

Speaking Frankly

BY SCOTTY MORRISON

Capital to Campus

Co-eds are wanted by the government. After taking a survey of two-thirds of the country's nursing schools it was revealed that we are going to fall about 19,000 nurses short of the 55,000 that are needed. Houghton girls can prepare for his field here by enrolling in biological, physical, medical and social science courses next semester. Here is your chance to aid our war effort.

There Ain't No Flies On Us

Hoping to save at least 5,000 miles of driving annually Colgate University has established a clearing house for automobile transportation. Staff members and students going out of town notify the business office as far as possible in advance of trips, giving date and hour of departure and space available. Persons wishing transportation phone the business office or consult a special bulletin board.

Automobiles have been the principal means of transportation for Colgate's 1,000 students and faculty members since the local railroad abandoned passenger service more than 10 years ago. So what? Houghton has been doing this for years, and we never got our name in the paper.

Education Elsewhere

It is not wrong to state that in the martial arts lie the moral principles of our nation, spouted Tokyo recently. That's what we'd gathered. More than 95 Czech teachers, priests, and physicians were arrested by the Nazis last month in continued reprisals against Slovaks. Can't stand mental pressure, eh?

Thirty percent of the student body at Presbyterian College are now training in some reserve program. Still others are enlisted in a pre-induction program qualifying them for officer's candidate school upon graduation. Only a small portion of students have no military connection whatsoever. That's fine but we have Wheeler and Wellen.

Special Flash

The "library chimes", five bells that struck every quarter hour for more than 50 years on the University of Michigan campus, are to be melted down from scrap. I'm glad they know what happened to theirs. We had a bell clapper once . . .

Dr. F. P. Corson of Dickinson College, says the government probably will "ration" higher education before June. We don't recommend hoarding but we do recommend getting all you can.

Houghton Institutions

Houser and Kouwe arguing about who got up for breakfast last.

Cliff (ah, wilderness) Little sleep-walking into class fifteen minutes after the bell.

Students griping about: dorm food, weather, marks, faculty, classes, teams, *Star*, studies and nothing else in particular.

Prentice gabbing. Some of the driest things in existence are the Sahara Desert, String Miller's humor and a Christmas tree after it has been more than eight hours in a steam-heated room.

Be a gentleman—tip your hat to everything not chewing tobacco,—it might be a woman.

Definitions

Time—The stuff between money from home.

Friend—Someone who will listen to you if you listen to him.

Female friend—Someone who will

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Season's Basketball Starts This Friday

Senior Men, Junior Women are Favorites

Although two preliminary games were played last Saturday, Houghton's 1942-'43 basketball season will officially get under way tomorrow night when the junior and senior squads meet in the traditional opener of the season. Although both classes are expected to put strong teams on the floor for both the girls' and fellows' contests, the senior men and the junior women are the logical favorites on the basis of last year's competition when they won the championship in their respective divisions.

The line-ups submitted are only tentative, neither of the captains as yet being sure of his starting team. On the strong senior aggregation Kennedy and Wooley will furnish the defensive wall, Sheffer or Pratt will be at center, while the forward positions will be a toss-up between Pouser, Paine, and Clark. Entering the game with a championship team, the seniors have a good chance of repeating.

Captain Fenton

The juniors, although not as good individually, have a good coordinator in the person of Captain Fenton. The line-up has not definitely been decided; however, at present it looks like Fenton and Wells as guards, Tony LaSorte center and Chase and Ganer forwards with the alternatives of Stratton and Hughes. Jim Fenton, after giving the line-up, made the remark that he hoped the team was not lacking in spirit or sportsmanship.

The early game will present two evenly matched teams, with the champion sophs of last year hoping to repeat against a strong senior team.

The junior line-up will put Woolsey, Ortlip, and Hoag in at the forward posts, while Armstrong, Gebhardt and Burt will establish a strong defense. Forwards for the seniors will be French, Thornton, and G. Fancher, the guards being Waterman.

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Miss F. Wright, Librarian, To be Married Saturday

Miss Florence Wright, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Stanley W. Wright of Houghton and Mr. Wilfred Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Duncan of Newfane, New York, will be wed in the Houghton Wesleyan Church Saturday, November 21, at 4 o'clock.

The wedding ceremony will be performed by the bride's father, Professor Stanley W. Wright, and her uncle, the Reverend Dean Bedford of Rochester, New York. After a reception at the home of the bride and at Mrs. Zola Fancher's, the couple will leave on a short honeymoon. The bride will resume her duties as librarian at Houghton College on November 27.

The Maid of Honor will be Miss Margaret Wright, assistant Dean and Matron of Houghton College and Mr. David Aitken will serve as best man. The Misses Rieta and Alice Wright, sisters of the bride, will be Bride's maids. Organ music will be played by Mrs. Carapetyan and Russell Clark will sing. Mr. Howard Treichler and Mr. Michael Sheldon will be ushers.

JANOS SCHOLZ, Cellist



Member of ensemble that plays here next Tuesday evening.

Trio To Play Here Next Tuesday Night

The Salzedo Concert Ensemble will present an Artist Series program in the Houghton College Chapel next Tuesday evening, November 24. The ensemble consists of Rene LeRoy, flutist, Janos Scholz, Cellist, and Albert Fusch, pianist.

Rene Le Roy was born near Paris and attended the Paris Conservatoire. By the end of his second year he was awarded the "premier prix" and the following season he succeeded his distinguished teacher, Philippe Gaubert, as head of the Paris Society of Wind Instruments. He led that ensemble through several successful tours of Europe. Later he founded the Paris Instrumental Quintet, which gave more than 800 concerts in Europe and America. Besides his career as chamber music player, Le Roy has appeared as soloist with leading European symphony orchestras. Several contemporary composers, inspired by his playing, have written music especially for him and his ensembles.

Janos Scholz represents the fifth generation of cello players in his family. He began the study of the cello when seven. After completing his course at the Royal Academy of Music in his native Budapest, he began his career as a soloist. Later he became a member of the famous Roth Quartet, with which he appeared throughout the United States, Europe and Mexico. Two years ago he re-

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Faculty Unable to Decide On Abolition of Activities

Proposal for Elimination of All Clubs and Bi-monthly Publication of 'Star' Considered

After a good deal of discussion yesterday afternoon on the Student Council's resolution to abolish all clubs and to have the *Star* published every other week, the faculty was unable to arrive at any definite decision. Consequently, a committee composed of Dr. Paine, Professor Willard Smith and Professor Frieda Gillette was appointed

to investigate the matter further. Because of the seriousness of the matter, the faculty representative refused to divulge any details to the *Star* on what specific issues had resulted in the faculty's inability to come to a decision either for or against the resolution.

Speculation on both sides of the question is rife among the students. Abolishing certain specific clubs is acceptable to some, while the abolishing of others would bring severe objections. Publication of the *Star* at two-week intervals is objected to because of the fact that as the *Star* is the only chronicle of activities for the school as well as for the town, it is invaluable as a historical reference.

The faculty appreciates the study that the Student Council has put upon the matter. If due consideration shows the merit of the proposition, the action suggested may be taken, but not until all angles have been considered and a solution tending toward the good of all involved has been reached.

If the Student Council's resolution is adopted, the Council contends that the decks will be cleared for concerted activity along lines that will help the war effort. On the other hand, it would be the death sentence for all extra-curricular activities except sports. The faculty wondered whether such an approach, negative as it was, would really accomplish anything concrete. At the meeting it was suggested that it was up to the clubs themselves to decide whether their activities were of such consequence that they ought to be eliminated for the duration.

—HC—

Prof. J. W. Shea On Campus This Week

Returning from the Roney Plaza Hotel in Miami Beach Florida, former Prof. J. Whitney Shea is spending several days on the campus with his wife and daughter. After completing a six weeks course in the army air force's school in the Florida hotel, Mr Shea was permitted a furlough of six days before taking up further schooling at Bolling Field in Washington, D. C. Mr. Shea expects to be in the Cryptographic School in Washington for three weeks which will be followed by active service in parts unknown.

Special Student Council Chapel on Etiquette

Sponsored by the Student Council, a special chapel on Etiquette was held yesterday morning with Mrs. Alton Cronk and Dr. Ashton as the principal speakers.

Mrs. Cronk, directing her remarks to the men students of Houghton impressed the fact that careful grooming was a prime requisite for a college student. The "Guzzling" of food in any first class restaurant or dining place, and even in the "dorm" was unequivocally condemned. She also suggested that coat and tie be worn at least for the evening meal. "Don't eat in classes unless you can pass around enough for all," was another statement which she made with much emphasis.

Dr. Ashton, speaking to the co-eds of Houghton gave a few vital pointers on "ladyism". He brought forth the fact that each one should

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'Star' Staff Holds First Annual Banquet Last Saturday Evening

A long, candle-lit table by an open fireplace; large slices of turkey meat, delicious dressing, mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, rolls with honey in the comb, and a lot of extra little dishes; fellows with carnations on their best suits, and girls with roses on their formals; Margarette Mann singing as beautifully as ever, and Judge Hookins speaking thoughtfully in serious times . . . that was the picture last Saturday evening when the members of the *Star* staff, with a few friends, anticipated Thanksgiving by two weeks for their "first annual" banquet at the Recreation Building. Almost everyone from Prof. Willard Smith, the faculty advisor, down to "Fatima", was there. Omnipotent

R. J. O. was master of ceremonies, of course; Jim Hughes watched the fireplace; and Jim Prentice took perfect care of his date.

The program which Bob and Jim arranged was largely from "off the campus." Margarette Mann, of the class of '42, came all the way from Lewiston High School just north of Niagara Falls to sing *Mother McGree, Sands of the Desert*, and *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*. Peg Hamilton, who accompanied her also rendered a piano solo—Prokofiev's *Marche*, unusual, to say the least. Then Prof. Smith had some appropriate remarks to make about *Star* staffs—past and present.

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Mission Study and Music Clubs Meet Next Monday

Both the Mission Study Club and the Music Club will present programs which will be both entertaining and enlightening at their next meetings to be held this Monday night. The Expression Club will be in charge of the Chapel period on November 25 and on November 30 will have its regular meeting.

The Mission Study Club will have as their guest speaker Mrs. McMillen who is a returned missionary from Sierra Leone. Special music is also being planned by Marion Birch and Dick Elmer.

Under the direction of Stewart Folts, the Music Club will present a program which will enable all who expect to attend the Artist Series to have a greater appreciation of the Le Roy Ensemble next Tuesday night. The biographies of Rene Le Roy, Flutist; Janos Scholz, Cellist; and Albert Hursch, Pianist will be discussed, covering their musical training, where they have performed, and a study of the musical numbers which are to be played.

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VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

I quote from the Houghton college catalogue: "Houghton starts its scholastic program with a recognition of the infinite variety and value of personality . . . Vocational guidance and placement is also less professionalized and perfunctory, being concerned primarily with the student of average rather than exceptional attainments, and with his future happiness and potentialities of service rather than his social or financial status."

I should like to ask one question. *What vocational guidance?* Of course, there is a faculty committee on vocational guidance but I venture to predict that fully ninety per cent of the student body are totally unaware of its existence. Frankly, its efforts, if any, have not been important enough to generate any interest; nor have any motions in the direction of vocational guidance been crowned with appreciable success.

To put it bluntly, it's just about time the college administration snapped out of its lethargy, and paused long enough in the doing of dull, mechanical things to survey the situation with the end in view of determining a few goals. Or rather, it's about time the administration began to live up to its professed objectives, as stated in its official catalogue, for as things stand at present the above quoted statement is gross exaggeration, if not downright prevarication.

The claim is frequently made for the small college that there the students are dealt with on a more nearly individual basis, with no run-them-through-the-mill large university methods. And such a claim is largely justified, but it seems to me that Houghton is slipping into the same error, in a somewhat different manner.

Houghton has three molds, public school teaching, theology and public school music, and almost every student who comes here is forced into one of those molds, unless he makes up his mind otherwise and stubbornly resists. Approximately sixty-eight per cent of the students here are preparing to teach. Comparison with other institutions and common sense show that such statistics indicate a serious lack of balance.

Many persons in that sixty-eight per cent are not qualified to teach, but they don't know what else to do with their college education. They have no one to help them analyze themselves to find their professional qualifications, no one to give them psychological tests, mechanical aptitude tests, et cetera, and no one to help them in this, one of the two or three most important decisions in life. It is true that most of the faculty members are willing to help in every way they can, but with all due respect, they are not qualified to give the best vocational guidance, for such guidance should come from trained sources.

Well, it all seems to boil down to this: there is a tremendous need for organized, trained vocational guidance here in Houghton, and, for one reason or another, the college administration has dismally failed to meet that need.

What can be done about it? First of all, we as students can talk to individual faculty members and in every way possible emphasize our demand for what is our right and for what the college claims to be willing to give us. Any interested faculty members can urge it ahead among themselves; Dr. Ashton has indicated his willingness to go ahead in this matter. His ability is apparent; what he needs is backing from the other faculty members. If any members of the local administration should read this, let them re-read the first paragraph and try to square the catalogue statement with the known facts.

— W. M. W.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Don't you think that it's about time the student body learned something about the activities of the Student Council, which allegedly represents the students?

Rumors began going around today concerning the Student Council plans to abolish clubs "for the duration." However, only those on the "inside" knew anything definite, and they wanted to keep it secret, as a surprise to club members, until the faculty could act. The Student Council is self-alleged to represent student opinion, but we'll wager the customary eight-to-five that the student opinion favors the retention of clubs. Or, if nonessential activities are to be cut out, what about Student Council?

We don't mind being governed by a dictatorship, but—even Hitler publishes a report of what he has done. Can you tell us, off-hand, the names of three of our "representatives" in Student Council? We thought not; nor do we know anyone, outside Student Council, who can.

To return to Student Council's latest brainstorm, the abolition of all clubs as nonessential; we feel that

Mission Study Club, dedicated to the purpose for which Houghton Seminary was founded, Pre-Medic Club, the only opportunity for collaboration among premedical and scientific students, Forensic Union, sponsor of all debating activities, can hardly be considered less necessary than the august body which pretends to represent the students. Furthermore, the resolution demands that the *Star* be published but once in two weeks. We believe that, since the *Star* is the only link which connects Houghton's absent children to their *alma mater*, the reduction in publication cannot be contemplated without extreme trepidation. It is apparent that for consistency the resolution should have also provided for the dissolution of Student Council, either for the duration, or, better, *permanently*; for a legislative body which specializes in presenting its constituency with *faits accomplis* has outlived its usefulness in a democracy.

In hope of better student government, we remain

Very sincerely yours,
Alva Darling

From the Boys in the Service

This week's letter is from Bob Homan, first member of Houghton's faculty to enter the armed forces of our country. He is stationed at Fort Chanute in Illinois. Lew Wakefield, '42, who is in the Army Air Corps down in Florida, has just been promoted to the rank of Corporal. Fred Schmidt, ex '42, writes that he has been transferred to the "radiography" or X-ray department at Grand Central Palace. He mentions that the latest copy of *Life* has an article about his post.

Bob Homan's Letter

Air Force Band
Chanute Field, Ill.

Dear *Star* Gazers,

Thanks to our enemies as well as my friends in the United States I am enrolled in one of the country's greatest technical "colleges". The permanent buildings on the field actually give the appearance of a college. However, our barracks "dorms" are scarcely better than your Ft. Jennings or your unspellable "Indian Castle". However, our "Buckingham Palace", a large brick barracks, would grace any college campus.

I told you that I'm enrolled in school. That's about all there is to it because I am majoring, as usual, in the extra-curricular. At present I am a member of a band numbering over fifty (army authorizes only 28). I hope to be a member of the "Wing Chorus"—a little Fred Waring outfit, and a chamber orchestra. Our purpose is to keep the civilian morale from Champaign to Chicago from buckling and to take part in camp

ceremonies and social life.

I play French Horn with a graduate of the University of Illinois. Dr. Harding is the famous conductor of the band there. The fellow who plays at my right elbow is a graduate of Brigham Young University. He and I contest by comparing the number of pages read in our G. I. Testaments. Fortunately, so far we have managed to come out even. Occasionally this friend will ask, "Have you heard from your mate lately?" It must be the Mormon in him.

This place is a cross between a boy scout camp and a college. However, that belies the fact that our alumni are on every battle front and are winning laurels. In addition many of the new technical training air bases are offsprings of Mother Chanute.

You might possibly like to hear my impression of "this here army." In spite of all the warnings and sighs of condemnation that I heard when a civilian, I'll have to confess I haven't heard any new profanity or have I seen any radically different behavior. Therefore, if the army is immoral and degrading, who is at fault? *Don't blame the army!!* It does what it can to educate the men by picture and poster to refrain from profanity, sexual indulgences and drunkenness. The chaplains advertise their services well and they are usually well attended. We must remember that this is a people's army and that the men are going to do the same thing that they did as civilians. If we allow "joints" and "red-lights" in our civilian communities, civilians are to blame. Boys

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"SAY IT WITH FLOWERS"

Although some may consider this editorial to fall into the class of paid advertising, we are bold to say that flowers are to play an important part in Houghton's cultural development (you know, the thing that everybody has been talking about of late). After all, when we come right down to it, Houghton's just about the most inexpensive place in the world in which to have a date. A fellow can take a girl out to dinner—but how many do? He can invite her to the Lecture Series—but that's already paid for. If he accompanies her to the Artist Series, she probably has her own ticket. Whatever he does, sodas are still selling at the pre-war rate of two for thirty cents. Mighty cheap date, eh, fellows?

All this leads up to but one conclusion: The only way a fellow can transform an "evening together" into a *real* date is to make it fragrant, that is, to "say it with flowers," be it a corsage, a lady's boutonniere, or just a single bud. Incidentally, the accepted procedure at such times is for the gentleman himself to bring the flowers to the young lady.

— R. J. O.

DEGENERATE



DIOGENES

BY MILLER

Who was it that said, "Man, thou art pliable as a roll of dorm butter?" The salesman from Cronk's General delivery, I guess but however and nevertheless but all the more, Houghton society was nonplused yet treated by the wee, timid, cowering beastie who shed his beauteous cocoon a short time ago to fly to realms where only true hearts get stung. And to think he picked out a 'pillroller' . . . some stuff . . . hunting around for free doctor bills already . . . ask him what the matter is, he merely croaks:—"Got the Bally-ache."

Coach blew his whistle . . . the action settled in with the jerk of a Barnett Special . . . the scoreboard played a dizzy design on its own face . . . the dust of battle choked not only the players but also both spectators . . . and as the evening sun settled in the late hours . . . the horrible truth had been revealed . . . the Army had won . . . the chanting strains of their theme goaded the Navy to remorse:—

"Ay! tear her tattered ensigns down" (Imagine that with Marsh on the Navy team with Metcalf and Paine usurping the scoring honors.) Woolsey also played . . .

Houghton culture received its first injection of adrenalin Saturday evening when the dissipated walls of the Rec Hall yielded forth a myriad of manias . . . the first of which was Ezra's for forgetting to tip the customer . . . come on, kid, that's the prevailing customs in all circles (especially the ones under Oehrig's eyes when he sees this column) . . . Fatima, Houghton's ace soliloquist (only he doesn't know it), spreading subversive conversation while innocent Alice pretended she was interested . . . oh, well, a free supper can't be snubbed . . . Smalley finally decided to come after he had been refused the fifth time by Wilma Marsh, and what a thrill the female reaches got when he stroked their wings . . . "Personally, I like football or bull-in-the-ring, don't you?" Hughes moaned as he walked on his own feet a while . . . and what a heart-rending song . . . Marge really gave away the secret of her life in "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" as 'Private' Little stood at attention and saluted . . . practice makes perfect.

The sooner "Omnipotent" Oehrig and "Graham MacNamee" Prentice learn that the second floor of the Cott house is open to no one except bed bugs and not wolves at the door . . . the better "Sweet Disposition" Davis will like the *Star* . . . there is a rumor, however, that she is changing for the better . . . she laughed at somebody else's joke.

With the misdirection of an Oklahoma tornado and the perspective of a Genesee gopher, Barnett (of track renown, in case you haven't been over to the Pantry lately) let loose with a flood of florid flandangoes . . . he had just reached the peak of his college career . . . a one-point . . . open house will be observed in deepest eulogy and remembrance of the bitter point threes at his business establish-

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Searching the SCRIPTURES

By ED MEHNE

There is probably no promise of God to Abraham with more warmth and assurance than that recorded in Genesis 15:16. "After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying Fear not, Abram; I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. "The only thing peculiar about the promise is the time and circumstances under which it was given. Imagine trying to give courage and moral support to victorious General Abraham. Perhaps you don't realize what type of feat Abraham had performed.

It seems as if four kings had been battling terrifically against five other kings. The time came, as it does in all quarrels whether they be between John Bull and Hitler or between husband and wife, when one side became the so-called winner; at least that is what the spectators said. You see, the five-nation alliance literally took the dirty end; they fell in the slime-pits. It didn't take the enemy long to realize their advantage and they cleaned up the situation without firing a shot.

Abraham to the Rescue

But one of the prisoners of war was Lot, Abraham's nephew. As soon as the news reached him, Abraham mustered his private army and went to the rescue. With relative ease, Abraham put the conquerors to flight, despite the fact that they were enriched and strengthened by their booty. I'd say that such a smashing victory should be enough to keep a man safe for quite a while, just on the reputation of it.

Yet directly in face of such conditions the Lord said, "Fear not." Why? Because just in time like that, Paul tells us, the flesh may become weakened despite great faith. What God was trying to tell Abraham was that He had better things in store for him. Notice God's approach - "Abram" - the personal touch. It is a fine thing to see God in the trees, the sky, and in the spring to feel God in the air and the sunshine, and to hear God in the whispering wind and the brooks, but I like to know a God who knows my name and speaks it to me and me alone. It is then that I sit up and notice and realize that someone is interested in me beside the house to house canvasser and the credit company.

In the next step of God's dealing with Abraham, God steps out of the realm of philosophy and abstractions to place his words on that which is concrete. Psychologists tell us not to be afraid and know no fear - such is the key to a dominant personality. Physiologists explain that to avoid fear is to be physically sound. The rub lies in the fact that none of them explain the method of avoiding fear. God solves the problem when he says, "I am thy shield."

While many people are ready and willing to accept God as their shield nevertheless they like to stop with that and dismiss God from their lives. However, God wants to be our reward. That is, God is to be our life and joy. The story is told of an 86 year-old news photographer and correspondent in five wars, who was the possessor of a medal he had received from the Emperor of Japan. It was about the size of a half dollar, but three times as thick. The owner said he "banked on that piece of gold to pull him through a tight spot." After Pearl Harbor, it was taken to a jeweler to be assayed. "One hundred percent brass," read his report. "Low quality."

Trusting in God is the seed that produces Divine protection and never failing reward.

Important Shift In Pre-Holiday Classes

An announcement to the *Star* from the faculty carries the important explanation of shift in the order of classes for Monday, December 21 and Tuesday, December 22. The last day of school before winter recess, Tuesday, December 22, there will probably be class periods of one half hour each, in order that all the morning classes may recite. However, classes that usually recite on Tuesday will be held on Monday, December 21, and those that usually recite on Monday morning will recite on Tuesday, December 22, in these half hour periods. This exchange is being made to compensate for the fact that during this semester the Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes have had more recitations than the classes on the alternate days. Since the half hour schedule of classes will be in effect on Tuesday, the Tuesday classes would benefit considerably by being shifted to Monday.

Chapel on Etiquette . . .

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be an "Artist of Living", and that college should be considered a place where one can grow culturally as well as physically. Continuing with the problem that small colleges have suppressing "gossip" he pointed out that this was not only ill-mannered but crude and a sign of ill-breeding. A good conversationalist can be far more popular with the males than one who is always out to "pet". Gum chewing is almost as bad as a "babe" who applies her make-up in public, he stated.

Basketball Opener . . .

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LaSorte and Walberger.
The referee for Friday's game will be Joe Palone. Coach McNeese commenting on the series as a whole said that he hoped for an even better series than usual. Coach expects a close fight between the frosh and seniors with the juniors having a good chance to upset the apple cart.

As We See It . . .

Headlines have conveyed encouraging news during the past ten days. Our forces have occupied all of the French African Territories of Algeria and Morocco, and are now moving into Tunisia. During the opening of this West African front, France has been on the spot.

Caught between the Axis and the Allies, France had to make an irrevocable decision. Since French politics has been largely a matter of personalities, the shift in policy from partial collaboration to definite cooperation with the Allies on the part of some French leaders has received much attention in the press.

United States forces occupying French West Africa met considerable French resistance in the initial stages of the attack. But with reports of American successes came news of cease-firing orders by French officials. Later we learned of the active cooperation of General Girard, Admiral Darlan, and others, with the allied command. However, Nazi-directed Vichy-France has not, probably because it dares not come out openly on the side of the Allies.

This complex situation will be worth watching. With France's status so much in doubt the question this week is: "What role do you think France will play in the war from now on, and in the peace conference to follow?"

Oliver Karker, pre-medical, Houghton: "France will never rise up as a

Chem Majors Wanted

In the field of synthetic rubber, expanded research may double the demand for chemists during the coming months, the U. S. Civil Service Commission reveals. Many Junior Chemists and Chemical Aids must be recruited for Federal service therefore, and college men and women, especially women, with appropriate chemistry training are urged to file their qualifications with the Commission.

Four years of college training with 30 semester hours in chemistry is required of applicants for the \$2,000 Junior Chemist positions. Three years of college training with 24 semester hours of chemistry is required of applicants for the \$1,800 Chemical Aid jobs. Applications will be accepted from senior and junior students who expect to complete the specified requirements within 4 months after filing.

'Star' Staff Holds Banquet Saturday

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The main feature of the banquet was a talk by Ward M. Hopkins, Judge and Surrogate of Allegany County, and president of the Cuba First National Bank. The judge's talk was pointed thoughtfully at the problems upon which today's college generation must build the post-war world, and his advice, coming from experience as a business man, lawyer, and a judge, was highly pertinent to the problems that the same generation must meet now. He said that any further collapse of moral standards and any further breaking up of home relationships would mean a moral depression for greater than the crime wave that followed the last war.

The staff's optimistically entitled "first annual" may never be followed by the "second", but that forty-one pounds of turkey, and all that went with it, sure was great.

Text Of Student Council's Resolution On Abolition Of All Clubs For Duration

(Story on page one.)

"Relieve Christmas Rush; Mail Early" Is P. O. Plea

The Post Office Department now is starting the most gigantic task in its history--the movement of a deluge of Christmas parcels, cards and letters while maintaining the regular flow of millions of pieces of mail daily to and from our armed forces all over the world.

If thousands of our soldiers, sailors, marines and civilian friends are not to be disappointed at Christmas time, the public must cooperate by mailing earlier than ever before and by addressing letters and parcels properly. The best efforts of the Post Office Department alone cannot be enough, in view of wartime difficulties faced by the postal system. The public must assist.

Homan's Letter . . .

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don't get in trouble here on the post. I must add that I don't feel alone in the faith though I am with the minority. Almost daily I find some soldier reading a Bible or pausing a minute before a meal to return thanks.

I believe that if the church is wide awake that we are on the eve of the greatest military-missionary expedition in history. This war is not without religious significance and may have latent possibilities of setting the stage for the Dictator, who is the only one to write a lasting peace. There is no mortal statesman equal to the task.

Your loyal friend
Robert L. Homan

String's Column . . .

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ment . . . a photostat of said grade point may be had for the asking or a sentence with four "you's" in it . . . Sorry, Myrtle—that it has to be this lousy . . .

. . . France's Role?

would take sides with the Allies. If, on the other hand, Darlan is pro-Axis under Laval and Petain, the lack of any leader to organize French resistance would result in the loss of what otherwise might be a great military aid to the Allies. Too much depends on France's position at the end of this conflict to predict anything certain about her part in a peace conference."

Willard B. Heck, Religious Ed., Houghton: "France will in time to come not be lead by puppet leaders, but by her own people who have the spirit of united freedom. I think the Allies will let the French sit in on the peace conference, but will not allow them to vote."

Ed Mehne, pre-medical, Scranton, Pa.: "I don't think France will play any role; Hitler has France pretty well sewed up. After the war there may not be any more France."

Bonaly Luckey, math, Hume: "I think that the French leaders are pro-Nazi, but that the people will continue passive resistance. I don't think that France will have much to say about the treaty because of the policy of collaboration adopted by her leaders."

Burt Swales, social science, Fillmore: "Well, as one Frenchman said, when the rest of the world thinks the French are through is when they'll again rise up and fight. I don't think France will be allowed much of a voice in the peace treaty."

Whereas Houghton College faculty and students are not as war-minded as they should be in view of present world and national conditions;

Whereas every possible effort should be made by the college administration to awaken the students to the seriousness of the situation; Whereas the exigencies of war necessitate the curtailing of many peace-time privileges;

Whereas those who have been enabled to enjoy the opportunity of attending college in war-time, when so many others, equally deserving, have been denied the privilege, should be willing and eager to earn their special privilege, as much as they can, by devoting themselves in whatever directions will aid in any way the national war effort;

Whereas the probability of government investigation of private colleges makes it necessary for each such institution to integrate and intensify its program in the direction of the nation's war needs, if that institution is to be permitted to continue to operate;

Whereas the only adequate excuse for a college's continuing at all is the contribution that college can make toward the general war effort--

Be it resolved: That the Houghton College Student Council respectfully recommends and urgently requests that the college administration disband for the duration of the war all clubs and some organizations; namely, Art Club, Philosophical Club, Expression Club, Social Science Club, The Palaeolinguists, Le Cercle Francais, Student Ministerial Association, Pre-Medic Club, Der Rheinverein, Forensic Union, Scribblers, Music Club, Mission Study Club, Houghton College Band and Houghton College Oratorio Society; and that the Houghton *Star* should be issued every two weeks; and that the publication of the *Lantern* should be omitted, in order that Monday evenings should be kept free for courses in radio, drafting, et cetera and in order that students might have more time in which to study such war subjects.

Respectfully submitted,
Student Council

No words of mine can adequately express my deep appreciation and thanks to the friends and neighbors of Houghton and surrounding communities, to the faculty and students of Houghton College and to the members of the Church for their definite and prevailing prayers in my recent critical hours of need and for their many kind and thoughtful remembrances. God bless and reward you all.

Mary L. Clarke

John Will, '42, received his commission this Tuesday in the Coast Guard and yesterday married Miss Thelma Van Houte, it was learned last night. While at school John was active in class activities and had a high scholastic average.

Where Friends Meet



THE PANTRY



BY MEL LEWELLEN

Yep, Here It Is

You hit him! Two shots! No, No, you moved your pivot foot! Blue ball, out of bounds! You're traveling! Two points, basket counts.—Yes, basketball lingo. Basketball is here and here to stay for a while. The above is what was heard coming from Dave Paine and "Big Hare" Walker last Saturday evening as the senior-soph combination beat the junior-frosh team in both ends of the double-header. The S.S. girls beat their rivals badly in the first game but their male classmates had a little harder time as they had to go into overtime to become victors in the second contest.

Tomorrow night Houghton College's 1942-43 class series will be opened with the senior teams opposing the junior teams in a double header starting at 7:30 p.m. In the preliminary game the pennant is being defended by Jim Fenton's junior lassies, while in the main attraction "Big John" Sheffer's boys, the seniors, are the defending champs. The champs will probably have a little harder time this year as the other three teams are fixing their sights and aiming to knock both leaders out of the thrones which they are now holding.

Between the new lighting system, the added zest among the cheerleaders and promise of a closer series this year, Houghton fans should have plenty to do on Friday nights watching their basketkeeters in action. Another thing that will aid this year's series is the fact that we'll have good refereeing in the person of our friend, and coach of Belmont High School, who has earned himself quite a name as a whistle blower, Joe Palone. So fans, starting tomorrow night, let's come out early and watch both games and get our series off to a good start.

Afternoon games will start next Monday at 3:30 with the junior men playing the sophs, and then Wednesday at the same time, same place, we'll see the females of the same classes battling it out

College Football

Georgia and Georgia Tech rolled on unbeaten and untied last Saturday toward college football's game of the year—their Nov. 28 battle for top national honors and a choice of bowl prizes.

It looks like Boston College in one of the southern bowls again this year, as the only other major unbeaten and untied team, handed Fordham its worst defeat in 20 years, a 56-6 mauling. B.C.'s only bowl obstacles now are Boston University and improved Holy Cross.

Texas, despite its defeat, retained a slight edge with a four and one record in the Southwest conference. Ohio State stepped in front in the Big Ten race by thumping Illinois 44-20, but Wisconsin remained with striking distance as it nosed out Northwestern 20-19. Missouri was deadlocked by Oklahoma 6-6 but needs only to beat Kansas to clinch the Big Six crown. Navy moved up alongside Army to share leadership in the Ivy League while Washington State moved on toward the Rose Bowl with its fifth Pacific Coast Conference win against one setback.

So there they are. Take your pick for the bowl winners on New Year's Day. The war has stopped many things but we will have our post-season games, even the Bowl of Roses on the Pacific Coast.



A. C. P.'s Correspondent Reports from Washington

JOINT ARMY AND NAVY RELEASE

"The secretary of war and the secretary of the navy desire to make their position clear with respect to this matter of continuance of college education. They are convinced that able-bodied young men and women must and will be controlled in their decisions solely by what appears to each to be his duty in helping to win this war.

They are further satisfied that the colleges must and will be similarly guided in their action. Colleges have a definite educational function to perform in war as well as in peace, but it is somewhat different. Men who accept the opportunity of enlistment in the army or navy reserve and who conscientiously devote their efforts in college in the manner indicated, and those teachers in the colleges who are necessary for the education of these men, may feel assured that they are doing the jobs their country wants them to do and are performing their full duty in the war effort." *An Army and Navy joint release to the press defining the official attitude toward colleges.*

From Other Campuses

University of Michigan students have improved their physical fitness by at least 20 per cent with the completion of one term of the institution's compulsory "hardening" course, it is reported in a survey just completed by the University department of physical education and athletics.

Recently made compulsory for every male student on the campus, the program consists of four and a half hours each week of supervised calisthenics, obstacle racing, mass combat activities, rough and tumble drills and competitive activities.

Colgate University

When the cheerleader pleads hoarsely for a "Fight, fight, Siwash" and then does a cartwheel through the rain, don't question his intelligence—he's probably a little brighter than the average.

That's the finding of a survey conducted at Colgate University. The investigation was aimed at determining what relationship, if any existed between intelligence of Colgate seniors and participation in extra-curricular activities.

The results throw a little cold water on the "big campus man," the fellow who belongs to all the clubs and appears at least a half-dozen times in the group pictures in his class yearbook. Statistics show it's not the fact that he participates, but what he takes part in—that gives a clue to his gray matter.

And as for the meek little student whose name never appears on a committee, he's 3 per cent smarter than the average.

Long suspected, the fact was established that the varsity letter for skill in major sports usually adorns a strong back and an I.Q. 11 per cent below average.

The survey revealed that 30 per cent of the nearly 800 seniors engaged in no extra-curricular activities. The most intelligent group, 10 per cent above the average, worked on student publications.

Ratings for men participating in social, religious, dramatic, musical, managerial and cheerleading activities were found to be "slightly above average."

Men in the student government were second only to those men on publications. The rating for men in minor athletics coincided with the average, while the standings of the men in departmental clubs dropped 6 per cent below the average.

Speaking Frankly . . .

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listen to you without hearing you. Now that America is no longer split over two Thanksgivings we can resume arguing whether onion or chestnut makes better turkey dressing. If you don't know, ask Prentice.

A great many home owners in Houghton are burned up over the lack of anything to burn.

We hear that there is going to be a Sugar Bowl game this year—bring your ration cards, though.

Three of the hardest things in the world to see through are the law of relativity, Hitler's reasoning and the football fan in front of you that leaps up to his feet on every play.

Whatever Became Of

The day when pants were exclusively a masculine article? . . . Our money . . . the trailer craze . . . Arland Rees . . . The Great White Way . . . String's Babbling Brook (s) . . . the forty pound turkey that was bought for the Star banquet . . . the three or four "sure fire" teams for the Rose Bowl . . . that happy smile on Dick Harmon's face that was perpetual before the tests . . . Marsh's fraternity pin . . . Dean Hazlett's bridge—I mean the one across the creek . . . the bell clapper?

If you are thinking of buying Christmas gifts, why not buy for Mussolini: Slippers. (He's always on the carpet.)

Hirohito: A pair of socks. (Right in the eye.)

Hitler: A necktie. (Here you can draw your own conclusion, but draw it tight.)

Quotable Quotes

Felice Hagberg: "I can tell when I'm blushing because when I'm blushing I get 'hot'."

Margaret Bally: "You freeze it while I squeeze it."

Viv Anderson: "Well, here I am."

Viv again: "I can feel for you, but consarned if I can reach you."

Jim Hughes: "There's so much culture in this fruitin' place that the first thing you know it will be breeding bacteria."

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COLLEGE INN

Soph-Senior Men Victorious Over Frosh-Juniors, 33-29

Senior-Soph Women Also Defeat Opponents, 25-13

Last Saturday night at the Bedford gym before a large crowd a combination senior-soph girls team licked the junior-freshman team 25-13. Although the game was not a regular part of the League program, it revealed that the Black Stocking League will see four strong teams battling for top place.

The seniors are out to recapture the championship they lost last year. With Thornton switched to forward position and LaSorte feeling the vacant guard spot, the seniors will be in there to the finish. Last year's champions, the juniors, have lost but one of their winning team and that's being well filled. The sophs were definitely "on" Saturday night, and it looks as if they have the coordination this year to give any of the teams a close run. The frosh have some of the best material displayed by a freshman class in a number of years.

It's anyone's game this year. With four good teams, the games this year should be of much higher calibre than of previous years.

Artist Series . . .

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tired from the Roth Quartet to join the Salzedo Concert Ensemble. He is an authority on old instruments and has played the viola de gamba as soloist with symphony orchestras.

Albert Husch, their assisting artist, is one of the younger generation of American pianists. In addition to ensemble playing and accompanying (this season he is the accompanist for Erica Morini) he has given several recitals in New York and in the leading American cities.

The program will consist of two trios for the ensemble and each of the artists will contribute a solo group.

Game Goes into Overtime Period

Last Saturday night a large crowd thronged Bedford Gymnasium to witness a preliminary exhibition to the '42-'43 basketball season in a contest which thrilled the audience in an overtime period and showed the senior-soph combination team to be superior by a 33-29 victory over the junior-frosh alliance.

The senior-soph aggregation drifted through a hectic first half on an easy lead, ending that period with a thirteen to three margin. In the third period the losers showed their worth by outplaying and outscoring their opponents, making fifteen points against six and bringing the score to twenty-eight. Again in the last quarter the junior-frosh team pulled out in front with a four point lead. With approximately five minutes left to play and the crowd yelling madly the senior-soph five showed their ability to play heads-up ball under pressure. Armstrong dropped one in and another was accounted for on a long pass from Sheffer to Houser who made the lay-up with ease. A few seconds later the final whistle sounded bringing the fourth quarter to a close with the scoreboard reading 28-28. Given and the squads rested in preparation for the five minute overtime period.

Overtime Period

The extra period was a hard fought one with the more experienced senior-soph team having a slight edge. They rang up five points to the losers one and then froze the ball for the remaining seconds.

High scorers for the winners was Ben Armstrong with ten points and Kennedy and Sheffer with eight and seven respectively. For the losers Waaser was high with eight points and Hertel and Scheesly close behind with six each. Outstanding also was Tony LaSorte who continually took the ball off the backboard on the rebound to give his team possession of the ball. Willie Work proved valuable to the winning team as he garnered five points in about as many minutes of play.

The victors made five out of seven fouls while their opponents put in five out of fourteen.

This game should not be taken as an indication of what the season holds in store, for none of the teams have had much practice. All of the squads need plenty of polish before they will be able to play the brand of ball of which they are capable. When we see these players again with their own class team we will undoubtedly see more unity and a faster, smoother brand of ball than was seen in this preliminary contest.

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