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The Oratorio Society

Harder, Shaffer, Greer, Anderson Solo In Presentation Of "Messiah"

BY LINDA DANNEY

The Oratorio Society, directed by Robert Shewan, associate professor of music, sang portions of George F. Handel's *Messiah* Sunday evening, December 17, in the Chapel-Auditorium.

The 175-voice choir of students, faculty members and village residents was accompanied by an orchestra of nineteen musicians. The Christmas portion and other selected parts of the *Messiah* were presented.

Pianist Marian Johnson accompanied the four soloists: Maria Harder, Walter Shaffer, Norris Greer and Marie Anderson.

Former member of the Berlin Opera Company, Maria Harder, soprano, gives private voice lessons in Bradford, Pa., where she resides. Walter Shaffer, bass, a graduate of Taylor University, teaches in the Franklinville public schools. Tenor and alto soloists were Norris Greer, associate professor of voice and Marie Anderson, a sophomore.

As director, Mr. Shewan is temporarily replacing Charles H. Finney, chairman of the division of music and art, who is on sabbatical leave this year.

The Oratorio Society, which prepares two annual concerts, will pre-

sent an Easter program of two cantatas, Mr. Shewan announced. The cantatas by Bach are *Come Redeemer, No. 61* and *Praise Our God Who Reigns In Heaven*.

Wilson Film "France Is More" Presents Country's Unseen View

BY BEVERLY THOMAS

Mr. Art Wilson will present the film-lecture, "France is More," on Friday, January 12, at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel-Auditorium.

"France is More" gives the viewer a myriad of the more rarely shown attractions in France: Spanish-style bullfights in France contrasted with amusing French bull games, seldom filmed interiors of famous landmarks, behind-the-door scenes of science and industry, the Calanques ("Fjords of France"), galleries of the Lafayette Department Store, the walled city of Carcassonne, amazing Paris Catacombs, theatre and ballet, Paris subways, canyons and gorges, outdoor markets, tides at Mont St. Michel, modern French architecture and French homes and schools.

The film demonstrates "superb photography and the most successful capture made of significant but unknown views of France and the life of its people as too few others have gotten to know it," according to Mr. M. Vitu, director of the Mid-America

French Government Tourist Office, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Wilson's interest in travel and foreign countries began during his military service at the end of World War II when he had occasion to live



Mr. Art Wilson

and travel in a number of European countries. He later was graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in foreign trade and transportation and subsequently fostered these interests during years of work in the export field.

In appreciation for kindness shown to him by a French family with whom he lived for five months during military service, Mr. Wilson brought their two teenage children to the United States for a three-month, cross-country vacation. During that venture Mr. Wilson joined with Mr. Keiffer in filming "Voici L'Amerique" (Here is America), showing our country, as it were, through the eyes of those children. As a gesture of kindness and goodwill, that film was given extensively in France during the production of their new film on that country, "France is More."

Shannon Receives NSF Fellowship For Graduate Study At Akron University

Frederick D. Shannon, associate professor of chemistry, has been named as the recipient of a National Science Faculty Fellowship.

To aid in preparing college teachers to be better equipped for their positions is the goal of the National Science Foundation. College professors with three years teaching experience may apply for a N.S.F. fellowship to aid them in continuing their graduate studies.

As a professor of this fellowship, Mr. Shannon will have his expenses paid, will receive a salary and will have his choice of a school for advanced study. He will complete

course work for his Ph.D. in chemistry and do research at Akron University, Akron, Ohio, from September, 1962, to September, 1963. During that time he will be on a leave of absence from Houghton College.

Prof. Shannon received his bachelor of science degree in 1953 and his master of science degree in 1959, both from Akron University where he taught for several years. In September, 1958, he assumed his present position among the Houghton College faculty.

Professor Shannon and his family will move to Akron, Ohio, next summer.

Classes Begin Season Holiday With Parties

BY NANCY CARRINGTON

A Ski Resort, Winter Wonderland, a Ski Lodge in the Alps and Candy Cane Lane are the settings which will ensure an evening of gaiety as Houghton College students gather by classes for their annual class Christmas parties this evening. Rejoicing and anticipation will pervade the atmosphere of the soon-to-be-deserted campus.

Seniors, as ski lovers, will trek to their resort in East Hall basement for an evening of fun. The spotlight will be on the Gugenheimer Band, an ensemble of about twenty seniors under the direction of the able John Bechtel, which gave its initial concert this afternoon on the steps of Luckey Building. David Pollock will be the master of ceremonies for a program of skits, group singing and special selections. For refreshments, the seniors will enjoy decorated cakes moulded in the form of logs, and hot cider.

The Juniors will discover Winter Wonderland at the Rec Hall, decorat-

ed with a Christmas tree, greens and snowflakes. As the master of ceremonies, Mr. Frederick Shannon will announce a skit by Charlie Green and Bill Revere. Members of the class will present various forms of entertainment, including a specialty by Linda Chamberlain and Dave Clemens. The refreshment committee will prepare sloppy joes, punch and potato chips.

The sophomores will convert East Hall Lounge to a ski lodge in the Alps. Hosts and hostess for the evening will be Allen Gurley, Daniel Willett and Ade Jones. Ice skating on the tennis courts will initiate the program. Returning to the warmth of the lodge, the sophomores will participate in group singing and skits. Hoagies and punch will be served for refreshments.

After caroling around the campus and community, the Freshmen will return to the candle-light Candy Cane Lane in the gym. Peter Schreck the master of ceremonies, will announce musical numbers and skits performed by talented class members. Mr. and Mrs. Santa will make their entry during the party. Refreshments including hot chocolate, cake and cookies will conclude the evening.

Team Wins Debate Against Dartmouth

BY REBECCA CHERRY

The Houghton College debate team returned from the University of Rochester after accomplishing a record of 5-5 in the tournament sponsored by that school. The tournament, which was held Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9, consisted of debaters from thirty-four schools in several states and two foreign countries.

U. S. Senator Javits, from New York, presented the representatives with a challenge concerning their responsibility in view of the current Communist threat. His speech was based on his recent five-week trip to the U. S. S. R.

In five rounds, discussing the national question of labor organizations and anti-trust laws, the Houghton negative won three debates, and the affirmative won two. Negative speakers, Donald Dayton and Douglas Kindschi, over-ran the affirmatives of Dartmouth, Oswego and Saint Bonaventure. Janet Crawford and Carol Young, on the affirmative, also beat Oswego, plus Sir George Williams College. Dayton and Kindschi came within a very close margin of defeating New York University and Saint John Fisher College.

The next tournament will be held around the first of February at Saint Bonaventure. Two or three others will follow next semester.

Previous meets have been a novice contest at the University of Buffalo, a tournament at Saint John Fisher College and a scrimmage with Saint Bonaventure.

Houghton Students Await Journey To Sixth Urbana

BY MARCIA FACER

To twenty-eight Houghton students, Christmas vacation will mean a time of study and fellowship at the Sixth International Student Missionary Convention.

Sponsored by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, the convention will be held on the campus of University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, December 27-31, 1961.

Urbana will present the scope of world evangelism to the over 3,000 attending students through study groups, panels, forums, work shops and evening services. Emphasizing "Faith For Our Times," these programs will relate the position of the Christian church in today's world and the problems of the Christian witness in this revolutionary age.

Among the thirty-nine internationally known speakers, missionary leaders and thinkers, will be David Adey of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, Hong Kong; Billy Graham, international evangelist; Festo Kivengere, an educator from India; and Paul Lindell, a missionary to India.

Rev. Joseph Sedu Mans, a native pastor from Sierra Leone, presently a student at Houghton College, will participate in one of the forums.

Over 200 missionaries will be available for students to interview. A wide selection of literature and recordings of the messages will be on sale. Missionary films will be shown every afternoon.

Twenty-two of the Houghton stu-

dents have been granted partial scholarships from an established fund of \$375, which was supplemented by a \$300 gift from Inter-Varsity. These scholarships are applicable for room, board and transportation.

Urbana is held every three years, once in every student body generation, and thereby, affords all students an opportunity to attend.

Under the direction of President David Pollock, Foreign Missions Fellowship, a division of Inter-Varsity, is sponsoring this convention at Houghton.

Juniors Lead Men's Class Ball; Senior Women Still Undeclared

BY THOMAS FARVER AND LYNDA GOODROE

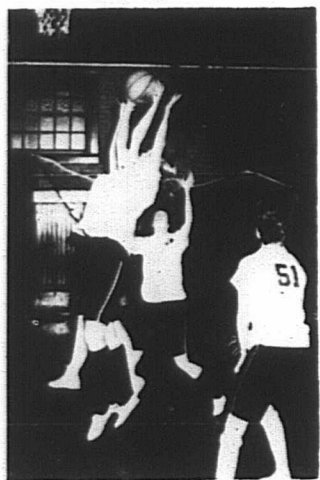
Dave Mitchener led the Juniors to a 67-41 triumph over the Freshmen Wednesday night as the upperclassmen extended their winning streak to four games.

Seniors Upset Sophs

The Seniors threw a monkey wrench into the Sophomores' plan to recover the class title by defeating them 61-55, last Monday in men's class basketball. The Sophomores, who were tabbed as heavy pre-season favorites, now find themselves trailing the pace-setting Juniors by two games.

In the first half Larry Johnson and John Ernst combined scoring talents with 9 and 8 points respectively to help their team to a close 29-27 lead. The Seniors stayed close as Robb Moses pumped in 12 counters while teammate Jim Stevenson added another ten points.

The Seniors tied the score early in the second half and for the next ten minutes of play, the two teams



Sophs and Seniors strain for the rebound.

matched each other basket for basket. Then at the 8:10 mark, Stevenson scored and was followed by a steal and a score by Val Dunham. The Seniors kept pouring on the steam and commanded a 56-47 lead with five minutes showing on the clock.

A Sophomore comeback reduced the Seniors' first victory of the season.

Moses and Stevenson shared high scoring honors with 21 points. Ernst (16) and Johnson (15) led the losers.

On December 9, the Juniors met an Academy challenge for a 42-37 victory.

In the first frame the Juniors jumped out front 13-9 and increased the lead to 21-15 at the half-way point.

Bill Chapel and Chuck Wheeler teamed up for nine points as the high schoolers grabbed a 13-8 third-period advantage.

Entering the final frame with a shaky 29-28 lead, the Juniors mobilized and captured a 13-9 margin and a victory.

Rich Dominguez was high scorer for the Juniors with 10 points while Jon Angel scored 13 for the Academy.

The Juniors also defeated the Sophomores, 53-47, on December 6. The victory broke a deadlock for first place.

In the first half, the Sophomores played good basketball and walked off the floor at intermission with a 30-27 lead.

But in the second stanza, a combination of cold shooting and poor rebounding forced the Sophomores to surrender the game to the Juniors.

Bill Revere was first in the Junior scoring column with 18 points, followed by Dominguez and Galusha with ten apiece. Johnson had 20 counters for the Sophomores.

Frosh Beat Juniors

The Freshman women's basketball team grabbed a 31-11 half-time lead and went on to defeat the Juniors 45-38 Wednesday evening, December 13.

The Seniors claimed their fourth victory in the Soph-Senior game Monday night, December 11, with a score of 24-19. The upperclass women continue to dominate first place in the class league and remain undefeated in the series' first four games.

Both teams played a slow-moving game with the defensive players holding the offense to a few shots. Starting the second half with the Sophs leading 9-7, the Seniors pulled ahead to end the third quarter in their favor 21-12. Seniors June Steffen and Marilyn Howder were high scorers with 11 and 10 points respectively.

The Junior women claimed their first victory on Saturday, December 9, by stacking 43 points against Academy's 14. Using their bench strength the Juniors revealed new potential. Guards Linda Chamberlain and Pat Haines played a strong man-to-man defense, and forwards Judy Stout and Freida Young added several points to the team's score. Marian Johnson and Winnie Howe were high scorers with 11 points each.

One Point Margin

Making 2 points in the last three seconds of the game, Sophomore Wendy Ringeisen put her team ahead to win, 28-27, in the Junior-Soph game December 6. The Sophs tallied an early lead in the game, but in the third quarter the Juniors staged a scoring spree and narrowed the 13 point margin to 4 points. They were about to claim the honors by a slim lead in the final seconds of the game, when Wendy Ringeisen received a quick bounce pass from Audrey Stockin and put the ball through the net, handing the Juniors their third defeat.

Junior Char Woodard led the scoring list with 17 points, followed by Sophomore Audrey Stockin with 12 points.

A. A. SPONSORS FILM

On Friday night, January 5, at 8 o'clock in the Chapel-Auditorium, the Athletic Association will be showing the film "Third Man on the Mountain." Admission will be 50¢ per person and 75¢ for a couple.

Vacation Poses Problem For Panicky Intellectual

BY DANIEL G. CUTTER

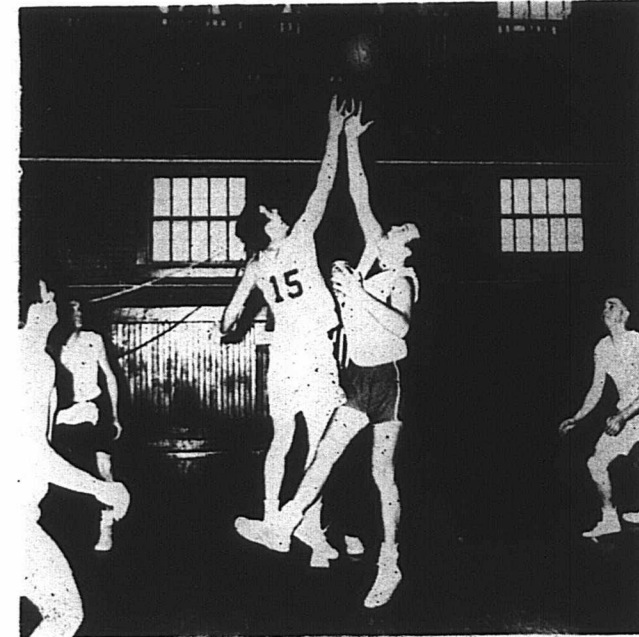
"Panic!" cries the terror-stricken intellect. "Panic!" as he realizes his plight. "Vacation begins tomorrow, and I don't have any way to get home," he gasps to his roommate.

Upon the return to Houghton in September, sophomores, juniors and seniors begin arduous interviews of car-owning Houghtonians. "Do you still have room in your car?" "For how many?" "Where can you leave me?" The freshman, unaware of the existing problem, quickly observes the critical situation and lunges towards the nearest vehicle bearing his home-state's license plate. "I've found one," the neophyte bellows, as he claims the car. He is later informed that the car is an engine-less relic awaiting a tow to its grave. With a spirit of determination, the novice declares, "I'll find one." Thus the annual search for Christmas transportation begins.

Weeks go by; mid-semester passes; thoughts of vacation are lost—buried under a mound of books, papers and pens. Following Thanksgiving, hints of Christmas appear: snow falls; trees are cut; lights are strung. Vacation is again anticipated.

Most pre-Christmas assignments and tests are completed, and the beginner relaxes. "Good grief!" he shrieks. "I still don't have a ride." He seeks comfort by announcing this to all his contemporaries. Panic once again seizes him.

Suggestions are funneled into the befuddled brain-case of the procrastinator: Fillmore dog sleds are dependent upon snow, and are therefore not dependable. Genesee River steam-



Houseleague contenders go up for a jump ball as game begins.

Dry Bones, Monks Boast Perfect Winning Records

BY DAVID CILIBERTO

On Saturday, December 9, the Byerly Brains defeated the Varsity Rejects 47-39, the Monks outcaged the Innmates 31-30, Johnson House outscored Peter's Pacers 45-40 and the Dry Bones downed the Minus Five 40-36.

To start the series of afternoon contests, the Varsity Rejects assumed an early lead in the opening game. Through the scoring efforts of Doug Weiner, Pete Bellamy and Woody

Zimmerman, the Rejects managed to stay ahead in the first half. With the score in their favor, 27-21, at half time, the Rejects went on to increase the difference 35-27 at the end of the third quarter. However, in the final quarter, the Brains quickly reorganized their defense and held the Rejects to two goals, while raising the Byerly score by 20 points. Jim Hamilton, Pete Harris and Dick Munson scored for the Brains. Final score: Brains 47; Rejects 39.

In the second game the Innmates took the initiative and led the Monks by 4 points at the end of the initial quarter. The Monks responded to the challenge and came within one point of the Innmates score at half-time. The Monks, led by Barry Wolf, showed a good defense and snatched the Innmate lead to end the game 31-30. This was the third Monk win with no losses and the third defeat in five games for the Innmates.

Johnson House scored its third victory of the season as it overran Peter's Pacers 45-40. The Pacers, suffering their third consecutive loss, came from behind in the closing minutes of the game to tie the score at 36 up. Ed Bryant, Dave Krental and Paul Mouw led in scoring for the Pacers while Tom Brownworth scored 20 points for Johnson House. The game went into the first overtime of the season. Johnson House out-scored the Pacers by three shots in the extra minutes. Final score: Johnson House 45; Pacers 40.

The last event of the day matched the undefeated Dry Bones against the Minus Five. The Minus Five displayed improved offensive style over past games as Gary Hall and Art Garling put the Minuses ahead of the Dry Bones in the first half of the game. Doug Burke and Royce Ross pushed the Dry Bones' counter-attack in the third and fourth quarters to edge out the Minus Five 40-36.

Houseleague Standings

Dry Bones	3	0	1.000
Monks	3	0	
Havenwood Hounds	3	1	.750
Houghton Hopefuls	3	1	
Johnson House	3	2	.600
Varsity Rejects	2	2	.500
Byerly Brains	2	2	
The Innmates	2	3	.400
Academy J.V.	0	2	.000
Peter's Pacers	0	3	
Minus Five	0	5	

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

There are evidences on our campus of an inferior philosophy of education which proposes that the best student is the one who spends the most time memorizing lists and details, and that the teacher should attempt to cram our heads with facts, then making tests to measure our retention of these facts. Concepts are either ignored or repeated listlessly from books with little genuine understanding.

This is not to condemn all teachers when they present facts, for we need this knowledge as a tool in all the disciplines. But neither should we condone those students and teachers

who never get beyond facts to the basics of education.

This factual education helps defeat the purpose of a Christian liberal arts college in that the student is not motivated to discuss and compare the Christian viewpoint with other philosophies and ideas. The result is a sterile mind with little impact on the unsaved world. In contrast the sign of an educated Christian man is primarily his ability to think critically and creatively—to understand significant ideas and to evaluate them in the light of his Christian philosophy of life.

Sincerely,
Roy Shore



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