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## Proposed Change in Athletics

### Student-Faculty Committee Submits New Plan

Acting upon President Luckey's suggestion for needed improvement in the organization of the athletics of Houghton College and Seminary, a representative student committee, with the Faculty committee on athletics, have been considering constructive athletic policies. The following recommendations presented by this committee were favored by the Faculty but were referred back to the committee for further details.

1. That instead of the present division of the school into sides now designated Purple and Gold, the High School and College shall be divided into two sides, one to be composed of all Freshmen and Juniors, the other of all Sophomores and Seniors.

That all not classified in High School or College shall be classified academically as they would if registered in College or High School being classed as Freshmen.

2. That in basket ball each side play a preliminary series of at least five games, an individual score being kept of each participant.

3. That there be a committee for each side, composed of the captain of the side, of the physical director, and of one Faculty member, to pick a team of eight men from each side,

4. That these two teams of eight men shall contend for the championship of the school in a series of at least five games, that side being declared victor whose team shall win three out of five, or four out of seven games played.

5. That a committee be elected to draw up the requirements and conditions for receiving numbers and letters under this new system.

That these awards be purchased by the Athletic Association, but presented by the physical director in a special chapel service.

6. That this committee favors the closer co-operation of the Faculty with the Athletic Association in the promotion and development of the best interests of athletics in Houghton College and Seminary.

7. That there shall continue to be a definite scholastic standard for col-

lege students competing in athletics, but that this standard be made to conform with that required for graduation—a grade of at least D in all subjects with an average of C in three-fourths of all work. All students in the high school competing, shall maintain a passing grade in all subjects.

The basis of division according to classification will be an automatic adjustment. This will dispense with the element of personal influence, which made the division under the former system unsatisfactory, and which might have led to a practice similar to that of the fraternity rushing in the larger colleges.

The personnel of the side will not be entirely changed each year. In this respect, the working out of this system will be similar to that of the former. This has been considered an advantage in some respects at least. Thus, unless a student should not advance with his class, he will be on the same side throughout his course. The designation of the sides was not acted upon. Should the graduates of the even years be designated as Gold, or by any other name desired, and the graduates of the odd years as Purple, a student would keep the name by which the side to which he first belonged, was designated. However, should the nomenclature of the side be Freshman—Junior, and Sophomore—Senior, the individual would change sides in name from year to year, while he would still remain with the same group.

The former system has resulted in fair equalization. However, we believe, in the long run, on the basis of large numbers, the plan under consideration will bring about an equal division.

In individual cases where the adjustment to this system if strictly maintained, will place those who have been active in athletics on the opposite side from their former associates on the Purple or Gold side, there will be a personal hesitancy to affiliate with the new plan. However, we believe that in any reorganization there is bound to be a seeming injustice to a few. Shall we not work for the best interests of all?

## Seventeen Day Meeting

### Revivals Closed Tuesday

The revival services continued in progress until Tuesday evening. Rev. Pitt, who conducted the services, was assisted by Rev. Anderson, and Professors Whitaker, Ries, and Wright.

Thank God for the grace that he gives his people to hold on in prayer until he comes and proves his power. Someone has said, "The darkest hour always comes before the dawning". From a human standpoint, it looked as if the services would close without anyone's receiving definite help; but through faith and prayer, we kept looking to the One "that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us". Sunday night, a break came in the services, and seventeen young people sought God. The services have not only helped the unsaved and unsanctified to see their need, but they have also been edifying to God's people.

Will the revival cease when the special efforts are discontinued? Christian, it depends upon you. If you keep a revival burning in your own heart, someone will become hungry for God.

## College Juniors at the Top

The regular campaign for the "Star" has come to a close, and the percentage of subscriptions secured in each group is hereby recorded: for the Faculty, 92 per cent; for the College Seniors, 87½ per cent; the Juniors, 100 per cent; the Sophomores, 93 per cent; and the Freshmen, 85 per cent. The rates in the Seminary were somewhat lower—for the Seniors, 56 per cent; for the Juniors, 73 per cent; the Sophomores, 50 per cent; the Freshmen and Elementary, 40 per cent; and the specials and Theologs, 80 per cent.

Although the College Juniors are the only 100 per cent class, the Senior men are also 100 per cent subscribers. Such also are the College Sophomore men. If you think they're not, just ask Miss Remington.

Students, some of you have not yet subscribed! Let me remind you that a dollar will still entitle you to a "Star" although the campaign is completed. Let's have some more subscriptions!

In Proverbs 29:18, we read, "Where there is no vision, the people perish". May God save us one and all from losing the vision throughout the school year.

## Our President's Message

"And Jesus increased in favor with man" which means that he developed in social attributes. Success in life depends in a much larger degree than most of us think, on the ability to mingle with ease and grace, to understand good manners, and to be able to converse in an interesting way without being either a bore or an upstart. The social life at Houghton should contribute to this end, but improvement is greatly needed.

If we have any chance to succeed in our efforts for improvement, we must recognize the basis for all true social success. This basis is unselfishness. He who is unselfish instinctively is polite and uses good manners. While he may break some social conventions, it is with such grace and such consideration of others, that there is a continued charm in his manner. He will not be unkind, he will not monopolize conversation, he will not be boorish or unruly, and he will not greedily grasp all the good things in sight.

The purpose of our social life is to give pleasure and to prepare us for the greater life after our college days are over. It is highly desirable that the students shall enjoy their social life and develop as much as possible therefrom. Hence we suggest the following improvements: The social life of the students may be classified into three divisions. First, association of both sexes in couples; second, group association of the same sex; third, group association of both sexes.

J. S. Luckey.

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## Editorial

### Why Athletics, and How?

One of the happiest reminiscences of my early childhood is the "game" to which I belonged. The "game" was a group of pupils voluntarily associated and they either chose a leader, or were chosen by one. These "games" often played together for the whole period of their elementary school days.

This "game" of childhood suggests the answer to the first question in the caption of this article—why athletics? By means of the "game", every child had a chance to share in wholesome recreation, with the rest and fun which that provides, under conditions of the finest spirit of co-operation, for the "games" seldom quarrelled with each other. The purpose of athletics in Houghton is to provide a means for re-creation for every student, or the symmetrical development of the body with the brain and spirit. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy", but one half the school playing won't do the other half any good. Therefore, we need a system of athletics which encourages the participation of the largest number of students.

The "game" also suggests the "now" which has been employed in former years. Now we are confronted with the question, "Is this the best means?" We will lay down the principle; Houghton must have the system in its athletics which affords the best opportunity for friendly competition, with mini-

imum opportunity for ill feeling. The "games" were entirely separate affairs: the "sides" in our athletics, in the nature of the case cannot be separate, for they compete with each other.

In viewing the new proposition for athletics which has been placed before us, let us take into full consideration the purposes of athletics in Houghton and see if it does not meet all the requirements.

### The Chorus

Shall Houghton have an enthusiastic and successful Chorus? The answer rests with the student body.

After a week of tryouts, the tentative list of members for the Chorus numbers 34. It seems fair to judge that the ones who have responded are those who love to sing—for the sake of singing. It does not represent all who sing in our student body of 250. We should have a Chorus of nearly 100 members this year. If you sing and are interested in the organization of your Alma Mater—try out for a place in the Chorus. You need neither a "big" voice nor special voice training.

The inducement of credit cannot be offered, but the returns for your investment of time will be large. To learn how to use your voice and how to sing with people and to become acquainted with some beautiful chorus music—these are two inducements offered. This knowledge has a definite cultural value and in your future work, it may prove to have a practical and material value as well.

### Theologs Organize

#### Plans for Extension Work Under Way

The eighteen Theologs of Houghton Seminary met on Wednesday, September 23, to organize. They chose Miss Rickard for President, Mr. Boyd for Vice-President, Miss Frost for Secretary, and Mr. King for Treasurer. A committee on religious work was also elected, consisting of Mr. Lutz, Chairman, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Price Stark.

The Theological Department believes that Houghton should make its influence felt in an increasing degree in Northern Allegany County, as well as in the uttermost parts of the world. It hopes to have some part in this advancement, and to this end plans have already been made.

The class, through its committee on Christian work, has made arrangements with pastors in surrounding towns to take charge of their Sunday evening services. The pastors have received

the proposition with hearty response, and ten dates have already been secured. The department is exceedingly anxious to have the mind of the Lord in this undertaking, that His Name may be glorified, and therefore they earnestly solicit the prayers of the whole student body and faculty.

### Freshmen Organize

A meeting was called for the purpose of organizing the class of '30, Sept. 25. A nominating committee was elected. The second meeting was Monday, Sept. 28. It was necessary to vote three times before the officers were finally elected. President, Lowell Fox; Vice President, Beverly Taylor; Secretary, Erma Anderson; Treasurer, Evan Molyneaux. There were forty-four votes cast and we do not know whether all the Frosh found their way to the meeting or not. We wish a long and successful school life upon each member of this verdant class.

### High School Elects

In a meeting of the high school student body September 30 the following officers were elected:

Pres. Agnes Lapham.  
Vice Pres. Donald Ferguson.  
Sec. Elsie Bacon.  
Treas. Jean Eldridge.  
Song Leader Ruth Rockwell.  
Cheer Leader Philip Lowry.  
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**Missionary Convention**

A Missionary Convention is being held at Falconer, New York this week. Returned missionaries from Africa and India will be present, also ministers and delegates from various churches of the district. Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Clarke and Rev. Walter Morris are to be the principal missionary speakers of the convention.

Houghton is to be represented on the program Saturday and Sunday. Papers on missionary subjects will be read by Miss Rickard and Miss Gifford on Saturday afternoon. The service on Saturday evening will be in charge of Houghton faculty and students. The male quartet is ready with several selections, and other musical numbers have been arranged.

We expect to send fifteen or twenty delegates who we hope will add inspiration and enthusiasm to the convention and who will come back to us with added missionary zeal. We appreciate this opportunity extended to us by the Falconer church to join with them in enjoying the convention.

**The Sewing Class**

Can you wear the new pansy purple? Do you look well in black? With these amazing questions Mrs. Fox opened her talk to the girls immediately following last Friday's chapel.

Mrs. Fox talked very kindly to the girls of Houghton Seminary and College concerning the Woman's Institute, briefly outlining the course and explaining the benefits to be derived from the same. She emphasized the importance of choosing colors and designs which fit ones appearance and personality.

As she wishes to give the girls the opportunity to become better able to choose their clothing, Mrs. Fox intends to give a series of ten lessons, which will serve as elementary instruction in the art of sewing.

The lessons are to be given each Wednesday in the history room of the college building. The price is not exorbitant, as the entire course demands only one dollar and a half. Every girl, therefore, who is interested should avail herself of this opportunity.

The marriage of Miss Mary Willett to Mr. Sanford Dietrich on September 29 is announced.

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**Campus Activities**

Once again students have gathered from town and village to our good old campus. When it has not been raining each one of us has felt a drawing to the out-of-doors. When can one look out of the library windows and not see the boys knocking flies or playing football? As we see them running up and down, we almost feel that we have no need of a gymnasium. Yes, and as we look out of the back windows we see the tennis courts occupied and others waiting to play.

But the fun which most of us enjoy comes immediately after supper. Who hasn't played or at least seen others play "Three-Deep"? What is more exciting than dashing wildly around and sometimes slipping on the damp grass while trying to escape an earnest pursuer? When two or three couples get to running the fun increases. And how we do enjoy hearing someone yell, "Flay her there. Flay her", or another "Help me, Help me." These are but a few of the joys of "Three-Deep." We all are sorry when the bells ring to call us to our studies.

There is plenty of exercise for all and if it is not carried to an extreme it will help us to get our lessons more quickly and easily.

**The Nature Study Club**

Did you ever hear of the Nature Study Club? It is a new organization of the High School department, and is under the supervision of Miss Rork. At the first meeting the following officers were elected:

- Pres. — Gerald Burr
- Vice Pres. — Phillip Lowry
- Sec. and Treas. — Thelma Crandall
- Reporter — Pauline Ellison

The Club had planned upon having a hike Thursday afternoon, September 24-th, but owing to the rain the hike was postponed; and instead the Club met in the science room of the High School and listened to a very interesting talk by Miss Rork on insects. She showed us several fine specimens of moths, butterflies and many other insects.

We are sure that the Nature Study Club will be a success, and that much benefit and helpful knowledge will be derived from it.

**Junior Class Organizes**

The Class of Twenty-seven, brimful of life and enthusiasm, is up to the minute as usual with every member back. She assumes the elevated posi-

tion of an Upper Class with a 'dignified and lofty mien'. The class spirit has been maintained during the summer by a most interesting Round Robin Letter.

The all important question at the first meeting was that of organization. As a result of the election, Paul Steese was chosen as president, Hazel Sartwell as vice president, and Gerald Scott as secretary and treasurer. It was also decided to resume the weekly class prayer meetings under the leadership of Miss Sartwell, and a year of spiritual as well as mental growth is anticipated.

**To the New Students**

There are some events of importance connected with the school life of Houghton which no student can well afford to miss. The old students can name them over one by one until their number reaches several. Those of you, who have come to Houghton for the first time, are naturally handicapped in not knowing these inseparable additions.

However time will tell, and you will learn that the lecture course conducted for the students and surrounding towns people, furnishes profitable diversion of a didactic and entertaining nature. Find out from the old students their opinion of the numbers which we have had in previous years; and without question, you will be influenced to believe in the worth of the lecture course.

This year the committee has arranged to favor us with several very fine numbers. Let us avail ourselves of the privileges and plan to attend. The first number will be the latter part of October.

**Sophomores Elect**

On Friday, September 25, the College Sophomore class held its first meeting, and elected officers for the ensuing year. The task of managing the class affairs will, therefore, fall to the following people who were the successful candidates.

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- Vice-President—Joseph Horton
- Secretary—Ruth Crouch
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