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## Congressman Kelly To Be Lecture Course Speaker

Coming Wednesday, May 6

Houghton College will have the pleasure of hearing M. Clyde Kelly, member of the House of Representatives. Mr. Kelly is recommended as an excellent speaker and is sure to merit our attendance.

Although he represents the State of Pennsylvania, he is an Ohian by birth, being born in Bloomfield, Ohio in 1883. He is a graduate of Muskingum College, which college has since conferred the honorary degree of A. M. upon him. He began a newspaper career in 1901, assuming the position of City Editor of the Braddock, Pa. *Daily News*. He continued in the newspaper profession until 1910, when he entered the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He left this in 1913 to become a member of the 63rd Congress, (1913-1915) and has been a member of Congress from 1917 to the present.

He is the author of several political books and is well-known in social circles. We anticipate the visit of this distinguished gentleman.

## Dorm Addition Begun

To Be Completed for Fall Occupancy

Boom! The air was filled with smoke and particles of wood. Men rushed to and fro on the roof of the annex. Teachers lifted anxious faces from their class notes only to behold the consternation and fear of the students. What was happening on the hitherto peaceful campus? Investigation revealed that although the College has made use of all the available space for housing women students, this will not suffice for future. President Luckey is optimistic; he expects a larger registration next year. Consequently, an addition to the dormitory is being made which will provide room for thirty more girls.

The size of the new addition to the Girls' Dormitory is to be 40 X 36 and will consist of about 21 rooms. The new part is expected to be finished by next fall. The dining room is to be much improved by the annexation.

We would enjoy hearing the sound of exploding dynamite more often if it would always result in necessary additions to our College Buildings.

## Girls' Club at Belmont

The College Girls' Glee Club held a successful concert at the First Baptist Church at Belmont, last Sunday evening, April 26. This, the third concert of the club, outside of Houghton, was well attended despite the bad weather.

After a refreshing luncheon of hot coffee and sandwiches, the group returned to Houghton through the blinding storm.

## Houghton Talent Entertains Tonite

May Concert Scheduled for To-night

To-night an unusual, although annual, event is to take place in Houghton. It is the May Concert. This Concert is made up of the most talented personnel in Houghton. Each year a program is prepared by these groups as a part of our lecture course series, and everyone is assured of enjoying a delightful evening.

Probably the drawing card for this evening's entertainment will be the Girls' Glee Club under the leadership of Mrs. Ruth Zimmerman-Steeze; also the Men's Glee Club directed by Professor Alfred D. Kreckman. These groups have been heard in Houghton before and everyone is familiar with the ability of both. There will be solos by leading vocalists, pianists and instrumentalists; also readings by several whom we have not often heard before. It is also rumored that there will be a violin trio which we are anxious to hear. One other feature of the program will be the Orchestra, which this year is under the leadership of Miss Maxine Morgan.

We believe that this will prove to be an evening of superfine entertainment that each person in Houghton will want to attend.

## Dr. King to Teach In Nebraska

The head of Houghton's Department of English, Dr. Lauren A. King, has accepted a similar position beginning next year at Peru State Teacher's College of Nebraska. This is a large institution, the enrollment consisting of some thirteen hundred students. It is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges, and is the oldest state teacher's college in the state.

Dr. King will have six professors under him in his new position. In preparation, he is taking additional work at Ohio State University this summer.

Houghton College is losing a capable and able professor in Dr. King's leaving, but we wish him every success in his new position.

## ARBOR DAY POSTPONED

The annual Arbor Day which was set for Wednesday of this week was postponed due to the bad weather. Unless the unforeseen occurs, it will be held next Tuesday, May 5.

The regular Tuesday classes next week will be held Wednesday. The Thursday classes are scheduled to meet as usual.

## 1932 Boulder Staff Announced

The Editor and Business Manager in conjunction with the previously elected Faculty Advisor have selected the staff to supervise the publishing of the 1932 *Boulder*. Realizing that it is not at all possible to incorporate the abundant literary and business ability of next year's Junior class into a mere staff of fourteen members they wish to impress upon the whole class the fact that the names mentioned below only comprise a working Executive Committee, and that the responsibility of making the 1932 *Boulder* a success rests with the entire group of Juniors.

However they do not wish to minimize the responsibility connected with each and every staff position and have with much consideration chosen the following:

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## Boys! What Does All This Mean?

Penn Yan, April 28—Elaborate preparations are being made by Keuka College for the concert which will be presented at the college on Saturday night by the Houghton College Glee Club. This club comes to Keuka as a return courtesy for the Keuka Glee Club having appeared at Houghton.

The Houghton Men's Glee Club is said to rank high in club concert work in the state. The concert will be given at 8:15 o'clock in Hege-man Hall.

(Reprint from Rochester *Democrat and Chronicle*. Italics are ours. Ed.)

## Juvenile Demonstration

Last Friday was the date of one of our time honored customs, when the campus assumed the aspect of a playground, and bows and curls were much in evidence.

The "children" however were very well behaved and listened with due decorum to the Chapel remarks by "Grandpa" Fancher, simplified especially for their youthful minds. Then the Pied Piper must have come in the night, for the next morning no kiddies appeared, and a number of dignified young ladies took their places. (This surprising metamorphosis looks like an interesting field for scientific observation.)

## Misses Crowell and Carter Are Presented in Recital

Appreciative Audience Hears Well-prepared Program

Last Friday night a large and appreciative audience attended a recital, which to the Misses Lucile Crowell, soprano, and Margaret Carter pianist, meant the attainment of a great ambition, the grand consummation of several years of study and hard work. Their efforts have certainly been crowned with success, and their many friends offer them sincere congratulations.

Miss Crowell opened the recital with a French Aria impersonating the youthful Marguerite in Gounod's Opera "Faust". The audience was immediately impressed with her splendid poise, diction, breath control, and the warmth and resonance of her voice.

Miss Carter opened her share of the program with a Chopin group, which she played with her usual accuracy and delightful manner and expression. Miss Carter fully deserves her great popularity as a pianist.

The outstanding number in Miss Crowell's second group was "One Tone" by Cornelius, sung entirely upon one tone. Her splendid variety of expression in this number made it interesting and much appreciated.

In her interpretation of "On Wings of Song" by Mendelssohn-Liszt, and also of her last number, the Concerto, Miss Carter was at her best. Following her second group the audience demanded an encore.

for which she played the well known composition by MacDowell, "To a Water-Lily".

Miss Crowell made her last appearance in an English group, the last of which was her own composition, "Overtones", for which number she deserves a great deal of credit. For an encore, she sang "Rain of the Night" by her accompanist, Ruth Zimmerman-Steeze.

Miss Carter concluded the recital with the first movement of Schumann's Concerto in A minor. Prof. Kreckman played the orchestral score on the second piano. The audience was thrilled by the rendition of this number.

At her last appearance, each graduate was presented with beautiful flowers. The whole program went off smoothly and pleasantly. Both performers exhibited not only excellent training, but a great deal of genuine musical talent. Much credit belongs to Prof. Kreckman and Mrs. Steeze, both for their fine accompaniments, and for the manner in which they have trained these students.

## Men's Glee Club Presents Concert

The Houghton College Men's Glee Club presented its first program of the year Sunday night, April 26, at the First Baptist Church in Cuba, New York.

The Concert was composed of sacred numbers. These numbers received the compliments of the large audience who heard them. Mr. Theos Cronk very ably rendered a solo, "The Great Awakening," by Cramer. The Glee Club may feel encouraged by the success of its initial program.

May 3rd the Glee Club gives its second concert at Keuka College. The following Saturday and Sunday the Men go to Ebenezer and Buffalo. At Buffalo, Sunday, May 10, the Men's Glee Club will sing at the evening service in the Churchill Tabernacle, and at 11 p. m., Eastern Daylight Saving time, they will broadcast on the musical program of the Back-Home Hour over a coast to coast hook-up of the Columbia Broadcasting System. This is a rare privilege that no other Glee Club from Houghton College has been afforded and they feel justly proud of the fact. Being able to broadcast on the Back-Home Hour was largely due to the friendly cooperation of the Rev. Clinton H. Churchill of the Churchill Tabernacle.

The final out-of-town trip will be made to Rochester, N. Y. where they will sing in the Brighton Community Church, May 16; and in the Asbury Methodist Church Sunday night, May 17. On the morning of the

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## THE ATTITUDE OF FAITH

Today, the physical sciences are more and more acknowledging the necessity of an attitude of faith. This has come about because as we investigate more deeply matter seems to dissolve away before us. The older conception of a purely mechanical universe has now become untenable. Matter is merely a vibrating impulse, mysterious and unexplained. Stupendous as is the world outside of us, the world within is even more remarkable. Thought, moral qualities, conscience, justice and love are not measurable, yet are supremely important. The very character of the universe in which we live compels belief. Unbelief is not a scientific conclusion; it is a definite choice. Innate in the mind of man is a belief in God and immortality. The mind which by faith bears witness to its own existence, bears witness also to God. The relationship to God is the most vital of all the relationships which man holds, and it must be established in faith. The human soul can never be satisfied apart from a personal knowledge of God. We who have the light must fight against the rising tide of infidelity and atheism. We must lift up Christ, who, as the Light of the World, can alone illumine the dark and intricate pathway of life for every man.

H. C. B.

## "ON PARADE"

One of Houghton's show places is just opposite the President's office. Here one can observe more notices of lost, strayed or stolen items, plastered indiscriminately on the Bulletin Board, than are contained in a week's issue of a city daily. Here are listed events which have long since occurred, and would have been forgotten except for the constant reminder of an extinct announcement. There ought to be a law! Drastic legislation should be enacted! Something ought to be done! If there is one place in the whole college which is constantly "on Parade", it is the Bulletin Board. There should certainly be some regulation regarding not only the type of announcements posted there, but also the form in which they are presented. We suggest that some member of the faculty be designated to pass judgment upon every announcement to be posted. Also, we believe every notice should be typewritten, and when it has served its period of usefulness, the person posting it should be responsible for its removal.

H. C. B.



## Did You Note That--

Charlie Moon has chicken pox. Leon Hines was in Gowanda, N. Y. Saturday and Sunday.

Velma Harbeck was in Black Creek for the week-end.

Ruth Kissinger and Maxine Morgan were in Buffalo Friday.

Fay Stewart of Bath, N. Y. spent Saturday with Harold Woodard.

Alvin Densmore, Caledonia, N. Y., was in Houghton on Saturday.

Theodore Brink spent Sunday at his home in Nunda.

Marjorie Plimpton went to Avon Saturday.

Gordon Stevenson was in Rochester a few days last week.

Howard Bain was in Houghton Saturday.

Esther Burns spent the week-end at her home in Porterville.

Maxine Morgan, Marian Hewitt and Gladys Davison were in Warsaw Saturday.

Mrs. Eva Benton has returned after spending a few days with her sister in Elmira.

Warren Thurber and George Wolfe spent the week-end at their homes in Albion, N. Y.

Evelyn Tobin of Pennfield, N. Y. was the guest of Leanna McGowan for a few days last week.

William and Lucy Joslyn spent the week-end at their home in Ebenezer, N. Y.

Mrs. Eric Hildebrand of Rochester, N. Y. is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Fred Ebner.

The Misses Frances Vorries and Ila Underwood of Cuba, N. Y. were guests of Miss K. Cole on Sunday.

Miss Hillpot, Miss Burnell and Miss Rothermel were entertained at the home of Rev. Clair King, Wales Center, on Sunday.

Mildred Stoddard, Beverly Taylor and Howard Dietrich spent the week-end at their homes in Cattaraugus.

## Behold! Skip Day Arriveth

### But Who Careth?

The Senior walketh about mystically and tantalizingly. He seeketh to envelop himself with an atmosphere of mystery, a strong silent man recently cometh out of the West—and resenteth when you leave him alone and break not his reticence. By divers hints, he keepeth the subject of Skip Day before you; he maketh complex plans to fold his tents like the Arabs and as silently steal away—and is cast down when no one noteth his absence.

Annually there appeareth in the STAR at about this time some little article inciting us to wonder when Skip Day will visit us. We crave individuality above all things. We know not when Skip Day will come. We care not.

### Another Senior Signs-up

Miss Ethel Thompson has recently signed up to teach at Holland, N. Y.

## Opinions

### Tennis Calls

Dear Editor:

With Spring the call to the tennis court is irresistible. Two courts are too few for the demand. Why not authorize the Athletic Association to properly equip the courts across from the Markee Cottage? The expense could be met by taxation. If three hundred people denied themselves a candy bar for a week, this would do it. Lift the word pep from dyspepsia by playing more tennis and eating less candy.—W. M. R.

### The Eternal Parking Problem

Dear Editor:

There are, as we all know, many various parking places. In the City we find small rectangular lots with a small building in a corner on which is a sign "Parking 25c." Across the road from a smoke covered factory we see a very humpy and bedraggled lot which looks as if several persons had suddenly decided that it was no place to live and had picked up their houses and hurried off. This is an ideal place for big Buicks, shiny Chevrolets, and funny Fords to congregate for a few hours while their owners spend tiresome hours in the buildings opposite. Tourists can always find quiet, restful, shady places in which to park. There are usually comfortable benches and homey tables placed there for their convenience. Of course some people find it best just to stop anywhere along the road, but I will not discuss that in detail.

Do you know where to find the most popular parking place in Houghton? I think you will find it "on the hill" right in front of the college building. It is quite a lengthy place, and when all the cars are left there during the forenoon, I am reminded of some dark hued mechanical serpent waiting for the 12:30 bell to ring, when it may slide away, carrying with it many hungry people. I wonder what strangers and visitors think of this monster which we have guarding the entrance of our hall of learning. It certainly is a good guard, for no one can drive within 600 feet of it.

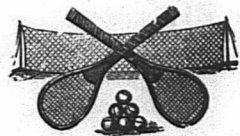
What can we do to remedy this situation? Could we not park our cars along the bank back of the building? Then when our friends come they will easily find a place to park and will be greeted with an expression of welcome rather than an atmosphere of repulse.—S. M.

### Tennis Question Again

Dear Editor:

It has been rumored that the Frosh voted to take care of the tennis courts. We certainly appreciate their interest, but we wonder when the good work is to begin.

It is a pleasure to play tennis and I believe that the Frosh are enjoying it to the full. Houghton has two fine courts which, during the past sunny days have been put to very good use. Whenever we go to the bulletin board to "sign up", we are always too late, it seems; someone has been there before us! Don't you think it would be fine if we had some more courts? Across the road from the Markee Cottage is a nice flat lot which, with a very little effort could be transformed into two more courts. How about it, Frosh?—M. S.



## SENIOR-SOPH TENNIS MATCH

The Senior-Sophomore tennis match, which was originally carded for Wednesday, will be played off on Friday, May 1, first set beginning at 3:30 sharp, weather permitting. A. Gross and H. Marvin comprise the Senior team while H. Flint and W. Mein represent the Sophomores. Odds are about even, although the general consensus of opinion favors the lower class to triumph. It is hard to state definitely what particular advantages each side possesses, but whatever edge there is rests with the Sophomores, since Flint is school champion. However, a Senior victory is not to be regarded as an upset.

Dr. King will referee the match. With the spring attack of tennis fever upon the school, a large gallery is expected.

A few remarks about the Purple-Gold tennis are not inappropriate here. The elimination tournament will occupy an entire week, May 7-14. A Varsity-Alumni tennis match will be played during Commencement Week.

## TRACK AND FIELD PRACTICE PROGRESSES

The Purple-Gold track and field meet is not so far distant. May 23 is the date set for the annual classic, and daily we see stalwart athletes preparing for their grueling events.

Last year it will be remembered that it was all Gold from start to finish, but this year it appears as if the meet will be waged on more even terms. This year's Freshman class has added immensely to the strength of the Purple, and together with several new-comers, they present quite a strong aggregation.

Among the Freshmen, Foster Benjamin is one of the foremost. He very neatly does the hundred and two-hundred, and it is going to take some stepping to beat him. Elliot, Gold, is also in the running in these events, while Johnson plugs along daily in the quarter mile. Farnsworth, Purple, heaves the shot with no little dexterity. Flume and Pierce hope to make things hard for the Gold in the long runs, while Clair McCarty is sure to place in the high jump and pole vault.

Both teams have practically all of the big point winners of last year's meet. Dolan, Vogan and Armstrong are expected to repeat for the Gold, as is Woodard for the Purple. King, a new comer, is expected to add to the Purple's total. Neither girls' teams have started practice as yet.

Next week will begin the regular "every other day" schedule of training for the Purple and Gold teams. As far as possible all the Gold team will train together on the field after 4 o'clock on one afternoon, and the Purple team the next afternoon. The captains will supervise the training, and locate the different men and women in the events best suited to them.

### Men's Glee Club

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same day the College Quartette composed of Hines, Turnell, Cronk, and Ebner will sing at the Asbury Methodist Church, by special request of Dr. Cushman.



## Soph Static

Speaking of announcements, we wonder what the innuendoes we have heard from the Chapel platform may mean? Our investigators have drawn blanks, save for a hint that something is going to happen—something very mysterious indeed!

1st: "Are you wearing spectacles, old man?"

2nd: "Yeah. Through crossword puzzles I've contracted an optical defect—one eye travels vertically and the other horizontally."

Remember when the Freshmen used to wear those cute little green caps? We wonder if they've lost them all?

"Ah, Jenny, I wonder if my husband will love me when my hair is gray?"

"Why not? He's loved you through three shades already."

When the one-elephant circus went through Benton a kid on the court square busted out with, "Hey, see the elephant?"

Another chap was along, and said, "Huh, that aint no elephant. That's a GOP. Aint you seen 'em in the newspaper? That's a gop, I tell ya!"

Some people seem to regard the Chapel hour as a cross between a gossip club and an indignation meeting. Why can't we remember it is sacred to the Most High?

Maybe you've noticed what a crowd there has been in the library since the Faculty STAR came out. Some people sure are rushing to get that B plus!

Weather Man: Put down rain for a certainty this afternoon.

Assistant: Are you positive, sir?  
Weatherman: Yes, indeed. I've lost my umbrella, I'm planning to play golf, and my wife's giving a lawn party.

Those new tennis schedules are a help! The way things were going we'd have had to sign now for a doubles match during Commencement.

Old Mose Parker was pretty sick and the darky doctor put him to bed with all sorts of rules and regulations regarding sleep and diet.

After he had gone, Mose turned to his wife and complained: "Mandy, how does dat dere fool doctor reckon Ah's gwine to eat breast ob chicken ebery day if Ah ain't got mah ebenin's free?"

"Most people quarrel because they can't argue."—A. K. Chesterton.

A girl, returned home from a Boston boarding school for a vacation, was asked at dinner if she would take a second helping. She responded, "No, thank you! Gastronomic satiety admonishes me that I have arrived at a state of deglutition consistent with dietetic integrity."

## German Club Meets

About thirty attended the regular meeting of the German Club, held last Friday afternoon in the chapel. The program consisted of several readings and the singing of many familiar German songs. The devotionals were conducted by Alfred Gross.

## Literati

### OLD HENRY'S STORY

"Yes, sir, they took 'em clean. Even the captain was shot right between the two eyes, and he fell like a bullet to the ground. It's as true as I'm livin'." And the old Civil War veteran settled back in his chair and smiled at the wide-open eyes of the group gathered about him. Then he again picked up the thread of his story.

"Ever since, the house to which they took the captain has been haunted. No one could enter it and expect to come out alive. But old Ned Jones, as big a fellow as ever lived, he says to us boys one day, 'Boys, thar ain't no sich thing as ol' Cap'n Sam's ghost in that there house. C'mon, we'll show 'em.'"

"Well, the boys weren't so sickly a lot, so they fell in for the idea, and we started. Jim Carson and old Billy went in first. The rest of us boys waited outside. Thirty minutes passed, and still they didn't appear. So Charlie and George went in to find them. Just old crippled Iry and myself were left. We kinda fidgeted around for about an hour, waiting for the rest of the bunch to come out. But they didn't come. Iry looked at me, and I looked at Iry. Says he, 'Henry, there's somethin' kinda phoney about this here business. Where do you suppose the gang are? I'll bet you two bits that it's a trick.'"

"Well, I wasn't to be fooled by any man so I just says, 'C'mon, Iry. We'll show 'em, and we went into the old house.

"To begin with, we searched the ground floor. There wasn't a thing out of the way as we could see. So we went down cellar, expectin' to find the boys. Well, there wasn't any particular thing down there either. Then Iry whispered in my ear, 'Henry, I bet they're upstairs. We'll sneak up on 'em and give 'em the laugh.' So we tiptoed up, and mind you, not even a board in the stairs creaked. When we got up there we just kinda snooped in all the rooms where the doors were open. Then Iry, he put his fingers to his lips, kinda warning like, and sneaked over to one room where the door was closed. I followed him. Slowly he opened the door and—fell in, striking the floor, dead! I bent over him and tried to lift him, but it was no use. I looked about the room desperately. Then I saw Jim. He was lying in a heap over against the window—dead! And Ned and Charlie were huddled over in the darkest corner—dead, too! I looked for George. There he was,—kneeling at the foot of the bed, chewing on Cap'n Sam's bones—stark mad!

"Ever since, each year one member of our regiment has gone crazy, and now I'm the only one left. But I'm not crazy—I'm not crazy—I'm not crazy!"

### NIGHT FLOWERS

Stretched out on high,  
Across the sky,  
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points of light,  
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## Plans for New Church Progressing

The Houghton Tabernacle Church Building Committee is fast becoming one of Houghton's major committees. Architects are being consulted; definite data on materials are being received. The committee is committed to the proposition that ample provision shall be made for efficient Sunday School quarters. From plans received from architects, the building, though modest, will present a very pleasing appearance in its architectural design.

Literature on the financial campaign will be forthcoming in the near future. Someone has said, "Handling money is the acid test of Christian character." The committee has faith in the Christian integrity and loyalty of the people who are vitally concerned in the progress and development of a Greater Houghton spiritually. Considering the economical type of structure, the low cost of materials and labor and Houghton's great need and enlarging vision of her mission it becomes very evident that the raising of the amount needed is not a matter of ability but of faith and willingness.

## What Is a Sophomore?

"Sophomore" is a very interesting word from the Greek; it means "wise fool." We feel, however, that that definition is hardly clear enough. The Cambridge University Classification for 1688 runs as follows:

Fresh Men  
Sophy Moores  
Junior Sophs

Senior Sophs—so you see the "Sophs" was quite the most important classification there. "The Harvardian" (Cf. Oxford Dictionary) further says:

"Better to face the 'proaching panther's path  
Than meet the storm of sophomoreic wrath!"

All this information is edifying, but hardly up-to-date. So an inquiring Sophomore was despatched to some of the members of our all-wise faculty to set the question: "What is your conception of an ideal college Sophomore?" and here are the responses:

"Of course this is a question in the realm of pure, and not applied, science. As a tentative theory I should give this: A Christian student earnestly seeking for a complete personality, who has entered his second year of college study. There should be no difference in spirit among the various years, only progress in knowledge and judgment."

"One who so carefully selects his vocabulary that no too lengthy word or syllable interferes with the rhythmic movement of his jaws, so necessary to aesthetic gum-chewing."

"The one who never forgets that he was once a Freshman."

"According to Oratory the mind has four attributes: Life, Affection, Will, and Intellect. From this, the Sophomore represents Affection—with its sentimentality termed 'association.'"

"In two respects the ideal college Sophomore is like unto the Freshman—he has not yet learned that study is a minor interest in college life; secondly, he has carried over at least some portion of the eagerness and zest that characterize the Fresh-

man. Would that his proverbial sophistication might admit of an occasional manifestation of wonder or surprise, that he might question, that his physiognomy might sometimes say "Eureka" in the face of incontrovertible evidence. He no longer sees himself as an individual member of one class alone but has developed the larger college spirit, interesting himself in the activities of the social group, while still maintaining a class spirit."

"Sophomore. (Gr: sophos—wise; moros, foolish.)

1. A second grade college student an accomplished survival of a former year, wise concerning his teacher and anticipating his questions, foolish in his desire to learn no more than the test will require. His chief question concerning an explanation is "Must I learn all of that?"

2. A recent adjuster to new conditions of school life. He has learned that as he is not guarded from distractions between classes he must protect himself.

3. An earnest seeker for knowledge.

4. (Obs.) A bookworm."

"A person (preferably a Freshman) for whom being a Freshman has done something and for whom becoming a Sophomore has not done too much, who has made the discovery that there are still many things to be learned—the most of which his father and mother know, and the faculty probably know—and who in all his personal relationships is the exact opposite of the judge in last Sunday's lesson. (Luke 18:4)"

"Actually they are the most misunderstood class in school. Added to scholastic unpleasantness is the fact that upon them devolves the duty of inculcating school spirit and proper humility into the unsuspecting Fresh. And because, further they have not yet attained to Junior and Senior prestige, these aforesaid classes look down upon them with haughty disdain. My conception of the 'ideal college Sophomore?' No—not ideality, but actuality."

## LITERARY BOARD MAKES NOMINATIONS

The Executive Literary Board of Houghton College has submitted the following nominations for the 1931-1932 STAR:

For Editor of the STAR:  
Ruth I. Burgess  
H. Clifford Bristow

For Business Manager:  
George Wolfe, Jr.  
Devello Frank

For Business Manager of the Lecture Course:

Theos Cronk  
Lawrence Strong

The election will take place on or about May 6.

## April Shower Surprise For Recent Bride

Mrs. Ruth Zimmerman-Steele was pleasantly surprised last Tuesday evening by a "miscellaneous" shower at the home of Zola Fancher. About thirty guests attended and various attractive and useful gifts were unpacked.

Misses Marjorie Ackerman and Rachel Davison assisted Mrs. Fancher in the entertaining. Delicious pink cake, pudding, and coffee were served as refreshments, and apparently a good time was enjoyed.

## Excerpts from Felix Von Etzel's Note Book

After a reign of perfect pandemonium, Section B in Ethics comes promptly to order as Professor Wright enters. When the customary initial rites are over and when everyone is found present including "Willie", the discussion begins with "lies of necessity."

Prof. Wright: "A woman is home alone, when a tramp comes to her door. If she thinks him dangerous, is she justified in saying, 'You go away, or I'll call my husband,' when she knows her husband is beyond reach?" (A period of thought and calculation, especially calculation.)

C. Moon: "Well, she could call her husband anyway, even if he couldn't hear."

"Dick" A.: (sotto voce) "That's right Charlie, you tell 'em."

All the other profound ideas are shattered by the laughter, so Prof. propounds another situation, praying for better results.

"Two Senior girls sitting adjacently are taking a final in which failure would mean no degree in June. Both have worked assiduously in the course, but one, being of a high-strung temperament, becomes frustrated. Should the composed girl help her distressed sister on a particular question thereby aiding her to pass the exam, and get her degree, or should she keep her own paper on the far side of her desk?" (Genuine thought and discussion follows.)

Prof. W.: "What d'ya say, George?"

George U.: (Disgusted by the interruption from his chemical cogitations.) "I don't know!"

F. H.: (Just smiles.)  
Small voice near "Ozy": "I'd pray for her." ("Ozy", in case you don't know, is short for Ozymandias.)

Still the undaunted Professor has the courage to try another case in point. "Now for a classical example", he says as he smacks his lips.

"A Yankee soldier was scouting prior to a battle in the Civil War. By chance, he met a group of Confederates whom he overheard say, 'We'll ask this fellow where his army is to attack us, and he will tell us the opposite from the truth.' So they asked him, and he knowing what they expected him to say, told the truth. Now the question is, did the soldier tell a falsehood when he told the truth?" (Unbroken silence.)

F. H.: (Speaking before looking up.) "What d'ya say, Thurber?"

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(Everyone, who is still awake, looks for Thurber, and then laughs when he realizes that Warren isn't even taking Ethics.)

Pitzrick: (Awakened by the commotion) "Well, did the soldier know what they were going to ask him." (Prof. looks hopelessly on, while the class roar obstreperously.)

The situation is relieved by a knock on the door, and Theos passes out. Frank, then changes the topic to the *ewige Weibliche*, which is always intensely interesting and highly suggestive. One of the stronger sex immediately delves into *Corinthians* and brings forth that dusty, cob-webbed passage forbidding women to speak in church. We plainly see that F. H. is becoming painfully cautious, for he realizes that the situation is delicate. So he gives us an extended discourse on the merits of the weaker sex, to which "Gordy" nods approvingly. The upshot of the affair is that women should bring their husbands to church, and speak for new hats at home. (I note a dubious frown on Fiske's physiognomy.)

The consideration of marriage is next in order. We are told that wedded life is a series of adjustments, like those the chiropractor gently makes. But none of us believe it's that bad. When Prof. tells us that marriage is a moral duty, we all unanimously assent. (Some of us reflect that Houghton is running on full time too.) I said all agreed about the obligation of matrimony, but I am not sure whether "Willy" nodded assent or not. We all hope that

Wilfred will not be a misogynist.

The bell rings and, as we, the aces of argument and connoisseurs of conduct, troop from class, our minds are dizzy and weary from "heavy" discussions. Though we do not crave for any more of the eudemonism of the erudite Stagyrite or the categorical imperative of Kant, we still ponder over one of our good Professor's bits of spice,

"Here's to the love in a woman's eyes. Which lies and lies and lies."

—R. P.

## Prize Offered

The German Club, which has not as yet received its official name is conducting a contest in order to procure one. To be acceptable the name must be in German, and be handed in to Fred Ebner before May 8. A prize of 500,000,000 Marks is to be presented to the winner. The pre-war value of this note would have been approximately \$125,000,000—today, well, set your own value on it.

Anyone, whether taking German at the present time or not, is eligible to enter.

## Spring Pageant Planned

"The Striking of America's Hour" will be presented by the Oratory Department next month. The pageant will be presented with the out-of-doors as a background, and while this is an experiment we are sure it will be successful.

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