

# SPRING VACATION SHORTENED BY ONE DAY

## Mandate Faces Our Dining Hall: Germs Must Go

The New York State Health Department in its examination of the Houghton College dining hall has declared the facilities in use there to be injurious to student health. The presence of certain toxic substances formed by the interaction of skimmed milk with the plastic tablecloths is responsible for the situation.

Mildred Gillette, dining hall manager, has made a public statement to the effect that she always had preferred linen cloths and always will. Mrs. Violent Kenyon, school laundress, has expressed a slightly different view.

Although a definite plan of action has not been adopted, Mr. Willard Smith, college business manager, is investigating fumigating the Pantry in preparation for reopening it. Mr. Price is currently working out a schedule for providing adequate eating facilities for the entire student body at the Inn. This would necessitate using a system of 12½ minute shifts and changing the girls' hour-of-return to the dormitories from 9:30 p. m. to 1:30 a. m. According to Miss Blake, dean of women, a few girls have already found this later hour entirely satisfactory.

With the cooperation of all students, it is hoped that the necessary adjustments will be completed by May 1.

## WJSL-TV Places Sets In All Dorms

Plans for the construction of a TV transmitter for WJSL have been completed and work will begin with the installation of the newly elected officers next semester. This project has been given the go-ahead signal from the Public Relations office.

As part of the program, which is a phase of Houghton's new policy of expansion, 12 in. TV sets will be installed in all dormitory rooms, and 16 in. sets in all suites and men's triples. The station will not be broadcasting during study hours, but a variety of excellent programs such as "I Led Three Lives", "Mr. Peepers", and "Bishop Fulton J. Sheen" will be transmitted until midnight. Of course, certain features have been censored and will not be rebroadcast from other networks. A request that all Westerns be banned has been brought up by Marvin Nelson because, as he says in his own words, "Horses galloping across the screen is not conducive to mature psychological precepts of development."

Shows thought to be educational and likely to advance student thought include "Howdy Doody", "The Lone Ranger", and "The Breakfast Club".

Certain Dorm privileges will be extended to girls with high grade points, who might want to watch "The Late Show" once a week. No more than thirty-five people may gather in any room. Popcorn and soda may be bought in either of the dorm offices. No TV set will be placed in the inner reception room of Gaoyadeo because it is felt that no one will be watching.



Herr LeRoy Fancher, on bicycle in preparation for the "big trip."

## Fancher And Frau To Take Cycling Tour Over Alps

The sparkler of faculty vacations is the two-month bicycle tour of the Swiss Alps which is currently being planned by our German professor, Mr. LeRoy Fancher, for himself and his wife.

To leave Houghton the day following commencement, the Fanchers will proceed to N.Y.C. by train, and there board a plane for Geneva. There, two lightweight English "racer" bicycles, which will have been previously shipped by boat from the U.S., will be awaiting them.

A drive to defray expenses of the tour will be launched immediately after Easter by those students planning to take German courses next year, since they will be among those greatly benefiting from the tour in their classes next year.

Mr. Fancher, thinking of all the unique advantages and experiences of a bicycle tour through the Alps, has decided that it would be invaluable to initiate Mrs. Fancher to the joys of traveling by bicycle, as well as to renew his own experiences of viewing at leisure the beautiful terrain, meeting and speaking with the people, and being physically built up by the exercise.

## Boulder Belated As Photos Flee; Yearbooks To Be Mailed In July

The 1955 Boulder will make its appearance in July because of the loss of one consignment of copy through the mails, containing the photographs of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen.

The loss makes it necessary for all members of these classes to be photographed immediately following spring recess. The Boulder staff regards

lie's motherly eye. If the contest does not meet with general approval, each student will have to pay an additional charge of one dollar.

A studio will be set up in the Boulder office for the underclassmen photographs. Students will be scheduled at the rate of twenty-five every five minutes, and the photos taken, each of five students. The final print will then be cut to make individual portraits. This system is expected to facilitate matters and curtail time. The delay in obtaining the extra photographs will necessitate a delay in the final publication, but the staff expects to be able to mail the yearbooks about the second week in July.

## Luckey Building Must Be Rebuilt Committee Says

Luckey Building must be completely reconstructed within the next six months. Late last week it was condemned by a reaccrediting committee from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools because of second grade steel used in its construction.

After a complete examination of the blue prints, and the log expenditures for Luckey, it was discovered that a grade of steel was used which cannot support the weight of the stone used on the building for more than a few years. The added weight of two floors of the library was also considered dangerous. If this request is not complied with, the committee warned, the accreditation of Houghton College will not be extended beyond June 1957.

Until the reconstruction is completed, the administration has decided to carry on all its functions in the Pantry, after defumigation.

## Newly-Formed Thespians Perform As Irwin Reist Tames Shrew

The Houghton Players, under the auspices of the new Department of Drama, will present Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*, Friday evening, April 15, at eight o'clock, in the Ortlip Hayloft. This performance will open the 1955 season for the Houghton Players, Mrs. Edna C. Lennox, head of the Drama department, stated today.

*The Taming of the Shrew*, sparkling with such a coruscating fire of wit, is one of Shakespeare's most brilliant comedies, and should highlight Houghton's drama season. Miss Olga Marie Norman will assume the leading role of Catherina, "whose only fault and that is faults enough, is that she is intolerable curst and shrewd and froward." Petruchio, "who is a mad-brain rudsby", and who as a gentleman of Verona resolves to tame the shrew will be portrayed by Irwin Reist.

The entire cast will remain in Houghton during the Spring recess to concentrate on stage properties and lighting. Ray W. Hazlett is stage manager, and Dr. Josephine Rickard will be make-up director during this season. Miss Viola Blake, head of the Home Economics department, was granted her bid of \$2,000 for 1955 costuming. Reserved seat tickets are now on sale at the box office.

Mr. Finney is composing a neo-baroque oratorio for the dedication service next fall. He hopes to persuade Toscanini out of retirement to conduct the world premiere of the work. Further plans include an annual Bach-anal, which is expected to equal the famous Bach festivals of Europe.

## Students Burrow Under Hill To Escape A-Bomb

Allegany County residents will soon be able to breathe more easily. Dr. Bert Hall, local deputy of Civil Defense, has announced plans for a large air-raid shelter to be dug under Seminary Hill.

As authorized by the Civil Defense Board of Allegany County, the shelter will be constructed in several levels. The first level will be used in the event of an old-fashioned block-buster attack; the second for "baby" A-bombs; the third for Hiroshima size; the fourth for super; and fifth for H-bombs.

Construction of the shelter will begin within the next five years. Expected capacity will be 100,000 persons.

## Classes Resume Monday Morning; Longer Semester Will Raise Grades

Spring recess will be shortened by one day, with classes beginning at 8 a. m., April 11. The Educational Policies Commission made this startling announcement in special emergency session yesterday afternoon. Several factors led up to their decision.

The reasons seem to revolve basically around the fact of the already too short semester. At the meeting, certain representatives of the faculty stated that on the average, the marks at the ten week marking period were lower than in previous years. This was accredited to cramming the same amount of work into a slightly shortened semester. The marking period ended on March 25, less than eight weeks after the commencement of the school term. It was felt that the shift in plans would pose no inconveniences, since most other colleges resume school immediately following Easter Sunday. The one extra day will enable labs to be held, which otherwise would have been cancelled.

The vote was by no means unanimous, but reasoning that only six weeks of school remained after the students' return, it was carried by a considerable majority. The shortened schedule today will remain as planned.

The faculty unites in wishing the student body a very Happy Easter, hoping that the slight alteration in schedule will not cause too much disappointment.

### Lights Out!

The lights on the new foot-path will be extinguished between the hours of 7:00 and 11:00 p. m., according to a statement from the Private Associations office. This will go into effect after classes resume on April 11.

"There have been many complaints of radio interference in Gaoyadeo Dorm during these hours because of the lights. It has also been found that the electrical current used during these hours has brought the expenses for this phase of overhead far above the amount allotted to it in the school budget," Dr. Robert Luckey announced.

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## Bach The Great Becomes Gigantic In Statue Form

Plans for a memorial in honor of Johann Sebastian Bach were recently announced by Professor Charles Finney, chairman of the Music Department. The memorial has been made possible by a generous donation from an anonymous music alumnus. It will be a statue of the composer, twenty-five feet tall, seated at his harpsichord in an attitude of composition. The statue will be located in the middle of the campus, facing the music building.

The foundation for the memorial will be laid this summer. The statue itself is to be erected in approximately three years. It will be cast in second hand bronze and fastened to its pedestal with a single twelve-inch spike.

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## More Mud Tarred Under

The College Development has just announced that the muddy Maplecrest hill will be paved during Easter vacation. The committee revealed that this work is probably the most important part of the "Operation Mud" program, initiated last spring. Dr. Robert Luckey, chairman of the Development Committee, declared the funds for this work were donated by John D. Rockefeller and Company. We are indeed grateful to this benefactor for his kind interest.



Some of the faculty just can't understand the Dean's new policy of grading. The above, captured by an observant Pool house photographer, shows Alice Pool in revolt against her dinner guest.

## Faculty Rebels At Ultimatum Of Higher Grades To Save Salary

A faculty revolt led by Miss Alice Pool, of the Spanish Department, has been touched off by an announcement from the Dean of the college. Dr. Arthur Lynip has declared a revision in the present grading system which would scale teachers' salaries in direct proportion to grades they give. According to the new policy, teachers are encouraged, in order to earn a living, to pass students. The salary scale will be geared in ratio to high marks given. The crux of the revolt is occasioned by the fact that, under the new system, teachers will be forced to give a majority of the class C grades or better. Teachers find this extravagance extremely hard to reconcile with their basic philosophy of marking. The Spanish Department, in part-

icular, has expressed most violent disapproval. The administration holds the idea that Houghton's grades, in comparison to other colleges, are not on the same value scale — i.e. a Houghton C is equivalent to a Cornell B, and so forth. An incentive directed to equalize the discrepancies between these grading systems is demanded. The administration admits that the present grading system has been too severe and the strangling effect of this new policy, (which virtually eliminates F grades) will produce the desired upward trend. Reaction of the students has not been expressed, but the administration feels, with pressure, they can persuade students to accept this. They surely would not like to see starved profs.

### Society News

**DAVIS — BLAKE**  
Mr. and Mrs. Blake of Peekskill, New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Viola, to Mr. Charles B. Davis of Stony Brook, Long Island.

The couple will remain in Houghton after their wedding in June.

**BANKER — CARVER**  
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Carver of Mountainside, New Jersey, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sylvia K. ('58), to William Banker ('57), son of Mr. and Mrs. John Banker of Plattsburgh, New York.

**BETTS — TEWINKLE**  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tewinkle of Wattsburg, Pennsylvania, announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith ('58), to Lee Betts ('56), son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Betts of Westfield, New Jersey.

No date has been set for the wedding.

**BORONOW**  
**SHOREY BOHALL**  
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shorey of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, and Mrs. George Eivley of Harrisville, New York, announce the engagement of their daughters, Hazel ('56), and Opal M. ('58), respectively, to Arthur Boronow ('56), son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Boronow of New York City.

A fall wedding is being concocted.  
**TREICHLER — DUNKERTON**  
Mr. and Mrs. David Dunkerton of Strafford, Pennsylvania, announce the engagement of their daughter, Vivian (ex '56), to Robert Treichler ('57), son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Treichler of Appleton, New York.

An early June wedding is being planned.

**REIST — SWANCOTT**  
Rev. and Mrs. John Swancott of Providence, Rhode Island, announce the engagement of their daughter, June M. (ex '57), to John Seth Reist, Jr., ('57), son of Mr. and Mrs. John Seth Reist, Sr., of Chester, Pennsylvania.

## Sneakers Doffed For Roller Skates; Gym To Be Renovated Into Rink

In line with the present school policy of going around in circles, the college development committee has announced plans for the renovation of Bedford Gymnasium into a roller-skating rink. Since the adoption of the intercollegiate athletic system calls for a new gymnasium, it was felt that a two story inside construction job would not be out of line. The building will be dubbed Armstrong Rink, in memory of Mary Lou Armstrong, who worked hard and long in conveying rink fans to Bolivar and Wellsville and back.

Harold DeCou, who displayed just the type of desired talent during Rev. Sweeting's meetings here, will be engaged weekly as organist.

Plans call for a ground-floor skating rink with refreshment stand, organ, and all the trimmings. Skaters will be able to rent skates, and a low admission price will be charged.

This will do away with those long, dark trips which were dependent on good weather.

## Prep Flashes

### New Faces On Honor Roll

The High School Honor Roll for the first ten weeks of second semester as released by Principal Lawrence Green reveals the following.

Chanson Finney	94.0
Norman Pierce	93.2
Juanita Rennels	91.7
Bruce Bain	90.9
Eleanor Koltz	90.9
Mark Landry	90.0

Identical averages of two of the students has prompted an investigation by the school authorities.

It is reported that next year's Prep girls will be housed in Waldorf House with the fellows taking over Steese Cottage. This reversal of dorms is expected to give the girls a better workout in the morning and the fellows a better view of the campus.

# ATHLETIC TRADITION IS TRAMPLED

## Nocturnal Bird Tournery Prey For Night Owls

An all-night House League Rook tournament, co-sponsored by Jim Little, A.A. president, and Dave Bain, will take place on third floor of McKinley House Thursday night, April 14.

Games will be played on 5' by 5' tables to prevent foot signals. Little has announced there will be no rules, which allows room for fingers to the eyebrows, winking, and sidelong glances. "It was felt," he continued, "that an all-night tournament would be in line with the atmosphere of the bleary-eyed, coffee-stained marathons of months gone by."

Houses entering teams are McKinley, Pool, Panich, Burton, and Tucker. McKinley must be favored because of the over-all "co-operation" between Gommer, Montgomery, Thompson, and Wilson.

We predict, however, that the two outstanding players will be "Sep," the guy with the sly eye, and Dave Bain, of the rising eyebrows. "Sep" will be handicapped since he is from the "nothing" house (Panich), and Bain has only Art Field as a fellow-conspirator.

In case of a tie, a fresh Rook deck will be split between the winners.

Viv Dunkerton will be called back to referee matches.

## Bigtime Football To Kickoff Intercollegiate Activity In Fall

In line with the present policy of college development the school has broken the bonds of tradition and adopted an intercollegiate athletic program. In an exclusive interview for the Star, Coach Wells presented the final plans for the new program, which will become effective Sept. 1, 1955. They were unanimously accepted.

## Unsullied Seniors Reap Rich Reward

The dominance of the Senior class in athletics was recognized by the New York State Athletic Association by awarding Coach Wells, "who showed indefatigable diligence," a deflated basketball.

Every member of the class who participated in athletics will be guests at a special dinner prepared by the combined skills of Mrs. Hershelman, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Black, and Mrs. Seeland. It was felt their cooking was responsible for the seniors spotless record (no wins in four years of competition.)

Mr. Essepian, when receiving his award of a solid gold nose guard as most valuable player of the class, broke down in tears. "It was a team effort" he stated, "and we could have accomplished nothing without Coach as leader."

## BOOKS IN DEMAND

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## Campus Highlights After Vacation

April 13 — Chapel, Norman Vincent Peale

April 15 — Lecture, Dr. Carl Jung

April 28 — Chapel, Elder Beck

May 6 — Play, Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew"

May 21 — Wrestling match, Lois Knowlton vs. Jaculyen Carpenter

May 27 — Artist Series, The Famed Dixie Land Band.

Under the new set-up, Coach, who will assume the position of director of athletics, has lined up the following program for next year.

Felix "Doc" Blanchard will be head football coach and has announced all tryouts will begin Aug. 22. The following schedule has been set up with home games to be played at Alfred University Stadium: Oct. 1, Hofstra; Oct. 8, at Minnesota; Oct. 15, Purdue; Oct. 22, at UCLA; Oct. 29, at Texas, Nov. 5, open; Nov. 12, Army; Nov. 19, Roberts Wesleyan. These schools have agreed to play touch football to alleviate expenses.

Bob Davies, former Rochester Royal, will be head basketball coach, with Joe Fulks as his assistant. The following incomplete schedule has been drawn up: Dec. 20, LaSalle; Jan. 15, USF; Jan. 28, N. C. St.; Feb. 11, Columbia; Feb. 28, Duquesne. Plans call for a special two week recess from classes if the team makes the NCAA tournament.

Coach expressed confidence that Allie Reynolds and Johnny Weismuller will accept positions as coaches of baseball and swimming teams.

In a personal interview, the following questions were put to Coach:

1. Does Houghton have the material? "With men like Albert Cox, Ken McCaw, Jim Hill and Bob Driscoll, I believe we can handle ourselves. You'll notice we have scheduled several breathers."

2. Why the change of system? "It was felt that the present set-up calling for competition between friends rubbed personalities the wrong way. Over-emphasis will be the main problem and will need careful attention."

## APO Boys To Welcome Sis; Much Fun Planned

Dr. Frieda Gillette, head of Houghton's department of history, has announced that a sister organization to APO will be organized on campus this spring. The new sorority, under the sponsorship of Dr. Gillette will be a service organization with a setup similar to that of APO. Any girl who can present evidence that she previously has been active in Brownie Scout activities will be eligible for membership.

The conception of this new idea is attributable to both Dr. Gillette and Dr. Crystal Rork who felt that there might be a few girls on campus with sufficient altruistic tendencies to participate in service activities. Tentative plans include caring for the garden and cleaning out the fish pond at the sponsor's residence, collecting wildflowers, and compiling a list of readings in American and modern European history. Dr. Rork emphasized the value these projects will have for the college and town.

Any girl interested in becoming a member of this organization should contact one of the sponsors for an application blank.

## Editorial Comment

Modesty prevents the publishing of names of the Star staff. It is expected that they have "flown the coop" by now.

Any similarity to fact is purely co-incidental. — April Fool!