
Dangerous To Evangelism

I cannot call this book scholarly or even justifiable, for the author succeeds not only in uncovering enough dirt to enlighten an unknowing public on certain fundamentalists, but also to bring suspicion upon the entire evangelical movement, though he admittedly writes only of a small fringe minority.

Attacks Prominent Leaders

Among those upon whom Roy directly or indirectly casts aspersions are: J. Gresham Machen, Carl McIntire, Ernest Gordon, William H. (Continued on Page Three)

In Society And Solitude



Renie and Moe

The Heart Conflict

In relation to the modern novel, Randall Stewart stated at the National Convention of Teachers of English that the Christian has the highest to offer in the literary field. The Christian ethic incorporates the emotional conflict of good and evil within the individual and, thus, lends itself to greater mental stimulation than a psychological treatment of relative values in the surrounding human environment.

We Pose The Question

Where are the Christian writers of our generation?
Pleas And Thank Yous

Many thanks to the responsible staff personnel who have exceeded all our expectations and restored the Science Building "fountain of refreshment" with a completely new cooler.

Now may we suggest that the door of the dining hall junior-senior entrance needs some attention?

We might also mention that some broken necks or sprained ankles could be prevented if a rubber mat were placed just inside the Old Ad lower entrance. The present bare conglomeration floor is void of that friction which is so necessary to the maintenance of a state of equilibrium. For those unfortunate who do not possess the keenest sense of balance, calamity is almost inevitable.

Wanted!

What? — some variation in the ritual of devotions, including a noticeable topical relationship between the hymn and Scripture passage (this might necessitate the purchase of a new hymn book)

— music befitting the calibre of a liberal arts college

Where? — in the dining hall

When? — for daily evening devotions and Friday night entertainment

Why? — in order that the growth of the college student's spiritual vitality and music listening habits may correspond with his growth in other areas

Who? — someone who has the spiritual stamina to pray simply and sincerely and who considers the Word of God of sufficient importance to all of us that he will read it unhurriedly and with meaning and conviction — any brave souls who are not afraid to exercise their knowledge of the appropriateness of certain musical selections for devotional and entertainment purposes. We feel that some careful analysis of what is enjoyable and profitable for the above purposes might be in order.

How? — making inquiry of the dining hall management about the possibilities of effecting some innovations (the Student Senate has jurisdiction over the purchase of hymn books)

Pros And Cons

While we would not suggest that the British student with his concentration on the bull session as the means of education (see "From The Scottish Quad"), has the lead on the American student, we would point out the necessity of being alive to the fundamental issues of life, which issues are not always taken up in the classroom.

The Final Word

In a recent article of the *Buffalo Evening News* the following comment appeared:

"Some wise man once defined education as 'what remains with you after you have forgotten everything you learned.'"

Perhaps examinations do not represent a true evaluation, but, nevertheless, intensive studying is in order as the semester silently but swiftly draws to a close.

Re-emphasis

From the same *Buffalo Evening News* item cited above we quote, "Stephen Leacock, who was a good college professor as well as a great humorist, once said that if he were asked to start a college with one room only, he would make it a lounge." Mr. Leacock felt that students need an informal place where they can meet their teachers as human beings, and where knowledge can be rescued from the "academic vacuum" of learning, grading and performing assignments. While we are cognizant of the obstacles to a student union in the immediate future, it is gratifying to see some persons taking advantage of off-campus substitutes such as the recent National Historical Society Convention. It behooves students and faculty to look into the benefits that they can obtain by attending similar conventions for which the college makes liberal financial provision. Such opportunities are numerous in the fields of science, sociology, psychology and education.

Society News

ROCKHILL — FITCH

Mr. and Mrs. John Fitch announce the marriage of their daughter, Claribel ('59) to Mr. Theron D. Rockhill ('59) on Dec. 31, 1958.

HILSON — KETTERER

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ketterer of Ellwood City, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacquelyn ('59) to Birton Hilson ('58), son of Rev. and Mrs. George B. Hilson of Lansing, Mich. An August wedding is planned.

KUNTZ — STATES

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton States of Rossiter, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara ('59) to Paul Kuntz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kuntz of Mahaffey, Pa. No date has been set for the wedding.

GATES — GRANGER

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger of Troy, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Jean ('58) to William N. Gates ('60), son of Mr. and Mrs. Leone Gates of Interlaken, N.Y. The date of the wedding is Aug. 15.

KOCH — KRUEGER

Mrs. Hilda Krueger of Clifton, N.J., announces the engagement of her daughter, Dolores to Charles Koch Jr. ('60), son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koch of Philadelphia, Pa. The date of the wedding is June 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nesmith of Van Nuys, Calif., announce the birth of a daughter, Rhonda Joy, born Oct. 24, 1958. Mrs. Nesmith is the former Marilyn Melton ('54).

Town Meeting: Cuban Rebellion Typifies Latin American Trend



By STANLEY SANDLER
Cuban Dictator Falls

At a year-end roundup of 1958's news stories and prospects for 1959 by leading television newsmen, the only bright spot appeared to be Latin America. Soon after the broadcast the fall of Batista seemed to bear out this optimistic picture. There the eight-year dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista fell with unexpected suddenness, with the dictator and his henchmen fleeing to American and Dominican Republic ports — brief cases bulging with thousands of pesos. Although the Cuban public was generally indifferent to the course of battle between Castro rebel forces and the dictatorship, there was no doubt that the fall of the dictator was hailed with almost delirious joy by a long-suffering population.

When Fidel Castro landed on a deserted beach in Cuba in 1956 he already had one unsuccessful revolutionary attempt under his belt, that of July 26, 1953, a date that has given the name to the rebel movement. Most of his followers were killed dodging government patrols, but the movement gained new adherents from the discontented rural population. For two years the rag-tag unshaven forces of Fidel Castro harassed government troops with classic hit-and-run guerilla tactics. From their stronghold in Cuba's "Wild West," the rebels struck out against government troops, supply trucks and armored cars.

At first Batista regarded Castro as a public nuisance and treated him with contempt. Meanwhile Castro steadily gained strength. After suffering heavy casualties in pitched battles the army apparently withdrew its support of Batista and seeing his only real prop removed, the dictator fled to the Dominican Republic without a scrap of honor.

Democratic Trend

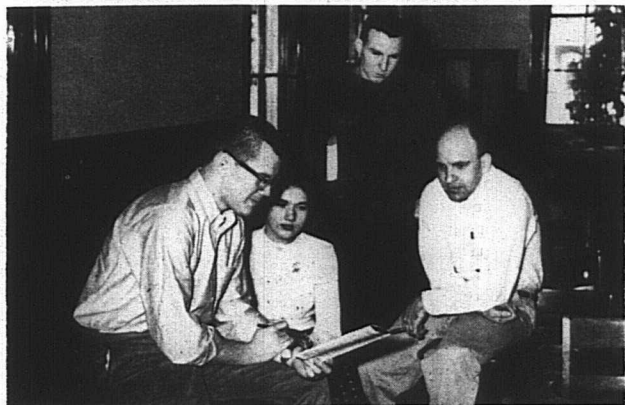
The significance of the Cuban insurrection is seen in the way it follows the general Latin American trend. That trend was first discerned in the fall of Argentine dictator Peron in 1955. Later, dictators fell in Venezuela and Colombia. Today only the Dominican Republic under the unbelievably crude Rapheal Truillo and Uruguay under Stroessel still are ruled by dictators. This is indeed new in the continent known as the home of dictators, but a rising standard of education and living militates against national bondage.

U. S. Policy?

In the past, the United States policy toward Latin American dictators has not been clear. To the average citizen it might have seemed that the United States gave tacit support to the dictators.

In this period of a rebirth of democracy in Latin America, the United States can exercise the Good Neighbor policy to give aid and comfort to nascent South American democracy.

History Enthusiasts Visit Capitol For Conference



Stanley Sandler, Bethel Reimel, David Sabean, and David Keller (L. to R.) discuss topic of historical interest after returning from the recent conference in Washington.

By STANLEY SANDLER
AND DAVID SABEAN

A delegation from Houghton represented the college at the seventy third annual meeting of the American Historical Society Association held in Washington, D. C., Dec. 28-30.

The Association is composed of those interested in historical studies, whether professional or otherwise. Present membership is about 7,000, and the annual meeting occurs at the end of each year.

Varied Groups Attend

About thirty-five professional groups, including the American Catholic Historical Association, American Society of Church History, Southern Historical Association and the Agricultural History Society, met with the Association.

Republican Session

Of particular interest was the ses-

sion on the *Republican Revival*, 1937-1938. James ("Scotty") Reston, famous Washington editor of the *New York Times*, was chairman of this meeting. Presenting the paper, *The Winners*, was Milton Plesser of the University of Buffalo. Mr. Plesser attributed the Republican resurgence in those years to the Supreme Court controversy, the recession and a purge in the Democratic Party. He stated, "If there were not war in 1940, the Republican comeback might have occurred then instead of in 1952."

Professor Troutman attended the session on Russian History in Undergraduate Education. David Sabean, Bethel Reimel, David Keller and Stanley Sandler attended sessions on American Foreign Policy at the Start of the Century, Liberalism and Nationalism, Nineteenth Century Democracy and New Approaches to World History.

Speaker Stresses Importance Of Good Reading Development

By IRENE HAUPEL

"I learned more about birds than I wanted to," responded one little school lad for his essay covering one unit of the subject. This illustration in relation to good pedagogy was one of the pertinent remarks Leita Woeller of Scott-Foresman Company made at the elementary education reading conference Friday afternoon, Jan. 9.

Mrs. Woeller emphasized that reading is a developmental program and must be planned, sequential and continuous. She stated also that it is vital for every child to be permitted to grow at his own rate. The functions of reading are to develop good attitudes and fundamental understandings of our language, to insure continuous, sequential understanding, to acquaint the child with his literary heritage and to provide leads to wide personal readings on his own.

The representative disclosed that it is possible to feel that one has done a good job of teaching and still have slighted areas of learning. Therefore, lesson units are prerequisite. Primarily, the stage must be set very carefully. Preparation such as building background and checking vocabulary are essential. Extending interests through creative writing, art, poetry and reference books is also important. Since reading is centered around



Mrs. Leita Woeller, director of the reading clinic, discusses reading techniques with Mrs. Lois Ferm and Mr. Dwight Riegel, while Kay Perrine and Elizabeth Blackhall look over reading materials.

the pupils, teachers must be selective and adaptive in using materials. Thus, a story a day is not the goal. Of prime consideration is giving each pupil a feeling of fluency and enjoyment without making him constantly struggle.

Mrs. Woeller has taught on both elementary and secondary levels and also at Geneseo State Teachers College.

From The Bookshelf . . .

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Houghton, Alan McRae and J. Oliver Buswell, Jr. One wonders what Mr. Roy implies in saying, "... it must be made clear that ... many outstanding conservatives ... do not stoop to the depths of their extremist colleagues. Some ... include ... Stephen W. Paine ... Harold J. Ockenga ..."

Book Has Real Value

I highly recommend this book to serious students of propaganda techniques. Those who are totally ignorant of any evils within fundamentalistic Christianity might also carefully and thoughtfully scrutinize any few pages of this powerfully written "blast."

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Soloist's Dramatic Personality Enlivens Artist Series Program

By DAVID CHILDS

Kenneth Smith, a bass-baritone, filled the chapel with the resonance of his magnificent voice during the Artist Series concert Jan. 9, 1959. He was accompanied at the piano by the able Mr. Willard Straight.

Resonance Noted

Perhaps the most engaging feature of Mr. Smith's voice is a deep chest resonance which enables him to produce low tones of exceptional fullness, and which gives richness to his entire vocal range. It is not an uncommon thing for a man of large stature to display good chest resonance in the low register, but Mr. Smith is one of few who have succeeded in incorporating this depth into the upper tones.

Although his voice is indeed great, the outstanding aspect of Kenneth Smith's performance is his stage personality, excellent poise and his apparent flair for the dramatic. Each movement of his body seems to convey an added insight to the meaning of the songs. This was especially apparent in his rendition of *Der Atlas* by Schubert, where it appeared that the

weight of the entire world was pressing down upon the artist.

Mr. Willard Straight displayed a clean virtuoso technique and a fine understanding of the music of the Romantic Era in his performances of the Chopin *Scherzo* and the F Sharp Major *Romance* of Robert Schumann.

Aside from a few intonation ambiguities on the part of Mr. Smith, and a click occasionally arising from the chapel Steinway, the concert provided a thrilling experience for those who enjoy the sound of a well-trained voice.

ALUMNI MEET

A new Houghton alumni chapter was formed at Sarasota, Florida on December 29 at the organization meeting held in the Church of God in that city. Mr. Melvin Bates was elected president and Mrs. Reva Cole, secretary-treasurer.

weight of the entire world was pressing down upon the artist.

Accompanist Solos

The program showed a great diversity of styles and moods. Mr. Smith displayed a great versatility, feeling as much at home in the Brahms lieder in the music from the Broadway stage. It was in the *Soliloquy* by Richard Rodgers that the artist demonstrated his attraction for dramatics to the greatest degree. To sing this song as it should be sung, it is necessary that the performer be not only

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The Blue and White took control from the beginning, having a 6-0 lead after three minutes and then leading 17-4 six minutes later. The first half ended with the victors on top of a 33-17 score.

Juniors Increase Lead

In the second half the Juniors continued to steadily increase their lead. With the score 54-29 and eight minutes left in the game, Junior coach Andy Nelson pulled four of his starters. In the remaining minutes the Buff and Brown scored eleven points more than the Juniors

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Wholesale Fouling

The referee called 18 fouls on the Juniors and twenty-two on the Frosh to make the game the second roughest of the season. The first Sophomore-Freshman game saw only one more foul.

The Frosh hit 11 of 22 at the charity line, but the Juniors scored more by dropping in 13 of 29 free throws.

Sophs Down Srs.

On Monday evening the Sophomores gained their second victory over the Seniors, 47-39. The game was another rough one of the season with a total of 38 fouls committed.

The Crimson and Gray got off to an early lead and led after eleven minutes, 10-3. Then the Green Wave found the range and poured in 16 points in seven minutes as opposed to four by the Sophomores. At the half the Seniors left the court on the long end of a 21-18 score.

Close Contest

In the first ten minutes of the second half the teams tied the score six times and changed the lead twice. The Seniors then took a 39 to 35 lead with 5:54 to go but failed to put in a single bucket for the rest of the game. The Sophomores scored four field goals and four free throws in this time.

Ken German was high point man for the winners with 19 points, while Don Trasher scored 16 in his team's losing effort. Both men also led in fouls with five and were joined by Theron Rockhill with 21 seconds left in the game. Jim Banker made 13 points for the Crimson and Gray and did a fine job of rebounding under the defensive board.

Sophs Rebound

The Sophomore team topped the Seniors in rebounding by capturing 52% of the missed shots. Both teams controlled their own offensive boards throughout the game.

German shot 100% on 7 free throws and Banker hit 5 of 17. Again the Seniors were on the short end, scoring 9 of 22 charity shots while the Sophs put in 13 of their 28 tries.

Bure Bodes . . .



Teams Play Mediocre Game; Talent Merges In P-G Ball

By RICHARD BURCAW

Nineteen fifty-nine seems to have brought us mediocre basketball instead of the high caliber with which we ended 1958. Although this can be rationalized by the fact that the teams haven't played together for over two weeks, team work does not make accuracy. Most conscientious ballplayers manage to work a few days of practice into their vacation schedule.

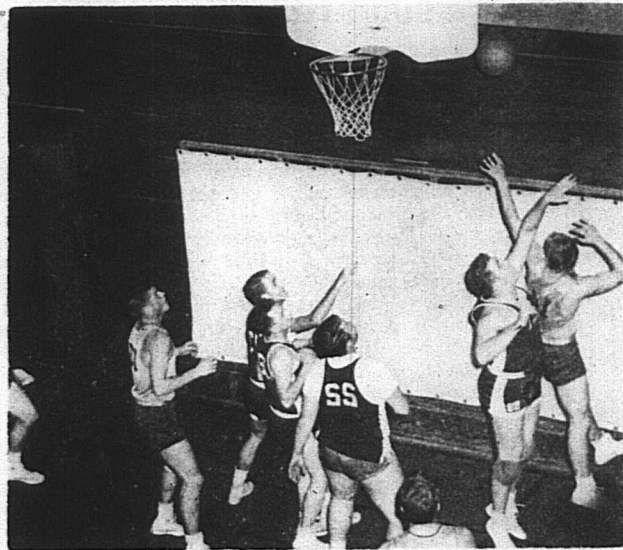
Anything Can Happen

As the sports fans ponder the remaining games, each is attempting to determine how his favorite will finish. With Ron Waite off the starting line-up for the Juniors because of an elbow injury, some feel they will be upset. The only ones to benefit from such an upset would be the Sophomores, but they will have to play better ball than they did against the Seniors. Personally I don't think the Sophs will do it. If they do, there will be a tie for first place. If the Frosh can pull one out of the fire they may share the cellar with the Seniors. The Seniors, on the other hand, may not like this too much. The two remaining games are the Seniors over the Freshmen and the Juniors over the Sophomores. For some people's sake I hope I'm wrong.

P-G Series Approaches

For those hoopsters who missed out in the class competition, second semester affords an opportunity to display talents in the color struggle. All that is necessary is a grade point, a good eye and a desire to win. Both Purple and Gold will need as many players as they can round up to afford good practice and supply a strong bench. Purple will be coached by Mr. Burke; Dr. Wells will plan Gold attack.

Eligibility in the color series does not depend on participation in the class series. You must compete in both series to be eligible for a varsity letter.



Senior Forward Don Trasher attempts to check a hoop try by Jim Banker, Soph Forward. Seniors Bruce Price, Theron Rockhill Ed Moos and Soph Dale Arnick are waiting for the rebound as Soph Ken German watches the action.

Frosh Capture First Game Seniors Win Hoop Crown

The Frosh barreled through their first win of the series by a score of 35-17 over the Juniors, Jan. 14.

June Steffensen scored 20 points for the Frosh, 16 of which were free throws. It appeared that the Frosh, in spite of rather haphazard maneuvers, could do no wrong.

The Juniors began a fast paced first quarter, but yielded the reins by fouling six times to the advantage of the Frosh.

The attempts of the Juniors to slow down the game met equally disastrous consequences since their passes were hasty, high and looping; and consistently intercepted. On the other hand, the Frosh generally relied on low chest passes and bounce passes to move the ball.

Juniors Fumble

During the third quarter, the Jun-

iors fumbled passes and dribbles with unprecedented regularity. They continued to commit fouls for which the Frosh did not appreciably gain until the fourth quarter. Steffensen then dropped in 10 free shots.

Possession of the ball seemed to depend upon whose legs it scooted between next.

Seniors Take Sophs

The Seniors neatly squashed the first place aspirations of the Sophs by a score of 36-10 on Jan. 12.

Joan Kelly chalked up 16 points for the Seniors, leaving the balance of the field goals pretty well divided among the rest of the hoopsters.

The Sophs duplicated their recent frustrated efforts against the Senior six with unco-ordinated pass plays. Having shouldered the bulk of the work, the plucky Soph guards tired under the persistent Senior attack.

Neither team profited from attempted free throws.

RINK IN SIGHT

The physical education department has received a supply of vinyl plastic to be used on the athletic field as a container for an ice skating rink.

The area to be flooded has been cleared and the next step is to seal its edges with the plastic material.

Houghton students may see some skating within a week if the weather permits.

Sr. Champs Face Frosh

The first place Seniors will meet the late starting Frosh on Jan. 21. In spite of the improved team work of the Frosh, the finesse of the undefeated Senior six should squelch their bid. However, a loss for the Seniors would not damage their position.

On Jan. 24 the second place Sophs will meet the Juniors who are tied for third place with the Frosh.

The collapse of the Junior efforts against the Frosh seems to indicate that the Sophs will have little difficulty in taking another game from them.

The Juniors and Frosh will probably share third place even after next week's contests.

Keen Interest In Winter Sports Spurs Action For New Facilities

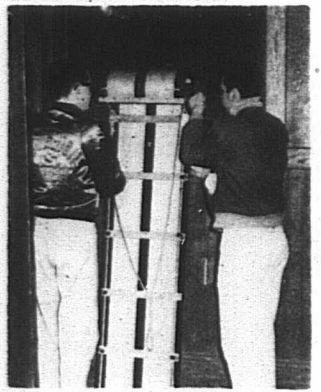
By DAVID DAY

A ski lift and a toboggan slide may soon be added to the winter recreational facilities of Houghton campus according to Coach Douglas Burke. Although no plans have yet been made, both department coaches have discussed the project as being possible

Increased enthusiasm in skiing and tobogganing this year has encouraged the idea. All five toboggans have been signed out almost every weekend, and the fifteen pairs of skis and poles have also been used greatly. The lack of an experienced instructor, however, has discouraged many interested beginners from trying their skill on the "slippery sticks."

Mr. Burke asserted that if enough interest is shown, the college may develop a run for the two activities. The use of Centerville and Park Drive hills is dangerous because of the traffic. Many have been injured on the almost equally dangerous slopes near the college farm.

Ironically enough, the gymnasium's stretcher is kept alongside the skis and toboggans.



Don Housley and Valgene Dunham check out a toboggan for an evening of sliding.

Acad. Upsets Lewis House

In the first House League action of the new year last Saturday, Fern House, the Academy and the Dry Bones posted wins.

Fern House won by forfeit over the Twin Spruce and then beat the Inn in a practice game, 45-39.

The Academy rolled over Lewis House, 50-32. The college group was undefeated until the meeting with last year's champions. Pete Hammond's 17 points could not offset 16 by Bill DeVries, 12 by Bud Tysinger, and 10 by Pete Bellamy.

Then the Dry Bones put down Leonard Houghton by eight points, 45-37. Again three scorers — Dr. Luckey with 14 points, Coach Burke - 12 and Buddy Keith - 11 — proved too much for one high scoring opponent — Les Hussey with 18.

Tomorrow Lewis House will meet Twin Spruce at 1:15. The Paine House - Fern House game will follow at 2:30, and at 3:45 Leonard Houghton will oppose the Academy. within the next two years.

Frosh Try For Lone Victory; Soph Win Poses Play-off Game

The final bell will sound next week as the class basketball season enters its last round. The Purple-Gold rivalry will then take over to captivate fans, players and coaches.

Frosh Meet Seniors

The Green and White Senior aggregation will participate for the last on the Houghton hardwoods next Wednesday night, when they oppose their counterpart, the Frosh Buff and Brown. The Frosh will be shooting

for their initial win of the season in order to tie with the Seniors.

Sophs Try For Tie

The Sophomore Red and Gray are anticipating a win over the victorious Blue and White next Friday to preserve their chance at the title. A win would tie them with the Juniors and force a play-off. The Juniors will be battling to put the finishing touches on a championship season with an eye toward a similar feat next year.