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Nine Members College Receives Of '54 Class New Equipment Finish Course For Gaoyadeo Hall

Nine members of the 1954 class will have completed their undergraduate work this month. They are: Gloria Betters, Dale Hillegas, James Paine, Richard Rogers, Richard Sadler, Winifred Simpson, Malcolm Starks, Nancy Swauger and John Zavitz.

Three of them are undecided as to future work, but the remaining six have indicated their plans as follows:

Gloria Betters: teach third grade in Angelica, beginning Feb. 1, 1954.

Dale Hillegas: Air Force

James Paine: undecided

Richard Rogers: Asbury Theological Seminary in March, 1954.

Richard Sadler: undecided (depends on Uncle Sam).

Winifred Simpson: perhaps teach in the fall.

Malcolm Starks: Albany State Teachers College to work on Master's degree.

Nancy Swauger: she and Paul (August graduate) are awaiting appointment to go as missionaries to Japan.

John Zavitz: take private voice lessons in Buffalo, attend the University of Buffalo, work.

— N. B.

This Christmas, the college received several large gifts, including one for a deep freeze room. Mr. John Peachy, of Loblaw groceries, Buffalo, is making this gift. The college plans to add a room 16'9" x 13'8" to the west of the present storage room at Gaoyadeo. The gift will cover the cost of the machinery and installation. It will save the college the money they now spend trucking our meat to a freezer in Olean and renting space there. The college will also be able to buy certain frozen foods in wholesale lots at reasonable prices.

Mr. Bolten of the Bolta Company gave the school plastic table cloth material for the dining room. These tablecloths, which are already being used, should save some money over the laundry and replacement costs.

The new smoke-barrier fire wall partitions in Gaoyadeo have been installed for two reasons: they are demanded by the insurance carrier, and they serve as building and personnel protection. These barriers prevent a floor-to-floor draft. The metal frames of these barriers will be covered by half-inch plaster board, which is itself fire resistant. The entire project will cost about \$1,400.

— A.B.

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Rev. Forrest Gearhart

Houghton Area WYPS President Will Conduct Special Services

Houghton College, in affiliation with the town's Wesleyan Methodist Church, will present Forrest Gearhart as next semester's special revival speaker. Mr. Gearhart, the minister of a pioneer Wesleyan Church in Sturgis, Michigan, will hold meetings scheduled to start February 3 and end with an evening service on February 14.

An alumnus of Houghton, class of '44, Mr. Gearhart is, at present, the Houghton area president of the W.Y.P.S. An avid devotee to youth of all denominations, he writes quite regularly for the *Wesleyan Youth* magazine.

Arrangements are being made to engage a song leader for the meetings. Services will be held in the Wesleyan Methodist Church each evening at 7:30.

— J. P.

Local Residents Pass Away

Since the beginning of Christmas vacation three elderly residents of the community have passed away. Mrs. Georgia Russell, who for many years was housemother to college students who roomed in her home, died at the home of her daughter, Belle, in Scranton, Pa., on December 15, 1953. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Claude A. Ries at the Houghton Church on Saturday, December 19. Her daughter, now Mrs. Belle Norton, was a former teacher of English at the college. One of her sons, Bill, died of the flu during the first World War, and one of the three memorial evergreens on the hillside was placed there in his honor.

Another saintly woman whom students and townspeople alike will miss in the life of the church and village is Mrs. Alex Steese, whose sudden passing on Saturday, January 9, was caused by a coronary thrombosis. Mr. and Mrs. Steese moved with their family of six children to Houghton in 1915. A large majority of the Steese children and grandchildren have attended Houghton College — among them Paul and Peter Steese of Rochester, New York, who are presently enrolled. The red brick house on the hilltop which houses the high school girls will perhaps always be remembered as the "Steese House." Funeral services for Mrs. Steese were conducted by the Rev. Mr. E. D. Angell assisted by the Rev. Mr. J. R. Pitt, former pastor, on Tuesday, January 12.

A third, long-time resident of Houghton to be mourned by the community is Mr. Charles Bentley, who died on December 30, following two successive strokes. Mr. Bentley was employed at the minnow-trap factory. His sister-in-law, Miss Grace Tarey, has served long and faithfully as chief baker at the college dining hall. Pastor Angell conducted funeral services at the church on January 2.

— HC

Second Ballot Elects Woodburn Frosh Prexy

Two ballots were needed to elect Robert Woodburn of Arlington, Va., to the freshman class presidency. He missed the necessary majority by one vote on the first ballot.

Others elected to the top posts were: Dwight Strum of Nettleton, Pa., vice-president; Carole Wheeler of Elmira, N. Y., secretary; and William Christensen of Boston, Mass., treasurer.

The remaining staff memberships went to Evelyn Hall and Paul Earl, chaplains; Agnes Haik and Donald Thompson, athletic managers; and Donald Birney, chairman of the social committee.

— S.P.

Alaskan Adventurer Presents Picturesque Film in Lecture

Friday night, January 15, about two hundred fifty Houghtonians were taken on a pictorial journey to Alaska via the Alcan Highway by "Slim" Williams. Mr. Williams, appearing in the Houghton College Lecture Series, showed pictures he had taken on one of his many trips to "Seward's Folly."

Area Educational Posts Held by Faculty Members

Two Houghton teachers hold important offices in their professional organizations. Prof. Charles H. Finney is the Regional Vice President for the Atlantic area of the National Church Music Fellowship, and Prof. F. Gordon Stockin is one of the three delegates from New York State on the executive committee of the Classical Ass'n of the Atlantic States. When Mr. Stockin attended the annual meeting of the Association at Atlantic City, November 27 and 28, he was appointed to a special committee to survey the professional membership status of the secondary school Latin teachers in the territory of the CAAS during 1954.

The NCMF, who held their convention in Chicago at Thanksgiving time, showed "great sincerity of purpose," Mr. Finney said, in trying to develop "spiritual music for a spiritual church." The chorus fad, he learned, is "seemingly over." The officers of this group, he reported, are men from such schools as Moody, Wheaton, and Nyack. The same week Mr. Finney attended the convention of the National Ass'n of Schools of Music, also held in Chicago. This is the accrediting association to which Houghton and some 200 other schools of music belong.

Dean Arthur Lynip was the official college representative at the annual meeting of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Universities, and Miss Davison, at the meeting of the registrars of the same group. These were held in Atlantic City at Thanksgiving time.

At the age of nineteen, "Slim" went to Alaska and remained there for thirty-two years, hunting, trapping, and learning to love the land and its people. Now, he returns there during the summer with his wife and several young men desirous of seeing Alaska. They travel a distance of ten thousand miles on the summer tours which last ten weeks, camping and enjoying the outdoor life and beauties of nature to be found there.

The Williamses have learned that these tours have been fruitful. One alumnus wrote them saying how valuable his Alaskan experience was, now that he is over in Korea.

Mr. Williams, who originally went to Alaska for the adventure and outdoor life it provides, is contemplating another trip this summer after an extensive lecture tour in the East.

— C.M.

Alumni Appear on TV Program

The Rev. Mr. Park Tucker ('40) of Atlanta, Ga., and the Rev. Mr. Dane Turner ('52) of Muncy, Pa., appeared this month on the "Welcome Travelers" television program.

Mr. Tucker, chaplain of the Federal Penitentiary of Atlanta, Ga., was the subject of a recent feature story in the *Constitution*, one of Atlanta's leading newspapers. In the article, mention was made of Dane Turner, who had taught the one-armed preacher how to fly, and who later gave up a successful business in order to enter the ministry. The staff of "Welcome Travelers," searching leading newspapers for items of human interest, found the article and tele-

phoned both of the pastors to make arrangements for their appearance on the program.

Mr. Turner was invited to tell his story on the January 6 show, and Mr. Tucker told of his conversion on the following program. Both of these Houghton College alumni welcomed the privilege of witnessing to a national audience of the grace of God in their lives.

"Welcome Travelers," a Proctor and Gamble program, originates in Chicago, Ill. Their staff consists of sixty-six people, among whom this past summer was Mr. John Vigna, presently a junior at Houghton College.

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Fourth Japanese Student Begins Ministerial Course

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He also has a little trouble interpreting our slang expressions, such as "pulling the wool over my eyes."

John became a Christian five years ago at a Bible Crusade meeting.

— J. S. R.

Messiah Concert Praised by Critics

On the evening of December 11, at Kleinhan's Music Hall in Buffalo, New York, the Houghton College A Cappella Choir and Oratorio Society provided the choral background for the second annual performance of Handel's *Messiah*.

The crowd drawn was the largest of the season for a performance of this particular nature.

Houghton received a great deal of constructive criticism from the critics. The article in the *Buffalo Evening News*, December 12, 1953, reported: "The vitality and dynamic shading of the choral singing in Handel's *Messiah* in Kleinhan's Music Hall Friday evening indicated that the 250 choristers of the Houghton College Oratorio Society and A Cappella Choir were absorbed in the music and text and not merely going through a customary ritual performance."

"Not only was the choral singing faithful to the atmosphere of the work — notably in the choruses: 'And the Glory of the Lord', 'Lift Up Your Face', and the triumphal 'Hallelujah' — but also the prevailing tone was firm in texture and fresh and youthful in quality. The sopranos, for example, displayed ample volume and strength without going shrill on the upper tones."

Although the December 12, 1953, *Buffalo Courier-Express* criticism was not as kindly in its remarks upon conductor, orchestra or soloists (with the exception of Mrs. Roy), the paper nevertheless applauded "the excellent chorus" as "living, appreciative and well-versed," and removing "the mechanical, and saving the evening from monotony."

As the last statement in the *Buffalo Evening News* so aptly expresses it, "It was really Houghton's night."

— B. J. G.

From the Editor's Desk . . .

What Kind of Milestone?

A semester is a milestone. We pile up twelve, fifteen, seventeen scholastic hours, then eagerly sell our textbooks to the highest bidders, glad to be forever done with history or ethics or Latin. We experience a satisfying sense of accomplishment.

As students, we can learn a lot in one semester. Not all of it is learned out of books. Some of it creeps in slyly, insidiously — perhaps not robbing us of what we have learned by books, but hindering us from developing the character which we honestly want to possess.

What can I learn in a semester?

I can learn to get around some of the narrow rules they have in this place.

I can learn to disrespect the authority I promised to obey before I came to Houghton.

I can learn to write letters in class when I should be taking notes — the lecture is dry, anyway.

I can learn to be irreverent in chapel or in church by whispering to my neighbor — even during prayer.

I can learn to squander the small change in my pocket while my folks worry about the cost of putting me through college.

I can learn to be a master at griping — just mention any little thing that causes me the slightest personal inconvenience.

I can learn to do my manual work so carelessly that it will be impossible for me to receive a good recommendation after I leave school. What do they expect for the mere pittance they're giving me, anyway?

I can learn to inform visitors of all the little faults of the school so that they will receive the proper impression of Houghton — and of me.

I can learn to be deceitful in a score of ways — "polishing apples" for teachers or feigning admiration for someone simply in order to get my own way.

Little things? Perhaps; but it's "the little foxes that spoil the vines."

Little things, yes; but they all add up to the kind of semester we have experienced and the kind of people we have become. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." (Luke 16:10) — D. B.

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Star - Gazing ★ ★ ★

Ever since the beginning of hostilities in September curious students have noticed a bizarre character skulking around the less inhabited regions of the campus. On occasions he has been seen laboriously supporting a shovel or a garden rake at a 65 degree angle or riding guard on the old G. I. truck to protect its fabulous cargo. He always seems to be hung with various chains of paraphernalia, most conspicuous of which are his tin hat and brogan shoes. Alas, to what depths will a former Star staff member sink while his wife studies? This is none other than the illustrious and much feared HUESTIS! One member of our farsighted faculty (a rather classic personality) saw indication of this demise as far back as January of 1952.

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FIRST ORATION AGAINST HUESTIS
 From The Classics by Prof. Stockin

How far now, O Huestis, will you abuse our patience? How much longer, pray, will that grin of yours mock us? To what end will that unbridled nerve of yours entwine us? Have you in no way been disturbed by the fear of final exams, by the crying of my children, by the anxious gaze of my wife, by the sacred laws of the Handbook, by the convening of the local board in S-23, and by the very expression on the faces of the Star staff? Do you not perceive that your plans are manifest, do you not see that your conspiracy is already throttled by the immaturity of your objectives? Who of us do you think does not know what you did last night, what the night before that, where you were, whom you heckled, what confusion you wrought? O, the times and customs! The Student Body understands these facts, consul Stuart sees, but this rascal lives. Lives? Why, indeed, he even comes into the Twin Spruce Inn, he be-

Engagements . . .

Cox - Parker

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Parker of Salem, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline ('56), to Robert Cox (ex '56), son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cox of Howell, Michigan. Mr. Cox is a sophomore at Michigan State College. A June wedding is planned.

Filmer - Fetherman

Mrs. Marie Fetherman of Butler, New Jersey, announces the engagement of her daughter, Nancy Jane (ex '56), to Richard Dean Filmer ('56), son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Filmer of Canfield, Ohio.

Kolowsky - Erickson

Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Erickson of Dunellen, N. J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn Ruth (ex '54), to Donald E. Kolowsky of Medford, N. Y. Miss Erickson is a junior at the Cornell University New York Hospital School of Nursing in New York City. Mr. Kolowsky is completing his senior year in chemical engineering at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. A fall wedding is planned.

Neu - Kick

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kick announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ellen (Aug. '53), to George E. Neu (Aug. '53). The wedding is planned for June 12, 1954. Mary Ellen is teaching in a Springfield Township School in Mansfield, Ohio. George has a teaching assistantship at the University of Buffalo.

Strand - Hildebrandt

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hildebrandt of Mitchell, S. D., announce the engagement of their daughter, Janis Jean ('56), to Duane V. Strand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Strand, also of Mitchell, S. D. Duane is now serving in the U.S. Army in Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Letter . . .

Eisenach, Neulandhaus
 Russian Zone

Dear Houghton Students;

I wonder how many of you still know the German writer of this. I want to greet you and wish you and my dear Houghton College all the best. May the Lord continue to bless the wonderful work He began among you.

Today Dr. Paine wrote to me, "The Lord has given us a very good semester thus far and we praise Him for it." You heard by him, that I just finished a book which made me feel in your midst more than before. I tried to make known to my German readers the wonderful Christian spirit which so much impressed me when I had the joy to be one of your teachers. Dr. Paine then had the kindness to write a foreword to my book. As a little Christmas surprise I offered to my special colleague in the German department, Professor Fancher, to dedicate to him the book I called "The Other America." The slides I took myself in your land gave a German lady artist the possibility to illustrate my words.

I hope those of you who are able to read German will enjoy the lecture of my book. I have a cousin in California, who knows English as well as German. As her husband himself is a professor near Los Angeles, they are also familiar with the subject I treated. Perhaps she will translate it for you and I hope Mr. Smith will print it in the Houghton print shop or it can be printed at Stuttgart

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Taylor - Harmon

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Harmon of Limerick, Me., announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Elizabeth ('56), to Ivan Edgar Taylor ('57), son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Taylor of Cornish, Me. No date has been set for the wedding.

Wheeler - Crisman

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crisman, of Franklin, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ellen ('56), to Charles Allen Wheeler ('55), son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen R. Wheeler of Rocky Grove, Pa. They plan to marry in the summer of '55.

Whitacre - Lamb

Mr. and Mrs. Lamb of Unadilla Forks, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Jeanette ('56), to William W. Whitacre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whitacre, of South Edmeston, N. Y. Mr. Whitacre is a senior at Indiana State Technical Institute, Fort Wayne, Ind. No date has been set for the wedding.

Zwiebel - Shears

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Shears of Tenaflly, N. J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Rosemary ('57), to Dirk N. Zwiebel, son of Mr. Frederick Zwiebel of Hawthorne, N. J. Mr. Zwiebel is a sophomore at Shelton College.

Thirsting for Righteousness?**A Real Thirst Quencher**

The ancient Israelites were a thirsty people. Several accounts of their experiences from thirst are recorded in the Old Testament for our spiritual benefit. (Exodus 17:1-7 and Numbers 20:1-3, 7-11.) When you have time, I wish that you would read these two accounts carefully. However, for the time being, we shall be content with two sentences spoken by God and herein recorded.

Exodus 17:5-6 states, "And the Lord said unto Moses . . . Smite the rock . . ." At the time this command was given, Moses had three things in front of him: the rod, the rock and a thirsty people. The rod was given by God and speaks of impending judgment. The rock was there ready to be smitten, and likewise furnished by God. The people were angry and complaining; badly in need of thirst-quenching water.

This desert scene depicts Calvary. The rod was hurled against the rock as was the wrath and judgment of God against the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross as He bore the sin penalty of us all. "He was smitten of God and afflicted . . ." (Isa. 53:4) From His smitten side flowed both blood and water, being sufficient for perfect redemption of fallen man. The water that flowed in the Wilderness of Sin satisfied Israel's carnal thirst, but the fount that started at Calvary is still flowing. John 4:13,14 gives us the key to the real thirst quencher!

In the second place, Numbers 20:7,8 tells us, "And the Lord spake unto Moses . . . speak to the rock . . ." The scene has shifted from the desert of Sin to the desert of Zin, but the same elements are present. They are the rod, the rock and a thirsty people. However, the rod is no longer necessary for drawing water, as the rock is not to be smitten again. Judgment has been already passed on sin and sinner alike, but the penalty for such has been taken by the Rock of Ages eternally. Moses, displaying the natural tendencies of man, spoke in anger and smote the rock again, saying, "Hear now ye rebel . . ." (vs. 10) But NOW God speaks to us in love . . . "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters . . ." (Isa. 55:1)

It is very strange that a person senses his need for a physical thirst quencher very quickly, but spiritually may spend a whole life-time without realizing his need of a real thirst quencher, THE WATER OF LIFE. There is a threefold invitation to you from the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to experience the soul-giving and soul-refreshing power of Calvary's fount. God the Father has said, "Come ye to the waters." (Isa. 55:1) The Son has said, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst again." (Jn. 4:14) The Holy Spirit has said, "And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." (Rev. 22:17)

— D. H.

See You There!

Friday, January 22

7:30 p. m. — Recital: Margaret Allen

7:30 p. m. — Class Basketball: juniors vs. freshmen

Saturday, January 23

Reading Day

Monday, January 25 — Friday, January 29

Examinations

Tuesday, February 2

Registration Day for second semester

Wednesday, February 3

8:00 a. m. — Beginning of classes

Wednesday, February 3 — Sunday, February 14

7:30 p. m. — Special meetings: Rev. Forrest Gearhart, evangelist

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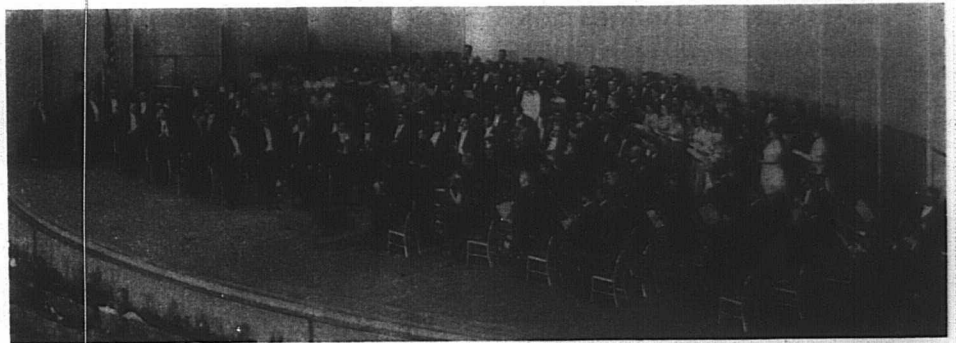
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Highlights of First Semester Presented in Pictorial Review



REV. DONELSON RECEIVES DEGREE

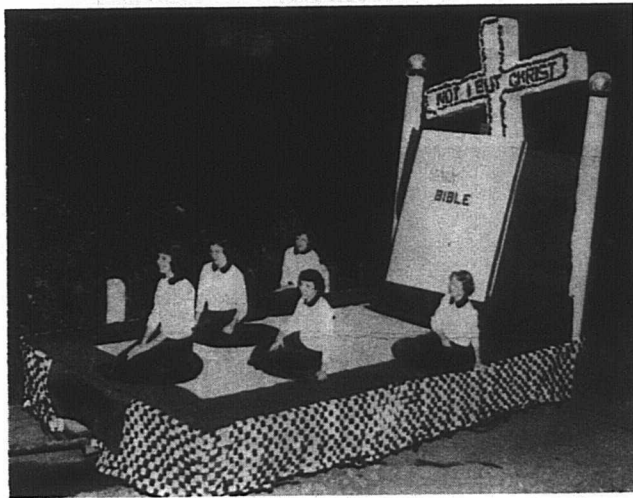
Rev. Mr. Glenn Donelson, pastor of the Glenwood, Pa., Evangelical United Brethren Church, received his Doctor of Divinity hood from Professor LeRoy Fancher during Founders' Day Convocation, October 23, 1953. He was recommended by Dr. Arthur Lynip, Dean of the College. The Rev. Mr. Harold Sheets of Erie, Pa., also received the Doctor of Divinity degree.



HOUGHTON CHOIRS PRESENT BUFFALO CONCERT

Kleinhan's Music Hall in Buffalo was the scene of the presentation of Handel's *Messiah* Friday evening, December 11, 1953. The Oratorio Society and A Cappella Choir of Houghton College were accompanied by the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, under the direction of James Sample.

The chorus, composed of approximately two hundred and forty voices, was assisted by two Houghton alumni who have become outstanding in the field of music. Mrs. Margaret Snow Roy, contralto, and Mr. Virgil Hale, tenor, contributed solo parts. Mrs. Roy and Mr. Hale have both been winners in the Buffalo *Evening News* and WBEN Voices of Tomorrow contest.



SOPHOMORE CLASS FLOAT

One of the prize-winning floats in the Homecoming parade featured five sophomore girls: Gloria Agoston, Nancy Brink, Joanne Wallace, Patty Jo Lutz, and Nancy Smith. Class colors, purple and white, were combined in the color scheme.

Because of inclement weather on Homecoming day, the parade was postponed until the following Wednesday. Although cloudy skies also prevailed on Wednesday afternoon, the entries were enjoyed by students and community folks.

Prizes were given by the local merchants. First prize was awarded to the senior class float.



HOMECOMING QUEEN

Miss Anne Jones, senior student from Watertown, N. Y., was crowned Homecoming queen on Homecoming day, October 24. The ceremony took place in the lounge of newly-dedicated East Hall.



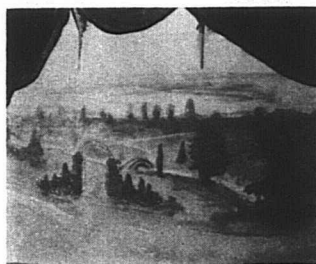
FALL EVANGELIST

Evangelistic services were conducted in the college church September 30 to October 11, with the Rev. Mr. Lon Woodrum as speaker. Mr. Woodrum, of Oklahoma City, as well as being an evangelist, is also a writer of poetry, fiction and novels.

Mr. Woodrum has written eight volumes of poetry, including "I Will Sing My Song" and "Stars over the Storm." His poetry has been used on all radio networks, and has appeared in the "Congressional Record" as well as in many anthologies.

His novels include "Of Men and of Angels," which was a winner in Zondervan's International Fiction Contest, and was chosen as book of the month by the Family Bookshelf of the *Christian Herald*. He also wrote "If You Hear a Song" and "Inherit the Earth."

Besides conducting services, Mr. Woodrum spoke to two college classes on the writing of religious literature.



"OPERATION MUD"

Plans to improve roads and beautify the campus were revealed to the student body in a chapel service featuring chalk artistry of tentative projects. To date, \$10,230. has been contributed for Operation Mud.



LITERARY LEADERS FOR 1954-55

The student body elected *Lanthorn* and *Star* officials for the coming year. John Essepian will serve as business manager of the *Star*. Marith Reinertsen will edit the *Lanthorn*, and Donald Cronk will edit the *Star*. John Stewart was elected as business manager of the *Lanthorn*.



KEY PRESENTED AT DEDICATION

The long-awaited dream of a new women's dormitory finally materialized on Saturday, October 24, at 11:15 a. m., with the dedication of East Hall. Miss Elizabeth Beck, Mr. Ellsworth Decker, Mr. Robert Fiegl, and Dr. Willard Smith briefly retold the part which they had played in the realization of this building.

Mr. Robert Fiegl presented the building to Dr. Harold Sheets, who accepted it in behalf of the Board of Trustees of Houghton College. After the ceremonies, the residents of East Hall invited friends and alumni to open house, during which the guests toured the nearly completed building.



MUDDY OPERATION

Chuck Paine, carrying the ball for Gold, attempts to escape the interference of Chuck Gosling, during the Homecoming game on Saturday, October 24. Houghton's "Mudbowl" was filled to overflowing with alumni, who watched Purple and Gold battle under up-turned clouds in a game which ended in a scoreless tie.



MISSIONARY COMMUNICATION CENTER

Houghton's missionary radio station is under construction on the hill behind Maplecrest. This spot was chosen because it is the highest one nearby, and there is plenty of room for antennas.

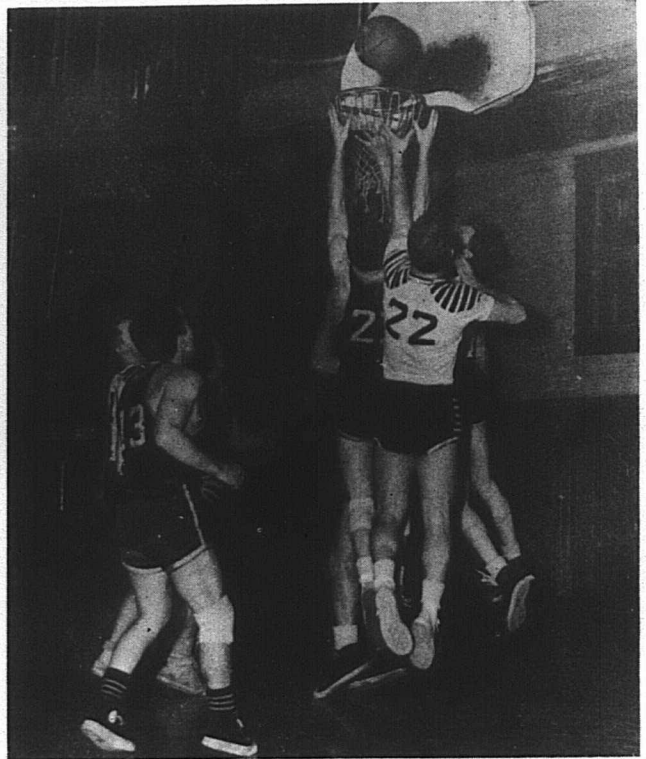
The station, owned by the college, will cooperate with the Missionary Communications Service, Inc., an organization which aims to lease radio equipment to various boards for communication on the field and home base. The station will also communicate with missionaries on the field.



F. M. F. DISPLAY

With an array of speakers representing the fields of radio, engineering, mechanics, aviation, education, and general evangelism in foreign missionary service, the fifth annual Missionary Conquest was presented November 24-27, under the sponsorship of the Foreign Missions Fellowship. Chapel services, afternoon seminars, evening meetings, class room lectures and exhibits constituted the program and sphere of this traditional event of the college. Eleven missionaries from seven missionary boards contributed to the programs presented.

The \$7,500 financial goal of the F.M.F. for this present school year will make possible the support of eight missionaries.



ALL EYES ON THE BALL

With the balcony full of basketball fans, seniors and juniors battle for a basket in one of this year's class games.

Houghton's favorite sport provides a winter program of inter-class and Purple-Gold games. Sports trophies, displayed in the school library, are engraved each year with the winning class and color teams. Along with school letters, the trophies are presented to the winning teams at the annual spring Athletic Association banquet.

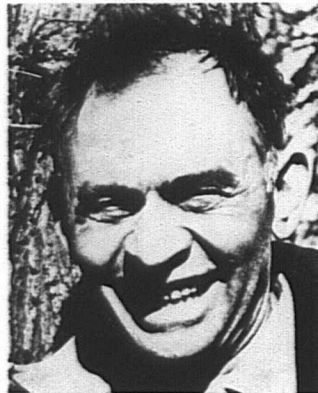


FALL VARSITY CAPTAINS

Pearl Hershelman was elected in November for the coveted position of Varsity field hockey captain. Ten girls were chosen as eligible to receive hockey letters for the 1953 fall season.



John Venlet, a varsity-letter man from last year and this year's Purple football co-captain, was elected Varsity football captain in an election by all those players eligible for varsity letters.



COLLEGE LECTURE SERIES

Alaska and the Alcan Highway were the subjects of pictures presented by "Slim" Williams on January 15. His lecture indicated the interest with which young men enjoy summer tours of Alaska under his leadership.



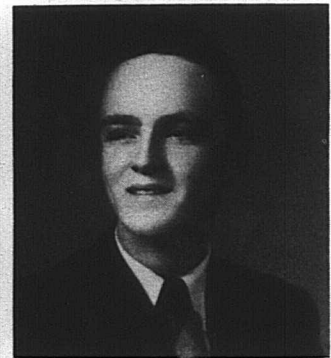
General Bonner Fellers, a distinguished speaker and military authority, spoke on the question: "Is Universal Military Training Wise?" His discussion opened this year's lecture series on November 20, 1953.



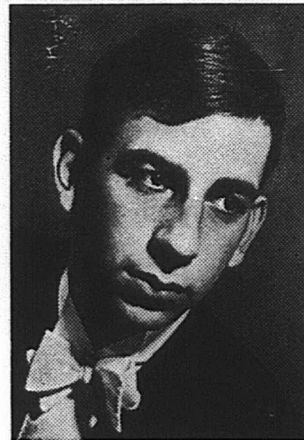
STUDY TROUBLE

"'Twas the night before finals, and all through the campus..." Houghton students sometimes pick the oddest moments for serenades!

East Hall girls, having learned every last detail of their textbooks, decided to cheer up the sad, studious male species of the college. Their reception at Tucker House proved most surprising: the serenaders were serenaded. To join the sopranos and altos, there appeared a quartet to end all quartets.



JOHN BANKER was elected 1955 Boulder business manager. Patty Jo Lutz will serve as editor.



GUEST ARTISTS PRESENT CONCERTS

Two pianists, a symphonette, and a soprano were featured in musical concerts at Houghton during the fall semester. They are: Daniel Wayenberg, talented Dutch pianist; Fred Ressel, conductor of the Buffalo Symphonette; John Ranck, impressionistic pianist; and Dorothy Maynor, internationally famous soprano.

Next semester's artist series will include Szymen Goldberg, violinist; Paul Matthen, baritone; and a Quartette Ensemble.



With a Houghton student, Marjorie Paine, still hospitalized because of polio, Houghton College and community appreciate more than ever the annual March of Dimes. This month the community is making a concerted drive for funds. In February, the A.P.O. will conduct a similar drive among the students.



1954 COLLEGIATE WHO'S WHO

Five Houghton seniors were chosen as candidates for *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*. They are, left to right: Arlene Kober of Landsdale, Pa., Charles Paine of Chicago, Ill., Foster Williams of Danforth, Me., Dorothy Beuter of Houghton, N. Y., and George Bagley of Corry, Pa.

Selection was made on the basis of scholastic records, citizenship, extra-curricular participation, and general school reputation.

Pogy's Dilemma

Burdens! What a week ahead of me.
I'm afraid the teachers have gone mad
With heavy work they are pouring down
Upon my head. This week it is the fad.

It seems that work is stepping on my toes
With the weight of unknown cosmic forces.
What a beastly thing to happen, after
Such a pleasant time in all my courses!

Far beyond the realm of mortal ken,
Into a lost oblivion of space
Where all things learned are lost, forever gone,
Where even fools are scared to show their face,

Is a place from whence all mortal gods are led,
Where known and unknown thoughts are wed.
A place, of which the great sage, Pogy, said,
"Horror! this is where my knowledge fled."
"Oh, fears!" my roommate said to me.
"You don't study. Expect to get a 'B'?"

"My courses are easy."
"Pogy, you're lazy."
"Bah! the tests will be easy."
"Pogy, you're crazy."

Here's the problem — finals for a week.
Frustrations! every single course of mine
Is like the stiffest course in advanced Greek.
Confused facts creep 'round me like a vine.

The past semester, once so humorous
And gay, is now a case of grave concern.
For if I get the grade point I expect,
I'll be a case for ex-grave-digger Fern.

The depths to which I've sunk in utter woe
Go beyond the line of human peace.
It bears heavily upon me now.
Horror! will my troubles ever cease?

The fields of knowledge which one time were mine,
Became ephemeral and disappeared.
My stupidity now stands exposed
Like a sheep that recently was sheared.

The jig is up; the ship is going down!
My time's run out; the roof is caving in!
It's horrible; it's cruel. There's no way out.
I no longer have a chance to win.

I can't escape; it's got me in its clutches.
I must! even though the way is muddy.
I can't procrastinate a minute more.
I'm trapped. Oh, fears!
I guess I'll have to study.

— J. P. - P.

Wedding Bells . . .

Bowser - Henniger

Miss Louise Henniger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henniger of Shamokin, Pa., was married to Mr. Charles S. Bowser, English instructor in Houghton Prep School, on Dec. 26, 1953, in the First Baptist Church of Shamokin, Pa. They are now residing in Houghton.

Musico - Lodge

Miss Dorothy M. Lodge (ex '54), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Lodge of Hamburg, N. Y., was married on Dec. 24, 1953, to Mr. George Musico. The couple will reside in Buffalo, N. Y.

Seeland - Walker

Miss Marilyn Walker (ex '55), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Walker of Rochester, N. Y., was married to Mr. John Seeland ('55), son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Arthur Seeland of Jersey City, N. Y., on Dec. 19, 1953, in the Houghton Church. They are now residing in Houghton.

Snowberger - Owen

Miss Charlotte Ann Owen ('53), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. McClure Owen of Flint, Mich., was married to Mr. John Robert Snowberger ('53), son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester J. Snowberger of Hagerstown, Md., on Dec. 23, 1953, in her home in Flint, Mich. The couple will reside in Flint, Mich.

Swithers - Harris

Miss Patricia Harris, ('54), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harris of Elmira, N. Y., was married to Mr. David Swithers ('54), son of Mr. and Mrs. George Swithers of Nanticoke, Pa. The wedding took place in Elmira on Dec. 19, 1953. The couple are now residing at Houghton.

Church Music Recital Presented by Zavitz

The Houghton College music department presented Mr. John Zavitz, tenor, in a recital of church music on Sunday, January 10. Marilyn Canfield was his accompanist.

The first two numbers on the program were by J. S. Bach: "I Know that my Redeemer Lives" and "Take Me to Thee for Thine Own." Group two consisted of numbers from two of Mendelssohn's oratorios; "Ye People Rend Your Hearts," and "If With All Your Hearts," a recitative and aria from the *Elijah*. Second were "Sing Ye Praise" and "He Counteth All Your Sorrows," recitative and aria from the *Hymn of Praise*. The third group was made up of five Biblical songs, called "Bibliche Leider" by Buck, Charles, and O'Conner-Morris. Mr. Zavitz' senior recital was given in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the B.Mus. degree. John will be graduated in January.

—N.K.

How Smart Are Our Freshmen?

Dean Lynip thinks the class of 1957 is an intelligent crowd, and he has data to prove it.

According to the results of the freshmen examinations taken last fall, they are well above the national average. It seems that their paying attention to what's going on in the world has paid fine dividends. Or was it their good homes, or their goal in life — or their ancestry?

The average Houghton freshman rated better than 60% of the national total in speed of comprehension, and better than 70% in level of comprehension. In total reading comprehension our freshmen rated above 65% of all tested.

Houghton freshmen should be able to hold up their end in bull sessions anywhere. They beat 55% of other freshmen in mechanics of English expression and were above 60% in effectiveness of expression and vocabulary. In total English ability 60% fell behind ours. That doesn't qualify them for stringing a line; no one is qualified.

In social studies, natural science, and mathematics our freshmen scored better than 65%, 70% and 60% respectively. If you have problems in any of these areas, just ask any freshman.

Houghton freshmen were no better than the national average in quantitative reasoning ability, but beat 55% of those tested in linguistic reasoning capacity. In total capacity for college work our freshmen were better than 55% of all college freshmen.

These comparisons are based on the scores made by freshmen all over the country in 1952. Though the tests weren't identical, they were from the same battery, so that the chance of error is very small. When the nationwide results for 1953 are computed (probably sometime in January), we can make absolutely accurate comparisons.

In the meantime, however, we can be pretty confident that our freshmen are well above the average in total capacity for learning.

The moral of this story is: Don't match wits with our freshmen and hope to come out unscathed. They're sharp!

—S.P.

Former Student Directs Hornell Radio Program

Rev. Gordon S. Anderson, a former student of Houghton College, has started a new radio program over Hornell's Station WLEA.

"Life's Lighthouse," the name of the broadcast heard every Sunday morning at 9:00 o'clock, is sponsored solely by gifts.

Reverends James and Gordon Anderson, known as "the Anderson Ambassadors," direct the program on radio and television. The broadcast includes a variety of music, timely themes from the Holy Bible, and a "Call to Prayer," wherein requests for prayer from listeners are read over the air.

A Hint to the Wise

I'm writing expressly for the freshmen guys and gals who have never been through the ordeal of college semester exams. Houghton maintains, as most other colleges do, that it is necessary to set aside certain days at the end of each semester for the purpose of testing the students for the knowledge acquired during said time.

These exams are not to be taken lightly. It is customary that the exam counts one-third on your grade for the course. The faculty members may, of course, alter the set pattern and decide how much weight it may carry on your final "A" or "C".

The exams have a way of telling on your ability to comprehend and to remember. If you have read all the chapters, have kept up with all the assignments, and have taken notes from all the lectures, then your studying for the exams will only be a review of your comprehension of the subject. On the other hand, there are those who haven't been as diligent as they should or could have been. The last ray of hope for them is a strong memory which can be crammed full of book learning to be contained until the two hours of sweating are over.

The college makes a concession when it gives us an entire day which is designated as "Reading Day." This is a day to get your notes in order. And if you have a test at eight o'clock on Monday, spend Reading Day in study. Otherwise, take a tip from me. Do get your notes in order, but also get your room in order (this includes a good atmosphere for studying), press your clothes for the coming week, and make a special trip to the village department stores and get yourself well supplied with "food for thought." Get plenty of rest Saturday night and on Sunday, too.

How and what to study for the exams? The tests of knowledge will be difficult, whether essay or objective type. Your best bet will be to study for an essay test and then you will know the generalizations as well as

the specific facts. Go over all the material which has been covered in the classroom and outside, too. There'll be more unexpected questions than those anticipated. Remember your Boy Scout motto and "Be Prepared!"

Ten o'clock comes at last. Wear your favorite clothes (this puts you at ease — somewhat), and an intelligent look on your face. Leave the notes in your room, because "if you don't know it now, you never will," is my theory. Don't forget your blue-book tickets, which may be purchased at the bookstore for two and one-half cents each and which entitle you to the little blue notebooks the instructors like so well. A Houghton regulation says that all exams are to be written in ink, so fill your pen and tuck an eraser in your pocket.

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—HC—

Artist Series Features Impressionistic Music

The warmth of the music presented by John Ranck, Wednesday night, January 13, made his audience soon forget the extremely cold weather which prevailed outside. Mr. Ranck, pianist, was presented under the auspices of the Arts Program of the Association of American Colleges. This was the first Artist Series of the New Year.

The program opened with the performance of *Three Romances, Opus 28*, by Robert Schumann. These were followed by Charles Griffes' *Three Pieces*, which are unpublished. A sister of Griffes gave Mr. Ranck permission to perform these pieces. Mr. Ranck also presented a composition by Frederick Werle entitled *Toccata*. This composition gave forth a light mood in a brilliantly technical pianistic setting.

The famous *Sonata, Opus 35*, in *B Flat Minor* by Frederick Chopin was also included in the program. This sonata includes the four movements: *Grave*, *Doppio movimento*, *Scherzo*, *Marche Funebre*, and *Presto*.

Following the intermission, Mr. Ranck continued the program with *Two Preludes* by the French impressionist Olivier Messiaen. They were *The Dove* and *A Reflection in the Wind*. Following these were the *Three Preludes: Heather, General Lavine, and The Terrace of the Moonlit Courts*. These were composed by Claude Debussy, another impressionist. *General Lavine* is a satire written against a South American general by the same name. Alexander Tcherepnin's *Ten Bagatelles, Opus 5*, was then heard.

Ferencz Listz, father of impressionism in music, wrote the next composition performed. It was *St. Francis of Assisi: "The Sermon to the Birds"*. John Ranck closed his program with *Libesfreud* by Kreisler-Rachmaninoff. For encores, Mr. Ranck offered *Song and Dance* by Montpeu and *Toccata* by Kachaturian.

The next Artist Series is March 5, with Szymon Goldberg as violinist.

—V. A.

Community Polio Drive Currently in Progress

Better methods of producing a polio preventative have been discovered. Research teams working in laboratories and hospitals with your March of Dimes funds have discovered several new vaccines. We won't know their effectiveness until they can be proved. This takes more funds than the National Polio Foundation has on hand. Therefore, every community has been asked to raise: one and one-half times as much as they did last year.

As part of the extra drive for funds, the Houghton community planned a baked food sale for January 21 at 2 p.m. in the Rec Hall, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Elmer Roth.

Mrs. Homer Fero, chairman of the Houghton area, announced that Houghton's campaign will be climaxed with a Mother's March for contributions on Wednesday, January 27 from seven o'clock to eight o'clock. Houghton has been divided into 21 areas, and 21 mothers are being asked to parade in the march.

We at Houghton know how much a sure preventative could mean. Let us all do our part this year.

—R. C.

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SOPHS FAVORED TO WIN FIFTH IN TONIGHT'S FINAL

Freshman Girls Win Class Title Top Seniors 49-39; Juniors 43-39

Tonight's game between the Junior and Sophomore girls brings to a close one of the most exciting and closest seasons in girl's basketball here at Houghton. Since the Frosh girls have clinched first place, tonight's game will determine second place in the standings. The juniors are favorites to win the game and capture second place.

When the frosh defeated the seniors 47-39 Wednesday night, they became the '53-'54 class champions. High scorers were Thalia Lazarides

with 27 points for the seniors and Marty Cronk for the frosh with 25 points. The freshman commanded a lead in the first quarter which they held throughout the game.

In a nip and tuck struggle the frosh came from behind in the second half to defeat the juniors, the season's favorites, last Friday 43-39 in a dramatic second half. Trailing by 9 points during the third quarter, they displayed spectacular shooting especially by "Squirt" Mein. Doris Kaiser scored 23 points for the juniors with their defense limiting the Frosh superbly until the last quarter.

Class Standings Before Tonight's Game

	W	L
Frosh	5	1
Juniors	3	2
Seniors	3	3
Sophs	0	5

Game Scores

Seniors	44	Sophs	33
Juniors	27	Seniors	23
Frosh	36	Sophs	21
Juniors	40	Frosh	37
Frosh	39	Seniors	35
Juniors	32	Sophs	21
Seniors	30	Juniors	23
Frosh	51	Sophs	24
Seniors	44	Sophs	37
Frosh	48	Seniors	39
Frosh	43	Juniors	39

Letter . . .

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by my publisher. Please put this in your Houghton Star with my best greetings. Will those who are interested in the matter, let me know it by a few lines.

Since I left you for my home country I must say that the Lord has blessed me richly. Although I could have stayed in Western Germany I felt to be called to work in the Russian Zone, where the opportunity to help others is much greater.

I also take the opportunity to thank those who have helped me to help here. The gifts of shoes were most welcome and have done very much good. Will you please continue to think of our needs and not discourage to do so even when you are told that there are difficulties in reaching us. Be sure, that we thankfully appreciate every sign of love and I myself especially all details about your life. Keep in loving memory your German friend.
— LINA LEJUENE

Birth

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Houck on Dec. 3, 1953. His name is David Jonathan.

CLOTHES MENDED

see
Mrs. Stanley Wright
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Town & Campus

Houghton welcomes Miss Ina Jackson back to campus, following a semester's absence because of illness. Miss Jackson will resume teaching Christian Education courses next semester.

Former students and graduates who have visited campus this past month include: Edward Danks, now attending Princeton Theological Seminary; Walter Hobbs, presently a student at Hofstra College; Michael Jalovick, doing evangelistic work; Willa Brown, now attending Shelton College; and Scott Webber, who is in the U. S. Army.

The Rev. Mr. Lancelot Zavitz, father of John Zavitz ('54), received recognition in the "Interesting People" section of the January, 1954, *American* magazine. Mr. Zavitz "has been combining the press and the pulpit for more than 20 years," states the article. He is pastor of the First Congregational Church of Ellington, N. Y., and a newspaperman for the *Buffalo Evening News*.

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Lazarides, Heintz Lead Class Scoring MEN . . .

Individual Scoring as of Jan. 15, 1954

	G	Avg.	T
Heintz	5	20.8	104
Janowsky	5	18.2	91
Manning	5	16.0	80
Markle	5	14.0	70
Baird	5	13.8	64
Treichler	5	12.2	61
Lewis	5	11.8	59

WOMEN . . .

Individual Scoring before tonight's game

	G	Avg.	T
Lazarides	6	17.3	104
Kaiser	5	14.2	71
Swancott	6	14.0	84
Mein	6	13.9	83
Hall	5	13.2	66
Cronk	6	12.8	77

High Scores: 34 Herman Heintz
27 Thalia Lazarides

APO Officers Elected For Spring Semester

Election of officers for the spring semester of 1954 were held by Alpha Phi Omega on Thursday, January 14. The results were: President, Dick Pocock; Vice-Pres., Stewart Haviland; Treasurer, Kenneth Alexander; Recording Sec., Edward Wheeler; Corresponding Sec., John Stewart; Alumni Sec., Gordon Dressel; Historian, Larry Tanner; Sergeant-at-Arms, John Peterson; Fellowship Chairman, Bob Thompson; Chaplain, Ted Durr; Faculty Advisor and Chairman, Prof. Gordon Stockin.

At this meeting, APO decided that it would sponsor the election of a snow King and Queen, the proceeds going to the March of Dimes. This election will be held during the third week of February, similar to the Ugly Man Contest held last year. This will be in conjunction with a snow carnival planned for Saturday, February 20.

— S. P.

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Frosh Take Second Place Subdue Seniors 77-53

Tonight's junior-sophomore game ends the '53-'54 class basketball season. In first place the sophomores hold a two-game lead over the freshmen. Only if the juniors come out victorious in this evening's contest, will the freshmen have a chance for a first-place tie.

There might now have been a tie for first place, had not the seniors the season's closest battle. The sophomores jumped into lead position by

giving the seniors their second loss 64 to 46. Not once in this turning game of the series did the seniors threaten the powerful sophomore machine. During both the first and last quarters, the sophs triply outscored the seniors. Showing tremendous push, the sophomores continued their game-winning drive by next downing the frosh and then completely smothering the juniors 102 to 47 in the high scoring campaign of the year.

Herman Heintz is now leading in the total points scored during this season's play, with an average of 20.8 per game. Close behind is Phil Janowsky, who has averaged 18.2 a night. If Phil wants to catch up, he will have to outscore Herm by at least 13 points in tonight's final against the juniors. Third scoring position goes to Hugh Manning, junior forward, who has an average of 16 points a game. Others in order of scoring are Markle, Baird, Treichler, and Lewis.

Class Standings Before Tonight's Game

	W	L
Sophs	4	1
Freshmen	4	2
Seniors	3	3
Juniors	0	5

Game Scores

Seniors	69	Juniors	28
Seniors	58	Juniors	43
Sophs	72	Frosh	43
Sophs	82	Frosh	47
Seniors	42	Sophs	35
Frosh	77	Seniors	53
Frosh	59	Seniors	58
Sophs	64	Seniors	46
Frosh	58	Juniors	40
Sophs	102	Juniors	47

A Word

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When the instructor passes out the question sheets, don't take one glance and mutter, "Impossible!" Look over the entire test and answer everything you know on first thought. Then you will have plenty of time to spend thinking out the more difficult questions. The allotted two hours is a gracious plenty, so keep looking at the next question, and not at your watch.

After such mental exertion you deserve a short rest. Take it! Read your new magazine, write letters, or play a game of checkers with your roommate; but remember that others are studying and that means "Quiet, please!"

In conclusion, eat three hearty meals each day, get plenty of sleep, forget all your past and future troubles and concentrate on the present ones. Study and then study some more! It has been said that if the freshman can get through the first semester exams, he'll have no trouble getting through college. Best of luck to YOU!
— P. T.

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Seniors Lose to Frosh

Undisputed second place title was taken by the freshmen in Wednesday evening's play-off match, as they set the seniors back on their heels 77-53.

Staging a comeback from their loss to the sophomores, the frosh opened up against an outclassed senior five as Leon Arnold, frosh center, scored 27 points. The frosh half-time lead of 7 points steadily increased as George Rhine added his 14 points to take second position in high scoring. Lewis and Baird led the seniors with 11 points each.

House League Standings

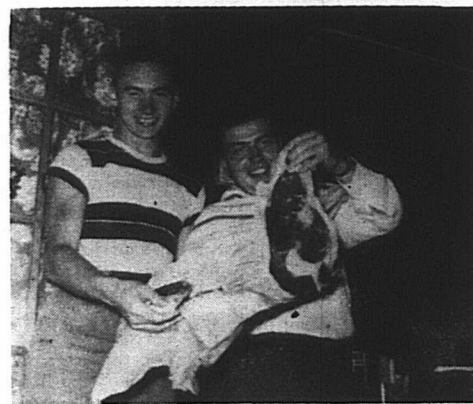
Standings to date

Team	Won	Lost
Hazlett	5	0
High School	4	0
Paine House	4	1
Dry Bones	3	2
Tucker-Lotes	3	2
McKinley	2	3
Athletics	1	3
College Inn	1	3
Panich	1	3
Nelson	1	3
Mills	0	5

High Scorers

Edward Kennedy	4	62	15.5
Paul Mills	4	57	14.2

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