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## THE UPPER CLASSES LEAD IN STRUGGLE

### Freshman Co-eds Suffer First Defeat with 13-3 Margin

In two of the most poorly played and uninteresting games seen this year, the Seniors on Wednesday night split their class series encounters with the Frosh the girls winning the first game 13-3 and the boys dropping the second by a 31-22 count. Both games were marked by rough playing.

In the first quarter of the girls game, the Seniors stepped into the lead and held it throughout the remainder of the game. As the quarter ended they led the Frosh co-eds 3-0. During the second quarter the Senior girls were able to add five points to their lead making it 8-0 as the whistle ended the half. After the intermission the Freshmen seemed to be better and played on even terms with their more experienced opponents until the end of the clash. The final score was 13-3. Janet Donley was high scorer for the game with nine points to her credit. Watson accounted for the one field goal made by the Frosh.

In the main clash of the evening the Freshmen won their first series victory, defeating the Seniors with a third quarter rally after being held on even terms during the first half of the game. Running true to the form shown in previous games the Seniors came out strong in the early part of the game and were outplaying the Frosh. As the first quarter ended the score was 8-8. During the second quarter the Frosh were able to establish a one point lead by virtue of a toss from the charity stripe and as the period closed the Seniors trailed 15-14.

During the third period the Frosh rallied and increased their lead by nine points while the Seniors were netting one, so that as the quarter ended the Frosh led 24-15. The Seniors came back during the final quarter to hold the yearlings even but were unable to overtake them. As a result they dropped their third series game 31-22. "Mac" Cronk was high scorer for his team and for the evening, netting twelve points. "Johnny" Hopkins was runner-up for scoring honors with eleven points.

### The High School Boys Lose to Juniors in Close Game

On Friday night, December 7, the Juniors split their class series encounter with the High School, dropping the girls' game 21-5 and annexing the boy's clash by a 39-33 count. This was the Junior's third straight series victory and leaves them with one game yet to play against the Sophomores. Incidentally, it was the third straight loss for the Junior girls.

In the preliminary game the High School girls with a rearranged lineup ran roughshod over the Junior co-eds. The Juniors came out strong in the first quarter and as a result led 3-2 as the period ended. During the second period the High School staged a rally and due to some nice shooting and passing were able to take the lead 12-3 as the half ended. During the second half the High School were able to lengthen their lead by sinking some sparkling long shoots. The Junior girls were able to score only one field goal during the game. The Juniors trailed 21-5. Tiff-

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## COUNCIL PRESENTS PLAN FOR GREATER STUDENT GOVERNMENT

### Some Student Opinion Opinion Opposes This as too Radical.

As Will Rogers says, "All I know is what I read in the papers." We might say here, "All we know is what we hear in the halls." At any rate according to the evidence of our ears as we pass groups of students in the room, the main topic of conversation is the latest presentation of the Student Council. Certainly, it has a-halls, the library, and recreation roused very much comment, and we are taking the liberty to state that unfortunately for some one, it is not all favorable.

Up to this time the Council has done some very good work in bringing about more student government and the student body as a whole is heartily appreciative. However, in their zeal to carry on the good work they have rushed into a responsibility which student opinion claims is (1) a bit beyond their authority and (2) not satisfactory to the majority of students.

Before we attempt to deal with these two points it should be stated that personalities are in no way involved, either on the Council or in the student body. Moreover, we think that the students agree and approve of the effort to obtain more executive authority in student affairs. The idea is basically sound. It is this particular method to which we object.

In the first place, is the Student Council truly representative of the student body? We think not, and as long as the Council remains a faculty hand-picked organization there will be definite limits to the authority it can use in directing student affairs. The consensus of opinion of some twenty per cent of the student body directly contacted, is that they should readily abide by any Council decision, if they had, in voting for their own nominees to the

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### DEBATES SPONSORED AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS

During the past week the Houghton College Forensic Union has sponsored a series of exhibition debates in nearby high schools. The subject debated in each of these debates was the regular variety question: "Resolved that private manufacture of armaments should be forbidden by international agreement." Monday, December 10th, the affirmative was upheld by the Misses Murphy and Lee and the negative by Misses Fancher and Fox at Nunda. On Wednesday, Misses Hunt and Smith affirmative met Misses Paine and Filson, negative, at Belfast, the affirmative netting the decision. Thursday Cronk and Allen, negative, defeated Boone and Queen, affirmative, at Angelica. On Friday the same negative teams received a student's decision at Rushford; the faculty vote was a tie.

On the whole, the debates were fairly well constructed. Those participating received some valuable experience, which should go a long way in smoothing out the ragged spots in what appears to be a strong varsity case on either side.

The plan is: "In order to enforce all rules, each semester the Student Council will consider the attitude of each individual student toward Houghton ideals. The Student Council will warn those thought questionable and will recommend for dismissal those thought undesirable."

### 'MESSIAH' PRESENTED BY CHORUS AND SOLOISTS

The Christmas concert of the Houghton College Oratorio Society was presented Friday evening, Dec. 14th in the chapel. The group is this year, as formerly, under the direction of Prof. Wilfred C. Bain.

The program included most of the solos and choruses of the *Messiah* which make the complete Christmas story. *All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray* and *And He Shall Purify* were omitted.

Since the annual performance of the *Messiah* has come to be a tradition at Houghton, appreciation for and understanding of, this immortal oratorio have increased. It has become not merely formal singing but a feeling for the music and script has made it a vital thing to many participating.

From a technical standpoint the choruses were well done. However, they lacked contrast or shade of interpretation.

Much commendation is due the soloists. The grace and ease with which each sang showed precision and an excellent knowledge of scores. Miss Trowbridge's solo *And Lo! The Angel of the Lord* was very brilliant. A sincerity of feeling and calmness characterized *He Shall Feed His Flock* sung by Miss Wolfer. In the famous tenor aria *Every Valley*, Mr. Hess displayed unusual vitality and feeling. The different bass arias were very well rendered by Mr. Smith. The even flow of tone in *And Who May Abide* was noticeably good quality. The other bass arias were sung with ease and deftness in spite of the technically difficult scores.

### RECREATION ROOM NOW BEING USED

The Recreation Room was officially opened November the twenty-fourth. Judging from the good times which the participating students have seemingly enjoyed in making use of its privileges, it is already appearing to be a most successful adventure.

The need of more recreation for Houghton students has long lingered in the minds of both students and faculty. The seniors inform us that it was one of the paramount subjects of discussion at the Junior-Senior-Faculty Banquet of last year. This need found its way into the Student Council very early this year, and received sufficient consideration to definitely influence steps toward its satisfaction. The Student Council, which officiates somewhat as a mouthpiece of the student body, has been the motive power in making the recreation room.

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### Council Defends Step as the Only Logical Advance in Student Power.

Inasmuch as there is more or less criticism of the Student Council plan for the enforcement of rules, the Council is glad to explain its position more fully, to consider the unfavorable criticism, and help unite the opinion of the student body. The Council is stranded unless student opinion is behind it.

The first criticism is quite outside and disconnected with the plan itself. It is charged that the student council is not truly representative that it is more or less hand-picked by the faculty. This the Council readily admits. Furthermore the Council has long since recognized this embarrassing fact. It was stressed in the Council itself when this very plan was being considered that it was not a wholly representative body. Paramount in the minds of Student Council members has been the determination to rewrite the constitution before the end of this year making it more democratic in character.

However the Student Council members, particularly those who are in their second year of service, have learned from long and painful experience that if we wish to have greater consideration from the faculty, we must first show that we have the ability to assume responsibility.

Now it is the aim of the Council when this constitution is rewritten not only to make it more democratic but also to ask for more power in the judicial line, and perhaps also in the making of rules. However, the faculty would be quite justified in refusing to grant such measures, because we have never shown our ability nor demonstrated our desire to enforce rules. Hence, before the constitution is to be rewritten on a more satisfactory basis, it would be to the interest of the student body to demonstrate some small ability for the enforcement of rules.

Now concerning the plan itself. The plan does not increase the power of the Council.

### PRE-MEDS HEAR OF FORMER STUDENTS

The pre-med's last Monday night were pleased to hear from two former students—Elmo Corsette and Marshall Stevenson. They told us the subjects which they found most useful for post graduate work. Both agreed that comparative anatomy, biochemistry, embryology, and bacteriology were important. Those who intend to enter the medical field might remember that.

There were three other persons who took part in the program. Miss Jane Zook told us a little about Doctor Clawson and Dr. Kitterman who were, also, former students of Houghton.

Miss Eulah Purdy gave us some interesting information concerning operating technique from the nurse's standpoint.

Mr. Wilfred Gibbins reported on the Nobel Prize and its winning.

A new program committee was elected consisting of Lena Hunt, Wilfred Gibbins, and Dr. Douglas.

## FACULTY PASS ON CLASS CUT SYSTEM

### The New Rules Will Become Effective at the Beginning of Next Semester.

BY ROSCOE FANCHER

Students, the class cut system has been passed by the Faculty. Oh, no doubt you were aware of the fact, but probably you were forced to speculate upon its provisions and operation with little specific knowledge concerning it. The plan as accepted by the Faculty is as follows:

#### NUMBER OF CUTS

1. One per semester per class hour for all students earning a grade point index of 1 or above during the previous semester. (This obviously excludes freshmen the first semester.)
2. Those having a grade point index of 2.5 or above may have unlimited cuts. This does not supersede the rule reducing hours for absences, however.

#### PENALTIES

1. A zero grade results from cutting an announced quiz.
2. Cuts above allotted number subtract three points from the final grade.
3. For those not eligible for cuts under the above system, each cut shall deduct one and one half points from the final grade.

#### EXCUSES

Excuses are to be granted as specified in the handbook.

#### SPECIAL POINTS AND INTERPRETATIONS

1. Three unexcused tardinesses constitute a cut.
2. The system of class cuts does not apply to lab. work.
3. Teachers are not obligated to assist students in making up work missed on account of cuts. (Unannounced tests may be made up, however.)
4. During the last semester seniors are allowed two days cuts in addition to the regular number for personal interviews for positions.

Very roughly speaking, this system means that every student will have three cuts in each three hour course every semester. The penalties for misuse of the cut privilege are, it is true, rather stringent, but since the number of cuts is entirely adequate for all inexcusable absences, and since excuses are still granted, this should be a hardship to no one.

Perhaps a review of the development of the cut plan will not be out of place here. The question of class cuts was first discussed in Student Council meetings last year. The need was then brought before the upper classes at the annual banquet discussion, and again returned to the Student Council. This year we again heard of it at the banquet, and immediately afterwards the Student Council resumed consideration of the reasons for some cut system, and of the merits of the alternative systems. A committee of three members, one sophomore, one junior, and one senior, formulated the ideas brought out in these discussions into a plan. After presentation to the Faculty it was referred to the scholarship committee, where it underwent minor changes, mainly dealing with the ease of administration. Finally it was again referred to the Faculty, and accepted, to become effective at the beginning of next semester.

As you have heard so many times, the student council is for student

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## A MERRY CHRISTMAS

### OPPOSITION

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Council, given him authority to make such decisions. This is obviously not the case in Houghton. In such cases when authority of a governing body is questioned, it is usually the custom to submit the particular subject to a vote. Was this question voted upon by those most directly concerned, the students themselves? Rather it was thrust at them in almost a "take it or leave it" manner. If and when the proposal is ratified by a majority student vote, the Council can proceed to carry it out, and dissenters will of necessity abide by majority rule. Until that time the Council can expect trouble and disapproval from those whom they theoretically represent when they attempt to enforce their decision. This is not a threat but a prophecy seconded by many student leaders.

In that student approval is so vitally necessary to the success of this measure, one would have thought that the opinion of representative students and groups would have been considered before it was presented. Now that it has been presented naturally the most important question is, "Is it satisfactory to the majority upon whose approval depends its ultimate success?" That also is a question to be debated, or more practically, tested by a vote.

These are but two objections that of dissatisfaction from non-committal "I don't like it" to well-thought out arguments. Upon what do Council members intend to base their judgment of some three or four hundred attitudes? In the final analysis it will be the personal opinion of three or four people which influences the dismissal of a fellow student. Certainly a dozen people cannot know each person in school well enough to accurately gauge his attitudes, in which event the two or three who are fitted, will have the responsibility. That is putting too much authority on a human judgment no less apt to err than our own. It is perfectly obvious that the plan would not work in a large school and do we expect to remain a small institution forever? We sincerely hope not, and a change will certainly be needed in a few years if Houghton grows at all. If so, why spend fruitless hours developing a plan which, if successful at all, can last but a few years?

These are but two objections that have been voiced. Others would be forthcoming if the students had any

means of expressing them.

Perhaps we are wasting time in arguing this question which to some seem futile from the start, since the advisory powers involved will amount to little in the end. Our discussion resolves itself into the following: In carrying through a plan which we believe is not a crystallization of student opinion, the Council has overstepped its authority, in which case the plan should be voted upon by the students. If accepted well and good. If rejected, the Council might well heed those whom it is supposed to represent and draw up a plan agreeable to those who will be directly affected.

The importance of this relatively unimportant question lies in the fact that to have successful student government there must be cooperation and accord among all concerned. On this particular question we are not at all sure that it is of any practical advantage in itself, much less a step towards better student government. When a majority vote proves this to our satisfaction, we will be more than ready to continue our hearty cooperation.

### DEFENSE

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of the Student Council one iota. It has always had the constituted authority to do exactly what this plan says. Quoting the constitution of the Student Council, page 54 of the handbook, "the Council shall have power to make recommendations in disciplinary matters to the faculty or the Disciplinary Committee." In reality this is not so much a plan as an announcement of policy. However this power has never been assumed. One thing the opposition overlooked is that the faculty has not been asked for its approval of this step. It has simply been a dormant power of the Council. The Council has continuously clamored for power for more student government: has treated those disciplinary cases that the faculty has brought in, has pelted the Faculty with appeals for changes in rules. And at the same time it might know of some two or three students who were flagrantly violating the rules and yet do nothing about it. Any students who flagrantly violate the rules really deserve no warning. However the Council felt it would be more on the level to notify the student body of its policy. This plan is not a police system. The council does not intend that this plan

will enforce all the minor rules. Even major offenders may escape them. But it is the intention of the Council that when it does know someone in flagrantly violating the rules it shall not sit idly by and watch it continue. Whether or not the Council is a representative body, no one can gainsay that it sacrifices its integrity if it does such a thing.

It has been charged that the plan of the Student Council will not long fill the needs of the school if it continues to grow. That is true. But what the critics have overlooked is that this power (which we have always had but not used) is the first essential in any plan. Is it better to work out some extensive plan or proceed step by step? This is only one step and not a very great one at that. The Council felt obliged to make some step to enforce rules, and this is the very least it felt it could do without having to apologize for its indecisiveness. As we said, this is the first essential to any plan of enforcement of rules by the student themselves. If we have the honor system, the council must have this power to begin with; if we have a system of policing, we must still have this power. No matter what plan is finally adopted, this power must be the starting point and the foundation. The Council feels that Houghton is not yet ready for an extensive system of student enforcement of rules. But we do feel that by proceeding step by step we will ultimately work out a satisfactory system. Those who criticize the plan themselves admit that they have no substitute to offer. Neither has the Council, even though it has been working on this problem for a year and more. But we are convinced that after this step the next may seem clearer.

### Answers to Various Current Objections

One current objection that has been running about the lower hall is "How do you know what my attitude is?" As a matter of fact if your attitude isn't so plainly hostile that nearly every student knows what it is, the Council will not be concerned about it. This matter of attitude has been stressed beyond all the bounds of reason. It assumes a relatively small place in the mind of a student council member. Conduct is the paramount matter; conduct is of first importance. Anyone who conducts himself at all satisfactorily need not fear. Only the notorious ones will attract the attention of the Council.

Secondly, there seems to be the prevailing idea that every member of the student body is being closely watched and every misdeed checked down against him. This too is utterly absurd. It was said before this was not a police system. Only offenders will receive more than cursory attention.

Thirdly, it has been said that the Council should not have the power to dismiss anyone from school. The Council itself has not yet realized this. It merely recommends to the faculty that so-and-so be dismissed. And if the time has come when the faculty accept the Council's suggestions wholesale, then the Council has about two to the nth power times the authority it has thought it had.

Fourthly, some have said the faculty run the Student Council. Well, ask the faculty!

Fifthly, some have said, "Who is going to judge the Student Council members?" Quite aside from the fact that we still have a faculty, this argument is not so much against the plan as against the very idea of Student government. If we are to have student government, someone must be in authority.

Sixthly, it has been said that two or three student council members

## CHOIR GIVES FIRST CONCERT AT NUNDA

### Will Broadcast Over N B C Network in January

On Sunday night the Houghton College Choir journeyed through zero weather to Nunda to give its first concert of the year. The First Presbyterian Church at Nunda was well-filled with an enthusiastic audience from Nunda and the surrounding communities. The choir presented the following program:

1. Ave Verum Corpus, William Byrd
2. Hosanna to the Son of David, J. Weelkes
3. Wake, Wake, Christianson
4. Exaltation, Christianson
5. Celtic Hymn, Hugh S. Robertson
6. Regina Coeli, Gregor Auchinger
7. Animi Christi, Wm. Webbe
8. Song of Mary, Traditional Spanish
9. Cheribim Song, Tchaikowsky
10. I Beheld Her, Healey Willan
11. The Three Kings, Healey Willan
12. The Lord Bless You and Keep You, Lucktin

This concert marks the beginning of a season of concerts which will extend even after the Spring tour. Several engagements in near-by communities have already been arranged for.

The concert Sunday night went very well. Judging from its first performance, the choir should have a very profitable and successful year. It is interesting to observe that the "Song of Mary" is included in the program for the fourth consecutive year with the original soloist, Eileen Hawn.

Sunday, December 16th The Choir presented concerts in Angelica in the afternoon and Warsaw at night.

A splendid opportunity has been offered the choir in the nature of an N.B.C. broadcast the eleventh of January. This is to be a half hour program and to include numbers from this year's programme.

could influence the dismissal of a student. Well, you don't know the Council. If there are differences of opinion or lack of information it is not long a secret to all members. And furthermore, as has been said, only those who are so notorious that they have attracted the attention of nearly all students are likely to be dealt with severely by the Council.

### What Would Be the Result if the Student Council Were Deprived of This Power?

1. The Council has always had this power but has not used it. If it were to be deprived of it now, it would have less power than its constitution grants it at the present time.

2. The faculty would be justified in depriving the Council of some of the privileges its has granted to it.

3. When the constitution is rewritten next spring, it would only be a minor efforts of the Student Council? The work would only have to be done over, and the same stages passed through.

In deciding whether you favor the plan consider the followings

1. Do you want student government?
2. If so you are obligated to enforce the rules. The very word "Government" implies this. Government minus enforcement is anarchy.
3. Do you want the present Student Council to take this step? Remember the Council has always had this power. This is the first essential step toward any system of rule enforcement.

## Forensic Union Features Christmas Program

A Christmas program was the feature at the monthly meeting of the College Forensic Union held in the Music Hall Auditorium on December 6. The meeting, called to order by Paul Allen, the president, proceeded with the reading of the Christmas story; William Foster provided the music of the evening with pleasing trumpet solos. Clifford Weber gave a witty extempore on "Why We Give at Christmas." Merritt Queen's oration on "Why Christmas, Anyway?" waxed eloquent at times and showed a clever use of humor at others. Harriet Pinkney read, in child-like fashion, Eugene O'Neill's popular "Just Fore Christmas." Seth Parker lent a bit of color to the program by his short story which Esther Fancher presented. The impromptu addresses consisted of a speech given in Lena Hunt's own manner on "What I Am Going to do this Christmas Vacation," and a debate on, "Resolved: that this house favors the idea of Santa Claus." In true debater's form, Harold Boon upheld the affirmative and James Bedford the negative. A rapid parliamentary drill followed with Doris Lee as chairman. Dean Thompson presented Forensic Humor sketches of a satisfactory nature. Criticisms were offered by Malcolm Cronk.

The main business of the evening consisted of routine matters, with the varsity manager reporting favorably regarding proposed intercollegiate debates. Three are being planned including the trip through the New York Debate Conference for the men, a trip to southern Pennsylvania for the girls' team, and practice debates to be held in nearby high schools. New members approved at the meeting included:

Ethel Barnett, Lena Hunt, William Foster, Dean Thompson, James Bedford, and Carl Vanderberg.

### CLASS CUTS

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government. The class cut plan was drawn up on the basis that there are certain rare occasions when a student can spend his time more profitably than in attendance at a certain class, and that men and women of college age have a sufficient sense of relative worths to judge between the class and its alternative. This ability to choose rightly is certainly a prerequisite to student government, and the extent of its exercise in the matter of cuts will have a direct bearing on any future advances toward this goal.

Students, these class cuts are for you. However, the idea in instigating them has not been to provide a week of extra vacation every semester. The wrong use of the system contains its penalty in itself; to the individual student in lowering his grades, and to the students as a group, in the curtailment of further student privilege. Yes, it's that word you have heard so many times—cooperate. Students, it's up to you.

### Standing of the Teams

BOYS			W	L
Sophomores			3	0
Juniors			3	0
High School			2	2
Freshmen			1	3
Seniors			0	4
GIRLS			W	L
Sophomores			3	0
Seniors			3	1
Freshmen			2	2
High School			1	3
Juniors			0	3



## Mildred Stevenson Fero Writes about Houghton

Dear Miss Rickard,

Though it seemed best for me not to come back to the Home-Coming this fall, I am, as always, intensely interested in Houghton. And having noticed in the bulletin that topics were to be discussed such as, "How can the campus be improved?", I have determined to write you an idea of mine.

Even when I was in Houghton myself, I used to wish for this. I do not see why it could not be done—at least, partially—at a very moderate expense. It would add greatly to the general tourist interest, to the beauty of the village, and to the dignity of the college. My idea is to have, at the end of the path on the main state road opposite the parsonage, a stone gate-way with globe lights over-which shall be the words (in metal or wrought iron) *Houghton College*. On either side of the would be decorative evergreen trees similar to the smaller ones on the upper campus,—and back of them and extending on both sides of the entire length of the path to the foot of the steps, would be a medium-high evergreen hedge. (The height is suggested merely to take the place of the old fence. Otherwise a lower box-hedge would do.) The present bridge I would tear down, and then rebuild a strong, but artistic one of rough, small logs. Along the brook could be planted blue-water-iris and other different types of iris, daffodils, snow-drops, hyacinths and narcissus. Once such things are planted, they come up year after year giving a beautiful effect. Small evergreens could be placed here and there, and a weeping-willow tree not far from the bridge. Also, a half-way resting platform with seats, might be built along the cement steps. —And lastly if the college could afford it, I would like to see the land on either side of the path and hedge made into a smooth green lawn, with perhaps a few perennial flower beds. (White and pale pink peonies look lovely in May and June, and never need touching.) Among the natural apple trees on the side of the hill, terraces could be made, with rock gardens or other flowers. Different classes might enjoy putting these in as class gifts. —What do you think of this?

Some rich people pay thousands of dollars to obtain a naturalistic setting with running water and a bridge;—we have it God-given. Why not make something of it?

I love Houghton more than I ever did, and I hope to write a letter of appreciation for the *Star* some of these days. It is a shame that folk who are there do not realize the superior advantages.

Best wishes to you.

Your old student,

Mildred S. Fero

(Mrs. Fero took the pains to draw a sketch of her ideal campus)

## BASKETBALL

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Fano was high scorer for the evening the second half against the High with seven points and was closely followed by Fuller who netted six. Burns and Dunlap accounted for four of their team's points.

In the main clash of the evening, the Juniors advanced a step nearer the class supremacy as they built up an early lead and then withstood a last quarter rally to take an exciting game from the High School 39-33. The Juniors, using a bit of psychology, started its second team with the exception of "Steve" Anderson. Against this combination the High School was able to build up a lead which they still held at the quarter 8-6. During the second quarter with

its first string playing, the Juniors opened up the scoring fifteen points to the High School's two led at the end of the half 21-10.

After the intermission the High School came back to hold the Juniors practically even during the third quarter and as the period ended the Juniors still led 31-19. When the final quarter opened the High School, displaying the fighting spirit that has characterized all their playing, came back to throw a scare into the Junior camp by outscoring the Juniors fourteen points to seven and coming up within seven points of copping the victory. "Steve" Anderson was high scorer for the evening with sixteen points and was closely followed by "Jackie" Crandall who dropped in seven field goals for a total of fourteen points.

### LINE-UPS

FROSH	FG	FP	TP
Watson f	1	0	2
Shaffer f	0	0	0
Prentice f	0	0	0
Scott c	0	0	0
Donahue g	0	1	1
E. Donley g	0	0	0
Eohlayer g	0	0	0

SENIORS	FG	FP	TP
J. Donley f	3	3	9
Smith f	0	0	0
Sheffer c	0	0	0
Austin g	0	2	2
Lee g	1	0	2

Seniors	FG	FP	TP
VanOrnum f	2	2	6
Cronk f	6	0	12
Fancher c	1	0	2
Hess c	0	0	0
Allen g	0	0	0
Houghton g	1	0	2

Frosh	FG	FP	TP
Webster f	0	0	0
Reed f	2	1	5
Hopkins f	5	1	11
Thompson c	0	0	0
Stevenson g	3	3	9
Spooner g	0	0	0
Haight g	3	0	6

### G-I-R-L-S

HIGH SCHOOL	FG	FP	TP
Babcock f	1	2	4
Clocksin g	0	0	0
Tiffany f	3	1	7
Wright f	0	0	0
Paine c	1	2	4
Fuller g	3	0	6
Keogh g	0	0	0

JUNIORS	FG	FP	TP
Smith f	0	1	1
Burns f, g	1	0	2
Tomlinson c	0	0	0
Dunlap g	0	2	2
Record f	0	0	0

### B-O-Y-S

JUNIORS	FG	FP	TP
Anderson f	7	2	16
White f, g	0	0	0
Donelson f	6	0	12
Bowen c	0	0	0
Gere c	2	1	5
Moon g	0	0	0
Goldberg g	1	0	2
Boon g	0	0	0
Farnsworth g	2	0	4

HIGH SCHOOL	FG	FP	TP
Crandall f	7	0	14
Murphy f	0	1	1
Eyer f	1	0	2
P. Paine c	0	1	1
D. Paine g	2	0	4
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## Sunday Services

The Sunday Service was held in the college chapel, due to some difficulty in the heating of the new church. The Rev. Mr. Pitt spoke from the subject, "My Sins and the Sins of My People," using as his text Daniel's great intercessory prayer found in Dan. 9:20.

The purpose of the book of Daniel is not to give the account of the life of Daniel; it is meant to give an account of God's providential guiding and His foreknowledge in the history of nations and the lives of His people through the ages. One of the earliest evidences of God's guidance of his people is through prayer. Daniel got his evidence from the word of God and then went to prayer. God's pre-ordering was the incentive that sent him to his knees.

Daniel's prayer was intercessory in character. He took on himself as his own, the sins of his people. The Daniel spirit of intercession is the Old Testament standard of godliness but it is as truly the New Testament standard. Our aim should be the Daniel spirit of intercession instead of the spirit of selfishness, if we would see things accomplished for God.

The presence of the Lord was very manifestly present at the evening service held in the new church. Following the song and praise service, conducted by Willard Smith, special messages in song were brought by a male quartet composed of Dr. Woolsey, Prof. Kreckman, Alvin Barker and Willard Smith.

Choosing as the text of the evening John 1:9, the Rev. Mr. Pitt brought a challenging message on the subject "The Supreme Evidence." Many people are faced with the question of whether Christ represents a verity or not, and whether the Christian faith can be proved as a reality. The final proof of the Christian life is in the realm of the spiritual. The word of God has made the standard, and the burden of proof rests with God.

The world can not know by its own wisdom. The only way a man can know about it is by revelation. The approach of the penitent is the only way to come to Christ and have a spiritual proof that he is Lord and Christ. The man who confesses his sins to Christ, has the complete witness in his soul.

## Group Give Concert at Alexander H. S.

On Wednesday evening, December 12, Houghton College was represented at Alexander, N. Y. by a group of students presenting a community concert sponsored by the Board of Education in the benefit of Houghton.

The object of the concert was to make Alexander 'Houghton Conscious', and as a result of extensive advertising, the church auditorium was packed to capacity.

The program itself included string quartet and vocal, violin, viola, and piano solos. Those participating were Miss Hawn, Prof. King, Miss Wright, Mr. McIntire and Miss Murphy.

It is the aim of Pres. Luckey to make it possible for many of the surrounding communities to sponsor just such a program designed for enjoyment, yet with the purpose of advertising the school, since the majority of Houghton students come from within a radius of 100 miles.

## Rev. Aubrey Arlin Is Recovering from Operation

Rev. W. Aubrey Arlin ('34) is recovering from an operation performed in the Cuba hospital on Monday. He is getting along well.

## Expression Club Present a Christmas Pageant

A selected cast are enthusiastically preparing for a pageant "Children of the Inn" to be presented, through Expression Club, Wed. evening at 7:30. The pageant, in two scenes centers around the birth of Christ and the miracle His coming wrought in the life of a lame girl.

The first scene is laid in the courtyard of the inn at Bethlehem, in the late afternoon of the day in which Christ was born. Three Children of the inn, including Miriam, a lame girl, witness the coming of Mary and Joseph to the inn and their departure upon the information that there is no more room. Mary, however, leave a parting blessing on Miriam's head while the inn too full to receive the poor, it found room for the three famous strangers from the East. Although Miriam is betrothed to a rich and elderly man of the village, she loves Ethan, a poor shepherd lad. When Ethan brings news of a star suddenly appearing and of a newborn babe, she limps away with him to behold.

Scene two is laid in the same innward much later in the evening. Rachel and Abiathar, parents of the children of the inn find them missing. Ashbel, the man to whom Miriam is betrothed, asked to join in the search, shows himself provoked at her absence. Little Isaac brings the news of the birth of a king;—he is closely followed by Miriam, miraculously healed of her lameness through faith in the Christ child. When the wise men interpret to them the scriptures fulfilled, the family joins Miriam in believing; but Ashbel, disgusted, releases Miriam from her troth. With Ethan and her family, she witnesses the beams of the "Star of the East"—the true "Christmas star."

This pageant is more difficult and serious than any before attempted this year at least, and will demand the sympathetic and reverent cooperation of the audience if it is to convey its message of beauty and inspiration.

The committee in charge of the pageant are Filson, McIntire and Fancher. Other committees responsible for the success of the pageant are: Stage and lighting—Fletcher, VanOrnum and Vincent; Costumes—Dusch and Peterson; Posters—Paine.

The cast of characters is as follows:

Miriam, Lina Petit; Ethan, Paul McIntire; Ashbel, Wilfred Gibbins; Isaac, Emerson Keogh; Deborah Hazel Fox; Mary, Florence Smith; Joseph, Paul Allen; Rachel, Katherine Schehl; Abiathar, Keith Burr; Wise men, Fortune, Lynip, and Queen.

## Anna Houghton Daughters

Much interest has been shown in the work that the Anna Houghton Daughters are doing in preparing Christmas boxes for needy institutions and families.

Boxes are being sent to the Bethshan Home in Canton, Ohio, to the Hephzibah Orphanage at Macon, Georgia, and to the Zion Hill Mission in the Cumberland mountains, Kentucky, where one of our graduates, Bessie Crocker, is laboring among the mountaineers. Gifts and clothing will be distributed among the families of our village and neighboring towns. Also special greeting cards are being sent to the missionaries.

At the last meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Woolsey, it was estimated that two hundred and fifty gifts had been provided.

Mrs. M. Pryor—Sec'y.



## VARIORUM

This holiday season another avalanche of "personal likenesses" will descend upon innocent relatives and friends, and, after a brief season spent in the limelight of public display upon pianos, tables, etc., will go to increase the accumulation of family rubbish. Yet pictures serve a good purpose, else why *Boulders*? For one thing they allow an outlet for that vanity—complex that would assure us we are all Clark Gables and Greta Garbos. Given an assignment to write an essay in the manner of Lamb, Ruth Walton produced the following essay entitled:

"A Tirade on Pictures."

Or all mankind's practices altogether vain and useless, that of having one's picture taken seems to me to show the most self-conceit, egotism and lack of consideration of the human race in general. Why should any normal human being deliberately choose thus to burden the lives of future—generations by leaving painful—true likeness of himself?

Yet, regrettable though it be, this trait seems to be inherent in the race. Prehistoric man, with all his crude and barbarous habits, was subject to an inexplicable craving to prove to posterity what a husky, powerful giant he was. Unfortunately he had not heard about photographs or their evil practices. He had to carve upon the ceiling of his sanctified to resemble himself. Having thus satisfied his primitive impulses, he was ready to go and kill a dinosaur for breakfast.

But dinosaur died of boredom, and soon became extinct. Men then dined on daintier delicacies, such as peacock feet and lizards' tails. This diet inspired them to new accomplishments; the result being that instead of mere wall-carvings, these vain creatures had statues made of themselves, and these they set around in marketplaces. The Egyptians, so I've been told, being not content with statues or portraits, left their mummies.

The fad for mummies soon wore out. People preferred something more flattering. Poor struggling young painters were only too glad to dab paint on canvases for hours at a time while their subjects grew weary stiff necks and knees. It was not expected that the portrait actually resembled the subject! It would have been extremely poor policy to allow a genuine lady like Queen Elizabeth, or a successful general like Napoleon to know how he or she really looked.

However, supporting parasitic painters proved a tedious and expensive business particularly galling to shrewd Yankee blood; so our ancestors came out in favor of tints. Stiff necks and stiffer backs were the predominating features of these. The clean scheming photographs made a practice of putting their victims in straight-jackets better to obtain this effect.

Past generations might be excused for this foolish procedure; but why should people of the twentieth century still persist in such a custom? Attics are already overflowing with the portraits of Uncle Joshua, Aunt Suzannah, cousin Alvira, Cousin Ezra and a host of others. Why add to the collections?

Despite all that may be said in opposition to the custom, mothers still drag wailing Johnnies to the "picture man" every time said offspring gets a new tooth or a new pair of trousers. To be sure, photographers have, to a certain degree, men their ways—they run toy

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## Food for Thought

We heard of the purchase of Bob Luckey's perambulator Friday night (it wasn't bought then, y' understand; that's when we heard about it) all right, who'll be the next to rob the cradle?

'Twas very difficult, dear reader, to comprehend some of the nicknames around here, and we go so far as to offer a grand prize to the one who can explain these questions satisfactory. How did:

Definition of a husband: a bridegroom with the nerve taken out.

Miserably reflecting on some of the lower-hall yodelers and crooners around here, we sadly shed a tear and remark that when they sing flat it's always natural.

(The following is a game. We thought you'd like to know.) The idea is to watch the people in the second column to the appropriate description in the first.

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| (1) "We can't have this"          | ( ) Crystal Crone    |
| (2) "Hey, what's the score?"      | ( ) Marvin Goldberg  |
| (3) Prince of Wales—derby and all | ( ) Alex Spooner     |
| (4) "Queen of Cachinnators"       | ( ) Betty Ratcliffe  |
| (5) Paul Revere without the horse | ( ) Warren Kingsbury |
| (6) "Present!"                    | ( ) Paul McIntire    |

After such intellectual entertainment, we offer a little comedy relief, in the form of Kiddies' Korner:

This little piggie went to market;  
This little piggie staid home,  
This little piggie had roast beef.  
That little piggie had chilblains.

It was a tense moment in Church History Class. Miss Kartevold was assigning various individuals to look up the life of various men. The bell rang—and in the melee Miss Kartevold shouted: "All those who don't have a man, come and see me after class and I'll give you one"—There's your chance, girls.

Ye editor is requested. 'Tis impossible, even perhaps, and maybe yet, to please some of the people of the time. We thought we were safe in publishing jokes discovered in old "Stars"—when indignant readers approached and demanded interpretations. Now, dear people—a joke is a joke—whether it's on you or anyone else.

With some of the fine football displayed on the basketball floor, it's a wonder a separate stadium hasn't been built.

Ad in a more or less local paper: "Only 17 more hopping days until Christmas."

FOUND—1 pair of large sized man's rubbers—loser please inquire at the office of the Dean of Women. —Sounds bad, W. S.

'Tis comforting to Mr. Vogel, no doubt, to know that our hither to unapproachable Miss Gillette was reminded instantly of him upon entering the Hawaiian Islands, lands of romance.

### RECREATION ROOM

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tion room a reality.

Thanks be to the faculty who have so willingly cooperated with us in meeting this need. We wish to especially express our appreciation to those who contributed money and furniture for this purpose. These are as follows: Anna Houghton Daughters \$15; Miss Gudrun Kartevold, \$15; Miss Frieda Gillette, window boxes; Mrs. Thomas of Rushford, who loaned us the ping-pong table; and Miss Moses, who gave us some most valuable advice for carrying out our plan and also loaned money for furniture. The students who gave of their money, time, and labor should also be included in this list.

The following are the rules and regulations, governing the administration of the recreation room, as drawn up by the Student Council.

Hours: 3:30—5:30 every day  
6:00—7:00 every day  
6:00—10:00 Fri. and Sat.  
1:30—5:00 Sat.

Exception: No student having a grade point index of less than 1 will be allowed to use recreation room later than 7:00 o'clock on Sat. evening.

Piano: May be used at any time during above hours except on Sat. evening after 7:00 o'clock.

Conduct: Anyone using recreation room and, in doing so, becomes responsible for the breaking of dishes will be required to pay for broken property.

Complaints: Any complaint, from either student or faculty, should come to the Administration Committee. This committee is composed of the following: Pritchard Douglass, Ivone Wright, Grace Smith, Elizabeth Harmon, Clifford Weber, and Glenn Donelson.

Supervision: The recreation room will be under the supervision of the Student Council, and the penalty for anyone outstepping the bounds will be determined by the same.

The Student Council is unable to make this room what it ought to be without the support of everyone participating. It seems to be an established fact that the proper use of what we now have means more for the future. Let's remember this in connection with our new recreation room. We therefore, would solicit your most hearty and thoughtful cooperation.

### Star Sport Flashes

The class basketball championship will be decided next Wednesday night when the Sophomores and Juniors clash in the final tilt of the series. Both teams are undefeated, each having won all of its three games in a struggle of the season and should provide a high class brand of basketball. Both quintets expect to be at full strength for the fray and will be fighting hard at every stage of the contest in an effort to bring the championship banner to their class. The records of the teams show the Sophs downing the Seniors 71-18, the High School 34-23 and the Freshman 26-17. The Juniors defeated the Freshman 39-23, the Seniors 42-23 and the High School 39-33. A high spirit prevails and a large crowd is expected to jam the gymnasium for this battle.

The Rose Bowl contestants, the Crimson Tide from Alabama and the Cardinals from Stanford are working out daily for their great battle on New Year's day at Pasadena. With each eleven boasting two All-Americans in their lineup and confident of victory, this clash should hold the nation's interest on the beginning of the new year.

"Babe Ruth has announced his intentions of retiring from baseball if he is not successful in obtaining a managerial berth in the major leagues in 1935. At present, chance of his getting a pilot's job appear rather slim as all clubs seem to be well satisfied with their leaders for the coming season. The Bumping will surely be missed when his baseball days come to an end.

The Sophomore girls need only a single victory over the Junior ladies to clinch the class championship. This game will precede the boy's title clash next Wednesday evening.

Because of the long schedule of class games the first Purple-Gold game will have to be played without either quintet being able to hold a practice session. The first game is scheduled for Friday night (Jan. 4), immediately following the Christmas holidays. The captains of the two teams will select ten players for their respective teams to participate in this first clash. After this game practice sessions will be arranged and the positions on the teams will be thrown open to all successful candidates who report. Purple and Gold captains (both boys and girls) are urged to attend to this matter immediately so that all will be in readiness for the opening of the series. Let us all do our part in making this year's Purple and Gold games a success. Show your school spirit and back your team to the limit.

### VARIORIUM

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cars—they shake rattles—they make fuzzy monkeys climb up and down a string—they even stand on their heads—all in vain attempts to entertain bored infants and perhaps create a smile.

However, not all photographers are to be trusted. I still bear an ancient grudge against the photographer who took my picture when I was a year and a half old. The deceitful imposter, lacking other joys offered me several photographs which I accepted with delight. Having achieved his purpose—producing a smile—the rogue then proceeded to take away what he had given. I may have been weak and timid, but I wasn't going to let him get away with any such piece of villainy. I resorted to the method used by countless other defenseless individuals in such a time of need—I howl-

ed at the top of my voice! The rasical hastened to appease my wrath by giving me another of his pictures. This aroused my righteous indignation; I wanted what rightfully belonged to me—no substitutes would do. Further exercise of my lungs brought the desired pictures.

We then got down to the actual business of taking my picture, and what should that strange man do but hide himself behind a little black box! This was too mysterious for me. I became very excited and shouted, "Man gone! Man gone!" They finally calmed me and once more got down to business. This time the man waved his hand at me to attract my attention. I obligingly stood up and waved too.

Just how they finally managed to get a picture of me, I really don't know. But this I do know—that a picture of a clutching some photographs in a small but determined fist is among the pictures that I shall leave for the amusement of future generations.

### Evangelist Cox Speaks in Chapel Session

Rev. W. R. Cox who is holding a series of evangelistic services at Higgins, N. Y. was the guest speaker in chapel Tuesday, December 11.

For the text of his talk he chose the portion of Luke 16 which concerns the parable of the unjust steward—"Then the steward said within himself, what shall I do? for my Lord has taken away my stewardship;—I am resolved what to do—"

Using these few words for a foundation a double lesson was derived to the attentive student body. The predominant points of the message were related to the great essential teachings given in Houghton and their ideal use by the students.

He held that every boy and girl should have a goal for himself in life. "Without a goal one cannot hope ever to amount to anything," he said.

"God has not called everyone to the same job," he said, "but He has a place for everyone of his children in his service. One may be called as a layman supporting a church; another as a minister; still another as a missionary, but the vital thing is that young people decide where God wants them to be and work to fill that position."

His expressed sentiments were that at Houghton the young person has every opportunity to choose his calling aright. All influences tend to help him to make correct decisions as far as the standards of the school are concerned. The great emphasis placed on regeneration and spiritual living in Houghton should be an incentive to correct decisions and to a firm adherence to those decisions.

In conclusion, he urged that those who do not yet know God to decide for Him without further delay.

### Students' Prayer Meeting

The needs of missions the world over formed the theme of Tuesday's evening's student prayer meeting. The whole evening was devoted to missionary topics and was led by Miss Ethel Doty. Miss Loraine Brownell led the hymn singing, assisted by Miss Gwendolyn Blauvelt.

After graphically portraying the many and various needs to-day Miss Doty requested that every one remember these needs in prayer.

A letter written by the Liddick's from board ship was read. This letter described the voyage and the new experiences they were having. Thanks were expressed for the privilege of their being able to worship God in the fellowship of several other missionaries. The letter closed with a testimony of the joy there is in serving God.

### Evangelical Student

This is true, whatever else be false—that following Christ is a great adventure, and it means that we must take up a cross and bear it. Much as we may admire modern life, with many of the ideals of this indulgent age, there can be no compromise, if we are to be followers of the Master. What fills me with a deep disquiet about our Christianity today, both liberal and orthodox, is that it is so harmless. It is so tame, so timid, so tepid—a kind of glorified lollipop. Even if we apply it to social questions, as we talk so much of doing, there will be little result unless it has more power in it than it has now.

—Joseph Fort Newton

Matt. 2:2 For we have seen his star."

I recall what a stout-hearted, shabby old saint said to me a month ago from the ruins of his own broken business. "The holidays will be better than ever this year," he assured me. "His star shines brightest when things are blackest. For it's the Christ secret of sharing that brings joy to the world."

Beatrice Plumb

Already the spirit of Christmas has absorbed the thinking and activities of a great section of the American public. Much thought that is devoted to the Christmas suggestion is legitimate and constructive. Thousands of people have already planned as to how they might make somebody else a bit happier at the Christmas season, how they might put cheer into the lives of some where despondency now prevails. Such an attitude toward the Christmas occasion not only harmonizes with the spirit of Christ, but is essential to one's own happiness.

While thousands of people think of Christmas as an opportunity to exemplify the spirit and life of Christ, there are other thousands who almost totally miss the mark in this regard. If the chief call to one is so many "shopping days" till Christmas, and these days are not viewed in the light of what they may mean to the happiness of others, then the preview of Christmas is sadly warped.

—Watchword—

Jews today are open-minded. They are ready to consider the claims of the Christian faith. 25,000 Jews converted to Christianity in Prussia alone during the last twenty-five years. The Jew, turning away from the synagogue, may become an agnostic menace or a Christian.

Christmas Love from Africa

"Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." Matt. 1:21

Much Christmas love from Africa

To all at home so dear,  
May God in Heaven look down and fill

Your hearts with Christmas cheer.

His name is Jesus, for He saves His people from their sins,

Heaven's riches left, to come on earth

And dwell 'mongst sinful men! No other name in Heav'n or earth.

Jesus alone can save.

No other power—no other love. Can save men from the grave.

O Christmas message, spread it far To those who grope in night

At home, abroad, o'er all the earth—

In Christ alone is Light. And He, blessed light! will guide.

dear friend,

Straight to the Home above Where reunited, we shall sing

The Christmas song of love. Margaret Camp, Fr. Eq. Africa.