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Revived Sadie Hawkins Day Enlivens Campus

BY STEVE CASTOR

After a year on the shelf, a trial Sadie Hawkins' Day made Houghton's campus lively on Wednesday, May 16, when Dogpatch gals escorted their "pore" men, carefully tagged for identification, to the day's activities. Featuring a pancake breakfast at the dorm, a skit portraying the "original Sadie Hawkins' day," a Purple-Gold track meet, a contest for the best-dressed Daisy Mae and Li'l Abner, the very successful day reached a climax in the evening with the religious film, "The Sickle and the Cross."

The movie, which was shown to accrue operating funds for the new Student Senate, was a dramatization of the conflict between Christianity and communism, and centered about the conversion of a Communist spy. Over four hundred students attended the movie.

Studies for the day ended with the second period class, all others being suspended to free students for the day's activities.

The fun started when the Senate presented a short skit, allegedly to "portray original Dogpatch techniques in the Sadie Hawkins' chase." With Joyce Parker, Bob Denny, and Ed Danks in the leading roles, the cast provided the student body with a cheerful beginning to a busy day. The script for the play was written by Dick Dunbar and Connie Jackson.

In the afternoon, the Senate social committee chose Joyce Bown and Dick Wakeman as the best-dressed Li'l Abner and Daisy Mae, respectively. As a reward, they enjoyed a ride in the "surrey with the fringe on top"—an honest-to-goodness horse-drawn buggy.

Joyce had nabbed Dick just outside the Inn during the chase which took place from 2:00 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 15.

The Student Senate social com-

Music and Speech Departments Unite To Present Recital

On Friday evening, May 18, the Departments of Music and Speech presented their annual commencement recital in the college chapel.

During the first part of the program a piano solo, *Ballade No. 4 in F Minor* by Chopin, was played by Darwin Townsend. Clarence Martin, tenor, sang "The Frog Who Wished to Be as Big as an Ox," and JoAnne Ludwig and Prof. Alfred Kreckman presented *Sonata for Violin and Piano* by Cesar Franck. Two readings were also given at this time, "Anne of Green Gables" by Betty Jane Perry, and "Yellow Butterflies" by Ralph Nast.

A short play, "Dust of the Road," was then presented by members of the advanced speech classes. The story, taking place on Christmas Eve, was that of the spirit of Judas, in the guise of a tramp, preventing a man from stealing money entrusted to him by another. Those included in the cast were John Westberry, Betty Jane Perry, Ralph Nast, and Dane Turner.

mittee, headed by Connie Jackson, was in charge of the Sadie Hawkins' Day activities.

Theologs Observe Annual Class Night

The annual Theological Class Night exercises of the Division of Theology and Christian Education took place at the Houghton church on the night of May 31.

The processional for the 45 graduates was played by Miss Joann Lord, after which the congregation sang "Lead On, O King Eternal." Dr. F. H. Wright gave the invocation. Mrs. Ruth Carr Flint delivered the first challenge of the evening in her talk "Revival Today?" The success of Billy Graham's meetings was discussed, bringing out that these revivals sweeping our country in certain sections could well be the answer to our prayers for a revival, and we as Christians should begin to thank and praise God for it.

Arthur Northrup sang "The Unveiled Christ," Richard Sanford read the Scripture from Isaiah 6:1-8, and Arthur VanCampen lead in prayer. Miss Betty McMartin then gave a challenging message on "Christian Opportunities of 1951," in which she emphasized the insecurity and uncertainty of the day, with Christ the only possible Stabilizer, and the need for the graduates of 1951 to go out into the world filled with God and willing to work for Him. The use of radio, television, and moving pictures for the advancement of His kingdom was stressed.

A duet, "My Wonderful Lord," was sung by Joyce Bown and Lillian McAdams, after which the group then sang its class hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." The class sermon was delivered by Rev. James Mills. His subject, "Seeing God," was based on Isaiah's vision in the temple and was divided into four topics: 1. His reason for seeing God; 2. The realization that came as he saw God; 3. The results; and 4. Our need of seeing God. Mr. Mills put forth the question, "We have been trained in a fine school, but have we seen God personally?"

After the sermon, Dr. Wright, who is leaving his position as Dean of Men and teacher in the theological department this year, pronounced the benediction.

Bailey, Makey Win Strong Reading Contest

Donald Bailey and Caroline Makey were awarded first and second prizes of \$10 and \$5, respectively, in the annual Strong Memorial Bible Reading contest, held May 17 in chapel. Judges were E. T. Rowe and E. L. Elliott, pastors of Fillmore churches, and C. I. Armstrong.

The contest was endowed by the children of the Rev. Le Roy Strong to stimulate improvement in pulpit scripture reading. The donors were Dr. Homer Fero's mother, Mrs. Pearl Fero, of Sykesville, Pa.; Jaman Strong of State College, Pa.; and Marion Strong of Appleton, N. Y.

Seniors Give Class Night Program

Their great opportunities for spiritual growth while at Houghton and their correspondingly great responsibilities to a troubled world were emphasized to fellow graduates by the Class Night speakers. Occasion of their remarks was the annual Class Night program presented in the chapel Saturday evening, June 2, by the class of 1951 before an audience of their relatives and friends.

Laurence Vail, salutatorian, speaking of three contemporary traditions, described his class as "heirs of the orthodox Hebrew-Christian tradition." He declared, "It is up to us to carry this Gospel, as a torch of truth, to those whose minds are filled with darkness and despair."

Arthur Austin, valedictorian, paid tribute to Houghton's faculty, saying, "It will be years before we fully realize the importance of having studied under men of high educational attainments who are not ashamed to confess their belief and faith in God." He then challenged the class to a high level of achievement, pointing out that, "in the crisis that besets the world today, a Christian is uniquely fitted to face the issue without the crippling fear that can so easily distort the clear thinking of the men without faith."

The class orator, Joseph Howland, declaring that Houghton had afforded the class an "education plus," urged his classmates to a greater assumption of responsibility for the spiritual benefits which had been theirs in addition to their academic training.

Special music for the program, provided by members of the class, included vocal solos by Joan Schlaitzer and LaVerne Whitman and a duet by Mrs. William Miller and Clarence Martin.

The invocation was offered by Dr. Frank Wright and the benediction by the class adviser, Mr. George Wells.

Richard Schnorbus, delivering the mantle oration, presented the mantle to Charles Stuart, representing the Junior class.

A gift was presented to Mr. George Wells, class adviser, by Lyle Kenehan on behalf of the Senior class.

Frosh S. S. Class Camps at Allegheny

Concluding their year's activities, the frosh men's Sunday School class enjoyed an outing at Allegheny State Park the weekend of May 19. The class, accompanied by their teacher, Prof. Gordon Stockin, and their advisor, Dr. Robert Luckey, left Houghton by car Saturday afternoon.

Arriving at the camp, the class engaged in boating, swimming, hiking, and subterranean explorations. The evening's program included dinner in the large dining hall, a talent show, and devotional hour.

The group arose for a French toast breakfast at 9:30 Sunday morning, conducted a worship service, and had dinner before returning to Houghton in the afternoon.

Plans for the outing were made by class president, Foster Williams, assisted by Dave Haas, Don Bortner, and Ralph Bressler.

Mekeel Address Climaxes Year's Commencement

BY DIXIE SCOLES

Commencement

From May 31 through June 4, Houghton's 1951 graduating class attended services honoring their commencement, which finally climaxed the end of their under-graduate college work on Monday, June 4, at 10:00 a.m.



DR. HERBERT S. MEKEEL

The Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel, minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Schenectady, New York, brought the commencement address and together with the Reverend Rufus Reisdorph, Sunday school secretary and editor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters.

Dr. Mekeel in his address stressed the need of spiritual leadership in the world. He said that today there is greater threat to evangelical Christianity than ever before, because of the strong secular strain and the rising power of the state.

In expessing the influence of leadership, he cited the cases of Francis Assisi who did much for influencing good, while Lenin's influential leadership has affected the entire world through the falsehoods of communism.

The commencement crowd originally gathered in front of the Luckey Memorial building; but just before starting time, light showers drove the crowd up to the tabernacle on the campground. The faculty, staff, and student volunteers who moved the organ and decorations to the tabernacle did their jobs with an experienced hand, since the same thing had to be done the preceding day for the baccalaureate service.

Four members of the graduating class furnished music for the program, which included a vocal solo, "O Be Joyful in the Lord," sung by Stanley Clattenburg; a violin solo, "Meditation," played by JoAnne Ludwig; and a vocal duet, "Oh! Remember," sung by Mrs. Marjorie Odor and Miss Ruth Russell.

The tabernacle platform was decorated with huge bouquets of spirea flowers and a "1951" constructed of white snow ball flowers.

Baccalaureate

Sunday, June 3, at 11:00 a.m., the Reverend Rufus Reisdorph delivered the 51st annual baccalaureate address at Houghton college. Speak-

ing in the tabernacle on the campground, Rev. Reisdorph urged the graduates to be courageous, as he cited God's commission to Joshua.

"God has a plan and program for every graduate," he said. "My sincere prayer is that you (the 1951 graduates) go, not only with the call or command of God in your ears; but that you may go with the full commission of God resting on you." He went on to say that in accepting God's commission there would be a divine position which will not fade; neither will the divine Word and Companion which will be given by God to those who accept his commission.

The parents of several graduates took part in the baccalaureate service. The Reverend Walter F. Lewis, father of graduating Elizabeth Lewis, gave the invocation; the Reverend J. Orlando Yount read the scripture; the Rev. Paul E. Baer, father of Merle Baer, lead in prayer; and the Rev. S. B. Harrison, father of Bruce Harrison, said the benediction.

During the program the college A Cappella choir, under the direction of Prof. Charles Finney, sang "There Is a Fountain," and "Blessed Are They Which Are Persecuted for Righteousness' Sake."

Missionary

Dr. Byron S. Lamson, general missionary secretary of the Free Methodist Church of North America, spoke at the commencement missionary service held at 7:30 p.m. on June 3, stressing the evil in the world and the opposition to the spread of the Gospel.

At the close of the service, a missionary pledge offering was taken for the six missionaries which the Houghton College Foreign Missions Fellowship is supporting, including Hazel Johnson Yontz of Barra do Corda, Maranhao, Brazil; Ione Driscoll of Makeni, Sierra Leone, West Africa; Gordon Wolfe of Tokyo, Japan; Pearl Crapo of Port Margot, Haiti; Mrs. Ella Woolsey of Sierra Leone, West Africa; and Luke Boughter of Portalegre, Portugal.

Classes Gather For Reunions

Meeting for informal luncheons, alumni of the classes of '26, '47, and '48 celebrated reunions at Houghton, Saturday, June 2.

Of the class of '26 only four, Miss Fidelia Warburton of Hamburg, N. Y., Miss Genevieve Lilly of Brockton, N. Y., and Mrs. Zola Fancher and Mrs. Francis Hazlett, both of Houghton, were present at the Twin Spruce Inn gathering. Others of the class, which originally numbered 16, were detained by teaching duties from attending the meeting.

In a joint meeting at the Pantry, twenty-eight alumni of the classes of '47 and '48 voted to combine activities for all future reunions. Henry Brandt was re-elected president of the combined groups. George Wells and Viola Donelson were re-elected to their positions as secretary-treasurers of the classes of '47 and '48 respectively.

From the Editor's Desk . . . The STAR of 1951-52

It is the purpose of the *Star* staff for the coming year to present a paper that will be representative of the students, faculty, administration, alumni and friends of Houghton College. To accomplish this purpose, we have realized the need of new features and more comprehensive news coverage. We are attempting to add features that will be representative of the several divisions of our college. Furthermore, at least one book section, a poetry department, or a music critique will appear in each issue of the *Star*. Another feature we believe our readers will anxiously anticipate from week to week is Meet the Faculty. In this feature each member of the "blood brothers of St. Francis of Assisi and of Chaucer's clerk," will be given his opportunity to present some nugget of wisdom, humor, or advice. A new column for and about the alumni will also be added. Next year's *Star* will be greatly enriched by a few outstanding quotes delivered in the chapel services from week to week. Because the staff feels that box scores and local allusions will recall some of the fondest memories for posterity and the *Star* is printed for the present, these items will be maintained.

Furthermore, the *Star* staff will endeavor to establish better student-administrative relationships. A house divided against itself invites ridicule from without and fails to accomplish its own aims within. A divided house cannot be progressive. But a house that fails to recognize its own weaknesses and rejects constructive criticism can be no more progressive than a divided house. In the coming year, therefore, the *Star* will be a common meeting place where both the students, faculty and administration will meet, discuss, and realize the problems and hopes of each other. Having met in a spiritual climate, where clear thinking is engendered, it is our confidence that Houghton shall progress because of a united effort under God's guidance.

With a desire to regularly publish a six page paper, the staff must also desire more money to cover the additional expenses involved. We have, therefore, sent this issue of the *Star* to the entire alumni and to the parents of our student body with the earnest expectation that these shall avail themselves of this opportunity to become subscribers of the *Star*. Since we have realized a definite lack in our advertising policies, and thus a depreciated treasury, we have decided to give a substantial commission to the ones obtaining advertisements for the *Star*. It is our hope that more advertisements might be secured with this added incentive. We are striving to do our part to make next year's *Star* the best since Stanley Wright was Business Manager and editor; are you doing your part?

Strictly Politics

BY ARTHUR RUPPRECHT

Since the entrance of Communist China into the Korean War on Nov. 25, 1950, the dilemma which we now face has come into sharp focus. The recent dismissal of General Douglas MacArthur was only one in a series of administrative blunderings and misgovernment. No longer is the



premium put on good statesmanship in our democracy, but rather on following the party line—that of President Truman.

Korea has shown the failure of the United States to put forth a clear-cut foreign policy. Back in 1947 in a report submitted to the State department, General Albert C. Wedemeyer recommended that the United States give full-hearted support to the recovery and reform of the Chiang Kai-Shek regime in China. By following the recommendations of Wedemeyer, the present Korean conflict would never have occurred, but instead the State department, led by Dean Acheson, chose rather to send General George Marshall on a mission to China in an attempt to form a coalition government of Nationalists and Reds. Because he went contrary to the Truman party line, General Wedemeyer was demoted into obscurity, and General Marshall was made Army Chief of Staff. Dean Acheson, then Under Secretary of State, was subsequently elevated to the post of Secretary of State, although he and General Marshall were in a large part responsible for the China debacle.

In the recent Senate Crime Committee investigation of organized crime in America, it was pointed out that Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York City received campaign funds illegally. Mr. O'Dwyer is at present ambassador to Mexico and no attempt has been made to ask for his resignation. In a past senate investigation it was clearly shown that White House military adviser Harry Vaughan, of deep-freeze fame, had aided politicians in getting key jobs through Mr. Truman. Rather than being fired, Mr. Vaughan was promoted in rank from colonel to brigadier general. In an address before the National Catholic Educational Association on March 30, Attorney General J. Howard McGrath stated that "The principle of separation of

church and state is a distortion of the true intent of the Constitution and that there must not be any fence between church and state in this country." Yet Mr. McGrath, though speaking in opposition to the Constitution which it is his duty to uphold, remains in public office as U.S. Attorney General.

General Douglas MacArthur was criticized by Mr. Truman for not having followed military directives. But the question must remain, what

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Engagements

Lemmon-Lennox

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lemmon, East Aurora, New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Charmaine, to Mr. Ian Lennox, son of Mrs. Edna Lennox of Houghton, New York.

The couple are graduates of the class of 1951.

Bemis-Neckers

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bemis, Clymer, New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lucille, to Mr. Harold Neckers, son of Mrs. Bernice Neckers also of Clymer.

Merkel-Bitner

Mr. Norman S. Merkel of Allentown, Pennsylvania, announces the engagement of his daughter, Nona Irene, to Mr. Robert Orville Bitner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville R. Bitner, of Hagerstown, Maryland.

Miss Merkel will graduate from the Johns Hopkins University on June 12. Mr. Bitner is now a student at the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas. The wedding will take place in August.

Whitton-Nygren

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Whitton announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Mamie Louise, to Mr. Ellis H. Nygren. Miss Whitton is a member of the class of 1949.

Weddings

Hall-Sadler

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hall announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Bess, to Mr. Albert Sadler.

Miss Hall graduated from Houghton in the class of 1948 and Mr. Sadler is a member of the class of 1952.

The wedding will take place on June 16, 1951, at the First Baptist Church in Rushford, New York.

McFarland-Peterson

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McFarland, Mansfield, Ohio, announce the marriage of their daughter, Mildred, to Mr. Roger Peterson, also of Mansfield.

The wedding took place on June 1, 1951 at 7:30 p.m. in the Grace Gospel Church, Mansfield.

The bride is a graduate of the class of 1950.

Reisdorph-Lewis

Rev. and Mrs. Rufus Reisdorph, Houghton, New York, announce the marriage of their daughter, Martha, to Mr. Robert Lewis also of Houghton.

The ceremony was performed by the father of the bride, assisted by Dr. C. I. Armstrong and Dr. Claude A. Ries on June 1, 1951 at 6:30 p.m. in the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Both the bride and groom are members of the class of 1954.

Why not take . . .

Just a Glance

BY DOW ROBINSON

To write a recapitulation of the spiritual highlights of this school year would be like warming over yesterday's hash—merely a listing of meetings in which we all knew the reality of God's presence. Thus, with all due respect to the spiritual food received through church, chapel, prayer meetings, and private devotions I should like to by-pass those and challenge your hearts with a consideration of a few special messages.

Now, just think back to last September when you came to Houghton, consider carefully your spiritual status. Then examine closely your life now. Has there been a change? Which way, up or down? Are your heart attitudes characterized more by love now than ever before? (Jesus said: "Love one another as I have loved you." Jn. 13:34) Do you desire, yea, hunger to be more like Jesus? (We are predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son. Rom. 8:29) This is normal Christian growth.

I feel that we, as students, have had an extraordinary year in spiritual opportunities, in that we have heard the whole counsel of God declared to us in no uncertain terms. Dr. Paul Rees of Minneapolis presented new angles of old truths which, if heartily received into one's experience, would enable him to live ABOVE every circumstance of life—the phrase "Christ in you" literally becoming true, experientially true, in daily life here on campus. Is Christ living in you daily, hourly, momentarily or are you still in prominence? (John says: "He must increase but I must decrease." Jn. 3:30.)

We received a rare privilege in November as we heard a dozen of the finest living missionary statesmen of our day present and portray the latest events of world evangelization. Has your interest in fulfilling the primary task of the Church (hence individual Christians) become a surging conviction motivating you to action?

Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, in February, lived under conviction, I dare say, most everyone on campus—especially by a Christ-like humility which gave body to the phrase, "The ground is level at the foot of the cross" and presented an ideal of Christian living in later life. Humility before God yields meekness before men, I've heard it said. What picture do you live before people as a result of this year's preaching?

Rev. Leonard Ravenhill of England came to us one chapel as Nathan of old who stepped out of the presence of God and pierced David's heart with: "Thou art the man." That is just what I felt like as this prayer-warrior gave me God's view of what my prayer-life should be like. Did you leave chapel that morning having had your prayer life drastically altered? And how is it now?

Mr. Jim Vaus, ex-Bible school man who turned gangster and then met Jesus, talked his way into our hearts with a poignant sincerity and sketched an unforgettable portrait of simple Christian living in God's will. Remember the heaviness of the presence of the Holy Spirit that morning and Jim's remarks to those raising their hands for help? Oh, brother, sister, don't slip back into the old days; go on with Jesus.

And now this year is over. The world you are going into cries out for solution to its problems. You have the answer to every enigma of nation, state, and individual in your heart in the person of Jesus Christ. (Jesus says "I am the way, the truth, and the life.") He is the answer to every longing of man's heart. Are you better equipped now to administer Jesus to this sin-sick world because of the light you not only received but incorporated experientially into your life? I pray God so " . . . that the world may know that Thou hast sent me and hast loved them." (Jn. 17:23).

Keeping in Touch

The alumni and faculty met Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge of the new dormitory for the purpose of seeing school friends, reminiscing over the "good ole days" and welcoming the graduates of '51 to the Alumni Association. Alumni President Everett Elliott planned and directed the evening's program, and Miss Gillette and her assistants ably served a delicious ham dinner.

Dr. Hollis Stevenson, cheer and song leader for the occasion, led the group in school songs at various times throughout the banquet and program. Rev. Gilbert Williams led in devotions, after which the Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke, Hanna Tarrell and Gertrude Clocksin, the three oldest attendants of Houghton Seminary present at the banquet, brought greetings and testimony of the Lord's blessings from those earliest days of the school to the present time. Abraham Davis thrilled the audience with his reading, "The Creation," and solo, "Ole Man River." A painting by Mrs. H. W. Ortlip was auctioned to Prof. Smith by auctioneer Max Nichols. The selling price, \$300, went to the dorm fund. Ruth

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The Star staff has reviewed its files for '50-'51, and selected and rewritten those articles which it feels are worthy of recall. —Ed. note.

Dr. Rees Speaks

Dr. Paul Rees, pastor of the Mission Covenant Church in Minneapolis, conducted the fall revival services here for the fourth time.

Dr. Rees is known as a leading evangelist, having been in that work for approximately thirty years. It has been said of him that "His firm stand for the truth as revealed in the Word coupled with his convincing manner of presentation and his apt, clean-cut illustrations have been sources of real spiritual uplift."

As a leader in Christian work, Dr. Rees accompanied his father on a world tour in 1925, and since then has toured the United States and Canada. He received his degree of doctor of divinity from Asbury College in 1936, and has written several books including *The Radiant Cross* and *If God Be For Us*.

Missionary Conquest

Fifteen missionaries, representing twelve mission boards, spoke at the annual Missionary Conquest, November 21-24. Africa, India, Europe, Canada, South and Central America, China and Japan were represented.

The topics of discussion were (1) "What constitutes a missionary call?" (2) "Preparation for the mission field," and (3) "Problems on the field."

The qualifications for the field considered of highest importance were a practical knowledge of the Bible, a knowledge of soul winning, and an accredited secular education.

Dr. Armstrong Resigns

Dr. C. I. Armstrong, pastor of the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Church for the past nine years, requested that his pastoral labors be considered as terminating Sunday, June 10, 1951. Mr. W. G. Smith, chairman of the Pulpit Supply Committee, read the letter of resignation at the close of the morning service on April 1.

Rec Hall Re-opens

After weeks of work, the newly decorated Rec Hall opened its doors on Saturday, May 5. Houghton students had contributed 540 man-hours and over \$100 toward the renovation of the building.

The floors were sanded and re-finished, the woodwork cleaned, the windows washed, the walls and ceiling painted, and new drapes made. A total of \$26 has been spent for new games and magazines and \$65 has gone toward new fixtures and materials.

Refreshments were served by the Anna Houghton Daughters.

Purple Takes Basketball

The Purple men snatched victory out of seeming defeat on February 9 to take their second win over Gold 48-47 in an extra period.

With Gold leading by two points, Zike stole the ball, and tied the score with a lay-up shot.

In the overtime, substitute-center Don Peterson came in to sink three quick points that ultimately spelled victory for the Pharoahs, who went on to take the next game 53-49, and with it the color championship.

Remember...?

Jrs., Srs. Entertain

Letchworth Park was the scene of the annual Senior-Soph and Junior-Frosh picnics on September 29.

Norman Hostetter gave a talk to the Senior-Soph group describing the Genesee Valley in the days of the Indians. After a hike, Ian Lennox read Edgar Allen Poe's short story, "The Evil Eye." Prof. F. Gordon Stockin spoke for devotions.

The Juniors entertained their little brothers and sisters with games and a hike during the afternoon. A buffet-style supper was served, after which George Huestis acted as master of ceremonies for the evening's program.

Magician Performs

Dr. Warren Filkin, professor at Northern Baptist Seminary and professional magician, performed "Magic With a Message" at the annual Junior-Senior Banquet, which was held Friday evening, May 4, at the First Presbyterian Church of Batavia. Decorations of huge rabbits, top hats, and a towering magician were the setting for the turkey dinner.

Arts Festival Held

The Festival of American Arts, in commemoration of the 175th anniversary of the American independence, 1776-1951, featured outstanding art, music, and talent under the auspices of the Houghton College Division of Music and Art, April 17-23.

Programs were planned and presented by the A Cappella Choir, the Oratorio Society, Radio Choir, Band, symphony orchestra, and Madrigal group.

Dorm Completion Seen

The construction of the new college dorm has progressed steadily throughout the year under the leadership of eight full-time workers, and the labor of at least eighteen student workers. The use of the upper three floors is anticipated for fall, while the rest of the building will be completed as funds come in.

Donald Dame Sings

Donald Dame, tenor, was guest on the Artist Series of December 13 last year. He is remembered for his unusual program which included folk songs, lieder, operatic arias, and contemporary songs.

"American Album of Familiar Music" claims him as a former star, and Mr. Dame has done extensive touring in Europe and the United States.

Jrs., Basketball Champs

With Al Johnson hammering the rim for 25 points, the Junior men came from behind to win the play-off game with the Sophs 57-56 on January 29, and thus became class basketball champions for 1950-51.

The two teams finished the regular season in a dead heat for first place, each having beat the other once previously.

The score at the end of the first quarter stood at 15 all. The Sophs took a two point lead at the half, and increased this to seven by the end of the third period.

With three minutes left, the Juniors opened a barrage which tied the score, and enabled them to go on and win the overtime period.

Boulder Presents Musical

An unusual type of musical was presented by the 1951 Boulder staff on Friday evening, October 6, in the college chapel. "A Portrayal of American History in Music" evolved from a desire to utilize the musical ability on our campus in some manner other than the usual talent show. A number of vocal soloists, quartets, and instrumentalists, several of whom were music students were included.

Gold Loses Baseball

Behind the one-hit pitching of Wilbur Zike, Purple took the first of their four straight victories from Gold, 3-0. Willie gave up only one weak infield hit and no walks, while striking out five.

Norm Hostetter, starting pitcher for Gold, allowed two runs on only two hits while striking out eleven Purple men in the five innings he worked. After Hostetter was replaced by Dick Dole in the sixth, Purple collected two more hits and one run.

Looking Ahead

BY GEORGE HEUSTIS

During the commencement season we are prone to dwell on reminiscences of the past year and what it



has meant to us as a student body. Appropriate as this special season is to reminiscent thoughts, we cannot, and indeed we must not forget to renew at this time our vision of the Houghton which is yet to be. Do we believe that God has destined Houghton to become a more powerful Christian witness in this community and country and in every nation of the world? We, the graduate and undergraduate classes, must have just such a vision at this time if Houghton is to become this more potent force for service to our Saviour.

In the years to come the class of '51 must never view Houghton as simply their alma mater of old. This school must live on in reality to them as well as in memory. A continued prayer support by every alumnus will go far toward bringing to pass our dreams and God's plans for this school. Active participation in an alumni chapter should be a part of the plans of every graduating student. An envisioned alumni of deeply spiritual Christians will be the backbone of the Houghton to be.

What then remains to be done for those of us who have yet to complete our education at this institution? Ours is the task of continuing the fine traditions of the classes preceding us, to build up what may have been broken down, and to press forward to the ultimate and glorious goal which our Lord would have us reach. Ours is no easy task, for there yet remain barriers to be broken down and heights to be gained which are obvious to all of us. For the year

Years' End Inventory

By DR. STEPHEN W. PAINE

Commencement season is a time when prospect and retrospect are curiously blended. Upperclassmen about to leave the alma mater take their opportunities for reminiscence and sentiment. The class history is written, the will drawn.

We may well pause to take stock of the year's happenings because they will provide us an outline of the Lord's dealings with us, and will serve as an index to his faithfulness in the coming days.

But even as we jot down our year's-end inventory it is with the realization that our appraisal of the importance of the various events is only human and highly fallible. Were God setting down the great achievements of the year at Houghton, he would perhaps make note of some personal spiritual battle and victory, some deed involving nobility and sacrifice for his sake and without the knowledge and commendation of others, or some struggle of intercessory prayer to which the answer was finally given.

Though our viewpoint is restricted and though our personal coverage was far too limited to make us authoritative or complete, yet we would like to mention briefly what has appeared to us to be some of the outstanding achievements of the year.

Spiritually, I believe that two events would claim attention as being very important from the all-school viewpoint. These were the revival meetings with Dr. Nicholson and the student-sponsored missionary convention in the fall.

Administratively, two high points of the year were the adding of Dr. Arthur Lynip as Dean of the College, and the setting up of the Public Relations Department as one of the three cardinal divisions of the college, on the same level with the institutional and the business department, and the securing of Mr. George Failing as director of this department.

The most vexing problem facing the college has been the problem of

'52 and for all future years there is a goal for each succeeding class to attain, and by God's help we will and must attain it. The road to a better Houghton is a road of hard work, fervent prayer, and individual co-operation and participation. We the undergraduate classes have much to challenge us to use our best efforts for the continued upbuilding of this our school.

Yes, we must, during this commencement season renew our vision of what should be the Houghton of the future. Do we want a new girls dormitory, an auditorium adequate for our needs, a student union building, a more beautiful campus, an extended curriculum, and better general facilities? It is only as we the present student body and the faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Houghton work and give and pray, that these will become realities to the Houghton of future years.

fluctuating enrollment in view of world conditions. This has meant much sharpening of pencils and scratching of heads on the part of the Local Advisory Board and on the part of the administrative officers.

One of the high points in staff performance this year takes us to the secretarial team in the Luckey Building. In taking the whole picture of the various offices into consideration, my opinion is that we have not had in several years as capable and loyal a secretarial staff as has been the case this year. And it might be added that with all the projects on foot at one time, I believe there has not in a long time been a staff which has had to work harder.

Financially the new dormitory has been the "big noise" this year. Slated to cost almost a quarter-million, this project has made Houghton's modest fund-raising machinery groan and creak. But with the largest single contribution thus far \$2500, and the largest annuity amount \$4500, it is a marvel how God has helped us thus far. Still \$60,000 to go. Orchids go to the construction crew, who have taken the project as an assignment from the Lord and have eaten, drunk, slept and dreamed new dormitory, actually making sizeable financial contributions to the project.

Athletic high-spot of the year, in my opinion, was the Purple-Gold touch football game at Homecoming. The underdog Pharoahs battled the Gold to a tie for the Purple's best showing of the year. A really fine game for the alumni to watch, too. Although the playing was hard, there seemed to be a good spirit between the teams throughout the game.

In campus radio activities, I thought that the broadcasting of the Purple-Gold basketball game at Friendship was worthy of special notice. The committee had enough initiative to tie up one of the few telephone lines coming into Houghton. They handled the difficult matter of timing and the technical problems involved; and the broadcast itself was well done. Of course the game itself was quite a thriller of the "nip-and-tuck" variety.

Another high-point of student endeavor was the 1951 Boulder. The planning and writing was excellent in my opinion, and the book demonstrated a certain combination of dignity and tastefulness along with a definite spiritual emphasis. The technical work of the book was of a high order.

In student government, two fine achievements were the successful handling of the perennial problem of campus parking, and the renovation and re-opening of the recreation hall. This latter project represented a very heavy investment in time and planning. The results were surprisingly fine—and the sign listing the costs in money, work hours, etc. will help the students in coming years to value a little more their privilege of using

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Base Lines...

BY DICK PRICE

After a retrospect of the past months, I have come to the unfortunate but inevitable conclusion that it has been a Purple year.

With cold facts before me, I am tempted to cast suspicious glances in the direction of the Gold women, who, to be brief, didn't do so hot. After letting the Purple Amazons run over them consecutively in field hockey, basketball, and swimming, they couldn't even win the track meet for spite.

An examination of the men's record convinces me that the Gladators tried, but couldn't make the grade. After starting the year by leaving doubt in no one's mind as to their football superiority, the only other time they could scratch the win column was in the swimming pool. The reader is privileged to guess who took basketball and baseball.

In the Class series, the Senior women and Junior men will share the orchids. The lassies of '51 copped the field hockey and basketball titles, while the latter were champs in basketball and volleyball. The Sophs and Frosh are not to be disregarded though, as the women of '53 were victors in volleyball, and the frosh pulled a surprise to everyone by grabbing the track meet from the Juniors by five points.

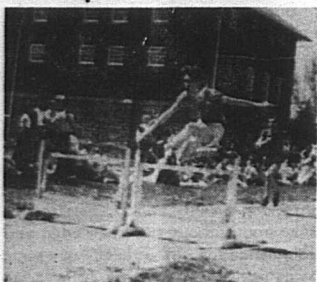
An innovation in the athletic program this year was the scheduling of several out-of-town sports events. Football and baseball exhibitions were held in Wellsville, while basketball games were played in Fillmore and Friendship. The plan met with high favor, and may be continued in the future.

Another accomplishment this year was the purchasing of new trophies which will be used to recognize winners in the various sports from year to year. This will be done by engraving the name of the team or class which wins each series.

As was indicated in the faculty STAR, participation in athletics reached a high of 60% this year. This is significant in light of Houghton's motto, "Athletics for Everyone, and Everyone for Athletics," one which the general student body will agree has been well planned, organized, and executed.

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Trackmen Break Record, In Purple-Gold Meet



Breaking two records and taking first place in 15 events, Purple, for the third consecutive year, won the color meet 98-84 on May 23. Caroline Giles bettered by .4 seconds her own record set in the 220 yd. dash last year. John Brown, a freshman, put the shot 36 ft. 11 1/2 in. to surpass the previous record put by nearly two feet. Firsts in the high jump, soccer kick, and discuss, javelin and baseball throws further represented Purple's strength in the field events.

Dick Clifford, high scorer of the meet, paced the losing Gold squad, taking first place in the men's 220 yd. dash and broad jump, and competing on the winning Gold relay team.

Unusually keen competition in the meet was ascribed by the experts to the favorable training conditions obtaining this year. An early, dry spring allowed track enthusiasts a longer training period than is usually possible.

first year of World War II. As a result of attempting to rectify the situation, General MacArthur was dismissed, once again for failing to follow the party line.

The Soviet has had no greater ally in recent months than the corrupt Truman administration. The very foundation of the American political system—moral integrity—is at present being completely undermined for the sake of political gain.

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this facility. From the standpoint of morale, the big achievement this year was the way in which Houghton fellows, with the Lord's help, held steady during the most hectic and uncertain days toward the close of the first semester, when boys were leaving many schools, literally by the hundreds, unable to stand the uncertainty as to final Selective Service involvements.

Our fellows held steady in such a time, though some of us know the questions that were being raised in many minds. Then at the last minute there came the reassuring decision from Washington which meant that the fellows could stay for the second semester without disadvantage.

These, then, in my own thinking, are some of the real nuggets that turn up as we think of God's dealings with us Houghtonians during 1950-51.

Alumni Banquet...

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cowles gave the reading "Betty's first Trip to the Ballgame," and music was furnished by Nina Borisuk and the senior quartet.

Of real interest to the alumni were the remarks given by Layton Vogel, Forrest Gearhart, Norman Hostetter, and Eugene Borrom, Sr. Mr. Vogel spoke in behalf of the alumni who are in the teaching profession; Rev. Forrest Gearhart reported in behalf of the theologs and ministerial alumni; and in a tribute to the faculty and staff who serve year after year, Norman Hostetter stated, "A school is what it is through the reputation it builds up over a period of years." As a Christian businessman, Mr. Eugene BorromSr. said that any business depends on three things: reputation, management, and prayer.

Doctor Paine humbly praised God for His great faithfulness to the college and particularly in respect to the various needs of the new dormitory construction.

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Development Committee Meets

The Houghton College Development Committee, Dr. Stephen Paine presiding, held its annual commencement week meeting in the Fine Arts Building on the morning of June 2. This committee, which acts as an advisory committee to the Local Board of Managers of the school, is made up of several of the Christian leaders of the Houghton area, along with members of the faculty and the local board, its meeting being for the purpose of hearing reports on the present developmental activities of the school and deciding on future action and policies.

The progress report on the athletic field was given by Professor Willard Smith. It was learned that there are not at present sufficient funds on hand to complete the project, but work is to continue until the funds on hand are exhausted. The report on the new dormitory was likewise given by our business manager. He revealed that construction is 75% complete at present, and the hope that floors two, three, and four will be put into use by fall to eliminate use of Dow Hall, is still a reality to be carried out if sufficient funds come in. An estimated \$100,000 is still needed to completely finish and furnish the middle wing now under construction. The sacrificial labor of the construction crew was recognized and praised.

The report of the financial campaigns, consisting of a discussion of methods and results, was given by Mr. George Failing. Emphasis was given to next year's two campaigns, which are to be conducted in much the same manner as this year's—that is, personal solicitation by alumni in

the fall and mail solicitation in the spring. In this way it is hoped that the goal of \$50,000 can be reached. Also emphasized was the need of the freshman scholarship fund which annually pays out close to \$18,000 to worthy students. The method of carrying out these campaigns among the student body and faculty will be much the same as in former years, stressing class competition and faculty donations.

While discussing new plans, it was decided to refrain from soliciting funds for the new auditorium, although any gifts will be accepted and appreciated. The possibility of promoting other projects such as campus roads, sidewalks, and landscaping was discussed, but was dismissed as practically impossible at present, except to the extent of cash on hand for those purposes. The necessity of soliciting new students for the coming year was recognized, and the present means of doing so were reported on, with recognition being placed on the fact that present students are most effective in interesting new students. The possibility of a college "open house" was favorably discussed, and the system of high school contacts was debated. As to the retirement of the principal and interest on the already consummated loan for the new dormitory, it was decided to use funds from the fall campaign, if necessary, since this debt must be paid off as soon as possible.

The meeting was climaxed by a short talk by the honorable Judge Ward Hopkins, a familiar figure to Houghton students.

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