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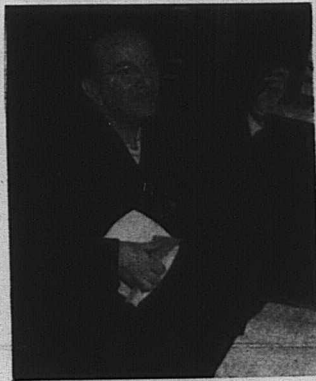
## Lecture Series Features Japanese Music And Film Will Head '57-'58 Star, Lanthorn

Dr. Irving Cheyette, Professor of Music Education at the University of Buffalo, will present a lecture-demonstration on the music of Japan at 7:30 tonight in the college chapel. This is the second lecture in the 1956-1957 series.

While a Fulbright Professor of Music Education at the Tokyo University of Arts during 1954-1955, Dr. Cheyette made a study of Japanese musical instruments, such as the koto and samisen. Besides playing these and other instruments, he will play recordings of court, theater, folk and popular music, and will illustrate these recordings with color slides showing where such music is heard in Japan.

The showing of a film, "The Arts of Japan," will follow. This film was made during 1954 by the U.S. Information Agency in that country.

During the lecture, Dr. Cheyette will wear the traditional kimono and hakama of the Japanese theater musician.



Dr. Irving Cheyette

Other lectures in the '56-'57 series will include Donald S. Wells showing slides on Germany, on January 11; and an illustrated lecture by Avalon Daggett, on March 22.

### Chapel In View As Fund Swells

One year ago on December 6, the entire student body met on the site of the new chapel near Markey Cottage to claim the new building for the Lord. At that time there was less than \$50,000 in the fund. The present total is \$126,000.

The Board of Trustees says that building will begin in the spring if there is \$150,000 in the fund by December 31. They have set this date because steel and stock materials must be ordered in advance.

In an effort to make the quota, Dr. Paine has written about 400 letters to alumni and key friends of the college asking for substantial contributions before the end of the year.

Within the last two weeks the college has received individual gifts of \$2,500 and \$2,000, as well as \$3,000 in smaller sums as a result of Dr. Paine's letter.

The Esso Education Foundation has offered Houghton College an unrestricted grant of \$2000, for the 1956-1957 academic year, which will be used for the chapel. The Foundation is awarding grants to privately supported colleges and universities to help meet expenses connected with undergraduate education.

Dr. Paine, Mr. Voegel and Mr. Burton are giving every available minute in personal solicitation for the chapel.

One year ago the school trusted God to send in \$100,000. \$76,000 of this amount has come in.

### Three 4 Pointers Head Dean's List

Dr. Arthur Lynip, Dean of the college, released the following list of 39 students with mid-semester grades of 3.5 or above:

Hrs.	Gr. Pt.
15 Demarest, Carol	4.00
17 Stark, Elizabeth	4.00
17 Van Der Decker, John	4.00
16 Kinde, Donald	3.94
14 Stine, Frances	3.93
12 Egeler, Joan	3.83
17 Beck, Gordon	3.82
16 Chamberlain, Phyllis	3.81
16 Hazlett, Carol	3.81
16 Zeitfuss, Dorothy	3.81
18 Cutter, Patricia	3.77
16 Dotts, Mary	3.75
16 Hunter, Patricia	3.75
12 Miller, Ronald	3.75
17 Musser, Anne	3.71
15 Neu, David	3.67
17 Gray, Winifred	3.65
17 Snow, Virginia	3.65
14 Swift, Janet	3.64
16 Childs, David	3.63
16 Johnson, Marilyn	3.63
16 Paine, Carolyn	3.63
15 Erickson, Barbara	3.60
15 Rowley, Beverly	3.60
15 White, James	3.60
17 Reist, John	3.59
17 Woodson, Robert	3.59
14 Bradford, Geraldine	3.57
14 Tirrell, Raymond	3.57
16 Andrews, John	3.56
16 Morgan, Grace	3.56
16 Oakley, Margaret	3.56
16 Strum, Dwight	3.56
16 Titus, Joy	3.56
15 Yu, Anthony	3.53
16 McKelvie, Ruth	3.50
18 Ott, Helen	3.50

### Eighth Annual Missions Conquest Stresses World Evangelization

"The supreme task of the Church is the evangelization of the world," Dr. Oswald J. Smith, well-known evangelist, author and hymn writer, declared, bringing the eighth annual Missionary Conquest to a close Friday evening, November 16, with a prayer of dedication of the lives of many students who stood to pledge themselves as volunteers in fulfilling this task.

A plea for consecrated doctors, nurses, teachers, technicians, administrators, linguists and preachers on the mission field was given over and over again during the week as missionaries spoke in chapel, visited classes, showed films and spoke individually with students.

The missions display room, S-24, was filled with articles brought from Venezuela, Haiti, Africa, Greece, the Far East and an American Indian reservation.

In keeping with the theme of the Conquest, "Multitudes in the valley of Decision — the Day of the Lord is Near," there was a large chalk drawing in the church by H. Willard Orlop of Christ's return in the clouds, with the superscription, "In Such an Hour as Ye Think Not, the Son of Man Cometh."

In the Friday morning chapel, students and faculty members pledged a total of \$5,052 toward the F.M.F. budget of \$9,500.



D. Neu J. Reist N. Lance B. Sumner

### Letter, Sacrificial Dinner Show Interest In Hungary

"If a man is shot to death within four feet of us, and we must stand in the pool of his blood, we are horrified. If it occurs eight feet away in the next room, it is every bit as terrible. When it happens sixteen houses down the street to our best neighbor, we are still moved with tender compassion. Why is it that when it happens to multiplied thousands across an ocean, we feel hardly a prick and do absolutely nothing?" —Steve Allen in *Rye on The Rock*.

Houghton students have seen the need of the oppressed Hungarians and have decided to act. Accordingly, Stanley Sandler, under the sponsorship of the Student Senate, composed a letter addressed to Prime Minister of India, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru "to use your influence with the USSR, the United Nations, and among the peoples of Asia, to bring to their attention this tragedy and to work for the restoration of the basic rights of this brave people." Approximately 425 students signed the appeal.

In conjunction with this letter, a sacrificial dinner was given Tuesday evening at both servings. The \$100 saved by these meals will be channeled to Hungarian students in Austria through Barbara Pfeifer, Houghton alumna and present missionary to Austria.

### Debate Squad Earns Second Place In Economic Aid Issue

The Houghton College debate squad tied for second place in its first debate of the year at Rochester Institute of Technology on November 3. Winning four out of six debates, they defeated Hobart, St. John Fisher, Fredonia and Geneseo to tie with Colgate, Hobart and St. John Fisher. The debate topic of the year is, "Should the United States discontinue direct economic aid to foreign countries."

### Five Seniors Teach; System Will Change

Five Seniors are now in their second week of practice teaching in neighboring schools. These students are residing in the communities in which they are teaching.

The students are teaching in these subject fields: Spanish — Marilyn Martin in Bolivar; Social Science — Laura Belle Hyde in Bolivar, Esther Lawrence in Warsaw, Douglas Burton in Perry and Lindol Hutton in Fillmore.

Dr. Lynip has announced that a new practice teaching program will be initiated in September, 1957, in line with the revised qualifications of the N. Y. State Education Dept.

Each practice teacher will observe and teach for three weeks at the beginning of the fall semester. He will return to the same school the next semester to teach the same courses for another three weeks.

On Monday, November 19, the student body elected John Reist and Nancy Lance to edit next year's *Star* and *Lanthorn* publications. David Neu will serve as *Star* business manager. The *Lanthorn* business manager will be William Sumner.

John Reist, the 1957-58 *Star* editor, has worked on the *Star* in the capacity of reporter, member of the make-up staff, news editor, and sports editor. He was sports editor of the 1956 *Boulder*. At present, John is president of the Athletic Association and a class representative to the Student Senate.

Nancy Lance, 1958 *Lanthorn* editor, has worked on the staffs of the *Star*, *Boulder* and *Lanthorn*. In high school she was associate year book editor. Nancy is president of the Classics Club.

David Neu, who will be the business manager of the 1957-58 *Star*, is the present business manager of the 1957 *Boulder*. He is an engineer at WJSL, a member of the Science Club and is active in extension work at Houghton.

Next year's *Lanthorn* business manager, Bill Sumner, is the present circulation manager of the *Boulder*. He is vice-president of the junior class and treasurer of the Science Club.

Patricia Hunter, first negative speaker, achieved highest honors for the day. Other debaters were Grace Peterson, negative; Burton Newman and John Andrews, affirmative.

On November 10 at St. John Fisher, Houghton won three out of six debates, winning over St. Michael's and Syracuse's negative and affirmative teams.

Affirmative debaters were Melvin Vance and Burton Newman; negative, Grace Peterson and Irene Haupel.

An affirmative argument was: Instead of direct economic aid, the United States should give a lump sum through the United Nations and encourage private investment. The negative contested that direct economic aid is the best immediate method.

The next debate will be held at Geneseo State Teachers College, December 1. Dr. Hall will be taking his Discussion and Debate class along to participate in discussion groups besides the regular debaters.

### Students To Sing In Graham Rally

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Committee of Greater Buffalo has invited the Houghton College student body to participate in the 2,000 voice choir for the coming meetings on November 13 and 14. Arrangements are now being made for transportation to the meeting.

Dr. Graham's crusades have gained the recognition of religious and secular leaders alike around the world. Practically all Protestant denominations endorse Dr. Graham's ministry

and encourage their members to attend his city-wide evangelistic meetings.

Billy Graham received an honorary doctorate from Houghton College at the commencement exercises in June, 1950. Two other members of the Billy Graham Association, George Wilson and G. Beverly Shea, also received honorary degrees from Houghton at the 1956 Founders' Day program on October 12.

## Guest Editorial GRADE POINTS

Perhaps the proper definition of the grade point is simply a pointer to one's grades. Any institution is proud of those who are able to attain a level of proficiency in their work. Who isn't? A Christian's aim is to do his best in whatever task is his — an example proffered by Christ. In our competitive system, the persons most excellent in the race are awarded the prize; to the students on the Dean's List go the laurels. Congratulations!

But where commendation is offered there often develops a false standard of values. We lose sight of the primary goal and focus our efforts on the laurels given to only a few individuals, who have achieved "success" according to whatever standard exists. Rather than finishing the race we are more concerned about winning the cup.

Somebody said recently that he didn't particularly "care" for a certain acquaintance until he learned that this person had acquired a sufficient grade point for the Dean's List. It is obvious that who this person is, what his ideas are, what his character is, what his influence and testimony are to others, meant very little to his acquaintance; but making the Dean's List automatically perfected his reputation.

Probably everybody is guilty of the same assumptions — we all have been duped by the same false criterion. A criterion based on grades alone is indeed foolish. A grade indicates that an individual studying one particular course has reached an arbitrary level dependent upon the other arbitrary levels of his peers; or that his ability is more or less suited to a certain course. A grade does not relate anything of the individual's character — his veracity, his hard work, his reliability. One naked symbol cannot be a true summary. If one receives an A, we think he's intelligent. But let's really be intelligent: let's envision the real goal and although the prizes are nice, let's never again be duped by an imitation.

## For Meditation

BY JOHN DESANTO

"I love the Lord" Ps. 116

What maketh a man to love the Lord? In this psalm we have a colorful picture of Divine Love to a sorrowing soul. Listen to the psalmist, as in essence he is saying: I was in great sorrow, in death's doorway; the pains of the grave were reaching up from hell to pull me down; I was brought low; my eyes were on the verge of tears continually; my feet were slowly slipping from thy ways; I was bound by the bonds of the flesh with chains of sin.

Yet, the picture is only half-painted — what maketh a man to love the Lord? The true and lasting colors are yet to appear in this work of art, for the Psalmist says, "I cried unto the Lord, and he heard; my God is full of grace, yea, he is merciful, he preserveth me in my simple ways." Saints of God, see now the picture; see now how the brighter colors stand out because of the darker ones. Is there not purpose in all which Almighty God doeth?

What maketh a man to love the Lord? There is only one thing — "We love Him because He first loved us." When man comes to the place where he grasps with his finite heart a little of the great love and compassion of Almighty God, then his soul's song shall rise in notes celestial, "I love the Lord," for true love comes only from the heart of God!



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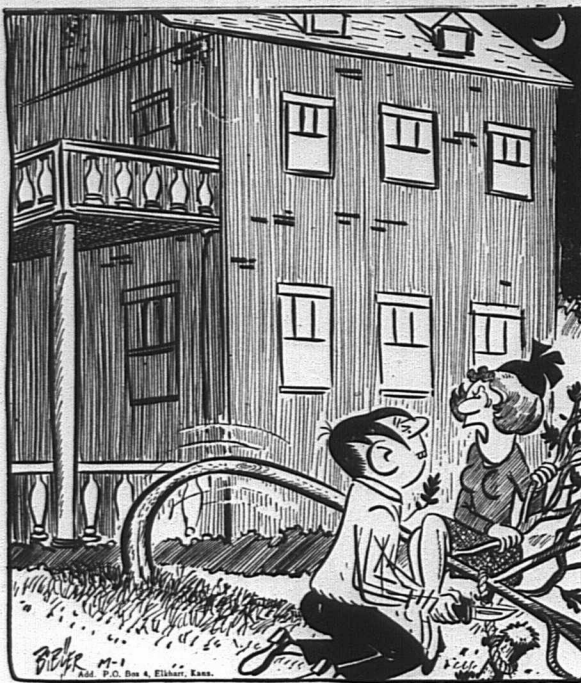
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## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



Dear Editor,

After several years of wondering why the Pantry remains a storehouse for books instead of being used for a much-needed social center on campus, Houghton students should be informed that operating it again is a financial impossibility. The Student Senate investigation has made it clear that the Pantry cannot be opened.

There is a definite need on campus, however, for a social center where the students may meet away from the class rooms which are frequented daily and for extended periods of time. There would be a greater feeling of unity among Houghton students, I believe, if this center could be located on the campus itself, rather than in the village.

At present, there are many plans for new buildings to be erected on Houghton's campus in coming years. The student body, however, has not been made aware of any plans for the building of student union. If there are such plans it would be advisable to inform the students that they are in existence. However, if no plans for a student union building have been made, I feel that the present student body should investigate the possibility for the students who will be coming to Houghton in future years. This is our school and there is no necessity for our contributing to causes which do not seem essential to us when it is within our power to make suggestions for those projects which we feel are more important for the well-rounded college education of Houghton's future student bodies.

"Interested"

Dear Editor,

I appreciate the above letter showing an interest on the part of the students in the development program of our college. The Development Committee, consisting of approximately 50 businessmen, alumni, trustees, faculty and friends of the college, are not totally unaware of this problem, and some factors affecting their thinking should be pointed out.

The Pantry was discontinued in June, 1953, because at that time it was financially impossible to run successfully two inns on the amount of trade made possible by the students and townspeople in our community. At that time the Student Senate made a study of the problem and

concluded with the administration that the operation was financially unsound.

The problem of a social center, however, is larger than that of a soda bar. Twin Spruce Inn and the recreation hall are but steps to answer this problem. Probably the next step would be the releasing of the basement of East Hall for its intended purpose, a recreation area as large as that of the lounge above it. For several years the college has been attempting to locate the maintenance shops in facilities of their own. A committee of the board is working on the location of this area. Realistically, however, this area may not be available until after the wing is added to East Hall because of the economics involved in having these shops nearby.

The master plan for college development includes a Student Union Building, perhaps to be located in the area now occupied by the Pop Mills' house. The architect is urging the college to get this and other buildings in blueprint form as soon as possible. Some ground work on this has already been done, yet the actual plans for this building have not been drawn. This building will probably house a complete cafeteria, lounge and reading room areas, club rooms, etc.

The erection date of this building cannot be stated as the development committee has not come to grips with the problem. Again to be realistic, the committee in its most recent meeting suggested we give priority to a new library, as that too, is a necessity and is at the heart of an academic program.

We feel that the Student Union Building is an integral part in the expansion program for Houghton College and are sympathetic to all who would wish that the campus of 1970 were a present reality.

Sincerely,  
Robert Luckey

## Engagement

Mrs. Melville Arthur Rose of Buffalo, N. Y., announces the engagement of her daughter, Barbara ('55), to Lemuel Pipher of Waverly, N. Y. The wedding will take place in February.

## Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wheeler ('56) announce the birth of a son, Stephen Edward, born on October 26. Edward Wheeler is a student at Gordon Divinity School in Beverly Farms, Mass.

## Bifocal



BY

Marilyn and Bob

### THE PILGRIM'S SPIRIT

As we write BIFOCAL under the shadow of Manhattan Towers, the calendar tells us that it's the day after Thanksgiving; the clock says that if we were where we should be today, it would be 11 o'clock chapel; the pocketbook says "Today is costing you \$5.00;" the radio says "36 inches of snow in Western New York; New York City and vicinity: clear and pleasant;" the parents say, "Why doesn't Houghton give you this weekend off? Every other college does;" the stomach says, "Whee-Whoo! No bag lunches!" . . . and we say, "HI AGAIN!"

### MCS TV

Closed circuit TV has finally arrived in Houghton. At a recent banquet held in honor of Jim (The Wire-tapper) Vaus, several campus personalities found themselves the stars of Houghton's first TV spectacular, "The MCS Hour." Is entertainment here to stay?

### JUST IN CASE . . .

. . . you haven't read, the *Lantern* is conducting a limerick contest, which begins in this issue of the *Star*. Every poet (know it or not) ought to enter, as well as every non-poet. Our small interest in the publication merits our enthusiasm. Incidentally, any plagiarism will be prosecuted before the Student Senate, and you know how serious that is.

### THE SPORTSMEN AMONG US

The Student Senate deserves credit for the fine skating party it threw at Wellsville. Those who did attend enjoyed an evening of un-over-crowded skating, paced by organ music which was neither a conglomeration of un-jazzed old English 6th chords nor Bach-and-roll!

### FLORIDA ANYONE?

The winter season (November 1 to June 15) is here. For the benefit of Freshmen who have not yet experienced this annual phenomenon, we will not ruin their surprise by mentioning the absence of Spring, the St. Bernards, the campus igloos, or the wool graduation gowns. In fair warning, however, we quote from what might have been in the Erie newspaper: "Opportunity for Christmas employment: we need students to shovel snow for three weeks for this, the first blizzard of the year."

### DECK THE HALLS!

Boughs of holly? Well, not exactly. 'Tis the season to be jolly — and in the spirit of the season, the dining rooms will become their jolliest of the entire year. Snow flakes, stars, streamers, teddy bears, dachshunds, cupid dolls and an unbelievable assortment of various animals, borrowed from the toy-boxes of Gao's women, will be hanging (of course) from the ceilings, lending the appearance of the Armour Packing House to the decor and breeding terror to all students over 5'2".

### LUNATICS AND LOVERS

If you missed the big event of early morning, Sunday, November 18, you missed the last total eclipse until 1960. Local astronomers were out *enforce* to observe the phenomenon. (Ridiculous rumors say that East Hall women were prohibited to enjoy the show). However, it is true that with the absence of moonlight there were locally no couples about. And when the moon was un-eclipsed, there were no couples about. We rather suspect that when it is 1960, there still won't be couples about.

## Campus Calendar

Friday, November 30 — Lecture: Irving Cheyette Jr.-Frosh Basketball Game  
Monday, December 3 — Sr.-Frosh Basketball Game  
Wednesday, December 5 — General Recital, Church Jr.-Soph Basketball Game  
Friday, December 7 — Artist Series: Eastman Woodwind Quintet  
Sunday, December 9 — Oratorio, Church  
Monday, December 10 — Sr.-Jr. Basketball Game  
Wednesday, December 12 — Recital: Howard Bauer, Chapel  
Thursday, December 13 — Class Parties  
Soph-Frosh Basketball Game

# Third Artist Series, Eastman Quintet, and Town Meeting: Communism Christmas Banquet Planned For Dec. 7



The Eastman Woodwind Quintet, composed of men who are major faculty members of the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester, will present the third artist series concert of the '56-'57 season, on Friday evening, December 7. The annual Christmas banquet will be held in the college dining hall the same evening. The Gaoyadeo girls will decorate the dining hall; East Hall girls will be in charge of the banquet.

The artist series ensemble, composed of a flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and French horn, has met with success in Rochester and the whole of Western New York. Each of the players of the Eastman Quintet is a first chair player in the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. One of the players also performed with the Cleveland Orchestra; another has recorded several contemporary works.

The program, consisting of Chamber music, will include selections from Beethoven, Bach, Debussy, Irving Fine and Jean Francaix. The players all admit that the playing of chamber music together affords a fine contrast to the many hours of orchestral playing and teaching which make up the bulk of their full schedules.

Tickets for the concert will be on sale in the lower hall of Luckey Building on December 6 and 7, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.



## Will Rioting Hungarians Cause Turning Point?

BY STANLEY SANDLER

### CRISIS IN COMMUNISM

In the space of a few months, the communist empire has been racked by a crisis such as it has never faced before in its long, bloody history.

Although the upheaval started with the death of the iron Soviet dictator Stalin in 1953, the crisis in leadership came to a point in February of this year. This date may very well be looked upon as the turning point in history. For it was then that Communist Party boss Khrushchev delivered to the Soviet Presidium, composed of the leaders of Russian Communism, an address in which he denounced in bitter terms the crimes and blunders of Joseph Stalin. Considering that Stalin had been almost deified in life, the party leaders took his downgrading with remarkable calm. But a new philosophy was in the wind; one that opposed Stalin's "cult of the individual" and his emphasis on the military at the expense of the people. A "new deal" was proclaimed for the Soviet and satellite peoples. A few political concessions were made, some consumer goods began to appear and the international political climate became less tense. The men of the Kremlin knew that they were taking a calculated risk. A little freedom can be a dangerous thing, and the Soviet Satellites were no exception. But all went well until June. Then Polish workers at Poznan demonstrated against bad working conditions, and soon all Poland was in ferment. In October came the final blow. The people of Hungary rose up in fury against not just Soviet imperialism but communism as well. The Soviets may have won the field in a military sense, but in every other way they have suffered a stunning defeat. Any pretense of the Soviet Union being the protector of small nations was blasted. The revolt stripped away the miserable facade that Soviets had built around their satellites; a false-front that proclaimed these countries free nations, people's paradises with total popular support. But Hungary revealed to the world the naked military force that alone supports the Communist regimes. We have all been shocked by the brutal events of the Hungarian bloodbath. Many nations have offered help in many ways. Here at Houghton we chose to eat a light supper Tuesday evening in order to send \$100 to Hungarian refugees in Austria.

### EFFECT ON THE KREMLIN

But what effect will this disaster have on the Red rulers in the Kremlin? The first reaction, one that is already taking place, is a struggle between the moderate post-Stalinists (Khrushchev, Bulganin) and the old-line tough Stalinists represented by the Army, Molotov and Kaganovich. If the Stalinists come out on top, we can be sure of increasing world tension of the Berlin Blockade and Korea types. The screws will be tightened on the satellites. But whoever wins out in this gangster-style struggle for power, world Communism will never recover from the effects of this ideological about-face and satellite uprising. Stripped of much of its prestige, and discredited throughout the world, Communism can only grope for solution by compromise or desperate military crack-down. Either course it takes will be one that hastens its own doom. Increased concessions will result in increased demands for more freedom and better economic conditions. A return to Stalinism will pit Russia against the rest of the world. If the breach between the United States and Europe, brought about by the Anglo-French invasion of Egypt, can be healed, the free world will present a solid front to a crumbling Communist empire. In that day only can the world hope for peace.

## Gloom Reigns In Star Office; Zoology Student Boils Mascot

IN MEMORIAM — Miss Ina (Jack) Quitty, the Star office kitty, was recently boiled and deboned by a certain zoology student for the cause of science. There is gloom in the Star office, and Sin in kitty-heaven.

Once upon a time there lived a kitten — innocent, young and eager to live a normal cat's life of service to man: anxious to amuse cat-loving ladies, to protect man's children from rats and to keep his food from mice. The kitten was happy and trusting in anticipation of her feline altruism.

In another part of town there lived a zoology student, George Zoo — coldly scientific, heartless and cruel. All principles and morals he was willing to sacrifice to the questionable cause of a zoology grade.

One day the two personalities, the altruistic kitten, and the Rappaccinian student, met in a lonely spot on campus. "Mew," thought the kitten to herself. "Perhaps if I purr and cuddle, this young man will give me a dish of milk."

"Ah-ha!" thought the wicked George Zoo. "If I pretend to be a friendly cat-lover, I can trick her into my trap!"

And so the trusting kitten was beguiled by the deceitful Zoo student. Still stroking her soft furry head, the student carried her into the laboratory. "I've got one," he cried with cruel glee.

"It's awfully small," another student called out from behind a microscope.

"You don't mean you're feeling pity, do you?" asked our George M. Zoo, with an expression of disgust.

"Oh, not that," he replied reassuringly. "I just meant that her bones will be so small!"

"Oh well," said the cat captor, "I'll have to make them do."

And still, hypocritically, he stroked the kitten's head.

And the trusting kitten purred.

She purred until she was ethered. And boiled. And deboned. And studied.

Many years later, we find Dr. George Zoo, a prominent physician, and his wife, June, who lived in a large old house in a small town. But their house was plagued with rodents! Squirrels scurried across the roof; rats rushed around in the cellar; mice massacred their pantry supplies. Traps and poisons and exterminators would not suffice. The rodents still reigned supreme.

"There is only one solution," said Mrs. George Zoo. "We must get a cat."

George Zoo felt no warmth in his heart for cats, but he knew that expediency demanded such a step.

One day George came home from the SPCA with a purring kitten under his arm. And the kitten ate mice and grew into a cat. And became wiser and bigger and stronger. And she made many cat friends with whom she was seen to hold mysterious meetings in the cellar. When petted,

she purred, but not in ignorance, for a very intelligent cat was this one, and loyal to the name and memory of catdom.

One weekend, George and June Zoo went away, leaving kitty to live on mice. When they returned, they found their home strangely lit up. As they opened the door, they heard an unusual bubbly sound from the kitchen.

"Wait here," said George to June. Stealthily, he made his way to the kitchen. The bubbly sound grew louder and louder. And the atmosphere grew hot and steamy.

Then he saw it.

On the stove was a huge kettle, and stirring it were a group of neighborhood cats, each seven feet tall. And they were all purring, gleefully. Two other seven-foot felines grabbed him as he entered the kitchen door. "Bring him over here," said his own kitty. He was screaming. They were purring.

"Help!" he screamed, as they dragged him toward the kettle.

June Zoo came running into the kitchen.

Two other seven-foot felines caught her. She felt their long-long whiskers brush against her as they heaved her into the scalding pot. George made the second splash.

The kittens joined paws and circled the steaming kettle, singing:

"Gone the days of degradation;  
Now the great retaliation.  
Double double toil and trouble,  
George will burn and June will bubble."  
— M.D.J.

## Book Review . . .

BY JOEL SAMUELS

POLITICS FOR CHRISTIANS  
William Meuhl, Association Press,  
New York, 1956.

Note: The library recently received this book.

*Politics for Christians* is an attempt to bring into focus the relevance of Christian faith to the political life in America, and to urge the Christian to take the responsibility of freedom.

The author gives an analysis of the political situation in America as it relates to the rugged individualism of the typical American. Through a discussion of irresponsibility, monastic religion and personality politics, the author points out that most voters fail to come to grips with the real problems of their government and its leaders.

## Senate Sponsors Thanksgiving Party

A combined Junior and Freshman ensemble, presenting a group of traditional Thanksgiving songs, highlighted the Student Senate sponsored Thanksgiving Day party in the East Hall lounge, Thursday evening.

Readings by Pauline Foss and David Buck and competitive games among the classes made up the rest of the program, which was concluded with Scripture readings to a musical background, followed by refreshments.

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After devoting a chapter as to how Christian principles help us to understand the nature of democracy, the author moves on to party politics and the sources of political power. The problem of independent parties is given due consideration, with the author pointing out that such a type of political action has obvious limitations.

The last two chapters are very up-to-date, discussing specific issues on the current scene and the church-state problem.

The Christian citizen, in finding his role in life, needs to be informed of his responsibility to the government. This book will provide him an introduction.

## Lanthorn Opens Limerick Contest

There was a young Freshman named Ben,  
For sleeping he had a great yen.  
No problem, this case,  
He soon found his place,  
At night school from seven to ten.

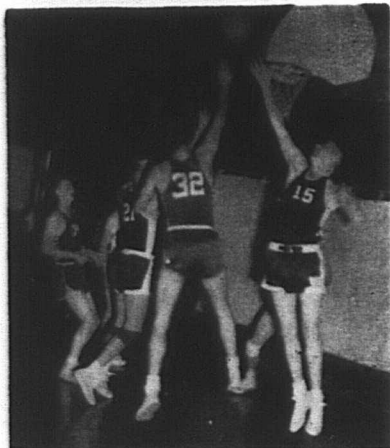
The 1957 LANTHORN announces, by way of preview, a Limerick Contest! Each remaining issue of the *Star* this semester will give you a chance to submit what may be a prize-winning limerick. And the prize? A free copy of the 1957 *Lanthorn*! Any prep-school or college student is eligible.

Above is a sample of what you can do. We supply the first two lines; you fill in the rest. Each remaining issue of the *Star* will feature another two lines. The winning limerick will be printed in the next *Star*, and prize-winning limericks as well as runner-ups will have a chance of being printed in the *Lanthorn*!

Have your entry in Intra-Campus mail by Thursday morning, December 6th. Address it to the Editor, Marilyn Johnson. (clip here)

There was a young Freshman named Ben,  
For sleeping he had a great yen.

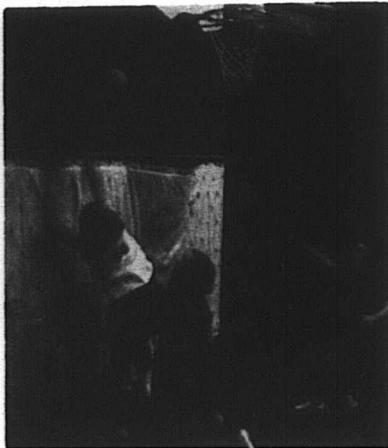
by —



Sophs-61, Frosh-33: Sheesley battles foe, Barnett, for rebound.



Theron Rockhill starts jump shot as Sheesley screens for him.



Sophs-66, Frosh-34: C. Yoder, attempting shot, is slammed against the boards by L. Gilmore.

## Junior Men Seek First Win In Tonight's Doubleheader

The class basketball race continues tonight, with the winless Freshman class taking the floor against the scrappy Juniors.

The Juniors, who lost to the Seniors in their opener 68-67, are favored to win against an inexperienced Frosh team that has yet to show any offensive punch or rebounding strength. Dave Cauwels and Clyde Michener will start as forwards, and Bruce Hess, who showed unexpected rebounding strength, will jump center. Lyman Wood and Ray Bohn will bring the ball up court.

### Seniors Triumph 68-67 In Opener

The class of 1958 served notice, November 14, to the other three classes that they are not going to be satisfied with anything less than the class crown. They lost to the Seniors 68-67, but gave every reason to believe that their winning the crown is not impossible.

Never ahead, except early in the game, they came from a 60-53 deficit to tie the game at 65 all. Don Charles, however, who entered the game late, missed a foul shot with the score at 68-65, to make a final field goal by Dave Cauwels with thirty seconds remaining not quite enough.

Dave Cauwels led the Juniors with 22 points and Chuck Gommer had 23 for the Seniors.

The Freshmen, who are anxious to redeem their showing against the formidable Sophs in the opener for both teams, which the Freshmen lost 61-33, will probably field the same starting lineup. Rugged Bob Norton will team up with alternates Jim Banker and Dean Barnett at forward, and Jim Walker will play the pivot. Ron Waite and Ernie Volutis will start at guard. Game time is 9 p.m.

The Junior women, who are tied with the Sophs for the league lead, will face the Freshmen at 7:30. Sylvia Carver, Molly Castor and Lois Chapman will again start as forwards; and Shirley Dye, Marilyn Markee and Carol Hazlett will play guard. The Juniors seem to be the last hope for the Freshmen and Seniors. They have not met the Sophs yet, and probably are the only team who have a chance to beat the league leaders. The freshmen can take advantage of the fact that the Juniors may be looking ahead to their game with the Sophs and, with one game under their belts, they might surprise observers.

Bonnie Boggs, Dotty Hoffman and Sarah Peck show possibilities of rounding into a potent set of forwards, and Coach Ian Lennox has a number of girls to choose for the guard posts. Tody Jackson, Elsie Stumpf and Laura Gilmore seem to have the edge here.

## Sophomore Juggernaut Tops Senior Men; Soph Girls Crush Senior Title Aspirations

The Sophomore basketball teams are prepared and adequately equipped to make a shambles of the class league race.

Both the men's and women's teams racked up decisive victories, Nov. 26, the former trouncing the Senior men 73-54, and the latter methodically chopping down the Senior women 50-33.

After a fairly close first half, in which a last-gasp spurt by the Seniors whittled the Soph lead to 29-27, the Sophomores gradually pulled away to a convincing victory. The Sophomores jumped to an 8-0 lead on baskets by Taylor, Sheesley, Trasher and Percy, and after Burton's set had lessened the margin to 12-7, Rockhill sank a foul, and Trasher scored on a tip-in to make it 15-7. The Seniors tenaciously dogged the winners' heels until Gommer's foul made the score 29-27.

Gommer opened the second half by scoring on a lay-up and Brumagin followed with a one hander to make it 31-29, Seniors. Their lead was short lived, however. Sheesley sank a one hander to make it 38-34, and then Don Trasher widened the lead to 44-34 on three consecutive baskets — a drive-in, a set and a one hander from underneath. Gommer retaliated with a one-hander but Percy fast broke for two, and Trasher scored again from underneath to put the game beyond reach at 50-38.

Trasher led the Sophs with 28 points and Sheesley pumped in 16. Gommer led the Seniors with 17, and Burton notched 13.

The Sophomore girls kept pace with their male cohorts by smashing the Seniors, the defending champs, 50-33. Charlotte Yoder maintained her twenty-six point average by pumping in that exact total, and Alice Banker contributed fourteen to seal the Seniors' apparent doom concerning a fourth straight title.

The Sophomores ran up a ten point lead at 14-4 that proved insurmountable. Marge Harbers and Marty Cronk led the Seniors in a surge that brought them to 19-13, but they never got any closer. Marge scored 17 points, and Marty scored 12.

### Sophs - 61, Frosh - 33

The Sophomore juggernaut is ready to roll. Displaying marked versatility in all phases of the game, the Green and White easily ran up a 61-33 victory over the Frosh.

Early in the game, after the Freshmen had pulled to a 9-6 score, the Sophomores spurted to widen the gap to 20-12, and from that point on, everything was perfunctory. They almost doubled the Freshman score at half, leaving the floor with a 35-18 lead. During the second half, Coach

Gordon substituted freely, but his bench only succeeded in mounting the score even higher. The individual scoring was evenly divided among the Sophs. Sheesley led with 14, followed by Trasher with 13 and Taylor with 10. Bob Norton was the bright spot for the freshmen, notching 14 points, and rebounding well. The game was decided on the strength of outside shooting by Taylor, Rockhill and Hammond; and underneath the basket where the Sophs, with Sheesley, Percy and Trasher, topped the Freshmen three to one.

### Soph Girls - 66, Frosh - 34

The female half of the Sophomore basketball powerhouse matched their male counterparts, November 19, by rolling over the Freshman girls 66-34.

Charlotte Yoder, whose rebounding and ball-handling were outshone only by her shooting, edged Alice Banker, about whom the same can be said, by one point for scoring honors. Charlotte scored 27 and Alice rang up 26. Carol Demarest, Barb States and Maria Schegg held a sur-

prising potent Frosh offense to 34 points. Sara Peck caged 22 points for the Freshmen in a lost cause.

The Frosh stayed fairly close until the second half. They trailed at half time 34-21, but simply could not match the skill of the Sophomores.

## Star Initiates All-Star Poll To Rouse Spectator Interest

Is Don Trasher more valuable to his team than Dick Sheesley? Is Shirley Dye a better guard than Fran Stine? Is Chuck Gommer a better ball hawk than Theron Rockhill? Do the Seniors depend on Marty Cronk more than the Freshmen rely on Sarah Peck? Is Gordy Beck the best all-around basketball player in the school, as has been generally conceded by most fans? Is Bob Norton a possible future star?

The Star sports department is sponsoring an All-Star basketball poll in which you, the amateur observer, will have ample opportunity to give vent to your opinions. You have noisily voiced your ideas by cheering loudly at basketball games and have sagely announced your own unofficial All-Star squad, without anyone paying

heed to your words. To all who have suffered in silence and who think that it is impossible for one man to choose the best team, this poll will serve as a whipping post.

First, it should be made clear what this poll is not. It is not a poll to select the Varsity. Coach Wells selects the Varsity and awards letters. This squad will not constitute the Varsity, but will merely be a group of players, who you think are qualified to constitute the All-Star squad. Secondly, this poll is not being taken to decide who is the most handsome, or the best grandstander, or the worst sportsman on the court. In short, it is not a popularity contest. Selections are to be made on quality of performance alone.

We are organizing the poll to give

## Jr. Girls Stifle Sr. Title Quest

After winning three consecutive championships, the Senior women can expect to experience something altogether new this year. This is not the same team that ran up a stellar string of victories for three years. Squirt Mein and Jimmie Gilliam are gone, and the Juniors wreaked vengeance in the opener for both teams. They won easily 29-13, despite the fact that Alice Banker, their scoring star for the past two years, is now playing with the Sophomores.

Sylvia Carver, Molly Castor, who has switched from guard, and Lois Chapman proved more than a match for the Senior defensive trio, which played without their star, Fran Stine; Fran switched to offensive center, to replace Marge Harbers. Sylvia led the winners with 13 points, and Molly had no difficulty in making the adjustment from defense to offense by scoring 12.

Marty Cronk, on whom the Seniors have depended for three years, again was their leading scorer with 11 points.

## Seth Says:-

Nobody Asked Me, But --



I think the Sophomores have come up with a team comparable to the Janowsky, Heintz, Butler, Burton and Hagelman aggregation of a few years ago. They are loaded with adept ball handlers, rugged rebounders and accurate shooters. Barring an unforeseen upset or an inordinate attitude of complacency, they should coast in. Char Yoder and Alice Banker are equally unstoppable, and with Barb States and Carol Demarest, like blankets on defense, they should waltz to the women's crown. . . . The players in House League are apathetic this year, to say the least. Four of the six games scheduled to date have been forfeits, one a double forfeit. Should they stop to consider, they will be startled to discover that they are wasting the time and money that the P.E. Department spend, in paying referees and lighting the gym. And yet some of these players would argue that indifference would be no problem if Houghton adopted an intercollegiate program. . . . Dick Sheesley is the best rebounder and team man in the school. . . . Here is something to kick back and forth, while quaffing the brew or batting the breeze — concerning intercollegiate sports, the *Wheaton Record* quotes Jack Daniels, in *Moody Monthly*, as follows: "The excellent public notice given to Christian institutions is worth whatever expense is involved. Certainly the excellent testimony Wheaton's basketball team gave at Kansas City last year was worth the whole season's work." . . . After reading the write-ups about dear old embattled Notre Dame and their "tremendous" struggle against odds this fall, we are tempted to eulogize the Senior girls as they valiantly fight to repeat as champs for the fourth consecutive year. We beg off. The Seniors have had their day of pouring it on their opponents and now can expect to absorb some of their own punishment. We hope they accept their drubbings with a modicum of rationalization and sentimentality about such old-guard stalwarts as Fran Stine and Marty Cronk. To have to endure more of the maudlin tales of woe that partisan Irish sports writers have dished out about "heroic" Paul Hornung and his beleaguered, injury-riddled teammates as they have taken it on the chin week after week, is a trial I wouldn't even wish on Francis Wallace. . . . Don Trasher has passed Don Thompson in the race for the ACADEMY AWARD (Apologies to Jimmy Cannon).

the amateur Houghton sports fan, who prides himself as somewhat of an expert, an opportunity to put his shrewd observations on paper, so that they will amount to something more than the average verborrhea heard in bull sessions or the abundance of remarks heard in the gym, at the Inn or in the dorms.

To qualify for the All-Star squad, a player must play in at least one-half of his or her class games, at least one-half of the Purple-Gold games and at least one of the two Varsity contests. Freshman men and women are eligible. The intangibles to consider are such skills as rebounding, shooting accuracy, shooting percentage, value to his team (in other words, how well would his team have done without him?), passing ability, teamwork, accuracy at the foul line and ability to contribute to his team's success under pressure.

We ask everyone to participate. Keep a weather eye peeled during the Class, Color and Varsity male and female basketball season, and then fill out the Star ballot you will find in your mail box along about March 15th. If as many fans participate in the balloting as have participated in the verbal arguments, the sports department will gladly hire an adding machine to count the votes.

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