

# The Houghton Star

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## Two Perfect Grade Points Recorded at Mid-Semester

James Wagner and Bruce Waltke, both of whom are carrying less than 15 hours, have achieved a perfect grade point for the first half of this semester, according to an announcement from Dean Lynip's office.

The following students carrying fifteen or more hours have a grade point index of 3.5 or higher: Vernon Anderson, Sheila Arons, Margaret Chapman, Arlene Hess, Arlene Kober, Linda McMillen, Glenn McNulty, Jeannette Nemitz, Frieda Nicolai, Richard Price, Lois Race, Margaret Rogers, Ruth Ross, Janice Straley, Royden Streib, Charles Stuart, and Ruth Vining.

Students making a grade point of 3.5 or higher while carrying less than fifteen hours are: Dorothy Beuter, Ruth Fink, Edward Gugger, Paul

Meyerink, Carol Montanye, Betty Moore, Clinton Moore, Arthur Rupprecht, Roberta Swauger, and Foster Williams.

## Dr. Nyquist Visits Campus On Inspection

Dr. Ewald Nyquist, associate commissioner in charge of higher education, visited Houghton college on Tuesday, November 13, for the purpose of inspecting the educational program.

With Dean Lynip as guide, Dr. Nyquist inspected the registrar's office and expressed his pleasure over the office set-up.

Luncheon was held at the college dorm in a private dining room with the division heads of the college. Following the meal, he conferred with Dr. Paine for about ninety minutes on the financial undertakings of the school. He stated that the building program should be secondary to the maintenance of scholastic standards.

After a tour of the library, he was shown the science labs for the remainder of the afternoon.

Dr. Nyquist is a graduate of the University of Chicago where he was a member of the football varsity for three years, after which he served as an associate football coach under Alonzo Stagg. After a term of five years in the Navy testing division, in which he ranked as a lieutenant commander, Dr. Nyquist was director of administration at Columbia university until he resigned to take his present position. At the present time he is also secretary of the examining committee of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Universities.

## Dr. Hall Speaks on Vatican Decision

In chapel, Friday, Nov. 16, Dr. Bert Hall spoke about some of the facts involved in President Truman's recent appointment of Mark Clark as ambassador to the Vatican City. Dr. Hall stated that the appointment was unconstitutional, in that it violated the first amendment as it was interpreted by the Supreme Court. "In the Everts vs. New Jersey case it was decided that no state or federal government shall aid any one religion, prefer any religion over another, levy taxes to support any religion, or allow any religion to interfere in the internal affairs of the United States. But with the appointment of an ambassador to Rome and through the Papal Nuncio in Washington all these things are done."

Dr. Hall also mentioned that if the Vatican City is a state, as it considers itself, then all the cardinals of the Catholic Church, which have sworn allegiance to it, are subversive agents of a foreign power. He pointed out that, when there had been a representative of higher rank than envoy in the Vatican City, he had accomplished nothing known at present which could not also have been done by our ambassador to Italy.

## Majority Vote Needed for Ed's

A plurality of votes was cast for Jean Forquer and Roland Given, candidates for next year's *Star* editor, and for Dorothy Beuter and Carol Woerner, candidates for *Lanthorn* editor at the election held Monday morning during a compulsory chapel. Due to lack of majority vote for the editorial positions of these student publications, further elections will be held next week.

Dick Troutman was elected business manager of the '52-'53 *Star*. Bob Snowberger was elected business manager of the '52-'53 *Lanthorn*.

## Student Senate Considers Issues

At the Student Senate meeting of November 19, topics considered were: eligibility for competitive sports, social relationships, election of faculty adviser and student representatives to the Rec Hall committee, and method of making general announcements.

The president appointed James Wagner and Dave Seeland as a committee of two to meet with Dr. Lynip to discuss the substance of a petition requesting that all students be considered eligible for athletics regardless of grade point index at the 10 week period due to recent irregular circumstances. This committee will, in the future, be concerned with the philosophy of eligibility requirements and the advisability of such.

Dean Brandt re-introduced the matter of social relationships and urged student cooperation in the formulation of a code of campus conduct. Senators voted to seek suggestions on this, and on a positive program of guided activity, from the student body.

Dean Blake was elected faculty adviser to the Rec Hall, to the position vacated by Miss Beck. Bette Hatch and Dave Suetterlein were elected to serve with senate representatives, Dorothy Meyer, Ed Danks, and committee president, Steve Castor.

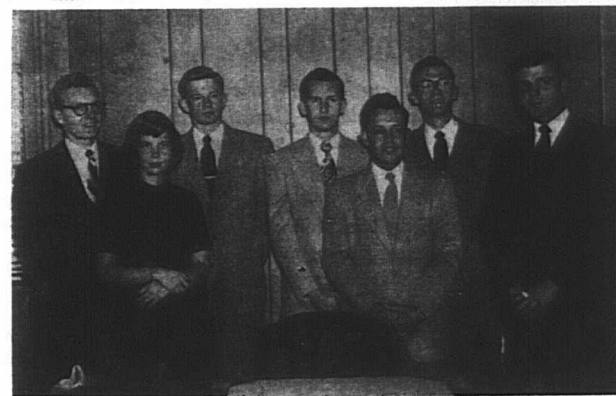
Money was appropriated from the treasury for a three-year renewal subscription to *His* magazine. This magazine is one of several placed in the reception room of Gaoyadeo hall.

For the convenience of students not frequenting the dining hall, those making general announcements by this means were requested to duplicate them on the arcade bulletin board. Custodianship of this bulletin board is the responsibility of senator Barbara Bean.

A report by the treasurer will be a special order of the day for the next meeting.

## Faulty Wiring Cause Of Markey's Damage

A minor fire broke out about 5 p.m. Monday afternoon, November 19, in the Markey cottage. The fire was discovered when the lights began to blink and smoke was smelled. Upon further investigation, the cause was found to be several wires which had been burned out in the cellar. With the help of the Houghton volunteers, the fire was easily put out and repairs made.



Left to right: Bruce Waltke, Constance Castor, Steve Castor, James Wagner, Dow Robinson, Arthur Rupprecht, Charles Stuart.

## Dean's Announcement Lists 1952 Who's Who Selections

Because of their scholastic and extracurricular contributions to Houghton college, seven seniors have been chosen for recognition in the annual publication, *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

These seniors are Constance Castor, chairman of the Social committee of the 1950-51 Student Senate; Stephen Castor, vice-president of the Senate; Dow Robinson, president of Foreign Missions Fellowship; Arthur Rupprecht, editor of the *Info*; Charles Stuart, president of the Student Senate; James Wagner, station manager of WJSL; and Bruce Waltke, editor of the 1951-52 *Star*.

Besides the published write-up of their personal activities in college, these seniors will be presented with certificates of recognition and will be entitled to the benefits of the Students' Placement Service, which the publishers sponsor for those students who need assistance in procuring positions after their graduation.

### CONSTANCE CASTOR

Connie Castor, as a sophomore, acted as a regular feature writer for the *Star* and was feature editor of the class edition of the weekly newspaper. During this same year, she also served as sales manager of the *Lanthorn*

and secretary of the Spanish club.

In her junior year, Connie was particularly active in the Student Senate where she was chairman of the Social committee and the Elections Publicity committee. Outside of the Senate, she was feature editor of the *Star* and associate editor of the class *Star*. She also served as president of the Art club.

Now a senior, Connie is president of the Book club, art editor of the *Lanthorn*, and a member of the senior class social committee.

### STEVE CASTOR

Steve Castor, present vice-president of the Student Senate, has been active in varsity debate and athletic activities since his freshman year. As a soph, he served as sports editor and feature writer for the *Star*. In May Steve was elected editor of the sophomore *Star*. During the same year, he was also a member of Torchbearers, French club, and the varsity basketball team.

He was elected *Star* editor in his junior year and also served as vice-president of the Book club. Now, Steve is acting as chairman of the Recreation Hall committee and the Student Publications committee. He is also on the Constitution committee of the Senate.

### DOW ROBINSON

Since his freshman year, Dow Robinson has taken active part in campus religious activities. As a sophomore, Dow was a visitation group leader for Torchbearers and superintendent of the Sunday school at Hume Baptist church. He was a member of both the FMF and WYPS.

In his junior year, Dow was elected president of FMF and chaplain of the junior class. Furthermore, he spoke for the evangelistic team, the Gospel crusaders.

Re-elected to his position as FMF president in his senior year, Dow continues speaking for a gospel team and is also writing the devotional column for the *Star*.

### ART RUPPRECHT

Throughout his college life, Art Rupprecht has participated in a variety of activities.

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## Marvin Eyler to Serve In Special Services Group

Capt. Marvin H. Eyler is to be the new director of Special Services for Headquarters, United States Air Forces in Europe. He arrived in Wiesbaden, Germany, November 2, to serve the headquarters, which is one of the vital air units available to General Dwight D. Eisenhower under SHAPE.

The 31-year-old captain is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eyler of Houghton, New York.

## Prexy Travels To Albany, Elmira

Dr. Paine and representatives of Hartwick, Vassar, Elmira, Keuka, and Nazareth colleges had a meeting with Dr. Newsom, Associate Commissioner of Education, in Albany on Monday, November 12. Dr. Paine was in Elmira Sunday, November 11, having an evening meeting with the Birchwood Avenue Baptist Church, which resulted in an altar service at the close of the meeting.

The two things gained from the conference with Dr. Newsom were: first of all, the announcement of a very probable plan for enticing liberal arts college graduates into the elementary field of teaching in view of the tremendous shortage of elementary teachers. This plan which has been tentatively accepted by the Regents would offer a graduate of Houghton college a partially subsidized summer of study towards the degree Master of Education and then the privilege of seeking employment in an elementary school and continuing (at own expense) in a program of study which would bring the Master's degree at the end of two years and three summers and would also entitle the student to certificates in both the elementary and secondary fields.

Growing out of this plan, Dr. Newsom also outlined a very tentative plan, by which if adopted, graduates from four-year colleges like Houghton would still be able to go into intern teaching after their A.B. degree and work off requirements for the master's degree during the first few years of apprentice work which, however, would be subject to the regular salary and pension provisions of the teaching profession of New York state.

## Frosh Re-Elections Needed for Officers

The recent Freshman class election resulted in two ties, Doris Tysinger and Fred Speirs for president, and Don Cronk and John Essepian for treasurer. Another election will be held on November 26 for these offices.

Further results of the election were as follows: secretary, Nancy Reist; chaplains, Al Foster and Dona McCoy; athletic managers, Marshall Umlauf and Pat Kern; social chairman, Donnie Gotter; and advisers, Coach Wells and Miss Pool.



## From the Editor's Desk . . . Spotlighting the Times

The Christ-centered curriculum currently being under serious consideration in Christian educational circles, the STAR feels that a series of editorials, dealing with the background and implications of this current consideration is in order.

In connection with the backgrounds of the current Christ-centered curriculum movement, the attitude of the federal government toward religion in the public schools should be noted. The outstanding illustration of this attitude is found in the famed Vashti-McCullum Case. Mrs. McCullum took to court her contention that her child should not be required to hear the Bible read in his school room. Indiana's highest court returned the verdict that the child must hear the Bible read in accordance with state law. However, upon taking her case to the United States Supreme Court, Mrs. McCullum was confirmed in her contention by that court's ruling; and the Bible by federal decision lost its status in compulsory education.

The Vashti-McCullum Case, then, seems to indicate that the federal government's attitude toward religion in the public schools, taken in its most favorable light, is that a condition of no religious emphasis is possible in education.

The government has erred in its expression of this attitude, for they have tended to define as 'religion' only the great ethnic religions. They have thought, by excluding these ethnic religions, to achieve a situation without religious emphasis. But their definition should have been broadened to include such philosophies as idealism and naturalism, if they would accomplish their apparent purpose. For it must be agreed that naturalism and idealism, for example, fill a place comparable to that filled by religion in a man's life. That is, these philosophies seem to answer those questions regarding the universe, man, and God, which are universally asked among men and answered by religion. Thus, it will be seen that the federal government's aim, to accomplish a kind of religious neutrality in education, cannot succeed so long as the narrow definition of religion to the ethnic religions is maintained.

Rather than excluding religion from public education, then, the courts ruling against the ethnic religions has amounted to a sanction for whatever so-called philosophy might succeed to the place lost by these religions. Naturalism has, of course, stepped into the breach. It has been able to penetrate the whole field of education, free from other religious opposition within the profession, to the extent of formulating methods and dictating the body of material to be taught.

On the other hand, the court's attitude has resulted in nothing less than an attack upon the ethnic religions. For, naturalism being allowed free rein in public education, the ethnic religions have been exposed to its ravages upon the faith of their youth throughout the nation's educational system. Here, incidentally, is further evidence that the court's definition of religion was too narrow, for it will be observed that naturalism contests point by point with Christianity those questions dealing with nature, man, and God.

In conclusion then, the federal government's present attitude toward religion in public education will be seen to be not only ineffectual, but favorable to naturalism, and even destructive of Christianity.

ARTHUR RUPPRECHT

The fruition of the Kefauver committee crime investigation was seen last week in the new gambling law enacted by Congress. As a result the gambling business has reached a new low. Normal gambling risks are pushed sky-high with no circumvention of the law yet in sight.

The gambler, in order to obey the new tax law, must register his name as a professional gambler or bookmaker, whether he operates legally or illegally, list his superiors, giving their home and business addresses, name his employees, keep a daily record of all bets placed, this record being available to law enforcement officers, buy a special gambling-tax stamp which costs \$500 a year, make a monthly report on his gross business to law-enforcing agencies, and finally pay a 10 per cent tax on all bets accepted. The penalty, if he fails to comply, \$1000-\$5000 for not paying occupational tax, \$10,000 or a year in jail for not keeping required records, \$10,000 or five years in jail for not paying the 10 per cent tax. The law is to be enforced by the United States government regardless of state laws.

As a result, a sudden paralyzing depression has hit one of the country's biggest businesses. The gambler himself is caught on the horns of a dilemma. If a gambler fails to comply with the new laws, he is faced with arrest, if he does comply, he is faced with prosecution by his own state government, excepting Nevada where gambling is legal. Rather than name their superiors or keep public books, gamblers are going underground, some even turning to legitimate occupations. The big gambling syndicates in such cities as New York, Chicago, and Miami are especially hard hit. The ring leaders of the big monopolies now are traceable through the listing of his bosses by the local gambler. In San Francisco, the Allied Lottery, a \$100,000 business has announced itself as officially closed up. In Miami 1,000 of the new tax forms were mailed out to known gamblers when none of them requested the forms.

The new law will put a tremendous load on the Treasury department agents. The department plans to add 4,000 new agents to its staff at an estimated additional expenditure of 34 millions annually. The gamblers themselves have any of four courses to take under the law. They can comply with the law and face almost certain arrest at the hands of the state and local police. They can close up and hope that a test case already planned will cause the new law to be declared unconstitutional in that it forces a citizen to incriminate himself. They can go underground and operate as in bootlegging days, or they can shift operations to gambling untouched by the new law, such as card games and roulette.

The fact still remains, however, that whatever the gamblers decide to do, unless the new law is declared unconstitutional or federal enforcement is lax, they face almost certain doom for their businesses.

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## Keeping in Touch

It's sub-zero weather, but with skies clear, a good pilot and an airplane, Alaska is not too far to go to visit Max and Gladys Fancher.

Gladys is teaching sixteen first, second and third graders in the ill-equipped government school, while Max instructs third, fourth and fifth graders, as well as high school students, in elementary algebra, general science and physiology. Since there are no supplementary reading books, the students are entirely dependent on the texts and the teachers.

It's one day a month that a boat comes to this mountainous, treeless island of Unalaska, bringing fresh vegetables, pork chops (\$1.40 per pound) and eggs (\$1.05 per dozen). Gladys is thankful for twenty-four pints of salmon she canned.

Twice each week in good weather the mail plane arrives from Anchorage, Alaska. Since fog and rain are more common than sunshine, Max and Gladys are sometimes disappointed. However, when they receive an air mail letter addressed Unalaska, Alaska, from Houghton friends there is sunshine in their faces.

Max and Gladys teach Sunday school classes in the Methodist Mission pastored by the Rev. Keith Whittier. Mrs. Whittier, by the way, is a sister of Mrs. Everett Gilbert and Mrs. Olson Clark. The highlight of the week is the weekly prayer fellowship enjoyed by the Whittiers and the Fanchers.

Gladys says, "Sin is very great. You can feel it in the atmosphere." Thus they're counting on our prayers that they might not only "withstand in the evil day," but that the students and fisherfolk may be won to Christ. It wouldn't be a very long hop over to Tokyo. The tent meetings with Gordon Wolfe, one of our student body-supported missionaries, are just concluding. Within the last two months two new preaching appointments have opened. The cry is for more preachers and teachers qualified to teach in the Bible college.

"Then too," Gordon says, "the Japanese have a real appreciation for (Continued on Page Four)

## Revival In Retrospect

BY THOM HARRIS

The scene: Houghton college, in the Genesee country of western New York. The date: October, 1951. The occasion: none of supposed importance—that is, importance in scheduled events of the school, yet in the lives of the people involved, an "occasion" that will be remembered. The results: some visible, others unseen, yet all wrought in the hearts of the students, faculty, and administration involved.

Whether defined in a well-known dictionary, commented on by a famous evangelist, explained in a concordance, or expounded on by an expositor, revival means but one thing in any man's terminology—a period of awakening accompanied by a renewed interest in something. On our campus as well as on other campuses revival has come to mean a renewed interest in the things of God. No general plan or procedure has been formulated, mass meetings have received little consideration, and big-name preachers have not been needed. Individuality has been the predominant theme since October 21, when an un-planned prayer meeting initiated a mighty out-pouring of the Holy Spirit in hundreds of hearts. This is what hearts have been searching and groping for; this is what preachers have been preaching on; this is what Christian prayer warriors have been burdened about—but it was not until God's people, professing Christians, yielded their all to Him that the Spirit was able to work.

When that was done, storehouses of blessings fell upon this college. From the highest official to the most insignificant under-graduate and high school student, few were untouched by this spiritual re-awakening. John could not have written more appropriate words than he did in the second chapter of Revelation, where we read, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works." Repentance keyed the revival: repentance toward God, restitution to man, and a daily study of God's Word. The new commandment of our Saviour was made evident in the affected lives. Love was shown to each other, and most of all to the Lord Jesus Christ.

When an ignited match is put to a piece of well-seasoned wood, fire occurs. Much the same applies to the Christian. When God's Word, in the power of the Holy Spirit comes down upon an individual in a mighty way, then some kind of response is inevitable! Responses in this revival were not all outward, although a great many were. Fanaticism was, and is, remarkably absent. Decisions were provoked by the Spirit, not by human pressure.

When the wood burns vigorously, it usually finds other materials in sympathy with its flames, and soon the flames spread. The parallel has occurred here. Christians who had been resting, or in a dormant stage of their lives, were overwhelmed by this awakening. Lives were re-dedicated, wholly consecrated, and blessed. Many were saved, and others wholly sanctified. Denominational and petty differences were broken down, and other hindrances soon removed by this powerful moving of the Spirit.

Since that Sunday evening in October, previously unsurpassable barriers have been broken and melted. Buffalo and the western New York area have been shaken by the working of God in recent weeks; pastors who had led unreasonable separatist movements have come to acknowledge God's Word as the only way of approach to their problems. It would not only be foolish, but perhaps harmful to try to give a total resumé in this article. Not only have we found that man is insufficient, but that great numbers are equally unimportant. There are goals yet unreached, souls untouched, and a hungry people at our doorstep. Revival has just begun.

It is up to us as individuals to let this working of the Spirit continue in our lives by prayer and a constant study of God's inspired Word. "With eternity's values in view, Lord, with eternity's values in view; May we do each day's work for Thee, Lord, with eternity's values in view."

## See You There!

- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26  
7:30 p. m. Oratorio rehearsal, chapel
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27  
9:00 a. m. Chapel, Dr. Paine  
7:30 p. m. Student body prayer meeting, chapel.
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28  
9:00 a. m. Chapel  
7:30 p. m. Orchestra concert, chapel  
Basketball game, Seniors-Sophomores  
Clubs: FMF S-24  
Expression Club, Music Hall auditorium  
Science Club, S-21
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29  
9:00 a. m. Chapel, Christian Life Series, Dr. Woolsey  
6:45 p. m. Class prayer meetings
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30  
9:00 a. m. Chapel  
8:00 p. m. Artist Series, Sanroma, pianist
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1  
6:45 p. m. Campus TV Revue

## The Star Mailbox

November 14, 1951

Dear Editor,

Thanks again for a wonderful week that will long live in my memory as one of the most outstanding weeks of my life.

I arrived there with a damaged tire on the rear of my station wagon. After packing up my things and preparing to leave, I remembered I did not have it repaired. . . . To my surprise I found in its place a brand new Firestone tire fully inflated and ready for use.

I do not know who did it . . . but thanks to those who were so thoughtful.

Take good care of Ev . . . he is really a nice guy and has a wonderful collection of recordings.

CHRISTIAN love to all,

Jim Vaus

Dear Editor:

The chairman of the TB Chest X-ray campaign wants to thank all those who canvassed the villages of Houghton and Caneadea, and all others who worked on the various committees. Everyone gave the finest of generous cooperation. The total number X-rayed in seven hours was over 900.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred F. Fero

Dear Editor,

In view of the policy of the Inn in past years, we feel it has shirked its responsibility to the student body by closing before the end of the basketball game on November 19, 1951. The person in charge of the Inn at that time told us to go up to the Pantry. It is inconceivable that 200 people could fit into the Pantry.

We feel that the Inn has a definite responsibility to the student body. Remember—the Inn was made for the student body, not the student body for the Inn.

In hopes for better service,  
"De McKinley Boiz"



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## Our Dear Number 17

BY GEORGE HUESTIS

There are sixteen red-blooded American fellows in McKinley house. Oops, my mistake, there are fifteen red-blooded American fellows, and Suetterlein. Now I wouldn't accuse poor Dave of being anemic or anything like that, but the other day he cut his finger when he patted his roommate's pointed head, and Dave's blood, instead of being the customary fire-engine red, appeared in a shocking pink hue. It was then that we decided that there was something drastically wrong with our pal Suetterlein, and that immediate treatment was all that could pull him through. Dick Dole, a zoology major, took charge of the operation.

First we drained all the shocking pink fluid from Dave's body, and

then before Dave had a chance to turn blue, we refilled his blood vessels with nice red catsup. Surprisingly, the operation was a complete success, and now whenever we have hamburgers here, Dave obligingly bleeds for us.

But I have wandered far from my original subject. Grade point—ugh—were out sometime recently. The boys who got above 3.5 sure were proud, but we of McKinley house have something big to brag about. Here in our midst we have a ten pointer. "Impossible!" you say? Well, here is the full story.

Thursday night, November 8th, we of McKinley house entertained Jim Vaus with the money our prize winning float brought us. The first thing Jim spied as he entered the house was number 17, our ten pointer, propped up against the wall. You see, number 17 is the stuffed head of a fine ten-point buck. A real dear, if you ever saw one.

During the course of the evening, as we entertained Jim, someone casually remarked that it was getting beastly cold out. Immediately someone asked why number seventeen, the deer boy, didn't come all the way in. After all, it must get terribly uncomfortable for the poor beast to stand there with his anterior in the nice warm living room, while his posterior stands outside in the bitter cold. When Jim stopped laughing, it took another six sandwiches, half a pie, and a quart of hot chocolate, to fill the cavity.

Seriously though, we, the sinister sixteen of McKinley house have quite fallen in love with our ten pointer. Because of our devotion to him, we have made him a silent partner of our house, and a full blooded brother, along with catsup-vein Suetterlein. For this reason, we call him number 17, and consider him a full member of our household.

As Art Rupprecht will readily admit, old number 17 is a gregarious creature. We cite, for instance, the time Art arrived home late, and found a pair of antlers protruding from his bed. There lay number 17, his cheek in the groove where Art's hatchet face usually lies, and his chest filling the hollow usually filled by Art's hollow chest.

Say what you may, we, the boys of McKinley house have found a very dear friend, and we proudly add to our original sixteen, a new head, a ten pointer at that, good old number 17.

## Women Propose Honor System

At a recent meeting of the Women's Council, the main topics under discussion were the initiation of the honor system into the women's government, the present system of chaperonage, and the more uniform organization of rules in the various houses on the campus.

Jean Wisse, a member of the council, related briefly the operation of the honor system with which she came in contact at New Jersey College for Women where she was formerly a student. The matter was then applied to our situation here at Houghton. Stressed in this discussion was the long period of time necessary to educate and condition the girls to such a system.

Regarding the matter of chaperones for couples going out of town at night, it was mentioned that our present system often causes inconvenience to both the chaperone and the others in the group. As a solution, a plan was proposed whereby only freshman and sophomore girls would be required to have chaperones. This suggestion will probably be placed before the faculty for further discussion.

In the near future the president of each girls' house will review with its members the house rules, asking for criticisms and suggestions. A compilation of these remarks will then be made by the Women's Council in order to establish more uniform rules for the girls.

## Torchbearers Go to Jail

Sunday morning, November 18, five members of Torchbearers entered Attica State prison.

As they went into the prison, they were led down several long corridors into a room filled with about four hundred of the prison's inmates. There, they had the blessed privilege of proclaiming the Gospel in word and song.

The Houghton male quartet was in charge of both the song service and the presentation of special music. Walt Thomas gave the message of the morning, speaking concerning the rich young ruler as portrayed in Luke.

At the close of the service an invitation was given and approximately sixty prisoners raised their hands as a sign that they were seeking release from the prison of sin which had so long enslaved them.

This is another example of what Houghton's Torchbearers are doing as they "bear the news to all people."

## Officer Candidate Course Announced

A Marine platoon leaders' class, a Marine officer candidate course, and a Navy reserve officer candidate program for students enrolled in institutions without an ROTC unit were revealed in an announcement issued recently by the American Council on Education in Washington.

The platoon leader's class of the Marine corps is open to college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Applicants enlist in the Marine corps reserve and attend two summer training periods during two college years. One of the training periods may be postponed until after graduation. No military training is required during the academic year, and the only restriction with regard to academic courses is that students in pre-medicine, medicine, pre-dentistry, or theology are ineligible. Candidates are eligible for a commission on graduation and completion of training.

The reserve officer candidate program of the Navy is available to both men and women who are enlisted members of the reserve.



PROFESSOR ELDON E. BASNEY

## Meet a Maestro

Carrying his father's reputation as a well-known musician into our generation, Mr. E. E. Basney, an "old hand" in the line of music, has become a new professor on Houghton's music faculty.

It was at the wee age of three that Mr. Basney commenced his musical career by performing his initial stage debut at a Liberty Bond drive during World War I. When 15 years of age, he was made assistant conductor of the Young People's Symphony, Port Huron, Michigan. At 19, Mr. Basney attained recognition as an accomplished violinist, and thereupon entered the field of composition and conducting. In 1930 the musician continued his study of the violin under the famous violinist, Stanislaw Schapiro. Five years following, he was the co-winner of a NBC Young Artist Contest. His reputation throughout the United States grew as he became the winner of the Thomas Prize for Accomplishment, granted in 1939 by the Peabody Institute of Music, Baltimore, Maryland, and the same year appeared as conductor of the Baltimore String Sinfonietta.

Professor Basney's musical success was temporarily interrupted by request of Uncle Sam to engage his activities on a slightly different line—"the front line." Consequently, he soon found himself in the 24th infantry division at New Guinea and finally upon an island located in the vicinity of the Philippines. It was here, in June of 1944, that he recognized Christ to be a dynamic reality in his own life, and personally acknowledged Him as Savior. "God had been previously working," admitted Mr. Basney, "but I could see no advantages in the Christian way of life."

With the close of the Second World War, the maestro's musical achievement once again progressed, this time in the state of Illinois, where, for two years, he held the position of conductor of the Kankakee Civic Chorus, and finally became the Minister of Music at St. John's Methodist Church, Chicago. Mr. Basney was also honored guest conductor of the Chicago Women's Symphony.

This surely represents by no means the full extent of our professor's musical career, but only some of the predestined stepping stones, laid by God, that finally led him to teach in Christian institutions where his talents are dedicated "unto the Lord," rather than man. "God took me directly out of my profession," Mr. Basney emphasized, "and placed me into the teaching field." All of his spare time is devoted to "Youth For Christ" work.

Mr. Basney, the composer, has spent a large portion of his time in the development of his many and varied compositions. He has written symphonies, selections for the piano, dual piano numbers, choral and orchestral pieces, ballads, a piano and

## What Price Immoderation

BY DR. FLOYD REESE

When George asked me to write "anything," I thought, "I'll just write some tomfoolery. The kids'll like it." I suppose nonsense must be the easiest sort of stuff to put on paper. No rhyme, no reason, disconnected, just words written without a care for their intent or probable effect. But in spite of my frivolous tendency, I soon questioned the value of such a task and decided to make my choice the very opposite vein. Why? Well—in part because I think we are exposed to too much utterly nonsensical nonsense. Some of it leaves me cold. In fact, some of it burns me up. I think of the literary rubbish that represents a hopelessly heroic effort to amuse people. Sadly enough, it amuses so many.

However, I don't mean to level attention upon thoughtless words and writing, but upon the intemperance of which these are symptoms. Of Godless men and women we expect intemperance. But I believe that God would have us remember here at Houghton that self-restraint is a mark of Christian character.

It is fundamental in thermodynamics that all systems tend to "run down," tend toward degradation. The same is true in one's spiritual experience. We tend to "let down," forget our vows and the impressions made upon us in times of spiritual refreshment. "We have this treasure in earthen vessels," 2 Cor. 4:7. Especially in our spiritual lives do we need a continuing awareness of the fact that we are prone to wander. Effective Christian living necessitates a daily consecration to God plus a frequent special rejuvenation.

Immoderation threatens one's Christian witness the more because it often develops slowly and because we may not readily be aware of it in our lives. The Christian doesn't mean to be excessive, and I'm sure the students here are as well-meaning as on any Christian campus. But I am convinced that some are not leaving an effective Christian witness because of a thoughtless lack of self-control. It is significant, for instance, that during the past several weeks of revival most of us have been unusually serious: an indication that self-restraint characterizes a Christian whose experience is what it should be.

Take an example that comes especially forcibly to me. During the meetings the chemistry labs were more quiet than usual. I didn't have to ask that conversation be kept down to a college yell, as I have at times. I believe we have lately been more aware of our obligations to others. Slipping into boisterous talk when it is out of place is certainly not an example of moderation and self-restraint. That self-control in conversation is desirable outside of any spiritual consideration is shown by the fact that most job recommendation forms questions whether the appli-

violin concerto, two violin sonatas, and 13 string quartet arrangements. Many of his compositions were performed during his travels into Australia, Honolulu, and many of the United States.

Quite a few scholarships have been awarded Mr. Basney, such as the violin scholarship by the Sherwood School of Music, Chicago; the J. C. Hulsteyn private violin scholarship; and the three-year Boise Memorial Composition Scholarship, given by the Peabody Institute of Music, Baltimore, Maryland.

Among the classes taught here by Mr. Basney, are advanced composition, form and analysis, and piano. He is also conducting the Oratorio society in the presentation of Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise," to be given December 16. Mr. Basney also teaches at the Roberts Wesleyan college, North Chili, New York.

cant is boisterous. Loud talk outside the class room deserves classification as thoughtless indulgence too. Again, how much time can we waste and stay within the limits of moderation? Or how much extra-curricular work can one accept without immoderation? The ten-week grades should have helped in answering both of these questions.

Most of our immoderation is thoughtlessly unintentional, but that makes it none the more excusable. As we look around us, and beyond Houghton, do we not have a tremendous responsibility upon us as Christians? Is the job not a serious one? Men are not being drawn to Him because Christians are not lifting Him up. Our lives are judged by others everyday. Then let us so temper our daily walk that others may have in us no cause for stumbling—"every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." 1 Cor. 9:10.

## Students Report Revival Activity

"We told what God did at Houghton. The Holy Spirit was present and people were moved to pray for revival in their own lives."

The above is typical of many summaries describing extension services as reported by students on the questionnaires recently distributed in chapel.

The reports, which are being compiled by Miss Helen Hubbard, the president's secretary, consist of 85 sheets, some containing as many as seven accounts. According to Miss Hubbard, there are amazingly few duplications.

The questionnaires reveal that churches of nearly every denomination have been visited. The largest number of services have been in Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester, and surrounding towns. Some students have gone as far as Toronto, Akron, Ohio, and towns in southern Pennsylvania.

Many of the services were broadcast and students report that they are still hearing from those who received help through a radio service.

A proportion of the comments said that churches were cold and in need of prayer and further melting by the Spirit.

The groups averaged six in number and usually included a faculty member. Opportunities were usually obtained through students who are members of the churches visited.

## Music Students To Play at Eastman School

Carolyn Giles, second oboe; Barbara Smith, first clarinet; Florence Crocker, first violin; Eileen Griffin, first flute; and Louis Knowlton, viola, have been selected as members of the all-college orchestra which is to play at the Rochester NYSSMA conference on November 29—December 1.

The Eastman School of Music will provide string basses, tuba, and percussion. The repertoire will include the three movements of Dr. Howard Hanson's *Romantic Symphony*. Dr. Hanson, director of the Eastman School of Music, will be directing the orchestra in his own composition.

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## Dribbles

BY DICK PRICE



Ragged basketball was the order in the first game of the season. Organization was noticeable because of its absence, but in some way both teams managed to toss in a few baskets. The first game of the season is often characterized by such play, so we'll give them two or three chances before drawing any conclusions. The frosh girls looked pretty good for their first game playing together, and may develop into a major contender before the season ends. The soph girls had better have a few tricks in their pockets the next time they meet them, or else...

Next Monday's game between the juniors and seniors should be highly interesting. In the past two seasons these two teams have contested bitterly (is that a bad word?) for the championship, with the men of '52 coming out on top both times. With the latter's loss of two stalwart first-stringers, the balance will now shift to the juniors, who will be making

their third bid for the crown. Nevertheless, the contest should prove to be an exciting one.

House League basketball will officially begin Saturday, November 24. The schedule of games for the first day of league play is as follows: Panich vs. Kotz Katz, High School vs. Terrors, and Dry Bones vs. McKinley. The full schedule of remaining games will appear in a subsequent issue of the *Star*. Due to an additional entry, the present schedule will have to be revised.

## Soph Girls Trip Frosh

The hard-wood floor of Bedford gymnasium set the scene for the first contest of the girls' inter-class basketball series, when the Sophs clashed with the Frosh on Monday, Nov. 19. As the final score was tallied up, the score board showed the Sophs on top with a score of 33-25.

Lorraine Hall starred for the Frosh by pushing in seventeen counters.

Joyce Fischer and Thalia Lazardies were both top scorers for the victors by chalking up twelve points each. Diane Clinton further boosted the Sophs' cause by shoving in nine points.

As the first quarter closed, the Sophs were leading the Frosh by only a slim margin of 6-4. The half time score board showed a 12-11 score with the Sophs still on top. During the third quarter the Sophs gained a greater lead of 23-18 which kept them ahead until the final buzzer sounded.

By virtue of his scholastic record last June, Jim won a scholarship for his senior year.

BRUCE WALTKE

Bruce Waltke, as a sophomore, wrote the religious column for the class edition of the *Star* and participated in the college orchestra, the International Relations club, and extension work.

In his third year, Bruce served his class as a representative to the class cabinet and as chairman of the Social committee. Besides his class activities, Bruce wrote the religious column for the *Star* and was engaged in extension work.

As a senior, Bruce is active as editor of the *Star* and as a member of Torchbearers, and the Student Ministerial association.

According to Dr. Lynip, chairman of the nominating committee, the final selections were made only after an extensive "sifting" process. He said that the deciding factors were: scholarship, as evidenced by grades; citizenship, as evidenced by records in the dean's offices; activities, as evidenced by extracurricular records; and, finally, their general contribution to school life, as evidenced by their reputation with the committee members.

Now a candidate for honors in Greek, Jim is president of the Classical society and is again debating. As a senior representative to the Student Senate, he is active in the Student Affairs committee and the Publicity

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## Juniors Defeat Lewis Leads in Sophs Hockey Seniors Victory Over Freshmen

Do you remember way back when (the times you used to play in the mud when Mom wasn't looking)? Well, if you saw the playoff hockey game between the junior and senior women last Thursday, you must have been carried back to those childhood days.

With a field of slippery mud to contend with, the two teams battled valiantly for the championship. In the first two minutes of the game, Jan Straley scored the only point of the game for the juniors.

The juniors nearly scored again when Jan teed off and let go with her mighty drive. However, on its way to the goal, the ball found an obstruction in its path, Elinor Simon's shoulder. After time out for recovery, the game went on and the only other casualty was Edythe Churchill who was hit in the face in the last quarter. There were no fatal accidents!

The most excitement in the second quarter was Barb Bean's great fall—right in the middle of a big mud puddle.

The third and fourth quarters both remained scoreless, making the juniors the champs over the seniors by a score of 1-0.

## Keeping in Touch

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good music. If only someone from the music department would feel the tug of God for Japan. . . .

If we return to the states via northern Africa, Les and Jayne Beach would welcome us in their quonset at the naval base. Les is serving Uncle Sam in the field of communications intelligence while Jayne teaches twenty-five second graders, little navy "cherubs." In spite of mischief that is always wanting to pop out, studies take first place in the naval school which, according to Jayne, is far ahead of the average public school in the states.

Esther Smeenge, if not already there, is soon to arrive in Africa as a medical missionary under the Wesleyan Methodist board. With a good pre-nursing course from Houghton, Esther went to Butterworth Hospital School of Nursing from which she was graduated in 1950. Prior to embarking on her missionary career she nursed in a Holland, Michigan hospital.

A wire has just come from Paul and Florine Ellenberger that they'd like us to be their dinner guests in the C. M. and A. parsonage at Port Washington, New York. Alice Omdal, who is working for Brandt Reed in the Hi-BA office in New York, is also to be there. Back to the states we must hop. I wonder what prank Paul will pull.

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On Monday night the "no-win" Soph men broke their losing streak as they downed a snappy Frosh team, 50-44, in the first game of the current basketball season. Captain "Buck" Lewis led the way to the Soph victory with 18 points, followed by Bob Baird with 12 points and Chuck Paine with 9 points. Charles Herschel and "Stretch" Webster contributed 14 and 12 points, respectively, to the Frosh cause.

The first quarter opened slowly, with both teams losing the ball on violations several times. The Sophs finally broke the ice and went on to gain a 10 to 5 advantage at the end of the first period. In the second quarter the Frosh got together a bit better and succeeded in pulling up within four points of the Sophs, who led 21-17 when the buzzer sounded.

The third period saw the hopes of the Frosh grow dimmer as the Sophs went on a scoring binge, led by Lewis with 9 points for the quarter. The Sophs scored a total of 21 points while holding the Frosh to 9 during the same period, giving them a 16 point advantage as play opened in the final quarter. Led by Herschel and Webster, the Frosh fought back valiantly, but were unable to overcome the Soph's lead, even though "Doc Bob," the Soph coach, cleared the bench of substitutes in the final minutes of play. The Frosh outscored the Sophs 18-8 in the final period, but still ended up on the low end of a 50-44 score.

The statistics don't show the story too well. The Frosh hit on 30% of their field goal attempts and the Sophs 32%. The Frosh outshot the Sophs at the free throw line, 53% to 40% but committed five more fouls than their upperclass opponents. The real answer lies in organization and teamwork. The passing of both teams was sloppy and the defense inconsistent but the Frosh were the worst offenders in both these categories. With time and experience the Frosh should be able to give a better showing than they did in the opening game.

### Box Score:

SOPHS	FG	FTA	FT	TP
Baird	6	3	0	12
Di Guiseppe	0	1	0	0
Gosling	1	2	1	3
Harris	0	0	0	0
Hazlett	1	3	1	3
Henderson	2	1	0	4
Lewis	7	8	4	18
Merry	0	0	0	0
Neu	0	0	0	0
Paine	3	5	3	9
Van Vorhees	0	2	1	1
	20	25	10	50

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