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Initiation by Sophs Spurs Freshman Spirit and Unity

by Stephen Woolsey

Once again the hills and dales of Houghton rang with the cries of sadistic Sophs and the groans of frightened Frosh. Arriving early last week the Frosh enjoyed four days of blissful, disunited ignorance and peace.

This artificial world of dignified receptions and solemn orientation programs was rudely shattered on Thursday afternoon by the raucous jeering of invading troops of Sophs dressed in their class jerseys of green and gold, led by Bruce Fairchild and Irene "The Bruiser" Ciliberto. The Frosh cringed as the regulations for the boot camp were read.

The new army recruits were ordered to report to the steps of Wesley Chapel to buy, with brightly shining, Ajax-scrubbed coins, their dog tags. Also mandatory for the girls was yarn to tie on their eleven pigtails.

The rapidly uniting Frosh gathered that night on the Quad with signs and enthusiasm for a pep rally. A small group of

suave Sophomores gathered at one end of the Quad to watch their efforts. Suddenly they found themselves surrounded by hosts of hollering harlequins.

The face-to-face confrontation was on, with the loud cheers of the Class of '74 and the brave, muffled answering cheers of the Class of '73. After much noise and gesticulation, the spontaneous demonstration was over, and the crowd dispersed.

Initiation officially began at 5:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon with a military-type supper in the mess halls of Gao and East. At this "Square Meal," the Frosh were instructed to look straight ahead, make all movements either perpendicular or parallel to the table and announce all breaches of etiquette to the assembled diners.

The Class of 1974, now completely at the mercy of their Sophomore sergeants, were forced to propose to trees, imitate favorite animals and sing, "We Love You Sophomores."

A church reception provided

a brief respite for the Freshmen. Immediately afterwards, they faced the Class of 1973 which was ready for action on the Chapel steps. The Sophs were armed with shaving cream, Lucky Whip, syrup, peanut butter, marshmallow fluff and water guns. Even the usually dignified Dr. Katherine Lindley, Sophomore class advisor, was armed with a water balloon which mysteriously disappeared soon after the Frosh arrived. The question of the year is: What really happened to Dr. Lindley's balloon?

The Frosh were then lined up and paired off for the traditional night hike. Showing great unity and class spirit, the Class of 1974 ran the gauntlet of taunting Sophomores. The high point of the evening was a campfire with Sophomore entertainment and group singing.

Enjoying their new-found power, the Sophs were up at 5:00 a.m. to rouse the weary Frosh. Again showing great enthusiasm and energy, the Frosh endured two hours of grueling calisthenics and an obstacle course in 37° weather. The main features of the obstacle course were a mud pit and a slide down the ski slope. The filthy Frosh were then treated to a bath, courtesy of the Houghton Fire Department.

The classes then dispersed, regrouping for competition at 9:00 a.m. The Sophs showed their superiority by winning most of the events, only to face the wrath of the Senate Gestapo who tried and condemned them to the delight of the Frosh.



Cheering Sophomores receive a watery rebuke from the firehose of SS troopers during Saturday morning's Honor Court activities.

Mr. Frank MacIntosh Gives Bowling Lanes to Houghton

At a recent development luncheon in Binghamton, N.Y., Mr. Frank MacIntosh offered Houghton College eight bowling alleys. Mr. MacIntosh, having purchased the Lucky Lanes adjacent to his firm's building for use as a warehouse, required only that the College find some means of removing and transporting the bowling equipment to Houghton. With the aid of a Brunswick bowling consultant, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Robert Fiegl and his assistants have relocated the disassembled lanes to a barn behind the downtown church building.

The alleys are relatively new, with surfaces of pine and maple, and the accessories are complete with balls, shoes, pins, automatic pinsetters and the conventional chairs and tables.

The College authorities originally planned to place four of

the alleys in the upcoming Student Center, but now they hope to purchase a building and install them all sometime this fall. Such a project, including installation and partial overhead, would run an estimated \$45,000. The alleys themselves are valued at approximately \$108,000.

Promoters may sell memberships allowing purchasers to bowl at half price in order to raise and supplement funds for the building program.

The bowling lanes may be located at a site adjacent to Stebbins' Barn or near the downtown parking lot.

Dr. Robert Luckey believes "The College administration would be happy to see these alleys put up for immediate use if the students were enthusiastic enough for the project to aid the College in soliciting memberships for the 'Houghton Lanes'."



Fraulein Sakowski, "Sergeant Schultz" Housepian and "Colonel Klink" Brown preside over Honor Court punishment of the Class of '73.

Student Leadership Conference Allows Students and Administration to Interact

Last Saturday afternoon while most of the Houghton community was lazily recovering from the jolt of registration or bitterly treating initiation wounds,

certain Houghtonians stealthily slipped away to Hamburg, New York, to hold a meeting called an S.L.C. An S.L.C. or Student Leadership Conference is more than just a peaceful confrontation between the administration and the Student Senate. It is a chance for college administrators, including the President, the deans and two trustees, and college students, the senators, and even some college faculty, the Senate advisers, to do a little bit of mind mingling. It was a time for thinking, talking, responding and growing.

There were eight discussion topics on the agenda; each topic was briefly introduced by a Senate member and then the floor was opened to questions and comments. Discussions were short and to the point and opinions generally succeeded in avoiding common academic platitudes. The topics ranged from the immediate concerns of "Curriculum" and "Increase of Intel-

lectual Level on Campus" to such broad philosophical questions as "Christian Civil Disobedience," "Communication" and "Involvement." A discussion of the Christian liberal arts college resulted in Dr. Paine offering to devote some chapel time to defining Houghton's purposes and benefits.

After a delicious Holiday-Inn-variety roast beef dinner, Dr. Bert Hall talked for a while about his year at Asbury College as he addressed the conference on the topic of Houghton as an "island." His thoughts were encouraging and everyone felt realistically optimistic about the upcoming year on "the island" that is "founded on the rock."

State Approves Loan for Campus Center; College Awaits Grant from Washington

New York State Dormitory Authority (SDA) officials notified Houghton College President Stephen W. Paine on Thursday, September 10, that a \$1.8 million loan request for Houghton College has been approved. The money, if authorized by federal offices, will be used for the construction of the \$2.5 million Reinhold Campus Center.

The petition for the loan now goes to Washington where the Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will consider the request for a Debt Ser-

vice Grant. If approved, Houghton College would borrow the \$1.8 million from the SDA at an interest rate of approximately 7½% and the Debt Service Grant would subsidize about 3¼% of the interest rates.

Houghton College made application to the SDA for the loan in the fall of 1969 after a previous request for money was refused by HUD because of Congressional budget cuts. HUD delayed the second request until the Wesleyan Church General Board of Administrators was re-

duced from 36 members to the 25 trustees required by the College charter.

When asked how long the present loan request would be considered by federal authorities, Dr. Robert Luckey, Vice-President in charge of development, replied, "We anticipate the approval of Washington, but we can't say when." President Paine estimated that after federal approval, it would take another year and a half before the building could be completed.

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Individual Effort

As a new school year commences one's mind is almost automatically filled with a number of speculations as to what the year will be like. How will we respond to the opportunities and potentialities which surround us? Will there be intellectual growth and increased maturity? Will there be spiritual advancement and involvement?

The days in September which surround the opening of school are rivaled only by the early days of January in the formulation of iron-clad, well-meaning resolutions to improve oneself both intellectually and spiritually.

But will these produce a change? In the majority of cases, they probably will not. But in some it will and let's pray it will be contagious. The ultimate responsibility for a spiritually and intellectually profitable year of growth lies with the student. Professors can work to encourage and direct but unless we respond with a sincere desire for advancement beyond the walls of the classroom and beyond course requirements the year is likely to prove stale. It was accurately observed at the Leadership Conference that many of us have lost the joy of thinking. We seem to no longer enjoy removing ourselves for a time to think logically through a problem or merely to meditate profitably. We have been charged to be able at any time to give just reasons for our faith and this takes time and thought.

The enthusiasm of the worship, praise and witness in a chapel or church service must also be carried beyond the walls of the sanctuary into interpersonal relationships if it is to remain a vital reality of life rather than a purely ceremonial function.

The individual's effort constitutes the life of Houghton both academically and spiritually. We make her what she is. Let us work on ourselves and the collective experiences of the year will take care of themselves. ghf

Unnecessary Supervision

One of the chief complaints by many students at Houghton is the manner in which many of the College policies and rules have a tendency towards sheltering and over-protecting the student from real or imaginary outside danger and corruption. The best that one can say for this is that it is more justifiable in some cases than in others.

In the case of a required monitoring schedule before TV's will be allowed in dorm lounges, the case seems completely unjustifiable. From a more detached point of view the proposition is really quite ludicrous and if taken seriously it seems like a direct affront to student intelligence and maturity.

This matter which is currently in its tenth month of due consideration hardly seems as though it should have merited attention beyond the level of the Student Senate or the faculty at best. However, the Board of Trustees considered the matter this summer and turned down the proposal to allow television in the lounges because of lack of clarity in the area of monitor controls.

Happily, this seemingly simple matter has been removed from their distant and mysterious hands and final authority now is local. However, the prospect of supervision is just as real. Probably not unreasonable supervision but supervision nonetheless! Supervision which merely by its presence implies that we, many of whom are legal adults and can choose presidents and congressmen, are unable to choose which family-gear program we are to watch, or to operate a simple black and white set.

Please, grant us a taste of wild freedom in this insignificant area. ghf

A Request for More Space

In view of the fact that Houghton will not have a Student Center until at least a year and a half following final approval of a Debt Service Grant by the Office of Housing and Urban Development, the Student Senate has requested that the three basement rooms in Old Science which face the Quad be remodeled into a student lounge area to be called "The Cellar".

Currently, only the largest of the three rooms has been approved for the project. The other two rooms would hopefully become a television room (moving the set up from the remoteness of Rec Hall) and a second-hand paperback library — new paperback bookstore arrangement. There is a real need for these facilities on campus until the construction of the Student Center and it is hoped the administration will be sensitive to this need and respond favorably to the proposed project in its entirety. ghf

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Letters to the Editor...

Ed. Note: This is an open letter from Tim Brokaw who resigned his position as Student Body President late this summer.

Dear Gordon,

This letter comes in response to your invitation to explain via the *Star* my recent decision to transfer to SUNY at Buffalo. You know personally the hours I spent meditating on the subject weighing carefully all the factors involved. It was not an easy decision but one which revolved around two fundamental principles, vital to me as they are to every student at Houghton College, attitude and conviction. I could not remain at Houghton with the knowledge that I no longer agreed with or accepted many of Houghton's social restrictions. Although our basic doctrinal beliefs are closely similar our differences of opinion as to what restrictions are necessary to operate a Christian liberal arts institution seem too great to resolve. My primary reason for leaving, then, was one of integrity and conscience.

I must admit, as you know, that I love Houghton and its basic ideals and my three years as a student taught and helped me a great deal. However, I have come to believe in certain areas Houghton College is almost impervious to change. Time and again I have seen the Dean of Students and other administrative officials restrict and stifle individual student expression. Only in those areas in which the College approves and encourages does the student have room to grow and mature.

Houghton lacks both a basic tolerance for what individualists do exist (thereby isolating them) on its campus and the contact with the rapidly changing and often positive moods of contemporary America.

A possible solution to this would be increased and influential communication with the students, with the faculty, administration and trustees (who are after all, the deciding factor in all major issues touching the College).

Presently I need an atmosphere in which I can mature and make decisions on my own. I need time and freedom enough to give preference to what I feel is most important — without having to concern myself over petty issues of appearance and exacting decorum. Although most administrators, students and faculty, and even myself, agree that issues such as hair, and skirts are indeed "petty" and not worth disputing over, they nevertheless take on much larger significance when: 1) Houghton College would dismiss a student for long hair; 2) an assembly of irate students demands an explanation for poor timing and poor taste on the part of the administration, and 3) said issues take up more time in discussion than do concepts of Christian faith and life.

I have seen too many students leave Houghton College embittered over these "petty" issues, who if they had left in time could have saved themselves and Houghton College much hurt.

To stay at Houghton College could only have hurt me spiritually, psychologically and morally.

I trust this will clear up the

nebulousness which exists in some minds as to why I felt I could no longer stay at Houghton.

Sincerely,

Tim Brokaw

Ed. Note: Mr. Green was interim professor of Earth Science last year at Houghton. His observations were submitted in this letter too late for publication at the end of last year.

Dear Sirs:

Many of our past reforms have originated in the academic world. This is the area where we are most free. An individual who sees a need for a change has the freedom to persuade others that his case is right. However, our academic freedom is now being threatened by people, largely anti-war protestors, who have gone beyond free speech and the right of persuasion. They have assumed the right to coerce. Rock throwing, window-smashing, building-burning, and name-calling are part of violence intended to coerce the American public. This has no place in the academic world. The battle for men's minds must be won by persuasion — a well-reasoned case. When someone attempts to win the battle by force, restraining force will become necessary or freedom (academic or otherwise) will be lost.

I submit that the present coercion is not only a violation of the basic principles of academic freedom, but also a simple reversion to juvenile behavior. A child who cannot win his way by other means will often attempt to coerce his parents by means of temper tantrums. It seems that college students, failing to convince the public by persuasion (thereby implying either a weak case or a weak presentation of the arguments) have reverted to this juvenile, irrational weapon. I am disappointed by this lack of maturity.

Past generations have been influenced by thoughtful Christians who were pacifists. These have usually been people who commanded respect, such as the Quakers. Their opposition stemmed from religious and moral grounds. They backed their beliefs with their lives — simple and moral ones. No one could question their intellectual honesty, as many served honestly and courageously, sometimes at great personal cost, as conscientious objectors. Many of our present anti-war people are of this caliber. But I am certain that the majority of protestors are not. The same group that calls the Vietnam war immoral is evidencing the greatest personal immorality in our society today.

One of the most serious ills of our society today is the basic self-centeredness of individual people. Our youth (who certainly have been quick to recognize this ill, along with others) have done little or nothing to help correct this. Indeed, the trend is increasing! Each person wants to "do his own thing." Authority of any kind is suspected or rejected. Styles of life and dress proclaim independence and self-assertion. Even the hippie, who talked so much about love, has done little to demonstrate it. What has been demonstrated generally is a self-gratifying

love (Eros), but not a self-giving love (Agape). This influence has found its way to some extent into our campus.

The youthful generation needs the corrective of the Christian way of looking at things. This will necessitate thoughtful Christian young people who recognize their basic motivations and try to make them Christian in every way. The Christian outlook is not self-centered or self-assertive. It is concerned with others.

It has often been said that America is not a world policeman. While this statement has an element of truth, it seems that many times the underlying motivation of the speaker is the same as that of the person who would pass someone being attacked in the street. Today's youth are saying, in effect, "Let Asia go to hell; I want to do my own thing!"

A Christian who opposes the war on moral grounds will show concern. If he is intellectually honest he will demonstrate his convictions in honorable ways. He will serve his country when called upon — as a conscientious objector if his convictions demand. He will determine to use legitimate means to influence the course of action of his government. He will live a life before others that is above reproach, that his convictions may be respected.

Let me add a note on this last point. I am uneasy when I see Christian students at Houghton who seek (as much as the rules can be stretched) to wear the most extreme clothing styles of the time. Before you dismiss this as unimportant, think on this: You can say something to others by what you wear. The Christian who seeks to identify with the hippie element may well be confused in his thinking. What you intend to say and what people may understand you to say may be two different things. Do you really want to identify yourself with a sub-Christian culture? As Christians, we desire to communicate Christ to others. How can we do this if we deliberately raise barriers to communication by identifying ourselves with undesirable elements of our society?

Finally, if you really are anti-war on honest grounds you will do all within your power to prevent future wars. Two outstanding avenues of approach are available along with many others. These are missionary service and Peace Corps service. There are many potential Vietnam's in many places in the world. I know, from personal experience, that this is particularly true of Latin America. Do you really care?

I have spoken generally. I recognize that individual factors enter into the picture and some of the generalizations are not always true. I am not trying to classify people, but to speak of trends and impressions. The intent of this letter is thought provocation. These thoughts are certainly not my ultimate conclusions and I welcome comments from anyone.

Sincerely yours,

David L. Green
Earth Science

Faculty Reviews Curriculum Reform Plans

by Adele Durkee

During morning and afternoon sessions of the faculty retreat at Watson's Homestead the Study Commission on Curriculum presented its nine-page recommendation to the faculty for discussion and further direction.

The formation of the Study Commission, consisting of four administrators, seven faculty members — one from each division — and four students appointed by the Student Senate, was approved last February in conjunction with the faculty decision for the conclusion of first semester before Christmas for the academic year 1971-72. Given the power to develop a complete academic program, the Commission made four major recommendations: a three-week winterim with required courses during the Freshman and Senior years and maximum flexibility during the Sophomore and Junior years; a 12-3-15 week calendar

to accommodate the winterim; a general education program of sixty-five required hours with maximum emphasis on waiving of specific basic skills courses for students passing standardized examinations; and major changes in the underclass advisement program.

As an alternative calendar the Commission suggested a 14-1-15 week plan with a one-week winterim preceding second semester. Suggested as an alternative general education program, twenty-one hours of basic skills were designated as core courses with thirty-six additional hours to be taken in three of four major areas (other than the one where the major lies): Letters and Creative Arts, Thought and Culture, Natural and Theoretical Sciences, and Social and Behavioral Studies.

Also included in the Commission's recommendation was the inclusion in the academic calendar

of a College Forum — a two-day college-wide forum on a contemporary issue once during each semester.

A College Forum Committee, consisting of the Dean of the College as Chairman, three faculty members elected by the faculty, and three students elected by the Student Senate, would decide on the forum topic and handle organizational details.

The faculty reached an affirmative consensus concerning the three-week winterim, the College Forum, and the Senior Synthesis proposed by the Commission for the senior winterim session.

However, after straw votes were taken the faculty gave new direction to the Commission to develop further the alternative general education proposal and a 14-3-14 week calendar.

The Commission's recommendation and the faculty response are now in the hands of the Educational Policies Committee who will direct new work. Hopes are for concrete recommendations to be made to the faculty in its next meeting.

Commission work was handled in morning and afternoon sessions during Session A of the

1970 summer school. Elected by the Commission as its chairman was Dean Clifford W. Thomas and as its secretary Miss Adele Durkee. Dr. Robert Luckey, Mr. Wesley B. Nussey and Dean Thomas were administrative members. Representing the various faculty divisions were Dr. James E. Barcus, Mr. L. Keith Cheney, Dr. Richard A. Gould, Dr. Charles E. Jones, Dr. Kenneth E. Lindley, Mr. Edgar R. Norton and Mr. Warren M. Woolsey. Mr. Robert Bantle, Miss Durkee, Miss Lois Lindley and Mr. James Long were the student members.

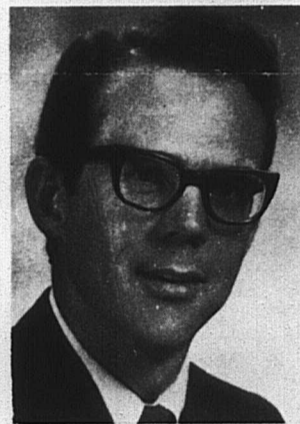
Dr. C. Garrison Appointed Academic Dean at Buffalo

Dr. Clifford B. Garrison of Hamburg, New York has been appointed as the new Academic Dean of the Buffalo Campus effective September first. Dr. Garrison replaced Dr. E. Harold Shigley who has returned to

Marion College as Associate Dean and Director of Admissions.

Dr. Garrison was born in Shawville, Quebec and was graduated from Houghton in 1957. He has received two Master of Education degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo. While serving three years in the U.S. Air Force Dr. Garrison taught in the evening school division of the University of Alaska. He has taught twelfth grade in Hamburg High School and was a guidance counselor at East Aurora High School until 1968.

He is presently a candidate for a Doctor of Education degree in secondary counseling. While at SUNY at Buffalo he was Coordinator of Student Teaching and Supervisor for the Counseling Practicum. He is also president of the Western New York Personnel and Guidance Association.



Dr. Clifford B. Garrison

Veteran Dutch Chef and Former Restaurateur Assumes Position as New Cook at Gaoyadeo

He's a happy-looking person, with stocky, dark-haired good looks. He wears a tall white chef's hat and his name is Bert Kulsdom. Bert is Gao kitchen's new chef, replacing Mr. Carl Shue.

Bert's friendliness and warmth immediately put a person at ease and it was fascinating to listen as he told his life story. When Bert was eighteen his father, owner of a hotel, a butcher shop and a sausage factory, decided to leave Holland. Bert went to Rouen, France, and at the age of nineteen graduated from Monsieur Neveu's school for chefs. He then went to South America, where he lived and worked for five years. Then it was on to Canada, where Bert has spent the past fourteen years of his life.

"Canada was good to me," Bert says with a smile. "That's where I found the Lord — thirteen years ago." The day after his conversion Bert decided that

Christians should go to church, so he startled his family by rising early and inviting them to accompany him to a nearby Dutch Reformed Church.

As his relationship with Christ matured, however, Bert found that he could have little fellowship in the particular church that he had chosen, and eventually he and several other new Christians began holding their own worship services and prayer meetings. Bert reports happily that this group of believers is still going strong and that many people in that area of Canada have recently accepted Jesus Christ.

An accomplished chef and businessman, Bert has owned three restaurants and a snow-plow business, among other enterprises. Three years ago he sold everything and went to Vancouver Island on the Canadian west coast. There he bought a cabin cruiser and planned to run fishing trips for tourists. Feeling uneasy

about these plans he decided quickly that the Lord wanted him to be a "fisher of men," and not a fisherman. After selling the boat he proceeded to spend some time travelling, telling others of his faith.

Last year he served as chef at a Berean Christian School in Brockville, Ontario, Canada. While working at the school he also held some services and street meetings in which the Berean students were involved. Six months ago Bert was ordained as a minister in the Evangelical World Association.

Bert's life for the past three years has been one of faith as he has had to trust God to provide jobs, food and clothes. Most of all Bert has learned to rely on God to direct every minute of the day, every conversation, every thought and he has been excited and thrilled to see God's superb timing and diversified methods of accomplishing His plan for the world.

Houghton welcomes five new faculty members to its campus this year.

Assistant Professor in Biology Bryon L. Duncan comes to Houghton from Detroit, Michigan. He will assume both an Introduction to Biology class and a course in Parasitology. Mr. Duncan earned his B.A. at Kansas State College in 1964 and is presently completing his Ph.D. at Wayne State University. He has taught at the Wayne State University, as well as at Detroit Bible College.

James Madison Higdon will instruct in Voice and Organ this semester. A native of Colorado, Mr. Madison received his B.M. from Saint Olaf College in Minnesota in 1969 and completed his masters at Northwest University and Evanston University in Illinois this year.

Richard A. Huibregtse will serve as Interim Instructor in Political Science. A graduate of Calvin College in 1965, Mr. Huibregtse earned his masters a year later at the University of Michigan. He has spent the past three years working for the Historical Society of Michigan and for the University of Michigan.

New to the English Department

is Assistant Professor Edward B. Newhouse from Wyoming, Michigan. A graduate of Calvin College in 1958, Mr. Newhouse earned his M.A. from West Michigan University in 1964 and is presently completing his degree in education at Ball State University. His experience includes Freemont Christians Schools and Ferris State College, both in Michigan, as well as a professorship at Ball State University in Indiana. With an extensive background in 18th Century British Fiction and Linguistics, Mr. Newhouse will assume both the Fiction and Structures of American English courses.

A graduate of Houghton in 1964, Ellen Guilford will instruct in the Education Department

this year. She has taught in the Rushford Central School System for the past five years and is a resident of Belfast.

Second semester Mrs. Irmgard K. Howard, wife of Professor Howard, will serve Houghton in a part-time capacity, teaching Biochemistry. Mrs. Howard completed her Ph.D. at Duke University in Durham, N.C., last year.

Continuing his service as Interim Instructor in French is Dale T. Mosher, a Houghton graduate of the class of '69. Mr. Mosher also attended the University of Grenoble in France. He taught beginning and intermediate French classes here last semester and will continue in the same capacity this term.

Former Professor of Piano Donates Library to College

Students at Houghton are now able to use a large reference library of standard organ and piano music, according to Dr. Charles H. Finney, head of the music department. The classical and religious music contained in three large steel filing cabinets in the music building basement reference room, was donated to the College by Mr. David Heydenburk.

Mr. Heydenburk, one of Dr. Finney's former professors at Wheaton and a piano and organ as well as music theory instructor at Houghton during the 1940's, donated the life-time collection earlier this month. He also gave the College books concerning music and other subjects.

As a young man, Mr. Heydenburk was first inspired to collect music after learning about the life and works of Charles G. Finney, evangelist and president of Oberlin Conservatory during the middle 1800's. Besides teaching at Wheaton and Houghton, Mr. Heydenburk has worked in Biola (the Bible Institute of Los Angeles). He is presently at the McCauley Water Street Mission in New York City.

The music compositions are two-thirds organ and one-third piano. They are available in the music building. The donated books are not as yet on the shelves in the library.



Mr. David Heydenburk

Nader to Speak

Ralph Nader, currently engaged in a battle with General Motors, will speak on Monday, September 21, at 8 p.m., in the College Union Ballroom, at Genesee.

Mr. Nader has charged that General Motors was conducting a "witch hunt" to trace the source of information on which he based new charges that the Corvair was unsafe.

Mr. Nader has charged that test information kept secret in G.M.'s own files showed that the Corvair was unstable and overturned at speeds as low as 26 miles per hour.



Strong defense demonstrates its prowess during an intersquad scrimmage.

Soccer Hopes for Season Stand On Strong Defense, Team Spirit

On Tuesday afternoon, September 15, Houghton hosted St. Bonaventure in a pre-season soccer scrimmage which ended with Houghton being on the short end of a 2-0 score. This defeat came three days before the team left for a tournament at Spring Arbor.

Excellent defense but questionable offense summarize the outlook for the soccer Highlanders this season. "Our record this year will depend on the team's spirit," remarked soccer mentor Coach Douglas Burke earlier this week. "The original prospects for this team were very good but transfers and injuries hurt the squad and our prospects have diminished."

Most notable among the transfer students were high-scoring linemen such as Dana Downs and Robert Kagbo and fullback Bob VonBergen. In addition, Coach Burke listed injuries to

Gene Ayres and Bill VanSkiver as hurting the team's chances.

"The strength of this team is defense," observed Coach Burke. "Fullback and goal are in good hands." Starting at those positions will be, most likely, Dick Halberg, Dan Housepian and Bill Wallenbeck at fullback while Freshman Greg Vossler looks good in the nets. Craig Criswell had an excellent year at goal last season until injuring his hand in the overtime win over Marion. Then, this summer, at a soccer camp, he hurt his shoulder and only now is starting to work out in the goal again.

Bill Hall has also looked good in pre-season work in goal-keeping. Providing back-up strength at the fullback position will be Gary Housepian and possibly Steve Berger if he isn't used at halfback. At any rate, Houghton is stacked on defense.

At the important halfback slots Houghton is also strong with Tim Wallace, Co-Captains Duane Wheeland and Rich Smith. Backing them up will be Daryl Bulle and Steve Berger. Halfback is also a strong position with all three starters displaying fine ability in pre-season play.

The biggest "if" is the scoring ability of the front line. Bill Church at the wings, Steve Babbitt and Ray Royce on the inside handle the ball well and pass well also, but Coach Burke said that they would have to work harder on shooting. The coach mentioned that if scoring was needed in the late stages of a ball-game, Houghton would transform its basic four man line to a five man line. Providing depth will be Mark Gilmour, Eric Moore and Brock Baker who may be the fastest player on the squad.

The schedule this year favors Houghton with eight home games out of fifteen scheduled matches. Coach Burke also stated that he hoped the fan support which in the past has been a tremendous inspiration to the team, will continue.

"The morale and spirit of the team are high and the overall skill level has improved over previous years. There are no really outstanding players and any success will be because of a concerted team effort," Coach Burke said in summary of this year's soccer Highlander chances. Let us provide some excellent fan support in this endeavor.

Distance Runners Face Busy Season; Optimistic Squad Trains Twice Daily

The cross country team should have a fine season this year. Pre-season training began officially on September second. For the past week the distance men ground out two practices a day. The squad appears to be talented and well-balanced.

In 1969, the Highlanders, under the leadership of Dr. George Wells, posted a respectable record of six wins and eight defeats. This year, prospects for a winning season have caused optimism among the team members.

A potential lead man for the team has been found in a freshman, Irvin Rhoades. Rhoades performed very favorably in high school competition. Coach

Wells believes Irv is capable of shattering the Houghton course record.

The Frosh flash is backed up by some substantial, experienced runners. Returning lettermen include: Peter Rigby, Steve Camp, Brian Arnold and Dave Brautigam. Dan Rumberger, a Sophomore who lettered last season and ran well in early practices this year, has been sidelined indefinitely with a possible knee injury. Tim Kalajainen is the only Senior on the team. Gary Stockin, a Junior, and Sophomore Tom Miller round out the present roster.

A busy schedule has been planned for the Houghton men.

They will compete against fifteen teams and participate in the Canisius Invitational. Seven home meets will take place this year. The Houghton course, while measuring only 4.03 miles, is rugged and hilly. It is based on Stebbins Field. Spectators are encouraged to attend the meets, many of which are run during soccer games.

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Minimal Participation Ends Inter-Class Tackle Football

Tackle football appears to be on the way out at Houghton College. When only twenty-two gentlemen showed at Alumni Field for a scheduled organization meeting Monday night, September 14, the tackle football program for this season went to its grave. Coach George Wells and Mr. William Greenway had indicated earlier that a minimum number of forty players had to report for this meeting in order to continue tackle football for this year. However, when this number was barely half reached Mr. Greenway, without any hesitation, said that there would definitely be no tackle football this season.

First indications that the football program was doomed came early this summer as there were only five responses to letters sent to all of those who participated last fall. Early practices had been planned and it was thought that by registration time, the program would be well on its way. However, the early practice idea was quickly laid aside when no response came back. A meeting was then held

registration day to find out how many were interested in playing, and twenty-six men appeared. This was not a large enough number to give the go-ahead signal, but it was felt that by Monday night, enough interest could be spread to get another fourteen men to play. As it turned out, instead of gaining players, the program lost some athletes. This was enough to convince Mr. Greenway that football could not make a go-of-it this year.

Many, including Coach Wells, felt that six-man tackle football should be played. However, Mr. Greenway thought there were not even enough athletes to engage in this program, so that idea was dropped also.

It looks as though football fans at Houghton will only have houseleague action this year. The houseleague teams should be stronger and better than previous years and a good brand of football can be expected. For football enthusiasts, let's hope that next season a program can get on its feet and return the sport to Houghton College.

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