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Juniors Win Second of the Inter-class Debates

"Resolved that class attendance should be optional for Juniors and Seniors maintaining an average of B+ or higher."

The second of the inter-class debates was held in chapel last Wednesday on the question: "Resolved that class attendance should be optional for Juniors and Seniors maintaining an average of B+ or higher."

The affirmative was upheld by the senior team, Orrell York and Winona Carter; while the negative side was upheld by the Junior team, Harriet Pinkney and Paul Allen. The latter team received all three votes of the judges.

Miss Carter was the first speaker of the affirmative, and, having defined the question, endeavored to prove that optional class attendance would serve to promote better scholarship, stimulate class activity, keep student in constant touch with his progress and raise the average of the more difficult subject. Mr. Allen, however, challenged the idea by stating that there is not sufficient reason for a change, and offered in its place a counter plan that all upper classmen having an average of C should have as many class cuts per semester as they have hours, taking no more than three cuts in any one subject. He said that there would be a tendency to abuse the privilege advocated by the affirmative, and a dissatisfaction of able and deserving students not in the B+ class. He quoted President Luckey as having said that 50% of the college education comes from outside the class room.

Mr. York then took the floor and contended that the plan offered by the affirmative would broaden the scope of education by encouraging the worthy use of leisure time, placing students upon their own responsibility, and recognizing the maturity of the upperclassmen. He quoted a letter from Chicago University proving that the plan has been tried elsewhere and proven successful.

Miss Pinkney, in summing up her speech, said, "Therefore, we of the negative hold that not optional class cuts for a selected few but the counter plan—as many cuts per semester for Juniors and Seniors as the student is carrying classes with no more than three cuts to any one class will: (1.) answer student demand and (2.) make provision for inexcusable absences."

A little interesting data came to light during this debate. Only 18 out of the 100 Juniors and Seniors would benefit by the 2.3 basis. Students in the extra-curricular activities would not benefit for there are only 2 on the Star Staff, 3 on the Student Council, 2 on the Boulder Staff, 4 in the A Cappella Choir, and only 1 on the Purple-Gold first string basketball squads.

Mr. Allen endeavored to show that Miss Carter had contradicted herself and York strengthened a few of his former statements. The vote of the judges was unanimous for the negative.

Artists Encored Enthusiastically

Wednesday evening, January 17 Houghton College presented as the second number of the Artists' Series a joint concert by Josephine Antoine, Soprano, Kurt Brownell, Tenor, and Marian Kalayjian, pianist and accompanist.

Performing before an audience inclined to be critical, these three concert stars rose to great heights, and their verve, expression and understanding interpretation won that same audience to genuine appreciation and enjoyment.

Miss Antoine, soprano, who appeared in the second part of the program sang selections from a wide scope of music literature from both opera and folk songs.

No less entertaining, and no less pleasing, was Mr. Brownell's interpretation of *Celeste Aida*, from "Aida" by Verdi. Perhaps the one piece he sang which was received better than any of the others was "The Green-Eyed Dragon," a light ballad by Charles.

In the two selections for the piano, Miss Kalayjian gave expression and appeal which few people realize is innate in them. Of the two, "The Beautiful Blue Danube" held more pleasure and was more warmly received, possibly because of its greater familiarity. That waltz, and one of her encores "Fireflies," by I. Phillips won all the audience who might possibly not have already capitulated to the charm of these artists.

Viewed from the standpoint of the Lecture Course Series, the Wednesday night concert represents a triumph of quality, and gives the rest of the series a definitely increased interest and enthusiasm.

The program of the evening, including the encores is given.

On Wings of Music Mendelssohn
Miss Antoine and Mr. Brownell
With Verdure Clad, "The Creation" Haydn

Caro Nome, "Rigoletto" Verdi
Canzonetta Lohr
Miss Antoine

Ombra Mai Fu, "Xerxes" Handel
Celeste Aida, "Aida" Verdi
Love Me or not, Follow Thee I Must Secci

Mr. Brownell
Nocturne for the Left Hand Alone Scriabin

The Beautiful Blue Danube Strauss-Schultz-Evler

Magic Fire Music Wagner
Fireflies I. Phillips

Miss Kalyjian
Lullaby Scott
The Birds Fagge

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Fire Draws Crowd of Students

Students studying in the library and convening in committee meetings were aroused to excitement Thursday night when the fire siren sounded for several minutes at about 8:10. It was finally discovered that the cause of the commotion was at the Hill house on the main road in the center of the village. Some of the students immediately took the fire wagon down from the college, and quite a crowd had gathered. It was soon discovered, however, that the conflagration consisted of a chimney burning out, and the crowd saw only a few sparks to satisfy their mania for the sight of a real fire.

Debate Union Receives State Recognition

Houghton, by virtue of the "Houghton College Forensic Union" has been admitted to the New York State Debating Conference. A recent letter from W. Leon Godshall, an official of the Conference, welcomes Houghton to full membership at the same time extending an invitation to participate both in the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Conference at Colgate University, Hamilton, New York, April 28, 1934, and in the Second New York Debaters' Convention on Public Affairs to be held at Colgate University, Hamilton, New York, April 27-28, 1934.

Hill Billies Are Victorious in Wild Scramble With Waiters

The gym surely was the scene of a battle waged last Saturday evening. The Hill Billies and the Waiters went into a basketball conference which resulted in something akin to a football game and at best a professional basketball contest of a few years ago when anything was legal up to knocking an opponent out. Bill Farnsworth managed to slip out from under the clutches of the opponents enough to score high for the Hill Billies with 15 points. Gibbins, however was the big gun of the evening for the simple reason that he was so big and tall that none could touch him so he netted a total of 20 points.

SUMMARY

| HILL BILLIES | WAITERS |
|------------------|-------------|
| 15 W. Farnsworth | Van Ornum 8 |
| 6 Farwell | Barror 4 |
| 3 Anderson | Gibbins 20 |
| 8 R. Farnsworth | Reed 0 |
| 6 Houghton | Burns 2 |
| 2 Vogel | |
| 0 Joslyn | |
| 0 White | |
| 0 Titus | |
| 40 | |

Prof. Steese Scores 12 Points as Faculty Quintet Triumphs

Women Teachers Put up Bold Fight

President Luckey Gives Fourth Talk

In his fourth talk, which was given Thursday, January 11, President Luckey stressed the words of Jesus to Nicodemus as recorded by John in chapter three, the fifth verse—"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and the spirit he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

Because of man's condition, due to the fall of Adam, a great change must take place in his heart before he can ever see God. These changes which take place in the soul are spoken of as the renovation, translation quickening, resurrection, liberation and awakening of the soul.

This change must be as definitely felt as that felt by a healed leper by a man receiving sight or hearing. In no other way may man be sure that he is eligible for the Kingdom of God and His Fellowship.

Debate Squad Lays Plans for Tour

Although forensic is comparatively new in Houghton, Professor Paine and his squad are looking forward to an interesting and successful schedule.

Houghton will meet Alfred University on the debate platform some time in March; and a dual debate has been arranged, tentatively, with Chesbrough Seminary, North Chili. On this occasion, a girls' team will travel to Chesbro, while the fellows will debate on the home platform.

The debaters also plan a tour into Pennsylvania, and on this trip they hope to meet, among others, St. Bonaventure, Allegheny College and Seton Hill.

Missionary Program

Every fourth Tuesday evening prayer service is devoted to the study of missionary work. Such a service was held on January 16.

Paul Allen introduced the program and the speakers—Malcolm Cronk, Mary Paine, Isabelle Riggs, Harriet Sartwell and Merritt Queen. Malcolm was the inquiring individual who wanted to learn something definite about missions. The others gave him the information he desired to know. In short, it was a world review of missions.

India, Japan, China, and Africa are all populated by many individuals who have never heard the gospel. China is the most neglected country. In Italy Mussolini is more favorable to evangelization than previously.

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Captain Paul Steese stured his faculty men's basketball aggregation to a sensational victory over the hard fighting, swift Theologs by a score of 27-26 in Friday evenings novel contest.

The game was sensational from start to finish with neither team holding at any time a very pronounced lead. In the first quarter the faculty pushed ahead like a veteran five and led 6-4 at the end of the period. In the second period, however, just the opposite was true, for the Theologs with Moon, Donelson and Eyler starring swooped ahead so that at half time the score stood 15-14 for the preachers. Play in the third quarter was relatively even with both teams missing many shots and also playing rather ragged. The last quarter was the best of them all. First the Theologs were ahead, and then the faculty tied it up. Again the theologs forged ahead and as the time drew short they held a three-point lead. The faculty weren't through yet, however, for Prof. Steese managed to sink one long one and then, just as the whistle was about to blow, he squirmed through for another deuce, and thus his team was victorious.

SUMMARY

| FACULTY | THEOLOGS |
|------------|------------|
| 0 Benjamin | Moon 7 |
| 12 Steese | Donelson 8 |
| 0 Joslyn | Eyler 9 |
| 11 Stamp | Halsted 0 |
| 2 Bain | Haight 2 |
| 0 Sicard | Foster 0 |
| 2 Paine | |
| 27 | 26 |

In the first game of Friday night's double bill the Theolog girls were decisively victorious although the women teachers played a good hard game and showed themselves real sports.

Miss Moxey starred for the faculty with 7 points to her credit and Sheffer ran off with the honors for her team with a total of 22 points. The Theolog girls have quite a fine team and we wonder if there is any group in the school who can show them up.

SUMMARY

| THEOLOGS | FACULTY |
|------------|-------------|
| 11 Myers | Rickard 2 |
| 4 Taylor | Stevenson 2 |
| 2 Riggs | Moxey 7 |
| 0 Board | Burnell 0 |
| 2 Scott | Kartevold 0 |
| 22 Sheffer | Davison 0 |
| 40 | Lee 0 |
| | 11 |

The largest estate in the world is the Kidman ranch in Australia. It occupies 39,000 square miles, which equals the areas of New Jersey, Delaware, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. However, the largest cultivated ranch is in Montana—a wheat ranch of 10,000 acres, of Indian lands rented from the government.

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Editorial

BUCK FEVER

A young Indian goes out to shoot his first deer. He waits several hours, concealed, by the animal's favorite drinking place. He sees a buck approach, and now is his chance!

But suddenly he starts yelling, jumps from his concealment, and wildly shoots his arrows straight into the air, while the buck escapes, mere frightened.

The old hunters call it "buck fever." Young and inexperienced hunters of today are affected with it. It is a state of mind and nerves. The affected person believes he is shooting at the deer, but, due to his excitement, he does exactly the opposite from what he should. Old hunters who have hunted many seasons might suddenly be subject to it.

Students and especially Freshmen, you have waited in concealment for twenty weeks. Now is the time to bring down or lose your game.

Don't get "buck fever."

CAMPUS COMMENTS

The proximity of exams makes each class seem more important. Practice teachers will appreciate them, especially if their term is over.—Junior coats arrived this week, dark red with orange emblems. This makes some of us again long for a school sweater.—Many students enjoyed the sportiness of the faculty in playing the students in basket ball. It shows spirit among the faculty.—There seems to be an effort afoot to liven up the spirit among the students through the student council and Athletic Association. The two seem not to be parallel, but a good combination.—The Purple-Gold basket ball games do not appear to be very interesting. A new system of intramural sports might help. We understand the Athletic Association is open to suggestions.—The A Cappella Choir gives its first concert Sunday night, Jan. 21.—The students made a good appearance at the concert Wed. night. Putting one's best foot forward is good practice for future use.—10,000 college bulletins have been printed and are waiting to be sent out. This should advertise the college to quite a number of people.

Artists Encored

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Lo! Here the Gentle Lark | Bishop |
| My Laddie | Thayer |
| The Dainty Demaiselle | Norella |
| The Last Rose of Summer | Josephine Antoine |
| A Spirit Flower | Campbell-Tipton |
| Serenade | Raff |
| The Green-Eyed Dragon | Charles |
| Sylvia | Speaks |
| My Little Banjo | |
| Bless this House | |
| Mr. Brownell | |
| Sulla Tomba, "Lucia" | Donizetti |
| Were You Not and Toko Plighted | Gilbert-Sullivan |
| Miss Antoine and Mr. Brownell | |

W.Y.P.S. Holds Service in Wellsville

Last Sunday evening, January 14, an inspiring service was held in the Christian Temple in Wellsville under the auspices of the W.Y.P.S. After the song service led by Mr. Donelson, special music was furnished by a brass quartette and by the college male quartette.

After personal testimonies the message was brought by Mr. Cronk on the text "What shall I do, then, with Jesus which is called Christ?" The speaker brought out the fact that

this question came not only to Pilate years ago, but is coming to each one of us today. It is not only an individual question but also the most important one we have or ever will be called upon to face for it determines entirely our destiny in this life as well as in the life to come.

Christ comes to us as the Lamb of God and as the Saviour of the world. If we reject Him our end will be eternal destruction and separation from God, but if we accept Him we have promised us eternal life.

The service was closed with this challenging question "What will you do with Jesus which is called Christ?"

Evangelical Student

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." —Jesus

All of us who have accepted Christianity in its orthodox form, with its teachings of a loving but judicious God, have a few friends who, refusing to accept such a God, say, "Why, I'm more Christian in my attitude than you are. Christ taught the principle of love, didn't He? Well that is what I accept. My God does not send people to Hell for their sins; He is the kind Father whom I have no need to fear. How could He, otherwise, be the personification of Goodness?"

Usually we are not quite ready to answer, no matter how many times before we have faced that theory. If the people who forward it were so steeped in sin that they were snatching at some way of making themselves think God would overlook every evil He had legislated against, we could at least answer ourselves satisfactorily. But if they are not law breakers, if they are, indeed, people who carefully follow every moral convention, it is not our part to suggest that sin may be deceiving them.

Perhaps the answer lies in the very fact that they are moral. If they have placed themselves among those who live respectably, there is doubtless in their minds a stout distaste for those who live loosely. Have we not heard most of them vehemently condemn a man for such crime? Would they find their friends in an immoral, criminal class of people? Then indeed, they cannot expect to have such a class as associates in Heaven. Surely they do not believe God's goodness would permit Him to accept these as His associates.

A good God would not condemn men? Is the theory quite consistent?

What is the Church? It is a religious home, a sanctuary for worship, a school for religious instruction, a fighting unit for the new and better life that it is building. It is a social center of the highest type, since it gathers into relations of mutual helpfulness people of every age and condition. It adds to the attractions of the ordinary club the power of religion and generous sympathies of the altruistic impulse. The Church is the most broadening and democratic organization among men, since its vision is to the ends of the world whither the Gospel is being carried and since its citizenship is in Heaven as well as in earth.

BECAUSE OF THY GREAT BOUNTY
Because I have been given much,
I, too, shall give;
Because of Thy great bounty, Lord,

Each day I live
I shall divide my gifts from Thee
With every brother that I see
Who has the need of help from me.

Because I have been sheltered, fed,
By Thy good care,
I cannot see another's lack
And I not share
My glowing fire, my loaf of bread,
My roof's shelter overhead,
That, he, too, may be comforted.

Because love has been lavished so
Upon me, Lord,
A wealth I know that was not meant
For me to hoard,
I shall give love to those in need,
The cold and hungry clothe and feed,
Thus shall I show my thanks indeed.

—Grace Noll Crowell

—H.C.

High School Notes

A very inspirational Lightbearers' service was held Sunday afternoon Margaret led the prayer and testimony, after which Malcolm Cronk brought the message. He spoke on II Timothy 2:14, "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." He brought out the fact very clearly that we must choose carefully from the good things that Houghton has to offer, for if we do not these things will fill our lives and crowd God out. We are warring for the Christian cause and if we become entangled with things of this life, we cannot carry on the war successfully. If each Christian put God truly supreme in their lives and thereby live continually in the place where the Holy Spirit can use them at His will nothing could stop a revival in Houghton.

VOICE RECITAL

Thursday afternoon, at 4:45, Professor Bain presented the following recital, by voice pupils:

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| "The Lord is Mindful of His Own" | Mendelssohn |
| Lovely Sheffer | |
| "In the Garden" | Schubert |
| Lorraine Brownell | |
| "Who Is Sylvia" | Schubert |
| Orven Hess | |
| "Elegy" | Massenet |
| Leona Marsh | |
| "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears" | |
| Hazel Board | |
| "Moonlight" | Schumann |
| Lucy Mae Stewart | |

Ode to Sophomore English

(With an apology to Miss Rickard)
While silence reigns supreme in my room on the second floor,
And I sit at my table studying, as if my time was nearly o'er;
My thoughts lie buried deeply in a Sophomore English book,
As my mind becomes distracted while o'er its pages I look.
But, hark! A sound breaks forth on the quiet atmosphere,
For someone stands outside my door, attempting my heart to cheer;
An "Oh, Soph. English again, eh?" comes to my weary ears;
Then the door gently opens and in walks the questioner.
My book then remains unmolested, while we talk of events of the day;
Of the many joys and sorrows that happened to come our way;
But the very best topic of interest that we have often discussed,

Is, well, why is Soph English inflicted upon all of us?

We must study, read, and translate from Chaucer and other men
Who have written for us to study, and we must know why and when:

The Faerie Queen must be read; it's interesting to a studious Soph;
We must sometimes write ream upon ream, and sometimes that isn't enough;

Then there's Milton and scores of others, whose works have come from their pen;

And we surely must know those too, if we would pass that strenuous exam.

Well, I suppose we must endure it: there's nothing else for us to do:
For grumbling surely wouldn't pass us, or help us to make a way through.

So it's English, Sophomores, English. —e must still keep grinding away:

And perhaps we shall be victorious on that near fatal day.

—Florence M. Aiken

—H.C.

"Clara Clix"

Miss Clix,

I'm a Freshman boy. Always I've enjoyed telling jokes. Somehow or other people don't laugh at my stories here in Houghton. How can I make people understand me and make my jokes popular?

Joker

My dear Joker,

This is about the hardest question I've had in all my career.

There are many sides to be considered in your case, Joker. You have a decided inferiority complex which must be overcome. You must get a better opinion of yourself. Think you are the best man in your class and it will help a lot in getting there.

About your stories, Joker, they must be good. Don't tell stories in which the point may be missed. Only the faculty can do that because the students must laugh out of respect. Of course, you are only three and a half years from that position now.

You can make people understand you best by trying to understand them. If you study them it will be found that they are the most interesting things on earth. By knowing them you can best adopt jokes which will best fit the persons and personalities. It is too bad that there are not more people who can tell jokes intelligently, who can understand what a joke really is.

Now then, Joker, I'm going to depend on you to start telling stories which are interesting. You are going to put many of the campus aspirants to the College Wit title to shame. We're with you and think perhaps a Better Stories campaign should be launched. Give this your consideration.

CLARA CLIX

Dear Miss Clix,

I am a Freshman. Since I have been in Houghton I've made the acquaintance of two girls with whom I have associated at various times. Because of my attentions they have become antagonistic toward each other. Now I want to go with one and have a real companionship with the other. How can this be done? Also I should like to see these girls back as friends? Please advise me, Clara Clix, in this matter.

Decidedly Worried

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Coach Steese Discusses Amendments to Athletic Constitution

In 1922 a Committee composed of Harold Lee, Harry Kitterman, Earl Tierney and Charlie White organized the system of dividing the school into two sides, thus beginning our present Purple-Gold division of the student body. However, it differed somewhat in the beginning in that each side had the right to canvass all the new students, who, in turn, decided for themselves as to whether they would affiliate with the Purple or the Gold. The faculty soon encountered the problem of having two unbalanced sides; therefore they established the system of dividing the students according to registration.

For a time, at least, this helped to overcome a few of the evils of the original method but those of us closely connected with the Purple-Gold contests during the past few years realize that there is only about one chance in ten for an equal division. For instance in base-ball, the Purple may have all the pitchers, and a good pitcher is often the big half in winning a game. What does this mean? Just this: if a fellow is unlucky enough to be on the Gold side, even though he may be the best second baseman in school, it will be possible for him to go through four years of college without winning a letter.

Because of the unfairness in the original plan of giving letters the Athletic Association has voted to select varsity squads in base-ball and basket-ball, awarding letters only to such players as make these squads. A "Houghton" letter is given in place of the former Purple and Gold letters. This will, of course, eliminate many of the letters, but a letter won by this system will mean much more to the individual.

Paul A. Steese, '27

More About Monument to President Luckey

In a reminiscent mood a few evenings ago, I dusted off the *Boulders* of past years, and while reading their familiar pages, took a mental journey down memory's lane, visiting the Houghton scenes and living the college days that were once mine. It really made me a little sad to think that it would be impossible to live them over again. But since this cannot be, I am actually trying to do the next best thing—point out to youth the opportunities that are theirs now, and show them that college days are the happiest periods of their lives.

It is a source of pleasure to me to know that the alumni of Houghton College are at last finding a place in the sun—the *STAR*—I should say. Since this paper is the only medium which the alumnus has of keeping in touch with his college, the alumni column becomes doubly valuable. I congratulate the *Star* staff and urge them to continue their efforts.

My work at the present time is somewhat different from that of for-

mer years, for the school of which I am now principal is a centralized one, offering new problems and new challenges. We have an excellent building here with the most modern equipment, and a well-trained faculty. The other Houghton graduates become myself are teachers here—Joe Horton, a member of my own class of '28, and Evelyn Davies, of the class of '30. My work here is going very well, and I believe we are making excellent progress.

Three phases of my college life probably stand out most vividly in my mind—my work as editor of the *STAR*, my activity as editor of the *Boulder*, and my experiences in the Purple-Gold basket-ball series of years ago. Houghton will never see again floor captains of the ability of Frank Henshaw and Arthur Madder and of course never again in our estimation will a Gold team supersede the one on which appeared—Baker, Williams, Henshaw, Horton, Clark, the Howlands, and Hussey. Those were the good old times. Now, however, I am of the opinion that the Purple-Gold method of athletics has outlived its better qualities, and that it is time for a change. There is only one wise alternative. How long, HOW LONG will the authorities tarry before they designate inter-collegiate athletics as the order of the day? Won't my dream come true in spite of Freshmen raileries?

I have been asked to explain a little more explicitly my proposed monument for Pres. Luckey. My plan would call for an inexpensive monument, but one which would typify the rugged character and influential life of a great man. Perhaps a rock from the hills of Houghton—a boulder such as was erected in honor of Copperhead—would be satisfactory. Or perhaps a museum in which was placed relics of President Luckey's old home and boyhood, would be a better idea. Whatever the honor, it should be raised by voluntary alumni subscription, and every alumnus should be proud to have a part.

Through the columns of the *STAR* allow me to greet all my old friends and associates. Allow me also to extend best wishes to Houghton College for a very prosperous future.

Sincerely yours,
Virgil H. Hussey, '28

Former Teacher Of Athletics Writes

Dear Alumni Editor:

I am answering your letter, not that I have anything to say that is worth publication, but because I would hate to leave you in the lurch when so little effort could help you.

I see by the *STAR*, (and not a borrowed one, either) that the class series has just been completed. Evidently the Purple-Gold series is next on the schedule. How I wish it were possible to "drop in" on one of those games! The joys and the sorrows (mostly sorrows for the Gold side of my day) of those contests have linked themselves inseparably with Houghton days. However, our de-

feats taught us at least two valuable lessons: to take adversity with chin up and shoulders back, and to appreciate the sympathy of fellow sufferers.

Some of the Houghtonites have become such confirmed Hudsonites that they cannot escape the lure of the river long enough to jaunt across the country even for Christmas vacation. Steph and John Kluzit remained in Croton not only to admire the scenery but also to give Victor Pierre every possible opportunity to "cut" as many teeth as possible with as little pain and excitement as possible. The truth is that Victor Pierre, also Skippy, is fast growing up so that if any of the aunts or uncles want to see him in his adorable babyhood they had better plan to visit Croton in the near future.

The Bernhoft family spent their Christmas in Tompkins Cove where they entertained the writer of this note. Mr. Bernhoft and I used several days in writing term papers for our Columbia courses. We are both anticipating the time when Columbia will be a memory more or less faded.

Lozel Sartwell, succumbing to the call of home and loved ones, spent her vacation in Moores where, once again arrived, she dared only once to leave the fireside and brave a temperature of almost forty degrees below zero.

Once, in a while Miss Sartwell, Mr. Bernhoft, and I catch glimpses of Fred Bedford dashing about the halls of Columbia. We would enjoy catching a glimpse of his wife who was a student in Columbia too, having come here from the west. I understand that Mr. Bedford is instructing Saturday classes in Columbia although he is carrying a full teaching schedule in White Plains where he makes his home.

I wish that more Houghtonites were out this way; but since they do not come to us, we shall go to them whenever the opportunity presents itself. We shall never forget the 1933 alumni reunion.

Yours for Houghton,
Corinne Cole, '29.

From the Sports Editor of 1933

Dear Alumni Editor:

I promised faithfully to send an article on sports to the *STAR* about the first of January and the Alumni Editor has written to me asking for it by the 13th. In this case the 13th is again unlucky.

Conditions have changed since I made that promise. Since my last visit to Houghton I have been fortunate to get a position, and am now teaching in Manchester High School. All the alumni who are teaching know that the spare time of a teacher is very spare, and I am no exception to the rule. Therefore, in view of the fact that I am literally up to my ears in work, I want to substitute this letter for the article which I promised and if you are greatly in need of filler later on I will try to fill up some of that forty inches in the Alumni Column.

Naturally at this time of year my thoughts turn toward basket ball, and the Purple-Gold series of other years. How I wish that I could again see some of those battles of a few years back. I'll never forget the Gold team of four years ago. That was a combination which clicked smoothly enough to bring joy to the hearts of all Gold supporters. Remember that team with "Jim" Fiske as center, Flint and Vogan at forward and Roth and

"Red" Frank holding down guard positions, and last but not least, Eddie Dolan who was just breaking into basketball, and was a substitute that year.

Enough of ancient history. Who is going to win this year? As I remember those Purple Lions, as they call themselves, (I always could think of more appropriate names) have a good team left over from last year. In addition they have "Bill" Mein back who should be a regular on "Bob" Rork's outfit. Yes, they will have a good team, but don't "Youse Gold Guys" get discouraged. Play your best, and remember it used to be different and will be again. On second thought maybe my old and good friend, Bill Mein, will be out of town the nights of the games. That ought to be a help to the Gold and also to help keep Prof. Wright in town.

It is quite a temptation at this time to mention Inter-Collegiate athletics. I believe they would benefit Houghton in a great many ways and a modest beginning could be made. However, the bell is about to ring and I must close. Asking your forgiveness for not keeping my promise, and hoping that you will pardon the crude letter, as I have one on the paper, and one on the 80 kids in study hall, I'll get back to work. With best wishes for the success of the coming series, I am,

Sincerely yours,
Chester Driver, '33

Greetings From Our Old Friend, Gracia

Dear Fellow Alumni and Student Friends:

Are you listening? Greetings from this neck of the woods! So the good old Purple-Gold series has the lime-light again, eh? Here's hoping it's a good one! The superior brand of basketball played in the class series ought to be carried over and make these games very interesting.—That is, unless, as often happens, those who show such good form are all purple!—That's another puzzle! The Freshmen are divided fairly by supposedly disinterested patries, and yet almost invariably the Purple get the breaks. (Huh? Sure, I'm Gold.)

Hearing the Westminster Choir sing "Judge Me, O God," tonight made me recall our choir work last year, and wonder how this year's choir is progressing. I certainly wish you a splendid spring season.

In my holiday wanderings I saw several Houghton grads. In Dixonville, the Sunday before Christmas, I saw Harold and Iva (Benning) Var Wormer. I visited Van's Sunday School Class of around thirty young people and heard him preach an excellent sermon. Last week I saw Russell and Ruth (West) Frase, and their new baby, Rachel, we've all heard about; and I might add she's something to get excited about.

And then closer home, Vera Barker is substitute teacher for the schools of her home district, just outside of New Castle, Pa. She also takes two courses at Pitt, on Saturday, working on her Masters in history. Louise Minnis teaches in a district school a mile and a half from Sandy Lake. From what she says, her greatest trouble is that her alarm clock rings too early in the morning. Those teachers who had Louise in an "eight o'clock" can understand. Paul Vogan has a white-collar (?) job with his uncle in Mercer, sending out bills chaffering and thusly.

How are the outthurs of the class of '33 getting along in this cold, harsh world? What has become of "Em" Lisk? Why don't we hear from Stratton, Sweet, Davison, and Ferns?

Hoping to hear more Alumni news from other quarters, I am, as ever the same

Gracia Fero, '33.

Mr. Harold Bush and Miss Monica Kniffin '31, both of Silver Springs, were married January 13th. They will reside at Silver Springs where Mr. Bush has employment.

OPEN FORUM

Albion, N. Y.
January 11, 1933

Dear Foster,

Several days ago, I received a letter saying that a letter from me which you printed some time ago was written too hastily and with too little evidence.

May I be allowed to make this statement concerning the letter in question: I recant nothing written therein. The facts of said letter were compiled during and after a trip of about 1300 miles into three states, visiting three institutions of higher education, and into the homes of several Houghton graduates and former students, not all of them of the class of 1932. The letter was mailed only after my facts and observations had been criticised by another Houghton Alumnus who is conversant with the situation. Is that not sufficient proof for me to feel that the accusation is unjust?

At this time I should like to go further in explaining some proposed plans for an Alumni Magazine. Any such periodical should be published by the college. It might be a branch of the *STAR* organization with some Seniors cooperating with the Alumni group who would be responsible for particular issues. It might be printed entirely by the Alumni with an Editor, an assistant, and groups to work out each issue. The college might assume the responsibility for the magazine. The latter is very doubtful, however, as there are faculty members in the college at the present who would abolish the *Boulder* if the opportunity came, to say nothing of attempting anything so radical as a new publication.

The number of issues per year would depend upon the Alumni, and the material received. We would not expect to print a veritable *New York Times* for the first few months at least. But for a goal to work toward I suggest an eight-page paper issued in October, January and May.

A printing company (specialists in catalogs, booklets, etc.) has quoted me a price of \$450 per page for an 8-page paper, 500 copy issue, or about 712c per paper, a 300-copy issue would run about 10c per paper, and whatever the number of copies, this company would print us an issue once a week or once a year to meet our needs.

An objection was raised to the periodical in that the college, if it printed the magazine, would have to engage an Alumni secretary to carry on the Editorship of the paper. No doubt, Houghton cannot afford to do this just now, but if we face the facts, few will deny that Houghton does need and need badly such an officer whose duties would be: to gather material for an Alumni magazine; to collect data on High Schools chaffering and thusly.

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Squirrel Food

Cracked by Two Nuts

The light has changed from green to red and these new jackets are enough to make one stop, look, and even listen a little.

Dusty Rhoades studied on Tuesday evening.

There shouldn't be much argument between some of these debate teams if you'll notice how they are teamed.

Orrell: I wish now that I hadn't said after ten weeks exams that I was all through studying for ten more weeks.
Ditto: Would there have been a difference?

Girls when they went out to swim,
Once dressed like Mother Hubbard.
Now they have a bolder whim:
They dress more like her cupboard.

Smith: What do you do with your worn out razor blades?
Burns: I shave with 'em.

Eileen: After I'd sung the encore, they kept saying "fine, fine!"
And John wondered how she paid it.

Dear Clara,
Could you refer to Venus de Milo as the girl who got the breaks?
—Why not, its an 'armless joke.

White man's stolen the red man's lands,
Where he once was, he ain't.
But the college youth retains his yell,
And the flapper has his paint.

How did you find your date last nite when the light went out?
I picked her out by the Braille system.

I say—what do you think of a man who deliberately makes a girl blush?
I'd say he was a genius.

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep,
When he hollers, let him go.
Eenie, meenie, miny, mo.

These are the best eggs we've had for years.
Well, then, give me some you haven't had so long.

Gnever ptooo llate pto llearn
A ptarmigan ptesty, I'm ptold
Pried up by a ptouch of ptomaine
A gnu's gnever gnetttled by gnerves
A dhole dhesn't dwell like a Dhane
A Xerus combines xest with xael
A llama llikes lliver and llimes—
(xoological hdetails pthat gnever llack charm, ptho
I heard pthem a pnumber of ptimes.)

SCHEDULE OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

January 22-27, 1934

| Exam. Hours | |
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| | MONDAY, JANUARY 22 |
| 8:00—10:00 | Classes scheduled regularly at 9:00 T.T.S. |
| 10:30—12:30 | Classes scheduled regularly at 10:30 M.W.F. |
| 2:00—4:00 | Freshman English and Principles of Education (High School Study Hall) |
| | TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 |
| 8:00—10:00 | General Psychology (High School Study Hall) |
| 10:30—12:30 | German I (High School Study Hall) |
| 2:00—4:00 | Classes scheduled regularly at 8:00 T.T.S. |
| | WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 |
| 8:00—10:00 | Classes scheduled regularly at 8:00 M.W.F. |
| 10:30—12:30 | Classes scheduled regularly at 11:30 T.T.S. |
| 2:00—4:00 | Classes scheduled regularly at 1:30 T.T.S. and General Chemistry (High School Study Hall) |
| | THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 |
| 8:00—10:00 | General Zoology (High School Study Hall) |
| 10:30—12:30 | Freshman Bible (High School Study Hall) |
| 2:00—4:00 | Classes scheduled regularly at 1:30 M.W.F. |
| | FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 |
| 8:00—10:00 | Classes scheduled regularly at 9:00 M.W.F. |
| 10:30—12:30 | Classes scheduled regularly at 11:30 M.W.F. |
| 2:00—4:00 | Classes scheduled regularly at 2:30 T.T.S. |

Open Forum

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in Western New York with a view to placing teachers; to "advertise" Houghton—that is, write to Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Jamestown and other city and town newspapers all college news such as lecture courses, special chapel programs, choruses, student elections, and so on. This "advertising" is needed much more than Houghton realizes. For example, when the announcement of President Luckey's receiving a Doctor's degree from Wheaton was made, it appeared in the *Buffalo Evening News* under the Fillmore news. I sincerely hope that Houghton College and the people of Houghton thought more of the event than that news item indicated.

I do not wish to give the impression that the *STAR* is antiquated or should be eclipsed by another publication. On the contrary, as long as there is a Houghton College, I hope there will be a Houghton *STAR*. I am sure that the present staff is doing its utmost to make the *STAR* the best ever. But the *STAR* can never be an Alumni paper and a student paper for two reasons: first, the needs of the two groups are entirely divorced. The *STAR* today is filled with news and events of a student body utterly unknown to the majority of alumni. A paper carrying the doings of the Alumni would be utterly "eaten up" by most of that group while the students would think it ancient history. Secondly, the censorship of the *STAR* is too strict. The printing of certain things is forbidden, many of which the Alumni should know to better understand the needs of the college.

To mention the memorial again—that idea to which such active support has been offered so passively. What would be more fitting than a new chapel on the campus called the Luckey Chapel? It would mark the great and unselfish work that President Luckey has given to Houghton College. It would mark also, his work for the church, and it would symbolize the union of one man's efforts in two great fields—education and religion. Alumni! Let us not kill this suggestion with inactivity, or discard it for petty reasons. Let us join hands and make it a reality.

Yours for a greater Houghton,
Warren Thurber '32



Sports

What is going on this Friday night—why of course—the second Purple and Gold game and everyone should be out to see and cheer. The girls game is bound to be a real thriller. The Gold are out to avenge the last loss and the Purple are going to strive with all their might to put another one in the won column. It is quite certain, however, that if the Purple play like they did last time and the Gold are in form, an upset is not too much to expect.

Nothing less than a drastic upset will keep the Purple team from winning. Bob Rork has his team functioning perfectly while Burns doesn't seem to be getting too good results from his boys. We would like to see a good game though, and hope that both teams are at their best.

REMAINING PURPLE-GOLD SCHEDULE

Friday—Jan. 19
Monday—Jan. 29
Friday—Feb. 2

Well, we've seen the professors in action and they look pretty good. Both faculty teams put up good games of basket ball Friday night, and a very good time was had by all. More of these games would be very interesting and would draw large crowds. In fact, many of the spectators are prone to say that the games were more interesting than the Purple-Gold contests. The Faculty men are contemplating a few more games, for it is rumored that they may lock horns with the hard fighting waiter squad Saturday evening of this week.

The old King of Swat has finally signed up with Col. Ruppert for the sum of \$35,000. Quite a sum it seems to us, but on the other hand a let-down for the Babe when he used to get around \$80,000, a couple of years back. Those were in the good old days, however, when the Babe was up to par. Now it is very certain that his ability as well as his fame is rather fading. Although it is all settled for this year, by next year we are quite apt to see him occupying a managerial position.

Who's Who in the Student Body

BARNARD HOWE ('34) was born in the year of our Lord 1910, July 5. At the age of seventeen he graduated from high school as the Salutatorian of his class, in spite of the fact that he had flunked Cicero. In '28-'29 he attended Training Class, and, for the two following years taught a grade school. In Sept. '30 he entered the Freshman class at Wheaton College, and the following year the Sophomore class at Houghton. In spite of having worked his way through college, his grade point index for his four years thus far is 2.52. "Things were about the same," he says, "at Wheaton as they are here. I learned the impact of Christian personality." He has been very instrumental in the reorganization of the religious activities here.

FLORENCE SMITH ('35) was born September 10, 1913. She graduated from Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Seminary in 1931 as the Salutatorian of her class. During her high school years she was instrumental in the formation of the Lightbearers and was a leader in the student body. In 1931 she entered the college department and is majoring in Public School Music. According to public opinion Miss Smith is "one of the finest girls in Houghton." During her college years she has been very influential in the organization of the W.Y.P.S.

MARVIN GOLDBERG ('36) first saw the light of day on April 16, 1914. He graduated from High School in 1932 as the Salutatorian of his class. Believe it or not, Marvin flunked three courses in his second year in high school. He entered Houghton in '32, and for the two years he has been in college he has had an index of 2.9 and 3 respectively. He says, "I enjoy the spiritual atmosphere and appreciate the educational opportunities that Houghton offers."

MARY PAINE ('37) was born, she says, in the year 1915. She graduated from high school in '32 and took one semester's work in the University of Illinois during the following year. "I didn't do anything there except swim." In September, '33, she entered Houghton, and is majoring in either English or General Science. "Houghton's a swell place," she says. Mary is one of the most popular girls in the Freshman class.

Missionary Program

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Belgium is disillusioned and is turning to communism and the gospel.

The officials of Spain are beginning to accept the preaching of the gospel.

Japan is atheistic but there is a hunger among the people to hear the message of salvation.

An "open door" is found in France made possible by the Jesuits.

The great degree of corruption and evil in South America is appalling but slowly the people the accepting the gospel.

The Jews are abandoning their own religion and are becoming more open-minded.

The main obstacles in countries where closed doors are found are Communism, paganism, war, and government restrictions.

In Afghanistan is found great stubbornness and the door is closed to missionaries into Tibet. Antagonism is felt in Russia.

Arabia receives missionaries if they are accompanied by doctors.

It is very worthwhile to open these closed doors and it is a challenge to the Christian Church. American Christians are helping but many are failing.

In some of the foreign countries great revivals are being experienced, such as in Peiping, China.

Following the missionary study, a period of prayer was spent in behalf of a revival in Houghton.

Clara Clix

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My dear Decidedly Worried,

Yours seems to be the old three way love affair which overtakes us all at some time or other.

My first advice to you would be to proceed cautiously. This is a very delicate situation and must be treated as such. Men are usually blunderers in this position. Your plans must be laid and thoroughly known before you even attempt it. I cannot impress you too much in this matter. Can't you bring the girls together and explain to them just how you stand? Of course, Worried, I do not know you and can not say that you would use the necessary tact in this place. By all means let there be an understanding between you and the girl you intend to continue to go with. At the same time let the other girl know that only a friendship can exist. Be judicious about it and I assure you that it will work out all right.

But then there is the element of the girls' antagonism. If there was the friendship existing there you said there was, they must be very childish. It sounds to me like small children wanting the large piece of candy. Perhaps you can suggest to them that they are not using the judgement that mature people should.

Worried, you did not give me much to work on. You try what has been suggested, and if you need any more help, don't be afraid to call on me again.

CLARA CLIX