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## JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

---As Seen by a Senior

This year is surely a year for establishing precedents. On the evening of May 8th, occurred the first banquet ever given by a junior class to a senior graduating class of Houghton College.

This event took place at the Kinney House in Cuba. Transportation in cars was provided, the whole party leaving Houghton about 6:30. Upon arrival at Cuba we enjoyed a seven course dinner. About fifty persons were seated at table.

After the dinner we were welcomed by Miss Gifford, acting as toast-mistress. We had not heretofore seen Miss Gifford in action in such a field. We were consequently pleased with her able handling of a difficult position.

The address of welcome was followed by Clair Carey's speech on the "Nobility of Labor". In this speech he pictured labor as being a desirable and ennobling occupation, deserving of reward, with idleness and unproductiveness the opposite. His splendid tribute to the work of President Luckey found warm approval in the hearts of all present.

Two musical numbers, one a solo by Frank Henshaw, the other a violin solo by Professor Hazlett received warm applause, as did also Cecil Huntsman's humorous reading entitled, "An Imaginary Invalid". A third musical number by a quartette composed of Schroeder, Henshaw, Lawrence Woods, and White was so well received as to call for an encore.

President Luckey spoke on "Our Inheritance" and the Senior Class, perhaps for the first time in its history, really began to understand what they had received from the founders of the school, and their obligation to "carry on". It is the inspiration that comes at such times that provides the incentive for future accomplishments.

Helen Davison pledged the support of the Senior Class in speaking of the "Class of '25 as Alumni". She voiced the sentiment of her class when she said that we owed a heavy debt to our Alma Mater, and that we would pay that debt to the last bit.

Crystal Rork spoke on "The Respon-

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## Calendar For Commencement Week

"Come back to dear old Ho'ton  
She'll welcome you,  
Come all together,  
Back to our old school,  
Skies are blue at Ho'ton  
Our school so dear,  
All out for Ho'ton  
And cheer, cheer, cheer."

So goes the rallying cry. Not only does this mean the old students, but it includes the friends of the school whether you have ever been with us or not. You are to "come back" to the old school at Houghton. You are to come DURING COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

This year promises to be the greatest Commencement period that the school has ever seen. It is greatest because there will be the largest class graduated that ever went out from all departments in any one year; greatest because it is the first college class to graduate since Houghton became a chartered college; greatest because you old students and friends will be here in greater numbers and with increased enthusiasm to enjoy the festivities of the week and to thank God with us for what He has wrought.

The following is a program of Commencement week:

Friday, June 5

8:00 p. m. Recital by Graduating Class of Piano Department

Saturday, June 6

8:00 p. m. High School Class Exercises

Sunday, June 7

6:00 a. m. Morning Watch  
10:30 a. m. Baccalaureate Sermon  
7:00 p. m. Vesper Service  
8:00 p. m. Annual Missionary Meeting

Monday, June 8

10:00 a. m. High School Class Day Exercises

8:00 p. m. Annual Oratorical Contest

Tuesday, June 9

10:00 a. m. College Class Day Exercises

8:00 p. m. Concert or Lecture

Wednesday, June 10

10:00 a. m. Commencement for all Departments

12:00 m. Alumni Dinner

8:00 p. m. President's Reception

We intend to furnish lodging free if you will notify us at once how many will come and exactly what days you will be here. Send word to Prof. Pierce Woolsey at once and then be sure to come to the best Commencement Houghton has ever seen. Watch next week's Star for more details.

Miss Dorothy Loesgis of Scio spent the week-end with Mary Alice Sloan.

## Gold Out-hits Purple in Third Game

The Gold out-batted the Purple in the third game of the series, garnering eleven hits to the Purple's nine. The Purple's four extra base hits came at inauspicious times while the Gold's three came with men on bases.

Burnham of the Gold had a little the edge on Leffingwell of the Purple as far as hits were concerned, but nine errors behind the Purple hurler made these hits count when they should not have done so.

The Purple were ahead five to one until the beginning of the eighth inning when the Gold rallied to take four runs on Purple errors and three more in the ninth.

Scores by innings

Go'd—001 000 043

Purple—030 001 100

Box score AB R. 1B PO A E

Gold 43 8 11 7 7 7

Purple 36 5 8 4 13 9

Stolen bases, Purple 6; Gold 6

2 base hits, Purple 4; Gold 3

Double plays, Gold 1

Struck out by: Burnham 13  
Leffingwell 10

## Another Arbor Day---Much Work Accomplished

May 13th, a day of glorious sunshine and invigorating atmosphere, was the date upon which the College campus became a scene of feverish but orderly activity—a scene of swinging axes, flying hammers, and sweating students who were cleverly manipulating agrarian implements of various designs. Why the unusual excitement? Because another arbor day was in full swing. Many tasks had to be accomplished before the setting of the sun, and the time seemed altogether too short.

As usual, the students were divided into groups, and each group given a special task to perform. While one company was putting improvements on the running track, another was remodeling and building new tennis courts, and still another was clearing all unnecessary debris from the side hill which is located in front of the buildings.

Their work was far from in vain. Indeed, many note-worthy results may be seen. The running track, after its vigorous combing and rolling, is in better condition than ever before; the new tennis courts are well on their way to completion; the old ones are partially remodeled; and the campus in general indicates a visitation from the gold dust twins. Many other minor jobs were finished which, together with the more important work already mentioned, will do much toward the success of the field day next Thursday.

The full-grown appetites of the workers were well provided for a picnic dinner on the hillside. After partaking freely of the substantial meal, the students were again prepared to spend a few more hours in labor, the while anticipating the Purple-Gold baseball game to be played later in the afternoon.

## Gold Trounces Purple

About four-thirty in the afternoon, a goodly number of students journeyed to Cott's field where they witnessed probably the best game that has been played this year between the Purple

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## Gold Trounces Purple

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and Gold batsmen. It was hotly contested from start to finish—anybody's game until the last stanza.

The Gold boys opened up vigorous offensive engagement in the first inning which resulted in forcing three men across the plate before the side was retired. They reduplicated their feat in the fifth and seventh innings, thus running their total score up to the count of nine.

The Purple aggregation was held scoreless until the third inning when Fero crossed the home territory for a run. In the sixth stanza the Purple tallied three runs, in the eight; one run and in the ninth, two. The game came to an end with the Gold warriors on the long end of a seven to nine score.

Both Leffingwell and Burnham pitched exceptionally good ball. They seemed to be in rare form, and with the co-operation of Bedford and LaVere, their respective catchers, they figured large in the good showing of their teams.

The game was marked by clever fielding, and especially by a brilliant catch by Fero, the Purple's third sacker. The Gold now have three games to their credit, while the Purple claim but one.

## Batteries:

Gold—Burnham, LaVere

Purple—Leffingwell, F. Bedford

|        | Runs | Errors |
|--------|------|--------|
| Gold   | 9    | 5      |
| Purple | 7    | 6      |

## Sophomores at Podonque

At three o'clock last Friday afternoon a merry group of our Sophomore girls climbed into Mr. William's big car and started for Podonque. We were taken for an interesting hike by our hostess, Bertha Williams, over hill and vale: streams and fences. To have seen some of our more dignified members nearly standing on their heads in an attempt to get a few drops of spring water would have amazed the most sophisticated. After returning to the house we played games, climbed trees and inspected the barn. Then came that very important feature, supper, which was served out of doors.

After a few more antics we prepared for a unique reception of the boys. The evening was spent in playing games, singing songs, and enjoying music by our seven-piece orchestra. Generous servings of ice cream and cake were enjoyed later in the evening. After this the entire company was initiated into the Harum Searum Society. We admire Scottie's ability both as a speech maker and a cake container.

We broke up at eleven o'clock after singing our class song, giving several yells and expressing our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Williams for giving us such a pleasant time.

Dean Fancher has purchased Professor Whitaker's Ford roadster.

## Announcement Party

On the afternoon of May 1, the members of the Anna Houghton Daughters were entertained by Mrs. W. L. Fancher and Miss Bess Fancher. The ladies had been requested to bring thimbles, and upon arriving at the Fancher home each was given a kitchen towel, together with needle and thread. They were also informed that two rewards were to be given, one to the lady who should finish her towel first and the other to the one whose work was considered the best. Mrs. LeRoy Fancher won for speed and Mrs. Whitaker for proficiency in sewing. These two ladies were then declared winners in a crossword puzzle contest. By means of these puzzles Cupid announced the engagement of Miss Doris Hildreth to Mr. Darwin Ward, and that of Miss Edith Warburton to Mr. Charles Pocock.

A dainty lunch, consisting of heart-shaped sandwiches and lemonade followed. After partaking of this and wishing Miss Warburton and Miss Hildreth every happiness, the ladies departed.

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sibility of the Class of '26' and promised for her class to uphold the standards of the school and to do all in their power to advance her interests. In this part of the program, we found out rather definitely how at least one of the other classes felt toward us and our work.

The only real sobering moment of the whole evening was struck in Mark Bedford's "Farewell Houghton" in which the Senior Class bade farewell to an active part in student activities as a part of the student body. It was indeed a tragic feeling that crept over the Senior Class as memories of the past four years came stealing over each and the realization that our school days in Houghton were soon to be over.

We all joined in singing school songs and then took our way back to Houghton in the small hours of Saturday morning.

The Senior Class unanimously agree that the banquet was a tremendous success, and that we are deeply indebted to the class of '26 for their labors in our behalf.

## HOUGHTON LOCALS

Mrs. Myron Wells of Mooers, N. Y. was a caller in town Saturday.

Ernest Crocker has returned to school after two weeks absence because of illness.

Several of our students attended the track and field day at Alfred on Wednesday.



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**Students' Prayer-meeting**

Although the attendance at the weekly prayer service was somewhat smaller than usual, the spirit was just as good. Instead of reading a passage the leader, Mr. Crocker, asked that helpful verses be quoted. He especially emphasized Matt. 6:33—"But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." A large number of inspiring testimonies were given in the last ten minutes. This weekly service offers to both old and young Christians a great blessing if they will but come to claim it.

Elmer Hudson of Penn Yan is visiting in town.

**Chapel Services**

"Two men went up to the temple to pray." One man "went down to his house justified rather than the other: for everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Brother Pitt brought to us very forcefully the reason why one man's prayer was heard and another's was not. He said in part: "The Pharisee was a self-satisfied man. He had all he wanted. He was not an extortioner or an adulterer. He gave tithes of all he possessed. In fact he thought he was better than most men so he need ask God for nothing. But the publican smote upon his breast saying, 'God be merciful to me a sinner.' He perhaps had missed the mark in life, but he saw beyond himself and without himself everything that was worth while in life. He had his eyes on the possibilities without himself. He was not satisfied. He believed and was honest before God; and it was he who went down to his house justified."

The student body enjoyed the privilege of listening to Rev. J. S. Willett in chapel last Friday. Brother Willett based his talk upon the last verses of the 8th chapter of Romans, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ . . . nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." He said among other things, "There are two signs of a triumphant life, one that of external circumstances and one of character . . . grow souls not make a fortune . . . It was dreams that kept Charles Dickens from being a little vagabond on the streets of London. . . . Love imparts itself, the gift without the giver is bare!

"It's the set of the soul that decides the goal  
And not the storm and the strife."

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"Jes' the sort o' weather and jes' the sort o' sky

Which seem to suit my fancy, with the white clouds driftin' by

On a sea o' smooth blue water. Oh, I ain't an egotist,

With an "I" in all my thinkin', but I'm willin' to insist

That the Lord made us humans, an' the birds in every tree

Knows my special sort o' weather an' he made this day fer me."

So individually and collectively thought the high school seniors as they packed Mr. Crouch's truck with box after box of good things to eat and finished by each finding a few square inches of surface somewhere that he could claim.

Each was fittingly dressed for a day of climbing and hiking at Letchworth Park. Attracted at first perhaps by the purple and gold costumes, or perhaps by the merry shouts, the people along the road smiled, amused by the antics of the group. Even Mrs. Bowen felt the spirit of the day for she kicked the bushes, jumped back to avoid being hit by some passing vehicle or told stories to fit the occasion.

The truck possessed unusual wisdom that day for it stopped to rest at the quarry and each had an opportunity to watch the sawing of the stone.

The park proved a delightful place. Several of the party had never been there before and each new spot brought forth some fresh expressions of appreciation.

Cameras there were in numbers and each group or new delight must be photographed. Perhaps the greatest number of pictures were taken by the group that had no camera.

The committee on "eats" prepared such an abundance of food for the two meals that after all had eaten until anything further seemed impossible, there was enough left to aid in furnishing Sunday night supper at the dormitory.

For entertainment each chose the particular way he wished to occupy his time. Some chatted, some walked—one lad said for a thousand miles—and some seemed lost in the beauties around them.

The supper hour came all too soon and then it was time for home-going. As the sun was slipping below the horizon, the last rays saw a happy group speeding along their way back to the place of work. The day had been one of pleasure and inspiration and with many a merry shout they separated, each thankful that there was such a beautiful place within easy access of the students of Houghton.

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