

Goddard Urges Nation To Take Strong Stand

Houghtonians as Americans were urged Wednesday evening by Dr. Alvin C. Goddard to put on their big boots, not for another blizzard, but for a new drive of democracy in a world where totalitarianism is gaining momentum.

In this, Houghton's third Lecture Series, Dr. Goddard, a former student at Columbia, Boston and Harvard universities, explained that today Russia is on top of the totalitarian governments and the United States is on top of the democratic. Dr. Goddard believes that the United States is the only possible savior from a third world war and must introduce something new into the age-old vicious circle. If a third world war comes it will destroy civilization. Civilization will be practically covered up. We now have a formula for something so deadly that a little bit of it in a city's water supply will destroy everyone. Out of Einstein's papers came the atom bomb and it is now possible to create a hydrogen bomb larger than a golf ball and

smaller than a baseball that will create radio activity products that can completely annihilate a city. The hydrogen bomb is one thousand times more destructive than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima, said Dr. Goddard.

According to data in the possession of Sumner Wells, and the American State Department, if Russia cannot conquer the world by infiltration, they have a strategy for the third world war which employed means that Russia would first fight west to the English Channel, from the English Channel to Africa, India, and China. But Russia hopes to do this by infiltration which may begin in the United States when and if the U. S. is unable to support the Marshall Plan. Russia will wait until unemployment and discontent reign here and then will infiltrate. Already Russian subs have been sighted off American shores supposedly for this purpose.

Infiltration has already begun in different parts of Europe, said Goddard, the crippling of industries being one result. America must show them there is a better way. "Democracy must put on big boots," urged Goddard. One tool America can employ in an all-out drive against totalitarianism is "to be alert," proclaimed Dr. Goddard. (See page 4: "Let's Show Them . . .") "Let's show them democracy has their ears to the ground listening and, as never before, they have become aggressive. Democracy is not just going to happen," he said.

"War is a dreadful sin," said Goddard. "Every Bible prophecy is to do away with the whole war system. War prevails where Christianity does not." Laws have been passed to keep us out of the last two wars, but laws did not prevent war. Says Dr. Goddard, "We have on our big boots to bring to every American peace. America must never die from the world. Our hope is in the United Nations. America can be made strong on the ideas that our old fathers had. Democracy will have on its big boots when this comes."

2 Injured In Auto Accident

"We are praising the Lord for His goodness to us," said Ruth Cowles, secretary to the president, when interviewed about the automobile accident in which she was injured on Saturday, March 4.

The accident occurred on Route 19, just this side of Portageville. Mrs. Ruth Lee, Abraham Davis, Nina Borisuk, Joan Carville, Mrs. Carville, and Miss Cowles were riding to Rochester in Mrs. Lee's car, a 1948 Chrysler club coupe. Joan was driving.

Just after they rounded a curve the car skidded on ice, left the road, knocked down a fence post and flipped over in the air, coming to rest on its left side.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Colburn of Ontario were driving down the road when they saw the car in the field. They were about to go by thinking it was not a recent accident, when they saw the wind-shield wipers moving. They stopped as did another car and pulled the occupants out. They took the accident victims to the Fillmore hospital.

Mrs. Lee suffered sprained ligaments in her left shoulder and Miss Cowles received a fractured right wrist. The car was damaged beyond repair.

Ortlip Paints King's Portrait

On Monday afternoon, March 6, Prof. Willard Ortlip painted a portrait sketch of Dr. Lauren A. King. This was done to illustrate to the students the principle of building a portrait with simple planes before considering detail.

Mr. and Mrs. Ortlip were students of William M. Chase who taught many outstanding portrait painters of the last half-century. His method of teaching was to train for exactitude of line, and placement of areas.

The sketch of Dr. King was nearly finished at the end of two hours. Mr. Ortlip said that Dr. King made an excellent model.

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Miss Lina Lejeune

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Friday, March 10

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Bedford—7:30 p.m.

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Singspiration — Dorm Reception Room—6:45 p.m.

Church Choir Rehearsal—
Church—7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 13

Oratorio Rehearsal — Chapel—
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14

College Prayer Meeting—Chapel—7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15

Basketball game — Varsity—
Frosh—Bedford—7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 16

General Recital — Music Auditorium—7:30 p.m.

Class Prayer Meetings — 6:45 p.m.

Friday, March 17

Basketball game — Varsity—
Alumni—Bedford—7:30 p.m.

Dean King Visits Seton Hill College

March 13, 14, and 15, Dr. Lauren A. King, dean of the college, will be at Seton Hill college, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, acting as a member of an inspection committee in behalf of the Middle States Association of colleges and secondary schools for the purpose of making a restudy of conditions there.

This group, consisting of four or five members, is under the leadership of Dr. Bradford, registrar of Cornell university.

Curtains for Chaing Kai-Chek

U. S. Unable to Uphold Chinese Sovereignty

By CHUCK STUART
It was fairly evident that upon the entrance of Japan into the World War, the conflict had taken on a new aspect. Hope had been existent at the beginning of the war that the action could be limited to Europe. This hope was dashed by the entrance of Japan into the fray.

On the surface, the observer might conclude that Japan was obligated to enter because of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance of 1902. The truth of the matter is, however, that England sought to discourage Japan from entering the contest. England realized as did many other nations that Japan was determined on her action not out of any desire to help the Allies.

Rather, it was because of her own selfish desire to seize the chance to make her position more secure in the Far East. This could be more easily carried on while the rest of the world was pre-occupied with more urgent problems in their own sphere.

Thus, it was that Japan making the most of her opportunity seized the German-held territory on the

Chinese mainland on the pretext that eventually the same would be restored to China. From this act, Japan hit a little closer when she made the now-famous Twenty-one Demands upon China. Supposedly a secret list of demands, the news of the arrival of the document in the Chinese capital leaked out and the whole world became aware as to Japan's intentions.

A rather brief way to describe the demands would be that they resembled the concessions a victorious power would demand of a vanquished enemy. Influenced by outside pressure, Japan yielded and removed the most obnoxious of the demands. Japan's designs upon China, however, were not stopped by this temporary setback.

At the conclusion of the World War, a war in which China had played little active part, it was apparent that one of the main issues, which would have to be settled, would be the Far Eastern question. United States went to the peace conference with the sincere intention of attempting to bring about a settlement be-

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College Rents Twin Spruce; Secures Hurd as Manager

The Local Advisory board of the college and Mr. Eugene Brentlinger have jointly announced the renting of the Twin Spruce Inn by the college.

The operation of the Inn will be under a management like that of the book store and the print shop. Mr. James H. Hurd of Scranton, Penna. will be manager and will determine specific policies. No radical changes

the war he was cook on board a submarine.

The entire building is being rented, and the college expects to get a proctor to manage the rooming quarters.

Mr. Brentlinger was anxious to be free of the burden of operating the Inn while carrying on his school work. Carrying a full college load and managing a restaurant, he said, necessitated that one or the other would be neglected. The school work suffered. It was decided that in view of Mr. Brentlinger's education the Inn would have to be either sold or rented, and for the general welfare of all, the decision was made that it be rented.

Willard H. Smith, having returned to the college for a short time from working on his doctor's degree at Columbia university, released the following reasons for the college's desire to rent the Inn:

1. It is vital to the school and the community to insure a properly operated eating place beside the dining hall, that is, to be certain that some undesirable not control the place.
2. The college is interested in controlling enterprises which provide student labor opportunities.
3. Any small net profit to help compensate for the declining income for meeting current expenses is needed by the college.
4. The college is interested in renting as a means of guaranteeing operation in sympathy with the principles and ideals of Houghton.

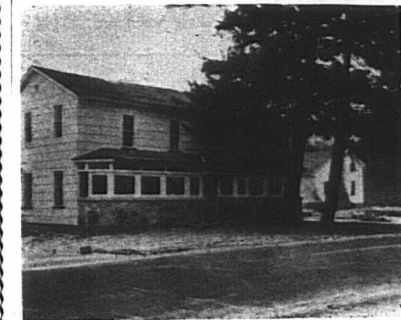
Mr. Brentlinger said that they were unable to increase the services of the Inn beyond its present point because of the limitation of time and funds, and that the college is in a better position to provide the students, community, and other customers with further services and conveniences.

Another reason stated by Mr. Brentlinger for renting the Inn was that "the demand of both activities seriously limited participation and growth in spiritual things so necessary for life. One of them had to go; and since God is first and education is a prerequisite for intelligent and progressive work in His field, the Inn took third place. It had to go."

Dr. S. I. McMillen suggested that because of a recent decline in Mr. Brentlinger's health because of overwork, either the Inn or the school work should be dropped.

Professors Discuss Pastor and Music

Two members of the music faculty, Professors Donald Q. Butterworth and Charles H. Finney, and also Dr. C. I. Armstrong will discuss the topic, "The Place of Music in the Church," at the meeting of the Student Ministerial association on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m., in the Science building. Dr. Claude A. Ries, advisor to the Student Ministerial, suggested this discussion, since music plays an indispensable part in the activity of the church's program.



THE TWIN SPRUCE INN are expected immediately. At the present time Mr. Hurd is operating a grocery store in Scranton. During

Chicago Attorney Addresses Society

Mr. Ralph Merriam, a Chicago attorney, will address the March meeting of the Classical society on Tuesday evening, March 14, at 8:30. Mr. Merriam, a well-known corporation lawyer now in partial retirement, has traveled widely throughout the nation lecturing before many college and civic groups in a spirited endeavor to promote the appreciation of classical studies. His immediate itinerary before coming to Houghton calls for lectures at Elmira and Swarthmore colleges. The topic for the Houghton lecture is the life and writings of Plato.

Club President Phil Roddy has announced that a delegation of students from the Classics department of Alfred university will be the guests of the Classical society at this meeting and a special invitation is extended to all Houghton students to take advantage of this unusual opportunity.

Choir Visits Houghton From London, Ontario

The London, Ontario, Bible Institute choir will visit Houghton on Monday, March 13. The group, which consists of 30 students and three faculty members, is making a concert tour in the Rochester district.

The choir will sing in the dining hall at late serving of lunch.

James N. Bedford, president of the Institute, is a graduate of Houghton college.

Students Submit Contest Articles

Ninety-five poems, mostly sonnets, were entered in the literary contest as well as forty short stories and a few essays. The local judges will be: for the short stories, Beverly Taylor; essays, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. King; poetry, all the members of the English department. The final judges have not yet been chosen.

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A Diagnosis of Christian Fundamentalism

About a year ago an article appeared in *Christian Life** magazine decrying the fact that "much of Christian work today is woefully ineffective because of the desperate need for capable, trained leaders." Six explanations were given for this gaping need in present Christianity. These same explanations can be used to point out the cause of another woeful lack in fundamentalism—the lack of the application of Christian principles not only in lives of leaders but in the individual believers also.

Is it not true that the desperate need for capable leaders stems from the great need for truly Christian individual believers? Cure the sickness of the people and those who spring from the people will not be sick. Of course, the reverse is also true. Obtain an effective, well-trained leadership and they will cure the sickness of the people. Nevertheless, no matter which way the problem is approached, a common objective is sought, and that objective is the curing of the sickness of the people. Therefore, we will focus some of the explanations for the "woeful lack of Christian leadership" upon the masses in an attempt to obtain at least a partial diagnosis of the illness there.

First, fundamental Christianity often is associated with shallowness.

Ask an outsider what he thinks of present-day Christian practice, and he will say there is no practice. Evangelicals are so proud of their firm verbal and perhaps even mental adherence to a fixed set of religious tenets, that they neglect the Christian virtues. The criterion for social approval is not whether he evidences love, but whether he is pre-millennial or post-millennial. Beneath a veneer of public piety there is a spiritual sterility that unbelievers do not fail to see.

Second, many are apparently unwilling to count all things loss for Christ's sake.

Some contemporary Christians, although professing an "up-to-date" Christian experience, refuse to renounce money, comfort and position for the gospel cause, while some scientists are so devoted to their cause that they work into the early hours of the morning and arise early that same morning for their labors. At one time men of God prayed long into the night, agonizing before God. Could it be that our present spiritual state is caused by the fact that so few Christians are willing to spend time in prayer?

A certain leading pastor in the South was asked to take the president's chair of a college, but he refused because he was offered a salary of only \$30,000. Leaders of this type inflict their ideas upon the Christian masses, intentionally or unintentionally, and the masses reflect like ideas and manners of acting upon their leaders.

Is it any wonder that the world is in spiritual and moral chaos?

The other four explanations for the lack of Christian leadership dealt with opposition to education; since we do not believe this to be a problem here at Houghton, we will not consider these explanations.

However, we do claim to have placed the spotlight upon two of the star performers on the stage of judgement and to have found them guilty of sabotaging the Christian message. Shallowness and selfishness are the two largest thorns in the side of the bearer of the Good News.

Could it be that Houghton lacks these thorns?

* "Woeful Lack of Christian Leadership," Russell Hitt, *Christian Life*, June, 1949.

Letters to the Editor

Action Needed

DEAR EDITOR:

Mr. Soderberg's attitude toward dating in Houghton, is to say the least, provocative. And since he'd have us pause to ponder, let us do just that.

The tapestry of life is something more than just the mingling of philosophies. It is the interweaving of our very selves in social setting with our fellow men. No play of words can ever change or solve the poignant problems that confront our minds, but quiet action traced from where we are in slight gradation toward a better day.

And in the realm of dating it's the same; to throw our weight in some loquacious scale of gross inaction is to but withdraw from all solutions that, perchance, might work, did we but start them with a burst of faith and do more thinking on an active plane.

Words without action are like arrows shot across a gulf just great enough to hide the unexpected lodging of their points in some dear friend who pondered there too long.

What if the wall around the goal is high? Can social graces grow in but a day? Shall we sit idle and philosophize in coffeehouses or attack the thing?

Sincerely,

Arthur Davis

A Pro-"have" Speaks

DEAR EDITOR:

A worthy gentleman who had a letter in the *Star* last week mentioned his observation that he notices more weeping and gnashing of teeth among the "haves" than among the "have-nots." I certainly agree that he actually did observe this, but I am inclined to doubt the extensiveness of his observation.

Dozens of "haves" on our own campus can testify that the sublime state of have-ness is far superior to the state of have-not-ness. The "haves" also find some satisfaction of a powerful human drive which seems to concern not only the "haves" but also the "have-nots."

Why are some of the "have-nots" so greatly concerned about economic difficulties of the "haves"? The "haves" themselves aren't usually quite so worried. Perhaps the "have-nots" are interested in economic theory, and I sincerely hope they profit immensely from their noble intellectual pursuits. I have on occasions been tempted to believe that some "have-nots" secretly would have liked to join the throng of those who weep and gnash their teeth!

Sincerely,

A Have

Reality ? ?

DEAR EDITOR:

Mr. Soderberg suggested last week that both sides scrap their philosophy and seek the reality. Of course, to scrap a philosophy and seek "reality" is to seek a new philosophy, or modify an old one. The "haves" maintain that their present philosophy has full grasp of reality. Permit me to give a few quotations in favor of the convictions of the "haves":

Francis Bacon: "Reading maketh a full man, but none is absolutely complete till he bath."

David Hume (an agnostic): "Inasmuch as any supposed urge which tends toward have-ness is not subject to perception empirically, we can't know if such an urge exists—but it is certainly strong!"

The mathematically-minded might observe Newton's postulate: "Easier is it to perform a scientific experiment lovingly than to perform an

experiment in love scientifically."

Newton later found it necessary to add to the above postulate his famous corollary which is more profound: "Love is not un-scientific; it is trans-scientific."

Kant: "In the light of compelling evidence, it is proper that we postulate a force that drives men to seek havenness, thus accounting for our daily experience."

Havingly yours,

Have

WJSL Fans--Look!

DEAR EDITOR:

There is a program over station WJSL that should be brought to the attention of all who have not heard it as yet. I refer to Dick and Ruth Elmer's "Music and Meditation," that may be heard on Saturday evenings at 10:00 p.m.

Here is a program that is presented to the honor and glory of Jesus Christ and is a tribute to Houghton college. A good program just does not happen, but besides the technical rehearsal behind this one is the definite evidence of prayerful preparation. "Music and Meditation" is worthy of a place on any radio station, and we are fortunate in having a program of such quality and witness heralded from our campus.

Dick and Ruth deserve a thankful recognition from every student and faculty member for their devotion to Christ and their witness through this broadcast. It has been a source of spiritual blessing to me, and will be to everyone who listens.

H. A. S.

Draw the Line

DEAR EDITOR:

When Mr. Soderberg's article, "Haves and Have Not," first appeared a couple of weeks ago, I looked upon it as harmless fun. But I was disappointed and shocked in "Pause to Ponder" in the March 3 issue. No one enjoys a good joke more than I do. But when Christian young people use the sacred Scriptures to emphasize a joke it ceases to be funny.

I refer to the statement, "The poor widow, who placed her two mites in the money box was lavish to the Lord for she gave all she had." I fail to see any connection between the act of a poor widow who gave all she had in adoration to her Lord, and the "lavish" buying of "accessories" for one's "date."

The statement, "I thank God for the exceptions to this, but they are almost as scarce as bulls' milk," was extremely vulgar, and came little short of blasphemy. The Scriptures clearly teach us to "shun profane and vain babblings, for they will increase unto more ungodliness." (II Tim. 2:16). Ephesians 5:4 warns us against "filthiness and foolish talking, and jesting, which are not convenient."

The sentence which speaks of the "ultradogmatism of some girls concerning the Lord's will for their future," revealed very shallow thinking. There are young people, fellows and girls, who have yielded their lives to the Lord, and who look upon their future as a sacred trust to be used for His glory.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Frances Brooks

● Thank you, Mrs. B., for this observation. All criticism such as this is always welcome. Personally, I feel that Scripture can be interpreted to fit practical, everyday problems, and I have considered dating to be just that. Concerning the "exceptions"—I feel that your criticism is justified, as it was an overstatement and should never have been made.—S.D.S.

Introducing

BY BOB BAILEY

Paul LaCelle

Paul LaCelle, treasurer of the junior class, who lives in Canisteo, New York.

When Paul came to Houghton for his freshman year, he was thinking of teaching science when he got out of college. Now after three years he is planning to study for a master's degree in science. But while he has been in Houghton, he has acquired an interest in printing. Before coming, he applied for work here, and the college offered him a job in the print shop. It sounded like a very good opportunity. He arrived a couple weeks early to start work in the print shop and has been working there ever since. He likes that type of work and says that after he gets his master's degree, if he still has some time and money left, he would like to study printing in a school of technology. He almost prefers working in the print shop to studying, judging from the considerable time he spends at it.

Besides printing and studying, Paul helps on the staff of WJSL, keeping the equipment in good condition and installing new apparatus.

When asked what he did during the summer, he replied that he has been working as a section hand on the Erie railroad near Hornell for several years, and last summer as a time keeper also.

Since he has been here, Paul has learned to appreciate this college because Houghton does something for the students themselves besides cramming their heads with formulas and facts, important as that is. When he goes home for vacation, he sees his old friends who are going to the big universities. They appear to like big parties, to paint the town red, and to cut up in general, whereas Houghton students are more mature in their actions.

Dick Price

The president of the sophomore class. Climbing up flights of stairs to the top of the McKinley house I find Dick Price, in the attic where the rooms are the shape of triangles, formed by their sloping walls. It is here that Dick sleeps and studies. I wonder if that is the solution to getting on the Dean's list, but Dick doesn't spend all his time up in his room, by any means. We have seen him on the floor of Bedford playing for his class both this year and last. He is now playing for Gold. Realizing that basketball players aren't made over night, I asked him how much basketball he played in high school. He replied that he was on the varsity for three years in Panama Central High school in New York state. He lives just across the state line in Bear Lake, Penna.

Growing up in a Christian home, he chose Houghton because of its religious emphasis. His high school science and mathematics teacher has influenced him toward preparing to teach those subjects in high school. It was through the same teacher, a Houghton graduate, that Dick acquired some first hand information on Houghton.

During the late evenings, Dick helps clean and polish the floors of Luckey Memorial, a never-ending job.

His summer program usually consists of odd jobs, but last summer he spent most of the season behind the counter of a frozen custard stand. During the summer, that can be a very advantageous spot, so I suggested that he probably had eaten a lot of frozen custard, but he said, "Oh—a moderate amount."

Let's Take Inventory

BY CHARLES SAMUELS

The following is a tabulation of all the devotional activities under the sponsorship of the Wesleyan Young People's Society for the week of February 27 to March 5:

Student Prayer Meeting	130
Morning Watch (average daily attendance)	10
Foreign Mission's Fellowship Prayer Meetings	37
Class Prayer Meetings (the figure in parentheses denotes the class percentage)—	
Seniors	30 (16.8)
Juniors	21 (13.0)
Sophomores	57 (31.3)
Freshmen	63 (30.7)
Torchbearers	54
Young People's Service (Sunday evening)	102

You need not prepare yourselves for reading an exhortation on "Why to Attend More Service"; for it is not the purpose of this article to even tell you to attend any sacred service. The only conclusive observation to the tabulation given above is contained within the report itself. However, I do submit the following considerations concerning the general subject of attendance at public prayer meetings and sacred worship services.

1. Perhaps some of the services ought to be improved and hence have more appeal. Those having charge of the services listed above will gladly welcome suggestions and criticisms about the meetings.

2. It does not seem Christian to condemn those who do not go to a given service. The responsibilities of individuals differ, and nobody has the legitimate right to doubt the spiritual fervor of one who stays away from a service. The fact that one can worship God in church does not mean that those at home are out of the divine will.

3. Public prayer meetings have a positive potential value for strengthening the bonds of Christian fellowship. Class prayer meetings, for instance, afford an excellent means for maintaining a truly genuine class spirit which develops unity in the group. There is social and psychological benefit derived from sharing one another's burdens and communicating with God in one voice of thanksgiving, adoration, and petition.

4. Since public worship and private devotion each have some benefits not obtained by the other, it is wholly essential that the Christian maintains a proper balance of the two. There

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tween Japan and China. However, she found herself frustrated in her attempts at reconciliation around the conference table because of the network of secret and entangling alliances which had been made during the war.

Japan had made several treaties with the weak Chinese government during the war and sought to hold China to them. The Chinese delegation including the well-known Wellington Koo contended that the treaties which were based on the Twenty-one Demands of Japan had been nullified when China entered the war. To the Chinese claims, the Japanese as well as all the Allies with the exception of the United States turned a deaf ear.

China did gain some concessions at the conference, including the cession of all German property and land in the country. However, the grants that were made fell far short of reaching any definite settlement which would change the status of China from her present position as a virtual colony of Japan and the West.

is no universal rule that applies to all except that this is purely a personal matter, and hence each individual's right to seek that which is best suited to his own welfare.

5. Is there any correlation between the number of public services one attends and the diligence with which he seeks to walk with God? Here again, it is my opinion that each one ought to solve this question for himself with the faculties that God has given him.

6. Joining hearts and beseeching God for his blessings upon others and ourselves is too vital a matter for shoving heedlessly aside.

To assume a passive or wholly negative attitude on the matter of public worship isn't conducive to a general spirit of revival. My question is not, "What are you going to do about it?" I would simply suggest that each of us consider "does this concern me as it ought to?" We might make a general application of Christ's advice: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness..."

Pause to Ponder

BY STANLEY SODERBERG

I have found that the better, and perhaps more abiding part of a college education can be obtained in what we may classify as Houghton's "coffeehouses." Now this does not imply in any way the inadequacy of our classroom recitations. They are, beyond doubt, indispensable to thorough training, and I for one have felt most privileged to sit at the feet of the consecrated scholarship of which Houghton may well boast. Yet I maintain that the classroom is but a springboard to better and fuller experiences.

Education is progressive and the A.B. is but a forerunner of the more thorough and rigid lessons which must be learned in the "college of hard knocks." It is the root which makes possible the fruit of a broader, nobler life. The classroom, in short, is not an entity; it is not an ultimate. It merely provides the "ideas" which must be clothed with the flesh and blood of virile, intelligent action. And it is in the producing of this virile action that the value of the "coffeehouse" can be best realized.

To begin with, I propose that the "coffeehouse" provides fertile soil for the creation and cultivation of rugged individualism, and who will deny that the church is sorely in need of this very thing today. Our present economy will not allow for the eighteenth century "coffeehouse" rendezvous or its equivalents, and as a result we have a generation of mimics and "rubber-stamps." "Yes men" are usually those whose ideas have seldom met adversity by argumentation—one of the best means of strengthening self-confidence and assurance and broadening cultural horizons.

Healthy discussion often betrays the weakness of our logic, it is true, but it also strengthens "new-hatched," "unpledged" thoughts and proves firm thinking. Thoughts expressed are thoughts strengthened. The mountain oak is sturdiest because it has felt the full fury of the storm. Ideas that shun attack become flabby. A steaming cup of good coffee, a private booth, and four or five "philosophers to be" create the ideal atmosphere for trying one's thoughts—and sometimes one's patience, yet it is a tried and proved means of producing reasonable and enduring convictions.

The foundation of a progressive and sturdy outlook on truth lies largely within the four walls of Houghton's "Coffeehouses," and to open

Seniors Hold Midnight Party In Rec Hall

The light of the cheerful moon reflected from the whiteness of a recent snow provided ample illumination for the brave souls who boldly ventured out into the night, thus rebuking the weather's cold bites upon their noses. It was 11:30, and many seniors bade their beloved scholastic pursuits farewell to join in the fun of a merry midnight party in the Rec hall.

Why bother at such a late hour, did you say? Ah, you show that you haven't heard what fun we had—one big, happy family, forgetting about any dignity we were supposed to have acquired during these past four years, and indulging in group participation games that left out nobody.

The cozy fire-place, the general hustling and bustling kept us plenty warm, as also did our apparel, which

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Sweating It Out

BY CONNIE JACKSON

Maybe you're one of the unknowing laymen who are in gross ignorance about what is involved in putting out the *Star*. You might be one of the characters who comes blasting over to the old Ad building Friday night, wrenches open his mailbox, jams his hand through so violently that Jim Snyder inside has to duck—all this only to find no *Star*. Maybe you've moaned about the dumb staff who can't get an issue out on time. But I'm going to enlighten you. I'm going to give you an exclusive behind-the-scenes account of what goes on behind the *Star* office door.

The sinister looking character slouched behind the typewriter is Editor-in-chief, Mulholland. Efficient and determined news editor Journey is at the desk glowering over a long list of names. The trusty tower clock strikes 6 p.m. this dismal Monday evening. "Well," snarls the editor, "where are your irresponsible bunch of reporters, Journey? Don't they know the deadline is 6 p.m. on the dot, not a minute later? Well, answer me, woman. Don't just sit there!"

"Sir," answers — Journey tremblingly, "I gave them the word in the last meeting. They promised they'd be here on the dot, not a minute later."

The door bangs open with a flourish. Flexing his biceps, Castor of the sports dept., muscles his way over to the editor's desk, hurls down a piece of paper scrawled with cave man hieroglyphics, grunts, and stamps out again. Minutes pass. The room is wrapped in gloomy silence broken only by the snorts and sighs of the two anxious editors. Suddenly down the hall are heard the wavering strains of "Yo, heave, ho." The muffled tramping of feet gets nearer and nearer. Dead silence; "Aha," gloats the editor, "they are here! Ready, Journey."

The door creaks open slowly. "Enter, if you dare!" barks Journey. A procession of wan and weary characters tramp in. "Frisk 'em, Journey" orders Mulholland. Efficiently, the news editor relieves the

silent crew of anything that might be news, checking each one on her list of names. "Well?" Are they all in?" roars the editor. "All but one," she replies. "Any of you know what happened to Whyte?"

"The last I knew," one of the braver pipes up, "she was on her way to Luckey. All that's left now is a bubble in the mud." And so goes the news staff.

Feature editor Charles Samuels is a little more subtle about extracting features from his staff. On Saturday night, the deadline, we the feature writers sneak over to the mailboxes fervently hoping we won't run into him. We pull out a black boarded card. "Big Brother is watching you. Get your feature in!" it says. With a feeling of guilt we live through Sunday and sneak from class to class Monday sure that Big Brother is on our trail. In spare minutes we madly scribble off a few lines, hoping it will pass as a feature. Shivering with fright, we leave our efforts in the *Star* office, trying not to waver under Samuel's scathing look. Now maybe you know how come the features are like they are (speaking for myself, that is).

Now that all the copy is in, editors Mulholland, Journey, and Samuels breathe a little easier, and the mop of typists get to work, along with the intellectual copy-readers who delight in rearranging distorted sentences. Sam Mack and his trusty gang set up the proofs, while all reporters hope wishfully that their stories survive in one piece—seeing as how Sam is no mean writer himself. The make-out (make-up, that is) staff have a powwow and sweat it out trying to piece the remains together. If you think this is an easy job just take a look at the glazed-eyed characters that stumble out of the office after a session. The print shop takes over again, grinding out the finished product. A *Star* is born! And now you'll appreciate the 1% inspiration, 99% perspiration that's involved in the process. When you sing "Are the *Stars* out tonight," be patient. It's a long, hard struggle.

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Dribbles

By STEVE

Once again the Gladiators have tipped the balance in the 1950 Color series. In the avenging of their Friday night defeat, Gold threw the series into a deadlock with each team boasting of two games.

On a Friday night about a week ago, the fighting Pharoahs came from 'way behind in the last quarter to sneak off with a 3-point win over the Gold cagers. Although they had trouble finding their way through the zone defense in the first three quarters, the Pharoahs cracked it wide open in the final stanza and took control of the game from there on.

Last Wednesday night, the story was different. The Gold Gladiators started out with what might be called the biggest bang of the year when they poured in 23 counters in the first period. In switching back from their zone to a man-to-man defense, Gold's strategy perplexed the Pharoahs, who don't know the meaning of "give up," whittled an 18 point third quarter lead down to a seven point margin at the final whistle.

This tendency of the Goldsters to fall apart in the homestretch is undoubtedly what cost them their preceding game in which they blew a 13 point lead. On Wednesday night, those Pharoahs, who don't know the meaning of "give up," whittled an 18 point third quarter lead down to a seven point margin at the final whistle.

The hot combination for Gold is Bud Lewis and Joe Guest, both in the forward slot, who together have pumped in 70 points in the last two games—35 for each. In the last game Lewis warmed things up considerably as he notched up his third 20-point game for the season and his second for the Purple-Gold series.

Purple's scoring combination is the short, scrappy pair, Chuck Hunsberger and "Whiskers" Tiberio, who have racked up 27 points for their cause.

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Purple Women Take Season's Championship

The Purple-Gold series came to an official close for Houghton's women athletes as Purple tallied up three victories and one defeat to win the series.

The third game of the series, on March 3, turned out to be an overtime game when at the end of the fourth quarter Joan Carville shot from the foul line for Purple and tied both teams at 22-22.

During the over-time period it was all Purple's game. Jo Fancher, first two-pointer for Purple, set the pace which resulted in a Purple triumph to the tune of 30 to 24.

On March 8, Purple did it again: this time with a final tally of 30 to 20 after carrying an approximate 6 to 8 point lead throughout the entire contest.

Louise Schneider was high score with 10 points to her credit; Anna Belle Russell claimed second position with seven.

BOX SCORES

PURPLE	G	F	T
Gravink	3	0	6
Fancher	2	1	5
Carville	2	1	5
Russell	3	1	7
Bjorkgren	2	2	6
Knapp	0	1	1
Totals	12	6	30

GOLD	G	F	T
Young	1	0	2
Mitchell	2	1	5
Straley	1	1	3
Schneider	5	0	10
Totals	9	2	20

safe ten point margin, the Goldsters attempted to slow up the game, but failed to do so when the Pharoahs threw a pressing man-to-man defense against them. After trailing in Gold-dust for three quarters, the aroused Purple Cagers finally cracked through their rivals' defense to rack up 17 counters while limiting Gold to four of the same.

No longer hampered by the height of Bud Lewis, who fouled out, Al Johnson set his sights and looped in two field goals and a charity toss to lead the Purple offense. Little Wilbur Zike raised his total to 12 points as he sank a set shot that put the game on ice for the Pharoahs.

Color Series Tied Up As Gold Men Trounce Purple

The Gold men tied up the Color series by trouncing the Purple quint 53-46 Wednesday evening, March 8.

The Gladiators bombarded the Pharaoh hoop with 23 points in the initial quarter while holding their opponents to ten markers. The Gold offensive was spearheaded by Guest, Lewis and Castor who dumped in nine, seven and five points respectively. The Pharoahs could not get started against this hot Gold outfit who sank baskets from all angles.

In the second quarter the Pharoahs closed the gap by pumping in 12 points led by Tiberio's seven tallies. The Gladiators "cooled off" a little as they were held to nine points. As the first half buzzer sounded the Gold men held a comfortable 32-22 advantage. This edge was largely due to the accurate sharpshooting of the leaders who sank 60 per cent of their attempted shots.

In the third canto the Gladiators increased their lead to 16 points as Guest, Lewis, Vining and Lennox all scored. The Purple were only able to tally once from the court but added six charity tosses to bring their total to 30 to their opponents 46.

With this big 16 point bulge the Gladiators had to fight off a last quarter all-out offensive of their smaller opponents as the Purple closed the gap to a mere five points at one time. Time ran out on the attempts of a valiant Pharaoh team as they succumbed to the Gladiators 53-46.

Lewis led his cohorts for the third straight evening by tallying 20 points. His total was matched by his teammate Joe Guest. The loser's cause was headed by Tiberio and Hunsberger both with 16 counters.

PURPLE	G	F	T
Nichols	3	2	8
Peterson	0	2	2
Johnson	1	0	2
Alderman	0	0	0
Tiberio	7	2	16

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Totals 16 14 46

GOLD	G	F	T
Castor	2	1	5
Hostetter	0	0	0
Guest	8	4	20
Price	0	0	0
Lewis	9	2	20
Troutman	1	0	2
Kolowski	0	0	0
Lennox	1	0	2
Vining	2	2	6

Totals 23 9 53

Senior Party

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the family (the class, that is) as he announced each game and laid down the regulations.

Dean Gililand presented a monologue in which he told a Miss Anne at the other end of the telephone wire the details of a wedding he had attended. Did I say wedding? Well, to mention a slight technicality for clarification, this "wedding" had a sorrowful ending, rather, no ending—the groom never did show up.

After we had our refreshments—two or three cups of cocoa and the same number of baked apples, we sat on the floor and participated in devotions. We joined in two stanzas of "Abide with Me," and then recited in unison the beloved twenty-third psalm. Then Professor Shea, our class advisor, whose wife was also at the party, led us in a closing word of prayer.

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