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Strum Wins Presidential Vote In Senate Race; Stowell Is Veep

Dwight Strum was elected president of the Student Senate with Robert Stowell as vice president in the student body election held Wednesday morning. Carolyn Metzger will serve as secretary; and Douglas Cox, as treasurer.

As stated in his platform, Dwight offers a proposed party system, more group activities, greater recreational facilities, and a program with spiritual emphasis. Dwight has also stated his intention to keep in mind the desires of the students in all decisions of the Senate.

Doug, as part of his campaign, has promised to place before the student body each month the financial condition of the Senate — how it compares with the proposed budget.

Skit Cops Prize In Talent Review

Rebecca Ledden, Charles Umdal, Ray Bohn and John Percy won the first prize of \$20 in the WJSL Talent Review, April 20. The group presented a skit and sang *Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing*.

Second prize was awarded to McCarty's Midnight Men, composed of Gordon Dressel, James Juroe, John Reist and Irwin Reist, who presented a *Medley for Spring*. Jean Miller, singing *Will You Remember*, was awarded third prize. Dean Lynip emceed the program.

Highlighting the evening's entertainment was the announcement of Mr. Hynes as Houghton Hobo by Robert Stowell. Announcement was made that \$730 was raised through the contest. This sum was given to the chapel fund for a memorial to Bruce Bain.

Bruce Price Takes Reading Contest

Bruce Price received first prize in the Strong Memorial Bible Reading Contest held Friday. He read Romans 10. Alice Naumoff received second prize with the reading of Ezekiel 3:18-22. The other contestants were: Pauline Foss, John Andrews, Gene Beezer, John Bush, James Bramhall, and Arthur Everett.

Mrs. Maurice Gibbs, Mrs. Lindol Hutton and Rev. Edward Burton were the judges. The contest was instituted by the children of the Rev. and Mrs. W. LeRoy Strong to improve the quality of the reading of Scripture in public services. Representatives of the family who now live in Houghton are Mrs. Pearl Strong Fero, Gracia Fero, and Dr. Homer Fero.

Torchbearers Choose Reinhardt 2nd Year

Torchbearers held its annual election of officers Monday evening, designating Herbert Reinhardt to fill a second term as president next year.

William Lowery was chosen as vice president, Ruth Berglund as secretary and Carl Hokanson as treasurer.

Extension secretary for next year is William Andrews; Samuel Meals will be radio manager. The group chose Mr. Terrey, the new physics instructor, to be its faculty advisor.

Gillette & Dennis Give Sr. Recitals

Miss Eula Gillette, soprano, and Miss Theresa Dennis, pianist, will present their combined senior recital on Wednesday, May 9, at 7:30 p. m. in the chapel.

Eula, a music education major in voice, attended Cleveland Bible College in Cleveland, Ohio, for two years where she studied voice under Miss Jeanette Moore. She is now studying



Eula Gillette

under Professor Gilbert Hynes.

Theresa, a music education major in piano, has studied piano for ten years. Miss Gertrude Weyand in Buffalo was her teacher before she came to Houghton. This year her teacher is Prof. William Allen.

Music Educators Club, Oratorio and A Cappella Choir are activities of both girls. Eula is also in Chorus and is the soprano in the Kings Karolers trio, while Theresa has been in Orchestra, Band, Chorale and F.M.F.

A *Prelude* by Prof. William Allen will be Miss Dennis' first selection. This will be followed by *Rhapsody in C Major* by Dohnanyi, *Ballade in A Flat Major* by Chopin and lastly a movement from Mozart's *A Major Concerto* (K488).

Among Miss Gillette's selections will be four of the eight songs in the song cycle *Frauenliebe und Leben* by Schumann, two French and two Italian numbers, two numbers from Handel's *Messiah* and a closing group consisting of *A Spirit Flower* by Campbell Tipton, *Deep River* by Burleigh and *City Called Heaven* by Johnson.

Miss Dennis, who is going on the



Theresa Dennis

European Educational Tour this summer, expects to be teaching in a junior or senior high school next year.

Hynes Wins Hobo Title With \$227; Austin Runnerup

Prof. Gilbert S. Hynes was awarded the title of Houghton Hobo, April 20 at the close of the WJSL talent review. Mr. Hynes received 908 votes at 25 cents per vote, totaling \$227 dollars to be put into the chapel fund.

Students chose four faculty members to run for the office. Each student voted for his candidate by contributing 25 cents per vote.

A total of 730 dollars was earned as a result of the efforts of the "Hoboes." The purpose of this drive, sponsored by the Student Senate and the Public Relations Office, was to raise money for the chapel fund.

Runner-up for the title was Prof. Robert C. Austin with 207 dollars. Prof. Marvin Nelson was next with 180 dollars, and last was Dean Arthur Lynip with 113 dollars. Joel Samuels presented each candidate with a hobo stick of size proportional to the amount of votes received.

Campaign manager Robert Stowell announced that the money will be used for a memorial in the chapel for Bruce Bain.

Track Clinic and Festival Highlight Parents' Weekend

To give parents a glimpse inside Houghton, a special program has been planned for Parents' Weekend, May 4-6.

FRIDAY, MAY 4
10:30-12:30 Individual track counsel — Gil Dodds

1:30 Track clinic
3:00 Track and running exhibition — Gil Dodds, athletic field
8:00 Houghton Orchestra Concert, Mozart Festival

SATURDAY, MAY 5
8:00-12:00 Classroom visitation
2:30 Recital, Music Auditorium, Mozart Festival
6:00 Dinner for Parents, Greetings by Pres. Stephen W. Paine
7:30 "Glimpsing Houghton" — Chapel, A typical day at Houghton — its academic, social and spiritual life.

SUNDAY, MAY 6 Church services

Wellsville Art Exhibit Ends Sat.; Prizes Awarded by Noted Judges

Ex-Catholic Priest Speaks At Banquet

"You are the greatest missionary force in the world" was the challenge given by Dr. Samuel Ruitz to those who attended the F.M.F. banquet in the college dining hall April 18. Dr. Ruitz stated that the greatest Christian testimony to him when he was a Catholic priest was that of a Christian living for Christ.

Ronald D. Miller was master of ceremonies. Mary Bernard sang "Give them at Least One Chance" and "Yielded." The officers and prayer group leaders were introduced and acknowledged for the work that they had done during the past year.

The dining room was made festive by candle light with table decorations representing countries of the world.

Music Festival Honors Mozart Bicentennial

The annual spring musical festival, to be held May 2 through May 6, will feature the music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the great composer's birth.

Prof. John Andrews, this year's festival chairman, says that an interesting variety of Mozart music will be performed.

'Fair,' Backward, Themes of Parties

Tonight is the night for the annual parties, held by the freshmen and sophs for their sister classes.

Carolyn Metzger, social chairman of the sophomore class has announced that the sophs and seniors are invited to a County Fair, in Bedford Gym at 8:00. Stuart Leyden, barker, will announce musical and acrobatic acts. There will be several typical county fair contests and side shows. Casual clothes are in order.

A backward party will be held tonight for the frosh and juniors. Nils Anderson, president of the Hobo Association, will emcee the program. "The Lady and the Tramp" will be elected by the two classes. Vincent Lucido, social chairman of the freshman class, invites the juniors and frosh to come for a wonderful time. They are asked to wear their clothes backwards.

Bruce Bain's Death Honored By Gifts

Funeral services for Bruce Bain, freshman, were held April 16 at the Brighton Community Church in Rochester. Bruce died of cancer at his home, Saturday, April 14.

The Reverend Crawford, pastor of that church, and Rev. Alton Shea of Houghton conducted the service. Approximately fifty persons from Houghton attended, and Bruce's friends and housemates were pallbearers.

As a tribute to Bruce, friends and neighbors of the Bain family have designated money for a memorial in the proposed college chapel, the type of memorial to be chosen by the family. Also, the students of Houghton have included the receipts of the chapel drive in this fund, which will remain open for other contributions.

In the chapel Wednesday morning the music appreciation class under Miss Marie McCord will present an illustrated lecture: "The Life and Times of Mozart." That evening a varied program of vocal and instrumental music will be performed in the chapel by Jean Hersh, Alice VanAtter, Astrid Nylund, Mary Bernard, David Linton, Richard Filmer and Frances Spink.

Thursday morning will feature the Houghton College woodwind quintet:



Professor John Andrews, Festival Chairman

Dr. William Allen, piano, Roselyn Strucky, flute; Shirley Baumgartner, clarinet; Alice VanAtter, french horn and Mrs. Lila Andrews, bassoon.

Thursday evening Howard Bauer, accompanied by David Shiffer, will play a piano concerto, and a guest artist, Harold Skinner, will play a flute concerto with Professor Alfred Kreckman accompanying. A sound film, an abridged version of the Opera *Marriage of Figaro*, will be the second half of this program.

David Einfeldt, violin, Doris Ulrich, piano, and Warner Hutchinson, french horn, will participate in the Friday chapel. Friday evening the college orchestra, under the direction of Prof. John Andrews, will present two movements from the *G Minor Symphony* No. 40, two movements from *Concerto for Bassoon* with Lila Andrews as soloist, and excerpts from *Don Giovanni* in concert version with Rebecca Ledden, soprano, and Robert Reynolds, baritone, as soloists.

The Saturday afternoon concert in the music auditorium will feature Bernina Hostetter, Donna Luce, Sandra Carter, David Shiffer, David Einfeldt, Richard Woll and Dorothy Yahn.

The final performance Sunday evening will be a sacred concert presented by the Oratorio Society and college Chorus under the direction of Professor Charles Finney.

WORCHESTER, MASS.—(ACP) The Becker Junior College Journal came up with a few entertaining descriptions:

"Have you thought of college as a mental institution where ignorance is put on an efficiency basis? You might be interested in knowing just what education is. It's called the training that enables people to get along without intelligence."

The Dr. Homer Fero award, presented to the second class, gave five dollars to Eleanor Hacking for *Mari-golds*, three dollars to Margaret Har-

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Election Process Baffling

BY JOHN S. REIST

The efficiency which has characterized Student Senate operations was conspicuously absent during the election held April 25 in the chapel.

To begin with, numerous students were forced to arrive late because of the inefficient method of distributing ballots as students arrived. Secondly, Mr. Bagley, president of Student Senate, had finished his explanatory comments concerning voting procedure and the particular significance a single transferable ballot afforded this election before many of the student body had been seated. Thirdly, Monday's chapel being voluntary and not all the candidates for office present then, the Student Senate did not consider it important enough to seat each candidate on the platform to inform the student body who was a candidate for each office.

These procedures seemed perhaps somewhat haphazard. What they actually amounted to is that the elections were relegated to an inconspicuous five minute segment at the beginning of the chapel period. This appears as an error in the light of the profuse propaganda circulated which had been circulated about Student Senate elections being the most important political event of the school year. How about having a sufficient amount of chapel time set aside in the future?

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The Christian Hope

BY HERB REINHARDT

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure. —I John 3:3.

One of the greatest joys of the Christian is the anticipation of actually living in heaven. Paul reminds us that if in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. And although we may speculate and try to describe the wonders of heaven, it is still possible for us to pass over the most important fact. John tells us that the holy city will have no need of artificial light, for the glory of God will lighten it, and the Lamb will be the light thereof. This, then, should be the cause for our rejoicing: when we finally arrive in heaven we shall see the Lord!

We may perchance become too self-centered in the expectation of our heavenly home so that we forget about others who are outside the body of Christ. Such a hope offers little benefit to the unredeemed. But the hope that is mentioned in this portion of Scripture places the emphasis primarily on Christ and not on self. This is the hope by which Christians are made pure. For when we realize that Christ will be there in all His purity and holiness, it should bring more concern to us about our present manner of life.

Such a hope is without shame or fear. And the outcome of this hope results in a witness to others. In Romans 5:5 we are told that the love of God having been manifested by this hope is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost who is given unto us. This love is literally poured out on those with whom we come in contact.

A proper hope, therefore, purifies the believer in three ways. The believer's emphasis is placed on the glory of the Lord, and this in turn shows forth as effective worship. His own life becomes more radiant and assumes a more definite peace before the Lord. Lastly, a radiant life stands as a witness to the reality of Christ and His power to save.

In Medias Res



THE SPOILS BELONG

Now that the deluge of propaganda is over and the victor is revealed, we must say that we can breathe more easily. What with posters, balloons and Susan B. Anthony's ghost appearing, we were feeling the strain a little severely. This was especially true in the *Star* office where heated political debate reached the furor of Hyde Park. However, our congratulations to the winners; we give them our best wishes for a successful term, hoping that they will continue the excellent job done this year.

MUSIC HATH CHARMS

One of the young Barker girls, after hearing Mr. Finney playing an elevated offertory, suggested to her parent, "Daddy, why doesn't he practice at home?" (Bach probably turned over in his grave!)

MOSTLY MOZART

If there are any souls around this locale who can't abide Mozart, they had better hibernate for the rest of the semester. We are about to be barraged with delightful 18th cent. counterpoint of the prodigy. The parents' weekend and the M. festival are coinciding, so *Don Giovanni* to you too (and your parents). Actually we're quite pleased with the fact that some opera will be sung.

HABIT FORMING

We hear of a certain student who went observing in the environs and fell asleep in the high school class. No wonder supervisors are getting grayer and harder to deal with. Let this be a lesson to all observers: take your work with you when observing instead of staying up the night before. This observer must have thought he was back in Psych. class.

FRIDAY NIGHT FIASCO

How heavily our hearts sink currently on Friday nights when the waiters pass out hymn books instead of there being entertainment as formerly. Quite a while ago we suggested having a rotating list of talented people who could charm us during our dress-up night. Why doesn't somebody get on the ball?

PREVIEW OF SENIOR PANIC

Found in Gaoyadeo: one case of junior jitters. By now the qualification that this girl requires for the man she wants, are narrowed to three:

- (1) interested in my life work
- (2) interested in me
- (3) not an absolute drip

A few critics unnecessarily claim that by the time that girl is a senior she'll have only one left: that it's a man.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

How many of you honestly shed a sentimental tear as we Seniors marched down that aisle Tuesday?

Exhibit Ends Sat. Debate Team Places 5th in Pittsburgh Tourney, 3 out of 8

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bers for her *Benny* and honorable mention to *Black Elephant* by Audrey Diehl.

The Advanced Painting class received the Charles H. Finney award. First prize of five dollars went to William Green for *Benny Smith*, three dollars to Frederick Krantz for *Blue Ginger Jar* and honorable mention to John Peterson's *Bell, Book and Candle*.

There will also be popular voting by the visitors through Saturday, 5:00 p.m. An anonymous donor has designated five dollars for the painting receiving the most of these votes.

The judges for the contest are Dr. Theodore Klitzke, professor of history of art at Alfred University, William Bacon of the Howe Memorial Library, Vernon Larson, art teacher at the Wellsville High School and Mrs. Charles H. Finney and Dean Arthur Lynip of Houghton.

The prize winning paintings will be on view at Houghton during Parents' Weekend.

Included are studies done in portrait and still life classes under the instruction of H. Willard and Aimee E. Ortlip and Aileen O. Shea. The work of the Ortlip family was exhibited in Wellsville this past October. Mrs. Shea is presently taking the place of her father, H. Willard Ortlip, while he is working on a mural for the new chapel. Also shown at the exhibit will be a portrait sketch of Dr. J. Whitney Shea done by Mr. Ortlip.

The Houghton debate squad placed fifth in the Carnegie Tech tournament last Saturday, April 21, in Pittsburgh. There were twelve schools participating in the debating from Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York.

Winning teams were given points figured from the number of wins the defeated team had. The affirmative team from Houghton was Marilyn Johnson and Albert Williams. For the negative team were Dwight Strum and Gerard Aman.

The last tournament of the year will be at Oswego State Teachers College this Saturday.

The intercollegiate debating topic this year is the adoption of the guaranteed annual wage.

Engagements

KEMP — KAMMER

Mrs. Arthur Kammer of Lynbrook announces the engagement of her daughter Elaine ('56) to Wayne H. Kemp ('56), son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kemp of Endwell. Wayne is presently employed by I. B. M. and will be entering Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary in Denver in the fall. An August wedding is planned.

SMYTHE - CUNNINGHAM

Mr. and Mrs. Ross G. Cunningham of Ballston Spa announce the engagement of their daughter Muriel ('58) to Royal Smythe ('56), son of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Smythe of Baltimore, Maryland.

STANFORD - SHIMMELFENG

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Shimmelfeng of Warren, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter Anne to James Stanford, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Stanford of Toledo. No date has been set for the wedding.

Birth

President and Mrs. Stephen Paine announce the birth of a daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, on April 24 at Cuba Hospital, weighing seven lbs., four oz.

Art and Poemnoptera

BY JIM MONTGOMERY

On meter, measure and madrigal
Art, we're sure, is best of all.
On such things as alliteration
He could give a dissertation.
Terza rima he can tell
At just a glance — from rime royal.
But in one subject, sad to say,
Our littlest Hobo holds no sway,
For on Entomology he sadly lacks
An education in all the facts;
Else the aerial antics of the little Dip-
tera
Would have been the soaring of
Hymenoptera.

Genesee Off-Limits For Rubbish Disposal

At a village meeting held April 6, the residents of Houghton passed a resolution expressing unanimous disapproval of any use of the Genesee River in the environs of Houghton as a disposal area for refuse or rubbish of any kind.

This action was taken after complaints from residents down river, railroad authorities, fishermen and the health officer. There is a well-known disposal area on college property open to all. The Houghton Civic Council urges everyone to cooperate cheerfully.

Buddy Eulogizes Bruce In Reminiscent Letter

Hi, Bruce,

I hope you don't mind my writing this letter . . . Maybe I shouldn't because it's hard in a way, but I wanted to and think it might sort of express the feelings of all the boys at the house and all the rest of your buddies . . .

The other day I just couldn't help thinking of all the good times we had in the last few months . . . I remember the way you and your roommate

used to wrestle all the time . . . And he remembers the neat way you used to chuckle . . . Another guy remembers the way you could run, especially with that football tucked under your arm . . . One kid says he never saw you get mad at anyone . . . I did though, but you didn't stay that way very long.

Well, I don't think I'll ever forget your testimony . . . I mean the part about how you realized that life was too short to waste time and that you were sorry you had wasted yours . . . Also, you left word for us to get on the ball and use our time more wisely . . . It was great, not only because of what it said, but also because I know you wouldn't have said it if you hadn't meant it — that's the kind of guy you are . . . Really, though, your life wasn't wasted as you said because you did a lot of guys a lot of good by just being around.

Another thing, Bru—you had courage, you know that? . . . When I think of all the times I gripe about my sore feet or a headache — I sort of feel ashamed now . . . If some day I need it, I hope I find the same kind of courage you had . . . Well, I guess I've said enough for this one letter . . . I hope you get a chance to read it . . . I know I'll be seeing you soon, but so long for now.

Your Buddy

Former Missionary To Japan Regional Students Town Meeting: Ike Rejects Bill Offers Advice to Young Lovers Visit Youth Conf.

BY LINDA LYKE

Attention: Does the man (or woman) of your dreams have a fondness for apples? Take a tip from Mrs. Maurice Gibbs, who back in her "courtship days," climbed an apple tree on Seminary Hill to pick the fruit for her man.

Mrs. Gibbs, formerly a missionary to Japan now living here quietly on the hill, reminisced with a little twinkle in her eye about those early days in Houghton. She recalled the first time she saw Mr. Gibbs.

"It was in the dining hall, I think, that I first saw him. I especially noticed his dimples," she confided, "and I thought he'd be nice to know."

Her desire was fulfilled when they met at a reception for new students. He apparently was favorably impressed, for in those days of limited "association" privileges, he craftily wrangled permission to date her by doing a favor for President Luckey.

"We were the only couple dating that night," she smiled, "and everyone thought he'd get into trouble for it, but he didn't."

It was a happy development when they were married in 1912 and he took a pastorate in Maine.

"I felt he needed me," she stated firmly.

Two years later the first of their three daughters was born, and five years later, in 1919, with a second daughter, they boarded a ship for Japan.

"I wasn't seasick at all, although Mr. Gibbs was," she stated rather proudly, "and I met some Japanese boys who started teaching me the language. 'But,' matter-of-factly, 'he soon caught up and passed me because he went to language school.'"

Japan brought varied experiences to

Mrs. Gibbs. The most frightening, she thought, was the time she found a crazy man crouching by a big drum, in a back room of the church.

She was startled also, the first time a "devil man" appeared at her front door. She didn't realize that he had just "frightened away all the neighborhood devils" and expected money for performing this feat. "I shut the door in his face," she stated, "and took my girls and hid in the farthest room."

In 1923, when the Gibbs family was vacationing from the damp heat of Tokyo, a great earthquake took place there. They were forbidden to return for several weeks because some of the populace thought that the missionaries had caused the disaster. Mrs. Gibbs recalled a humorous sidelight on this earthquake.

The hotels in Yokohama are situated on a steep cliff overlooking the ocean. During the quake, a front wall of one of them fell into the ocean, carrying with it a bathtub containing a very surprised lady tourist. Unfortunately, her iron "boat" sank almost immediately, leaving her floundering in the Pacific. Fortunately, a chivalrous Japanese fisherman was nearby and promptly rescued her.

Mrs. Gibbs left Japan for the last time in 1934. Although Mr. Gibbs returned for another term, she remained in this country because of a lung condition.

Now, she occupies herself with housekeeping and a little writing. In the past she has written poetry and short stories for Sunday School periodicals and has been a book review editor for the *Sunday School Times*. "God has been very good in allowing me to do this writing," she says.

Four hundred thirteen youth, representing various areas in New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania, registered at the Spring Youth Conference here, April 14. Eleven outside speakers and seven faculty and staff members brought before the young people the theme, "Facing Life Victorious in Christ." Dr. Theodore Engstrom of Youth for Christ International gave the main messages of the afternoon and evening.

The high school students, arriving early Saturday morning, registered at East Hall and were next officially welcomed in the chapel by Pres. Stephen Paine. A panel symposium was then presented, moderated by the Reverend Mr. Edwin M. Crawford, pastor of the Cleveland Hill Presbyterian Church of Buffalo. Student guides, headed by James Frase, showed the guests the campus. Lee Betts was the main supervisor and Mary Boston was in charge of decorations.

After lunch, there were discussion groups for youth and leaders headed by outside speakers, Houghton faculty and staff members and Houghton students. Charlotte Yoder directed the quizzes, the winners being the Youth for Christ team from Olean and the Bell Run Union Church from Shinglehouse, Pa. Beverly Garrison was the quizmaster. A missionary pageant, held in the chapel, was an adaptation of Satan's defeat from Oswald J. Smith's book, *Passion for Souls*. Alice King directed and John Pogany-Powers starred as Satan.

Young people came from Northern Pennsylvania, mainly the Shinglehouse and Bradford areas, Watertown-Syracuse area, Wellsville, Olean, Buffalo, Chautauqua county, Perry and Ohio.



Opposes Higher Rigid Parity; Proposes "Soil-bank" Program

BY STANLEY L. SANDLER

"I had no choice . . . it was a bad bill."

With these words, President Eisenhower explained over net-work radio and television Tuesday night just why he had vetoed the Democratic-sponsored farm bill. In doing so, far from alienating the farm vote, he may very well have assured it in the coming election. The American Farm Bureau has said that Eisenhower's veto is "based on sound economic principle."

The President's opposition to the measure centered in the rigid 90% parity props contained in the bill. These high price supports were installed during previous Democratic administrations. The President, along with many farmers, believes that these supports are the direct cause of the gigantic surpluses that are being piled up every year, which cost more than a million dollars a day to maintain. These surpluses are a major factor in forcing down both foreign and domestic prices and markets.

The current plight of the farmer has its roots in the boom years of World War II and the post-war period. Farmers then were encouraged to grow as much as they could during the war and they responded patriotically. The Allies' comparative abundance of food was a tremendous aid to the winning of the war. After VJ Day another problem presented itself. What to do with the over-expanded farm plant? Price supports were tried. In this scheme, the government would fix a certain year, say 1939, as normal or "parity." The government would then make up the difference between the prices received in that year and the usually-lower current price. The government took control of vast stores of farm products as security for these payments. Nothing was done to reduce acreages, and the surpluses continued to mount steadily, particularly in the post-war years of good weather. This artificial system, however, could not work forever. Farmers soon found themselves in a price-cost squeeze. While continuing to be paid on pre-war parity levels, the prices of everything they bought: machinery, hired help, household goods and livestock all rose in price in the post-war inflation period. After 1952, the farmer's problem became desperate. With the advent of the new Republican administration, the artificially high supports were removed and farm income skidded spectacularly. The Democratic congress, in an obvious election year play, passed a bill two weeks ago calling for high, rigid 90% price supports, but with a reduction of acreage incentive also. The President vetoed it. He stated that he was determined not to see the farm misfortune become a "political football." Not content merely to veto the bill, President Eisenhower stole some thunder and probably not a few votes from the Democrats with his counter-proposals of a "soil-bank" program, which could give farmers one-half billion dollars in benefits in the ensuing year for taking land out of cultivation. Also some emergency support programs for staple crops were announced. We might then be able to sell or eat our way out of current farm surpluses.

In rejecting a politically-inspired bill that in the long run would have aggravated the situation and by boldly taking the course of conscience in spite of possible political consequences, President Eisenhower has drawn the lines for one of the major campaign issues in the coming presidential election.

Senior Activities ... Full Speed Ahead

BY SALLY HEILMAN

'Punch' Ads Gay; Not Like U.S.A.

BY JOHN PETERSON

A segment of Houghton's literati have become quite *Punch* conscious as of the past few months. The British counterpart of our urban humor magazine *The New Yorker* is not quite so funny, at least to us, as are the ads it runs every other page or so.

About a month ago this major epic appeared on behalf of "Hovis, the bread all England adores!" "Once upon a time the making of toast was a cozy, peaceful and heart-warming pastime. It involved a toasting fork and a glowing fire."

"But what happens now? Theoretically, one puts the toast under the grill or in the toaster and gets on with the tea or eggs (I say, old chap!) Actually, as we all know, by the time the eggs are done, the toast is overdone, and, when the tea is made, the next lot of toast is also burned."

"The real tragedy is burning the Hovis toast — and wasting all that good wheat germ! (Rummy-tum-tum!) For there is simply nothing more delicious than a couple of pieces of 'Buttered toad' or 'toad all buttery!'"

This bit on a British "Steer-It-Yourself" deal also evoked an act of lahf-tah — tongue in cheek of course! "Get about your business — Drive yourself with a Daimler Hire filled to brim with Esso Extra Petrol for that tour to Moors!"

As Ogden Nash would have us say it, "Parsley is garsley."

Attention, seniors! Take a vacation from that last-minute term paper to listen to a little friendly advice from an underclassman. Don't become so engulfed in this final sea of activities that you fail to enjoy each one to the fullest.

One senior is so excited about the Junior-Senior banquet, May 11, that he started making plans to order his girl's corsage two weeks before she bought her gown. That's the kind of enthusiasm we want to see from the rest of you.

A word of warning to the senior girls — Wednesday, May 16, is M.D. (must day) for you. This Sadie Hawkins' day is your final opportunity to snare a man on Houghton campus. Track shoes may be purchased at Barker's.

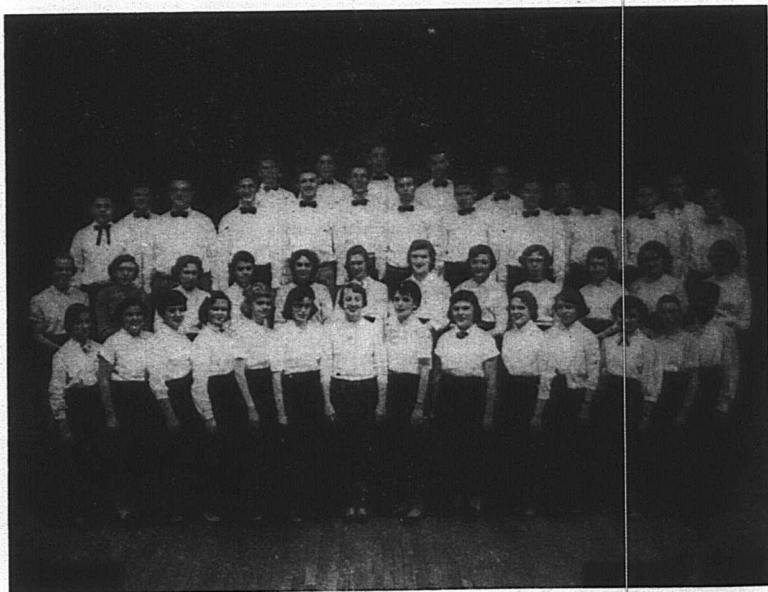
Skip Day, May 18, will be the last chance for you seniors to put one over on the juniors. It will also be your rare privilege to arouse the rest of the student body at 2:00 o'clock in the morning to the gentle wails of automobile horns.

Be sure to make the most of Reading Day, May 24. It will probably be the only decent sleep you've had for months.

Don't feel too blue about the long-awaited week of finals, May 26. Remember, this is your last chance to cram half a year's knowledge into your head in one week.

Baccalaureate, June 3, will be the final church service you can attend as a class.

For those of you who don't quite make it to Commencement Exercises, June 4, summer school starts June 6.



Academy Choir Competes in N. Y. Festival

The Houghton Academy Choir, under the direction of Miss Marie McCord, will participate in the New York State School Music Festival on Friday, May 4, at Rush-Henrietta Central School.

The choir will sing four selections: Chorale from *Finlandia*, Sibelius; *All in the April Evening*, Robertson; *Cindy*, Winstead, and *Our God Is a Rock*, by Davis. Accompanist for the choir is Roberta Rowland.

On April 20 the choir attended the Allegany County School Music Festival at Rushford where they sang as a mixed chorus and in sectional choirs. Adjudicator for the Rushford choral

festival was Lozere Thompson of Schenectady, who gave a favorable criticism of the Houghton Academy Choir.

Soloists who entered the festival were Roberta Rowland, Barbara Beagle, Alice Andrews, piano; Esther Fern, flute; Carolyn Paine, violin and Mark Landrey, voice. All three groups — the boys' and girls' choirs and the soloists — won honors.

The Academy choir, consisting of forty-three students, has performed several times during the school year. Two boys' quartets and two girls' trios have been organized for extension work. Such work has been limited,

however, because of the crowded high school schedule.

A weekly radio program over station WJSL is emceed by Edward Swibold and regularly features Academy activities and a devotional period. A rudiments class and a music appreciation class taught by Miss McCord have been offered this year. A new hi-fi RCA Victor table-model phonograph has been purchased especially for the music classes. A number of Academy students also participated in other musical activities. There are several piano and instrumental pupils, as well as members of the college band and orchestra.

Seth Says:— It's Our First And Ten To Go Now . . .

"And when the great scorer comes to write against your name, It isn't whether you've won or not, but how you've played the game . . ."

Bruce Bain has crossed the final chalk stripe, only this time he won't turn around, a beaming smile on his lips, a triumphant yet puckish gleam in his eye, his unruly hair curling in a heap on his head, to toss the ball in the air, and ask, "O.K., you guys. Who's going to kick the extra point?" . . . He was a little guy, with spindly legs — spindly like a deer . . . It was always this writer's pleasure to watch him during Houseleague football. He'd cut straight down field in those smooth prancing strides, fake the line-backer out of position, head straight for the safety man, then leave him gaping as he cut away at a 90 degree angle to take the pass all alone, as if everyone had forgotten about him because he was so small . . . If there were men who had managed to stay with him, he'd outleap, outclutch, and out fight them, and somehow come down with the ball cradled safely in his arms, and tight-ropedown the sideline for the score, leaving the secondary befuddled and bewildered . . . He was the guy who was always where the ball was. In basketball, his forte was driving his man frantic with his tenacious guarding, and then fast-breaking down court like a frightened antelope to take a pass and dunk it in for another score . . . He was the laugh behind a joke during time-outs, the glitter in his eye and the sparkle in his smile reminding you after all, that this is just a game . . . And yet, he never let up in his unmitigated desire to win. He was always twisting, turning, diving, leaping, or running just when he was needed, and usually the ball was safely nestled in his arms as he crossed the goal line, or at his finger tips as he dribbled it down court for two . . . He was the guy whose memory evoked hard swallows, moist eyes, and clenched fists from his buddies, some twice as big as he, as they fought to hold back pent-up emotions at his funeral . . . Bruce left a joyous testimony with us, yet one that is fraught with serious responsibilities. Bruce asked that each of us, "Wake Up," that we each learn to, "Carry the ball," that we never lose sight of that final chalk stripe. "All right, you guys, who's going to kick the point?"

Gil Dodds Conducts Track Clinic Friday, May 4, on Athletic Field

Gil Dodds, former holder of the world indoor mile record of 4:05.3 seconds, and track coach at Wheaton College, will be at Houghton Friday, May 4, to conduct a track clinic.

Gil, an expert in his field, has been coaching two ex-Houghtonites, Bob Cryer and Dick Hollatz, and both have improved considerably since they came under his tutelage. Dick has been recognized as one of Wheaton's sprint stalwarts, and Bob, who took the 880 here last year, recently won a place on their relay team.

The track clinic is being sponsored by the Physical Education Department in conjunction with Parents'

Week-end. From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Gil will provide individual counsel for Houghton's thinclads, handing out pointers on starting positions, leg and stride movement, body posture, breathing, arm position, and other tips.

At 1:30 p.m., high schools in the



Gil Dodds

area will send their trackmen to the field, and Dodds will coach them, using Houghton boys for examples.

Seniors Favored To Close Athletic Career with Conquest In Class Track Meet Next Saturday

Purple To Defend Softball Honors Monday Evening

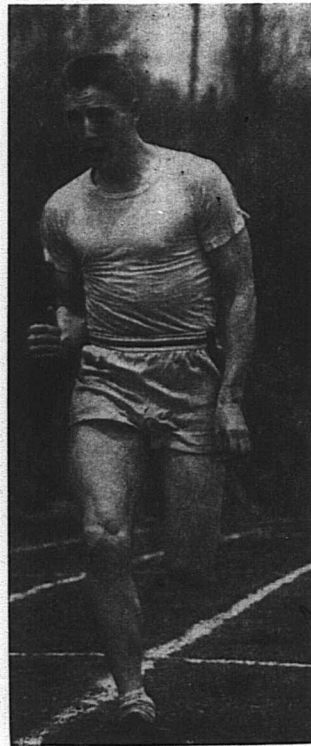
Purple, spearheaded by the Miller brothers on the mound, begins the defense of its crown Monday night against Gold. League play has been postponed for a week because of the inclement weather. The first game is scheduled for Monday night, April 30. The high school will again provide the third team in the league.

Ron and John Miller, small fast-balling moundsmen, can again be expected to throttle Gold hitters, and Chuck Gommer will be behind the plate. Gordy Dressel will patrol the outfield with Bob Thomson, who broke up the final Purple-Gold game last year with a homerun. John Percy will be at the shortstop post and Don Trasher will play first.

Arnold Egeler, Gold pitching prospect, looks like an answer to the Miller boys, and has shown exceptional speed in practice sessions. Doug Burton is a veteran pitcher, but will probably go to first. Dick Seawright will catch, and Jay Butler will play short. Both are stepping down from the baseball scene. Frank Estep will play third, and Shirley Pawling will round out the infield at second. Irv Reist, Jim Juroe, Dave Cauwels, Mark Halman, Jim Johnson, and Dan Wilson are outfield candidates.

The high school has been considerably weakened by the loss of Bruce Bain, prototype of Richie Ashburn; James Smoke, veteran pitcher; and Warren Morton, who is playing baseball for Gold. Strong points are Mark Landry, heavy-hitting second sacker; Paul Mills, tall and able first baseman; Joe Spinelli; Scott and Kreider.

At 3 p.m., Gil will stage a personal running exhibition of the form that a few years made his name a byword in track circles.



John Stewart, Senior veteran, practices for coming class track meet. John won the 440 and 880 last year.

Coach Wells Heads New Phys. Ed. Band

The newly-formed Christian Physical Education Association has elected Coach Wells as its chairman until permanent elections are held.

Professor Wells met with the coaches of ten other Christian schools, April 20 and 21, at Upland, Indiana, to investigate the value of such an association. The group has adopted for its basis of operation six tenets which Coach presented to the group in the body of a paper entitled "The Future of the Christian Physical Educator and Christian Education."

These six purposes are: —

1. To share experiences, methods, and techniques with other Christian physical educators.
2. To promote research in Christian physical education.
3. To challenge each member to a greater zeal for the Lord.
4. To provide each member with better tools with which to serve as a physical educator.
5. To serve as a clearing house for positions and Christian personnel willing to work.
6. To encourage the publication of materials useful in Christian physical education and recreation.
7. To bring physical education into its rightful place in the total education of Christian youth.

Other schools represented were Roberts Wesleyan, Taylor University, Wheaton, Greenville, Anderson, Goshen and King's. Next year's meeting is at Greenville College, Greenville, Ill., in March.

Houghton's trackmen will open the season with the class track meet Sat., May 5, at 1:30 p.m. Troubled by bad weather that has left the athletic field as soggy as a sponge, the athletic department is hoping the weather will clear within the next two weeks to allow the field to dry out.

The class of '55 having been graduated, and Speirs, Hershelman, Dick Brown, and Hugie Manning leaving with them, the senior class appears to have the pre-season edge on paper. Gordy Beck, Bud Smythe, and Phil Janowsky comprise a solid sprint team. Smythe placed first in the 100 yd. dash last year, followed by John Stewart, who will run the middle distances this year, and Phil Janowsky. Beck placed fourth in the century race, and second in the 220, which Smythe also took. John Stewart is the best middle distance runner in the school, and should give the Seniors a toe-hold, particularly in the 880.

The Juniors are weak this year with their big man, Leon Arnold, having transferred to another school. Sam Paine will run the 880, and Wally Havieland is a strong threat in the mile. Bob Paul, if he comes out, may prove to be a sleeper in the 440 and 880 yd. runs.

The Sophomores will probably be the Seniors' biggest threat. Doug Cox is a topnotch hurdler and will be defending his 220 yd. low hurdle title. Doug runs the 220 also. Ed Dixon, mile titlist, will be running for the Sophs, and will receive competition from Bob Sabean. Bruce Hess is an adequate pole vaulter, and Bruce Price will put the shot and throw the discus. He'll be competing against Phil Janowsky, a Senior. Ed Stansfield will run the 880 for the Sophs.

The Freshman may provide some excitement in this year's meet despite the fact that they are untested. John Miller has pole vaulted 10' 9" in high school and will give Hess and Ray Gambel, a senior who tied Hess at 10 feet last year, a battle for honors. Don Kunkel, a transfer from Penn State and an Air Force vet, will broad jump, and run the century. Kunkel was a member of the Far East Air Force Track team during his term in the service.

In other field events, Phil Janowsky will defend his high jump crown against Bob Sabean and Gordy Beck. Bud Smythe will throw the javelin, and should be able to out-throw Bruce Price.

The Seniors relay team of Smythe, Janowsky, Stewart, and Beck should cop the relay.

The women have handed in no roster material, so information concerning them is scant. The Weiss sisters, who monopolized track for the past two years have been graduated, so the competition should be more even this year. Marty Cronk is the Juniors' mainstay and Eleanor Holden is a tested sprinter for the Seniors. No information is available on the Sophs and Frosh.

LINDSBORG, KANSAS—(ACP) An example of college progress from the Bethany College Messenger:

FRESHMAN—I don't know.
JUNIOR—I don't remember.
SOPHOMORE—I am not prepared.
SENIOR—I don't believe I can add anything to what has already been said.

SPORTS CALENDAR . . .

Monday, April 30, 2:30 — Purple-Gold baseball — Sakowsky vs. Smythe
Saturday, April 28, 1:30 — Practice track meet.

Friday, May 4 — Gil Dodds clinic

10:30-12:30 — Individual coaching by Dodds

1:30 p.m. — Dodds will coach visiting high school tracksters

3:00 p.m. — Personal running exhibition by Gil Dodds

Saturday, May 5, 1:30 p.m. — Class Track Meet

Lingering Winter Forces Belated Baseball Start

Weather permitting, and the infield turf having healed from the prick of the groundskeeper's hoe, Purple and Gold will resume their baseball rivalry Monday, April 30 at 2:30 p.m. on the Athletic Field. Jerry Sakowsky will toe the mound for Gold, and Bud Smythe will pitch for the Pharaohs.

Driving winds, pouring rain and sporadic flurries have thrown Houghton's baseball schedule out of kilter as we go to press. The practice game which had been scheduled for Monday, April 23, has been postponed, as was the first game of the color series which had been scheduled for yesterday.

Gold has been strengthened by the addition of Warren Morton and Don Kunkel, outfield candidates, and Dick Sheesley, who will play first. Jay Butler has decided to play softball, which will weaken Gold's baseball prospects. Watson Black's speed afoot and sharp hitting will be sorely missed at short.

Purple has also profited by the postponement. Bob Paul is a solid outfield addition, and should strengthen the attack. Fred Towstik is a talented outfielder also, possessing a rifle arm.

COMMITTEE REPORT

STORRS, CONN.—(ACP) — Aaron Ment said in the Connecticut Daily Campus: "Another definition of a committee is that it is a group of men who keep minutes and waste hours."

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