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## Conference of New York Liberal Arts Colleges Attended by Prexy

Showing Houghton's concern over the future of the small liberal arts college, President Stephen W. Paine attended a conference of New York state independent colleges at Skidmore college, Saratoga Springs, New York, on Wednesday, February 27.

The purpose of the conference was the formation of an organization to be known as the Empire State Foundation of Liberal Arts Colleges.

Small liberal arts colleges have banded together in several states and formed corporations in order to receive gifts from business corporations which probably would not be interested in giving to individual schools but might give to state-wide groups. Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin already have foundations of this type.

On December 5, 1951, President Katherine G. Blyley of Keuka college convened a group of college presidents in Rochester in order to plan such an organization for independent colleges of New York state. Alfred university and Bard, Elmira, Hartwick, Hobart, Houghton, Sarah Lawrence, Skidmore and Wells colleges were among the institutions represented at the meeting. After discussion, a second meeting was called for January 8, 1952, in connection with the Association of American colleges at Washington.

Each college president was asked to bring to the conference at Skidmore college a detailed list of the corporate industries in his area and to give an indication of their financial strength or volume of business whenever possible. Dr. Paine was responsible for the Buffalo area.

Also on the agenda of business for the meeting on the 27th were the election of officers and the reports of various committees: the committee on the constitution, by-laws, and in-

corporation, the committee on qualifications for membership, and the committee on the formula for the distribution of funds.

In order to belong to the Empire State Foundation, according to the recommendations made by the committee on qualifications for membership, a college must be accredited by the Middle States association and must place its primary emphasis upon a four-year undergraduate program in the liberal arts and sciences. The college must also emphasize a resident student body as an integral part of the institution.

The important membership requirement of independence was defined in the recommendations of the committee as "the deriving of no substantial portion of a college's support from tax sources," and "freedom from control by any group other than a board of trustees with final authority."

## Richard Elmer to Present Recital

The Houghton college chapel will be the scene of Richard Elmer's senior recital this evening. Mr. Elmer, baritone student of Professor Phillip Mack, will be accompanied at the piano by Miss Marion Senft.

Mr. Elmer, who earned his B.A. degree here at Houghton college in 1944, returned here last year for concentrated study in church music. Between 1945 and 1949 he attended Eastern Baptist seminary in Philadelphia, Pa. where he graduated with a B.D. degree.

To open his program, Mr. Elmer will sing "Come Ponder, O My Soul" from *St. John's Passion* by J. S. Bach, "Per la gloria d'adorarvi" by Bonocini, "Gra il sole dal genge" by Scarlotti and a recitative and aria from *The Masked Ball* by Giuseppe Verdi.

In a lighter vein, Mr. Elmer will continue his concert with the works of Charles Gounod, Georges Bizet, Rog-

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## Music Dept. Hopes To Present Opera

The Houghton college music department will be presenting the musical settings of *The Magic Flute* under the direction of Professor Virgil Hale. The date for the presentation is not yet set.

The leading roles will be sung by Ray Davis, tenor as "Tamino," and Bernice Boel, soprano, as "Pamina." Others in the cast include Richard Wakeman, baritone, as "Papageno," Orman Spivey, bass, as "Monastato," John Zavitz, tenor, as "Sarastro," and Mickey Stratton, soprano, as "Queen of the Night." The parts of "the three ladies" in the opera will be sung by Margaret Chittenden, Doris Tysinger, and Jeannette Bresee.

The first rehearsal of the music with Professor Virgil Hale coaching the group for a concert setting, was held last Monday evening.

The committee had discussed the possibility of excluding colleges such as Houghton, which derive "substantial support from a single ecclesiastical group or organization." They abandoned the idea, however, because "church relationship is in no way incompatible with a reasonable concept of independence," and because such an exclusion would "raise issues of a religious nature."

## Proposed Student Senate Sign-out System Passed

Houghton's student government met last Monday night to consider an alternate program to replace the much-disputed sign-out system which had been voted down in the previous Senate meeting.

The new proposal is the result of the combined meeting of the Senate sign-out committee and the dean of men, Dr. Henry Brandt. In order to expedite the application of the out-of-town regulations as given on page 58 of the 1951-52 *Student's Handbook*, the Senate accepted the following provisions:

1. In general, students may leave town only by obtaining permission from the dean of men and by signing out on the provided sign-out cards.

A. All seniors, juniors, and sophomores of 21 years and over, with grade points of 2.5, who are not under major discipline, may receive blanket permission and are only required to sign out when leaving town.

B. Individual seniors, juniors, and sophomores of 21 years, with a grade point between 2.0 and 2.5, who are not under major discipline may receive blanket permission from the dean of men upon a special review of their case; upon obtaining this receipt they are only required to sign out when leaving town.

2. The Senate will be responsible for delegating in each house a person who shall be responsible for providing the sign-out cards and also for turning in the cards to the dean on

## Dr. Brandt Confers With YFC Leaders

Henry Brandt, dean of men, conferred with leaders of the Youth for Christ, Pocket Testament league and the High School Evangelism fellowship in Philadelphia last weekend on the need for Spirit-filled, capable field directors and workers.

Among the men with whom he talked were: Youth for Christ President Bob Cook; Walt Smith, regional director of Youth for Christ; Pocket Testament league workers Glen Wagner and Harry Liu; Hi-BA director Brandt Reed; and evangelist Jim Vaus.

In order to acquaint himself with these organizations, Dean Brandt attended a dinner meeting of Youth for Christ directors on Friday night at the Whittier hotel in Philadelphia. During an inspirational time following the business session, Bob Cook stressed the need for drawing near to the Lord in serving Him.

## Erwin to Present Third Lecture Series March 7



JAMES ERWIN

James Erwin's color film travelogue of the province of Ontario will be featured in the forthcoming lecture series on Friday, March 7. This movie-lecture will cover the Canadian playground from border to border, aiming at interesting prospective tourists and sportsmen in its vacation lands and resorts. Travel conditions such as cost of food, lodgings, and modes of travel are to be pictured here.

Ontario's waterways, its wildlife, and speckled trout fishing will be shown. The great industries and principal cities will be covered for their special interest, including shopping, markets and cultural activities. The steel, lumbering, tobacco, and fruit industries will be presented.

Canoeing through rapids, lakes, and streams, moose and bear hunting, fishing, trapping, and logging along the North Channel, camping, sailing in the Georgian Lakes, exploring the Rideau lakes and cruising through the "Soo" locks—all will be among the scenes portrayed. Of this film, the National Lecture Bureau says, "It is fast moving, colorful, accurate, and a 'must' on your list."

HC

## WJSL Elections Set for March 10

A special meeting of the entire student body will be held in the chapel at 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 10th to elect the WJSL Board of Control members for the new school year. According to student body president Charles Stuart, the elections will be under the general supervision of the Student senate as provided for in the station constitution adopted by the student body in February of last year.

Candidates nominated by the present Board of Control for station positions are as follows: for station manager, George Bagley and Richard Boyce; for chief engineer, Robert Oppenheim and Donald Peterson; for program manager, George Bagley and Richard Boyce; and for business manager, Robert Grinnell and Charles Gosling, and Dick Castor. Additional nominations for all offices may be made from the floor at the

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## Missing Student Located in Texas

Charles L. Snyder, missing since Wednesday, February 13, is working in Crowley, Texas according to a letter Dean Brandt received from his parents Tuesday.

After withdrawing from school because of financial difficulties, Charles disappeared. A 13-state alarm was issued, but it produced no results. His parents learned of his whereabouts when they received a letter from him last Saturday.

Mr. Snyder said something had been bothering Charles ever since he transferred from Roberts Wesleyan college last June. Before leaving Houghton he mailed a letter to his parents telling them he had quit school to work in order to pay expenses, and that nobody was going to stop him. He told them not to look for him, for if they found him, he wouldn't forgive them.

The parents asked prayer both for themselves and for their son. His disappearance, they said, had brought them to the realization of wrong in their own lives.

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## Dr. Nicholson to Teach New Course

This spring the faculty of Houghton college, with the cooperation of Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, is offering classes in the Wesleyan Methodist Disciplinary course of study to visiting Wesleyan Methodist ministers. Classes will be held March 3-14, five days each week, from 3:00 to 5:30 and from 7:00 to 9:30 each day, in rooms F-22 and F-23.

Dr. Nicholson, president of the Wesleyan church, will conduct classes in church history and discipline the first week. He will also speak in chapel on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings.

All other classes will be directed by members of Houghton faculty. Professor Nelson will teach psychology; Dr. Claude Ries, Bible; and Rev. Failing, theology. Mrs. McMillen will speak on perfect love, while Dr. Hall will teach ethics and Robert's *Rules of Order*.

This course of study is primarily for the benefit of Wesleyan ministers, although a limited number of college students would be welcome to audit classes. About 20 have pre-registered for the course. They will be housed at Dow hall, and most of them will eat in the college dining hall.



## ...On Signing Out News Spotlight...

When we have all become part of the alumni of Houghton college, the sign-out system will probably be buried deep in the vague portions of our memory; rarely, if ever, to be recalled. And if remembered it will probably be associated with some of the humors of campus life. However, to the fellows this past semester it has played a top-most part in their thinking, and has rocketed itself to one of the main topics of discussion and dis-sension. Its philosophical implications were even surprising to its founder. Finally, however, it is declining in importance of consideration to its normal position because it has been deflated and re-arranged by a special committee of the Student senate.

To the relief of almost all, it is no longer necessary to sign out while remaining on the campus. However, if you are expecting a call or visit it would be a good idea to voluntarily state on the card where you will be on the campus so that you might readily be located.

The sign-out system only operates with force when a fellow wishes to leave the campus. Junior, seniors, and sophomores of 21 years, with grade point of 2.5, and who are not under major discipline receive blanket permission and are required to sign out only when leaving town. The fellows who do not meet these criteria are not only required to sign out but to gain permission to leave the campus. This permission must be granted by the dean of men or by a person to whom he has delegated such authority, who will be, in almost every case, the householder. In former years, it was necessary to obtain permission directly from the dean. The new system is obviously more convenient and, by the way, more enforceable.

Immediately the question arises as to the criteria that the householder will use in granting permission. When leaving town for places in the immediate vicinity blanket permission will usually be granted by the householder, unless the dean of men cautions the householder otherwise. This alleviates the common "hamburger problem." Most fellows will be given, therefore, blanket permission to go to Fillmore for a hamburger; however, when it takes over an hour to eat a hamburger it might arouse some suspicion and permission will be granted more guardedly.

When leaving the campus for places other than the immediate vicinity, blanket permission will not always be the rule, nor the exception. This permission will be granted according to the discretion of the dean of men.

The main rub of the new system is that seniors, juniors, and sophomores of 21 years, must have a grade point of 2.5 to receive blanket permission. Neither the sign-out committee, nor the dean of men have the authority to change this policy. Their job was to devise a system that would comply with the policy of the school. The Student senate, however, is working to lower the minimum grade to 2. for the granting of blanket permission.

The new sign-out system in complying with the policies of the school is practical, workable and enforceable; and as such deserves our full support and compliance with its well-meaning intentions.

### Financial Failures

The Star regrets to inform its subscribers that because of insufficient funds, it becomes, this week and for the remainder of the year, a bi-weekly. Only about six regular editions can be afforded before the annual preparatory school and class editions.

Our financial embarrassment is largely attributable to three circumstances. First, the paper lost about \$300

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BY ART RUPPRECHT

The recent death of George VI of England has brought into bold relief the contrast between British respect and American lack of respect for their respective governments. Whether the President is Republican or Democrat, he is subject to all sorts of abuse, ranging all the way from relatively harmless satire to slanderous defamations.

Because of the recent discoveries of corruption in government and the fact that 1952 is an election year, we can look for new outbreaks of vituperation against the President and the Presidential office. It is, indeed, a shame that the average American as a result of the abuse that is heaped on government, is unable to distinguish between personalities and the respect that is due the presidential office. Of late it has become "cute" to (in some way) remark about presidents past and present. Everywhere we read and hear such terms as "The American Destroyer" and "King Franklin" in reference to former President Roosevelt, and such terms as "Headless Harry" directed against the present chief executive.

It might be well, if Americans could find it within them to subscribe to a code such as the Athenian Oath of 2,500 years ago. The world scene is of such a condition that it would be of great significance if the fall Presidential election could be carried out without the traditional "mud slinging."

Here's what the citizens of Athens said twenty-five centuries ago: "We will never bring disgrace to this our city, by any act of dishonesty or cow-

ardice, nor even desert our suffering comrades in their ranks. We will fight for the ideals, and sacred throngs of the city, both alone and with many. We will revere and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect in those above us, who are prone to annul or set them at naught. We will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty. Thus in all these ways we will transmit this city not only not less, but greater, and more beautiful than it was submitted to us."

It is an ideal which will never be reached, perhaps, because of our democratic system, but an American respect for the presidential office such as the British have for their king would be a decided asset to American prestige both at home and abroad. An important step in this direction would be for aspirants for both the Democratic and Republican nominations to clear the air of political double-talk and to express their views clearly and openly on basic issues of government.

—HC—

### Houghton Themes Used For Lantern Poems

Why has it been suggested that the poems to be published in the *Lantern* this year have some phase of Houghton life or history as their theme? To get away from doing what we have always done. To make the *Lantern* more meaningful and significant.

The idea came from the annual poetry booklets of the Cuba Poetry club. Entire numbers have been devoted to the village of Cuba, to the return of the deer to western New York, to Letchworth Park, to the Genesee River, to the bells of the Alfred University carillon.

What are some possible Houghton themes? The canal with its sixty-foot boats linking the Genesee country to Rochester and Albany and New York, the land-eating river itself, the canalman pointed to Christ by the carved hand on the old church, Jockey Street, the man on his knees praying a Jockey Street into a Houghton, a Willard Houghton with his vision (the first college class with degrees was graduated exactly 100 years after his birth), those glowing faces that greeted the day on October 21, 1951, the rhythm of an ordinary school day, a teacher on her knees praying for her students—these are poetry, and these do not exhaust the list.

—HC—

### Engagements

#### BOWN - HOMBERG

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bown, of Forkville, Pennsylvania, announce the engagement of their daughter, Joyce ('51) to Mr. Arthur Homberg ('51), son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Homberg, of West New York, New Jersey. Miss Bown is teaching physical education and Bible in the YWCA in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Mr. Homberg is attending Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. No date has been set for the wedding.

#### FINK - DECKER

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Fink of Detroit, Michigan, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Esther ('52), to William Kenneth Decker, son of the Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Decker, missionaries to Bolivia, S.A.

A tentative date of April 5 has been set for the wedding.

activity fee allotments, because of a decline of about 150 in student enrollment. Also, the number of alumni subscriptions was about 100 less than that of last year, resulting in a further loss of approximately \$200. Then, there have been rising printing costs.

### Why not take...

### Just a Glance

BY DOW ROBINSON

The Psalmist was not thinking of the eyes only when he said: "I will praise thee for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (139:14). Nor was Job when he posed the question, "Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts?" (38:36). They both marveled at the unspeakable profundity of understanding which devised such a creation as these bodies we live in.



But Paul was definitely thinking of the eyes when he reproved the Galatian believers (3:1): "Oh, foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you?" (or more literally, Who has laid an evil eye on you?). For they had been having eye trouble... it comes from watching men instead of looking to Jesus.

Yet the eyes which I want to consider are found in Psalms 32:8; 25:15, God's eye and your eye. These verses show us among other things, how we can know God's will for our lives, receive counseling and guidance for daily affairs, and walk in victory. The secret is in the eyes... "I's."

Jehovah implicitly states (32:8): "I will teach thee and instruct thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye."

As I meditate on this verse, I rejoice that it is the great I AM who utters this simple weighty declaration. He, the Omniscient One, the One in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, this One absolutely promises to teach me and instruct me in the path which I am to follow in life.

Thus, I find that I have already promised to me—even before I know my life profession or place of service—all the instruction and teaching necessary for me to walk in God's will all the days of my life. I've heard it said, "There's a life of no regrets; it consists in having done the will of God." Brother, sister, that is what I want—a life of no regrets—a life completely clothed in the will of God.

Then, He also says: "I will guide (counsel) thee with mine eye." When I think of counseling, I think of sitting down and talking over my problems and cares with someone in whom I have great confidence.

Have you ever taken your particular problem or anxiety to the Lord... bowed in the awed hush of His presence... quietly told Him all about it... experienced that deep silence of soul that comes only from Himself... then realized the counsel that He has imparted to you?

However, notice how the Lord does this—with His eye. When I reflect on this phase of God's working, I always think of some well-trained pets that I have seen. When the master wants the animal to do this or that, he merely glances in a particular manner and the animal obeys. Of course, this implies that the animal must be constantly watching the eye of the master.

Herein lies the lesson for us. As our eye continuously follows His eye, we receive instruction and teaching concerning His will and counseling for daily affairs. Yet, not by physical eyes can this be accomplished.

Even as Christ, when speaking of the bread and water of life meant not the physical objects but the spiritual realities, so here, Jehovah speaks of faith as the eye which looks to and follows Him. Andrew Murray says, "Faith is the eye to which God shows what He is and does; through faith the light of His presence and the working of His mighty power stream into the soul."

Thus, our last verse, Ps. 25:15, ties in here, "Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for He shall pluck my feet out of the net." Our promise of victory in daily life is keenly described in the image of traps or nets cleverly camouflaged, laid to ensnare a victim. But as our eye of faith is steadfastly fixed on Jehovah, He carries us safely, victoriously along the path of life.

—HC—

### See You There!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29

8:00 p.m. Senior Recital Richard Elmer; chapel Basketball Game, Purple-Gold; Gym

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 a.m. Chapel, Dr. Paine  
7:30 p.m. Student Body Prayer Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 a.m. Chapel, Rev. Nicholson  
7:30 p.m. Clubs

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 a.m. Chapel, Rev. Nicholson  
6:45 p.m. Class prayer meetings

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

9:00 a.m. Chapel, Rev. Nicholson  
8:00 p.m. Purple-Gold Basketball Game

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

9:00 a.m. Chapel, Dr. Paine  
7:30 p.m. Student Body Prayer Meeting



## The Ova And Me

BY GEORGE HUESTIS

Since beginning the monumental task of satiating my tremendous appetite with culinary masterpieces invented and executed by myself, I have found the common egg to be a



most versatile and delicious foodstuff. Let me express the first part of that last sentence in a more understandable way—I am now "filling my face" ("glutting my maw," as Connie Castor and Jim Wagner would say), with victuals of my own concoction. Say it however you want, but I still think that eggs are mighty good in any one of a dozen different forms. Pay close attention now, and Chef Huestis, head cook at Joe's Beanery, will open his instruction class on how to cook female eggs, or she was a hard boiled chicken.

There are many different ways of obtaining eggs for the following experiments. Some people prefer the easy and uneventful way of going into the market and asking for a dozen, paying the clerk, and then carrying them home. Others prefer buying a few hens and a sack of feed and then sitting around while the hens set. Then we have Denny, better known as Robert "Egg-head" Denny. This character prefers to live dangerously. First he swims to Africa. Then he treks thousands of miles through tangled jungles to the vast plains region of the Dark Continent. Next he finds an ostrich with its head buried in the sand. After a three hour wait the ostrich, on the verge of suffocation, lays an egg. When the poor bird finally dies, our hero skins it, makes a fortune selling the plumes to a Paris milliner, and returning to the campground, Houghton, USA via TWA Constellation with enough eggs to last us till the end of the semester.

Now presumably, you have the eggs. The next important step is getting them ready to be cooked. Here eggs have a distinct disadvantage to

oranges. An orange can be peeled without the slightest fear of denting, bruising, breaking, or generally clobbering the end product. Such is not the case with eggs. The simplest way to proceed is to take two bowls, one smaller than the other, and place the small bowl inside the large bowl. Then crack the egg shell on the rim of the small bowl, and, without fail, half the contents will run into the small bowl and the other half, the part that usually runs all over you or onto the floor, will run into the large bowl. Using this system, you can now buy pullet eggs instead of extra large ones. The next step is to clean your finger nails carefully so as to insure complete sanitation when you pick the pieces of shell out of the gooey mess in the two bowls.

If the yolk isn't already broken (and nine times out of ten it will be especially if you want your egg "sunny-side-up") then break it. Take the egg beater, (if you haven't one of these, your roommate's electric shaver will do) and beat the egg to a frothy mass, adding just enough milk to drown all the bacteria off your roommate's razor. Your roommate should not beat you to a pulp for using his precious electric razor, if you explain that the next time he shaves he will be able to give his beard an egg shampoo.

This done, you dump the beaten egg and milk into a hot frying pan, only to discover that someone has turned the gas off under the pan, and instead of browning into a nice rich omelet, your egg mixture just lies there in a sick looking mass and gradually sticks fast to the pan.

At this point, you throw up your arms in disgust, for getting you have the other eleven eggs in your hands, and for a moment it rains albumen. Thoroughly disgusted now, you tramp down to the Pantry and have "Mom" Flemming fry a couple professional style, while Al Carson and Ralph Reeb cackle out the many woes of college life and sundry sad students sip battery-acid (Pantry coffee) in quantities designed to keep them awake in class.

In the final analysis, it must be admitted that an egg is not just a piece of hen-fruit or a prospective chicken, but rather a subtle plot on the part of nature to discourage young gentlemen from becoming domestic.

## Klub Korner . . .

### Science Club

In a recent meeting of the Science club, plans were started concerning the Science club open-house to be held next month. The club hopes that this year's displays and program will surpass last year's by far. Keep looking for more information concerning this in the days to come.

### Pre-Medic Club

Miss Dorah Burnell will speak on the topic "Anesthetics" at the monthly meeting of the Pre-medic club Wednesday, March 5, at 7:30, in room S-24.

### Debate Team

The Houghton college debate team now makes up a class taught by Dr. Hall on debate and parliamentary procedure. The class meets one afternoon a week and discusses philosophy and methods of debate, and practices parliamentary procedure in a way similar to that of the old Forensic Union which existed here at Houghton years ago.

The team is also engaging in many debates throughout the months of February and March. Those close at hand include Rochester university and Geneseo State Teachers college.

## Luckey Lines

The Administration wishes to thank most heartily every member of the student body who has had a part in the recent "hilarious giving" toward our new athletic field objective. We will be sending out individual receipts but will take this means of expressing our thanks. May God bless every one of you.

You might be interested to know that our net loss in full-time students this January was much lower than that in January, 1951. The figures are as follows:

Jan. 1951 1952  
Net loss in full-time students 34 13  
Net loss in full-time equivalent 48 18  
The net loss in full-time students includes all who withdrew during the first semester as well as all who left by graduation or for any other reasons in January. The net loss is the difference between the total number leaving and the number entering.

It is interesting to note that the number of full-time students this semester is 567, which is exactly the number of full-time equivalent students.

## Dr. Armstrong In Pensive Mood . . . Returns From World Tour

BY PIERRE LAINEVOIR  
(P. E. WOOLSEY)

"Cleopatra's nose—if it had been a bit shorter, the face of the whole earth would be different." Thus wrote Blaise Pascal, the great apologist of past decades; and should not we of the present day and generation learn from Caesar and Anthony that it doesn't always pay to be tricked by a pretty face? Much better to find pleasure in beauty of soul; lightened by a spark of intelligence than in superficial charm that has to be applied fresh each morning.

However, here is a word from a moralist for those who would like to be attractive: "A handsome face is the most beautiful of all sights, and the sweetest harmony is the sound of the voice of one's beloved." (Could that be the reason for Mr. Finney's ideas about harmony?)

This one (Forgive me, ladies!) the men will perhaps be more inclined to appreciate. It is from Racine, one of the best literary portrait painters

of women in French dramatic expression: "She wavers, she hesitates; in a word, she is a woman."

The poet Boileau may have been writing for Mrs. Ortlip and her disciples when he penned: "Naught is beautiful but that which is true; truth alone is worthy of being admired." (Does that rule out dime-store beauty? I wonder.)

And this for the English division from the same writer: "He who doesn't know where to write 'finis' hasn't yet learned to write."

I rather feel that Mrs. Lennox would agree with Pascal when he comments, "True eloquence laughs at eloquence." At least, it is a consolation for those of us who will never become silver-tongued orators.

For those who have a penchant for literary accomplishments, Buffon, the French author with the "lace-cuff" style, offers this advice: "Style is nothing more than the order and movement that one gives to his thoughts."

In judging artistic, literary or musical *chefs-d'oeuvre*, one is very liable to hear the phrase: "Each to his own taste." However, one may very easily condemn his own information, imagination or even his intelligence by expressing dislike for the great classics. Anatole France, pointing up the idea that a critic usually tells more about himself than he does about the work he is judging, writes: "Every book exists in as many different copies as it has readers."

"The thing we hold dear is that which we are afraid of losing."

"Science is infallible, but scientists are always making mistakes." (Exception must be made, of course, in the case of Houghton scientists.)

Pascal has the following to say to those who, while admitting they cannot explain it to the satisfaction of the other fellow, just "positively know" whereof they speak: "The heart has its reasons that reason does not know." And again, "It is the heart that is conscious of God, not the reason. This is faith—God evident to the heart and not to the reason."

One might go on almost interminably, so rich are the treasures of French thought. Just a final citation from one of our contemporaries, Saint Exupéry, who learned in the face of death that it is only in making the complete sacrifice of oneself that he can come to the realization of what life really means. "To establish bonds of love, one must begin with sacrifice. Then love may call forth other sacrifices. . . ."

"Sacrifice is essentially an act; it is the gift of oneself to the entity which one aspires to win. He alone knows what a treasure is, who has sacrificed a part of himself, has struggled to preserve it, has put forth an effort to improve it.

"A man's most precious treasure is not that from which he has gained the most for himself, but that for which he has made the greatest sacrifices." Does the religion of Jesus Christ have little meaning for you? Once a vision of His wonderful sacrifice in your behalf has gripped your soul, the resulting love will call you into "the fellowship of His sufferings," and your heart will forget itself in willing self-sacrifice.

## Work to Begin On Field Soon

The Student Fund campaign, for money to complete the athletic field, is really coming along. A total of \$2344.92 in cash and pledges has come into the public relations office as of last Monday, of which \$1065.55 is cash. This means that better than two-thirds of our goal of \$3000 has been reached already. With \$1000 cash on hand, it will be possible to start work on the field as soon as weather conditions will permit.

Class contributions are nearly equal. Juniors are in the lead with \$283.83, followed by the frosh with \$265.00. Then come seniors with \$253.55 and sophs with \$228.55. Unclassified students and miscellaneous contributions add \$34.62 to the cash total. Ninety-four dollars of the money pledged was given specifically for work on East Hall.

## Preparatory Gives Concert

The members of the high school orchestra and chorus presented a concert on Wednesday, February 27, at 7:30 p. m., in the college chapel. The orchestra, under the direction of Miss Jeanette Breese, and the choristers, under Miss Eileen Griffen, were heard by approximately 150 persons. Marjorie Paine and Lois Knowlton were the soloists of the evening.

The orchestra began the program with two religious chorales, followed by the "Prelude" by Alexander Guilman, "Ballet Music" from *Rosamunde* by Franz Schubert, and "Roumanian Fantasy" by Carol Velska. The chorus then sang its first of the evening: "I Love a Little Cottage" and then "Spinning Top." These were followed by Miss Paine playing a Legend Schubert Impromptu and Miss Knowlton singing "All Through the Night." There were then three more songs each by the orchestra and chorus with the orchestra finishing with "Festival March" by F. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy.

## Mr. Knowlton Follows Call

Mr. Harvey Knowlton, who has been called to the mission field since the fall revival, flew from Miami to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Mr. Knowlton is to build a home on the mission field for two former Houghton students, Dr. John Edling ('44) and Mrs. Priscilla Perkins Edling (ex '43), who have recently gone to Haiti.

Leaving Houghton on Saturday, February 16, Mr. Knowlton drove a truck filled with tools to Miami. Although he took his hand tools with him on the plane from Miami, he shipped the heavier welder, power saw, and jointer. The purchase of these special large tools was made possible by contributions from townspeople and students.

Mr. Knowlton expects to return to Houghton about May 1, and will build a new home for his family this summer. He made possible to the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist church the purchase of his present home for a parsonage by accepting a price lower than its value on an open market.

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## Dribbles

BY DAVE SEELAND



To get off the beaten path, let's look to the future for a while. In an interview Monday, Coach Wells revealed that he expects to have the track meets this year run on the new track. According to Coach, the cinders for surfacing the track are all lined up, there is an extra truck available and weather permitting, the first practice meet will be run on April 26. There is also a possibility that Houghton will play host to the Allegany county school finals early in June. Coach Wells also stated that the Athletic association will have to take action on the matter of records. It is expected that the new track will be so much faster than the old one that most of the school records will fall this year.

It would seem that interest has fallen off considerably in the House league. Three of the last six games were decided by forfeit. This may be because of ineligibilities or it may be because the boys just don't care.

## New Resident Farmer Added

Mr. William Baertschi, with his wife and daughter formerly of Housick Falls, New York arrived in Houghton last weekend as the new resident farmer on the college farm.

Before coming to Houghton Mr. Baertschi, whose brother Emil was a student in the college last semester, had been working on his father's farm. The hiring of Mr. Baertschi completes the farm crew of three resident farmers and the farm foreman.

## Special Meeting . . .

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Officers elected at this meeting will along with three representatives to be chosen from the faculty, constitute the fourth Board of Control since the creation of WJSL as an extra-curricular campus activity and will be the second such group to be elected under the terms of the present constitution.

In order to insure the nomination of adequately qualified staff members the constitution provides that the office of station manager be filled by a junior or senior student who has had at least three semesters of experience in station work. Candidates for other Board of Control positions shall have worked for the station at least one semester prior to nomination.

The majority of candidates chosen by the Board of Control have been active in station work during this and preceding school years. George Bagley began his radio work as an announcer during his freshman year and is now business manager of the station. Richard Boyce also was active as an announcer last year and is now serving as chief announcer.

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Ler's get out and have a little competition, men.

There are two seasons about to open up. The girls' class swimming meet is scheduled for next Tuesday with the fellow's meet on Wednesday. On March 19, the volleyball season opens with a game between the sophomores and the high school. It's about time those seniors were beaten in something, and the volleyball season is a good time to start.

By the way, Dick Price was back last weekend for a rest from his toils. He has been coaching the high school basketball team and "refing" JV games. His only complaint regarding the latter was, "You don't dare take the whistle out of your mouth or you miss a couple of fouls before you can put it back in again."

## Choir Presents First Concert of Season

The Houghton College A Cappella choir presented its first concert of the spring season on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the First Baptist church of Cuba, New York.

With new pieces added to their repertoire this season the choir, under the direction of Professor Charles H. Finney, will sing Hanson's "Cherubic Hymn" and "Rejoice in the Lord," a fugue written by former student, Elen Thompson.

## Dr. W. G. Smith on \$11,000 Recently M.S.A.C. Committee Given to College

Dr. Willard G. Smith, business manager of Houghton college, traveled to New York City early last week to serve on an evaluation committee of the Middle States Association of Colleges.

This committee, at the present time, is investigating Shelton college of New York City to determine whether the school qualifies for accreditation. During the evaluation, which will involve three days of research, Dr. Smith will act on a panel to investigate the business and financial operations of the school.

## Vaus . . .

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known, to recruit new students, and to solicit contributions for the college.

Since Jim Vaus' schedule is full until September, this appointment will not directly affect next year's registration, Mr. Failing said. Mr. Vaus' work for the college will start next fall.

Now spending a few days at his home in Los Angeles, Jim Vaus plans to work in the midwest until the 17th of March when he will start a tour of the southeastern states. Early in May he will again visit Houghton.

Tentative plans propose a summer radio workshop under the instruction and supervision of Mr. Vaus.

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## Panich House Still Has Lead

The McKinley House boys have done themselves proud. By winning two straight games they have pulled themselves up by their bootstraps from eighth to a 4 way tie for 3rd place. The "Boize" defeated the Barnett House team 35-31 two weeks ago and then won their game against the "Kotz Katz" by a forfeit last week. Barnett House was the only other house league team to play two games since the last publication of the Star. They managed to lose both games and thus drop from sixth place to eighth place. The Ptomaine Terrors chalked up their first win, a forfeit last week over Barnett House. The Terrors remain, however, the possessors of the title to last place.

The top two teams in the league met last week in tough battle. The Panich house boys, however, showed no mercy to their venerable opponents and soundly drubbed their Dry Bones to the tune of 36-26. Even though there are still three games to be played, the Panich House boys have sewed up the championship and are a good bet to finish up the season undefeated. Mills House handed the High School their second defeat and thus boosted themselves to fourth place.

Team	W	L	%
Panich	7	0	1.000
D y Bones	6	2	.750
High School	3	3	.500
McKinley	3	3	.500
Mills	3	3	.500
Smith	3	3	.500
Kotz Katz	3	4	.428
Barnett	2	4	.333
Ptomaine Terrors	1	6	.150

## \$11,000 Recently Given to College

Since Christmas Houghton college has received \$11,000 in outside gifts; \$1000 given in cash, \$5000 given in a life insurance policy, and \$5000 willed.

Mr. John Peachy of Buffalo, New York, whose daughter Miriam attended Houghton for a year and a half, gave the school \$1000. This amount is to be put towards the dorm fund.

A \$5000 life insurance policy was given by a friend, Mr. Reinhold who was present at the Methodist church in Buffalo when a Houghton gospel team was holding services. He handed the insurance policy to one of the students and asked him to give it to Dr. Paine the following morning. The school was made absolute beneficiary of the \$5000 payable at the man's death.

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## Purple Pharaohs Lose To Gladiators; 42-35

Repulsing a last minute spurt by Purple, the Golden Gladiators snatched the inaugural contest of the 1952 Color series last Wednesday night 42-35.

The early part of the game was characterized by slow play on both teams. Feeling each other out, each squad exhibited a conservative style, and shots were few for the first few minutes. Before the quarter was over however, both teams were getting open occasionally. The defensive play of each kept the number of good shots to a minimum, and shooting percentages were low.

## Student Senate . . .

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and two students elected by the Senate, procure all films shown in Houghton.

II. No restriction as to producer or origin of the picture be placed upon the committee.

III. All organizations wishing to show a motion picture on an admission basis notify the committee at least two months in advance.

Reporting for the scholarship committee, Bruce Waltke announced that a new scholarship policy, based upon a percentile ranking, would replace the former inadequate policy, which had been based upon numerical grades. A more complete report of the final scholarship program will be ready for the next Senate meeting.

Finally, the Senate passed a motion to return the coat rack that had been recently removed from the inner reception room. An amendment added the further recommendation that students be prohibited from placing overshoes in the reception rooms.

## Elmer Recital . . .

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er Quilter, J. A. Carpenter, Jacques Wolf and John Sacco.

After the intermission, the soloist will continue his concert with three German lieder: "Dichtelibe" by Schumann, "Vergbliches Standchen" by Johannes Brahms and "Mausfallen-Sprichlein" by Hugo Wolf.

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Chuck Paine started the scoring with a 20-foot one hand push shot which ripped the cords nicely. Ted Hazlett for Purple brought Purple into the scoring column a short time later with one from under the boards. Hazlett was Purple's main threat during the first quarter, collecting five of his team's ten points. At the end of this period, Gold was trailing 10-9.

The second quarter saw shooting percentages go to a new low, as each team had trouble connecting. After the ten-minute melee had ended, the Gladiators had outscored the Pharaohs 9-8, to knot the score 18-18 at half-time.

Gold continued its march toward victory in the third quarter, outscoring their rivals 15-11 to move in front 33-29 as both teams moved into the final stretch.

As the game drew into its closing minutes, and with Gold holding a seven-point advantage, it began to look as if the victor were determined. However, with the clock at the six minute mark, the Pharaohs came to life once again, and with four minutes to go, had brought the score up to 36-33. After leading for so long, Gold was not now to be denied, and a set shot by Bernie McClure put them out in front again by five. With one minute left, the score stood at 39-35, but in 40 seconds Gold added three more to its total, to bring the final score to 42-35.

Both teams used players freely. For Gold, eight players saw action, while Purple entered nine into the contest. Johnny Wilson hit for five field goals and two foul shots to post a total of 12 points. For Purple, Ted Hazlett and Ed Danks had identical records of three field goals and one foul point for a total of seven.

The shooting percentages of the respective teams were exceedingly close. Gold hit on 17 for 69 for a 24.6%, while Purple made 14 for 57 to make 24.4%.

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