



Dan Jerome Sings Barbra Streisand
"Happy Days are here again . . ."

Winter weekend highlights Dutch theme in entertainment and snow

BY HOUGHTON KANE

With the cold, white blessing of Mother Nature, Houghton College began the 4th annual Winter Weekend prepared to "go Dutch."

Saturday started for some as early as 6 a.m. when a few eager artists appeared on the quad ready to dig into the more than ample supply of snow. By the end of the night, seven sculptures dotted the campus. The Junior's study on osculation and the Senior's effort on non-environment tied for first place while the Freshmen took third with their Dutch house complete with water wheel.

Those preferring to slide over rather than dig into snow found their way to the ski slope where they saw Ted Merzig take first in the slalom followed by Bob Brozman and Paul Tatsch. Brozman and Merzig exchanged places in the downhill run with Harry Fairbank placing third. Donna Heinold, representing the fairer sex, took both the woman's slalom and downhill races.

Two parties in one completed the day as Skip Hartman emceed the group in East Hall lounge while Bob Brozman did the honors in the dining hall. Entertainers switched from one party to another and offered their audiences everything from a "Monster mash through the tulips" to "Walking around in a small college town".

Library adds study hours and audio-visual equipment

Although the building most speculated about at this time is the new science building, the new library is progressing quietly at a rapid rate.

Most important to students is the increase in library study hours. The library will now be open through the dinner hour and will close week-days at 10:00 p.m. Fridays, the library will close at 5:00. The reading rooms will also be open to greater crowds with the use of the second floor reading room.

Students will benefit from the increase in the book budget. The library now has \$5000 yearly to spend on books. It will be divided among the various departments to use as the different professors request specific volumes.

The music room is also growing.

In the listening rooms, the college will soon place stereophonic playback equipment of the very finest grade. Component systems made up of Dyna amplifiers and pre-amplifiers, AR turntables and AR-3 speakers will be filling the two listening rooms with sound which is hard to rival at any cost.

The library staff, expecting an increase in personnel next year, is currently working assiduously to meet the needs of an ever-growing student populace.

Office complex replaces old library

The old library reading room on the second floor of the Luckey Building is being converted into an attractive office complex. A \$10,000 authorization for the first stages of the project will complete the south side and hallway, making provision for a two room suite for the Bureau of Appointments and a three room area for the registrar's office. Further work to be done in the future will place the Office of Development and Public Relations on the north side of the building.

New lighting fixtures, gold and beige, carpeting, and natural birch paneling will enhance the interior. Acoustical block ceilings and double partitions with insulation between will cut down on transmission of sound. The hallway will serve as a waiting area and will be equipped with furniture.

Electricians will finish their work this week; a delay in a shipment of carpeting will prevent occupation of the offices until March first.

Haqq, Graham associate, emphasizes intellectual aspect of christian life

"Being an intellectual does not make an individual intelligent."

Dr. Akbar Abdul Haqq, during this week of spiritual emphasis, has repeatedly differentiated between intellectual religion and intelligent spirituality. In his presentations, resembling lectures more than sermons, he has united a philosophical perspective with a Christian commitment. The appeal of the Gospel focuses upon the rational validity of Christianity rather than on an emotional compulsion.

Yet Dr. Haqq strongly asserts that the Christian commitment is not an intellectual assent. All major religions have a rational concept of God and hold respect for the person of Jesus Christ. Only the individual, who, through assent of his will, identifies himself totally with Christ and his purposes, is capable of discovering the reality of God. This anti-Thomistic (I understand in order that I might believe) approach is the crux of the evangelical message.

Contemporary expressions and philosophies have received considerable attention in Dr. Haqq's messages. Theologically, he has discredited the "God is dead" movement, by observing that these thinkers are only reflecting their own condition;

"they are the ones who are dead, not God." Bishop Robinson and his followers, who would limit Deity to an anthropomorphic Ground of our Being are anything but "Honest to God" as He is revealed through Christ and the Scriptures.

Depth psychology has not escaped criticism either. While man functions psychologically, it does not follow that analysis and catharsis relieve the

individual of his basic feelings of guilt and inferiority. Only Christ can extend beyond the partial alleviation of anxiety and provide a cure for the sickness of man's soul.

In relevant, contemporary expression, Dr. Haqq has presented the historical and Divine reality of Christ reaching deeper than cold intellectualism to an existential confrontation with the ultimate, himself.

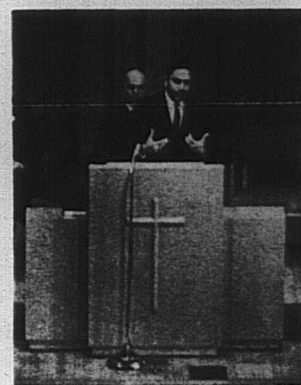
Special meetings' speaker tours country's campuses

Dr. Akbar Abdul Haqq comes to Houghton with a unique and international background in academic and Christian service. Born in Punjab, India, where his father was a national pastor, Dr. Haqq received his B.A. (cum laude) from the University of Punjab, which subsequently awarded him M.A. degrees in Philosophy and Oriental Languages. In 1952, Dr. Haqq received a Ph.D. from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

Former professor of Oriental Languages at Forman Christian College, Lahore, Punjab, India, and former president of the Henry Martyn School of Islamic Studies in Aligarh, India, Dr. Haqq is also an ordained deacon and elder of the Methodist Church in India.

Dr. Haqq's association with Billy Graham dates back to 1956, when he served as interpreter for Dr. Graham in New Delhi. He later assisted the Graham team during Crusades in the United States (1956-1960) and in 1960, became a full-time Associate Evangelist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Dr. Haqq presently resides in Hopkins, Minnesota, a suburb of Minneapolis, the headquarters of the Graham organization. He is the father of seven children ranging from 3 to 18 years of age. A well-known lecturer, Dr. Haqq frequently speaks to college and university groups from the position of a Christian writer, scholar and evangelist.



Akbar Abdul Haqq
Philosophy & Intellect

Lecture series presents film tour of the Nile River on sailing yacht

Last Friday night in Wesley Chapel, Houghton lecture-goers were privileged to view the film, "Yankee Sails the Nile," and hear an interesting commentary by the Yankee captain, Irving M. Johnson.

The sailing schooner Yankee, was the last foreign vessel to sail above Aswan, Egypt, before the new dam submerged this area. Adventure was heightened because no river chart or

pilot book of the Nile exists. Captain Johnson and the Yankee crew were forced to learn the ways of the river only from experience and study of the feluccas, the ancient Egyptian sailing vessels. The voyage lasted four months, and with the help of expert photographers from the National Geographic Magazine, Captain Johnson was able to give us a panorama of a civilization and culture that has existed for over 6,000 years.

From its origin in the Sudan to its mouth in the Mediterranean, the Nile is Egypt. Ninety-eight percent of the Egyptian people live in the fertile Nile valley, and here also can be seen the world's greatest collection of antiquities, including the great pyramid, the largest masonry object ever built by man. Also shown were the vast differences in the social and economic conditions in modern Egypt.

Captain Johnson and his wife have recently completed their seventh eighteen-month voyage around the world. After 25 years and a third of a million miles of deep seas sailing, their next cruise will be through North Africa and Europe.

Washington seminar probes role of Christian in federal service

BY ALLEN F. REPKO

The Washington Seminar on Federal Service sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals has become an annual event. The dates for this year's Seminar are February 15-17, 1966. Each year, the value of this Seminar increases as more and more Christian students become acquainted with the functionings of the Federal Government and the wide opportunities for career service in government. Last year 143 students and faculty representing 23 evangelical colleges across the nation were in attendance.

Some of the schools that will be attending this year's Seminar are Wheaton, Kings, Asbury, Gordon, and Barrington.

The delegates will have an opportunity to interview their congressmen, attend sessions of the House and Senate, sit in on public House and Senate hearings, tour the major Federal buildings ((State Department, White House, Library of Congress, Supreme Court), and take the Civil Service Examinations.

Those students representing Houghton College will be Doris Ribe, Carol Weiss, Linda Button, Virginia Carvill, Joy Slavin, Herb Flemming, Jon Angell, Gerald Stone, Robert Hughes, Ronald Dooley, and Bruce Bliss who will chairman of next year's Seminar. Mr. E. J. Willett and Mr. A. Rees will accompany the delegation.

The primary purpose of the Seminar is to encourage qualified Christian students to enter Federal Service. Christians already in government service will point out the need for Christians to become involved in government if only on the local level.

Guest Editorial . . .

Packaged mental stimulus?

In response to the letter to the editor of Mimi Gray in the Jan. 14 Star, and in connection with the letter of Robert Hughes in this issue, Mr. Edward J. Willett, professor of Economics, has been asked to write a professional reply to the question: Is it the duty of each professor to provide "intellectual stimulation" in each class? Star welcomes reader reaction . . .

NOTE: This guest editorial has been written with the understanding that the Editor will allow equal space for an opposing view.

It would appear that modern marketing techniques are making a bid to invade the realm of education. Many student "customers" are demanding that each professor should present in each class some carefully processed, attractively wrapped, and effectively pre-digested ISSUE, appropriately labeled:

Controversial.

Jump on with both feet; be prepared for magnificent explosion.

Two-hundred years ago, Adam Smith advocated marketing higher education on the "free market". He suggested that each student be free to choose the professors under whom he wished to study. The teacher whose "product" did not "sell" would become an unneeded resource, while the one whose "product" was in great demand would remain. This idea rested on the assumption, which was valid in Smith's day, that students wanted to learn for the sake of Truth, and for the satisfaction of educational accomplishment, not "means to an end" of greater income, or a "union card" to success. (Perhaps the preceding explains why Smith was not in great demand as a government advisor.)

University of Chicago's Milton Friedman has offered a modern adaptation of Smith's proposal. Give

each family a fixed amount per child per year per education. Private and public schools would thus be in competition for the student's dollar. People would have to choose "the most for the money" in their own view.

Neither free-market enthusiasts Smith and Friedman, nor their "controlled market" contemporaries in each century, would advocate that it was the responsibility of the teacher to ignite some non-existent spark of intellectual fire in the minds of the students enrolled in a course.

The assumption on which education has been based states: knowledge is desired as a means to Truth. This implies a corollary assumption: knowledge which does not appear to square with Truth should be questioned.

It is therefore the contention of this writer that students who fail to find intellectual stimulation in college classes which will lead them to engage in worthwhile (even heated) discussion either in or out of class can be considered suspect of: (1) not desiring knowledge as a means to Truth; (2) not being energetic enough to question the knowledge to which they are exposed.

So — down with pre-packaged intellectuality; long live the custom-built, often anguished approach to education as the search of the individual for wisdom. Said the philosopher: "Seek wisdom . . ."

EDWARD J. WILLETT

As Senate elections approach, Star reminds its readers that intelligent voting is a duty. Review qualifications, platform and ability. This year, let's keep Houghton's best interests in mind . . .



Letters To The Editor . . .

Dear Editor,

I must confess that four years of college experience forces me to partially concur with Miss Gray's insights on the lack of intellectual stimulation among most Houghton students. It was usually the case in

most of my courses that only a few students would voice their opinions or argue out the implications in class. Attempt to align students in the Senate election campaigns and you most commonly encounter apathy.

With due respect to our faculty, I would disagree with Miss Gray as to their interest in debating the issues. There are certainly some professors (at least in my major field) who are willing to take time out to lead a fruitful, stimulating discussion. Perhaps Miss Gray had better consider that her introductory courses are designed to lay a foundation — one cannot abstract a position without some facts. Yet I have no room for advanced courses which merely rehash the facts learned in an introductory course. True, an intro course is no end-all, but there is sufficient background to have at least some discussion. In my experience, classes in which discussion of issues has occurred have left a heavier residue than those in which the student rewrites the text on the final.

No doubt, our faculty are sensitive to student apathy. Possibly they cannot afford to sacrifice valuable time to allow debate, so, may I forward an alternative solution. In 1964, Professor Bolton organized a small group in which interesting and vital topics were to be aired. This organization has experienced much worthwhile debate on issues significant to the liberal arts and life in general. Possibly the idea should be extended into specific topic areas.

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The View From Here

BY BOB AND RON

The other day we heard one of Houghton's more attractive girls complaining about a situation which she evidently felt strongly about. It seems that, being one of the females assigned to the nether-regions of women's housing (notably, that house of renown, Leonard Houghton), she had cause to wax at least slightly wroth on the issue.

Each morning, this individual and others like her, are forced to trek the distance between their residence and Main Campus. In the winter, the walk through the infamous Dark Grotto and Houghton South Sewer Bog assumes less than pleasant proportions.

The ultimate point of the girl's complaint seemed to be that those males with cars seem to ignore her and her companions as they struggle through the early morning fog. She did say however, that there is one person who never fails to offer the girls a ride. That person is our college president.

Facts and Figures

The complete Houghton ski slope would fit into the northeast corner of Stowe's Little Spruce Hill. Wesley Chapel would fit into one of the prayer rooms of St. Peter's in Rome. The library periodical section would fit into the foyer of Nunda Central School. Lastly, and most significantly, Bedford Gym would easily fit into the latest solution to Houghton's sewer problem located on the Quad.

There is a small sign hanging in our college bookstore which reads: "Any book not in stock will be ordered for you as part of our service." The import of this sign was not fully realized to us until recently when, after a semester of observation, our conclusions were finalized. Now we see how necessary the services offered by this plaque actually are. But why must a bookstore function as a mail order house? Is not one of the purposes of a bookstore (especially a college bookstore) to produce a balanced stock of books (18th through 20th century fiction, for example)? And where are the current best sellers we used to find on the shelves? It is encouraging to see many classics by the greats of the previous two centuries (Bronte, Cooper, Twain, Melville, Howells, Trollope, Scott, Goldsmith, etc.) being offered for sale. We're grateful for the Fiction and Fiction Seminar classes which require these books, else would the shelves be quite bare.

And while in the critical (suggesting) spirit: outdated film used to be free . . . now it's guaranteed!

Senior In Focus . . .

Publications play major role in Miss Friedley's life

BY JOYCE WILSON

Perceptive and serious, yet witty and dynamic is five-foot, blonde Miss Virginia Friedley. Active in numerous organizations on campus, she is a leader in her school and class socially as well as academically.

Ginny's major area of study is English; her minors are history and secondary education. Her plans for next year are beginning to gain substantial form now that she has been accepted at George Washington University, in Washington, D.C., to pursue her Master's Degree in education.

During the past three years at Houghton, Ginny has been integrally involved in the Senate on the Student Affairs Committee, traveled with the Concert Ensemble, and demonstrated her managerial competence as the Star News Editor. She has repeatedly attained the honor of a position on the Dean's List and shown ingenuity as a member of the Lanthorn and Boulder staffs.

Ginny was elected to the roster of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" earlier this year, the criteria being all-round academic and social excellence. She continually demonstrates her unique ability to lead and organize activities for the Class of '66, working often quietly behind the scenes as well as at the fore. As an indispensable member of both the Lanthorn and Star staffs, she acts as Literary Chairman and Editorial Assistant, respectively. Again, Ginny tours with the Concert Ensemble, contributing to it an amazingly dynamic soprano voice for such a tiny person. She is also a member of the Dean's Liaison Committee this year, and, last but not least, can be seen daily wielding her tray down in the East Hall dining room as a waitress.

Society News

BAGG — ROONEY

Mrs. Elizabeth Rooney of Pittsfield, Vermont, announces the engagement of her daughter, Jane Elizabeth ('66), to Alan Ray Bagg ('67), son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bagg of West Seneca, New York. No date has been set for the wedding.

STEIERWALD — HEIM

Rev. and Mrs. John S. Heim, Shillington, Pa. announce the engagement of their daughter Phyllis Larue ('66), to Lance R. Steierwald ('68) son of Mrs. Elva Steierwald, Akron, Pa., and the late Rev. Mark Steierwald. An August wedding is planned.

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Senate plans interaction thru AAES, college bowl

by A. WALLACE STROCK

A mid-year perspective indicates that the main purpose of the Student Senate program has been and will be of a unifying character. Students do not think identically; hence, can it be doubted that students and faculty purport diverse ideas? The Senate, therefore, must present programs, both social and political, that will reconcile differences.

The complaint that the "powers that be" do not listen to the voice of the students is weakened in the light of the lengthened Thanksgiving vacation and the current additional library hours. Although the additional hours do not completely fulfill student desire, students and administration must be patient and understanding of one another. It is hoped, however, that through the procurement of more staff, the library schedule can be even more expanded.

The Senate is also seeking to present our campus with the ideas of other college Christians. Five Houghtonians will be bound next week for Messiah College to attend the annual American Association of Evangelical Students Convention. The Association represents approximately one hundred and fifty evangelical schools. Current vital issues will be presented to the delegates; of special importance will be the question of ecumenicity. To represent Houghton on the convention panel will be our own Mr. Charles Bolton.

As a complement to this program, Houghton will be the scene of the 1966 Gordon-Barrington Invitational College Bowl on February 25 and 26. The more western location enables additional colleges to participate in the Bowl. A tentative list includes Barrington, Eastern Baptist, Eastern Nazarene, Gordon, King's, Robert's Wesleyan, and Wheaton Colleges. Houghton will be represented by Harold Baxter, Bud Bence, Thomas Eades, Neal Frey, and alternate Bruce Tonneson. Competition will be conducted throughout Friday evening, Saturday afternoon, and Saturday evening. Preliminary plans, also, are being made for a possible Sunday School discussion involving the visiting Christian students.

Are diverse ideas needed? Few would doubt their necessity; however, it is desired that the above program will unite diversity.

LETTERS . . .

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e.g. philosophy, history, English, politics, social and economic thought. Mind you, these are not career-oriented or knowledge producing clubs like those already existing, but discussion groups in which the free interaction of thought is encouraged. Senate President candidates, a little action here. . .

Sincerely,
R. Hughes

Dear Editor:

Although my opinion counts little, I would preface my remarks on the Student Senate "Let's Go Dutch" program by saying that I enjoyed it. However, inevitably, parts, and one "act" in particular, rankled me.

The co-producers of this section treated the Houghton standard with something less than "kid gloves." "Rules," the scapegoat for all problems here, took a clubbing at the hands of those involved in this skit. For example, the overplayed reading and forced interpretations of the *Student Guide* even tended to be boring to the audience.

In places this act's sarcasm definitely reached beyond the boundaries of good taste by almost any definition. In addition, quips like, "Married"—no, 'children'—heh, heh, heh," on the registration questionnaire, serve no purpose. What do those who presented this "humor" imagine that they accomplished?

Sincerely,
James Tony



Registration Marathon:
Reading

New physics lab provides expanded facilities for Radiation Research

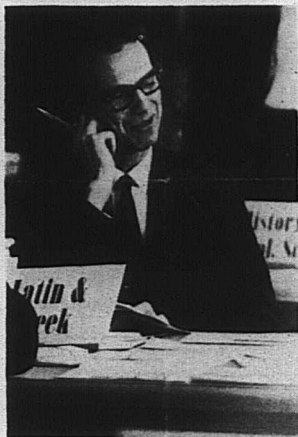
by Peter Friedrich

Although many are not aware of it yet, the new physics lab, located in a recently finished room just south of the boilers in the basement of Science building, is just about complete. The lab, which will be quite an improvement over the former cluttered lab located on the lower floor of Fancher, will house several large pieces of equipment and a new dark room. It will be used this semester primarily by students in advanced physics courses.

The three major pieces of equip-

ment that will occupy the room are the optical spectrograph, which disperses and photographs the spectra of different incandescent sources; the x-ray diffraction spectrometer which can photograph the molecular arrangement of atoms in crystalline solids; and the Neutron Howitzer, which in effect is a neutron producing gun which, when fired at different materials, will make them artificially radioactive.

Professor Hugh Paine considers this new room a miniature radiation lab, for in it a student will be able to experiment with ultraviolet and visible light rays. Ultraviolet light is composed of electromagnetic radiation with shorter wave lengths than visible light which would include x-rays and gamma rays. The chemistry laboratory located in the basement of the science building, contains apparatus to work with infra-red light.



Registration Marathon:
Rigmarole

SOCIETY . . .

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DOLL — COMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Doll of Rochester, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara ('65) to Mr. Robert Coman ('66), son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Coman of Waldron, Mich. An August 1966 wedding is planned.

TRAUTMAN — HELLER

Mr. and Mrs. George Heller of Jackson Heights, N. Y. announce the engagement of their daughter, Joan ('64), to Mr. John E. Trautman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Trautman Sr. of Flushing, N. Y. A June 18, 1966 wedding is planned.

NAPPER — HAWK

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hawk announce the engagement of their daughter Nancy Hawk ('66), to Mr. Paul Napper of Westfield, N. Y. A July wedding is planned.

VAN ORNUM — CLARK

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Clark of Mt. Washington, Kentucky announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Trudy Anne Clark to Mr. David Van Ornum of Plymouth, Michigan. No date has been set for the wedding.

ZACHARIAS — CHRISTENSEN

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Christensen of New City Pk., N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Jane ('65), to John Paul Zacharias ('65), son of Rev. and Mrs. John Zacharias of Nyack, N. Y.

CLARK — CALHOUN

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Calhoun of Oswayo, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Kay Calhoun ('65), to David E. Clark, ('68), son of Mr. and Mrs. Kirtland Clark Sr., of Bergenfield, N. J. A June wedding is being planned.

Registration extended, first time in Houghton's history

Unceasing snow . . . accumulated drifts . . . halted transportation . . . all characteristics of the last weekend in January. The delay resulted not so much from conditions on main highways as it did from the impassable conditions of city streets and driveways.

Thruways were closed until Wednesday. Route 17 travelers were surprised, and perhaps disappointed, to learn that their route, reported as closed, was completely clear. The only hazardous roads they encountered were in and around Houghton.

Quite a few students were late in arriving from Pennsylvania and south to Maryland, but the majority of late arrivals were from Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, and north of Syracuse.

Only 350 students of over 1000 registered on Tuesday, the day scheduled for registration. Approximately 250 more had registered by Wednesday night. Registration continued Thursday and Friday afternoons with no late fee charged until Saturday. All told, about 1085 will be registered,

since several will have arrived throughout this week. Practice teachers have not yet registered, along with some part-time students and a few transfers who have still to come. Any Houghtonians from Oswego might not be seen until spring.

In spite of the weather, the registration process was accelerated by allowing students to fill out triple schedule cards at the close of the first semester.

Registrar Wesley Nussey commended the students on their prompt arrival. Although conditions were basically risky, students did not try to postpone their return any longer than was absolutely necessary.

Mr. Nussey reported four new courses, including Prose Seminar, an application of criticism to great literature; Far Eastern History; and Contemporary Preaching, which will present a study of great present day preachers. In the department of Physical Education, a course in Elementary Methods is being offered.



Registration Marathon:
Writing

Of Men And Things

by R. Hughes

Jim Tuttle, head of the booksale committee, reported that this semester will be the students' last opportunity to sell their volumes via the senate. Business records reveal that such a move is economically sound — \$80 commission last semester, estimated \$18 this semester (commission being ten percent). Next semester an outside factor will handle the books, which will be sold through the college bookstore.

Since some students show an interest in the architectural integrity

of our campus, this column decided to take a survey. Of some twenty-seven students, sixteen felt that the architectural format of the Luckey Building most suited Houghton's personality, eight felt that the new library did, three felt that both were good. Fourteen felt that the new buildings integrated well with the older ones, thirteen did not. Most felt that the college should continue in the tradition of Luckey, whereas twelve felt the new library was better.

Some may think that architectural beauty and/or consistency are not that important to the appearance of a college campus. Not too long ago the University of Delaware paid the price of such an attitude when it refaced many of its structures on demand of the alumni.

It was interesting to note, along these lines, that the survey revealed a unanimous disregard for Fancher-Science, Gao, etc. Some called them eyesores, many suggested they be torn down. Yet, many commented that Houghton's campus was potentially beautiful and distinctive; perhaps the planners should hear student opinion on the topic.

Agenda

Friday, February 11: Special Meeting, Dr. Haqq, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 13: Evening Service, Dr. Haqq, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 14: Recital: Joanne Pullen and Brass Ensemble, 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, February 15: Swimming Practice Meet - Women, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 16: Last day for schedule change.

Recital, Judith Craik, Bill Francis, 2:40 p.m.

Basketball — P-G.

Thursday, February 17: Swimming Practice Meet - Men, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, February 18: Inter-Varsity Conference.

Artist Series: Bach Aria Group, 8:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATRONAGE

Houghton College
Bookstore

We now have Ski Parkas

in white and navy blue.

Snow finally arrives; ski lessons, competition precede present thaw

The fine skiing made possible by recent heavy snows was highlighted by last weekend's Winter Carnival Ski Competition sponsored by the Student Senate. In the men's slalom, over one hundred spectators watched as Ted Merzig dashed down the slopes in 32.5 seconds to defeat the other ten contestants. Junior Bob Brozman came in second in 35.5 seconds and Sophomore Paul Tatsch placed third in 38.2 seconds.

In the men's downhill run, Bob Brozman placed first covering the course in 16.1 seconds. Ted Merzig placed a close second in 16.8 seconds, and Harry Fairbanks took third place in 17.6 seconds.

In the women's competition, Donna Heinold turned out to be the only

participant. She did a fine job in covering the slalom race in 41.7 seconds and the downhill run in 18.5 seconds.

Besides the delaying in the returning of students and registration, the recent blizzard brought much informal activity to the ski slopes. A great many beginner and intermediate skiers were seen practicing on the fine powdered snow. Much of the new equipment purchased by the Houghton College Physical Education Department saw use for the first time. New wooden and metal skis flashed down the slopes. The new trail presented a challenge to the more experienced skiers while the beginners struggled to understand why they cannot move as smoothly up

the ski tow as the old-timers do.

Ski lessons, which never seemed to materialize due to a lack of snow finally came into being. Mr. Perry Fairbanks, director of the ski school at Glenwood Acres, along with two of his co-workers, came to give certified instruction to many interested skiers. One skier could be heard to say, "Boy! He sure shows you what you don't know." For the last three years Mr. Fairbanks has been providing interested Houghton College students with ski lessons at rates far below those charged at the big ski resorts.

Houghton has improved its facilities these last three years by building a fine ski area and acquiring good ski equipment. As the snow melts, many skiers are left with time to reflect upon the piles of worn ski gloves and to reminisce over the sun sparkling on fresh powdered snow. These people alone, plus a few fanatical winter-lovers, look forward to the next snow fall which will provide the Houghton skiers with new thrills as they flash down the slopes. Who knows, maybe someday there will be snow-making machines on the Houghton ski slopes.



Winter Weekend Ski Competitor
Heading gleefully for Stebbin's swamp



Class Basketball's Hectic Finale
Frosh sink basket and Senior's "spirit"

Seniors lose bid for third championship in class basketball series . . . to frosh

The vibrations of the final buzzer were drowned by the screams of hysterical Freshmen converging on delirious basketball players in proud green uniforms. Senior players looked very, very weary moving gamely toward the locker room, with a look of defeat on each face. For them it had been the final game of the final season.

But for the men in green it was just a beginning. The first team championship, not decided until the victory in the last game. It marked a great first season which saw the Freshmen actually in control all the way, though few really believed it until the buzzer had blown the Senior hopes to pieces.

The new champs — McCarty, Cronke, Shea, Johnson, Hammon and the others — are tough. The Juniors, the only team to defeat the high-flying Class of '69, will have another chance with Stockin, Parks, Perrine, Owens, King and company next season. And this year's hapless Sophs — Holmes, Wirt, Gurley, Gilford, Close, Baker, Hoffman, Luckey — will also face the champs again. For Angell, Smith, Dunham, Chase and Fountain, a Purple championship would do much to salvage the year, but Class Basketball is over for these boys. Two championships for the Spirit of '66 will leave their mark in the books.

Dr. Paine's comment in chapel shortly after the final game concerning the attitudes of fans and players was appreciated. We are proud of the enthusiasm for athletics here at

Houghton and of the healthy competition which involves so much of our student body. With considerable speculation regarding an intercollegiate sports program, the question which looms in many minds is how many of our students could become really involved in such a program? Emphasis on intramural athletics would certainly decline. If intercollegiate athletics will serve best the goals of the college, we are confident that such a program will not be long in coming. But we hate to think of Class and P-G athletics vanishing.

One half of the athletic year is now behind us and traditionally things from here on move steadily downhill. This applies not only to participation but even more so to the number of spectators.

The class basketball series this year was one of the best in recent years. As I look ahead to the Purple-Gold series I get a little sick. It actually looks, as one Gold player explained it, "the whole school is Purple." Taking the starters of the three top classes in the order they finished 4 of the freshmen are Purple, 3 of the juniors are Purple and the entire senior five is Purple. Even if they could combine the coaching staffs of Duke, Kentucky, and UCLA, I believe I am fairly safe in saying that the odds against Gold taking the series are phenomenal. It does seem a shame that in a year such as this the class series could not be extended another round. But here you run into the problem of players complaining about time taken from their studies. Let me here say that any intercollegiate schedule on which we might embark in the future will surely involve more than six games. Perhaps the administration could add "student body not prepared" to their list of reasons for delaying intercollegiate athletics.

Last year both colors broke records in P-G swimming only to find their records did not stand because the other color did not enter a team in the event. I have said before and I will say again — how can we expect more if we give no support to what we have?

Sports Editorial . . .

Purple-Gold series seen as decidedly unbalanced

BY DAVE LUCIER

SENIORS SEEK 4th SWIM VICTORY

With all the recent talk of the death of the Spirit of '66, very few students are aware of the fact that the Seniors will be attempting to remain undefeated in the men's class swimming competition on March 3. Feeling the loss of Ralph Olson, and Tom Payne, the responsibility will fall on Fred Zane, Gary Prawel, Monty Ferry, Tom Danney and Louis Suter.

In the girls Class Swimming Meet to be held on February 28, the Juniors are slated to dominate. Ginny Garvill, Bonnie Ellison and Linda Hay provide the experience needed to hold off the over-rated Frosh.

For the first time, the meets will be held at 8:30 in the evening. This time change was made to encourage more to participate. The practice swim meets will be on February 15, 17 for girls and fellows respectively.

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