

Asiatic Flu Fails to Change Homecoming Plans



Charlotte Jones, Shirley Dye, Chairman Joan Gillette, Molly Castor, and John Reist of the Senior float committee prepare their class float for tomorrow's pageantry.

Despite the recent outbreak of an Asiatic flu epidemic on campus which has cast an ominous shadow over the coming weekend, Houghton today officially begins the celebration of her first seventy-five years with a three day program emphasizing the works and lives of her founders.

Wilson To Speak

Kenneth Wilson, managing editor of *Christian Herald* and author of a feature about "Pop" Mill's, Houghton's Supervisor of Janitorial Services, will initiate the festivities this morning in Founder's Day Chapel as guest speaker.

A regular annual feature of Homecoming Weekend is the first Artist Series of the season, which will take place tonight at 8 p. m. in the chapel. The Buffalo Symphonette, conducted by Fred Ressel, will perform, featuring three instrumental soloists.

Float Parade Saturday

Tomorrow at 1:15 p. m., the parade of floats, all depicting some aspect of Houghton's seventy-five years, will begin at the foot of the college hill and proceed around the college triangle and up to the athletic field, where the stage will be set for the football game.

Both Purple and Gold are severely handicapped by injuries or the flu epidemic. John Percy, Purple's star quarterback is out with a badly bruised left shoulder; Don Trasher, co-captain and line backer is down with the flu; Ed Moos, speedy full-back, is fighting a week-long seige, and Jim Walker, rangy right end, is not up to par.

The Gladiators are suffering, too. Dick Seawright, fire-plug guard, is in

the infirm with flu as we go to press; John Reist, co-captain and tricky right halfback, is just recovering from a four day flu infection; and Cal Zeitz and Bob Granger, co-captain and guard, are feeling the effects of the epidemic. The game has not been cancelled as we go to press.

Queen to be Crowned

At half-time, the Boulder will supervise the crowning of the Homecoming Queen, lovely Alyce Van Atter, who will boast six attendants.

Saturday night, there will be two programs. The Alumni banquet will occur at 8 p. m. with the theme "Tales Told by the Bell". At the same time, Student Senate is sponsoring a program for all students and guests on campus who do not attend the Alumni banquet. It will feature the "Rolling Tones" a barbershop quartet from Jamestown, N. Y. and the showing of Houghton's new film about the college, "So Many Things". Admission is \$3.35.

Worship Closes Weekend

The weekend will close Sunday morning with regular Sunday School and church services, and a program of organ music for autumn by Dr. Charles Finney, head of the College Music Department.

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Symphonette Features Chamber Music

Buffalo Group to Appear Here In Initial Concert Of Season

The Buffalo Symphonette and three soloists will perform at the first Artist Series of the season in the chapel, October 11, at 8 p. m. The twenty members of this chamber orchestra are drawn almost entirely from distinguished personnel of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.

Ardis Molitor Obermeyer, soprano soloist at First Presbyterian Church in Buffalo, has appeared with the Buffalo Philharmonic under William Steinberg and Joseph Krips. She will sing a cantata with string accompaniment.

Jean Harling, who was educated at Wayne University and studied flute with John Wummer, will play a concerto for piccolo and orchestra.

The first part of the program, made up of contemporary compositions, includes an oboe solo, played by De Vere Moore, with string accompaniment.

Fred Ressel, organizer and conductor of the Buffalo Symphonette, studied violin and viola at Prague Conservatory under Professors Suchy and Prade. He has been first violinist with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra for fourteen years, and has served the organization as assistant and guest conductor on numerous occasions. Mr. Ressel has been prominently associated with chamber music groups and has been a guest artist on several occasions with the famed Budapest String Quartet.



Mr. Fred Ressel, Founder and Conductor of the Buffalo Symphonette.

92 SKIDOO!
The infirmary reports that there have been ninety-two patients admitted with the flu since Oct. 1. All weekend activities are still scheduled. All tests have been postponed through Monday, October 14.



Jean Harling, piccolo soloist, will appear tonight.

Joint Music Recital Wed.

Professors Gilbert Hynes and Eldon Basney will present a joint faculty recital Wednesday evening, October 16, in the chapel at eight o'clock. The program includes some of the favorite "lieder" of Brahms and Strauss.

The recital will also feature *Inkahn* by Edvard Grieg and *La Procession* by the French composer, Caesar Franck. Also among the evening's offerings are Giordani's *Caro Mi Ben* and Handel's famous "Hear ye me ye winds and waves," from the opera *Scipio*. A *Piscator* from Ponchielli's *La Gioconda* is another operatic aria which Professor Hynes will sing.

The final numbers, to be sung in English, herald productions by Vaughn Williams, Rachmaninoff and Norman Dello Joio, one of America's most illustrious contemporary writers.

Diamond Anniversary . . .

BY RAZLETT

This weekend our campus and corridors will be invaded by a noisy mob or at least a heterogeneous assortment of strangers of both sexes and all ages. Most of the adults will show some signs of wear or worry, in the form of greying or thinning hair, or of sharply etched lines, once tactlessly referred to as wrinkles or crowfeet. Some of the men will have a lean and hungry look, but more will have developed considerable embonpoint and like Chaucer be "no poppet to embrace."

All of them will seem perfectly at home — in fact, they will take an almost proprietary interest in everything. The women will greet each other with glad shrieks of recognition and bird-like pecks; the men will indulge in wild whoops and back-slapping, and will even rush up to a dignified professor and pump his arm vigorously upon the slightest provocation. These strange, uninhibited creatures have not just arrived from Mars. They have come from classrooms of their own or parsonages, from farms and factories, and some from long distances. Meanwhile, the new students are witnessing the phenomenon which has come to be known as a fall tradition — Homecoming! On this Diamond Jubilee year, these weekend activities may be regarded as the preliminaries leading up to a grand climax next June.

All of this is highly bewildering and at the same time subtly disconcerting to our undergraduates. "Will I ever become like that?"

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Dr. R. Ferm Makes Study

Dr. Robert O. Ferm, Dean of Students, has taken a year's leave of absence from his duties with the college to work for the Billy Graham Crusade.

This week Dr. Ferm left for New York where he is to address a ministerial breakfast held by the Graham Crusade to consider the follow-up for the New York Crusade.

Dr. Ferm then plans to travel to Minneapolis to help check the galley proofs for the latest Graham book, "They Met God in the Garden," the stories of some of the persons converted in the New York Crusade.

When the proofs are prepared, Dr. Ferm will leave the United States to make a tour of the cities in the Orient where Billy Graham has held campaigns, including Honolulu, Tokyo, Manila, Hongkong, New Delhi, Bombay and Karachi. There he will undertake an extensive study of the experiences of those who made professions of Christianity during the meetings. He will interview both Christians and those who have returned to their former faiths after having made a profession of Christianity.

These interviews will comprise a large portion of a study which Dr. Ferm is at present writing on the phenomenon of conversion. The work is to be published under the title, "Do The Billy Graham Converts Last?"

Dr. Ferm plans to return home by Christmas this year.

Quartet Sings Sat. Evening

"The Rolling Tones", a barbershop quartet from Jamestown, N. Y., will be the main feature in the Student Senate show Saturday night at 8 p. m. in the chapel, Molly Castor, Senate Social Chairman, has announced.

Charter members of The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, the quartet has been singing together for four years, appearing in Buffalo, Rochester, Olean and other cities of western New York state. Their repertoire includes popular and "old-time" ballads set to the unique harmony peculiar to barbershop singing.

Alyce Van Atter, Homecoming Queen, will also perform at the piano, and Dr. Robert Luckey, Director of Public Relations, will show "So Many Things", the new film about the college.

Senate is providing this program for guests and students on campus who do not attend the Alumni banquet. Admission is \$3.35.

Former Houghtonite Preaches

Failing Begins Meetings Oct. 17

The Rev. George Failing will be guest speaker for special meetings at Houghton Church, October 17-27. Mr. Failing was formerly director of Public Relations at Houghton College



Rev. Mr. George Failing

and is well known to many people in this vicinity. More recently he has been pastor of the Marion College Church in Marion, Indiana, and at the present time is Assistant Editor of the Sunday School literature for the Wesleyan Methodist church. He resides with his family in Marion, Indiana.

The guest songleader for these special meetings will be the Reverend Paul Markell, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Ellicott, New York and a graduate of Houghton College. Special music will be furnished by various groups from the school and community, as well as by a number of soloists. Services will start each evening at 7:30. (There is no Saturday night service.)

Gala Celebration Veils Meaning

The first of two official celebrations of Houghton's 75th Anniversary begins today and extends throughout the whole week-end; the second occurs in April, 1958, during official Anniversary Week.

Dr. Robert Luckey, Public Relations director, expects the largest Homecoming crowd in the history of the school, and has planned a program vast enough to do justice to the occasion: programs, a queen, football game, premiere of the new college film, etc. However, aside from this superficial planning and underneath this veneer, lies the real meaning of this weekend. What has made Houghton great in the sight of God is not such external extravagance, appropriate as it may be for the occasion, but the unsung and unheralded work of such people as compose our faculty, who labor annually at a wage much smaller than could be earned in a more lucrative position at a secular university; of Dr. Smith, who works from 5 a. m. till 11 p. m. many days; of Doc Jo, whose burden for missions should be felt by everyone on campus; of Bob Fiegl and Pop Mills, who keep the campus looking as well as it does; of Dr. Rork and Mr. Ortlip, whose burning dedication defies explanation; of Dr. Paine, our president, who still finds time to befriend student after student; of Prof. Kreckman, Prof. Burnell, Prof. Tucker, Dr. James Luckey and innumerable others, whose memory provides daily inspiration to all; and last of all, of the thousands of students who have matriculated and have graduated. All these component parts of Houghton — past and present — are the means by which God has included Houghton in His great plan.

The Gadfly



BY MORRIS ATWOOD, Boulder editor
What should the half-hour between 11:00 and 11:30 a. m. be to the college student?

The word "chapel" usually connotes meditative and contemplative exercise. By one definition to contemplate is to consider or think studiously; to ponder; to meditate. To meditate is to dwell in thought; to muse; reflect; cogitate. Quite often studious thinking and reflection is concentrated upon a religious theme. Now if chapel is to be what that word connotes, what procedure should be followed during a chapel period for a group whose intellect is average or better?

Scholarship Stimulates
The singing of hymns turns one's thoughts from his previous surroundings to an environment where he can contemplate and meditate. Now for one to meditate, a topic or theme must be introduced around which he can organize his thoughts. Does this theme always have to be strictly religious? Not if we operate according to the above definitions. But it should be scholarly enough to chal-

lenge one's intellect and cause him to consider its implications and applications. If a chapel talk isn't any more scholarly than to divert a student's attention from his latest news magazine or letter-writing, I put very little stock in its contribution to intellectual development.

Students Should be Challenged

Also, one must be challenged from several angles if he is to formulate a philosophy of life, and know why his position on the issues of mankind is what it is. The strengthening of his religious thought is vital, but so is his understanding of his education, philosophy, and world affairs, to mention but a few topics pertinent to the college student. His vision must encompass a vast horizon if he is to see the true value of his Christian thought. The contributory thought of scholarly visiting speakers is an aid in broadening this horizon.

Similarly, students participating in chapel need to raise the intellectual plane of their speeches as well as exhibit an intelligent use of the English language.

Raise Language Level

Let us make chapel time more than just a fellowship meeting and student body gathering; let us "be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding." (Col. 1:9).

Minority Report



Seth and Bank

The In — FLU — ence of Oriental Culture

The fever rages and spreads on campus, even to the authors of this column. The more volatile of your writers has been streached on a couch of affliction; but in this hour of bleak despair, there appear two soothing balms in the persons of Doris, Houghton's own Florence Nightingale, and Bank, who, when he visits the infirmary, is "everyone's roommate." Clad in Ivy League khakis with "buckled" buckle, desert boots, and Hathaway shirt, Bank, sensing the printer's deadline was near, visited "Knob" to compare again our observations and reduce them to writing. Thus, the Oriental Culture may produce a more subtle influence on the Houghton mind than it will manifest on the more obvious physical Houghton.

Anyway, a word of advice to all — be anti-social — but the necessity of physical nourishment demands your presence in the dining hall three times a day. Despite these and other precautionary measures, "Doris" will eventually get us all.

Here's to Seventy-Five More

This column could exude all the proper platitudes and generalities which would adequately explain and elaborate the great significance of this festive weekend, but we refuse.

To everyone on campus, the weekend holds its own meaning. Can we even pretend to fathom what Houghton's 75 years means to the returning grad of twenty, thirty, or forty years ago? The obvious answer precludes any dissertation on our part.

To Dr. Charles Finney

What does the music department offer its students that other departments don't? For the second consecutive year, a music major reigns as Homecoming Queen — not that we disagree with the choice! All we desire is the secret formula.

Ethics on a Hillside

One does not feel that the Houghton "reserved seat" section at Alfred football games provides Alfred students with the proper impression of Houghton as a Christian school. Let's not fool ourselves; they know who we are and what Houghton stands for. They justly question any rationalization which purports to condone such "knot-hole" tactics. We realize, of course, to take a date to the tune of \$3-plus is an expensive proposition; but that is not the question. We believe the Pauline injunction to the Romans — "Provide things honest in the sight of all men" — is valid for this situation.

Question of the Week

Concerning last Friday night's unhappy situation:

- (1) We're sure there's talent in the Freshman class. Where was it? OR —
- (2) Where were the "big brothers and big sisters" who were supposed to plan this talent review?

Quote of the Week

From henceforth, we will forsake the social, and therefore, inane and petty, pleasantries, and will seek the more genuine expression of personality which springs only from the Henry James attitude.

Drama Policy . . .

(Continued from Column One)

DR. LYNIP, ADVISOR TO THE STAR

"The school's objective of 'acquainting the student with the broad fields of human interest and directing him in acquiring and integrating that knowledge with Christ as the center of orientation' means that all human knowledge is open to directed class inspection and study. Classes in drama, art, music, psychology, sociology, etc. — all demand an acquaintanceship with certain aspects of society that ought not to be identified with the Christian's personal tastes. We study many kinds of drama that we would not employ as a source of entertainment."

What About Drama?

BY BERT WILLIAMS

The recent excursion of the drama students to the production of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* at Geneseo again focuses attention on the drama policy of Houghton.

The cry of most zealots has long been that the policy is nebulous. For their benefit, we publish excerpts from an official statement of school policy.

"1. The presentation of dramatics itself is amoral. Historically it has been used by the church for good and by the world for good and evil purpose.

"2. The college permits the presentations of characterizations, impersonations, readings, locally inspired skits, pantomimes and pageants.

"3. The college permits the presentation of Christian plays, i. e. plays that directly present Christian values in a positive light.

"4. There is a reluctance to admit drama that is essentially of history, of social problems, of social satire, of mystery, of comedy, of horror, etc., not because all such drama is base or ignoble, but because it is administratively impossible to maintain a demarcation between that which is acceptable in evangelical circles and that which is unacceptable."

This is a lucid statement of school policy, but the afore-mentioned journey to Geneseo requires that the school clarify the difference between reading or viewing a play and acting it. Are the ends aimed at in studying drama different from those sought in actual acting? If not, why do we forbid acting?

(Continued in Column Four)

Society News

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CARR—HEILMAN
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Heilman of Ford City, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally ('58), to Lawrence Carr ('58), son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Carr of Erie, Pa.

WILSON—TYSINGER
Rev. and Mrs. J. Walden Tysinger of Houghton, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret (ex '59), to T. Kenneth Wilson ('58), son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson of Hamilton, Ontario, Can.

GIBSON—MOUNTAIN
Announcement has been made of the engagement of Carolyn J. Mountain ('58), daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Milton T. Mountain of Summit, New Jersey, to Henry T.

Gibson, Jr. ('60), son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Gibson of New Milford, Conn. A June wedding is planned.

NIKKUM—MACQUARRIE
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth MacQuarrie of Euclid, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Phebe-Nell (ex '60), to David Nikkum of Euclid, Ohio.

LINDER—BENDER
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford L. Bender of Jamestown, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Elaine Ruth ('59), to Lester W. Linder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elof Linder of Jamestown, N. Y.

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



"I SEE THEY'VE PATCHED THINGS UP."



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Homecoming Festivities Commemorate 75th Year



Houghton's Anniversary Homecoming Court boasts Queen Alyce Van Atter, flanked by (l. to r.) Mary Jane Fancher, Elaine Parks, Elaine Faris, Adrienne Taylor, Jan Thorn and Dianna Arnold.

Queen Alyce Assumes Traditional Crown

You might have to refer to your atlas to locate the town of Mayville, N. Y. However, one of the 1,492 inhabitants of this town has become an important person to Houghton's Seventy-fifth Anniversary Homecoming — Queen Alyce Van Atter.

Alyce Van Atter is the daughter of a Mayville businessman. Her father is the vice president of the Chataqua Malted Milk Company. Her grandfather has been for a number of years an active Gideon, and is now on the New York State Cabinet of the Gideons. She has a fifteen year old brother and a sister who is nine.

Alyce is Musically Talented

A music student and a French horn major, Miss Van Atter was one of the junior attendants to the queen last year. She also admits very reticently that she was valedictorian of her high school graduating class. Despite a heavy scholastic load, she has been active in Woodwind Quintet, Brass Quintet, Orchestra, Band, Music Educators Club and Oratorio. This year she is looking forward to giving her senior recital.

Short, petite, and with dark hair and eyes, Miss Van Atter doesn't

"know how tall I am." She has been on the class cheer leading squad during her sophomore, junior and senior years, and has been a baton twirler for the band during her freshman, sophomore and senior years.

Desires to Teach

Miss Van Atter's plans for work following her graduation are not certain, but her first choice is musical therapy. This would include teaching music to mentally retarded or tubercular children as a definite recommended part of their treatment. If she does not enter this type of work, Miss Van Atter plans to teach French horn and piano privately.

Composing the queen's court will be representatives of four states and one province as well as the four classes. Junior representatives, Elaine Faris and Adrienne Taylor, are from Smith's Falls, Ontario, and West Hempstead, New York, respectively. Representing the sophomore class will be Jan Thorn of East Lansing, Michigan, and Elaine Parks of Allentown, Pennsylvania. Freshman representatives will be Mary Jane Fancher of Thiensville, Wisconsin, and Dianna Arnold of Lindfay, Ontario.

Beauties Ride In Parade

Unless a display of Houghton rain makes it impossible, the queen and her attendants will be riding in convertibles in the Homecoming parade tomorrow. The parade, which will start at 1:15 p. m. will take its theme from the anniversary celebration.

Coronation At Halftime

Activities of the day will reach a peak with the queen's coronation between halves of the Purple-Gold football game. Miss Van Atter will be crowned by the president of the alumni association, Rev. Mr. Burnett Thompson. Rev. Thompson is the pastor of the pioneer Wesleyan Methodist Church at Hamburg, New York, which is sponsored largely by the local Houghton church.

Miss Van Atter will be Houghton's ninth homecoming queen. The tradition was started in 1949 when the student body elected Miss Sarah Benton as the first queen.

Kenneth Wilson Speaks In Founders' Day Chapel

Kenneth L. Wilson, managing editor of the *Christian Herald* magazine and alumnus of Houghton College, will speak in the Founders' Day chapel at 10 a. m. today. The title of his talk is: *The Story of the Stones*.

The chapel this morning begins the 1957 Homecoming Weekend and the 75th Anniversary celebration of the founding of the college. Mr. Wilson has been compiling a history of the college since its founding as Houghton Seminary in 1883.

Wilson Edits College History

Kenneth Wilson, today's chapel speaker, will act as compilation editor of the forthcoming booklet, "Consider The Years," a history of Houghton since 1883.

Mr. Wilson, an ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ church, attended Houghton College for two and a half years before transferring to Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind. where he graduated in 1941. Since his graduation he has been active in the literary work of the David C. Cook Publishing Company, Elgin, Ill.,

Finney Features Autumn Motif

Dr. Charles Finney, head of the college music department, is presenting an organ recital in the Houghton church, Sunday afternoon, October 13, at three o'clock.

"Music for an Autumn Sunday Afternoon" is the theme of the recital. The selections are based on this thought and suited to the theme. The first four numbers are brief compositions of Bach, followed by two numbers suggesting an evening sunset. "Autumn Time" is the title of a composition creating an atmosphere of the fall season. Other selections included are of a religious nature. The college chorus is singing the choral parts in two of the selections.

A wide variety of composers and styles will be employed to make this recital especially enjoyable to each listener. It includes both long and short numbers of easy and more concentrated listening. The recital is planned as one of the special events for Homecoming Weekend.



Kenneth Wilson speaks today in chapel.

and the American Baptist Publishing Society, Philadelphia, Pa. From 1949-1953 he was Associate Editor of *Christian Herald* and since 1953, he has been the Managing Editor of the publication.

Mr. Wilson first became interested in literary work during high school when he bought a small printing press and established a small business. Meanwhile, he also had a regular department in a small mid-western magazine. While in Houghton, Kenneth worked in the print shop and sold stories to Sunday School papers. At Butler he won first prize (\$100) in the Irwin Essay Contest.

During the chapel, Houghton College will confer the honorary degree, doctor of letters, on Kenneth Wilson.

Homecoming Weekend Activities

Friday, October 11
(Founder's Day)

- 10:00 a. m. Chapel
Speaker — Dr. Kenneth L. Wilson, managing editor of *Christian Herald* and compilation editor of the forthcoming history of Houghton.
- 5:00 p. m. Houghton Academy Alumni Banquet
- 8:00 p. m. Artist Series: Buffalo Symphonette led by Fred Russel. Solo attractions: Soprano — Ardis Obermeyer, soloist at Westminster Church, Buffalo. Flute-Piccolo — Jean Harling, soloist with Buffalo Symphonette.

Saturday, October 12

- 8:30 a. m. Development Committee Meeting
- 12:15 p. m. Luncheon in the College Dining Room
- 1:15 p. m. Parade of Floats, ending on Alumni Field
Theme: "The Years of Many Generations"
- 2:15 p. m. Purple-Gold Football Game with Crowning of Homecoming Queen
- 3:30 - 5:00 p. m. Tea in East Hall Lounge
- 6:30 p. m. Alumni Banquet, Bedford Gym
Theme: "Tales Told by the Bell"

Sunday, October 13

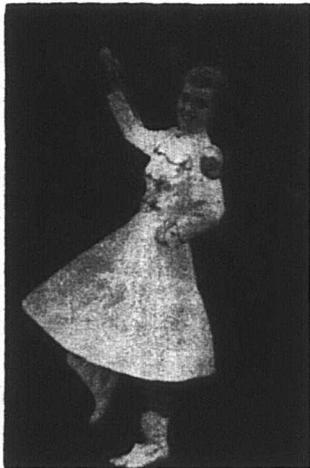
- 9:45 a. m. Sunday School with alumni participation
- 10:45 a. m. Church Service. This year we are making a special effort to make the Sunday services an integral part of the weekend activities. Alumni participation will be featured in both Sunday School and the Church service. Let's try to include Sunday in our Homecoming plans.
- 3:00 p. m. Program of "Organ Music for an Autumn Sunday" by Dr. Charles Finney.

Float Follies

Pageantry Will Publicize Diamond Anniversary Theme of "The Years"

"Hand me a hammer!" "Fill in this space!" "Smooth that wrinkle!" "We need more flowers!" These cries are resounding from borrowed barns and out-of-the-way building areas as community and campus organizations compete in the annual Homecoming float parade to be held Saturday, October 12, at 1:15 p. m.

The phrase, "... the years of many generations," (Deut. 32:7), commemorating Houghton's 75th anniversary year, is the unifying theme of the parade. The Public Relations Office is offering a twenty-five dollar prize for the float best carrying out this theme. Any campus or community organization is eligible to enter. Float judges will be chosen from among the alumni.



Jo Ann Booth will lead the float parade up the college hill tomorrow.

Alumni Focus On History

"Tales Told by the Bell," a historical story of Houghton College as seen through the eyes of Houghton's church bell, will highlight the 1957-58 Alumni Banquet. Houghton alumni will gather tomorrow evening in Bedford gymnasium to review the school's history as revealed by one of the town's oldest residents who moved here in 1889.

The bell announced the college's chartering and later its accrediting. In the days before the chapel bell was installed, she informed the town of debate winnings and chimed New Year's celebrations. Her voice was also heard tolling warning of the widespread town fire in 1912.

In keeping with the theme, narration scripts will be read, and slides and silent movies will be shown presenting Houghton's history. The alumni will also premiere the new college sound film, "So Many Things."

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DOAN—PAGETT

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Theo. R. Pagett of Driftwood, Pennsylvania, announce the engagement of their daughter, Donabelle ('57), to Richard Doan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Doan of Houghton, New York. A spring wedding is planned.

Paired

KUNKEL — BEEGLE

Dr. and Mrs. Dewey Beegle of New York City, announce the marriage of their daughter, Kathryn ('57), to Donald Kunkel ('58), son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kunkel on October 5.

PAINE—HOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hood of Hillside, Ill., announce the marriage of their daughter, Carol L., to Samuel Paine ('57) of Chicago, Ill., on September 28.

FILMER—JULIN

Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Julin of Stockholm, Wisconsin, announce the marriage of their daughter, Eleanor, to David Filmer (ex '54) of Canfield, Ohio, on Saturday, July 13.

FILMER—SPINK

Mr. and Mrs. Adam H. Spink of Altmar, N. Y., announce the marriage of their daughter, Frances ('56), to Richard Filmer ('56) of Canfield, Ohio, on July 6.

WACKER—WOOLSEY

Dr. and Mrs. Pierce E. Woolsey of Houghton, N. Y., announce the marriage of their daughter, Martha Charlotte ('44), to Rev. Robert C. Wacker of Buffalo, N. Y., on June 15.

NAGLE—CARTER

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Carter of Somerville, Mass., announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy A. (ex. '57) to Frederick Nagle ('57) of Wilkes Barre, Pa., on September 13.

KENDALL—McKELVIE

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McKelvie of Iliou, N. Y., announce the marriage of their daughter, Ruth ('58), to Frederick Kendall ('57) of Lockport, N. Y., on August 17.

THOMAS—SMITH

Dr. and Mrs. Willard G. Smith of Houghton, N. Y., announce the marriage of their daughter, Lois Anne, to Beverly Wayne Thomas of Hume, N. Y., on September 19.

LINTON—TYSINGER

Rev. and Mrs. J. Walden Tysinger of Houghton, N. Y., announce the marriage of their daughter, Pattie Charmil ('56), to David Linton ('58) of New Britain, Conn., on August 17.

ESTEP—DUNHAM

Rev. and Mrs. Verne Dunham of Lorain, Ohio, announce the marriage of their daughter, Vaughn ('58), to Frank Estep ('58) of Altoona, Pa., on August 24.

STERN—McMILLEN

Dr. and Mrs. S. I. McMillen of Houghton, N. Y., announce the marriage of their daughter, Linda Joan ('54), to James Myron Stern ('54).

CHRISTENSEN—MILLIGAN

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Milligan of Hamburg, N. Y., announce the marriage of their daughter, Joyanne ('57), to William Christensen ('56) of Boston, Mass., on August 24.

Heired

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Umlauf ('55), announce the birth of a son, Gary Brian.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hufhand of Ford City, Pa., announce the birth of their son, Timothy David.

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Recent Grad Takes Kaleidoscopic View of Learning

Neophyte Plunges Into Whirlpool of Campus Life

BY BETTY STARK, valedictorian, Class of '57

Last fall I watched the tree-covered hills across the Genesee change from muted green to regal red to November's beautiful, black tracery. Then I was that most fortunate of students, a senior English-French major at Houghton College.

This year I am watching the undulating hills that ring a Pennsylvania city. And now and then, from my new milieu of attendance registers, hall passes, California Mental Maturity Tests and incorrigible, lovable eighth graders, I look back to my alma mater.

Houghton gives many memories to her students, but somehow the ones of bone-tiredness, seclusion and unending regulations fade, while the realization brightens every day that Houghton means first-class intellectual activity and never-ending friendships. I can only feel sorrow for the new students who will miss Dr. Hazlett's magnificent lectures, products of a long-standing closeness to and love for the greatest in written art. I envy Dr. Lynip's poetry students and wish I could be enjoying Moliere and Pascal and Daudet under Dr. Woolsey's expert tutelage. Houghton encloses within her inadequate buildings all the elements necessary to prepare (more adequately than many larger, richer schools prepare them) so-disposed students for the hectic, competitive world which is America today. Freshmen have to take this assertion of the *Bulletin* on faith; most of us alumni have proved it.

This year, while trying to fulfill my role as a lone "freshman" among senior teachers, I (as do the rest of the class of '57, I am sure) look back nostalgically to Houghton as a place where one could always find someone of like interests and background to share his latest idea or problem. In one of his short poems, Walt Whitman speaks of "... the institution of the dear love of comrades." My memories of Houghton center around these two things: classes that were a profitable pleasure and "the dear love of comrades."

From the Bookshelf . . .

Ramm Discusses Authority

BY NORMAN JOHNSON
THE PATTERN OF AUTHORITY, by Bernard Ramm, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 117 pp., \$1.50.

Dr. Bernard Ramm, prominent evangelical scholar, who is presently the Director of Graduate Studies in Religion at Baylor University, offers this book to the Christian public (and to any searching person) as an introduction to the difficult problem of religious authority. Dr. Ramm defines authority as that right or power to command action or compliance, or to determine belief or custom, expecting obedience from those under authority, and in turn giving responsible account for the claim of right or power. Religious authority raises the question, "Is there a man, a society, a principle or a document which has the right to prescribe religious belief?"

Dr. Ramm states that when the principle and pattern of authority in Christianity are considered, the discussion must begin with the question, "How does God express His authority?" After delineating the Scrip-

Diamond Anniversary . . .

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As for the old grads and the "ex's," they observe the students—especially the freshmen—with frank but friendly curiosity, not without a touch of amused condescension or merely unconscious compassion. Perhaps they have a son or a daughter that they are trying to single out from the amorphous mass! Their viewpoint may be that of Gray in his "Ode on a Distant View of Eton College," as expressed in the concluding lines, "Where Ignorance is bliss, 'Tis folly to be wise." Or Virgil's passage from the *Georgics* may sum up their attitude more appropriately: "O fortunatos nimium, sua si bona norint, agricolas!" Roughly translated and paraphrased, this may read, "Ah, blest beyond all bliss the students, did they but know their own happiness!"

Unlike Eton or the ruined abbey on the Wye, the physical face of Houghton has changed greatly in the past half century. New buildings and excavations for projected ones dot the campus. The main street of our village has turned into a broad boulevard and a free thruway at last that unites us with the metropolis of Fillmore and the world to the north. Houghton Heights and other subdivisions with modern residences exist where formerly there were only cow pastures.

But there are innumerable compensations and new challenges. The brilliant hues of the autumn woods are just as breath-takingly thrilling as they ever were—if we can slow down or stop our automobiles long enough really to see them. The past does catch up with the present, and the old and new may find that they have many precious things in common which unite and solidify them. Houghton's history and heritage, her ideals and traditions, her aims and objectives must be the focal rallying point of all the exercises and activities of this particular Homecoming.

BY CAROLYN GIFFORD

"Buy your beanie now!" Well, the sophs definitely don't waste time. I'm not even up the steps of Gaoyadeo yet. Can they see how excited and uncertain I feel? Probably, kid. You doubtless have that look that brands one a freshman. Oh, that girl looks like my roommate's picture. "Hi, Nancy. It's me. I had my hair cut since that photograph." When will Mother and Daddy leave? I don't feel that I'm really on my own with them still here. Dear, this room doesn't look very hopeful yet.

I don't really know anybody at this party. Hope I don't look too lost, wandering around like this. Does everybody know someone? "Oh yes, I'm having a wonderful time." This big sister idea is pretty nice. At least she's someone I can talk to.

"Yes, aren't these tests terrible!" Really, though, at least I feel like I'm doing something. It's just like old times at school. Boy, I wish I'd taken trig. I don't even know what that word means.

"Let's not get up in the morning. They say it's all a big hoax, and none of the sophomores are on the athletic field." Hope they make up their minds. I don't want to be trying something all alone.

"Get up" My land, I didn't think they would really call us at five. Oh, goody, only two of my braids came down last night. I do feel lower than the ground, looking like this. "Here, carry this fellow's books to . . . Yell louder, I can't hear you . . . Are you busy? Carry my books—oh, it's the next to the last house in town . . . You'd look better with a green spot right here . . . Keep brushing those teeth . . . You've been a real good sport." Oh, sure, but I'm a pretty exhausted one.



Linda Lyke, at the wheel, and Carol Metzger, who traveled together in the now famous Volkswagen, embark on another day's work.

Prospective Pedants Prove Pedagogy Can Be Perilous

BY LINDA LYKE

If you are an attractive girl and intend to do some practice teaching in the future, you may well be grateful if you pack a forboding pair of horn-rimmed glasses in your equipment. It might save you from being approached by a lonely, elderly policeman who is pining for your company at dinner.

Speaking from personal experience, it is very pleasant to have a car while practice teaching. I happened to have a Volkswagen for the last two weeks of my stint. It did have minor disadvantages, however. In the middle of a discussion on British poetry . . .

"Miss Lyke, will you give me a ride in your Volkswagen?"

"Does it use gasoline or do you have to peddle it?"

"Will you race with me?"

The final thrust came on the last day when the boys that I had sent to detention threatened to carry the beetle away!

Other minor tribulations sometimes arise to catch unaware the unsuspecting practice teacher. For instance, in the ensuing scramble after a fire bell rang, one practice teacher managed to catch her spike heel in metal mesh and nearly had to fight her way out of the building without it.

Several student teachers got unexpected results from testing. One, when giving a true-false quiz, thought that directions were perfectly clear, when a small voice piped up: "How do you spell true?" An English practice teacher was so eager to test the students with an irregular sonnet that she gave them a sonnet which wasn't a sonnet.

On English also—take note, future teachers—do not give the principal parts of the verb swing as "swing, swang, swung" when your observer from Houghton is present.

On etiquette: At faculty picnics it is advised that you do not rush up to your supervising teacher's wife and blurt: "I'm—I'm sure my husband has told you about me." Also, try not to stab the principal with a pencil.

Then there was the pupil who asked the student teacher if he might go to the lavatory. Thinking that he had said laboratory, the teacher responded: "All right, but next time bring your equipment with you."



Town Meeting: French Failure Again Precipitates Chaos

BY STANLEY SANDLER

A rather common-place event has again taken place in French political life. Another government has fallen. The regime of Maurice Bourges-Mounoury, hard-pressed by the Algerian revolt abroad and financial crisis at home, failed by a narrow majority to gain a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies.

One consolation to M. Mounoury is that he is not alone in his position. Twenty-four governments have fallen since the Liberation of 1944. Each prime minister who has undertaken the task of forming a government has had to watch it collapse from the struggles of Left and Right Wings in the French Assembly. Dedicated statesmen have time and again undertaken the thankless job of forming a ministry while lesser mediocres, putting political ideology and ambition above national welfare, thwart their every move. The result is almost continuous political crisis in Paris.

But it is possible to over-estimate the effect of this ministerial instability on the whole of France. Although the heads of state fall, the machinery of government keeps running with scarcely a missed beat. The civil service of France is in the hands of lifetime career officials, who are rarely disturbed by the dog-fights in Paris.

However, such instability hurts the morale and efficiency of a nation. In so centralized a country as France, it is natural to look to the capital for leadership and confidence. For twelve years France has received neither.

One basic cause of the rise and fall of French ministries is the unbridgeable (except for strategic purposes) split between the Right Wing, composed of Fascists and monarchists, and the Left of Communists and Socialists. The moderate centre parties rule only by alliance with one wing, thus assuring the opposition of the other.

A changing world has left France behind socially and politically. Class hatreds, blurred in other Western nations, still dominate political life in France. Although prosperous today, France is also facing a serious financial crisis as Frenchmen use up their resources on consumer goods that should be exported for scarce dollars. The million-dollar-a-day drain of the Algerian war hardly helps the economic situation.

Other nations (Germany, England, the Netherlands, etc.) have proved that a country may, by dint of hard work, a national purpose and belt-tightening, bounce back as an economic and political power.

As the major recipient of U. S. aid, France has apparently felt no need for these qualifications of success. The events of the past decade have proved her tragically wrong.

Decker Assists Chapel Work

Instrumental in the progress of the chapel construction is a two-engine airplane. This means of transportation is vital to Mr. Ellsworth Decker, of the Decker Construction Co. of Elmira, who makes many trips to assist the college through supervision of the project.

The large steel beams which are lying on the chapel site are to be used in the balcony and the room areas on either side of the stage. Mr. Robert T. Fiegl, superintendent of construction, reports that workmen will soon haul the stone-facing from Rushford Dam gorge. The appearance of these materials, and the fact that the twenty man crew has almost completed laying the floor of flexi-core slab, is assurance that the construction is progressing satisfactorily.

Percy Pens: - - -



Gold Favored to Win Homecoming Game; Stronger Line Gives Edge to Gladiators

BY BOB GRANGER

SOCCER

Last Saturday, Purple defeated Gold 6-1 in the first soccer game of the year. It was interesting to note that 22 men were easily rounded up even though Tony Yu, John Price and others were too ill to play. In comparison football can barely manage to get 18 men out for a game. A competent referee was on hand to see that order was maintained and to watch Purple score three goals (each goal counts two points, each penalty kick one). Art Fuller scored two goals for Purple and Bob Paul kicked the other. Augie King booted the penalty kick past Royce Ross into the Purple goal. The booters want very much to start a regular series and we second the idea (see One Man's Opinion). It gives an opportunity for a third fall sport, and players with afternoon labs can come out Saturday and still play in an organized sport.

HOUSE LEAGUE FOOTBALL

What league? Van Riper House and the Inn have been the only houses to challenge the powerful Academy. On October 2, the high school walloped Van Riper 33-0. Two-platooning, the winners scored five touchdowns and a safety. John Mills scored two on long passes, and other TD throws were snagged by Bellamy, Tysinger and Biggers. Don Charles, Jay Cole, Gordon Keller, Dave Barbour and Art Everett tried to stem the tide for Van Riper. That's right, you did only count five men; the other, Seth Procter, got hurt in the first quarter. It's going to be a pretty dead league if some college "stars" don't participate and challenge the Academy. Right now I can hear the cries: "My schedule's too heavy," or "It's too cold," or "We can't get enough guys out." Another word: towels of any kind are supplied in the P.E. office.

FOOTBALL

As I was only able to see half of the Purple-Gold game, the following opinion is formed from Purple's good half. On the strength of that you'd have to pick Gold. I think their big, fast, mobile line will get rolling and with a little more intelligent playing by the backer-ups should stop Purple cold.

TENNIS

Why there is no spectator participation at the tennis matches, I'll never know. The contest between Woody and Jack Thomson was exciting and was viewed by a throng of one — me. Anyone who likes good tennis is invited to watch the play, especially the students in the physics lab, who certainly have the best seats in the house.

FIELD HOCKEY

Far and away the most dangerous sport on campus is girls' field hockey. When a half dozen girls tear after the wooden ball, care seems to be thrown to the winds. A worm's eye view would catch twelve legs and six sticks flailing away at the ball. Finally, after it is sent sailing down field, six more girls sail with it to meet with more vigor and more flying sticks. Obviously, the safest place is on the sidelines. The Juniors and Seniors are battling for the championship, but the sophomores are not to be denied. It will be a close race all the way. Starring for the Juniors is Pat Pier, a newcomer who teams with Mary Gilligan to give them a good one-two punch. Mara Pitt tie goalie, is the best around. Lois Chapman and Molly Castor lead the Seniors, who are bolstered by a better-than-average defense. The Frosh are improving steadily and can give any of the upper classes a battle.

PREDICTION:

I'm still sticking with Gold to take the color series, and I'll go a step further and say they'll win the next three in a row. With head on the chopping block, I'll bow out and hope I'm wrong.

One Man's Opinion

Question:—What do you think about the new Purple-Gold soccer program?

Where asked — Tucker House

Wesley Smith, Purple—I'd like to see it develop into a regular Purple-Gold series, something like football. Many other colleges have found it quite popular, but mainly it's just plain fun.

Andy Smith, Purple—I don't think it'll work when you think of spectator interest. If students won't come out to watch football, they won't come out to watch soccer either.

Jack Thomson, Purple—I really don't think that the fellows want to make it a major sport. A lot of us, who can't play football very well and have labs in the afternoons and can't play House League, just want to get out there on Saturday afternoon and kick the ball around for fun.

Lyman Wood, Gold—Even though there is much player interest, I don't think soccer will rise above the House League level until spectators appear. As soon as people see one game, I think interest will spread, and more people will come out to watch.

Footballers Feel Flu
Coach Wells has announced that the Purple-Gold game will be played as scheduled. Purple sick — D. Trasher, J. Walker, E. Moos, D. Day. Gold sick — R. Seawright, J. Miller, J. Reist, J. Pletincks.

Three-way Tie

Seniors, Juniors, Sophs in Wild Scramble

The Juniors received their first taste of defeat at the hands of the Frosh last Friday. The lower class beat its sister class 1-0. The Juniors had ten men but can blame only themselves for not being able to field a full squad. With their star, Pat Pier, hobbling on a bad leg and their wings left unguarded, it was only a matter of time before the Frosh scored the winning goal. Only the valiant goal-tending of Mara Pitt, who made several beautiful saves in the junior nets, kept the score from rising any higher. If the Juniors expect to win the championship again, they will have to field a full and more superior team than the squad which tried to take the Frosh a week ago.

On September 30, the Sophs beat the Frosh, 4-1. With this single victory the upperclassmen zoomed to the top of the league. On Wednesday, October 2, the Seniors evened

SPORTS CALENDER

- Oct. 12—Homecoming Game, 2:15 on the Alumni Field.
- Oct. 14—Field Hockey, Fr-H.S.
- Oct. 16—Field Hockey, Sr-So.
- Oct. 18—Field Hockey, Jr-H.S.
- Oct. 19—Purple-Gold Football, 2:15.
- Oct. 25—Purple-Gold Field Hockey, 3:30.
- Oct. 26—Purple-Gold Football, 2:15.

Thrilling Upset

Purple Takes Grid Opener

Purple topped Gold 7-2 in the opening game of the season, Sept. 28. The contest was only minutes old when quarterback Percy teamed with Dale Arninck. Purple ended for a 60-yard touchdown pass. Although the play was nullified by an offside penalty, Gold's spirit was broken.

Pharaohs' German Tallies

Early in the second quarter, Purple scored as they culminated a downfield march with a short jump pass from Percy to Ken German. The extra point was good and Purple's scoring was done for the day.

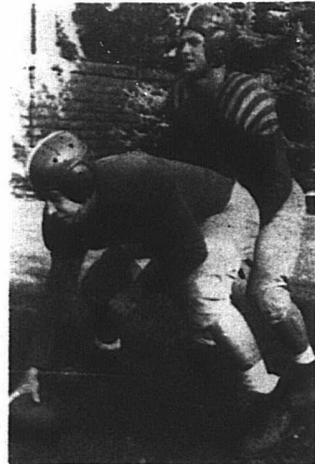
Gold Controls 2nd Half

The second half was minutes old when Percy was smeared by Gold's defense and forced to leave the game with a shoulder injury. Now Gold was on the offense, and led by John Pletincks and Lyman Pierce they marched to Purple's five yard line only to be stopped by a strong defense. Two plays later, Gold's powerful line led by Pierce smothered Arninck in the end zone for a safety and two points. Gold, now inspired, kept the pressure on and once again moved to Purple's 10-yard line. The Pharaoh's made their final stand, and Gold was once again stopped within striking distance, Purple eeking out a close 7-2 victory.

Mills, Day, Walker Star

The fine pass catching of Paul Mills, the bone-crushing blocks of Dave Day and Jim Walker, and the other unsung heroes of the game led to extremely close play.

Tomorrow at 2:15 Purple and Gold will clash for the second time this season. Despite Purple's win of Sept. 28, (7-2), they will be handicapped due to the loss of their quarter-back, John Percy, who pulled his left shoulder muscles in the last game and will definitely miss Saturday's contest.



Don Trasher, center, and Dale Arninck, quarterback, will co-captain Purple Saturday. Don may not play because of the flu.



John Reist, right halfback, and guard, Bob Granger, will lead the Gladiators. Both are recovering from the flu.

Arninck to Play Quarter

Due to the loss of Percy, the Pharaohs will have to reshuffle their team in an attempt to make it two wins in a row. Dale Arninck will probably start at quarter back with Ed Moos switching to end. The Purple squad cannot afford any more injuries as their thin bench ceases to be a factor in the series.

Purple's Streak On Line

Gold, who is also lacking in reserve strength, will be attempting to break Purple's four game winning streak. They will be counting on the improved play of their defensive line which, with the exception of Lyman Pierce, proved lethargic in the last game.

Cox to Start

The Gladiators will have to provide better blocking for their touted running game which will show one change with Doug Cox at left half in place of Dick Burcaw. Gold has an "adequate" passing team but they can only count on one sure offensive end in Paul Mills. The other end will be filled by either Granger or Wever, both of whom are better guards.

Game to be Close

Purple's strength will lie in a repeat performance of big Don Trasher's play on offense, Dale Arninck's capabilities at quarterback, Dave Day's continued blocking at half and Walker's aggressiveness. Gold will be attempting to stop the Pharaohs with more precise passing, better blocking by the forward wall and an aggressive defensive line. With or without these "ifs" the game will be close and the outcome debatable.

Tennis Tourney Is a Tossup; Walker, Waite, Keller Favored

All racquet aspirants are invited to enter the annual fall tennis tournament now in progress. So far thirteen net men have signed up for the Bagnald-Wilde elimination matches. Jim Walker, Ron Waite and Gordon Keller are rated as co-favorites.

John Thomson led the matches by nipping Lyman Wood in a 4-6 game match. There were many tense moments and beautiful volleys as Thomson won 15-13, 2-6, 6-4. Next in line was a victory by Johnny Ray over Ron Thomas. Ray then played Walker who is rated as one of the pre-tourney favorites. Walker won handily 6-4, 6-2. Other matches have been put off because of the condition of the courts.

Other entries in the tournament have been paired for action. Andy Nelson is slated to take on Dick Smith; Ernie Nicol will take on Ron Bowers. Both are newcomers and their ability to advance is unknown; if either is sharp on his game, he can go all the way. Roy Peterson will meet Paul Biggers, the only entrant from the Academy. Ron Waite and Gordon Keller, the other favorites, have drawn byes in the first round. The winner will be a netman who is in better condition than the rest, and Pat Pier, who has managed to sharpen up the game enough to catch a hot streak and take the crown.

their record at 1-1 by defeating the Academy girls. The younger women managed to score an early goal but from that time on most of the action was held at the other end of the field. Out of the senior's pressing offense appeared two powerful goals by Lois Chapman and Carol Mountain with Marcia Kouwe assisting on the latter marker. Char Yoder's Academy squad now occupies the last rung of the league ladder.

The girls' field hockey games began on a thrilling note, Sept. 25, when the Juniors defeated the Seniors 4-1. The score was not indicative of the closeness of the game as the Juniors managed to push two goals across in the last few minutes of play. Leading the underclass squad was newcomer Pat Pier, who whipped in two goals; Mary Gilligan and Carol Demarest scored the others for the victors.



Mary Gilligan leads the Juniors forward attack.