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—Wm. Cowper.

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College Jane is Given Advice at Style Show

Janie, a high school senior, received excellent advice intended to assist her in choosing an appropriate wardrobe for the day when she was to officially become a College Jane, at the Style Show presented Friday, May 5, in the chapel.

Written in thirteen scenes, beginning with the arrival on campus and ending with the wedding day, the review depicted typical opportunities in campus life when a knowledge of what to wear and what not to wear creates the difference that makes or mars the proper impression.

The freshman Joe and Jane strike the campus with the proper impact when they come attired, he in worsted trousers, loafers, grey corduroy jacket, white shirt, bow tie, and light topper; she in a checked suit, gold topper, white gloves and black accessories.

The scenes which followed gave Janie an insight into the proper attire for around the dorm, classes, at the pantry, for sports, Friday night dinner, church, Artist Series, Commencement weekend, and the wedding day.

A lesson in posture showed Janie how two cotton pique dresses; equally as attractive, can look entirely different when the wearer slouches instead of carrying herself correctly. A lesson in harmony pointed out that stripes and plaids simply can't be mixed no matter how hard one tries. A lovely black dress can look perfectly terrible when it is spotted, the belt is crooked, and when it is worn with brown loafers and a hat sporting a wilted flower and veil. This last situation can be quickly remedied, however, no matter how hopeless it looks by the purchase of a small can of cleaning fluid, a pair of black flat shoes which can be worn on various occasions and with many outfits, and new trimmings for the hat or repairs for the damaged ones.

For a basic suit that can be worn as a new costume for different occasions by adding a few simple accessories, the model chose a black gaberdine which she wore first with a white blouse and the jacket unbuttoned; then by buttoning the jacket and adding a bright scarf at the neck she created a more festive effect; next the black looked stunning with the addition of a white pearl

High School Holds Honors Party

Louis Knowlton is valedictorian of the high school senior class and Marilyn Tucker is salutatorian according to the announcement made at the high school honors party.

The party was held in the Music Hall auditorium on May 9th and it featured a silhouetted operation performed on Bill Twaddel by Prof. Moon and Mr. Perkins. Sundaes and cup cakes were served.

The high school Junior-Senior banquet is being held tonight.

choker necklace; last of all scatter pins made this the proper thing for a Friday night date.

That effective impression one would like to produce in the classroom comes when she wears a skirt, white blouse, and a casual sport jacket which can be easily removed and he a white shirt, yellow tie, white college sweater, and sharply pressed trousers.

When the occasion for "dress-up" arrives, perhaps with a date to the artist series, Janie can look lovely in a summer formal of white pique, a bright flower for the hair, silver slip-

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Unruh Speaks To Athletes

Alfred Almond High School affords atmosphere for the annual Athletic Banquet, Friday, May 19, 1950.

Paul Unruh, 5' 8½", All-American basketball player and the "Undisputed star" (Time, March 13, '50) of Bradley University's team, will be speaker of the evening.

Mr. P. Unruh, son of a Baptist minister, is a student at Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, "One of the hottest teams in the nation." (Ibid.) Bradley has an undergraduate enrollment of 3,341.

At their big Madison Square Garden game in March, Mr. P. Unruh was offered and rejected a bribe for a "throw-away" game.

Music and melody at the Banquet will be made by the Girl's Quartette of Houghton College. Further program plans are pending.

Training terminated, the menu includes: fruit cup, turkey, cranberries, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, coffee or milk, and angel food cake with ice cream smothered in strawberries.

Cars will leave at 6:00 p.m.

All aboard Varsity letter winners!

Bach Festival Is Realization Of a Dream

A precedent was established in Houghton last week-end which will be continued through succeeding years, it is hoped by many. The Bach Festival, commemorating the bicentennial of the death of Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750, was, to one of the members of the music faculty, "The realization of a dream of many years," and was, indeed, a great inspiration to all who participated and listened.

The music faculty made the following comments: Prof. Finney: "As a first event of that kind it is a success. Many attended feeling they would be bored and came away glad they had attended. Although it was not advertised extensively, people were here from Jamestown and Buffalo. . . If it had been advertised extensively, it would have been a problem to find places for them. We hope to continue the festival idea, changing the composer each year."

Prof. Butterworth: "It was one of the greatest efforts put forth by the music department — and something of its kind should be continued each year." Mrs. Mack: "It was a good beginning. Nothing could have done those participating and those listening more good."

Prof. Andrews: "It is my hope that the success of the recent Bach Festival may set a precedent of an annual festival of music in Houghton in which the great works of the greatest composers, in turn, might be represented. How about a Handel or a Mozart Festival next year? Such a series of concerts and recitals can be a most edifying and inspiring experience for every lover of music."

Prof. Heydenburk: "This Bach Festival was for me the realization of a dream of many years—a full-sized, professional-standard Bach Festival. A number of years ago at one of the programs of such a festival I attended which was sponsored by and held in a large modernistic

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Students Elect Senate And Literary Heads

SENATE

Norman Hostetter will be president of the Student Senate next year and Walter Fitton will be vice-president according to the results of the all-school election held in the chapel Wednesday.

Norm, who is majoring in social science, transferred this year from Messiah Jr. college in Grantham, Pa. There he was a member of the college quarter, the varsity basketball team, and also business manager of the school yearbook. At Houghton he has been active as a representative of the junior class on the Student

Social committee, a member of the varsity basketball team, and a pitcher for the Gold baseball team.

Walt Fitton has served this year as editor of the Boulder and manager of the varsity basketball team.

Sophomores Lois Race and Charles Hunsberger were elected secretary and treasurer of the senate. Lois is now class chaplain and a member of Torchbearers and was an attendant to the queen in the Homecoming celebration. Chuck has varsity letters in football and basketball and is a member of the Athletic association.

STAR

Stephen Castor, editor of the Sophomore Star, was elected the permanent Star editor for next year. Steve, who is majoring in English, is a varsity basketball player and is active in swimming and track. He is also a member of the French club, Torchbearers and Debate.

William Kerchoff will serve as business manager of the Star. He was assistant business manager of the mid-century Boulder.

LANTHORN

Corrine Hong Sling, a chemistry major, was elected editor of the 1951 Lanthorn staff in the all-school election last Wednesday. A member of the Pre-med club, F.M.F., and Torchbearers, Corinne was art editor of this year's Boulder staff.

Alton Bennett, who was elected Business Manager, is currently vice-president of the Soph class and a member of the Student Ministerial association.

Ladies Have Their Day

The ladies of Houghton will squire their gentleman friends when Ladies Day officially begins at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, May 17. Classes will be held at 8 o'clock, followed by chapel at nine.

The purple-gold track meet, which will begin at 10 o'clock, will officially inaugurate the day's activities. If the weather is favorable there will be a cafeteria style lunch served in front of the dormitory between 12 and 1 o'clock for the entire student body. There will be an announcement made at the track meet as to whether the lunch will be held outside or inside with the regular two servings.

At 1 o'clock the track meet will resume again and continue throughout the afternoon. Cakes, pies, and candy will be sold throughout the day by the Athletic Association; any profits made will go to the association.

The evening meal will follow the same procedure as on any other day; that is, school clothes will be worn.

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The Student Social committee announces that there is no special activity planned for Friday night, May 12. The evening will be open for group parties and picnics.

CHAPEL

Tuesday, May 16
Dr. Paine
Wednesday, May 17
None
Thursday, May 18
Rev. MacRae
Friday, May 19
Rev. MacRae

ACTIVITIES

Friday, May 12
Skip Day
Saturday, May 13
Star picnic
Monday, May 15
Russell-Odor Recital
Tuesday, May 16
College Prayer Meeting
Wednesday, May 17
Purple-Gold Track Meet
Ladies Day
Thursday, May 18
Class Prayer Meetings
Friday, May 19
Athletic Banquet
Pre-Medic Banquet
Recital: Totman
IRC—Buell Fuller

"Science Races Gospel," Asserts Dr. Ayer

"In this present day, there is a race between scientists with their ability to destroy civilization and the Gospel with its ability to save," said Dr. William Ward Ayer, well-known radio evangelist and Bible teacher, who visited our campus last week by invitation of the Student Ministerial association. He earnestly spoke of the need for spiritual awakening in the church. "Revival has begun," he stated, "but it has not yet laid hold upon the churches."

There will never be a real nation-shaking revival until the church—ministers, officers, and congregation—is brought to a place where it recognizes its weakness, indifference, worldliness, and lack of passion and "gets right with God." "God does not re-

vive the world," he continued. "He revives the church and, as the church is revived and witnesses for Christ, conviction will come upon the unsaved."

Dr. Ayer's home in Scarsdale, N. Y., is just 25 miles from that "insane asylum run by the inmates," New York City. For fourteen years, Dr. Ayer was pastor of New York's famed Calvary Baptist church, from which he resigned last year to devote his time completely to evangelism. A trustee of Eastern Baptist Theological seminary and Bob Jones university, he is temporarily in the field of radio evangelism and Bible teaching.

Although they have none of their own, Dr. and Mrs. Ayer have raised

four children, two of whom are at present in Christian work. One is pastor of a church in California, while the other is the wife of Mr. John Blanchard, grandson of Dr. Jonathan Blanchard, founder of Wheaton College. Mr. John Blanchard is presently studying for his Doctor of Philosophy degree at Harvard.

When questioned concerning his opinion of the value of Christian colleges, Dr. Ayer replied, "If it were not for Christian colleges, America now would be completely godless as the large universities would have succeeded in carrying their paganizing work." It is his firm belief that the Christian college has contributed to

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An Old Problem

A recent ultimatum delivered in the dining hall brought attention to a problem which has existed throughout the year. Faculty and students alike have been murmuring about the bruising rush for tables, the time wasted waiting in line for meals, the embarrassing process of searching for unsaved places.

Since it is hardly a new problem, nearly every practicable solution has been attempted at one time or another, and the problem now seems to be a choice of the best solution—the solution with most advantages and the least disadvantages. Before we can properly arrive at any satisfactory conclusion, we must first decide what factors should be remedied.

Certainly students should enter the dining hall with what at least approximates a collegiate level of manners and courtesy. How favorably have visitors been impressed by the general decorum of hungry Houghton students? Many, I am afraid, have carried away not only bad impressions, but bad reports as well.

Another essential which must be accounted for in the final solution to the dining hall situation is the creation of the atmosphere most conducive to the development of acceptable conduct at the table. Nothing reflects cultural background and upbringing more than does common table etiquette. Four men at one table do not concentrate on their manners. I imagine that the same is true of the women. The ever-increasing number of tables "Reserved for Men" may save a great deal of energy as far as conversation is concerned, but will do little to develop us in a personal and cultural sense. Houghton has endured more than her share of criticism for her cultural attitude, and more than a little of that criticism has been justified. As students, we are responsible for this attitude; as students, we must remedy it.

A third factor in the solution is the time spent standing in line before meals. Under the system in operation this year, women must wait, on the average, ten minutes for each meal. By simple mathematics, this adds up to a half-hour each day, and over three hours every week, which undoubtedly could be more profitably spent in some other activity.

Finally, the solution which we adopt should, if at all possible, enable students to enjoy the fellowship of their own choosing. The current free-lance policy, it must be admitted, solves this part of the problem more adequately than any other, since men, as well as women, are allowed to choose their own table companions.

In the light of the above criteria, the present dining room situation is, for the most part, entirely inadequate. Surely some compromise between the extreme freedom of the present policy and the rigid legalism of the "absolute" seating list which was in effect two years ago can be found. Both extremes have their virtues; both have their vices. The ideal solution will combine the virtues and eliminate the vices.

To eliminate the non-collegiate rush and the wasted time, a seating list of some kind is obviously required. Since manners and conversation are more delicately nourished in mixed company, the list would necessarily demand that two men and two women sit at each table. Excepting this one stipulation, students should be allowed to sit at the table of their own choosing. In general, the arrangement would parallel the Thanksgiving seating list with the one exception—it will consist, insofar as possible, of mixed company.

Naturally countless objections can, and will be raised against any one solution. That is as it should be, for this is *your* problem. *Your* suggestions, *your* opinions, are needed if we are to adopt *your* solution.

Ministerial Group Hears Dr. Ayer

The Student Ministerial Association had a spiritual feast May 3rd and 4th when Dr. William Ward Ayer, noted radio evangelist and Bible teacher, was its guest for two days. "All history is a picture of man's sin and God's intervention," he stated at the monthly meeting of Student Ministerial. "History repeats over and again that righteousness exalteth a nation." Dr. Ayer addressed his message to the embryo preachers, which, he added, was not a new denomination. Dr. Ayer made himself "at home" immediately by his friendly bits of humor interspersed in a serious discussion of the part which revival has played in the history of the world.

"A revival of old-fashioned Holy Ghost religion is the only thing that will save us and hold off the dogs of war," Dr. Ayer stated, in pointing out how the same has been true through the years.

On Thursday morning, Dr. Ayer challenged the students in chapel with a creed for Christian young people. He stated that Christian young people should first find and follow reality in the midst of an unreal world where the superficial predominates. "We should know the reality of a holy God who cannot tolerate sin," he declared, adding that a time of quietness with the Lord was necessary for this. "With God, there are no snap-shots; there are only time exposures, and there must be a few dark rooms for development."

On Thursday evening, at the church's weekly prayer meeting, Dr. Ayer spoke on God's revelation of himself to his people as seen in Psalm 103. God presents himself as a God of love and mercy "for as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him." He presents himself as a forgiving God who removes sin as far as east is from the west.

Dr. Ayer was used by the Holy Spirit to lift us into a forgetfulness of time and a new realization of the unspeakable riches of the grace of God. The audience thrilled with the assurance that God does not deal with us after our sins nor reward us according to our iniquities. The sins of the Christian are removed, never to be remembered against us again. If, however, any Christian sins, "we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

Finally, Dr. Ayer pointed out how God reveals himself to his people as a pitying father and as a tender compassionate mother. Truly, it was a spiritual highlight for Houghton College as this man of God presented us with meat from the Word of God.

Letter to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR:

My thanks go to everyone who has sent and spoken words of sympathy over the recent fate of Hermon, the goldfish.

I wish John Gilliland the best of health, and I shall do what I can to give Hermon's lonely partner the best of treatment.

Sincerely,
Wayne F. Gfroerer

What's Missing?

BY BRUCE WALTKE

When weighed in the balance, Christianity is found wanting in this protracted period of its history for standing divorced from the social conditions of our world. Christianity was largely responsible for precipitating most of the successive reforms of past centuries, but it is relegating itself to a subordinate role to challenge the social problems of our twentieth-century global living.

When a Christian friend of mine read in a current magazine that over 100,000 illegitimate children are yearly stigmatized by their birth certificate, she said, "What an awful thing," and then flipped the page

over to the next article. Many evangelicals when confronted with the fact that one out of every three marriages ends in divorce merely pass it off with, "Just shows that we're in the last days." Red-light districts in New York are flourishing unhindered, while less than a block away from many of these districts one can hear, "Redeemed how I love to proclaim it,"—from behind closed doors. Fundamentalists are watching with cynical smiles as the Welfare and Advisory Committees struggle with little success to meet these social problems.

If the Word of God is the standard of the Fundamentalist, he must realize that crime, divorce, juvenile delinquency, the liquor traffic, prostitution and war are antagonistic to the very character of God, and as such must be antagonistic to the Christian. John the Baptist was imprisoned for his condemnation of Herod's adulterous life. The prophets of the Old Testament lashed out with unified vigor against the social evils of their day with a social passion in a redemptive context. Carl Henry states that the Fundamentalist must oppose every evil and offer instead the redemptive work of Jesus Christ and the regenerative work of the Holy Spirit.

The immorality of this century is but a part of the perplexing social problems that the evangelical must challenge. The ravages of war are a nauseating odor in the nostrils of God, but it must be admitted that there is no united action of Fundamentalism against war. I know of Christians who are standing divorced from efforts for peace, because the Bible speaks of: "Nation rising against nation" in the last days. This despair is grounded in the anticipated lack of response to the redemptive Gospel. But Jesus, who prophesied the end result, did not take an attitude of despair when he commanded: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel," the Gospel of hope. Lake Success is part of that world.

As a result of World War II we have a needy Europe. To provide for this need we hear of such organizations as UNRRA or CARE, but embarrassingly little of any Christian endeavors. It is not to be denied that various denominations of Protestantism are striving to aid in this need, but how much more effective these efforts would be if united.

May the failure of modern Christians to overcome barriers to work unitedly be overcome by a mutual love of Christ and a sense of obligation to His Creation. The fundamentalist has a Christ who provides a dynamic to lift humanity to its highest level of social achievement.

Churches Discuss Union

A joint committee meeting of the Wesleyan and Free Methodist Churches concerning the union of the two churches will be held at Marion, Indiana, Tuesday, May 9, through Thursday, May 11. Dr. Paine will attend these meetings, and on Friday, May 12, will journey to Chicago, Illinois, for an Executive Board Meeting of the N.A.E.

Pre-Medics Experiment, Hold Elections

Wednesday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m., the Pasteur Pre-medical club and the Anatomy class staged "Operation Doggie" in the Zoology laboratory to an overflow crowd of about 35 students. The object of the operation was to perform several physiological experiments. Before the operation got under way at 7:45 p.m., the dog used was thoroughly anesthetized with a grain of morphine administered at 6:45 p.m. and 3 grams of chlorotone dissolved in mineral oil at 7:30 p.m.

"Chief surgeon" was John Gilliland, while Roy Strieb assisted and Ed Guggen maintained artificial respiration throughout the operation. Dr. Moreland, the club advisor, supervised the work. In spite of the dog's accidental death, the experiments were successful from a scientific point of view.

Elections for the officers of next year were also held. Bill Miller was elected president; Bob Barnett, vice-president; Corinne Hong Sling, Secretary-treasurer; Larry Richards, chaplain, and Dr. Moreland was re-elected faculty advisor.

Paine-Mitchell

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Mitchell of Moores Forks, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia, to James Paine, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hugh Paine of Houghton, N. Y.

The date has not yet been set for the wedding.

Mitchell-Weaver

The marriage of Miss Florence C. Weaver of Philadelphia to Mr. Herbert W. Mitchell will take place on June 3rd according to an announcement made recently by Mrs. Grace W. Fraser, Miss Weaver's sister.

The ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Aldan, Penna. A reception in the church parsonage will follow the ceremony.

Samuels-Billings

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Billings of Paterson, New Jersey, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Marjorie, to Charles Samuels, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Samuels, of Weissport, Pennsylvania.

Blissfully Speaking

By DAVID SKOLFIELD

When I was in the far east with my father a number of years ago, we saw an unusual performance. We watched a Tibetan, dressed in a white robe with a blue sash around his waist. He had a wrinkled old face partly covered by a tightly-wound turban and a white beard. Placed beside him was a potted plant which he claimed was magic, and while we watched, the plant began to grow. My father could not believe his eyes as the plant grew into a 25-foot tree, and having a camera with him he quickly took a snapshot.

Immediately developing the film he saw . . . a potted plant. This, of course, was accomplished by mass hypnotism and is an illustration of seeing what is not there, but last week I saw a friend who was waiting for dinner, glance at his watch. Not having mine with me, I walked up to him and asked the time. He again peered at his watch before telling me.

Working on this idea, I asked numerous students four questions concerning various objects around Houghton which all have seen but not all have perceived. The first question has been quite thoroughly exploited by Professor Stockin in his Latin classes:

1. What three titles or expressions are written on the curtain in the chapel?
2. Where is the boulder rock?
3. Who is buried under the boulder?
4. Where is memorial road?

Style Show . . .

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pers and purse, and a navy blue topper. For the winter date a grey satin gown with matching mitts, gold sandal and purse, a lacy white hanky, and a black velvet evening wrap. The proud escort can equal his date when he wears a dark suit, white shirt, red bow tie and matching socks.

Any Janie could feel her best for that special Friday night dinner date in a grey silk print dress, or a black taffeta skirt and a blue satin blouse. For Joe a grey suit, white shirt and brown shoes will bring his girls admiration.

At last, after four long years, the commencement weekend arrives. For this important occasion Janie looks chic either in a green silk print dress, white topper and white hat and shoes or a pink linen suit also with white accessories; her escort wearing a tan gabardine suit, white shirt, and green and brown silk tie.

The wedding day dawns and Janie attended by a bridesmaid in a pink marquisette gown with mitts and bonnet trimmed with lace and a maid of honor wearing a matching gown of yellow, appears lovely in a white satin gown with a sweet heart neck line and fingertip sleeves. Her veil is fingertip length and is caught in a tiara. She carries a white Bible with a gardenia and white streamers. The attendants carry colonial bouquets. The groom is proud in a black tail coat, white dress shirt, bow tie, striped trousers, and a white boutonniere.

Ken Motts supplied background music during the program, while Marjorie Helfers narrated the script written by Miss Bernhoft. "This is

To the first question 44% accurately gave the three titles, 40% were partly right (most thought that Founded on the Rock was there somewhere), 14% couldn't ever get started, and 2% didn't know there was anything on the curtain. It is also interesting to note that about 32% thought the circle inscribed the boulder.

Everyone knew where boulder rock is, but only 28% knew whose hallowed bones rested underneath. As a matter of fact, about 32% didn't even know that the symbol of Houghton College rested on such a worthy monument—Copperhead's bones. As a review, I ought to mention that this was due mainly to the fact (or so someone told me) that Copperhead was too old to be moved when the rest of the Indians packed up their teepees in their model T's and dashed off madly in the California gold rush, thus leaving him behind.

My last question, "Where is Memorial Road?" produced many interesting results. One person replied, "I don't know, but why not ask me where lovers' lane is?" Which reminds me, lovers' lane is slightly narrow:

*Lovers' lane in Houghton style—
Walk your partner single file.*

Of these asked, I found only 5% knew that it is the road from the Luckey Memorial to the Gaoyadeo Hall. Last year a memorial service to commemorate the Houghton war dead was held, in which a typical tree was planted and the name of the road changed from Willard Avenue to Memorial road. I finally approached the faculty. Professor Wright gave a typical answer, "Is it in this country or Europe?"

a Lovely Way to Spend an Evening and "Apple Blossom Wedding" were sung by Leonard Jeffreys.

Those participating as models were: Janice Straley, Barbara Woerner, Bob Dingman, Molly Van Wormer, Ruth Fink, Helen Hammond, Lois Eisemann, Jean Gross, Dixie Scoles, Bob Banker, Grace Reiter, Nona Merkel, Gordon Young, Bette Lou Hatch, Joyce Parker, Joanna Fancher, Lynn Merryman, Bob Denny, Barbara Flowers, Doris Ridley, Ruth Russell, Roger Rounds, Don Bailey, Christine Myers, Ruth Krien, Charles Schultz, Joan Carville, John Rommel, Marilyn Engstrom, Claire Ejov, Norman Jones, Janice Meade, and Virginia Sanders.

The sports wear was donated through the courtesy of Bradner's Store in Olean; the flowers by Campbell's Florist; and the wedding gown by Mrs. Maxwell Fancher.

COTT'S CELEBRATE 10th ANNIVERSARY

Approximately 500 people attended Cott's 10th anniversary and open house celebration on Saturday, May 6. Cake and punch were served in the store as well as candy in the girls' rooms.

Pen and pencil sets were awarded to the 25 people who made the best guesses of the number of candy corn in a glass jar. Mr. Cecil A. Russell who guessed 777—the exact number—received a gold est as did the next three best guessers Curtis Band, Mrs. E. Jenkins and Norman Hostetter.

PAUSE . . . TO WONDER

By CYNTHIA COMSTOCK

One morning last week, I walked into the Pantry, and who should I run into—whom should I run into—whom—well, anyway I walked into the Pantry, and there sat June Dukeshire drinking a cup of coffee. "What do you think the tables were decorated with at the Honors Banquet?" she cried. "Polystichum acrostichoides!" "Isn't that lovely," I said. (I had to say something.)

Perhaps you have guessed by now that we are both botany students. And take my word for it, the sage was right when he said, "Botany is the art of insulting flowers in Greek and Latin."

A smattering of chemistry and physics in high school had convinced me that I never could pass the college courses, and the biology lab conflicted with one of my other classes. So, either through predestination or my own free will, I cast my lot with botany. The first semester wasn't so bad, for I could remember hearing some of the stuff back in high school. We studied the lesser known private life of the angiospermae in all its intimate detail and delved into the mysteries of halitosis—er, osmosis.

During second semester, the course grew stiffer and stiffer. It took liberal doses of fresh air for us to survive it at all.

But it was lab that really got us down. Week after week we put little slides under the microscope and saw—nothing. After the lab assistant came and twiddled some knobs, grayish spots swam into view. "You have some beautiful cocci there," he'd say.

Or perhaps it was a sector of a segment of a cross section of a stem we were drawing that day. We couldn't draw what we actually saw, or Miss Rork was sure to come around and tell us we couldn't possibly have seen that. So with the aid of our books and our imaginations we spent whole afternoons making drawings out of little circles.

Always I was haunted by the question: "What good is this doing me?" Then one afternoon last week I took a walk into the woods and along the creek. The trees were budding and spring was in the air, and there at my feet grew a *Dryopteris spinulosa*. The emotions of the Curies when they succeeded in isolating pure radium were nothing to my feelings when I saw the spiny-toothed pteridophyte (a fern, that is.) I carried a leaf home triumphantly to show all my friends.

Readers, do you lack for something to do on your silvan strolls? Are you bored? Do you feel you are not living life at its fullest? You too can know a pelate sporangiophore when you see one. You too can become a Nature Lover. Just take botany! We'll let you have it!

Ayer Interview . . .

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revival by turning out grounded Christians.

Baseball rates high with Dr. Ayer, who is a staunch supporter of the Yankees. His wife keeps the home situation lively by cheering the Dodgers on to victory. Swimming, and any other sport connected with water, is a beloved pastime of Dr. Ayer's when vacation is possible. As to golf,

Season's Sorrows

By CONSTANCE JACKSON

Ever since spring hit Houghton with a vengeance, I have been noticing some rather peculiar changes around here. Not being a pre-med student, I can diagnose the trouble only from the standpoint of a laywoman. The ravages of spring fever seem to be the logical explanation for the phenomena.

For instance, the other day I was meandering over to the library via the Pantry when I saw what looked like an animated boiled lobster lurching toward me. Lobsters are all right in their place, but on Houghton's campus, the sight's a bit jarring. After some cogitation, I came to the conclusion that the creature was merely a sunworshiper who had soaked in too much of old Sol.

To tell the truth, I'm one of the cult myself, although I've found it has its distinct limitations. The other day a bunch of us lay prostrate on the ground, shivering and shaking, hoping to acquire a glowing tan in an hour (ha!) The breeze reached almost gale proportions before we decided we were more likely acquiring pneumonia than sunburn. But if you're really convinced that there's virtue in looking parboiled, don't give up! Summer's coming!

Something else remarkable is the sudden outburst of musclemen and amazons. Rumors are circulating that at 6 a.m. dark forms were seen pounding around the track as if the seven deadly fiends were after them. I've heard that these are female track enthusiasts who feel that 6 a.m. is the only hour for breathing in the ozone and exercising the limbs. At other times I have seen normally intelligent persons wrestle with the hurdles in the stretch around the track. In fact, a certain character I know left only one poor hurdle standing after waging a furious war with each one. "The last was six feet high," he says solemnly. (Note to editor: my humble apologies) Then there are the baseball addicts who sometimes slug it out even in the rain. I was emerging from the library not too long ago and ducked just in time to avoid being bopped on the head by a ball that was sailing my way. At bat was a little guy that

he adds, "I play at it at least. Although he confesses the lack of a "green thumb", he admits a love of gardening. Along the more intellectual lines, Dr. Ayer professes a great fondness for reading. He personally is the author of eight published volumes and several pamphlets on spiritual subjects.

When questioned as to his opinion concerning signs of revival in America, he stated that the world is unusually eager to hear the Word of God. "At least subconsciously," he went on to say, "people are aware that there is little hope for society in science and sociology or in any other means by which the world a generation ago hoped to bring about desirable conditions." "The church in particular," he continued, "needs a return to faithfulness to God and his Word and a resultant concern for the lost."

Dr. Ayer was especially impressed, upon visiting our campus, by the prevailing wholesome and friendly atmosphere. "Houghton is a splendid Christian college," he remarked, "with a devoutness unexceeded anywhere."

came about to my waist. The truth is that he could really wallop that ball. In my opinion anybody that can make a run is purely a genius. Once I remember I actually got to first base on my own steam. The ball accidentally hit my bat when I wasn't looking and landed three feet in front of me. I snuck off to first base while the rest of the gang was recovering from the shock. As for me, there's nothing like chinese checkers to exercise the finger muscles.

The romantic angle is a special feature of spring that I mustn't forget to mention. I've noticed that a few died-in-the-wool have-nots have been furtively looking over the field. Ever since the scoop sheet came out with the startling news of Ladies' Day on May 17, the male population has been a doomed race. I've heard some of the men making plans to take for the hills. For some strange reason, most of them are whimpering that they haven't even a fighting chance—or should I say running chance? Soderberg, I understand, is planning to convey his harem in a truck that day. Well, he's merely going the way of all have-nots.

At this point, I have run out of comments, and besides, spring's getting the better of me. I shall gather together my chinese checkers and sun-tan lotion and ponder the question of who my victim will be on the 17th.

Ladies' Day . . .

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However, the girls will assume the masculine role by performing such "niceties" as seating their dates.

In the evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, a Ladies' Night program will be held on the hillside overlooking Houghton Creek. Slacks and sports clothes may be worn at this time.

The program will be a "double-header" with a sports theme. The first part will be student entertainment in the form of monologues and instrumental selections. Recognition will be given also to the winners of the track meet. The second part of the program will be devotional. A recent movie produced by Moody Bible Institute will be shown. This will all be held outside if the weather permits. The program will be over by 10 o'clock.

The Ladies' Day activities are under the auspices of the Student Council. From all reports both the fellows and girls have been cooperating in regard to the procedure set up by the Council for dating.

BACH FESTIVAL

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at one of our evangelical Christian churches, the statement was made that of course the words of the choral numbers now are expressions of outmoded theological views no one believes any more. Ever since then, very especially, I have wished a Bach series would be given in a Bible-believing school where those participating would be singing words they do believe. There is nothing in the texts which we could not wholeheartedly sing here at Houghton. Bach has been sung in his proper setting, I believe, among 'our circle' of schools for the first time on a large scale in the events of the past weekend."

LINE DRIVES

--- By Bob

Well, another track season is under way at Houghton, and it looks from here as though the Sophs have the cream of the crop among the runners. Soph fellows took a first in all of the flat races last Saturday, and a second and third in the two hurdle races. Chuck Stewart, Frankie Horst, and Bob Barnett swept the 100 yd. dash, Chuck won the 220, Bob the 440, and Bob Denny copped the title in both 880 yd. and mile runs, winning the latter in 4:48.2, the first time in 22 years that the mile has been run in less than five minutes at Houghton.

The Freshmen have some good performers this year. Jackie Robinson looked pretty smooth as he won the low hurdles. Bob Banker looked good in the 440, losing to Barnett in a photo-finish, and in tying Frankie Horst in the high jump. Don Peterson showed good form while tying for first in the pole vault, and Tom McCarthy should make a good broad jumper with a little more practice.

The Seniors have winners in Ollie Dongell and Lynn Phillips, who took five firsts between them. The Juniors seem to be the lost class in track this year, with only one first place winner, Joyce Bown, who won the baseball throw and high jump and copped second place in the soccer kick.

Pairings for a men's tennis tournament are now listed on the bulletin board in the arcade. Coach has announced that if this tournament is finished before May 19, letter winners will be eligible to attend the Varsity banquet. The tournament must be finished by May 23 at the latest if anyone is to receive a letter in tennis, so let's go, fellows, and finish the tourney promptly this spring!

The Purple-Gold baseball series is off to a close start this year, in great contrast to last year's landslide victories. In the first three games, Purple has scored six runs to Gold's seven, while Gold has won two of the three games. The main difference so far has been the effectiveness of the pitchers with runners on base. Gold pitchers have been able to get

out of the critical spots with less damage than the Purple hurlers have suffered. Players of neither team have showed much potency at the plate, with the exception of Milt Trautman, who has hit three doubles in as many games. The fielding of both teams is an improvement over last year, especially on the part of the pharoahs. At the present time it looks as if the series will go the full seven games.

A fellows softball league of three teams started a round robin series Monday night, with Purple trimming Gold in a contest marked by poor fielding and plenty of laughs as Bob Dingman held Gold down with his pitching. The high school is the third team in this "Twilight League," which has games scheduled for Monday and Wednesday evening at 6:40 and on Saturday afternoons.

Tony Lombardi seems to be too good a track coach for his own good. Tony has been working with Gordon McReary, a high school student, for some time, giving him hints on training and running. Tony's help worked out to his own detriment last Saturday, when Gordon beat him out for second place in the mile run. Both of them ran a good race, but Gordon had that extra drive to bring him in ahead. Congratulations to both of them on their showing, and especially to Tony for his spirit of helpfulness and good sportsmanship. Tony's case seems to me to be a good example of the true Christian spirit in athletics.

Seniors Win Second

The Senior girls won their second game in the girls' class softball league Monday over the High School, 37-7. Last Friday the Frosh evened their record at one win, one defeat, by edging out their sister class rivals, the Juniors, 13-12. Standings as of Tuesday are as follows:

	W	L
Seniors	2	0
Sophs	1	0
Frosh	1	1
Juniors	1	1
High School	0	2

GOLD TAKES LEAD WITH 3-2 WIN

Gold took the lead in the baseball series, two games to one, by defeating their Purple rivals 3-2 at the Fillmore High School field last Friday. Norm Hostetter gained his second victory of the season by limiting the Purple batsmen to six hits well scattered throughout the six innings played. Norm was very effective in the tight spots, leaving eleven runners stranded in the bases, retiring the side with bases loaded. Willie Zike, the losing pitcher, gave up only four hits, but two of these were doubles by Milt Trautman and Paul Nast who drove in two of Gold's runs. Jim "Duke" Snyder drove in both of Purple's runs as he hit into an error and later singled, while Captain Dave Juroe got two of his team's singles.

BOX SCORE

PURPLE	AB	H	R
Juroe, C.	4	2	1
Huntsberger, C. F.	2	1	1
Danks, R. F.	3	0	0
Snyder, 1B	3	1	0
G. Young, S.S. 3B	1	1	0
Alderman, L. F.	3	0	0
Eckler, 2B	2	0	0
Troutman, 3B	2	0	0
Johnson, S.S.	1	1	0
Zike, P.	2	0	0
	23	6	2

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GOLD	AB	H	R
Crocker, C. F.	3	1	1
Trautman, 2B	3	1	1
Morgan, R.F.	3	0	0
Dongell, S.S.	3	0	0
P. Nast, 3B	3	1	0
R. Nast, L.F.	1	0	0
Castor, 1B	1	0	1
Kolowski, C.	2	1	0
Hostetter, P.	2	0	0

Errors: Dongell, P. Nast, Hunsberger 2B. H. --M. Trautman, P. Nast, R. B. I. --M. Trautman, P. Nast, Kolowski, Snyder (2)

SOPHS VICTORIOUS IN CLASS MEET

Last Saturday the athletic sophomores added another victory to the list by taking control of the class track meet, leading their nearest rivals, the Frosh, by nineteen points. The Sophs were led to victory by Frank Horst, Charles Stewart, Bob Denny, and Bob Barnett, with 14, 12, 10, and 7 points respectively. Individual high scorer of the afternoon was senior Ollie Dongell with 15

points, while Jack Robinson led the Frosh with 12. Senior Lynn Phillips headed the girl point winners with 12.

Following is a summary of the place winners, together with winning times and distances:

MEN

Mile run—Denny, 4:48.2; McReary; Lombardi
100 yd. dash—Stewart, :10.3; Horst Barnett
220 yd. dash—Stewart, :24.7; Robinson; Van Campen
440 yd. dash—Barnett, :55.7; Banker; Niedrauer
Relay—Sophs, (Stewart, Horst, Barnett, Niedrauer), 1:57.1; Frosh Juniors
Javelin—Dongell, 161'3"; McClure; Chambers

16 lb. shot put—Dongell, 32'1½"; Taylor, Spencer

Discus—Dongell, 82'2"; Robinson; Clemmer

880 yd. run—Denny, 2:11.7; Lombardi; Spear

220 yd. low hurdles—Robinson, :28.8; Niedrauer; Dole

120 yd. high hurdles—Clemmer, :20.4; McPherson; Chambers

Pole Vault—Peterson, Castor, 8'11"; Spencer

High Jump—Banker, Horst, 5'5"; Foot

Broad Jump—Horst, 19'5½"; McCarthy; Niedrauer

WOMEN

50 yd. dash—Phillips, :8.0; Gravink; Lea

100 yd. dash—Phillips, :13.7; Merryman; Gravink

220 yd. dash—Giles, :32.9; Atwater; Bjorkgren

Relay—Seniors, (Phillips, Streeter, Atwater, Winger), 1:16.1; Sophs; Juniors

High Jump—Bown, 4'; Gravink

Broad Jump—Giles, 12'8"; Winger; Streeter

Baseball Throw — Bown, 185'11"; Merryman

Soccer kick—Bjorkgren, 119'1½"; Bown; Wiescholleck

Houghton's Five Firsts Take Meet

Did you know that Houghton was involved in a triangular track meet with Canisius college and St. Bonaventure last Saturday? Well, this isn't actually a fact, but Canisius and Bona held a dual meet at the same time as Houghton's class meet. By comparison of first places alone, because second and third place times are not clocked, Houghton won this hypothetical meet by virtue of taking five firsts to four for St. Bonaventure and three for Canisius.

Here are the winners:

100 yd. dash—Henison (B) :10.0
220 yd. dash—Ransier (C) :22.9
440 yd. dash—Bizzard (B) :54.8
880 yd. run—Denny (H) 2:11.7
Mile run—Denny (H) 4:48.2
2 mile run—Denny (H) 10:10
(Bob's average high school time)
High Jump—Howard (B) 5'0"
Pole Vault—Howard (B) 10'6"
Javelin—Dongell (H) 161'3"
Board Jump—Horst (H) 19'5½"
Shot Put—O'Neill (C) 40'9½"
Discus—O'Neill (C) 112' 8½"

Purple Beats Gold by 6-0

Purple walked off the Fillmore field last Tuesday with a victory over Gold to the score of 6-0. Chuck Hunsberger pitched a two hit shut out while the purple batters hit Bob McClure out of the box with seven hits.

The game started in a slight drizzle which did no more than keep the dust from blowing around. During the middle of the game there was one downpour, but at the end of the game the skies were clearing.

The two hits which Hunsberger gave up were a single by Troutman of Gold in the first inning and an-

other single by P. Nast in the fourth inning. Hunsberger faced only 22 men in 7 innings due to a pickoff of Troutman in the first inning.

Purple had a barrage of 11 hits with every man getting at least one hit except Danks. Juroe and Hunsberger led the assault with two hits apiece. Snyder got the only extra base hit of the game, a looping double into center field.

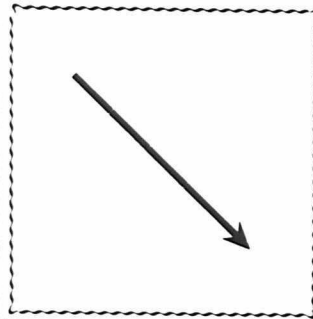
A word should be mentioned concerning Bill Master's relief pitching. He started to pitch in the fourth inning and held the Purple batters to 4 hits and two single runs in the sixth and seventh innings. After the fast stuff of Bob McClure, his slow pitching had the Purple batters fishing which helped him to put Purple down.

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