

Ball, Kaser Attend Regional NSA Meeting At Syracuse

Warren Ball and David Kaser were two of the 77 delegates from 27 colleges present at the New York state regional convention of the National Students' association, held last weekend at Le Moyne college in Syracuse.

Two days of district caucuses and plenary sessions were highlighted by a banquet held in Le Moyne's new cafeteria, Saturday night. At the banquet the Very Reverend William J. Schlearth, president of the college, gave the welcoming address. He quoted a condensation of the preamble to the constitution of the association as follows, "We, the students of the United States of America, desiring to maintain academic freedom and student rights, to develop better educational standards, to promote international understanding and fellowship, to foster the rights and responsibilities of the student to the school, the community, humanity, and God, do hereby establish this constitution of the United States National Student Association." He then complimented the association for having differed from the UNO in that the students were not afraid to use the name of God in their constitution. Panel discussions and forums were held concerning the federal aid bill and the McCollum decision.

Member schools several times expressed desires that Houghton join

TOURNEY DISCLOSES DEBATE ADDITIONS

John Mulholland, Norman Castor, and Mack Weiford were top men in a round robin tournament of the new members of the Debate squad, Dr. Lauren A. King, coach of the team, announces.

Tentative plans are being made for a tour of Pennsylvania during the week of December 13. The itinerary may include Pennsylvania State college, Westminster college, University of Pittsburgh, Slippery Rock State Teachers' college, and the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

A debate with the University of Buffalo is also being scheduled.

Unique Thanksgiving Service Raises Donation For College

On Sunday morning, Nov. 21, the Pine Hill Independent church of Buffalo, in a unique Thanksgiving service, gave a cash and pledge offering of \$166.00 to Houghton college. The service, conducted by the pastor, Mr. Donald Reiner, featured Professor Frank H. Wright as speaker and the Houghton college quartet.

Mr. Reiner, a Houghton freshman, opened the service by presenting to the congregation five specific facts about Houghton for which they should be grateful. He said that all Christians should be thankful for the fact that there is such a college to which they may send their young people. Further, he stated that Houghton college deserves gratitude because it is a missionary center from which ministers go to all parts of the world. Then too, Houghton is a missionary field in itself in that many young people find the Lord for the first time in the classes or

the association. If Houghton were to join, it would become a member of the western district along with such schools as University of Buffalo, St. Bonaventure, State college, and Niagara. Although the National Students' association is only a year and a half old, the western New York district is already organized and is planning a spring festival featuring such points of interest as inter-collegiate debates, art exhibits, choir appearances, and sports functions.

Choir Travels North In First Weekend

Houghton college A Cappella Choir reports the best first weekend trip that it has had for years, the outstanding service being the evening one at East Aurora, on Sunday, November 26. Leaving Houghton at 8:30 a. m., the choir of 55 members, under the direction of Professor Donald Butterworth, gave three concerts: the morning service at the Pavilion Baptist church; in the afternoon at the Warsaw Congregational church, including a half hour radio broadcast; and in the evening at the East Aurora Wesleyan Methodist church.

Though having had good concerts all day, the choir felt an especial sense of the presence of the Lord, particularly in the evening concert which was preceded by the prayers of both choir and church members. The testimonies at that service were exceptional and pertinent.

Professor Bert Hall, manager, accompanied the choir. The members found all the church people hospitable and the food excellent.

The numbers on the program are varied, ranging from gospel songs such as "God Leads His Dear Children Along" to Negro spirituals and Vaughan-Williams' music. The major work is Bach's "Blessing, Glory and Wisdom."

The choir hopes for improvement this year that the message of their music will become even more inspired and will be to the glory of the Lord.

PROF. ANDREWS COMMENTS ON VIOLIN CONCERT

"Superb," exclaimed Professor John M. Andrews, instructor in violin, concerning Roman Totenberg's violin performance for the Artists' Series concert held in the College chapel, November 19. He went on to say that Mr. Totenberg is unquestionably one of the best violinists of modern times.

During a long talk about violins with Professor Andrews, Mr. Totenberg showed him his \$30,000 Stradivarius on which he played at the concert. He also demonstrated the so-called "Bach-bow" which he developed for playing the chords in Bach's violin music. The distinctive feature of the "Bach-bow", which is modeled after the old-type violin bow, is that its curve is convex, not concave like the usual modern bow; thus the violinist is able to play an unbroken chord.

In speaking about his eminent teacher, Carl Flesch, author of *The Art of Violin Playing*, Mr. Totenberg emphasized the fact that Mr. Flesch taught his students the meaning of practice in order that they would be able to make every moment of it worthwhile.

What! A musical program, which will include the three college quartets, marimba duet, brass numbers, and other features, is to be presented by the Student Social Committee.

When? Tonight at 7:30 p. m. Where? Houghton college chapel.

CALENDAR

CHAPEL

- Friday, Nov. 26
Norman Grubb and Dr. John L. Whittle, Deputation Secretary of World Wide Evangelization Crusade
- Tuesday, Nov. 30
Dr. Stephen W. Paine
- Wednesday, Dec. 1
Miss Vera Clocksin, '43, prospective missionary nurse to India, leaving in January
- Thursday, December 2
Dr. Lee W. Spring, representative from China
- Friday, Dec. 3
Rev. Wesley Nussey, president of Rochester conference

ACTIVITIES

- Friday, November 26
Student Body Program—Chapel
Class Basketball Series
- Saturday, November 27
Singspiration—6:45 — Dorm
Reception Room
Church Choir—7:30
- Monday, November 29
Oratorio Practice — 7:30 — Chapel
- Wednesday, December 1
International Relations Club
Spanish club
Paleolinguist Club
Class Basketball Series
- Thursday, December 2
Class Prayer Meeting —6:45
- Friday, December 3
Class Basketball Series
Orchestra Concert — 8:00 — Chapel

Orchestra Presents First Home Concert Of Season



PROF. JOHN M. ANDREWS

The Houghton college orchestra, under the direction of Professor John M. Andrews, will open its first concert in Houghton for this year in the chapel at 8:00 p. m., Friday, December 3, with "A Mighty Fortress is our God."

Numbers included on the program to be presented are: "Overture" from *Oedipus in Colonus* by Sacchini-Franko; "The Lake at Sunset" by Maganini; "Symphony No. 8, 1st Movement" by Beethoven; "Suite of Seven Short Pieces" from *The Dark Belt* by William Grant Still, Negro composer; and "Prelude to III act of Lohengrin" by Wagner.

Following this concert, the orchestra will begin work on the *Messiah* by Handel, which is to be given at the Houghton church at 7:30 p. m., December 18 and 19, by the Oratorio society and Orchestra under the direction of Professor Donald Butterworth.

Two performances have been given, one at Fillmore Central school on November 18 and the other at Rushford Central school on November 23. At the conclusion of the former, the Houghton camp of Gideons dedicated and distributed eleven Bibles to the school and faculty and 347 New Testaments to students of grades 5-12. Mr. Ernest Gilliland, local president of the Gideons, presided, and Dr. C. I. Armstrong, pastor of the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist church, offered prayer and made the dedication. Dean Lauren King, represented the college.

PROBLEMS AIRED IN CONFERENCE

The first in a series of proposed press conferences was held in the office of Dr. Stephen W. Paine on Tuesday, November 16, at 4:00 p. m. The administration was represented by President Paine, Dean Lauren King, Business Manager Willard Smith, and Rev. George Failing.

The idea of a press conference was first conceived by Rev. George Failing, assistant to the president, in an effort to give students a means whereby they may clear up problems in their minds. The meeting is not a closed session and is open to representatives of student publications and organizations and to all others interested.

Present plans include a similar session each month.

WAVL To Air First Broadcast

The second W.Y.P.S. service to be recorded, that of last Sunday evening, will be the first such broadcast to be heard over station WAVL, Apollo, Pa.

During the service, which was under the direction of the Foreign Missions fellowship, Della Herman, Marjorie Helfers, Harold Blatt, and George Stannard, four volunteers for the mission field, gave their testimonies. The scripture read was by Edward Barsom, announcer, production was directed by Rudolph Rabe, and music was presented by Beverly Auchmoody and the freshman quartet.

Fitton And Rommel Will Head Staff Of Mid-century Boulder

Walt Fitton and John Rommel were elected editor and business manager, respectively, of the 1949-1950 Boulder staff by the sophomore and junior classes after the student body meeting in Houghton college chapel on November 22.

Other candidates were Virginia Gibb, for editor, and Joseph Howland, for business manager. No nominations were made from the floor when opportunity was given by Warren Ball, president of the student body, who presided.

Business transacted at the student body meeting included approval of a motion to take an offering, the proceeds of which are to be used to send one or two delegates to the F.M.F. Inter-Varsity Missions Convention at University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, December 27-31, 1948. Those persons to be sent are Harold Blatt and Luke Boughter. The alternate is Iola Jones.

Another motion passed provided that the student council should purchase one year-book to be placed in the student lounge.

Representatives Speak To Five Alumni Chapters

Houghton representatives attended five alumni chapter meetings of the college and preparatory last week.

Rev. George Failing was present at the St. Lawrence and Plattsburgh chapter meetings, held at Canton and Plattsburgh respectively; Business Manager Willard Smith at the New York chapter; Prof. and Mrs. Whitney Shea at the Watertown chapter held at Brownsville; and Professors C. A. Ries and H. L. Fancher at the Chautauqua chapter, Jamestown, which Miss Viola Donelson and Mr. Herschel Ries also attended.

Two meetings had been held previously, one in Pittsburgh, attended by Dr. Robert Luckey and Prof. David Heydenburk. Two more are to be held this fall, one in Washington and the other in Rochester, and seven are planned for next spring.

At present, of the 17 alumni chapters, 13 are in New York State, twenty-six hundred members are on

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(The questions raised in the letter to the editor which is reprinted below seem to be representative of those being asked by a large portion of our student body. It indicates the questioning attitude of many who say, "Now that the issue is in the open, what can be done about it?")—Ed.

Dear Editor:

The primary objective of the chapel talk concerning social relationships on Wednesday, November 17, is a bit hazy to this listener. It was entertaining and somewhat informative in its analysis of conditions here, but it hardly helped to provide a solution.

A fellow ought not to be considered timid because he won't stop a girl on the sidewalk, introduce himself, and ask for a date (and run the risk of being turned down because he used such bold tactics). He is merely restraining his impulses to comply with normal social sanction.

The initial impression is of great importance. Each party recognizes this fact and tries to do his best. To the fellow who seeks his first date with a girl (or a "different" girl), success is exalting, uplifting, and creates a beautiful, if illusory, feeling, and the tactics used are relegated to a place of insignificance; but failure not only may sting the pride but may cause a period of introspection in which the fellow relives his recent experience, and the tactics used then loom in undue importance. He carefully examines them, recognizes errors, and condemns himself for them. The greatest fault, that of an improper introduction, or meeting, could not have been avoided, and yet he blames himself for it. A heap of this blame added to the frustration of denial could make a subjective or sensitive person another case for study by the newly-formed "Psych Club." This is not at all ridiculous. Pent-up emotions could be relieved by normal and proper companionship without which the poor guy might "blow his top." We need social meeting grounds and the type of social events where couples can enjoy conversational advantages which are not provided by the artist series and basketball games. (The former demands silence and attention; the latter attracts attention and noise and confusion; neither permits adequate attention to be given by either party to the other.)

A point, which is certainly misleading and which is one of the existing blights on our social attitude, was made and needs correction. It was suggested that couples who date thrice consecutively and who are seen together "morning, noon, and night" may be considered to be engaged. Couples who are merely going steady are constantly haunted by remarks of others who refer to them as being "engaged." To be engaged is to have made a "pledge to marry." What a difference! Ill-advised remarks too often drive "steady" couples to distraction—or wherever they go.

Please observe closely the steps in association which Prof. Shea set forth in a General Sociology class about six months ago. There are five, which are: dating, going steady, courting, becoming engaged, and marrying. Going steady and becoming engaged are far from synonymous thoughts, although one may be a stepping stone to the other.

From this chapel talk we appreciate the recommendation that individuals be allowed to choose their own mates (insofar as it is possible for each one to have his choice). It is a tragic circumstance that we know so many well-intentioned persons who definitely and deliberately try to break up couples whom they consider ill-matched. Let us judge for ourselves unto ourselves, not unto ourselves for others. It is for this purpose of evaluating our companions that we have periods of going steady and of courtship.

Editor's Mailbox

Dear Mr. Editor:

All over the country schools that celebrate Sadie Hawkins Day are doing so at this time of the year. At Houghton Sadie's Day has often been a failure because of its shortness and also the fact that it is held so near final exams that many students spend the time in study. Why can't we correct this by sponsoring a Leap Week sometime during December? By Leap Week I mean a week of worthwhile evening activities to which the girls would invite the boys. Of course it would be girls and fellows who have never dated each other and the date would be for single activities and not for the entire week. Recently I was on another campus during such a week and it was working fine; it could do the same at Houghton. Last Sadie Hawkins Day I was caught by a girl I never knew existed before then. By that time, however, it was too late in the year for me to operate.

Dear Editor:

Thank you for last week's editorial interpreting the great unrest of the modern mood as an opportunity for a vital Christian apologetic. The time surely is ripe.

However, in over-zealous eagerness to show the need that faces thinking college students, I am of the opinion that you went too far.

I refer specifically to your words: "There are many complex factors which cause this need to go unheeded. Perhaps it all stems back to the fact that the Christian world view has never been given a clearly delineated definitive presentation, which would be to Christianity what the Communist Manifesto, and Darwin's Origin and Growth of Species, have been to Marxism and evolution."

Certainly for Christianity the Bible has always been that "clearly delineated, definitive presentation." Without it how could we have preserved the purity of "the faith once delivered unto the saints?"

It is easy to think that our generation stands in judgment upon the Scriptures and must support it from the attack of its enemies and the neglect of its friends. But the Word of God is the Judge. Before it our age stands condemned. It is the critic that discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart of every age.

The Christian apologetic, then, becomes two-fold. Surely we need a statement of Christianity which interacts with modern thought. But greater is the apologetic of transformed Christian lives that shows the Bible's answer to the moral problem. "I pray . . . that they may all be one . . . that the world may know . . . that the world may believe."

Ode To A Stockin

There's dirty work afoot somewhere else this week. Anyway, Prof. Gordon Stockin received this poem on his birthday, last Tuesday, from an anonymous author, who signed it "By a dirty foot."

AN ODE TO A STOCKIN'

I always thought that Stockin's on the feet were worn,
 I never knew that Stockin's could sew and harvest corn.
 I thought a corn grew on the foot and socks were what was sewn;
 But Latin students reap the crop before the sun has shone.

I didn't think a Stockin' a Greek declension could recite,
 Nor a Latin conjugation could quickly read and write;

Give Thanks Always

"Why?" I pondered as I lay holding down a bed in the infirmary. So many things needed to be done. Yet there I lay.

"Why?" I pondered as I lay staring at the blank wall that yielded no answers. Many things I should be doing, but there I lay doing nothing. It was my turn to write a *Star* article, too. With a sigh I turned over in that infirmary bed. At the same time I turned over in my mind that verse I'd thought I'd use for my central thought. I had just about decided that the infirm was not the place to write it, when glancing over at the dresser, I saw in silvered letters the very words, "In Everything give thanks."

"In everything give thanks?" I puzzled. *Everything* excludes nothing. "In some things give thanks" seemed a more practical translation; but God's Word says, "In everything."

These Spirit directed words came not from one who knew nothing of life, or one who lived a life of ease. They came from one who had experienced the gloomy dampness of a prison cell, the cutting lashes of a whip, the nearly fatal bruises of stones, the chilling waters of an unfriendly sea, the false accusation of an angry mob, the indifference of those whom he loved, the hopelessness of an ever-present affliction. Knowing life as well as he did, Paul still wrote, "In everything give thanks."

Can't I hear Paul and Silas singing in that prison? Can't I see bloody

New Psychology Club Organized

To promote interest and research in the fields connected with psychology, a new club, now being organized, is open to all psychology majors and minors. Election of permanent officers will take place at the next meeting which is tentatively set for December 3.

The club will include in its studies the relationship between the biological and psychological aspect of the human personality. It will also enable its members to explore various theories of psychology to determine which can be advocated by the Christian. It is hoped that this club might eventually lead to the formation of a psychology clinic or laboratory.

In a general organization meeting held November 17, Robert Dingman and Mary Lou Armstrong were elected as temporary president and secretary. A constitutional committee, headed by Robert Harter, was appointed for the purpose of drawing up a constitution to be approved by the faculty and the members of the club.

marks from strips received in that Philippian jail? Surely they were not in a situation that ordinarily results in a spontaneity of thanksgiving. It must have taken faith, but God rewarded that faith. Later Paul could look back and thank God for that prison experience which led to the salvation of the jailor. Thanksgiving by faith led to thanksgiving by sight.

Could the secret of Paul's abounding in thanksgiving be that he truly knew Christ? Did not he say, "I thank my God who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ and maketh manifest through us the savor of His knowledge in every place." All-sufficient grace results in thanksgiving in everything, weaknesses, failures, deepest disappointments.

My thoughts were interrupted by the unsteady thud of crutches on the stairs. From the mingled voices I heard fragments of a story. "Burned out of the Inn . . . An accident . . . A broken ankle . . . Maximum time lost from classes." His voice sang with courage. Without even thinking of questioning that whitened wall, I glanced again at the motto.

In everything give thanks." He was doing it.

Torchbearer Teams Travel; Broadcast

Rev. Amos Phipps' "Happy Hour," held in Syracuse every Saturday evening, was conducted last week by the Gospel Envoys, who also assisted in the Rome Christian Missionary Alliance broadcast, "The Sunshine Hour," and in the Utica C. M. A. church on Sunday.

The First Baptist Church in Lorraine received the ministry of the Royallaires and the Riceville Community church, where Paul Markell is pastor, that of the Victory Quartet. A girls' trio provided music at the Troupsburg Methodist church.

At the Torchbearers' service in Houghton most of the time was spent in prayer for the extension groups and the hospital visitation. It was announced that future meetings will be held in the basement auditorium.

NELSON, BECK HOLD COMMITTEE OFFICES

Professor Marvin Nelson has been appointed the chairman and Miss Elizabeth Beck the secretary of the new Student Affairs committee.

All organizations should contact Miss Burnell for room assignments before petitioning this committee which meets on alternate Thursdays.

Faculty Members

Attend Convention

Dr. Stephen W. Paine, president of Houghton college, Dr. Lauren A. King, dean of Houghton college, Professor F. Gordon Stockin, and Miss Rachel Davison, registrar of the college, will leave November 25 for the annual Middle States Association convention in Atlantic City. They plan to return November 27.

Walter S. Cool Wins Fellowship

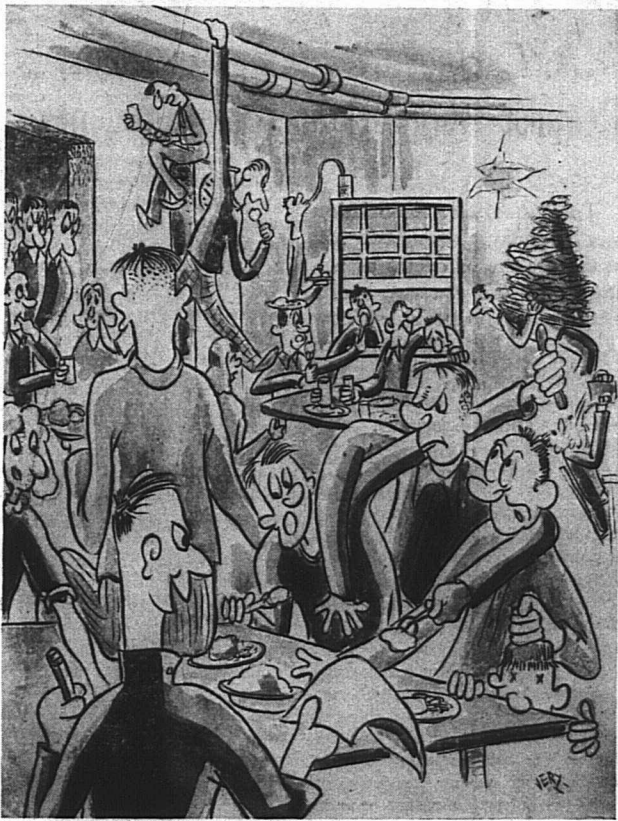
Walter S. Cool, class of '48, has been awarded a fellowship by the Atomic Energy commission to study health physics at the University of Rochester. Mr. Cool, one of the 20 students selected by the National Research council to receive this fellowship, was chosen on the basis of undergraduate work and other recommendations.

At the University of Rochester, Mr. Cool is now studying the physical and biological effects of radiation, and other associated subjects.



THE QUEEREST?

by jerz



"Has the new seating arrangement affected you?"



THE RUT

BY JAN BURR

Our situation seems to be a major problem of the day. We think the chapel seating is either sensible and intelligent or else it's stupid and asinine; the dining room arrangement is either convenient and socially desirable or else it's a mean trick on me and my gang; alphabetical seating in classes is either very good because Blue Eyes and I have the same initial, or else it's very bad because my initial is A and Blue Eyes' is Z. A logical solution might be, don't sit. But that's the situation at the basketball games, and it's something we just can't stand but generally have to. Oh, well...

Late in the evening, one of the boys at McKinley house (proud dwelling place of our editor) was heating some milk. Everyone in the house sensed the error of his ways when he forgot it and scorched the milk badly. The amateur cook's roommate awoke from a deep sleep, took a whiff of air and groaned, "Ohhhh, what now! Did Bitner just write another editorial?"

NO, NO, Bitner, please! Not my \$50.00 raise! I didn't say it.

Bob Simpson has a word about those editorials too. It makes him so happy when Bitner wakes him up at 3:00 in the morning to read him the last paragraph of the editorial that has just come in on a dream.

Wes Swauger (physics lab ass't): You won't get accurate results that way. I know, because I've done that experiment for four years now.

Paul Readett (freshman): Yah? And how many times have you flunked this course?

Chuck Gatty's youngster strutted into his father's barber shop shortly after grade points had descended on us, produced his own report card, and declared, "Humph! Mine's better'n yours, pop." Poor pop. Now who will vouch for the "fact" that pop knows all the answers?

In the mad dash for a table at

lunch there are just two kinds of people—the quick and the dead.

The chap who designed the furniture in the dining hall and class rooms probably has stock in the Du Pont company, too. He should do very well on the hundreds of dollars worth of nylons we have ruined every year. But let's not be bitter, girls.

Now that we're all rested up after a nice long Thanksgiving vacation, just think, kiddies, only 25 more days 'til Christmas vacation. And all you have to do between now and then is write three term papers, make up a few weeks of practice periods or lab work, study for ten major tests, and a few other incidentals. Don't worry, it can be done if you work diligently 25 hours a day. Merry Christmas! (to you too, Sam)

(And a big happy New Year to you too, sportie!)—(S.M.)

Thanks and Appreciation

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the firemen, and all who aided in our recent fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Davis, Mr. Frank Davis, Mr. Ellis Kreider, Mr. Bernard Grunstra, Mr. Clyde Braymiller, Mr. Clinton Moore, Mr. Joel Bravo.

Failing Addresses Future Ministers

Know how to write a news story, Rev. George Failing told the Student Ministerial association in their meeting, Nov. 17. The minister who can write with accuracy and interest, he commented, has the advantage in newspaper publicity over one who cannot. Rev. Failing also spoke on the public relations aspect of the local church and pointed out that the pastor's public and private life has a strong, though indirect, influence on that publicity.

Moslems Defy Talk of Many Things . . .
World - Farmer

BY MIKE KAY

Our assemblies started about one hundred and fifty years ago. A gentleman in Scotland felt a need for a deeper study of "the word," and he gathered about him several who were willing to share the results of their scripture meditation. Dr. Harvey Farmer made simple statements such as these. His inimitable, resonant voice imparted not only a sense of reverence that made his picture of the Plymouth Brethern group delightful but also a spirit of tolerance that suggested his concept of the exceedingly personal nature of worship.

He talked primarily of the Moslems, among whom he worked for some time as home director of the North African mission. This mission represented a pioneer effort to bring Christ to the Barbary states, and Dr. Farmer traveled from station to station attempting to correlate the experiences of the workers.

The Moslems are well versed in argumentation. They concentrate upon a dozen statements in the Koran and defy the world to disprove the validity of their position. The man who attempts such a task must have a thorough knowledge of the Koran in classical Arabic. Studies of Hebrew and Islamism provide good preparation.

They believe in an impersonal God who could not possibly manifest an attribute such as love. Love is weakness. Of course, then they cannot accept God as the father.

Mohammed is understood to be the great comforter. Therefore, they insist that Christians have perverted the scriptures by substituting the name of the Holy Spirit for that of Mohammed.

They have a group of acts which they must perform in order to acquire the necessary merits to enter heaven. The most acceptable offering is the slaughter of a Moslem convert to Christianity. The answering of the calls to prayer is likewise highly rated.

This would seem an unappealing sort of religion, but is has power in its sensuality. The Moslem anticipates in heaven a golden couch, women to satisfy his lust, and wine. Indeed, the Moslem lacks sexual inhibitions. Dr. Farmer said that the description of a decadent people in the latter verses of the first chapter of Romans is inadequate as a picture of Moslem boys.

The women are despised. They are not supposed to possess souls. Between the ages of nine and twelve they "take the veil," and their fathers sell them. Many of them are never permitted to leave the enclosed courts of their masters. They never even glimpse streets again because the only windows open into the courtyard. They begin to bear children at once, and they can only hope that they will breed boys. The birth of a girl means beating and possibly divorce. Numbers of girl infants are tossed to the jackals.

The women who are not "shut in" may go to the markets or to the tombs of the saints. This freedom is supposed to be a great concession.

Missionaries are relatively safe from cruel treatment although their teachings are abominated. They are symbols of physical well-being since nearly every station has a dispensary, and this is the Moslem's only contact with much needed medical aid.

Dr. Farmer did not beg Houghton students to respond to the challenge of the obdurate Moslems. He stated concisely the condition. He seemed to expect the students to consider the matter maturely and reach conclusions without pressure.

You must all come up to the house and see my new and wonderful filing system. That man, who "wasn't a salesman," with his marvelous system of keeping everything where it could be found almost instantaneously if not sooner, planted the little seed in my mind, and it began to germinate. I thought, "Now why should I buy that expensive set of books and 'stuff' when a home made system would work just as well and perhaps better?"

After working on the problem for the last few weeks with my associates I have developed two sets of files; the circular file and the rotary file. The circular file is a cylindrical or elliptical shaped device which may be placed on the floor by the side of one's desk. All circulars and other material of doubtful or no value is placed therein.

The rotary file system is a much more complicated type of thing and will give best results only to people with at least a fundamental knowledge of "rotary dynamics" or "swirl propulsion." The main piece of apparatus needed consists of a large, deep desk drawer. One advantage of this system is that there is no need for sorting or indexing material. If you are reading an article, for example, on "airplanes" all you need to do on completion of the article is

to close the magazine and place it in your rotary file on top of the pile of material.

Months later, when you are interested once more in the subject of airplanes, simply go to your rotary file and turn the mass (that's mass) of material over once. Years of research in our own laboratories have proven that 83% of the time the material you want will be at the bottom of the pile. Therefore without reference to any catalogue, card system or other time consumer you will have the needed material at your finger tips immediately.

Here are letters from a few of our many enthusiastic users.

Dear Sir,

Before using your file system I used to spend hours hunting for suitable material. Now I have learned to rely on original thoughts almost entirely.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for curing my terrible habit of biting my finger nails. After using your system for just two weeks I now file my nails.

Of course I am not selling these filing systems, but if you need a deluxe Rotary File Drawer with desk attached, we have a few left at the old price. We also have the new book on "Rotary Dynamics" which is essential for a proper understanding of our file system. Hurry for the supply is limited.

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Mmm. How many five dollar bills will Houghton college collect this weekend from students who like being home on the day associated with the proverbial turkey? Last year forty-five vacationers or five per cent of Houghton's eight hundred plus students paid the college two hundred and twenty-five dollars because they neglected to leave their homes after dinner. Ninety-five per cent stayed in the beautiful valley of the Genesee.

Bits of student opinion gathered from intermittent questioning reveal that a legal weekend vacation is de-

sired. Houghton started school earlier than other colleges which are granting a full week end. Houghton has had ten weeks of classes, and the students feel that it is now time for a break. Some students need four days to make the trip and eat a drumstick. They do not feel that they can afford to miss classes. Some need the same four days and go anyway. The morale of those who stay in Houghton is lower than the bottom row of mail boxes in the college post-office.

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THE QUERIST by joe

Do you or do you not like the present seating arrangement in the dining hall?

Your QUERIST tried to gain some idea of student opinion on the subject. To that end some 411 people recorded their opinions last Wednesday evening at dinner. Since approximately 600 people eat at the dorm nightly, this is a fairly good percentage on which to base conclusions.

The Student Council may find this report of some value in determining the way in which the student body is reacting to their brain-child.

"Do you like the new seating arrangement in the dining hall?"

MEN	
YES	71
	35%
NO	72
	36%
INDIFFERENT	58
	29%
TOTAL	201
WOMEN	
YES	112
	53%
NO	48
	23%
INDIFFERENT	50
	24%
TOTAL	210

In other figures, 45% of those asked favor the present arrangement; 29% are opposed; 26% are indif-

ferent. In addition to the above, we also asked a few people for some comments. A rather interesting situation was this:

ELAINE TONGE—'49—"I don't like it for the simple reason I like to look at a different face once in awhile."

BETTY MANN—'51—"I don't like it! Some girls talk too much."

Note: These two young ladies are roommates. They were asked separately about four hours apart. Neither one knew what the other one had said.

DON STRONG—'50—"I'm not in favor of it too much. It makes it too easy for the girls."

WALTER THOMAS—'51—"I like it all right. It is good for us to sit with different people. It's good for our social development."

MITZ—'50—"I think it's wonderful! It provides a good contact with the opposite sex which is sorely needed. We should learn how to converse and feel at ease with one another. It's the best thing this place has done in a long time."

There you have a little cross section of how people feel about the situation. Note 1: Our thanks to Miss Armstrong and Miss Gibb for counting the ballots. Note 2: Mr. Jersey and the Querist are cooperating this week. (see cartoon).

Athletic Association Seeks Improvements In Present Sports Program

Ten House League Teams Play Series on Saturdays

The house league basketball series has been under way for the past three weeks. These games are played on Saturdays by college and prep school members beginning at one o'clock and lasting till five-thirty. At the present time there are ten teams enrolled with an average membership of eight men to a team. The following teams make up the league: Barnett Cottage, Hilltop, Hazlett Barn, Hazlett House, Barracks, Twin Spruce Inn, High School, McKinley House, Kreckman House and Markell House. At the time of this writing the Hazlett House is in the league lead having three victories and no defeats. Hilltop is next having two wins and no defeats. Barnett Cottage is in third place with a record of two wins and one loss and the following have one and one for their record: Barracks, Twin Spruce, High School and McKinley House. The Kreckman House is in seventh place with one win and two losses, Markell House is in ninth with two losses and Hazlett Barn is pulling up the rear with three losses.

The highest score in all the games played thus far was made by the Hazlett House when they defeated Barnett Cottage 45-25. The next highest score was in the Barracks vs. Hazlett Barn game, the Barracks won 41-13. The highest scorer in any one game was Dave Lehman who tossed in twenty-four points for the Barracks in the game against the Hazlett Barn. Cary Wood is the next highest point maker, tossing in eighteen for Twin Spruce against Kreckman House.

It is interesting to note that some of the players on class teams this year played in the house league last year. Paul Nast, Inkster, Dongell, and

\$ Students Desire \$ Longer Vacation

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The faculty present the conservative picture. The college, they say, has a minimum number of school days. A long Thanksgiving vacation means shorter Christmas holidays because opposition to beginning school on Monday after a vacation, it would make it necessary to halt operations for five or six days. Student popular vote decided fifteen years ago that a one-day recess was preferable under the circumstances. Prior to that time, "in the good old days," three cuts were permitted for each student each semester, but before and after the Thanksgiving recess two cuts were charged to students with too much family patriotism. That did not deter home-goers. They went anyway and took the consequences. And what could be done with the intelligentsia? They had unlimited cuts; hence, the five dollar fine made its appearance.

Since the New York State Anti-discrimination Law forbids the use of pictures on the credentials of prospective teachers, Houghton College seniors who plan to join the Bureau of Appointments will not be asked to furnish pictures to be included in the folders as in former years.



Vining are a few who have played in the class games this year, and played house league last year. The faculty team, winners last year in the house league have also been advanced to the class league.

This league is commonly known as the Black and Blue league and rightly so. Someone once said that basketball is a non-contact game. If one were to witness the Saturday Black and Blue games they would have to demand a rewrite of the rules. The games are interesting however, and it is worth a few minutes time to see a game or two of a Saturday afternoon. You may not see basketball according to the book, but you will have some laughs.

Cousin Med's "Foul Lines"

There is a certain fellow who runs the linotype in the print-shop during the daytime and during the night he . . . well, we won't go into that. About the only thing he knows about sports is a fast pivot between the two-tube radio he's got in there and the local steak shop. (That's the place where we get those wonderful meals after the ball games.) Now this character insists on fooling around with the articles we send in and last week he completely erased the point of a joke in this column. For the benefit of you puzzled people, here is a reprint which I hope the character gets right.

Drama prize of the week goes to the FROSH CHEERLEADERS, for their FIVE ACT FARCE.

● That's gratitude for ya! I do back-flips and head-stands trying to read his copy and he says I'm a clunk when it comes to sports. What he doesn't know is that deer season is on. Get your antlers on big-boy for tomorrow you die.—(S.M.)

Getting back to the subject of intercollegiate sports as discussed in the press conference last week, there are more things to be said. We made a little survey over in the reception room one night with questions dealing with our present sports program. We had a hard time getting students to talk to us (they were sooo busy) but most of them told us outright that our setup was faulty and that they thought we needed intercollegiate sports at Houghton. Let me briefly give you some of the questions put to the administration and their answers. Please note that these apply to basketball only because it is a foregone conclusion that we could not have intercollegiate competition in every sport.

Why couldn't we play small schools near us such as Alfred, Roberts Junior, or State Teachers' Colleges?

We could not play schools such as these because their standards aren't the same as ours and they subsidize players, which is contrary to our beliefs. As for Roberts Junior College, to play a junior college would be inviting disaster because in a situation

Seniors To Begin Pre-Registration

Pre-registration for seniors will begin Monday, November 29. Since the senior schedules were planned for the entire year last spring, major changes should not be necessary. However, if any senior or junior is uncertain about the choice of a course in a major or minor department, he should confer with his major adviser before reporting to the Registrar's Office.

Pre-registration for all other students will follow that of the seniors. Each student receiving an appointment card a few days in advance of his appointment. The Registrar would be glad to have all freshmen consult their faculty advisers for possible recommendations before their pre-registration.

A.A. Cabinet To Formulate Plans; Request Suggestions From Students

by Norman G. Walker

The Athletic Association met Monday, November 22, to discuss the problems associated with the present sports program. The problems now existent are the noticeable lack of interest in the program and the lack of school spirit behind the sports program.

Questions put to the administration and we have tried to make them as representative of the problems dealt with as possible. The answers are in substance what was told to us and do not in any way represent the opinions of the sports editors.

Friday night (If this gets to you before Saturday, read it. If not, don't.) is the big game of the first half. Two undefeated teams will be battling for sole possession of first place. If you can guess the names of these teams, rush over to the gym and check your answer, and if you are right you may have any seat in the balcony. Naturally, the person who gets there first gets the prize. Note: This contest is open only to naturalized citizens. That cuts it down, doesn't it?

Please notice that Norm Walker has an article in this week's Star.

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The press conference held with Dr. Paine some time ago resulted in the presentation of this matter to the attention of the Athletic Association. Dr. Paine promised that when this body devised a plan that could be used, he would meet with that group and discuss the possibilities of using the plan which they formulated.

At the meeting of the association, various plans and ideas were discussed but the definite formulation of a plan was put in the hands of the cabinet of that group. The plan they devise will be referred to the entire association and then taken to Dr. Paine.

To make this plan as useful as possible the association asks that all students who have an idea that till now has been just so much air—write their ideas down and send them to Les Beach via the "official slot." The ideas that are wanted are those which will make the sports program more interesting to the student body and create some school spirit by the sports program. Any idea will be welcomed and given a fair judgement. It is the purpose of this action to give Houghton students in the future a better program of athletics and at the same time create school spirit.

This is a chance for the student to do some creative thinking in the interest of bettering their school life. If this plan is a failure and nothing comes of the opportunity there can be no one to blame but us students. There has been quite a bit of "hot air" continually floating about the campus concerning sports and that is as far as the subject has progressed. Let us, now that we have the opening, jump in with both feet and accomplish something. Write down that idea you were so dogmatically propounding to your friends or tell it to a member of the Athletic Association. Now is the time and yours may be the idea that will make the plan given to Dr. Paine a success. Remember, Les Beach via the "official slot."

Alumni Chapters Meet

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the mailing list, and the number is continually expanding.

According to Mr. Failing, the interest of the members is growing, as manifested in the support of the Athletic field project. "Their response is gratifying," he commented.

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