

N. P. GRUBB ADDRESSES HOLIDAY AUDIENCES

Speaker Stresses Dedicated Life

Norman P. Grubb, executive director of the World Evangelism crusade, was the guest speaker in the Houghton college chapel on Friday, November 26. He appealed to students to find a deeper, more real fellowship with the Lord so that they might be more effective in Christian service.

In stressing the power of a dedicated life, he related that in connection with a Bible conference held in London in 1919, a small group of missionary students met separately for prayer. Their meeting resulted in the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship movement.

Mr. Grubb also sketched the beginning of the World Evangelism crusade founded by Mr. C. T. Studd.

"ASK DEFERMENT," SAYS V. A. OFFICE

The Veterans Affairs Office suggests that any man getting a draft classification of 1A request that he be allowed to complete his school year. This would mean that he should ask that his case be reconsidered. The intention of the law as written appears to be for postponement until the end of the school year. In support of your request, it would be well to get a statement from the Veterans Affairs office to the effect that you are now enrolled in school. All students now enrolled in the Ministerial course must submit proof from their church stating that they

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Soprano, Pianist, To Present Joint Senior Recital Dec. 10



Elaine Backlund, soprano, and Phyllis Redding, pianist, will present this year's first senior recital in the college chapel, at 8:00 p. m., Friday, December 10.

Alternating in their performance, Mrs. Backlund will sing five groups: Group I—"Freschi luoghi, prati autenti" and "O del mio amato ben" by Donaudy; "Hear ye, Israel" from *Elijah* by Mendelssohn. Group II—"Du Bist wie Eine Blume" by Liszt; "Immer bei dir" by Raff; "Chanson Triste" by Duparc; "Voici que le Printemps" by Debussy. Group

W. E. C. Director Appeals To U. S.

The annual Thanksgiving service was held in the Houghton church, November 25. The services, under the direction of the Foreign Missions fellowship, carried a real missionary emphasis with Norman P. Grubb, director of the World Evangelism crusade, as speaker.

Introduced by Rev. Alton Shea, Mr. Grubb prefaced his message with a few reasons for his appreciation of America. Among these he stressed American liberality, which exceeds political machines and her Christian influence and leadership in the world. Mr. Grubb believes that the main cause for England's decline since the war stems from her rejection of the Christian faith after World War I. Similarly, America is endangered by her retaining faith in God. In his tour to the United States, Mr. Grubb was most impressed by the great mass of young people who are banded together in their desire to obtain an education under Christian auspices. He feels that this unity of Bible-believing youth will help meet the present emergency on the mission field. Mr. Grubb concluded his message with an appeal for the dedication of lives in Christian service.

Congregational singing was led by Robert Morgan and accompanied by Mrs. Charles Rupp at the organ and Mack Weiford at the piano. Special music was presented by the college women's quartet, a brass trio, and Mr. Whittle, secretary of the World Evangelism crusade.

III—"Recitative and Aria: Non mi dir" from *Don Giovanni* by Mozart. Group IV—four pieces from a cycle of songs, "Vignettes of Italy," by Watts. Group V—"Shepherd, Play a Little Air" by Stickles; "Rhapsodie" by Campbell-Tipton; "Christopher Robin is Saying his Prayers" by Frash-Simpson; and "The Year's At the Spring" by Beach.

Mrs. Redding will play four groups: Group I—"Gavotte" and "Gigue" from the *Fifth French Suite* by Bach. Group II—"Bei Foreler" by Liszt; "Impromptu in F Major, Opus 36" by Chopin. Group III—"Chinese Nightingale" and "Fest im Garten" from *Suite in Old China* by Niemann. Group IV—"Pequena" by Iturbide; and "Malaguena" by Lecuona.

After her graduation in January, Mrs. Backlund expects to teach music in the public schools. If a position is not available, she may remain in Houghton for the following semester. Mrs. Redding also plans to teach music in the public schools next fall.

Classics Head Addresses Convention

Professor F. Gordon Stockin, head of the Houghton college classics department, addressing the 62nd Annual convention of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary schools at Atlantic City, November 27, spoke on the status and operation of the classics department at Houghton college as representative of the small liberal arts college.

Registered in the Latin and Greek classes of the department are one-third of the Houghton student body which constitutes an enviable record at this time. Professor Stockin discussed the difficulties of amalgamating varied groups and relating Latin and Greek to the program of the

school. His purpose was to encourage the building of a strong classics department in the small college.

Other outstanding features of the convention included a special session in which a new method of accrediting colleges in the Middle States association was discussed. The three main points comprising the standard set by this new ruling include:

1. A good statement of objectives and purpose provided by the college for its students.
2. Careful examination of program, organization, and facilities to be made in the light of the specified objectives.
3. Questioning the college as to

whether the student desired objectives.

All colleges in the present membership of the association are to be re-evaluated in the light of the new method.

One of the outstanding speakers at the convention was the provost of Cornell university, Dr. DeKiewiet, who spoke upon the regrettable and dangerous world situation which we now face as a result of narrowing the alternatives which the nations of the world can choose to following the principles of either Russia or the United States. Alarmed by the feeling that this division is irreconcil-

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ACTIVITIES

Saturday, Dec. 4
Singspiration—Dorm Reception Room—6:45 p. m.
Church Choir—7:30 p. m.

Monday, Dec. 6
Oratorio Practice — Chapel—7:30 p. m.

Tuesday, Dec. 7
F.M.F. Prayer Meeting—S-24—6:45 p. m.

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

Wednesday, Dec. 8 — Basketball Game—Faculty - Frosh—7:30 p. m.

Senior W.C.T.U. Program — Chapel—7:30 p. m.

Mission Study Group—S-24—7:30 p. m.

Student Council — S-21 — 7:00 p. m.

French Club — Music Building Auditorium—7:30 p. m.

Psychology Club — S-27 — 7:30 p. m.

Thursday, Dec. 9
Class Prayer Meetings — 6:45 p. m.

Friday, Dec. 10
Class Basketball Series — 7:00 p. m.

Senior Recital—Phyllis Redding and Elaine Backlund—Chapel—8:00 p. m.

Andrews Leads Orchestra In First Home Concert

AMERICANS STUDY IN SWISS SCHOOL

For the first time American students enrolled in an American program of supervised studies, are studying at the University of Basel, Switzerland's oldest university located on the banks of the Rhine. Twenty-seven men and women representing 20 colleges and universities in the United States have begun their studies there.

Basel is one of the few European universities which extends its facilities in the sciences to American undergraduates. Limited courses offering biology, chemistry, and physics are available in the program known as the "Junior Year in Basel" which is sponsored by the American Council on College Study in Switzerland. Due to the large number of applicants, this organization which also sponsors the "Junior Year in Zurich" found it necessary to establish a second American student center in Switzerland.

In addition to the science courses, scientific German, German grammar and composition, German language and literature, history, music, art, and advanced courses in other modern languages are offered in the program.

Requirements for membership in the JY in Basel include completion of the sophomore year, a minimum of two years of college German or the equivalent in that language, and recommendation by the dean or president.

A 16 page announcement containing full details of the year abroad may be obtained by writing to the American Council on College study in Switzerland, 1123 North Eutaw Street, Baltimore 1, Maryland.

The Houghton college orchestra will give its first home concert of the year tonight in the college chapel under the direction of Professor John M. Andrews. Prior to this performance, the orchestra, consisting of approximately 30 members, has played twice in the surrounding area — once each in the Fillmore and the Rushford Central schools.

Beginning with an orchestral arrangement of "A Mighty Fortress is our God," the varied program includes such older classical numbers as Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 and Wagner's "Prelude to Act III" of *Lohengrin*, as well as the more modern number, "From the Black Belt," by the Negro composer, William Grant Still.

The next home performance of the orchestra will be the presentation of Handel's *Messiah*, in cooperation with the Oratorio society, in the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist church, at 7:30 p. m., December 18 and 19.

COMING CHAPEL PROGRAMS

Friday, Dec. 3

Rev. Wesley B. Nussey, President of Rochester Wesleyan Methodist conference.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

Dr. Stephen W. Paine

Wednesday, December 8

Professor Raynard Alger

Thursday, Dec. 9

Miss Ethel Foust

"Relative Moral Standards . . . A Devastating Position" --- B. H. Hall

BY MARY HARRIS

Not only do we close our eyes, but we also turn somersaults.

Standards? An old-fashioned term. But what about sex? Consider Solomon. Moral standards wobbled even in his day. You can't determine how a man shall satisfy his hunger for food. What right have you to say that a man must govern his sexual appetite according to fixed laws. And thus a generation which considers itself sophisticated goes round and round. We live in a world

which chooses to ignore speed limits. Now let us pause a moment. Perhaps a speed limit has points in its favor.

"To say that moral standards are relative places one in a devastating position; it saves no meaning for life at all," said Professor Bert Hall, instructor in philosophy, as the *Star* reporter asked him to define the arguments, philosophical and Christian for standards of morality.

"Man outside of Christ has no basis for a moral standard except the universal law of consequences," he

continued. The case might be stated simply that a man reaps what he sows. Whether or not there is an inherent sense of shame and guilt or merely inhibition resulting from social convention in connection with such relationships is hard to determine scientifically. It may be said, however, that, contrary to popular conception, primitive tribes discover promiscuity disastrous both physically and psychologically and in most primitive groups some attempt is made to enforce a family system.

The law of consequences breaks

down, Mr. Hall told the reporter, because one man ignores a standard and seemingly gets away with it. Another man observes and likewise tosses the standard aside. He suffers. Then, where shall we seek a more adequate basis?

We can say that in order to practice person to person relationships there must be some code of action to prevent destruction of the human being simply from the jealous rages and frustrations that are rampant when individuals insist upon living strictly according to their own de-

sires. Some people call it free expression.

Historically moral breakdown accompanies and accelerates decadence. Classic examples are Greece and Rome, whose falls were characterized by virtual absence of morality.

As the discussion continued, Mr. Hall pointed out that there is always the man who can convince himself that his superior intelligence is sufficient reinforcement of his self control to warrant sexual licence. Such a person must consider two matters:

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Are You A Vehicular Schmoo?

Are you a menace? If you're between the ages of 18 and 24; if you have an automobile; if you're driving during the period from December 15 and January 5; then statistically you are about the worst possible risk that can be found.

At first thought that might be hard to swallow, but here's what the authorities say. "Drivers between 18 and 24 years of age were involved in 27 per cent of all fatal accidents last year." "Last December traffic accidents killed 3,190—more than 50 per cent above the monthly average of 2,692." There is no point in insulting your intelligence by giving the obvious factors which cause this hump in the curve of accident-age ratios.¹

"Actually, persons of college age should be the world's best drivers . . . young, strong and have keen, active minds . . . eye-hand coordination as a group rates first."—F. M. Kreml, director Northwestern University Traffic Institute and Traffic Division. He also adds, "Being young means other things too . . . cocksure, overconfident, and don't give a hang about danger. It means that you take chances and speed into tight spots from which even your better-than-average ability cannot always save you."

The problem has its own particular applications, locally. Transportation may be overtaxed, but it's a favor to no one to overload a car. Neither is it charity to pile your friends into your brakeless, un-insured jalopy to venture across the trackless wastes, without chains or headlights, in cross country pursuit of one of your buddies—from Wellsville to Williamsport, or from Erie to Cleveland, or wherever it might be. You may make someone's Christmas much happier because you tightened your brakes, or resisted an urge to take the ninth passenger in your five passenger car, or let Rothwell and his new '48 forge ahead of your Stanley Steamer. "Happy motoring!"

¹ These quotes are from statistics compiled by a committee of the Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Company from statistics of the National Safety Council.

Dear Faculty:

Maybe it's the time in the school year; maybe it's we students who are responsible; maybe it's the faculty; or maybe both groups are partially to blame; but we do feel that the "pressure" is on.

There have been several things operating to make the courses harder than probably necessary. Many of our classes are small, and because they are small it is easy to check whether each individual's work is done each day. In addition small classes lend themselves to unannounced checkups. Now, theoretically it would be ideal to have every assignment done for every class every day when assigned, but practically there are handicaps to sticking to the scheduled study which would thus become a necessity. Lab periods may interfere with study certain days in the week. Then there is the frustration which results from trying to chop term papers into one hour periods. If you decide to take a couple of afternoons off just to write a paper, you practically insure yourself of flunking check-ups in other courses. We don't feel that every requirement ought to be treated as our major.

We believe that it would be healthier for all concerned—at least in those courses where such a plan is possible—if at the beginning of the semester all the requirements for the course were outlined, and it would then become our individual responsibility to plan our time accordingly. In the end such a position would be of real merit.

THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Dear Editor,

Last week's editorial was very good. It did appear, however, to be a bit too harsh with Professor Nelson. I might be battling windmills but I would like to make a few remarks in the gentleman's defence.

Mr. Nelson is a psychologist. Mr. Nelson is aware of the social situation on this and other campuses. Mr. Nelson is undeniably a man of keen insight and understanding. This was evident in that his chapel talk was as good as it was. In light of these points I contend that he is also perfectly cognizant of the lack on this campus. His very statement, "Let's make the most of what we have," infers that something's missing. This lack, it cannot be denied, is that there is no common meeting ground for fellows and girls. There is no place where fellows and girls can develop their ability at small talk, their ability to laugh, to be poised, and to be at ease generally in each others' presence.

The answer is a Student Union building. We are all aware of that and I contend that the above mentioned psychologist is aware of it too. We are all aware too that all the talk in the world won't get a Student Union building. Something else is always more important. We needed more classrooms so we got a new class building. Now we evidently have too many classrooms for our amount of dorm space because we've been told we need a new dorm. Then we'll have too much dorm space and will need more classrooms. This could go on for a long time and it's my guess that it will.

Chapel Firsts Highlight Month Of November

Several firsts occurred in the November chapels—the first recognition of Armistice day in years and the first time an Indian national ever spoke in Houghton. Further, a physician, Dr. Paul Robert, who will be the first medical missionary to Ecuador and who will found the first mission hospital there, gave interesting sidelights on the work of the HCJB mission.

Another first, which occurred on November 11, was an announcement of the first permanent recognition of the nine in the Houghton student family who gave their lives for their country in War War II; namely, that a row of oak trees be planted in their memory next April on the road which extends east from the Luckey Memorial and that this road be called Memorial road.

Scribblings

(from the reporter's notebook)

A special copy of the Houghton college bulletin will be distributed to students this week. An extra copy may be obtained at the public relations office.

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Dr. Stephen W. Paine, president of Houghton college, will speak at the morning and evening services in the First Wesleyan Methodist church in Buffalo, December 5. He will be accompanied by the college ladies' quartet.

He will also address the Rochester alumni chapter meeting at Rochester on Friday, December 3.

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The college has traded the 1942 Chevrolet for a 1941 model, one and one-half ton Chevrolet truck.

Give Of Your Best

BY MIKE KAY

Are you called to be a Christian layman? This call can be as definite as any call into "full time" Christian work. If we hear this call we must be willing to prepare properly to answer it. It is easy to feel that the extension groups and student pastors are taking care of the religious side of life and that our secular preparation is not of much importance to God's plans. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The layman has a great responsibility in telling others of Christ and his religion. The witness of this age is being carried, quite largely, not by the great preachers of the day but by humble Christian laymen who are not afraid to tell of Jesus and to live a life wherever they are which convicts men of sin and of judgement. A consistently radiant Christian life bears more witness to the people it contacts than any other type of Christian effort. "It is the sermons church members preach by the manner of their lives which, far more than those preached by any minister, bring other people to Christ or drive them away from Him."

The world gives no recognition to mediocrity, and thereby any Christian should be prepared to do his best. A Christian doctor should be the best doctor possible not for himself but for the glory of Jesus Christ and the salvation of souls. A Christian farmer should have the best kept farm in his valley, and a Christian teacher should be willing to put his all into doing the most worthwhile teaching possible. Let no one think that he is going to slip through the Christian life on the meal ticket belonging to someone else. He may fool the public, but God knows what that

person should have been doing and will hold him responsible.

One of the most essential tasks of the layman is to promote a spirit of love within the church. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." We can spend every waking moment doing things for the Lord, but if they are not done in a spirit of love we are only going through the motions. Love is the supreme test. It has been pointed out that even Jesus himself could not, after years of patient training, get twelve men to sit down together at a table on the last night of his life without an exhibition of "petty irritation and wounded vanity." His supreme prayer for his followers was that they might be one.

When Paul wrote to his converts at Corinth, he was hurt by their idolatry, their greediness, their drunkenness, and their sexual immorality, but worst of all to him was their wrangling within the church. Some liked one preacher better, some another. Some thought themselves more spiritual than others. Some were lax in conduct; some were strict. And each group despised the other. Paul told them, "Though I could preach with the tongue of men and of angels, though I could pray with great fervency, though I knew all manner of Biblical mysteries, though I had all faith, even to remove mountains, and though I gave away everything, even my life, and yet had not love, I should equal zero."

It is useless, to preach the brotherhood of all men if we have not realized the brotherhood of Christians within the Church. More important than the defense of any point of theology, more important than any other part of the church is the preservation of the bond of unity in the Holy Spirit through manifestation of Christian love. "He who sins against love within Christ's Church, however faultless his conduct otherwise may be, fails of Christlike spirit in the most important test of all, and deals the deadliest blow of all to the life of the Church."

If you are called as a layman don't slink around with the feeling that you have been cast aside as unfit for the Lord's work. Get on your knees. Ask God for guidance. Listen. Get up, smile, and then become a soul-winning layman. God has a shortage of them.

MASON ARRANGES TRANSPORTATION

Transportation arrangements for Christmas vacation will be directed by Mr. Wallace Mason in the same manner as in previous years, the Business office announces. Check sheets for transportation to Wellsville, Olean, Rochester, and Buffalo will be given to each student and should be returned on the date indicated. The deadline for ticket sales will be announced.

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Hardly any two people hear alike, Dr. E. R. Wightman informed the Science club, November 13 in his lecture, "Seven Hundred Ears." Two people sitting side by side listening to an orchestra would hear different music, he stated.

The lecture was based on hearing tests that Dr. Wightman had given to over 600 persons, which showed that audible tones differ from 4000 to 51,000 vibrations per second among individuals.

Extension Groups Report Results

Five persons openly confessed Christ as Savior, Sunday, November 28, as a result of visits made by 36 students in Torchbearer groups.

The Royalties quartet assisted at services in Michigan, November 25-28. Thursday evening they sang at the 50th anniversary service of the Ebenezer Baptist church; Saturday evening at the Voice of Christian Youth meeting in Detroit; Sunday morning at the Guatit Baptist church; and Sunday evening at the Bethel Baptist church, where Keith McPherson was the speaker.

The Centennial anniversary of the Baptist church at Cherry Creek was observed this past weekend, and a group of Houghtonians consisting of Frank and Marjorie Odor, Joyce Bertram, Eleanor Rease, Bernice Boel, and Bernice Sergey in the Sunday services.

The Houghton Ladies' quartette sang at the Christian and Missionary Alliance church at Salamanca and at Willoughby.

Sunday evening the Gospel Envoys had charge of the service in the Mission Covenant church of Bradford. Later the Envoys accompanied by Robert Dingman, instrumental soloist, took part in a Hi-Y club meeting.

Another group consisting of Kenneth Johnson, speaker, Opal Markel, pianist, and a girls' trio, Helen Lewis, Ruth Fink, and Florence Crocker, conducted the morning service at Little Valley Methodist church.

Professors F. H. Wright and Bert Hall preached in vacant pulpits in the Congregational church in Arcade and the Presbyterian church in Cuba, respectively. Professor Wright also preached at Hunts' Baptist church in the evening.

Talk Of Many Things

BY DAVE KASER

Once upon a time, deep in the heart of the forest, there were four great oak trees. Each of these oak trees was proud of being an oak tree, for oak trees were bigger and stronger than any other trees in the land. Since it was useless for oak trees to try to outdo the maple trees at giving sugar sap, or the pine trees at producing turpentine, or the apple trees at giving apples, and since it is necessary for oak trees, as for every other living thing, to be superior to something else, each of these four oak trees at one time or another picked out his most promising young acorn and said to him, "These other three oak trees make very nice neighbors. Sometimes, when the wind is from their directions, they help to protect us even as we sometimes protect them when the wind is from our direction. Yes, they make fine neighbors for us here in the forest, but the world is large and opportunity is great. Someday soon you will leave your home here and go out into that great world to seek your fortune. You must always try your best to grow into an oak tree that will serve some greater purpose in life than helping to protect his neighbors, and, by all means, find yourself a greater purpose in the world than the acorns of our three neighbors."

So the four most promising acorns grew until one day along came a great wind storm and blew them all to the ground. The day they were blown down a squirrel came by and ate one acorn and then there were three. "Alas," each of the three cried, "Now I only have to be better

than two others instead of three."

After many years three sturdy oak trees stood in the center of the forest. The three acorns which had not been eaten by the squirrel had grown up. Every day each of the three oaks would say to himself, "I must grow to be of some greater use in the world than my two neighbors." So each strove to be taller and stronger than the others.

One day the owner of the forest walked up to the three oak trees and said, "Here I will build a cottage." And he did. He used one of the oak trees for lumber. Another he cut down for fire wood. The third he left standing for shade.

Sometimes in the summer the owner would sit under an oak tree all day and enjoy its shade. Sometimes in winter he would sit before his fireplace, where an oak log was burning, and warm his hands. Sometimes when robbers came through the forest he would bar the great oaken door and sit safe inside. But what of our fourth acorn; the one that the squirrel ate? Well, sir, the owner of the forest was a very good hunter and he just loved squirrel meat.

STUDENTS PRESENT MUSICAL PROGRAM

The Student Social committee featured an evening of sacred music in the college chapel, November 26. This was the first program which the newly appointed committee, headed by Marjorie Helfers, had arranged.

Since the participants are always quite active in extension work, there is usually very little opportunity for Houghton audiences to realize their accomplishments; therefore, this performance was definitely an innovation in college life.

The program opened with the congregational singing of a hymn under the direction of Donald Arbitter. Irene Titus and Gordon Talbot presented two string duet numbers—"I Will Praise Him" and "Make Me a Blessing"; Nina Borisuk played two violin selections—"Flee as a Bird" and "When Morning Dawns"; the brass trio, composed of Robert Dingman, Walter Dryer, and Merle Baer, "We Shall See His Lovely Face" and "He's Looking on You." Stanley Clattenburg sang "The Earth is the Lord's"; Miss Betty Erhardt and Beverley Auchmoody, "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us." The college male quartet—Gordon Miller, Stanley Clattenburg, Virgil Hale, and Lawrence Castle—rendered a selection and the girls' trio of the sophomore class sang two numbers—"Sometime" and "Peace, It is I." Piano accompanists included Nancy Butters, Dick Meloon, and Joan Ludwig.

Says Vets Office . . .

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are going into full time ministerial service. Forms are available in the Veterans Affairs office.

If an order to appear for a physical examination is received and it is impossible for the student to get there because of distance, day designated, classes, etc., the best procedure would be to call his local board immediately and tell them that arrangements are being made to have the examination orders transferred to Belmont. Then he should go directly to Belmont and make out transfer papers. This will enable him to take his exam in Belmont instead of having to lose time in making a trip home.

STOCKIN ADDRESSES CONVENTION

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able, he stressed the precariousness of the situation.

The Rev. Edmund Walsh, speaking of the program at Georgetown university which trains young men for foreign service in government and business, maintained that education for such positions must be based on the humanities and not on the social studies, and that the important factors are personality and character rather than mere technical knowledge.

In the meeting of the Eastern Association of College Deans and Advisors of Men, two men in charge of admissions at the universities of Pennsylvania and Princeton, agreed that a college needed more than mere scholarship as a standard for entrance. They emphasized that a knowledge of personal background was a necessity in order to do real justice to the candidate and the school as well.

A panel discussion, "American Education and Foreign Policy," featured comments by foreign students in this country as Sooni Kili, Turkey, at Bryn Mawr College: "American education is lacking in world history and geography, and cultures. The criticism is that American students have no time to think and study relationships." She complimented the freedom of American youth in discussion.

Max Wilson, Haiti, University of Pennsylvania: "American teachers know little of foreign cultures and they try to apply the empirical method to all courses. There is too much emphasis on learning by doing. American students don't see a problem as a whole and there is no correlation between courses."

Sorouri Porvis, Iran, Temple University: "Students should have more courses in world history and geography. America doesn't realize the contributions which other countries have made to civilization."

Dr. B. R. Seshachar, India, University of Pennsylvania: "My criticism is that the American student is fast losing his soul. There is no time for meditation or development of spiritual values."

THE RUT

BY JAN BURR

At last someone of authority around here has recognized the value of the rut. At any rate, we now have at least a dozen big healthy ones out in the back yard of the old administration building. Several truckloads of the good earth spread over the cinder driveway, plus a week of precipitation (it rained too), and a few trucks (probably Mack trucks, Sam) to pioneer the way, have conspired to make enough ruts for everyone. They are there for a purpose. You can get lost in them in the dark. You can fall flat on your face in the mud where the footpath and drive cross. You can lose your car or shoes in them—if you're lucky enough to own either. Or, if you really want to prove that you're a wheel, you can just get stuck in one and spin madly around in circles. If you aren't the athletic type, you can always look out from one of the classrooms and enjoy the delightful landscaping effect. I can think of nothing more useful and ornamental. Our goal is a rut in every back yard.

● Gee, Jan! Money bags Walker said it would cost me a dime every time you mention my name in this elongated mud hole. (alias RUT). Well I guess he has to pay his \$5.00 vacation fine somehow!—(S.M.)

If you have brown hair, big brown eyes and horns, you can come out of hiding this week. The deer hunting season is over. I know what you're expecting now, but you won't get it. In cooperation with the humane society, I won't make any of those puns on the two legged deer and four legged deer. I won't even say, "Will you go hunting, dear? or hunting deer?" Here's one I won't take the blame for:

Jerome: Did you get anything this morning, Paul?

Moore: No, but I'd be satisfied with a little doe.

Jerome: I'd be satisfied if I had a buck.

Doe (dough) and buck—like money—get it? get it? Ugh!

Reflection of the editor:

"Who invented college anyway? It's the most effective form of torture I know. It's the subtlety that gets you."

Bill Currie is hurt because we mentioned his scorched milk last week but didn't give him the credit for scorching it. Let it be known to all that Bill Currie has talents. He's a scorcher.

We do absolutely anything in this column to get a public. Al Johnson (pres. of church choir) thinks he should have room to make a plea for more tenors and basses in the choir. Anyone is welcome who can sit quietly while Prof. Mack and Prof. Finney murder the English language with the saddest interplay of puns you ever heard.

The "A" men make teachers.
The "B" men make judges.
The "C" men make money.
The "D" men make congress.

—The Bona Venture

Can't take any more of this. Janitor Pat Douglas is now raising the dust off the floor where we can see it, into the air where we can all breathe it up like vacuum; I don't like the implication. Goodbye—or as Edgard would say, "If I don't see you in the future, I'll see you in the pasture."

Star Reporter Interviews Professor Bert H. Hall

(Continued from Page One)

1. Human experience indicates that man cannot control himself. 2. History proves that man cannot control man.

The history of government illustrates both points. Democracy does not often last a century. People become muddled and bow to a dictator. In time, the dictator evidences disintegration in abuse of power; he loses touch with his subjects, and in desperation the people overthrow him. They refuse control.

This consistent confusion makes room for the New Testament idea of the "new man in Christ," but it also raises a serious question about the promiscuity permitted in Old Testament times. Whether the people of the period were unready for the whole pattern of ethics as revealed in Christ's teaching, whether God has some specific purpose in revealing his will progressively, or whether God's will as the absolute can change for different situations, it remains to be said that God did not commend the Old Testament men for their actions. Often He condemned.

In concluding a discussion which could hardly cover the issue adequately, Mr. Hall attempted a definition of immorality as a misuse of sexual powers. He illustrated with the specific problem of premarital sex relations. The marriage ceremony is a public pronouncement of willingness to assume the economic and social responsibilities accompanying the union of two individuals. Of course, with the responsibilities are privileges to be enjoyed. Unwillingness to accept those economic and social responsibilities implies mere sexual desire and lack of self control. The implication may be untrue. Certainly true marriage before God transcends the importance of the public pronouncement but, Mr. Hall recommends that we "shun all appearance of evil."

2:30 A.M.

by jerz



An intelligent student will find a way to get all his home work done on time. Lemme know when you do.

Foul Lines

As a special feature this week we have a review of the new bestseller, *Confessions of a Benchwarmer*, or *How It Feels To See The Games*. This great book will soon be available in the deluxe edition (that's the one with the Houghton College Bookstore Cover) to members of the Misprint of the Month Club. The author is a member of the senior basketball team whose name must be withheld until publication.

The keynote of the book is set forth on the inside of the jacket in those classic words, "This space for doodling." Here are some of the chapter headings:

"I explain my elation at getting one bucket during pre-game practice and why we all hold hands before the game."

"Give me one of those lemons to suck on while I watch those other lemons play."

"Who's that character moving in on my girl up in the balcony?"

Right here I had a joke about the lights being out, but Bitner cut it.

"I give this balcony three more weeks before it collapses."

"How to take a shower in two minutes without water so I can walk my girl over to the dorm."

"Oh yes, we (collectively) won the game."

Bill Currie, the orange slicer for the juniors, just dropped in and asked if I would commend the juniors for their bravery last Friday night in playing the seniors. Okay, I commend them.

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It was interesting to note the collection of visitors at that game. A worthy delegation of the faculty gave it the once-over. Hats off to them for taking time out of their rushed programs to come and see our rush program. Then there was Chief Barnett, counting the number of fans at the game, checking it with the number at the Pantry afterwards, and wondering what happened to all the rest.

One of the frosh cheerleaders (by the name of Flannels, or something like that) suggested that nice things be written about their efforts. Ah yes, they're nice, I like to watch them, and I wish they had a team to rave about.

Don't forget the game this Friday night. It will be the sophs against the seniors and sophs think they might even have an edge. Well, they might. Come out and see for yourself.

I heard that the great hunter with the big feet in the dirty sweat socks scared all the deer out of the woods! For confirmation see his article found below.

Epic Of The Nimrods

BY NORM WALKER

So you cut Wednesday classes and get stung for five dollars. You get up at five a. m. and don the hunting colors. You walk for miles. Then you stand still for hours. Deer? Ha!

Take the case of Max Nichols—He and his father own most of the land in back of the college hill. Max has been watching a deer run over a certain path all year. So, comes deer season, Max arrives on that run just before seven in the morning. Not much time passes before Max hears a deer coming down the path. He raises his trusty ole shotgun. Too late! He sees the nice fat buck get shot fifty yards away by another hunter. After this happens a few times (this is the truth, says Max) he gets desperate. He moves down the path. He hasn't left his spot five minutes before some city hunter finds the same spot and there a deer stares him in the face. Now, Max is a stable personality, or was. Be understanding if you hear him talking to himself.

Then there's the case of Sam Mack. The only gun he ever had in his hand was an oil gun used to keep his linotype machine going. Sam borrowed a shotgun which happened to be of the hammer type, 1810 vintage. He and a buddy wandered through field and forest on Thursday last, to hunt friend "white tail." It so happened that they met two does on an edge of a wood; they both raised their guns and let fly. Sam never saw what happened to the deer. All he remembers is flying through the air and landing on his back covered with soot from head to

Senior Lassies Gain Close Victory 40-35

Mary Lou Armstrong spearheaded the senior women's basketball team to a close 40-35 victory over the junior lassies on Friday night, November 26. Armstrong dumped in a total of 30 points for the night to set a new high for scoring laurels this year.

The junior girls held a slim 11-7 lead at the end of the first period but the seniors tied it up before the half-time whistle sounded. In the third quarter, both teams played nip and tuck ball and the score remained tied at the close of this frame 27-27. In the final eight minutes the seniors pulled away and managed to hold on to the ball enough of the time so as to win the game 40-35.

High scorers for the juniors were Helfers, Thompson and Fancher making 14, 11, and 10 points respectively.

The seniors are now in first place with one win, no defeats, and the juniors are second with a record of two wins and one defeat.

Senior Basketball Team Defeats Juniors 61-36

BOX SCORES

WOMEN

Seniors	FG	FT	T
Armstrong	11	8	30
Strong	2	1	5
Alverado	2	1	5
Stevens	0	0	0
Guards—Williams, McMillen, Bardwell, Kidman			

Juniors	FG	FT	T
Fancher	4	2	10
Helfers	7	0	14
Thompson	5	1	11
Guards: Streeter, King, Phillips, McFarland			

MEN

Seniors	FG	FT	T
Beach	3	0	6
Markell	6	1	13
Giacovelli	3	1	7
Underwood	2	2	6
Roy	0	0	0
Walker	7	3	17
Kalle	2	0	4
Montzingo	2	1	5
Sutton	0	0	0
Phillips	1	1	3
Fenton	0	0	0
TOTAL	26	9	61

Juniors	FG	FT	T
Johnson	1	1	3
Dongell	0	0	0
Strong	7	1	15
Mulholland	0	0	0
Perry	3	3	9
Jones	0	0	0
Guest	1	0	2
Jenkins	3	1	7
TOTAL	16	6	36

The 1947-48 men's basketball champion seniors showed midseason form as they swamped the hopeless juniors 61-36 on Friday night, November 26 in Bedford Gym.

In racking up their second win in as many starts the seniors were never in danger as they controlled the entire game offensively and in the backcourt. The victors started fast by dumping in 14 points in the initial quarter while holding their opponents to a single field goal and three charity shots. From here on it was just a matter of how much the seniors would win by. Iggy and Beach spearheaded the attack with 5 and 4 points respectively in the second period to give the senior men a 28-13 margin at half-time.

The third quarter proved to be the only closely-fought portion of the entire contest as Markell and Walker tallied 16 counters for the blue and gold. Strong, Perry and Jenkins managed to sink 14 for the juniors. This period ended with the lead in the hands of the fourth year men 44-27. In the final period the seniors literally ran away with the ball game as they kept the green and white score down to 9 points while sinking 17 themselves.

This was the first set back suffered by the juniors this season, the defeat left the winners in sole possession of first place with 2 wins and no losses. In winning the seniors tallied the highest offensive point total of the year, 61, which included 25 field goals, another high for a single contest. Norm Walker, and Paul Markell led the winners' offensive with 17 and 13 points respectively. The losers were headed by Don Strong's 15 counters.

Work Begins on Extension Of Road Through Verville

Digging its blade deep into the ground, Charles Davis's bulldozer noisily announced the beginning of work on the extension of the road through Verville. Professor H. LeRoy Fancher hopes to have this project, which crosses his meadow, finished before winter.

Already the rough grade and the installation of a 15-inch corrugated steel pipe culvert have been completed. With the road bed prepared for the gravel base, the non-military minded, as well as the logistics-conscious veterans, can perceive its potential possibilities.

This road may prove of invaluable assistance in case of fire. The snow plow will no longer be forced to turn around in cramped quarters. A cut off, which connects with Professor Frank Wright's driveway, provides a downhill grade on which to persuade the reluctant cars of Verville to start on cold mornings. The monotony of dead-end road driving will be replaced by the possibility of becoming acquainted "head on" with a fellow motorist. But why say more? Even woodchucks realize the necessity of more than one entrance to their homes.

Amid the general note of approval, no one has considered the atti-

tude of the cows toward the destruction of their pasture. How can they be expected to go calmly about their business of being contented? Without mentioning the hazards of college driving in one's backyard, it must be most disturbing to see a goodly part of the sustenance of a lifetime destroyed in a single hour. How unfortunate that progress must complicate the lives of cow as well as of men!



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Only 18 days until Christmas vacation.