

## SEXTET OF CHOIR MEMBERS BEFORE TOUR



## College Choir in Metropolitan Area as Extensive Spring Tour Reaches Climax

### Present Half-hour Program on WNYC

New York, March 25. Houghton College's eleventh a cappella choir under the direction of Professor Caro M. Carapetyan, climaxed its spring tour to date with a series of concerts here today and Tuesday, featured among its engagements being a program at Milburn Chapel, Columbia University, before a varied cosmopolitan audience, and a half-hour radio broadcast over New York City's own station, WNYC. In addition, the group performed before large audiences at the Gospel Tabernacle, a block from Times Square, and Stony Brook Institute and Center Moriches, both on Long Island.

Especially noteworthy at the metropolitan concerts were the spontaneous and vital testimonies of the individual choristers. Not only have audiences been deeply moved by the superlative musical performances of the organization, but also to a greater degree by the voluntary expression of the spiritual satisfaction Houghton students are finding in the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Sing Tonight in Jersey

This evening the 'traveling forty' are singing in the First Baptist Church at Bloomfield, New Jersey, and tomorrow will journey up the Hudson River Valley for morning and afternoon performances at Nyack and Corinth, New York. Concerts in Glens Falls, Schenectady, and Lodi, N. Y. over the weekend will conclude this year's itinerary and the choristers are expected to return to the campus late Monday evening.

Given an enthusiastic send-off by two hundred college students last Thursday, the group journeyed in their 1940 Willys Knight 40-passenger superior bus to Elmira, N. Y. where they gave their first concert in the First Church of Christ. Early Friday the choir continued on its way, singing at a high school chapel program in Owego and at an evening concert in Endicott. The long trip to Philadelphia was made Saturday, and four performances were given in the Quaker City over the weekend. Monday, the Houghtonites sang in West Orange, New Jersey before their annual visit to New York City.

### Alumni Like Spiritual Tone

A seeming record number of alumni and former students are attending the daily concerts, and in New York City yesterday and Tuesday there appeared to be regular Houghton reunions after each performance. The alumni, especially, have appreciated

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## Anonymous Star Reporter Gives Inside Choir News

In addition to the daily concerts and the usual rush from city to city and church to church, Houghton's "traveling forty" experience those little human interest features that add the typical collegiate atmosphere to the annual spring tour. With the choir on its recent trip, your *Star* reporter presents for your reading pleasure, a day by day account of choir activities:

**Thursday:** Departure at 1:20. . . risers jilt out of position over motor in back of bus causing driver, Steve Wilsey, to make first stop—this side of Fillmore! . . . Portageville, Canaseraga, Bath, Corning route to Elmira because of better roads and fewer hills . . . battery goes out of function near Portageville . . . quickly repaired and in to Elmira . . . 1941 Superior bus, crowded with risers in aisles and luggage all over . . . Elmira at 4:30, church supper and evening concert at First Church of Christ.

**Friday:** Choristers sing "if one can be on time, all can be on time" as Prof. Carapetyan rushes toward bus, five minutes late . . . breakfast at "Mountain Top" Inn route 17 overlooking Chemung river and southern tier valley . . . Mark Armstrong, inspired by scenic beauty, decides to play "Panorama" on music box. Surprised to hear "Wouldst that I Could Kiss thy Hand, O Babe" These slot machines never work! . . . Dick Bennett reading his daily note from Ruthie, and a happy ending too . . . Owego H. S. concert and then on to Endicott . . . String and Ruth put Triple Cities on display for choir members . . . Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox, Emily Riley, Margaret Wright, Tony and Franny LaSorte, Ruth Brooks and Paul Miller at evening concert.

**Saturday:** Breakfast of sausage and pancakes . . . Bennett and Cummings distribute annual tin soldier hats . . . Folts and Spaulding make "Houghton College Choir" signs for bus . . . Lunch at Wilkes-Barre . . . continual downpour of rain as the "singing forty" journey to Philly arriving an hour before concert . . . Brockley Baptist Church in the evening . . . No Mumford.

**Sunday:** "A concert here, a concert there, here a concert, there a—" etc. . . Rev. Bisgrove's church, Bethany Presbyterian Sunday School, Chester, Pa. in evening . . . Among those present were Grace Livingston Hill, Park

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## Faculty Decision at Last Minute 'Liberates' 450

Four hundred and fifty college students celebrated a three day "spring vacation" last weekend, by virtue of a last minute faculty decree that canceled the previously scheduled Friday and Saturday classes. Although the short recess after the usual ten week's tests was designated for "rest and study", it took only a few hours before an almost complete evacuation was affected, and with the exception of about fifty of the faithful, the student body spent the weekend with their homefolk or visiting other friends or relatives.

Cars that couldn't be used for any other feasible purpose because of poor tires, soon came to life and practically every vehicle in town was used to transport students to a central bus terminal or railroad station. The metropolitan district was of particular attraction to Houghtonites as the A Cappella choir, now on its 11th annual tour, was singing in Philadelphia, New Jersey, and New York City over the weekend.

A record number of hitch-hikers also took to the road and although the "rule of the thumb" traveling was noticeably poorer due to the auto-tire crisis, local hitchhikers seemed to reach their goals with time to spare.

Back in Houghton, life went on in the usual routine. The Recreation Hall was crowded throughout the "duration" and the showing of sound pictures in the chapel Friday evening drew a crowd of 150 people, mostly townfolk. The library reported a record population of eleven occupants late Saturday morning, and the dining hall catered to a new low of forty people at Sunday morning breakfast. The church services were noticeably smaller than usual, but the morning message by Rev. Black and the evening platform service were inspiring to those who attended. Hikes and walks were the order of

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## Alfred Opponent in First Home Debate

Competing with the "all school function" day for publicity tomorrow will be Houghton's first home debate of the year with Alfred University. The debate is scheduled for 3:45 p. m. in the college chapel. The topic to be debated is "Resolved: That at the end of the present conflict, a world confederation should be formed based on the eight points of the Roosevelt-Churchill Atlantic Charter." Thomas Groome and Paul Stewart will uphold the affirmative side for Houghton while the visitors from Alfred will adopt a negative attitude toward the peace proposal.

Since Houghton's debaters have compiled an outstanding record on foreign soil this year, a large crowd is expected to take advantage of the opportunity of hearing their debaters in action. According to coach Elliott, this debate should prove popular to the audience since it is to be conducted in the cross-examination style of debating rather than in the formal style. Both Mr. Groome and Mr. Stewart will deliver eight minute speeches and Mr. Stewart will conduct a ten minute cross-examination period following which Mr. Groome will conclude for Houghton with a five minute summary.

## College to Celebrate Initial "All School Function Day" Tomorrow as Girls Date Men

### CALENDAR

**Today, March 26**  
7:30 p. m. Church Prayer Meeting  
**Friday, March 27**  
All school function day  
7:30 p. m. "Girl Dates Boy" Scavenger Hunt  
**Saturday, March 28**  
Houghton Debaters at Grove City Tournament  
6:45 p. m. Torchbearers  
7:45 p. m. Prof. Ries' Bible class  
**Monday, March 30**  
Chapel Choir concert at Canadea  
**Tuesday, March 31**  
7:00 p. m. Students' prayer meeting  
**Wednesday, April 1**  
7:00 p. m. Oratorio rehearsal

## Gigantic Scavenger Hunt and Program Will Climax Events

Two hundred and fifty Houghton College women will reverse the usual procedure of campus association all day tomorrow, and will act as hosts to the college men in what will probably be Houghton's most colorful "all school function" day, commonly known by the local proletariat as the annual "Sadie Hawkins' Festival." Sponsored this year by the Student Council, a full day's program and set of rules have been arranged with Burt Swales, Ella Phelps, and Franny Waith in charge of the activities.

The climax of tomorrow's "girl dates boy" program will be reached at a gigantic and unique scavenger hunt which will begin promptly at seven thirty in the college chapel and will lead the new campus couples throughout the local environs. After the hunt, an entertaining program will be sponsored by the Student Council, the details of which will not be divulged until the time appointed for presentation.

The rules for the day are merely the reversing of the usual routine of courtesies. The women will open campus doors, carry their partner's books, and seat the male population in the dining hall, the library, and other public places. Tomorrow morning, the men and women will reverse their customary sides in the chapel and in the evening, women waitresses will carry out the theme of the day at the local dining hall. Although the following rules will not be enforced, it is expected that the women will pay for the typical after party "snacks" at either the Inn, Wakefield's, or the Pantry, and it

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## Grove City Tourney Next for Debaters

This coming Saturday, Houghton's debaters will risk their record at the second annual Grove City debating tournament. This year marks Houghton's first entry into this affair since they did not engage in the initial tournament held last year. The tournament is to be a three-round affair with all of the rounds to be held in the afternoon. The intercollegiate debate topic, Resolved: "That all labor unions in the United States should be regulated by Federal law," is to be the basis of discussion for the ten or twelve colleges that are expected to participate.

According to Coach Everett Elliott, Houghton will be entering this tournament with a revised team. The regular varsity foursome of Bert Hall, Clinton Boone, Lois Bailey and Paul Stewart saw their last tournament together as a unit at Slippery Rock. The affirmative team at Grove City is to be represented by Clinton Boone and Bill Jensen. The reason for this make-shift, coach Elliott said, is to afford Bert Hall and Paul Stewart an opportunity to work together as a team, since these debaters are to represent Houghton's men's team at the Strawberry Leaf tournament at Winthrop College, South Carolina, April 8-11. Previously, Bert had been Clinton's partner and Lois Bailey acted as Paul's partner. Lois, along with Kay Walberger, will uphold Houghton's laurels in the women's tournament at South Carolina.

The Grove City Tournament is to be a decision tournament and is also adopting the new policy used at the Slippery Rock affair of giving each individual debater a ranking. Since they have never engaged in the Grove City tournament it is rather hard to judge the calibre of competition Houghton will find there—but Mr. Elliott feels that the team has a good chance of continuing in the win column.

## Model Legislature Set for April 11th

Plans for Houghton's second model legislature are rapidly progressing according to reports from the Forensic Union committee appointed to arrange the legislature this year. Forensic Union leader Paul Stewart delegated Clinton Boone, Larry Birch, and Jane Markham to function on the committee.

Already this group has solicited the interest of the student body and is arranging for preliminary committee meetings. The tentative date for the general assembly is Saturday, April 11. The topics to be used in the local congress will be the same to be used at the state legislature to be held at Skidmore College, Saratoga, April 17, 18. The topics concern Pan-Americanism and are divided into four units—the economic aspect, the political and diplomatic relationships, the educational and cultural ties, and the military problems facing Pan-Americanism. The committee reported that about 60 delegates would take part from all the college classes and the high school.



## Spiritual GLEANINGS

BY ROBERT LONGACRE

In a column entitled "Spiritual Gleanings" it may be appropriate to stop and ask ourselves what we mean by the term "spirit". Convinced that man is distinct from the rest of creation, we attribute this distinction to his spirit which he received when "God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul." Thus was created a being capable of knowing and fellowshiping with God, a creature made in His image and likeness. Like his Creator, the creature was given the power of moral choice, of self-determination. Man's spirit also was to give him power of self-knowledge, the capacity to stand off and be a spectator of himself. As the writer of Proverbs expressed it, "the spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly." (Prov. 20:27). Thus man's spirit endows him with unique powers of God—consciousness, choice, and self-knowledge.

The tragedy of the human race lies in the fact that this God-imparted spirit has turned to rebel against its Creator. Remember, the primary appeal of Satan to Eve was, "God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then shall your eyes be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Thus, lifted up with pride, man attempted to cast off submission to Him that made him. The result we know too well. On aspiring to know good and evil, man at least has had the "success" of knowing evil; in attempting to be superhuman, he has sunk lower than the brute. The malady of sin, spreading from its center in man's spirit, wrought havoc in his entire personality. He lost dominion over the world, and over himself. Suffering, disease, and death entered the universe, and "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."

The Bible is the record of God's provision to restore man to fellowship with himself. By patriarch, priest, prophet, and lawgiver, His purpose was progressively unfolded until Christ, the culminating Revelation, came to make the necessary sacrifice. But before the individual can find salvation, it is necessary for him to realize his lost state. As God's revelation unfolds to man, he finds his heart melting and his attitudes changing. He comes to loathe the sins of his life and determines to be rid of them. Then the struggle ensues. The sinner suddenly realizes the awful truth that in the rebellion of his spirit against God, his spirit has lost the ability to govern himself. The wheel which once guided the ship is now powerless to turn the rudder. Thus Romans 7 gives the picture of a spirit that no longer wants to rebel, but finds that "the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do." (Rom. 7:19). Thus in the awakening heart, there is a conflict between spirit and man's lower nature.

Romans eight answers the question as to how the conflict may be resolved. The indwelling Holy Spirit restores man's spirit to dominion, as the latter yields itself to God. "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you." (Rom. 8:9). Then the Lord quickly adds the concluding words, "Now, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His." Through the indwelling Spirit, every saved man is to be victorious over the sins of his life. The regenerated life is not one of defeat. But as the saved man further yields himself to God, inward victory and release will flood his life in a measure

## Chapel Choir Gives First Concerts of Year Sunday

Last Sunday the Houghton College Chapel Choir made its first appearance outside the precincts of the school in two concerts in vicinity villages. Commanding practically all the available cars in the town, the choir, under the direction of Miss Edith Stearns, travelled first to Pike where they sang and testified before a small audience in the Baptist Church of which Gordon Stone, a Houghton student, is pastor. They then journeyed to Bliss where they conducted the evening service.

A large audience gathered in the gymnasium at Bliss to hear the choir's concert where the group sang with more than usual fervor and unity. Particularly noteworthy was the spontaneity of the testimonies which twice interspersed the groups of hymns. Without hesitation or confusion, a large number of the singers buttressed their spiritual music with sincere testimonies to the saving power of God. The choir arrived safely home at about ten o'clock.

Next Sunday, the chapel choir will enjoy another full day. Two afternoon concerts and an evening service are scheduled in local communities. Tentative arrangements have also been made for Sunday services throughout the remainder of the school year.

Following is the chapel choir's program for the 1941-42 season.

I	
Ave Maria	Arcadelt
Sleepers Wake! A Voice Is Sounding	Bach
Adoramus Te	Rossello
Musette	Handel-Archer
II	
Norwegian Cradle Song	Luvaas
The Birds and The Christ Child	Krone
Sing We All Noel!	York
III	
God So Loved The World	Stainer
Open Our Eyes	Macfarlane
All in the April Evening	Robertson
IV	
Hear My Prayer	James
None Other Lamb	Edmundson
Hast Thou Not Known	Mueller
Cherubim Song	Bortiansky-Tschaikowsky
Choral Benediction	Lutkin

that he never knew before, even in the wonder of his first contact with Christ. Henceforth, then, we speak no longer of our own spirit, but of the Spirit of God to which we have yielded ourselves. "He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit." (1 Cor. 6:17).

## Bullock, Reynolds Secure Contracts

Miss Edith Bullock of Santa Fe, Isle of Pines, Cuba, and Miss Bertha Reynolds of Houghton signed teaching contracts last Saturday morning thereby becoming the first members of this year's graduating class to secure teaching positions. Both Miss Bullock and Miss Reynolds will assume their new responsibilities next September in the Hinsdale Central School, Hinsdale, N. Y., eight miles north of Olean.

Misses Bullock and Reynolds appeared before the school board at Hinsdale Thursday evening and were given their contracts at that time. They were returned, signed, Saturday morning. Miss Bullock, a general science major, will teach seventh, eighth, and ninth grades science and high school physics and Spanish. In college Miss Bullock has been a member of the Expression and Pre-Medic Clubs in addition to playing field hockey for her senior class team.

Miss Reynolds, a Latin and French major, will teach one French course, two Latin courses, and two English courses. She has been a member of the college choir, French Club, Big H Club, and Expression Club in addition to playing basketball and volleyball. Miss Reynolds has served as secretary-treasurer of the Athletic Association and at the present time is secretary-treasurer of the student body. She also served for two years in the college library as an assistant to Miss Florence Wright, head librarian.

## Vacation . . .

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the day with Uncle Sam losing considerable shoe rubber as the result of the Houghton treks.

Late Sunday evening and early Monday morning a continuous line of cars brought back the students from their brief taste of home-cooking and although the primary reason for the recess had been "study and rest", it was the same old story—they came back to rest up after the strenuous vacation.

## Seasonal Floods Cause Damage to Local Bridge

The Monday night cloudburst of March 16 which caused considerable damage throughout western New York State stopped long enough in Houghton to fill several cellars with water, and flood the downtown district from the Recreation Hall to the Crandall home. The area across from the milk plant was completely flooded with over four feet of water in the cellars of the homes of Prof. Caro Carapetyan and Mrs. Marjorie Ortlip Stockin.

Most serious damage, however, was caused when the Houghton Creek undermined the bridge on the road which leads to the college and necessitated its closing until a county crew had repaired the damage. The recent improvement of the creek bed again failed to stem the high waters and a large portion of the recent siding was washed away. In the early part of this week the county spent much time in digging out the creek bed and in replacing the sheet metal siding which had been washed away by the waters. The Luckey Memorial also felt the effect of the downpour as the basement was completely flooded and a group of ten men worked all night in pumping the water out and in saving \$4,000 worth of electrical equipment from any possible damage.

## Extension Workers Busy Despite 'Spring Vacation'

Seven different Gospel teams from the college conducted services last weekend in neighboring communities despite the difficulty in obtaining transportation and the scarcity of students remaining in town.

Norman J. Mead, accompanied by the college brass quartet composed of Russell Clark, John Gabrielson, Gordon Barnett and George Wells, held the Sunday morning service in the Pike Baptist church. Allyn Russell spoke at the Oakland church Sunday morning in the absence of their pastor Roy Gibbs. Vera Clocksin rendered a special selection in song. Wesley Nussey, '40, former pastor at Oakland, preached at the evening service in the same church.

Edgar Danner, Burdette Curtis and John Sheffer held the evening service in the Presbyterian Church of Avon, N. Y. and Leon Gibson, Allyn Russell and Edwin Mehne conducted the Young People's service and the evening.

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## STRICTLY MUSICAL

BY LEON GIBSON

The passionate, sensitive Debussy was no exception to a common rule among artists: he that aspires to reach a new height of greatness by devolving a novel form of expression, to give fresh strength to the decadent foundation, must pay the price of misunderstanding. On the one hand he will be charged with the crime of scorning precedent; and on the other he will meet the equally discouraging accusation of artistic incompetence in undertaking to break fresh ground by himself.

It fell to Debussy's lot to enjoy one of the rarest privileges to be granted a leader in any branch of art. Along with the English writers Browning and Thackeray, Claude Debussy is fortunate enough to be living largely in his works. Little is revealed about the composer, who is known by fame and music to a great world of music lovers, save what can be discovered in his many and varied compositions. Debussy was primarily a refiner, and an investigation into the character of his music will demonstrate the futility of arraigning him before the charge either of neglect of the past or of artistic inability.

In temperament Debussy was fitted for the extension of the breadth of musical expression. From the utterances which he has made on one occasion or another we learn that he had an ear tuned to the voices of nature. Once he counselled, "Go not to others for advice, but take counsel of the passing breezes, which relate the history of the world to those who can listen." His devotion to nature led him to seek to reflect her moods in his works, with the result that we are enriched by his hand with such perfect orchestral numbers as *The Afternoon of a Faun*. Here the very atmosphere of the woods, with its verdant glades of columbine and its moss-covered roots of towering birches, has been captured; any convention in the use of chords which would destroy the shimmering mirror-like quality of the composition has been cast out for the sake of true picture.

Debussy achieved his strange harmonies by the use of certain scales which, while unfamiliar to the average person, were pregnant with possibilities for the ear keen enough to distinguish them. Debussy was endowed with a capacity to separate many more of the overtones which result from any sound than most musicians. Upon these basic laws of natural harmonics the composer built his system of harmony—"a new style of chord progression." It was no harder for him to discern the shadowy, vapory qualities of these intricate progressions than it is for the modern business man to recognize the standard chords of, say, *Dixie*. As one writer has said of Debussy's chords, "they appear to float on the air, without any resolution whatever." At the same time Debussy's thorough knowledge of the old scales and his discrimination in interfusing these with his rediscovered chords with exquisite taste has given his music a rich fluidity and sensuous refinement.

Harriette Brower, in her *Story-Lives of Master Musicians*, in a compact and sympathetic treatment of the composer Debussy worth quoting, has summarized his contributions. "A liberator seemed to have come into music, to take up, half a century later, the work of Chopin—the work of redeeming the art from the excessive objectivity of German thought, of giving it not only a new soul but a new body, swift, and graceful."

## In My Opinion . . .

A record number of hitch-hikers cluttered all routes leading out of Houghton last Thursday afternoon immediately after the "edict" had been published that Friday and Saturday would be spent in "rest and study." Due to the recent shortage of rubber and the current gasoline situation, many thought, however, that the "rule of the thumb" traveling would be poorer than during previous "vacations," but this seemed to vary with personal opinions. So early this week your *Star* reporter went roving again to find out the real facts of this collegiate problem. Thus, the question of the week is:

"Did you hitch-hike home last weekend, and if you did, did you notice any change in hitch-hiker's luck due to the present conditions?"

John Miller, sophomore from North Caldwell, N. J. "All the hitch-hiking I did was between Houghton and Mt. Morris. I sure spent plenty of time doing that. It took me only an hour and a half to get from Houghton to Mt. Morris, but I was five and a half hours on the way from Mt. Morris back to Houghton. It was two hours before I even got out

of Mt. Morris and I was also stranded at Nunda for two hours. I was plenty glad to see Houghton at 9:00 a.m. Monday morning.

Phil Ake, freshman, "Hitch-hiking isn't what it used to be. It took me over six hours to go a hundred and thirty miles. My longest wait was for 45 minutes at the end of a dark farm lane."

Mike Sheldon, junior from Buffalo. "I covered 125 miles in 3½ hours. At Avon I was picked up by an attendant of the Willard State Hospital. He took me to dinner and dropped me off right at the door of the church I was headed for. We talked about everything from war, to "Willard State inmates", to the Salvation army, to Christ. As compared with other times I have hitch-hiked, I found cars mighty scarce."

Bill Johnson, junior man about town from Kane, Pa., "There certainly is a decided decrease in the traffic on the roads. More cars are traveling full than they did previously. It took me four hours to go 80 miles. At Bradford, cars utterly ignored me for 45 minutes."

Fred Schmidt, sophomore from Bedford Hills. "Hard to get rides?

## . . . Hitch-hiking?

Yes! It took me 18 hours to go 350 miles and at one place I had a nice little walk of 12 miles. At Central Valley I was hung up for three full hours. Hitch-hiking is not what it used to be!"

Clinton Boone, senior debater from Rhode Island. "I waited two hours to get a ride from Buffalo to Houghton. After that I made good time, riding mostly with factory workers who could carry on an intelligent conversation. Afterwards I learned that a couple of robberies had been committed by hitch-hikers on the very spot where I had started from. Perhaps that explains my 2 hour wait."

David Ostrander, freshman. "It was easier than usual to get rides. My longest wait was only 20 minutes. I think the biggest fun of hitch-hiking is the people you meet—some scarcely say a word and others talk faster than 500 words a mile."

Sherburne Ray, senior, theologian from New Hampshire. "I had heard that hitch-hiking was tough but that wasn't my experience. The usual waiting time was 5 minutes. My experience was that hitch-hiking was a little above average."



By DAVE PAINE

Houghton, New York  
March 26, 1942Mr. Larry McPhail, President  
Brooklyn Baseball Club  
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Sir;

I was beginning to think that you had forgotten me, since you haven't written for some time. Imagine my surprise, then, on receiving your offer of \$35,000 to perform on your baseball team in the capacity of bat-boy.

Although I should like very much to become affiliated with your "Daffy Dodgers," (and I think I could easily qualify) there is a spot dearer to my heart than Brooklyn. Houghton College, in the heart of the beautiful Genesee Country, has an adequate and challenging athletic program which I must content myself with until my term has been served.

First of all, there is baseball; but let's not waste time on talking shop. You know I do well in that, don't you, Mr. McPhail? Did I ever tell you that I play on the football squad? (touch of course). Because of my weight the coach doesn't allow me to play regularly—wants to keep me in good shape for the basketball season, I suppose. But in my spare moments I have developed into an outstanding drop-kick specialist. Last year we had a flood during the week preceding the final game of the season; nevertheless the game was played. At the half, we were behind 57-0, but we didn't worry because we knew that during the last half the current would be in our favor. With three seconds remaining to play and the score tied at 57-57, the coach sent me into the game to kick a field goal. I swam out on the field, called the signals, and booted a perfect one right between the uprights, annexing the game 60-57. Were we surprised when, after the spring thaw, we found the ball still resting on the fifty-yard line! I had kicked a five-pound trout right out of the stadium.

After the football season I play on the basketball team. I play only in the close games, though, because Coach says it really isn't sporting to have me in there all the time. Then, too, I have my swimming to worry about; and Coach Pool says that the two sports don't mix very well. We have a good swimming team, Mr. McPhail. Besides several winter meets, we have an annual engagement with Alfred University in the limpid waters of the Genesee River. This year we were not able to hold this meet, because the Houghton Creek went on a rampage and flooded the river. Last year, however, we defeated the Alfred boys by a clever bit of strategy. We tired them out first so that our boys easily defeated them. During the first part of the meet, the Alfred boys kept busy diving for pennies thrown in by the spectators. Then they dove in for spectators thrown in by Clark and Scrimshaw.

The spring is my busy season, though. I'm kept so busy playing baseball, tennis, and track that I have to have something to relax my nerves; so I play in the twilight softball league. Despite many defeats, we are not discouraged and hope that we'll have another good season this year. Following is a statistical report of our record from last year:

Alfred U.	62	Houghton	0
Ithaca College	53	Houghton	0
Buffalo State	49	Houghton	0
Genesee State	42	Houghton	0

(Notice how we kept wearing them down.)

## Purple Favored in Baseball Forecast

Pharaohs Helped  
By Frosh Talent

If spring ever does arrive, Houghton students will hear the monotonous slap of ball on glove and the crack of ball against wood as candidates for the spring baseball campaign work the kinks out of their arms and sharpen their batting eyes. Although weather conditions have postponed preparations, it can't snow forever (or can it?).

This year the Purple appear to have a decided edge over their Gold adversaries, according to popular opinion. Although they will miss the services of Frank Markell on the mound, along with Miller, Holloway, and Marshall afield, their ranks will be swelled by a strong frosh delegation composed of Walker, Strong, and Reynolds, to say nothing of Russell Vincent. Their only weakness should be in the pitching department, where "Ace" Clark alone remains to dish out the goods. With such a roster of players as they boast, however, they should be able to develop a starter. Possibly the solution lies in Russell Vincent's port-side delivery. With Tuttle or Ramsley behind the plate, the Purple should be able to pick up an impressive infield combination from candidates Sheffer, Walker, Reynolds, Strong, Brownlee, and Eyler.

From the standpoint of material, chances for another Gold championship appear slim. The Gladiators will miss Jim Evans, veteran outfielder, Pete Tuthill, and third baseman Vernon Rogers. "Al" Russell will hold the slants of Paul Mullin, with "String" Miller on first, Lewellen on second, Stone at third, and Kennedy at short. In the outfield will be Stebbins, Gearhart and Creque. Despite their lack of reserve material, these boys will give the Purple something to work for, and may even upset the dope bucket.

## Sadie Hawkins' Day ...

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is also expected that "steady" couples will break up for one day.

Helen Burr, president of the dormitory council, announced yesterday that there will be "open house" at Gaoyadeo Hall tomorrow afternoon from two to four o'clock. Fellows who have made arrangements with their house mothers may also hold open house throughout the afternoon.

In the meantime, last minute tension continues to increase with the girls wondering if their "bulletin board" dates will prove as thrilling as expected, and the fellows are polishing shoes that never felt the brush before. So "all function day" is just around the corner and among the questions that will be answered tomorrow are these: Will Dr. Small accept one of his many invitations? Did Romeo finally get the invitation he was waiting for? Will Paine and Eyler "break down"? Is it true that Eddie Danner is really in for a "big" time?

Fillmore H. S.	31	Houghton	0
Gowanda State	19	Houghton	0
Allegany County			
Farm	2	Houghton	0
Houghton Girl Scouts Team B	0	Houghton	*1

\*I scored this run.  
Well, Mr. McPhail, I'm sure you see by now what I mean. Thank you for keeping the position open for me, anyway—and write again soon, won't you?

Your sincere friend,  
J. D. M.

## Yanks Down Choir ...

The New York Yankees, champions of the world of baseball, defeated the Houghton College Choir yesterday afternoon in a heart-breaking contest. Despite the choir's adequate pitching staff, which is composed of some "screwballs" of note, some sopranos who know how to run "bases," and the long drives of their Wooley chauffeur, Houghton's "singing forty" bowed in defeat to the powerful McCarthy combine.

Although Manager McNeese protested the decision vigorously, a board of Mutual Broadcasting Program officials voted that the time previously allotted the choir was to be used to broadcast the Yankee-Giant exhibition game.

## Upper Class Women Vie Tonight at Gym

Volleyball, the main sport in Houghton now until warmer weather brings the baseball squads into active competition, will see an unusually active week, beginning tonight when the champion senior women clash with the junior girl's outfit at 6:45 in the college gym.

Doris Driscoll, Bert Reynolds, and Esther Fulton, trio of veteran sages, will lead the fourth year girls tonight when they play the junior women, most likely contenders for the crown in the "black sox" division. French, Fancher, Thornton, Waterman, LaSorte and Leech will be among those who will see action for the juniors.

Tomorrow night the senior and frosh men meet and Monday the senior and frosh women and the junior and frosh men will square off in a double-header with the first contest starting at 6:45. Tuesday the junior and frosh feds will meet in an afternoon game.

## Choir Diary ...

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Tucker, Vance Carlson, Dot Paulsen, Virginia Miller, Evelyn Hart, "Mort" Crawford, Ray Alger, Bill Cassell, Dick Fee, and Owen Fox. Paulsen, Miller, and Hart attended four concerts!

**Monday:** Concert at West Orange, New Jersey considered one of tour's best by choir members... "half of Houghton" present including Frank Kennedy, Paul Mullin, Copeland Metcalf, Jean Scott, Felice Hagburg, Glenda Friedfelt, Larry Olsen, Flossie Jensen and Nixon Bateman.

**Tuesday:** Singing forty arrive in Metropolis "all eyes." Normandie proves one of trip's most striking sights... Gang sings for Dr. Dickinson at Union Seminary in morning... also view Riverside Church... Carapetyan looks fine in women's hats... Jerry and Billie Paine among cosmopolitan group at Columbia Chapel program... Internal operations of city's radio station WNYC seen... Scare frantic operator by arriving seven minutes ahead of time... Recorded program had hastily been arranged until choir burst in from Columbia... Evening at Gospel Tabernacle... Morse, Moody, Blauvelt Co. in crowd... Also Ellen Stacy, Chuck Roberts, Warren Dayton, Rees Pritchett and Ben Armstrong... Night spent at N.B.I. Good morning, Heinz!

**Yesterday:** Stony Brook plays host to traveling Houghtonites... Pick-up choir basketball quintet oppose Stony Brook in 1:30 p.m. contest... and who said the West Texas State Teachers were tall?... squad ranges from 6 ft. 1 in. to 6 ft. 6 in.... Houser, Bennett, Morris, Work and Chase echo solid refrain "Were we scared!"... Center Moriches at night.

# Town Team Annexes League Championship Tuesday Eve

## Houghton Defeats Perry In First League Play-offs

The Houghton Indians were hard-pressed in their first game of the play-offs for the championship of the Wyoming County Town League last week, but finally managed to squeeze out a 39-37 victory over the Perry Advertisers and retained the right to meet the Pike Pirates in the season's finale.

The league-leaders got off to a head start, as the Perry lads, capitalizing on their height, penetrated the Indian defense to enjoy a seven-point lead at the quarter. At the half, by dint of some hard work, the boys in orange had come within three points of the Perry total; but the cause looked lost when, at the third intermission, they still needed five points to match their foes.

In the final stanza, the Tribe turned on the heat for a few minutes to take a decisive lead. Fresh reserve material, however, came in for the Advertisers, and the fast pace began to tell on the Indians, as a determined Perry rally brought the game to a hair-raising finish.

The Indian attack was led by Dave Paine with thirteen counts. Joe Palone of Belmont and Sid Miles of Wellsville refereed the contest.

Eyler	9	Olin	6
Williams	11	Parker	7
McCarty	4	Burt	2
Paine	15	Tompolski	2
Wooley	0	Klas	6
Wakefield	0	Bramer	6
		Gidney	8

## Extension Groups ...

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ing worship service at the Gates Wesleyan Methodist Church, just outside of Rochester. Rev. A. J. Shea, a Houghton graduate, is pastor of that charge. The Almond C.C.C. camp was again visited last Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Torch-bearers. Romeo Baronia gave his testimony for the afternoon message, and he was assisted by Prof. Ries, Dr. Pierce, Hazel King, Ruth Fancher and Viola Koonce.

Prof. Stanley W. Wright preached at the Pike Presbyterian Church Sunday morning with Mary A. Strickland and Marilyn Birch supplying vocal music. Bert Hall spoke at Higgins, N. Y. in the evening and was assisted by a girls' trio.

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## Houghton Outfit Downs Pike 50-41

After trailing for three quarters of the game, the Houghton Indians came from behind in characteristic fashion to put the Pike Pirates on the skids and annexed a thrilling 50-41 win and the league championship before a capacity crowd in the Castile High School gymnasium Tuesday night.

Behind 12-6 at the quarter, the Indians put on a rally that brought them even with the Pirates 18-18 at the half. They faltered during the third quarter, but came back with a twenty-one point barrage in the final stanza that provided a comfortable margin of victory.

High scorer for the evening was Marv Eyler, with seventeen points, while McCarty and Williams tallied fourteen and ten, respectively. Butlers scored twelve for the losers.

In the preliminary game, Dalton defeated the Perry Advertisers to clinch third place in the final standings.

After the game, two ten dollar prizes were awarded, both of which went to the Houghton team, since they finished first in the regular season as well as in the playoffs.

Houghton	Pike
Eyler	17
Williams	10
McCarty	14
Wakefield	0
Wooley	0
Paine	9
Olcott	7
Davis	8
Buttles	12
Beardsley	2
Allero	8

## Spring Tour ...

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the spiritual tone of this year's group. Friday, although separated from their home campus by a few hundred miles, the choristers will celebrate the "all function day" with the rest of Houghton College students. Despite the weariness incurred by hundreds of miles of travel it is expected that the choir will entertain with as interesting a program as the one to be sponsored here in the chapel by the Student Council.

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