

# Houghton Star

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Pre-Initiation sign-up  
"...and she was about THIS WIDE!"

## Soph Class holds circus, court renews lost honor

The Sophomore Class headed by Judy Stockin, Dean Everhart and fifteen group leaders turned the Class of '71 into a circus of dancing bears, trained seals, and prancing horses in the annual initiation program Saturday. Attired in the required patched clothes and crepe paper ruffles as well as impromptu vaseline and shoe polish smears, the

Frosh paraded through town and around campus.

Painted circus trainers reported complaints and Soph names to a sympathy center set up by the Class of '69 in front of Luckey Memorial. "She's the one that put burs in my hair," or "That's him — kill him and his cohorts," shrieked Frosh as they eagerly pointed out the accused in a Boulder.

In the afternoon games, the Class of '70 outscored the Frosh 80-50. Among the events were nail-pounding, a wheelbarrow race, a girls' tug-of-war and baseball throw.

Honor Court answered pleas for Frosh revenge as the Soph trainers took to the circus ring. The three honorable justices and motley jury received a barrage of water balloons as court opened. The Chief judge ordered the same for the Sophomores who immediately rose in a stampede against the preceptors as proof of their animalistic abilities. The head trainers exhibited their bear talents beneath molasses and dirt fur while Frosh girls decorated "manes" of three Soph girls with eggs and lard.

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## Campus anticipates arrival of Huffman for special meetings

September twenty-fourth, Houghton's spiritual emphasis week begins as Reverend Clarence Huffman conducts the morning service. The Reverend Walter Rowell, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas, is the guest songleader and soloist.

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Revival hopes, fed by last Sunday night's Spirit-led response, indicate the timeliness of this series of meetings.

STUDENT REGISTRATION	
359 new students	
301 frosh	
125 men	
176 women	
20% Wesleyan	
26 National Merit Semifinalists	
58 transfers and returns	

17 column in. of ad space (3.7%)  
440 column in. of non-ad space (96.3%)

## Sites selected for Campus Center and Science Building

The campus building program now includes new locations for two approved structures and preliminary plans for a projected dormitory. The science building, nearest to reality, will stand on the site of the Student Affairs Building and the home of Pop Mills. Willard Ave. will curve along the hill to avoid immediate proximity to the completed building. Barcus House will eventually bow to a parking lot, but will not be demolished when groundbreaking begins in the spring.

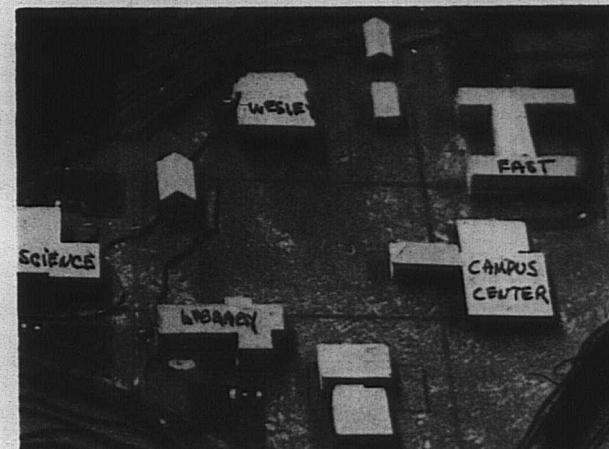
The Campus Center, second of the approved structures, will occupy the area across from the infirmary overlooking the Genesee Valley, the original site for the science building. A reason for this switch is the valley panorama, according to Dr. Willard Smith, College Business Manager; the second-floor glassed-in dining room planned for the Center will have a more interesting view at this location.

With room for at least 800 students, the new dining room could with two servings accommodate everyone. East Hall's basement will then be a recreation room as originally planned, and Gao's dining area will be redone into a head resident's office and more recreation room. Gao's first floor will have rooms where lounges now exist. Student publications, Bent Cent machines and the bookstore will have new quarters in the Center. The projected dormitory, the

size and location of which have not been planned, may house a

All the new buildings will have some natural stone siding approximately seventy-five girls now live in off-campus housing, the dorm will probably be for wo-

rent campus design.



Proposed locations  
Scenic view, adjacent facilities

## Pres. Paine Asbury-bound, Dr. Luckey takes new role

As Dr. Robert Luckey assumes with a daughter, Miriam Paine Lemicio, who lives with her husband in Wilmore, Kentucky. Situated near Asbury Seminary, Dr. Paine can actively observe the institution which he serves as a board member.

The Paine family is visiting

## Two Alumni among five new professors added since June

by David Merritt

Two Houghton graduates, a Japanese musician, a piano and organ teacher, and an instructor in math are five teachers hired by Houghton College since June.

Recent Houghton graduate Helen Alexander comes to the English Department after spending a year teaching in Ontario Center, New York.

Another Houghton graduate, Mr. J. David Ropach, will be an assistant professor of psychology. He just received his Master's Degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

The Music Department is receiving two additions to its staff. Mr. Mitsuo Kitamura, an assistant professor of voice, has attended Kwansei Gakuin University in Japan, Wittenberg University and Westminster Choir College, Princeton.

The other new music teacher is Mr. Roy Kehl, who will be an associate professor of organ and piano. A fellow of the American Guild of Organists, he has worked for churches in New York and Ohio.

The Math Department will receive Miss Elizabeth Purnell, who has attended John Brown and Bucknell Universities and the University of Scranton. For the last three years she has taught in Kingston, Pennsylvania.

The arrival of one new English teacher has been delayed a

### DEAN RECEIVES ED.D.

Miss Lola Haller, Dean of Women, has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Education. She attended the East Lansing campus of Michigan State University. Working in the field of Student Personnel Administration in Higher Education, Miss Haller's research pertained to the role of the Dean of Women on a college campus.

few weeks. Miss Kamala Edwards will not be able to leave her native India until new quotas are assigned later this month or early October.



Professor Charles Campbell lectures  
One of the many new faces

## It's worth the effort!

"The Houghton family" is a familiar phrase, and a more apt description than most of its users realize. The epithet "family" is, of course, intended to emphasize our unity of spirit and purpose, but everyone knows that the members of a family do not always live in perfect accord. Disagreements arise; careless actions or words cause misunderstanding. Familial fellowship needs constant attention and repair, and so it is with our "family."

An attitude on the part of all which combines honesty and tolerance will go a long way towards avoiding some of the bitter clashes of

past years. Students want to know the reasons behind administrative decisions; if administrators respect that desire, they will endeavor to explain actions which directly affect students. The administration claims to give weight to student opinion; if students take this invitation seriously, they will conscientiously express their views to Senate representatives and through the Letters column of this paper.

Learning to resolve our differences and co-exist, let alone to love each other, requires effort and considerable patience; but the rewards are great to those who honestly desire to "keep peace in the family."

## Once upon a time . . .

there lived in Houghton two close friends: a high school senior named "Careful" Billy and his college Sophomore friend, "Cautious" Carl. Both boys took pride in always using the path when traveling on foot between the campus and downtown. In fact, they took every opportunity to warn non-users of the danger of walking up and down the hill in the road.

When "Careful" Billy and "Cautious" Carl reached the bottom of the hill, however, an unusual transformation took place. Billy and Carl, with a few other friends, often played a game called "roadblock," in which the players stretch themselves from the beginning of the blacktop side-by-side to a point somewhere near

the middle of the road. Usually three to eight persons participated.

Unfortunately, one day Mr. Out-of-town, who was unaware of this game, rounded the curve, and before he could stop, planted "Careful" Billy and "Cautious" Carl firmly against the bridge.

The hospital reports that the boys may someday, if conditions remain favorable, regain the use of their legs.

**MORAL:** After you use the path to walk downtown, stay off the shoulder of the road, away from the flow of traffic. If you do not, you too may be transformed from a "Careful" Billy to a "Not-so-well" Will.

the college.

3. A controversial question may be treated in a debate by two writers, with equal space and opportunity given to both sides.

4. Articles critical of administrative policy or procedure may be published at the discretion of the student editor, provided there is carried in the same issue an article by the administration stating the college's side of the matter.

In general anything decent and seemly can be discussed in our College paper, but regard for each other and for those who sponsor the College requires that these protocols be observed in our discussions.

S.W. Paine

Guest Editorial published in  
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### CRITERIA FOR LETTERS

author.

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Once again Houghton's sidewalks are filled with the pitter-patter of little feet, big feet, bare feet, and ah, yes, Frosh feet. School has commenced!! With the new Frosh and transfers on campus we felt a strong compulsion to put forth a brief composite of Houghton terminology. Such enlightenment, we feel, will prove invaluable to new students in orienting them to the Houghton cultural and social mores.

Evangelical Poker (alias "the Bird"): a widely played card game, known in most respected toy and gameland centers as Rook.

Bent Cent (alias ?+!-?-\*): the social center of Houghton College where students spend their time "playing the machines." "across the river": need we say anything more?

The Quad: a four sided polygon located in the center of campus where all sorts of "Happenings" occur such as soccer games, frisbee tournaments, dog sled races, canoeing, buc-buc matches, and even that old, old routine of "girl-chases-boy."

Speaking of buc-buc matches, it was recently brought to our attention that the buc-buc craze is sweeping the nation. For those of you unfamiliar with this brutal sport, here is a brief description of its regulations.

A team consists of one "post man" and twelve

### FAMOUS LAST WORDS -

"The U.S. hopes to withdraw its troops from South Viet Nam before the end of 1965."

- Robert S. McNamara

February, 1964



Jorgenson  
Bradley

## 'round the quad

### THIS YEAR

. . . will mark the first time in a large segment of Houghton history when students were privileged to receive two yearbooks! The comparison of QUALITY between the two books remains to be seen.

. . . will further mark, RTQ hopes, the end to the lengthy era of vending machine smashing which has long existed in such cultured places as Shenawana rec room, the Bent Cent and Fancher lower corridor. The careful placement of new machines by a more-than-generous company just might create some ounce of civic responsibility within the impatient hearts of the "smashers."

. . . will mark a successful year for FMF and CSO, the extension teams and other outreach organizations. With much prayer, and active participation by a maximum number of students, surely this objective can be reached!

. . . will speak to many skeptics concerning the value of in-

tercollegiate athletics. Much "proof of value" rests on student interest and participation. This "bridge," which reaches toward an effective integration of major athletic events on a competitive basis into Houghton College life, like any solid bridge, needs strong "supports."

. . . will hopefully bring the beginning of three major building projects. Students are Houghton's best public relations item; how effective are you?

. . . will be characterized by increased cooperation between faculty, staff, administration and students to the ultimate benefit of all concerned. Why not make the ideas of I Corinthians 13 the foundation for a true spirit of LIVED Christianity.

. . . will bring with it many things which will tempt everyone to "give up" in angry despair. The unanswered question remains: will emotions replace logical thinking?

. . . will bring with it, after all is said and done, real ENJOYMENT, if only all of us are ready to enjoy!

## Letters

Dear Editor:

I want to extend my congratulations to Houghton College and the student body with respect to the decision to embark into collegiate athletic competition.

I think that this endeavor can result in nothing but positive benefits if the athletes who represent Houghton College accept the challenge of not only winning but more important, displaying "good" sportsmanship at all times. I am a firm believer in the effectiveness of witnessing through athletic competition.

A former A.A. President,  
John D. Ernst '64

by Ted and Pete

"anchor men". The post man (generally the smallest man on the squad) stands with his back to a telephone pole. His arms are locked behind him and around the pole. The twelve anchor men proceed to bend over, each with his arms locked about the man in front of him. The result is a human chain with the post man as a base.

The competition is now ready to begin. The opposing squad lines up (smallest man first) 33 and one-fourth feet in front of their rivals. On a given signal they proceed to dash to the foot of the chain, leap as hard and as high as possible onto the opposition's backs, all the time screaming like a kamikaze pilot who has changed his mind in the middle of a dive. The object of all this frenzied commotion is to see how many men a buc-buc squad can place on the backs of the opposing team before it collapses from weight, pain, or terror (terror arising from the fact that the human chain has just caught sight of the 389 pound "sleeper" the opposition has saved till last.)

Buc-buc matches are tremendous spectator events but as far as participation goes, as they say in Haight-Ashbury, "Every man's got his thing, but man — this just ain't my thing." P.S. Rumor has it that the Athletic Association has asked "Fat Albert," international buc-buc champ, to speak at this spring's A.A. banquet but as yet this is unconfirmed.

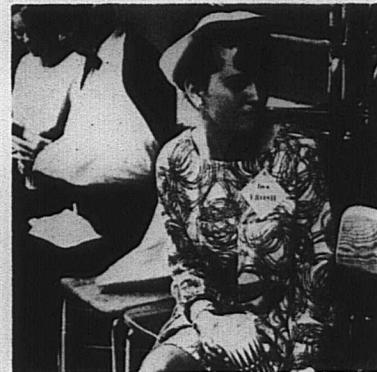
# me and you



hear a sing-thing . . .



think a little . . .



wonder why i'm me . . .

# against the world . . .

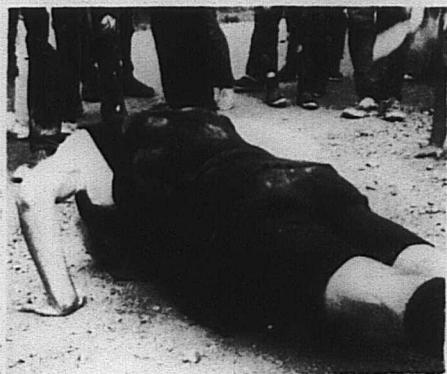


fight mindlessly for honor . . .



then ponder what lies before.

## Initiation - Honor Court



## Senate Speaks

### A year of change, challenge

by James Wert

Houghton College has begun a year of great change. The growth and development of any institution involves change; Houghton has not been, nor cannot be an exception to this fact. The coming year will unfold several tangible evidences of change on the Houghton scene. With the advent of intercollegiate athletics, the school will be projected onto a new plane and its students into a new sphere of involvement with other collegians. Not only will the program engender stronger school loyalties but it will also provide,

### Dean picked for 1968-69 school year

With the school year barely underway, the College already anticipates two additional personnel, one to arrive second semester and one next fall.

Dr. Melvin Dieter will succeed Dr. Arthur Lynip as Academic Dean in September 1968 and relieve Dr. Bert Hall of his two-year interim deanship. Dr. Dieter is an honor graduate of Muhlenberg College and the U.S. Navy Language School where he specialized in Chinese. He was president of Eastern Pilgrim College from 1961 until 1965 and is currently engaged in a Ph.D. program at Temple University.

In 1964 Dr. Dieter was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree as the Houghton College Founder's Day speaker.

The second newcomer, Mr. Milton M. Hahn of Cedar Falls, Iowa, will join the College staff as Director of Data Processing. According to Dr. Willard G. Smith, College Business Manager, when Mr. Hahn arrives in January, 1968 his first duties will be to analyze office functions and design a data processing program suitable for the College.

Although at first the computer will be used mainly by the administration for student registration and College accounting, it will subsequently initiate a new business course.

Business administration majors will be eligible for a one or two semester course in computer skills. Dr. Smith added that the computer could eventually be used for research and experiments by the science, psychology, mathematics and sociology departments.

through the medium of athletics, an exchange of interests and ideas. The anticipated erection of the science building and student center promises new and better facilities for research and relaxation. A Concert Series, established to supplement the Artist Series selections, will provide greater diversity in cultural presentations. The initiation of an academic conference promises to expand the knowledge and deepen the understanding gained in the classroom. Change does occur; whether it comes quickly or slowly its worth rests not on the rate, but in the result.

Change always involves challenge. Changes are the results of challenge. But the greater challenge is the result of change. In this year we all, as individuals and as an institution, must attain the stature which these changes bring. At the beginning of this year there is an air of expectancy and excitement. Let these be coupled with attitudes of resourcefulness and responsibility. The Senate intends to carry out its responsibilities realizing this challenge presented to us, the students of Houghton College.

### Flames consume Yanda's station

Houghton firemen braved exploding shotgun shells and aerosol cans to battle a devastating blaze in Yanda's Service Station at 11:51 p.m. on August 16, 1967.

"Property damage exceeded the \$10,000 insured value," reported Chief Robert Gilmore. Eighty percent of the contents of the wooden frame structure, including 119 new tires, petroleum products, and some munitions, were consumed by flames which totally engulfed the building and leaped 50 to 60 feet skyward. Chief Gilmore investigated the charred ruin and attributed the fire to "spontaneous combustion."

Although the fire was under control within ten minutes of the sounding of the alarm, firemen were slowed in their efforts to quench the flames in the third story attic because of a shortage of ladders.

### Campground completes cafeteria

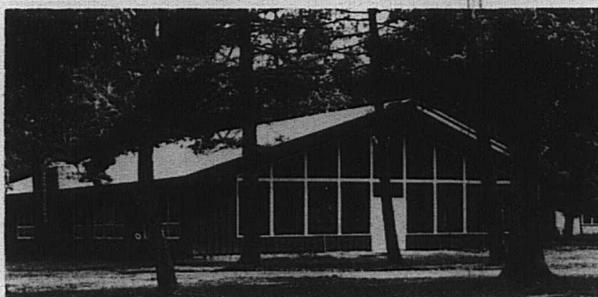
by Betty Jo Hall

"Houghton is where the action is," Dean James Mills told over 540 juniors and freshmen at the Dean's Reception early in initiation week, and the rosewood-finished cafeteria where he spoke proved it.

The 60 x 100 foot building on the campgrounds is a project of the Lockport Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. When completed, the cafeteria will cost \$40,000 including donated labor and materials. Lawrence Olsen is the contractor.

The cafeteria will be used throughout next summer in a new program with separate junior camps, conference week, family camp and one or two high school camps. During the two ministerial retreats planned by the conference for late September and mid-November, use of the cafeteria will eliminate double servings in East.

To clear the cost of heating the heavily-windowed structure, the hall is available for College functions.



Campground Cafeteria  
"Where the action is!"

## "Houghton Palace," College Bowl help provide warm welcome to new students

The Student Senate program, iced through a gamut of de- "Houghton Palace," live and in lightful songs and hilarious dramatizations that related aspects of Houghton life.

Prior to the introduction of



Frosh - Soph Battle  
Class of '70 triumphs

### Academy adds new dorm, will hold thirty-five boys

by Jan Pape

A late and attractive addition to the Houghton scene is the new Academy boys' dormitory. Located in the hills adjacent to the airstrip, the \$85,000, one-story, colonial front building can accommodate 35 boys.

The facilities include an apartment for the houseparents, a large lounge with fireplace and wall-to-wall carpeting, inset birch-

### Jack's Purple Onion packed opening night

On September 18, Houghton witnessed the opening of a new promise for relaxation, food, and entertainment. Jack's Purple Onion opened with the aroma of pizzas, subs, and "purple burgers" wafting through the newly remodeled interior of what was formerly known as Phillip's Snack Palace.

Four Houghton College students have undertaken this business venture in an attempt to provide students with a unique and enjoyable atmosphere to while away those study-break hours. The young proprietors are: Jack Wright, a senior; John Ennis and Gene Ayers, juniors; and Tim Olson, a sophomore. Jack Wright explained several aspects of the Purple Onion such as: a minimum food order of 50¢ in the booths, the promise of live entertainment on weekends, the hours of 8 P.M.-12 P.M. Monday through Saturday, and the possibility of "Rook Nights" and Rook tournaments throughout the year.



Jack's Purple Onion  
"Quality and atmosphere"

Watch for:

"WHERE IT'S HAPPENING"

in the September 29th

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Mr. Harold Voege

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THE HOUGHTON STAR

Friday, September 22, 1967



Intercollegiate Cross Country  
... a few weeks more and many miles"

## The Press Box

by Bob Harris

### Stated Objectives

- Throughout the year it will be the objective of this column to:
- award kudos to those who deserve them.
  - acquaint the student body with the finer points of the athletic program at Houghton College.
  - hopefully avoid rash predictions based on hunches.
  - report only pertinent information about athletic personnel, keeping gossip at a minimum.
  - unsheathe our pen and use it unmercifully if the situation merits.

### Intercollegiate Sports — Limited Schedule

No one at Houghton College needs to be told that this year for the first time we will engage in intercollegiate sports.

Since the decision was not final until last June, scheduling for this year has been very difficult and thus the schedule is quite limited. The reporter is convinced, however, and would like the student body to realize, that the limited schedule is not because of any lack of effort on the part of the physical education department. Since intercollegiate schedules are made a year or more in advance, we are fortunate to have any games at all this year.

### Intercollegiate Sports — Homecoming

Homecoming this year will feature a home intercollegiate event — a cross country meet with Point Park College. Although it was impossible to schedule a home soccer game for Homecoming this year, all indications are that next year will be different.

### Intercollegiate Sports — Your Part

Those of us who have been here for a semester or more are fully aware of what a change intercollegiate sports can make on our campus. Even the limited program of this year represents the realization of long-frustrated hopes, prayers, and dreams. There are, however, some skeptics on campus who say our program will fail because of a lack of student support. This would be inexcusable. We as students must face the hard reality that Houghton's teams may not represent the ultimate in athletic achievement this year. In student support, however, there is no reason why we can't match any of our opponents.

### CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

September 26	Roberts Wesleyan	Home
September 30	Harpur	Away
October 7	Geneseo	Home
October 14	Point Park	Home
November 4	N.Y.S. Invitational	Away

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# Houghton vs. Roberts Wesleyan, first intercollegiate competition

by Dave Loughery

On September 26, Houghton ventures into its first competition on the intercollegiate level. Houghton's first cross country team, coached by professor John Roederer, takes on five-time state champion Roberts Wesleyan at 5 P.M. on Stebbin's field.

The team, getting a late start, practiced twice a day previous to the start of school and has been practicing daily in the afternoon. Since cross country is a sport that requires year-round training, Coach Roederer, who lettered in cross country at Stony Brook, is a little concerned that his team will have only two weeks of practice before the Roberts meet.

"Steve Holt and Dave Rejmer," says Mr. Roederer, "are our strongest runners, but the team

sticks together quite well over race. Roberts Wesleyan's coach, the course. A few more weeks Mr. Anderson, considers Houghton and many miles can help ton's course 'tough' and a twenty-two minute time 'pretty sharp.'

The course is a four mile up and down trail situated around five-game schedule ending November 4 with the New York State Invitational at Rochester.

## Coach Edward Burke to head intercollegiate soccer

Approximately 30 Houghton squad matches. This year for athletes have been spending two hours every afternoon on Stebbins Field kicking around a soccer ball preparing for the 1937

soccer season. "Optimism" describes the thoughts of the players. No longer do they have to participate in Purple-Gold intra-

Former Purple coach, Mr. Edward Burke, is directing the activities of the team this fall. With the opportunity to concentrate his leadership abilities on only one sport, Coach Burke hopes to carefully mold a solid team. Commenting on the potential of the team Mr. Burke stated, "I think we have some good players. I believe we have a team that can do a good job."

The players themselves are individually sacrificing much time and energy to try to fill a starting position. Daryl Stevenson, an intra-mural star with Purple last year, mentioned that the battle for each position will not be decided until the final day.

Three home scrimmages under actual game conditions will be held before the limited regular season schedule begins. The first of these is against Alfred Tech, Wednesday, September 27. The two regular matches will be against Roberts Wesleyan Oct. 14 on their homecoming, and Nov. 11 at St. John Fischer College.

## Purple-Gold football plagued by personnel loss, lack of coaches

Purple-Gold football has for some time been Houghton's most prominent fall sport. This year, however, it must overcome some difficult problems if the season is to be successful.

Foremost of these is a lack of coaching. At present, there is no full-time coach for either team, since last year's coaches are occupied with coaching and administering the inter-collegiate program.

Just as damaging, however, are the personnel losses suffered by Purple. Graduation, injury, and ineligibility have left Purple with no returning lettermen and only one experienced veteran.

Professor William Greenway, who has been supervising both

teams but concentrating his efforts on Purple, says that only two Purple men, Sophomore Rick Johansen and Freshman Dave Wyrtzen, are assured of starting positions.

Gold does not have Purple's extensive personnel problems. They have, however, no coach at this time. It remains to be seen whether Gold's proven ability can offset this lack of leadership.

Until questions of eligibility, coaching responsibilities, and the performance of Purple freshmen are decided, no prediction may be made about this year's football season. As Professor Greenway said, it may take three or four games before we see what either team can do.

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