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## DEADLINE JANUARY 2 FOR APPLICATION TO PEPSI - COLA AWARDS

With January 2, 1948, set as the closing date on which applications for the Pepsi-Cola graduate fellowships may be made, all eligible seniors should obtain the necessary recommendations before the closing of school for the Christmas vacation, according to word just received from John M. Stalnaker, director of the fellowship program.

The completed application form, endorsed by the dean or the president, must be accompanied by an official transcript of undergraduate credits through the junior year, the announcement states; and recommendations from two professors should be sent to the Board on the forms provided. All material must be in the offices of the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Board in Palo Alto, Calif., by midnight of the closing date. Application forms may be obtained from the dean.

Twenty-six of these graduate fellowships will be awarded in March to college students scheduled to receive bachelor's degrees during the academic year 1947-48. Six winners will be selected from each of four geographic regions in the United States, and in addition, two fellows will be chosen from graduates of Negro colleges. The winners will receive \$750 a year for three years and they will have their full tuition paid to any accredited graduate or professional school in the United States. They may work in any field of study which will lead to an M.A., Ph.D., M.D., or other advanced professional degree.

The fellowship program, which, according to Director Stalnaker, is designed to discover young men and women of marked ability and train them for intelligent leadership within their own fields, is financed as a public service by the Pepsi-Cola Company of which Walter S. Mack, Jr., is president.

## N.A.S.M. RECOMMENDS MEMBERSHIP FOR HOUGHTON MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Professor Alton Cronk has received word from the National Association of Schools of Music that Houghton college has been recommended for full membership in the association. If accepted, the announcement of such will be made at the meeting this month. Professor Cronk and Professor Finney will be present to represent the college.

Convening in its twenty-third annual meeting, the association which is the accrediting body for the educational institutions in the field of music in the United States, will meet at the Hotel Statler in Boston, Mass., December 27 to 30, 1947. The ranking officers of more than 150 of the leading schools of music, colleges and conservatories throughout the country, will take their places as official delegates and will participate in the discussions of many topics



*"For unto us a child is born . . ."*

## College Secures Office Furniture

Mr. Robert Hausser, field secretary for Houghton college, notified the Business office last week that he had succeeded in securing from the War Assets administration and the Federal Works agency a considerable quantity of office furniture and miscellaneous items. According to Mr. Hausser's report, most of the materials are in first-class condition. If this be the case, this material could be conservatively estimated at a value of about \$8,000.

Among the numerous items received are card file cabinets, four drawer letter size filing cabinets, flat top desks, drop head typewriter desks, office tables, posture chairs, office type chairs, folding chairs, office supply cabinets, book cases, coat racks, metal lockers, dormitory tables, blueprint cabinets, instrument sterilizers, portable X-ray unit, portable radiographic unit, and other infirmary supplies.

## V. A. RESPONDS TO VET OIL PLEA

Letters sent Tuesday by veterans in Vet-ville about the oil situation brought instantaneous response from two sources: two representatives from this veteran's administration area came Friday to investigate, and the Hon. Daniel A. Reed sent a telegram Monday saying, "Believe shortage due to fact they have been exporting too much to foreign countries. Am looking into situation."

Copies of the letter, written by Bill Calhoun, Jack Sperring and Jerry Ellison and signed by the 35 veterans, were sent to the Hon. Joseph Hanley, lieutenant governor of New York, and to two congressmen, the Hon. James Wadsworth and the Hon. Daniel A. Reed.

## Missionary Society Holds Essay Contest

An essay contest for young people is being sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist church. The title of the essay is, "Christ's Call to Youth in Such a World as This," which should be approximately 1500 words long.

Any young people between the ages of 17 and 24 years at the time of filing is eligible to enter and his essay will be judged by competent missionary leaders in the denomination. All essays to qualify for awards must be mailed to: General W.Y.P.S. Office, 3908 S. Harmon Street, Marion, Ind., and postmarked not later than midnight, February 16, 1948. The awards are \$35, \$20, and \$10 for the three best respectively.

## Houghton Debaters Top Canisius Squad

Houghton college varsity debaters captured their first crown of the season in a clash with Canisius college debaters Friday evening, December 12, in S24. Two professors from Alfred university deemed that Houghton had proved that "Federal World Government Should Be established."

## World Traveler Views Problems

Houghton's Lecture Series will present Chester Tobin, an authority of international reputation, who will discuss the problems of the Near East and Middle East on Wednesday, January 7, at 8:00 p. m.

Mr. Tobin is particularly recognized as an interpreter of present world situations and as an authority on the Near East. Because of his wide experience, he is prepared to bring many inside facts of the situation in Palestine and the Balkans.

In view of the present disturbed conditions in Palestine, this lecture will be one of the most timely of the year. Having lived and worked for a number of years with the people of Turkey and other parts of Europe and Asia, he is especially capable of understanding the inside problems in these countries.

Out of his experience in Turkey, he has written a book entitled, *Turkey—Key to the East*, which has been acclaimed as "the best book for an understanding of present-day Turkey."

For eight years he lived in Shanghai, China. This gave him opportunity to observe Japan launch her conquest of Asia. In fact, he saw much of the fighting between the Japanese and Chinese in Shanghai. In private life, he has served as an investment counselor and continued a close study of world economic trends.

### CORRECTION

The following corrections should be made in the office hours of the instructors as listed in the Star, December 5, 1947:

Dr. King—Mon. through Fri. 10:40-12:30; Sat. 9:00-12:00; afternoons as listed.

Miss Bessie Fancher—Thursday p. m. 3:30-5:00 in S-27

## Candlelight Banquet Highlights Season

Houghton college's annual Christmas banquet was held in the dining hall Wednesday evening, December 17.

The dinner was traditionally formal, with candlelight, reserved tables, and a special program directed by Aileen Nase.

Highlighting the evening was a men's octet in charge of Robert Hanley, which sang "The Night Before Christmas." While they were singing about the merry laughter of Santa Claus the Santa Claus who has been occupying one corner of the dining hall's main room this week, arose and walked through the dining hall, tossing tiny cellophane bags of Christmas candy to each banqueter. He was portrayed by Raymond Ball.

For devotions Alice Wright sang "O Holy Night." Marjorie Paine, daughter of President Paine, gave a Christmas reading, the song of Mary from Luke's gospel.

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## Collegiate?

John Earle wrote an essay on the identifying marks of the student when he is out of his familiar college environment. "He names the word college two often," says Earle, "and he is sharp set at an argument . . . He cannot speak to a dog in his own dialect, and he understands Greek better than the language of the falconer . . . The hermitage of his study has made him somewhat uncouth in the world . . . thus is he silly and ridiculous."

To Earle's essay it could be added that the student occasionally makes himself obnoxious on trains and busses by voicing school songs and yells with an utter disregard for the comfort of other travellers. It could be further added that when at home during vacation periods he frequently disgusts his family by carrying classroom discussions to the dinner table, and by monopolizing the conversation when somebody wants to tell about the baby's new tooth. Other elaborations are not wanting to supplement Earle's essay.

Why not leave that "collegiate mantle" on the campus tomorrow, and go home with the idea that maybe there are some things we may learn by quiet observation while travelling.

## On Looking Upward by Myron Bromley

Across the wind swept slope of a Tibetan plateau a nomad trudges with his yak and sheep toward the black tent on the leeward side of a ridge. December cold has tightened the skins stretched over the poles into icy plates of armor against the howling winter storm. Tonight the moon is full, the smoking fire stains the air, and the herdsman, wrapped in quilted coats, now steps at his tent door to wonder at the star rising in the evening sky; it seems to come from behind the distant mountain and point far beyond the peaks that daily swallow up the sun.

Far to the west, in a troublesome Roman colony, a small town bustles with the assembly of country peasants for the emperor's census. Never before has the innkeeper had such a number of guests, and every home is crowded with relatives from smaller villages. Even the shopkeepers have opened their streetside ware rooms for sleeping places. Through the day and past the sunset hour the road is filled with old men and tired country women and crying children coming for the decreed registration. At last even the stables provide straw beds for those latecomers whose journey has been slow. A cave just beyond the rabbi's house shelters among its stalls a young Galilean couple, and late in the evening a manger becomes a bed for the bride's firstborn son. Although the child's tiny clothes are simple Jewish wrappings, a strange majesty pervades the scene as a group of shep-

herds from the nearby hills come to relate a vision of angels announcing this humble birth. Then, a brief rumoring through the town of a strange event, a forgetting, and the return of the many registrants to their homes blots out the memory of the shepherds' tale.

A thousand years have passed and passing left another thousand, now nearly gone. Into a cathedral pours a cheerful multitude to share the Christmas service, its glorious music and beautiful ceremony. A nearby church carillon rings a familiar carol through the still night in a tone that seems the richer for the season. Morning brings a universal scene of childish jubilation and family joy around a thousand gayly lit trees surrounded by bright packages. All is Christmas, and for the day Christmas is all.

Halfway around the earth a nomad leads his sheep toward the sheltered encampment of an ancient, jagged valley, as a snow-filled wind whines from the mountain peaks. Tomorrow he must trek to the shrine of the Enlightened One over the *skora* path as he stiffly counts icy beads and mumbles mystic prayers. Tonight the storm is bitterly forgetful of murder on another winter night, murder demanding blood payment. The herdsman stops to gaze into the sky and wonder at an evening star serenely rising in defiance of the oncoming clouds. Strange, the peace of that star when all else is fury. But who can tell the meaning of the stars?

## SOPH HOOPSTERS BLAST SENIOR SQUAD, 56-49

### Artist Series Features

### English Soprano, Jan. 9

Maggie Teyte, England's greatest soprano, and considered by many as the world's greatest interpreter of French art songs, will appear at the next artist series concert, Friday, January 9, 1948. She will also appear in Kleinhan's Music hall in Buffalo, January 7th.

—HC—

## Just in passing

by Robert Bairton

The Christmas season was heralded last Saturday and Sunday evenings by two performances of Handel's great oratorio, *The Messiah*. The presentation, by the Houghton Oratorio society, was under the direction of Prof. Alton M. Cronk.

The orchestra, on this occasion, played with much more feeling and unity than in last year's production, and showed more response to the demands of the conductor than has heretofore been evidenced. The chorus was, for the most part, highly satisfactory, in this glorious music.

Among the soloists, special mention must be made of Mrs. Margaret Smith. Her singing of the alto solos revealed a finely trained and perfectly even contralto voice of considerable tonal beauty. One regretted that she did not have more solo passages allotted to her.

Much credit is due Prof. Cronk and his entire organization for the general high quality of the performance, and the musicianly character of his direction.

Regular readers of this column have seen many and varied topics discussed in "Just in Passing". Some, moreover, have formed a mental picture of this writer as a twentieth century Don Quixote, engaging windmills in battle. I shan't deny this, and, of course, I should be foolish to affirm it.

It is true, however, that these lines have often tackled problems that have been considered incapable of solution for ages. This quixotic tendency, if it is that, is often profitable. It sometimes uncovers new ideas and reintroduces old ones. In the case of this column, I honestly believe a little thinking was stimulated, even though the stimulus was sometimes almost imperceptible.

This week, as a Christmas present to my readers, I am not going to attack a windmill. I shall leave well enough alone and wish all a very happy Christmas season.

—HC—

## SPACE AVAILABLE

Donald Kouwe, business manager of the '48 Boulder, announces that a limited amount of space will be available in the Boulder for advertisements of the business establishments of family or friends of students. Arrangements for such advertisement should be made at the Boulder office as soon after vacation as possible.

A rejuvenated and underestimated soph team trounced the senior team, the pre-game favorites, in the biggest upset of the year, last night in Bedford gymnasium. The seniors, who rode through to victory in their last encounter with the sophs, put up an aggressive battle against an aggressive foe, but could not stem the final scoring surge sparked by their opponent's high point men, Hank Jenkins.

The early stages of the game were all in the control of the seniors, although the sophs were giving them a rough time. At the end of the first quarter, the score was tied at 11-11. This was the closest to victory that the sophs came until the last period. The persistency in scoring by Perry, Watkins and Jenkins, kept them within winning distance despite the retaliation by Lewellen, Harr and Hanley. In the final quarter, with 8 minutes to go, the sophs broke loose on a scoring spree which cost the seniors the game. They took advantage of this to ring up a few more baskets, leaving the floor with a decisive 56-49 win.

The lineup:

### SOPHOMORES

	FG	FT	TP
McPherson	4	0	8
Strong	1	2	4
Johnson	1	1	3
Perry	5	3	13
Jenkins	6	3	15
Dingman	1	0	2
Watkins	4	3	11

### SENIORS

	FG	FT	TP
Harr	3	2	8
Hanley	5	0	10
Smith	2	1	5
Morris	0	0	0
Barker	0	2	2
Clark	1	0	2
Lewellen	10	2	22

—HC—

## THE RUT

BY CASEY

All in all I think that in keeping with the Christmas season I'm gonna fling a few bouquets to unsung heroes and heroic deeds. Orchids to whoever it is on the kitchen crew who bakes those Sunday morning sweet rolls. Our best to Prof. Smith, the only man on the campus who has a worthwhile excuse to exceed Houghton's speed limit. While in the Smith Department, we would toss a nosegay to Al in the print shop who is the only man we know who can get twenty-eight hours out of a twenty-four hour day. More orchids to Prof. Hazlett, who has built up a well-integrated English Department. (No, I don't take any courses from him.) Congratulations to Norman Walker for making us feel that we were having our pictures taken when we were having our pictures taken.

This department would like to know what that man's sock is doing in front of the fire place in the Bee Hive.

A look at the calendar today by your humble narrator brought this remark, "Good Heavens, it's here."