

## NEW MAY 17 PROGRAM PROPOSED

Freshmen Take Honors  
In 1950 Literary Contest

The freshman class walked off with a large majority of the top honors in the 1950 Literary Contest. This contest which has been held each year since 1913 reveals the best talent in the three departments of writing—the essay, the short story, and the poem.

In the short story division this year, the freshmen made a clean sweep of the top honors. Janice White's "Fallen Star" took first place; "The Conversion of Father Dryer," by Arlene Hess, captured second place; and Grace Reiter's "The Compass Points North" took third.

In the poetry division, Anne Rabenstein, a senior, took first place with "Sonnet on Kenilworth." "The Iconoclast," by Arthur Davis, also a senior, was second, and sophomore David Skofield was third with "Could I Have Been?"

In the essay division, "Musings and

Memories of Grandma's House," by Shirley Smith, was first. Freshman Janice Straley's "On Radio Commercials" was second, and Jean Forquer, also a freshman, took third place with "Fifteen Minutes Past."

The short story contest was judged by members of the English department of Alfred University, while Mary Dukeshire, Houghton '45, and others whom she selected judged the poetry contest. Jane Crosby, Houghton '49, and other employees of the Free Methodist Publishing House at Winona Lake, Indiana, judged the essay contest.

Houghton's Art  
Exhibited Recently

Professor Maynard McConn's Painting, depicting cymbals, records, and a baton, received a majority vote of 56 from those who attended the art exhibit which was held in room S-24 during the Artist Series intermission on April 28. The exhibit consisted of entries by art students of Mr. and Mrs. H. Willard Ortlip.

Betty Dilling's underpainting in rose and red received second place with 52 votes. Iola Jones' arrangement of Japanese lanterns was third and received 32 votes. Fourth place was held by Janet Doepp for her painting of velvet and pottery. Barbara Ashcroft obtained fifth place.

In a separate decision made by the art faculty, Henry Koval's picture of the cabbage obtained the most favor, with Esther Maurer's painting of a Chinese obelisk, taking second place. Dolores Rhynard's ivy and Chinamen was third, and Iola Jones' painting was their fourth choice.

A sculptured head of Ruth Fink, done by Neil Arnold, was also in the exhibit. The design and composition class displayed picture analysis projects in which they employed a method originated by Mrs. Ortlip. They sketched a black and white pattern of a professional picture and then reproduced the scene in clay. "In this way," Mrs. Ortlip said, "the student can understand the mind of the painter."

Editor Speaks  
To Upperclassmen  
At Banquet

The challenge for the college graduates of 1950 is "the sowing of the words of Jesus Christ throughout the hearts of the world." These words were spoken by Dr. Robert Walker, editor of *Christian Life* magazine, in speaking at the annual Junior-Senior Banquet of Houghton college, which was held in the dining hall of St. Bonaventure college in Olean last Saturday evening.

Dr. Walker told of the numerous



opportunities for Christian men and women throughout the world, in religious education and in bringing the gospel of salvation to those who are seeking it today. "The home," he said, "is the key to prosperity," and until Christianity is spread through the homes of the world, there will continue to be strife and unrest. Mr. Walker remarked on the growing spread of revival in the city of Hollywood, California, and commented that when there is a search for spiritual truth as there is in that locality, it is time to stop finding fault with their actions and to start praying for their needs. He concluded that "Our concern is Christ alone," and the duty of every Christian is to continue the spreading of His ministry in every way.

Robert Walker is assistant professor of journalism at Wheaton college and sales manager of the Scripture Press, as well as being assistant to the president of Club Aluminum Products company.

The dinner of stuffed roast turkey, was sponsored by the Class of '51 in honor of the Class of '50. Arthur VanCampen was master of ceremonies and music was provided by a string trio including Marion Senft, Florence Crocker and David Naglee.

## Appreciation

We wish to express our appreciation to the student body for the flowers, and the many expressions of sympathy on the death of our brother.

John M. Putney

Mr. and Mrs. Tarbell Lamos

Daisy Mae will not chase Li'l Abner at Houghton this year. Sadie Hawkins' Day was abolished in a recent faculty meeting, because: (1) rules set up for Sadie Hawkins' Day observances in the past have not been adhered to, (2) the event has had a tendency to create a loss of dignity which endangers the school's reputation, (3) the use of cars for chasing has created a danger from the standpoint of physical well-being, and (4) confusion and disturbances have resulted in the dining hall and dormitories.

Since this late action has seemingly deprived the student body of a looked-forward-to-release from the usual college grind, the Student Senate called a special meeting last Tuesday afternoon to see if some program could be adopted as an alternate to the annual event. President Phillip Roddy at first expressed a view which is probably characteristic of many, that students were not given the opportunity to remedy the problem, perhaps the remedy could be found if students were given a second chance to find a solution.

To this, Dr. Freida Gillette, faculty representative and adviser of the Senate, pointed out that for the last three years there had been understandings that Sadie Hawkins' Day

affairs would not be taken into buildings and that each year it had been done. She went on to say that the abolishment of Sadie Hawkins' Day was not to generalize, but to get away from the type of thing we should not have on this campus—to rescue it from what is, to what it ought to be. The only way to preserve dignity is to present an entirely different thing in an entirely different way, since there is no practical way to bring about control of the present type of celebration. The faculty probably would not accept a modification of Sadie Hawkins' Day, but they would be glad to give privileges which have led to the success of Sadie Hawkins' Day on other campuses and which are a nice evening meal and girls' asking fellows by invitation, she said.

From this discussion the Senate drew up a program which they will present to the faculty for approval soon. The proposed program will take place Saturday evening, May 17, after the purple-gold track meet and will provide that girls ask boys for dates in the same manner that the fellows ask, with the stipulation that no fellow may refuse a date unless he does not plan to take part in the evening's activities. Girls will escort their dates to dinner, which will be a dress occasion, and then to the planned entertainment of the evening which, as proposed, might include a Christian movie followed by devotions on the hillside.

Senft Plays In  
Buffalo Contest

Marian Senft, an organ major, participated in a contest for young organists in Buffalo on Monday, April 24. The contest, sponsored by the Buffalo chapter of the American Guild of Organists, was held at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Buffalo.

The three selections Miss Senft played were "Dorian Loccato" by Bach, three movements from the "Grands Piece Symphonique" by Franck, and the hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today."

Miss Senft is an organ student of Professor Charles Finney.

## 11:57 . . .

It is "three minutes to twelve." The majority of visiting ministers during the recent Ministerial Refresher Course were almost all of the same mind—that we are living in the last days. As the Rev. Roy Gibbs, pastor of the Wesleyan Church of Levant, New York, said, "I think it is really three minutes to twelve. Therefore we need to be more vigilant and aggressive for the Lord." The Rev. Clarence Barnett of the Rich Valley Wesleyan Church, Emporium, Penna., agrees that the time is short. He added, "Even if there were thirty or forty years remaining, it would still be three minutes to twelve as we think of reckoning time."

An important question presented to these men was that of work expected of college students during vacation. All of those interviewed agreed with Rev. Daniel Hernz, pastor of Hess Road Wesleyan Church, Appleton, N. Y., who said, "I would expect help in the Daily Vacation Bible School and in the W.Y.P.S."

So, if you're wondering what to do this summer, be sure to include the Lord in your plans and offer your help to your own pastor.

## BACH FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 6, 3:15 p.m.

Student organ and instrumental recital in the church

8:00 p.m.—Faculty recital in the chapel

Sunday, May 7

"Passion of Our Lord according to St. John"

3:15 p.m.—Part I

7:30 p.m.—Part II

Monday, May 8, 3:15 p.m.

Student program in the chapel 8:00 p.m.—"Magnificat" at the church—A Cappella Choir

## Students See Exhibition

Several groups of students visited the Ortlip's exhibition of paintings at the Rundel Art Gallery in Rochester last week.

The exhibition, which contained paintings by the members of the Ortlip family, was well received by the critics and the public, and the Ortlips have been asked to make another exhibition next year.

## Correction

Two corrections have been requested by the Registrar's Office concerning releases to the *Star*.

The name of Delmar Hetherington was omitted from the list of those graduating with honors listed in the last *Star*. He will be graduating in August with Cum Laude honors.

An error of five tenths of a point was made in the grade point listing for Arthur Anderson in the mid-term Dean's List. He had a grade point of 4 instead of the 3.5 that was published.

Thompson Presents  
Senior Recital Wednesday

Miss Ellen Thompson, student of Prof. Alfred D. Kreckman, will present her senior recital next Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the chapel as partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree in Piano. Claire Ejov and Nina Borisuk will act as ushers.

Her program consists of the following repertoire: Sonata in F Minor, Op. 5—Brahms; Prelude in G Sharp Minor, Op. 32, No. 12—Rachmaninoff; Fantasia in F Minor, Op. 49—Chopin; Whippoorwill—Mason; Noturno-Respihi; Rhapsody in C

Major, Op. 11, No. 3—Dohnanyi.

During her four years at Houghton, she has participated in class, Purple, and Varsity basketball and Student Council, besides activities in music with the college girls' quartet for two years and the college orchestra for four years. She was soloist this year when the orchestra presented Schumann's Piano Concerto.

After graduation this June, Miss Thompson hopes to go to Columbia Graduate School for her Master's Degree.

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## New Constitution Can Be Successful

It is so easy to criticize, especially along the destructive line. It is, without a doubt, a trait of human nature to criticize, but some people seem to think it one of their inalienable rights and cherish it as they would a friend.

This "right" has been exercised quite freely during the past week concerning the newly devised constitution. It has been criticized as being written entirely to benefit the seniors. It has been said to contain too many faculty advisors, while some just criticize it on general principles. "It won't work," is about all you can get out of them.

It is only natural that a set of regulations which affect so many different personalities will be displeasing to some. It would be impossible to organize a constitution all of which would be agreeable to all the students.

I wonder if those who are so ready to criticize were at the meeting which was called on the 24th of April for the express purpose of securing student approval of the new constitution, or were they "too busy." I wonder, also, whether those of us who are so quick to criticize realize the long hours and hard work that our present student council have put into the formation of these regulations.

It is true that the new constitution is far from being perfect. Each of us can think of things that we would like to see changed, but we must all agree that it is a step in the right direction. Therefore, if we feel we must criticize, let us make it constructive criticism—something that will build rather than destroy.

## Competition Spurs School Politics

The new method inaugurated for screening candidates for student government is a definite sign that student affairs at Houghton are looking up. Educational institutions in general have been "blessed" by dry, uninteresting elections. Certain students are selected on the basis of their popularity or their ability in athletics, and the result is a lifeless organization which reacts passively to student requests or demands.

Under the plan recently set up by the Student Council, candidates are selected by the student body as a whole. There is no pressure brought to bear either by the faculty or previous student officers. Here is your chance, as an unnoticed student, to express your desires by signing petitions already circulating or to start a petition of your own, if you think you are qualified for any of the offices.

Often, a student who is not well known to the student officers proves to be a better officer than one constantly in the limelight. Previous to the new system, however, they would have had little chance to display their abilities. Now we can select the best on the grounds of their governing abilities, and, by the use of campaigning and campaign speeches, prove their worth to the student body.

The plan is a good one, but its success depends entirely upon the students' cooperation. Must we continue to have "another election," or can we make this an interesting event each year? Of course, it will take a while for us to become accustomed to the new system, but if we get behind it as a student body, it cannot help but be a huge success. By next year, we can begin our campaigning far enough in advance of election day to stir up considerable competition, and what student can resist honest competitive action?

No man undertakes a trade he has not learned, even the meanest; yet every one thinks himself sufficiently qualified for the hardest of all trades—that of government.—*Socrates*.

The will of the people is the only legitimate foundation of any government, and to protect its free expression should be our first object.—*Jefferson*.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Students are doubtless to blame for the wrappings, kleenex and envelopes that appear on the campus and on village lawns. They are not to blame for most of the debris along the bank by the side of college hill. Those boxes, bread papers, et cetera fly from the refuse truck week by week and leave the place something to apologize for.

The editorial in the high school *Star* was timely. This note will correct its one inaccuracy.

Let's all cooperate to make Houghton beautiful.

Yours truly,

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Dear Editor:

I hear that there will be no Sadie Hawkins' day this year. I would like to see the reasons for this decision published in the *Star*. Once a year we students get a chance to really let down our hair and forget we are "too collegiate" while we are mingling with our fellow students and profs. Why no S.H. Day?

Pleadingly,

Li'l Abner

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Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention that "Sadie Hawkins' Day" (Li'l Abner) has been removed from the list of extra-curricular activities. It seems to me after conversations with a good many of the students and also with some of the faculty, that this move does not receive the "whole-hearted" approval of "any" of them.

Therefore, acting upon the suggestions of my fellow students, I propose that "Twirp Season" (*Freckles and His Friends*) be instituted. No further explanation of "Twirp Season" is needed, I am sure.

Hopefully,

"Lard"

—HC—

## Changes Made Poole-Losacco

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kinkerton of Medina, New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Almeda Juanita Poole, to Mr. Joseph A. Losacco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Losacco of La Grange, Illinois. The date has not yet been set for the wedding.

## Smith-Locke

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph L. Smith of Seneca Castle, N. Y. announce the engagement of their daughter, Roberta Grace, to Ward Douglas Locke, ex '50, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Locke of Franklinville, N. Y. The wedding will take place June 18 in Seneca Castle.

—HC—

## Apologies

We wish to express our sincere apologies for the errors made in the obituary of Rev. Frank Heydenburk, as it appeared in last week's *Star*.

Mr. Heydenburk could not have been born in 1816, but was born rather in 1860. He was the son of Henry Heydenburk, not Harry. The nine years in which he studied for the ministry began at the age of 29, and he did not enter the ministry until after this preparation. Mrs. Frank Heydenburk never belonged to the Bible Presbyterian group, but at the time of her death, was a full member of the Houghton church.

## Goldfish Takes Trip Through Gilil Land

A small, happy gold fish was swimming merrily around in its glass house Monday evening at the Panich House, when a few of the "inmates" offered John Gililand a dollar if he would swallow it. After all, one cannot pass up such easy money when attending college, so down went the fish followed by Ritz crackers. The following poem is in memory of the little fish that should have gone to bed early.

At eleven p. m. on the first of May

Great history was made by a Panich stray.

To room number one, fellows gathered about,

To witness the end—not of a trout,

But of Hermon, the goldfish, who up to this time,

Saw nothing but gravel, seaweed, and slime.

His life was a drear one to live each day,

For his daddy Gfroerer never tried to convey,

What transpired continually outside that glass,

For there is no interest in carp, but only in bass.

But little did Hermon, the goldfish, discern

That times for better or for worse would turn.

Hermon travelled this day, but certainly was forced

To explore caverns that never were coured.

Amid the acclaim of the gathering crowd,

Little Hermon embarked under a darkening cloud.

"Destination unknown!" quickly raced through his head,

As quickly he slipped before word could be said;

Through channels, through rivers, amid the slime,

Feeling only the things which to him were a sign

Of that which had lived in ages gone by.

With a shriek of despair and a fish's cry

Little Hermon tried vainly to make them to see

What had happened because of a dollar fee.

The cavern convulsed, and rolled and shook

As the battle continued in the slimy brook.

But sad to say, after rescue was tried,

Hermon was gone and his goose was fried,

For attempts to bring him to surface did fail,

And nought that the spectators would do could avail.

The story is this in very brief form

If a Panich lad might simply conform.

Gililand the Gallant responded to the call,

And accepted the challenge, making our stomachs to crawl.

For a dollar he agreed, he would swallow the lad,

Alive and flopping, but grieving his dad.

Down went the fish, gills, fins and all.

"Destination unknown!" again echoed the call.

Then no sooner the depths Little Hermon had gone,

"Bring him back for a dollar!" came the pitiful song.

But his life he had sold, and the moral is this,

He could not revive the fish he did kiss.

Sorrowfully,

The Panich Mourners

## Clergy Hold Curriculum In Music Revised

The Music Department's revised curriculum for next year has been announced by Dr. King. Its major change is aimed to make sure that every music student will attain an adequate knowledge of the piano early in his college years. This was not always possible within the old schedule, but under the new curriculum additional piano hours will be required.

The new curriculum is made to conform to the newly adopted regulations of the N.E.S.M. All Music majors will be required to take a course in Survey of Music Literature, and very few electives will be allowed under the new plan since the number of credit hours will be cut down.

Another change is the enforcement of membership in the various music organizations by:

1. Specifying membership according to the student's applied work.
2. Equalizing the time spent in the various organizations.
3. Requiring students to register for membership in these organizations as if they were a regular course.
4. Giving grades and recording them.

These changes, however will not affect the present seniors.

Several faculty changes will also take place. Mr. Robert Noble will take Prof. Alger's classes during his one year leave of absence, and Mr. Harry Perison, present instructor in piano, will teach Professor McConn's classes.

## BAND TOUR

The Houghton College band left early Sunday morning, April 30, for three concerts in Wyoming, Gowanda, and Ebenezer.

After playing in the Wyoming Presbyterian church in the morning, the band traveled to Gowanda where they gave a concert in the afternoon for the patients of the State Hospital. Their last concert was performed that evening in Ebenezer.

# Student Constitution Adopted

After making several amendments to the new Student Senate Constitution, the Houghton College faculty members voted to accept it Thursday afternoon, April 27. With these amendments, the Constitution was voted upon by the student body in separate class meetings Monday, May 1, and passed by a large majority.

Article II, Sec. 3, which was included in the constitution passed by the student body, has not yet been voted upon by the faculty. It will have to be passed by the faculty before the constitution can go into effect.

Under the new plan of campaigning, petitions for the various offices are now being signed and must be handed in to Chairmaine Lemmon, secretary of the Student Council, not later than May 6.

## Amendments

### ART. I, Sec. 2, Cl. 2

The election of the officers shall be conducted by closed ballot on the first Wednesday of May at a compulsory chapel, under the direction of the president of the Student Senate, with no campaigning in the chapel . . .

### ART. I, Sec. 5

The Student Senate shall elect two advisors from four faculty members nominated by the faculty.

### ART. II, Sec. 1

The Student Senate shall have the authority, in harmony with faculty policies, to regulate student affairs . . .

### ART. II, Sec. 1, No. 1

(Strike out) . . . disciplinary . . .

### ART. II, Sec. 2, No. 2

. . . nominate from members of the Junior and Senior classes four candidates for each of the two following committees, Student Affairs and Spiritual and Cultural Life, from whom two shall be elected for each committee by the faculty.

### ART. II, Sec. 3

The president shall have power to call meetings of the student body. (ART. II, Sec. 3 becomes Sec. 4; Sec. 4 becomes Sec. 5; Sec. 5 becomes Sec. 6)

### ART. V, Sec. 1

Amendments shall be made in the following manner: they may originate in the Senate where a three-fourths vote of the quorum present shall be required, or among the students by a petition, signed by 12½ per cent of their number. The amendments shall be passed by two-thirds of the student body, and by the faculty.

### BY-LAWS I., A.

*Student Publications Committee.* Composed of the vice-president of the Student Senate as chairman, the editors and advisors of the BOULDER, LANTHORN, and STAR.

### I., A., No. 2

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### I., B., No. 3

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## TALK

A prominent psychologist has estimated that 17% of the conversation carried on by college students deals with the opposite sex. (and why not?) I wouldn't dream of contradicting so authentic a statement, but from the vantage point of a college student, being one myself, I would certainly place the percentage a great deal higher.

Not to reflect on the noble academic intentions of the majority of my colleagues, I must hasten to say this practice of discussing the dress, conversations, habits, temperaments, and techniques of members of the opposite sex is carried on mainly as a source of needed recreation, and relaxation from the tremendous burdens of the day. While we're not studying, we talk, and realizing the folly of wasted time, we use the spare moments profitably.

Being a member of the fair sex myself, I, of course, have become indoctrinated with all manner of information concerning the masculine population. I have learned, for instance, that college men, odd as it may seem, are impressed most by a girl's appearance, so say a number of my more nondescript friends. Men are such fools! They are conceited beyond measure, and take entirely too much for granted according to the majority of girls "going steady."

## Lumber Mill Gets Planer

Everett Gilbert, college supervisor of maintenance, traveled to New Berlin on Wednesday, April 25, where he picked up a used planer for the school lumber mill.

Later at Albany, Mr. Gilbert inspected a building under construction by the Decker Construction Company. This building is very similar to the new girls' dormitory and was inspected in view of borrowing equipment for the dormitory construction.

While at Albany Mr. Gilbert secured from war surplus about three-quarter ton of nails for the new dormitory, cabinet racks for radio station equipment, a new oxygen tent for the infirmary, magnets for the physics laboratory, and hammers, wrecking bars, oil and grease.

"Men are blind", is the wail of many of my dateless friends. Men are more bother than they're worth, one might conclude, judging from all this feminine propaganda, if evidences didn't indicate the contrary.

The fact remains, however, that this concerted airing of impressions, estimations, opinions concerning the masculine species in no way decreases or alters our interest in their welfare or our craving for their attention.

I may be an optimist or a fatalist, whichever it pleases you to label me, but I feel reasonably assured that we of the fair sex are also discussed far into the night by many a men's dorm "bullsession." This thought hardly worries me, however, for judging from their behavior, I would venture to say that it makes them no less arduous in their pursuit of feminine companionship. I'm just glad we're all psychologically sound college students.

## You

I love the crowd  
Because within that hurrying throng  
I may chance to glimpse your face.  
I love the room  
Where you so often sit and where  
Tomorrow you will take your place.  
I love the halls  
Where you have walked and talked  
And I may catch the echo of your voice.  
I love the books  
That you have handled with your hands;  
I envy them—for they are yours by choice.  
I cherish smiles  
That are so seldom mine and tuck  
Them in my heart for future dreams.  
I love the light  
That sparkles like a jewel in your eyes  
And carries sweet caresses in its gleams.  
I love the broadness  
Of your shoulders when you walk,  
The little droop they have when you are blue.  
And yet I love  
Because it's just another way to say  
That what I really love is you.

## Science Program

Two seniors, Glenn Ball and Charles Kaltenbaugh; and junior Lyle Kenehan attended the fourth annual Eastern College's Science Conference for undergraduates at Barnard College, Columbia University, April 28, 29. The program comprised field trips, lectures, demonstrations and exhibits prepared by visiting colleges. Of special interest was the presentation of papers on various types of research by undergraduate students. Doctor Edward Condon, Director of the National Bureau of Standards spoke at the Saturday evening banquet on the topic "Impressions of Science in India."

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## Klub Korner

### Expression Klub

At the regular meeting of the Expression Club, Wednesday, April 26, the members decided to concentrate their activities on radio work next year. The motion was made and carried that the Constitution be amended to meet the needs of the club. Next year, the club is planning an extensive program with the purpose of providing a medium in radio for students of English, Speech and other departments. An effort will be made to acquaint students with the possibilities and techniques of radio broadcasting.

As a finale for this year's work, a party is being planned by the club, at which officers for the next year will be elected, and anyone who is interested in the club will be invited to join. The date for this party will be announced soon.

### Klassical Klub

James Wagner, program chairman for the Classical club's annual Greek and Roman banquet to be held Wednesday, May 17, announced that plans for the banquet are being made by Richard Schnorbus and Helen Kolbe, chairmen of the program and food committees, respectively. This banquet marks the close of the club's activities for the school year.

### Torchbearers

The speaker in Torchbearer's meeting, Monday, May 1, was Arthur E. Smith of Toronto, Canada. He is a Bible teacher, evangelist, and musician, and was formerly bandmaster for the Cunard Line. Mr. Smith played a few numbers on his violin, and choruses from his own songbook were sung before the message.

### Fashion Show

Campus clothes, some from stores in Olean, will be modeled by Houghton students in the chapel Friday evening at 7:30 with Marjorie Helfers as narrator. Music students will provide background music.

The script has been written by the chairman, Miss Marion Bernhoft, and the lighting will be under the direction of Dr. Luckey.

### Room Gamble

Drawing for the girls' room reservations for next year were held on Monday afternoon, April 24. Miss Beck was assisted in the drawings by her secretary, Lily Porter, and Miss Bernhoft.

The first room to be chosen was one in Tucker House. The second and third choices were rooms 232 and 132, respectively, in the dormitory. The fourth choice was a room in Maplecrest, and the fifth room to be chosen was room 315 in the dormitory.

With the drawings completed, there are 84 empty spaces in girls' rooms compared with the 64 spaces of last year.

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## HEARTBEATS

by Grace Reiter

Eric lifted the latch on the door to the pantry and groped his way in the dark to the light switch. He stood a moment enjoying the smell of dampness and spices, and then standing on his tiptoes, he reached for the pickle jar. Solemnly he unscrewed the top to the Mason jar and drew out a long green slice with his stubby, brown fingers.

Outside in the sunshine everything seemed as usual. He soberly ate the pickle and licked the juice from his fingers with a very pink tongue before he decided to go down by the brook. Once there he sat on the rough plank bridge dangling his feet in the air. It was very hot and his wool Sunday suit clung damply to him. He listened to the bees, watched a frog jump along the bank, and thought. He thought with all the might and main his six year old mind could muster. He thought about how different Granny looked now that she was dead—like a picture—so still and peaceful. In that room up there where all the people were now, she was the only peaceful one; even his mom was crying. He thought about heaven, too, and wondered if maybe Granny was young again and sitting by a heavenly brook just like he was. That made him smile because he couldn't picture Granny without white hair and wrinkles and surely it must look funny to see a little old lady dangling her feet from a bridge.

Eric heard the screen door slam and saw his mother pause at the top of the path looking for him. He waved and watched her small figure as she approached. He had a wonderful Mommy, he thought. She was grown up enough to take care of him and yet she could be like a little girl, too, and know just how he felt about things. Now she took his hand and sat down beside him on the bridge swinging her own thin legs along side his.

"It's just the same out here, isn't it?" she said gravely looking at him and pushing a lock of his hair back where it belonged.

## Fund Raising Extended

Mr. E. Warren Richardson, college publicity director, announced this week that the closing date for the new dorm fund-raising campaign has been extended to May 20. This change has been made so that chapter chairmen and platoon leaders may have more time to approach their prospects.

Supervising contractor, Mr. Ellsworth Decker, of the Decker Building Company of Elmira, New York is donating one day of his working week to Houghton. Construction should begin this month according to the superintendent of construction, Mr. Lawrence Olsen.

## Hall's Articles Published In Japanese Language

Three articles written by Professor Bert Hall and published in *The Wesleyan Methodist* of April 1949, have been translated into the Japanese language by a Japanese Christian, and will be published in booklet form. The articles are: "What Is Modernism?", "What Is Neo-Supernaturalism?" and "What Is Christianity?"

## Houghton Plants Trees

Ten thousand evergreen trees and three thousand willow trees were given to Houghton College by the State Conservation Department of Saratoga Springs. The evergreens were planted on the Houghton hill-sides to stop erosion, and the willow trees will be used around the college pond for conservation purposes.

He nodded slowly and then shook his head. "It's the same, and yet different," he said wrinkling his forehead with the effort of trying to explain his feeling.

"I know what you mean," his mother said eagerly, "It's as if something underneath were missing."

They sat there listening quietly to the drone of the summer day. Eric cocked his head and then exclaimed, "I know what's missing, Mommy! It's the heartbeat that's gone."

His mother nodded her head slowly looking intently at his small brown hand in her white one. The tears that fell surprised them both and as they comforted each other, they were eased by the pulsing of each other's hearts.

## I Wrote Your Name

I wrote your name upon the seashore sands;

My finger was the tool that placed it there;

But then the waves rushed in upon the land.

Erased your name and left the sands all bare.

I traced your name upon the unmarked snow;

With loving care I wrote it there and then

The whirling wind puffed out his cheeks to blow—

One puff and all the snow was smooth again.

I wrote your name upon my beating heart;

My love for you engraved it deep and fine,

And nothing can erase it from this part

Because my life is guarding every line.

If I could see your heart, would it be bare,

Or would I find my name is written there?

## Cotts Celebrate Decade

The cutting of a twenty-two pound red and white cake will climax the open house to be held at the Cott House Saturday in celebration of their tenth anniversary at Houghton.

The Red and White grocery store, which is run by Mr. and Mrs. Worth Cott, started from no business at all in 1940 to the complete store it now is. The open house celebration will be observed by the twelve girls rooming at the Cott House, and all are invited to attend both the open house and the cutting of the cake Saturday evening.

Mr. Cott announced that twenty-four pen and pencil sets will be given away to those persons guessing nearest to the correct number of old coins in a jar at the store.

## FOR RENT

Two apartments

\$30 Month

Heat - Light - Hot Water

Furnished

Some furniture if desired

FILLMORE HOTEL

Fillmore 53A

Lawton

## Motor Sales

Special Paint Job - \$40

Hurry! — last week for special grease job \$7.75 with every oil change. Next week, grease job, \$1.00 Straight

## Sport Shorts

by Dave Seeland

May is here, and spikes are again pounding the "cinders" in front of Bedford Gym. Last Saturday, the Houghton Athletic department inaugurated an additional track meet. This meet was the first timed meet of the 1950 season. The weather was beautiful—cool but sunny, and a good crowd turned out to see the frosh take the meet by a large margin. Though the marks made in the meet do not stand on the record books, the runners gave everything a regular meet would have called for. The fans can look forward to stiff competition in the class meet Saturday.

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The season's first Purple-Gold baseball game was played Thursday, April 27. The Gold-en Gladiators, behind the 5-hit pitching of big Norm Hostetter, defeated the Purple Pharoahs 5 to 2. Neither team looked very good, the Pharoahs making 7 errors to the Gladiators' 4. Park Reed, pitching for Purple, made a good showing, giving up seven hits, while striking out seven and walking two. There were few spectators present, and they whiled away the time by indulging in the old American custom of "riding" the umpire and telling each other that the non-existent base umpires were in the wrong. Coach Wells, however, took the ribbing with a smile.

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Last Tuesday, however, the Pharoahs evened the score by taking the Gladiators 2 to 0. Wilber Zike, of Frosh basketball fame, turned in a superlative performance allowing the Gladiators only 4 hits in his first start of the season. The Houghton pennant is now all tied up with each team having an average of .500

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It has been brought to this writer's attention that certain girls have been

seen racing madly around the track in the wee hours of the morning. The girls say, when questioned, that they are practicing for the track meet, but the thought that immediately comes to mind is, just how many of these "track enthusiasts" are contemplating catching a man with improved fugues (100 yard dash—11.9).

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The Coach has announced the opening of the men's Purple-Gold Southall series. The complete schedule may be seen in the Athletic office.

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## Freshmen Win Practice Meet

The first Houghton open track and field meet was staged on Saturday, April 29. The events were run well, and some good times were recorded, though nothing spectacular was seen.

Jack Robinson, Bob Barnett and Frankie Horst were outstanding—each taking two events.

The frosh in this practice meet outdistanced all other classes with 49 points. The sophs were second with 39 and the juniors and seniors were out of the running entirely. The juniors took 5 points and the seniors took 9.

The points earned in this meet do not count toward a letter, nor were the classes scored as such.

## SUMMARIES

100 Yards—Barnett, S, won; Clemmer, F, 2; Horst, S, 3; Time: .10-7 10

220 Yards—Robinson, F, won; Seeland, F, 2; Flaesch, F, 3; Time: .26-7 10

440 Yards—Barnett, S, won; Lombardi, S., 2; Moore, F, 3; Time: .56-2 10

880 Yards—Denny, S, won; Spear, F, 2; Walton, F, 3; Time: 2.11-8/10

1 Mile—Lombardi, Sr., won; Bernhoft, F, 2; Moore F, 3; Time 5.07-6/10

120 High Hurdles—Chambers, S, won; Castor, S, 2; Time: .22-3/10

220 Low Hurdles—Robinson, F, won; Clemmer, F, 2; Castor, S, 3; Time: .31-1/10

High Jump—Horst, S, won; Banker, F, 2; Jones, Sr., 3; Height: 5'4"

Broad Jump—Horst, S, Won; Barnett, S, 2; Clemmer, F, 3; Distances: 18' 11"

Pole Vault—Castor, S, won; Peterson, F, 2; Height: 7' 11"

Shot Put—Bailey, F, won; Clemmer, F, 2; Jensen, S, 3; Distance 28'4"

Javelin—McClure, F; Distance: 125' 10-1/2"

Discus—Boghozian, Jr., won; Robinson, F, 2; Clemmer, F, 3; Distance: 95' 10-1 2"

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## Frosh Girls Trounce High School Team

The frosh girls' softball team defeated the high school girls 16-15 in a close five inning game on Thursday, April 27. The next day, the juniors took a page from the frosh book and beat the sophs 16-15.

## Welcome to Worship!

First Baptist Church  
Rushford, N. Y.

R. Ralph Standley, Minister  
Evening Services

May 7

7:00 p.m.—

Young People's Meeting

8:00 p.m.—

"High Resolve"

## Cott's Anniversary Sale

We are celebrating our store's 10th birthday, with outstanding values for all.

Be sure to register your guess for surprise gifts.

## Armour QUALITY MEATS

FRESH PARK BUTTER lb. 39c

SLICED BACON lb. 39c

STAR WIENERS lb. 47c

LOIN END PORK ROAST lb. 39c

ROUND STEAK lb. 69c

We Use Nothing But Western Beef

## FROSTED FOODS

FORD HOOK LIMA BEANS

Pkg. 29c

CUT GREEN BEANS Pkg. 25c

STRAWBERRIES Pkg. 39c

PERCH CELO WRAPPED 39c

ICE CREAM 2 qts. brick 95c

1 doz free cones

EGGS doz. 33c

Best Quality - Fresh from Producer

BUTTER lb. 65c

Fine Quality

RED & WHITE COFFEE lb. 73c

Vacuum Packed

TOMATO JUICE lg. 47 oz. can 19c

BLUE & WHITE PEACHES

No. 2 1/2 Can 19c

RED & WHITE CARROTS

No. 2 Can 10c

RED & WHITE SHORTENING

3 lb. can 69c

## FRESH VEGETABLES

TOMATOES, Tube 19c

NEW CALF. FANCY WHITE

POTATOES 10 lb. 55c

ORANGES, Fancy Fla. Juice

5 lb. bag 47c

GRAPEFRUIT 10 lb. bag 67c

Birthday Party Saturday Night -- Free Cake & Coffee.

From 7:30 -- 10:00